



Salem Lutheran Church

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Resurrection of Our Lord!

Easter Day

*April 9, 2023
9:30 AM*

“He has risen
from the dead ...”

Matthew 28:7, NIV



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Welcome to Worship!

We want you to feel safe so please know that we have 3 units of the best air cleaner on the market in the sanctuary. **And we also have one running here in the lounge where we are worshipping today and the rest of March.** Also, you are most welcome to wear a mask at worship if you'd like.

Today we celebrate the most important event in human history – that God raised Jesus from the dead! And if God can do that, then God has the power and the love to do **absolutely anything for those who love God and are called according to God's purpose.** Resurrection, however, is not simply a one-time event in history, nor is it simply a one-time event in our personal lives, but we experience resurrection over and over again as Christ comes in the midst of depression, despair, and even death, with new and glorious abundant life – at which point we exclaim again with Mary, “I have seen the Lord!”

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study will resume this week in a surprising way! We'll meet this week at **6:30 on zoom for ... well, it's a surprise!** **And we'll discuss whether to continue at this time each week or at another day and time. So PLEASE join us!**

The JOURNEY continues! How did your Lenten disciplines go? Maybe you did well, maybe you did so-so, and maybe you failed miserably – or maybe your results were mixed. Whatever your success or failure, remember that the purpose was to establish **NEW** healthier habits of body, mind, heart and soul. And that's an ongoing task. If you've done well, continue! If you haven't, well, you've got 7 weeks of Easter to try again! And so, you can still...

- 1. Get your annual “spiritual”** – just the way you get your annual physical.
Call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441 to arrange a time to discuss how you are, and let her know how she can pray for you.
Or if you prefer to use email to set something up, send your email to salemsec123@sbcglobal.net.
- 2. Call in to our prayer line at 681-999-0232, using access code 673980#, at noon Mon-Fri** for a brief time of prayer.
You can remain silent and anonymous, ask for particular prayers, or offer your own prayers.
- 3. Begin an Easter fast** or establish a new healthier habit.
- 4. Commit yourself to some new work of charity and one new work of justice.**
If you're not sure what to do, Pastor Marjo can offer suggestions.

Salem is sponsoring monthly Food Collections at the following times & places:

April 15 for Trumbull Food Pantry at Stop & Shop on Quality St in Trumbull

May 20 for Sterling House Food Pantry at Stop & Shop on East Main St in Stratford

June 17 for Operation Hope at Stop & Shop on Kings Hwy Cutoff in Fairfield

The Monday morning team that helps at Bishop Jean Williams Food Pantry will help deliver the collections on the following Mondays. See Richard Lansing to sign up!

Gathering

**PRELUDE: Menuet I & Menuet II G. F. Handel, Arr. Thomas/Neu
from Music for the Royal Fireworks**

*We welcome our brass players this morning:
Paul Marino, Trumpet; John Pearson, Trumpet; Bill Sagalski, Trombone*

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

**Today we celebrate the most important event in human history –
that God raised Jesus from the dead!
And if God can do that, then God has the power and the love to do absolutely anything
for those who love God and are called according to God’s purpose.**

It is so good to be here!

Thank you for joining us today! Thank you, those of you who are here in person with us!
And thank you, those of you out there in cyber space, wherever – and whenever! – you are!

For those of you who don’t know me,

I am Pastor Marjo Anderson of Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT in the US.

To find out more about our ministry or to contact us,

you can go to our website SalemBridgeport.org, to our Facebook page, SalemBridgeport,
and to our YouTube channel, Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport CT.

Links to our donate page and worship bulletin –

which has both the order of worship and announcements – as well as other resources
are included on our website at SalemBridgeport.org/Live.

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and more info on upcoming events, see our worship bulletin at SalemBridgeport.org/Live

Any other announcements? Any prayer requests or God-sightings?

Then, I invite you to join in our Easter Proclamation, followed by our opening hymn:

***EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**“Easter Hymn” from Festival Hymns for Organ, Brass & Timpani
by Melchior Vulpius, Arr. John Ferguson**

*Paul Marino, Trumpet; John Pearson, Trumpet; Bill Sagalski, Trombone
Pastor Marjo Anderson, Piano*

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 365)*

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

*Text: based on Matthew 28:6, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-7,
Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.;
Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4; Meter 7 7 7 7 and alleluias*

*Music: EASTER HYMN by J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708
The Text and Music are in the Public Domain.*

Performance by First-Plymouth Church Lincoln NE, 04/01/18

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkWaoJZGvsA> [4:42]

Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

“The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: John 20:1-18

You may stand if you so desire.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him”. Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away”. Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her!

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Please be seated.

Pastor Marjo

HYMN OF THE DAY Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

**“Gelobt Sei Gott” from Festival Hymns for Organ, Brass & Timpani
by Melchior Vulpius, Arr. John Ferguson**

*Paul Marino, Trumpet; John Pearson, Trumpet; Bill Sagalski, Trombone
Pastor Marjo Anderson, Piano*

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 385)*

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: John 10:17-18 by Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.; Meter 8 8 8 and alleluias

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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Introduction played at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN, 05/07/17

stanzas sung on 04/01/18

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADubyet6Kk8> [3:09]

You may stand if you so desire.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together.

**We believe in God who created us and all that is,
who loves us and desires our love in return.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
& every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God our Creator.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who calls us into relationship with God,
who gathers us in relationship with the whole human family,
who enlightens our minds, enlarges our hearts, and enables our bodies,
and who sanctifies us by helping us to grow in faith and hope and obedience to God's will.**

**It is this Triune God – the three in one and one in three – whom we worship and adore
and to whom we offer all that we are and all that we have. Amen**

PURPOSE STATEMENT *(updated by Council in June of 2019)*

As members and friends of Salem Church, let us remind ourselves who we are:

**We are a community of Christian disciples called by the Holy Spirit.
In response to God's transforming love, we share our joy through praise and service,
that we may encounter God, build relationships, and change lives.**

May it be so!

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated.

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

So they can be heard online, these petitions will be offered by the leaders at the microphones.

You call your church to witness to your salvation.

We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel.

Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection with both our words and our deeds.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for the New England Synod,
and Region 7 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

We pray for the educational success, social-emotional wellbeing and thriving

of every school-aged child in Bridgeport and beyond, especially those at Fairchild Wheeler.

We pray for Salem members & their families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:
Carissa Gulyas, Grace Dukenski, Liz Frohrip, and Linda Bryk.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You bring abundant life throughout creation.

The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn.

Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions.

Infuse your justice in every nation of the world

that all experience the peace that only you can give.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Anoint us also that we may carry out your work of healing, service, and advocacy for justice.

We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized, especially Ann, Anne, Barbro, Barry, Boni, Cliffy,
Dave, Dave, David, Dennis, Diane, Diane, Dick, Dolores, Dorothy, Frank, Gigi, Grace, Hazel,
Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Jocelyn, Joe, Joey, John, Linda, Liz, Karen, Katherine, Pastor Kari,
Marija, Natalie, Paula, Pastor Ruth, Sara, Sara Jean, Steve, VL,

and all those we name in our hearts and on our lips.

We pray also for all family members, friends, and health care workers who minister to them.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have put gladness in our hearts.

Thank you for musicians who inspire us to rejoice

with our voices and bodies in songs and with dance.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise.

With your holy ones who have sung your praise, especially Hazel Pasqua, Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
and Mikael Agricola, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are invited to offer your own prayer petition at this time, either silently or aloud.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you,
almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

Thanksgiving

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you said, “Give and it will be given to you...
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**Give us the confidence to cheerfully give
our tithes and offerings of time, talent and treasure to your work in this place,
trusting that you will provide abundantly for all our needs.
We pray this in the power of your Spirit. Amen**



OFFERING INVITATION *Please be seated.*

In response to God’s grace, it is our joy to return to God our tithes and offerings.
We are grateful for your generosity,
which not only is an exercise of and witness to your faith,
but which funds our ministry together here at Salem.

If you are a member of another congregation, we encourage you to give to it first,
but invite you to contribute to our ministry also
so that we can continue to take our worship online
as a witness to the power and love of the amazing God we serve.
Simply go to the menu on our website at SalemBridgeport.org and click “donate”
or scan the QR code here in our Sunday worship program
with a QR reader on your smart phone which will take you to that page.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM On the Third Day (from “At the Ninth Hour”) Allen Pote

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANK YOU

Before we end the live-streamed portion of our worship,

I want to especially thank those of you out there in cyberspace who have worshipped with us.
I hope you will join us again.

If you'd like to know more, or if you'd like to talk or pray together,
you can reach me through our website or Facebook.

BLESSING

As we say good-bye to our online worshippers,

I'd like to offer this blessing to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and online:
based on our reading from the **31st chapter of Jeremiah**:

God says,

You have survived and found grace in the wilderness.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built!

Again you shall make music and dance with joy!

Again you shall plant vineyards and shall enjoy the fruit of your hands!

God who is faithful to us will do so and more to all who are faithful to him!

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
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 For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world Is become The kingdom of our Lord & of His Christ & of His Christ

And He shall reign for ever and ever! And He shall reign for ever and ever!
 And He shall reign for ever and ever! For ever and ever! Forever and ever!
 And He shall reign for ever and ever!

King of kings! (Forever and ever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
 And Lord of lords! (Forever and ever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
 King of kings! (Forever and ever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
 And Lord of lords! (Forever and ever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
 King of kings! (Forever and ever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
 And Lord of lords! (King of kings!) And Lord of lords!

And He shall reign, And He shall reign, And He shall reign, And He shall reign forever & ever!

King of kings! (Forever and ever!) And Lord of lords! (Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
 And He shall reign! (Hallelujah! Hallelujah!) And He shall reign forever and ever!

King of kings! and Lord of lords! King of kings! and Lord of lords!
 And He shall reign forever and ever!

Forever and ever! Forever and ever!
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
 Hallelujah!

*Messiah is an oratorio composed in 1741 by George Frideric Handel,
 with a scriptural text compiled by Charles Jennens
 from the King James Bible, and from the Coverdale Psalter,
 the version of the Psalms included with the Book of Common Prayer.
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Meal & Dismissal

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You may stand if you so desire and make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen**

God's love is infinite and unconditional.

As individuals we have only to accept it and live in its light.

The moment we confess, we are forgiven.

As together we gather for worship, so together we confess our sins as our community,
and together we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, we confess:

that too often we focus on the things we lack,

that too often we are attached to our own personal agendas,

that too often we insist on doing things our own way,

that too often we are oblivious to the needs for justice around us.

God who has heard our confession both forgives and forgets every failing. **Amen!**

Loving God, teach us:

to see your amazing abundance rather than any lack,

to listen more - to you and to each other - and to talk less,

to trust in your power and not our own,

to build relationships with those who are not like us.

God who has given us the will to do these things ✝

graciously gives us the power to perform them. **Amen!**

COMMUNION

Please be seated.

God be with you!

Open your hearts!

Let us give thanks to the God of all!

And also with you!

We open them to God and one another!

It is right to give God thanks & praise!

In the night in which he was betrayed....

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed.

Blessed be God, who is our Bread; may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen

The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you.

*During communion, you may take your communion elements during worship
or hold on to your kit until you get home.*

If you take the elements inside the church, open the kit over the pew to prevent spilling on the carpet.

After the service, please dispose of your own kit either in a waste receptacle at church or at home.

The body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you & keep you in divine grace! **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, and may you see the risen Lord and be a witness to God's power and love!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy Beethoven, arr. David R. Thomas

*Paul Marino, Trumpet; John Pearson, Trumpet; Bill Sagalski, Trombone
Pastor Marjo Anderson, Piano*

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

*Text: based on Psalm 148 by Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933; Meter 8 7 8 7 D
as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 836*

*Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt
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as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wrkkg70EtYM> [4:03]*

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Announcements

Worship Locations for April, May and June

We are a congregation that gathers to worship the Lord and receive His word. We are a congregation that loves and serves God and God's people. Where we gather together is not as important as that we do gather together to worship, learn, witness, and serve. We worship as Salem in the Ephraim French SDA Church building at 3160 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, CT.

Please mark your calendar for the location & times of our worship services through June:

April 16	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport
April 22	4:00	(Saturday) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 406 White Plains Rd, Trumbull
April 23	10:00	(Sunday) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 406 White Plains Rd, Trumbull
April 30	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport
May 7	9:00	First Presbyterian Church (<i>Contemporary Service</i>), 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield
May 7	10:30	First Presbyterian Church (<i>Traditional Service</i>), 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield
May 14	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport
May 21	10:00	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 160 Hill Farm Rd, Fairfield
May 28	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport
June 4	9:30	at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford
June 11	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport
June 18	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport (<i>Semi-annual meeting</i>)
June 25	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport

There will be no service at 3160 Park Avenue on Sundays when our congregation will be worshipping with other congregations.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE DIAPER & WIPE DRIVE!

“COVID-19: Where Do We Go from Here?” You are invited to an online COVID-19 Townhall Meeting from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 13, 2023. This Townhall will provide new information on COVID-19, and how to move forward as restrictions are being lifted. The topics covered will include: “Are Covid test and vaccines still recommended?”, “Should I still wear a mask?”, “COVID-19, allergies, or a cold?”, “If I get Covid now, what should I do?”, “If I have long Covid, what do I do?”, “Will Covid always be with us?” Sponsored by Saint Matthew Baptist Church, in cooperation with a medical team from Yale New Haven health Bridgeport Hospital, featuring Dr. Gregory Buller, Chairman of Medicine and Associate Chief Medical Officer, Yale New Haven Health and Dr. Magna Dias, Chair of Pediatrics, Bridgeport Hospital, Regional Medical Director for Inpatient Pediatric Services, Professor of Pediatrics at Yale School of Medicine. For more info, contact Saint Matthew Baptist Church/203-414-9366

Zoom access: [www.zoom.com/meetingID:840-2704-8347](https://www.zoom.com/join/84027048347)/pass code:310064

Telephone access: 646-558-8656/646-931-3860

Streaming live on Facebook live; www.facebook.com/aaron.best.73

On Thursday, May 4 the Council of Churches will once again hold its Spring Fling fundraiser at the Downtown Cabaret Theatre in Bridgeport. The show is “Cabaret”. The \$85. cost per person includes a reception and the show. Salem has always been a strong supporter of this event and we hope we will again have good representation for this major fundraiser. For more information see Sandra Brown, Bonnie McWain or Tom Larson.

Nourish Bridgeport's Hydroponic Farm is now open to the public. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and purchase leafy greens and herbs at 1895 Stratford Avenue, Stratford CT.

Thank you for your contributions to Salem’s Food Assistance Fund! While we may not have our own food pantry anymore, some of our members and others are still in need of food and Pastor Marjo distributes \$25 stop and shop cards as needed, requested and as available. We encourage you to donate to Salem’s food assistance fund. You can give using the envelopes found in your quarterly envelope packet or you can put a check in the donation box marked “food assistance.” In addition, you may send a check to the office or drop it in church mailbox or give it or cash to Pastor Marjo. You can also give to the fund online by **clicking on this link**. or go to our website, SalemBridgeport.org, click on Donate, and then fill in your amount under “Food Pantry Donation”.

If you’d like to do more than feed people, you can also contribute to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund which is used to help members who have other financial needs.

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at 203-315-7510.

Let's stay connected! Much of Pastor Marjo's and Salem's Office Manager, Karl's work can be done from their homes, but generally Karl is here on Thursdays to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely, and Pastor Marjo is happy to meet with you in-person here should you so desire. If we can help in any way, please know that you can call Salem's church office at 203-330-3300 and leave a message and your message will be picked up remotely and your call returned or send an email to SalemSec123@sbcglobal.net. **Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441 or email her at marjoanderson@aol.com. She would be MORE THAN HAPPY to hear from you!**

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement.

Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

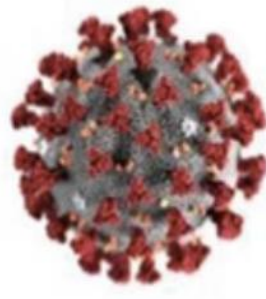
Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557

Monday, April 10, 2023

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope,

Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines.

In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE
COVID-19

“COVID-19: Where Do We Go From Here?”

A COVID-19 Town Hall Meeting

St. Matthew Baptist, in cooperation with our medical team at Yale New Haven Health Bridgeport Hospital, will host a COVID-19 town hall meeting. This town hall will provide new information on COVID-19, and how to move forward as restrictions are being lifted.

Panelist:



Dr. Gregory Buller, Chairman of Medicine and Associate Chief Medical Officer, Yale New Haven Health.



Dr. Magna Dias, Chair of Pediatrics, Bridgeport Hospital; Regional Medical Director for Inpatient Pediatric Services; Professor of Pediatrics at Yale School of Medicine.

Topics:

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*Should I still wear a mask? *COVID-19, Allergies, or a Cold?

*If I get Covid now, what should I do? *I have long COVID, now what?

*Will Covid always be with us?

DATE: APRIL 13, 2023

TIME: 6:30PM-7:30PM

CONTACT: ST. MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH/(203) 414-9366

Zoom Access: www.zoom.com/Meeting ID: 840-2704-8347/Passcode:310064

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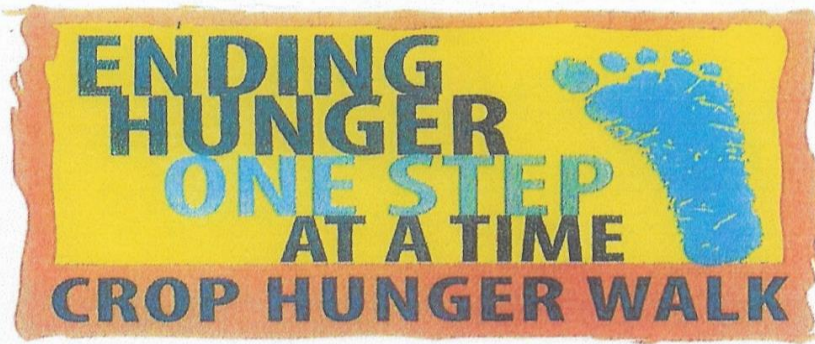


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Walk With Us ... It's Our 49th!



CROP Hunger Walk No. 49

Sunday, May 7, 2023

at 1:30 – 4:00 pm for 2+ mile walk (Rain or Shine)

at United Congregational Church
2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

25 % of monies raised goes to hunger related programs in the Bridgeport Area.

For more info, call 203-375-1284 or go to www.crophungerwalk.org/bridgeportct



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

You are invited to support the Greater Bridgeport Area's 49th Annual CROP Walk on Sunday May 7th (rain or shine) beginning 1:30 pm at United Congregational Church, 2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport. You can certainly walk to support this effort (there is a 2.2 mile walk as well as a 1 mile walk), but there are other ways to be involved also. You can invite family and friends to walk. You can donate money to people walking from Salem. Or you can donate non-perishable food that will go to nOURish BRIDGEPORT's food pantry at the UCC. Or you can volunteer to help at the walk. This year 25% of the proceeds will benefit these local organizations: Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Daughters of Charity Rescue Mission, King's Pantry, Operation Hope, Thomas Merton Center, Stratford Baptist Church Food Pantry, Trumbull Social Services, the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, and Spooner House. The remainder supports the work of Church World Service around the world, in places like the Ukraine. For more info, visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023> or speak with ... or Pastor Marjo.



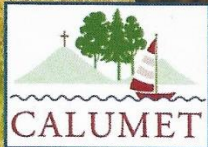
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