

SALEM CHURCH

this week's Announcements

May 2, 2021



Prayer of Preparation

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE—Is this your first time at Salem? If so, welcome. We're so glad to have you with us. If you'd like for us to get to know you better you can use a connection card located in the seat pocket in front of you and drop it in the offering plate in the Narthex. Also, be sure to stop at the Narthex on your way out for a gift from us. Thank you for coming!

COMMUNION—Regardless of church affiliation, we welcome all baptized Christians who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation to receive Holy Communion with us. Pre-packaged communion is available in the Narthex.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD will be meeting in the conference room on Tuesday, May 4th at 9:30am.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, May 10th at 6:00pm.

THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST will be at the church in the conference room at 8:00am on Saturday, May 15th. Breakfast will be provided. They will be social distancing and wearing masks when appropriate.



MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY—We are planning on having our next Membership Sunday on May 16th. We invite all those considering church membership to contact the church office to set up an appointment with Pastor David or you may contact him directly. Pastor David's email address is salempastor@gmail.com.

CHOIR REHEARSALS are on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm.

THE PRAYER GROUP is meeting at church in the conference room at 6:30pm on Wednesdays. Social distancing is practiced and face masks are encouraged. They will also be continuing the Messenger Rooms group as well for those who are not comfortable meeting in person. If you would like to be added to the group meeting online, please email Pastor David at salempastor@gmail.com.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE-STREAM BIBLE STUDY is held on Thursdays at 6:30pm. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/SalemChurchDarmstadt/>. The study is over Sunday's lectionary passage.

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INFORMATIONAL FOR CONGREGATION

During the meetings of the Council this past year, the Council has discussed and tried to determine the best practices for having safe worship services. As a result of mass vaccinations, and State and Local mask and gathering protocols, the Council believes that we can start to have a less restrictive worship environment. In order to do so, we need the cooperation and open-mindedness of all of our parishioners. Although each parishioner believes in practicing safe and healthy worship restrictions, there is a wide variety of thoughts on what exactly is safe and healthy. Beginning on June 6, we will be allowing for a more open worship service. We ask that you be aware of those around you and that you still refrain from physical contact. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do. We believe that we are progressing through the Pandemic, but still are not completely free from its affects. Accordingly, the Council would like to remind parishioners of these common sense conditions for you to attend in-person. For the health and safety of all parishioners, anyone entering the sanctuary should be free from the following symptoms:

- a) A temperature of 100.5° F or higher;
- b) A new cough;
- c) Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- d) A sore throat;
- e) New muscle aches or headache;
- f) Gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea, vomiting, etc.);
- g) Chills or repeated shaking with chills; or
- h) A new loss of taste or smell.

If you have any of these symptoms, please watch the live stream of the service in the safety of your home.

As always, the Council welcomes your feedback as we move forward together as a congregation during these challenging times. The more information we have the easier it is to make a reasoned and informed decision.



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