
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 14 - 20

“Follow Me”

We live in a culture of invitation. Television invites us to join complicated story arcs so that we feel connected to the characters. Commercials invite us to see their product as a new movement and invite us to join it. We are invited to join groups on Facebook and invited into chat rooms and blog responses. The number of social networks is exploding as we are invited into ever expanding ways to connect.

Invitation is an essential part of our walk of faith, but here we frequently see ourselves not as the invited but rather the one who is supposed to be doing the inviting. We can misuse invitation, maybe using the phrase “invite Jesus into your heart,” which often results in the misunderstanding that we are carrying a little bit of Jesus wherever we go. But today’s gospel (John 1:43-51) emphasizes not invitation as our call to others to join the walk of faith but rather Jesus’ invitation to us to follow him. Jesus’ invitation is not that we carry him with us but rather that we follow where he would lead. When Christ invites Philip to “follow me,” may we hear that invitation in our own ears.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer.

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Harris & LeAnn Honsey, Mark & Patti Honsey, Doug Hugo, Hayden Iverson, Stephen & Kathy Iverson

This week the following members will be celebrating their birthdays and we would like to wish them a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Please call the office if you have an upcoming birthday, to ensure we have it in our records. 641.592.1771

14-Jade Durnil	15-Jack Ramaker	18-Heather Brainerd
14-Tammy Butler	18-Jackson Rice	18-Nate Lorenson
14-Bryan Hengesteg	18-Stephanie Steffens	20-Danielle White

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY 1/7/24: \$ 6,015

YEAR-TO-DATE: 1/10/24 \$ 6,015

LAST YEAR: as of 1/10/23 \$ 0

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ 6,015

-Last Weeks Attendance-

56

Year to date difference: If you are wondering why there was nothing recorded for deposits by this time last year, it's because the financial secretary was on vacation last year and the deposits were made later.

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 1/2/24 **\$160,512**

Total available balance as of 12/29/23 **\$53,544.32** All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the "Steeple Project" when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

Correction from last weeks announcements. The end of year giving difference from last year was actually \$ -11,099. Not \$ -7,816.

Upcoming Blood Drive: Thursday, January 18th; In the Fellowship Hall 1:00pm-6:00pm. Appointments Are Encouraged. Call: 800-287-4903 or Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

Worship Volunteers Needed: If you are willing to usher, acolyte, read or sing in the liturgical choir, please sign up in the Narthex. If you would like to learn how to help with sound, monitors or live stream, call the office. Thank you!

Salem's Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 21st immediately after worship. Lunch will be provided following the meeting. Thirty members must be in attendance to meet the required quorum. There will be no Faith Formation. In the event of weather, the Annual Meeting would be held Sunday, January 28th.

Annual Giving Statements will be mailed out by the end of the month for all offering contributions. These statements do not include donations that were given towards the steeple/tuckpointing project. If you would like a statement for your steeple/tuckpointing donation, please let Marci know by Tuesday, January 23rd. If there is no answer, please leave a message. 641-592-1771. Thank you!

Devotionals: There are copies of the January/February/March devotionals in the Narthex and by the south entrance. Feel free to take one.

Volunteers Needed: The Youth Board is making weekly plans for music, games, crafts & activities, **BUT.....we NEED** your help to make Faith Formation a success. Please consider donating your time to supervise and interact with the children of Salem. No planning, experience or training needed. Just pick a date that works with your schedule and sign up on the bulletin board across from the chapel.



Weather Policy: Just a reminder that the weather may not be as friendly this time of year as this snowman! Should there be an emergency schedule change an announcement will be made via the following: --Salem Lutheran Church, Lake Mills Facebook page --KIOW Radio 107.3 (Forest City) --KIMT TV Channel 3 Contact Shannon Bruhns at 641-592-5978 / 641-590-1532

Celebrating Generosity: Thank you for your support of ministry at Salem!

Go Green—Go Paperless by giving in one of the following ways...

-- Give through PayPal or Card by going to the bottom of www.salemlakemills.com

-- **Give automatically through the Simply Giving Program.** Sign up for monthly or weekly ACH withdrawals. Call the office to have a form sent to you or stop by the office. We also have forms in the Narthex. Please return forms to the office.

(We are charged a much lower service fee through the Simply Giving Program)

EVERYONE IS INVITED DOWNSTAIRS AFTER WORSHIP FOR FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY 1/14

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Steve Smith)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

MONDAY 1/15

2:00pm-4:00pm Salem's Clothes Closet is OPEN

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN

6:00pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 1/17

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

12:30pm-3:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved For PPAT

6:00pm Confirmation Class-Choir Room

THURSDAY 1/18

10:30am Life & Growth Board Meeting-Salem Library

1:00pm-6:00pm Blood Drive-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm WELCA-Lounge

SATURDAY 1/20

Fellowship Hall Reserved ALL Day

SUNDAY 1/21

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judith Wozniak)

10:00am Annual Meeting (with lunch to follow)-Fellowship Hall

Live Stream Sponsorship: Call the office to reserve your date. Cost is \$40.

Dates available in 2024: Jan 21, 28. Feb 11, 25. March 10, 17, 24, 31. April 21. May 5. June 16, 30. July 7, 14, 21, 28. Aug 4, 11, 18, 25. Sept 1, 15. Oct 13, 20. Nov 3, 10, 17, 24. Dec 1, 29

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 (Marci) Monday-Friday: 11am-5pm,
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)