

# Salem United Methodist Church of Fond du Lac

120 Sheboygan Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Reverend David Byers-Dent

9:00 a.m. – March 9<sup>th</sup> 2008

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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## Prelude

## Welcome

Announcements

Stephen Ministry Moment

## \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: God calls us away from the tumult of the world,  
that we may focus our thoughts on things that are lasting.

**People: In God's presence we see our lives more clearly;  
the broken pieces are put back together.**

Leader: God calls us out of loneliness into a life of community.

**People: Worshipping together, caring about one another,  
we find out what it means to be truly human.**

Leader: But God will send us back into the world's confusion  
and busyness, its brokenness and isolation.

**People: We will go with serenity and joy, strengthened to be God's  
servants, the bearers of peace.**

## \*Opening Hymn

*"We Sing to You, O God"*

No. 2001 Black Hymnal

## **\*Unison Prayer**

**Amazing Creator of ourselves and of our world, we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself in Christ, who shared human life, walking the path of obedience all the way to the cross. May we also die to ourselves and live for the world, through the empowerment of your Spirit. Amen.**

**Baptism**

*Isabella Rachel Fauska*

Insert

**Children's Sermon**

**Special Music**

*"Justified"*

B-Attitudes

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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.**

**Special Music**

*"March"*

Alexa Bertz

**Scripture Lesson**

*Galatians 5:16-26*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

**Sermon**

*"Why I Laugh"*

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**Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

*"Praise God, From Whom..."*

No. 95 Red Hymnal

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*“In His Time”*

No. 2203 Black Hymnal

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** *“Make Me a Servant”* No. 2176 Black Hymnal

*Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.*

*And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant,  
make me a servant, make me a servant today.*

**\*Postlude**

**\* For those who are able, please stand.**

**Large print & children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.  
Nursery Care is available during worship and Sunday School.  
Ushers can assist you with your nursery needs and its location.**

### **Sermon Outline**

Big Idea: The power of laughter.

1. I laugh because it makes me \_\_\_\_\_.

*A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.  
Proverbs 17:22*

2. I laugh because it tells me who my \_\_\_\_\_ are.

3. I laugh because it gives me a proper \_\_\_\_\_ on life.

4. I laugh because it \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10*

**USHERS:** Bill, Nancy, Isaac & Will Hammock

**GREETERS:** Dean & Sue Gerritson

**LITURGIST:** Sheila Larson

**ACOLYTES:** Nick Capoyianes, Nicole Jackson

**NURSERY:** Shannon Foth, Loren Lock, Ian Lock

**Pastor:** David Byers-Dent (Home: 608-825-9960 Cell (local): 539-8900)

**Dir. of Education:** Julie Francis

**Adm. Coord.:** Shelly Krahn

**Youth Ministries:** Katherine Gilliland

**Dir. of Music:** Georgene Antos

**Youth Assistant:** Nancy Hammock

**Choir Director:** Jon Gilliland

**Parish Nurse:** Helen Degner

**Custodians:** Dave Hoddell & Robin Fink

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### SUN., March 9

9:00 am Worship-F  
10:30 am Sunday School-F  
10:45 am Worship-L  
12:00 pm Fellowship Hall in use-F  
1:30 pm YF Swim @ Holiday Inn  
6:00 pm Disciple 3-F

(Wednesday continued)

6:00 pm Chimes-F  
7:00 pm Choir-F  
7:00 pm Youth Night-F

### MON., March 10

8:30 am Staff Meeting-F  
10:30 am Service Planning Team-F  
5:00 pm Leadership Development-F  
5:15 pm Mission Outreach Team-F  
6:00 pm Finance-F  
6:30 pm Good to Great Follow Up-F

### THURS., March 13

9:15 am Morning Glory Circle  
@ Marion Yngsdal  
5:30 pm L3 @ Covenant  
6:00 pm Lent Study-F  
7:00 pm Dartball-F

### TUES., March 11

8:00 am Lent Day of Prayer  
through 6:00pm-F  
12:10 pm Books Between Bites-F  
6:30 pm Good Sense Class-F  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry-F

### FRI., March 14

6:30 pm Mix & Match @ Larson  
7:00 pm Circle of Hope-L

### SAT., March 15

8:00 am Green Eggs & Ham  
Breakfast through 11:00-F  
8:30 am Senior Choir Practice-F  
5:30 pm Worship-F

### WED., March 12

10:00 am Lent Study-F  
12:05 pm Prayer Service-F  
5:30 pm Worship Team-F  
5:45 pm Confirmation-F

### SUN., March 16 Palm Sunday

9:00 am Worship-F  
9:30 am Sunday School-L  
10:30 am Sunday School-F  
10:45 am Worship-L  
11:45 am YET-F