
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 11 - 17

Transfiguration: Amazing Then and Now

Imagine what would happen if someone from the days of Jesus were suddenly transported to our present. How would someone accustomed to walking everywhere respond to driving in a car at top speed, let alone flying in a jet? How would someone who spends their life depending on—at best—oil lamps for light respond to electric lights? It is fun to muse at how people might respond, as we reflect on how sophisticated we are.

Now imagine if the scene were reversed. How would someone accustomed to understanding much in the world around them respond to an event as otherworldly as the transfiguration? We understand volcanoes and the northern lights. We can explain lightning and thunder. We know about germs and disease transmission. So what would we do when confronted with something so amazing, awesome, and unexplainable?

The transfiguration is one of those ancient events that still puzzle us. What really happened to Jesus that day? Since we cannot go back to that time, we are left to speculate. We take stabs in the dark and make educated guesses, but at the end of the day we are left with a holy mystery to ponder.

Whatever happened that day, there is a timeless spiritual reality behind the physical details Mark gives us. God sometimes uses extreme and amazing methods to transform us when we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit. God's spirit transfigured Jesus then. That same Spirit is still transforming people today. We don't have to explain first-century miracles to trust that God's transforming Spirit is timeless and at work within each of us today. We do not have to understand everything to see the beauty of God at work in the world, continually transfiguring us into the people we were created to be.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:

Kelly Kloster and Lindy Brekken, Derald & Joan Kloster, Robyn Kloster, Andrew & Jennie Knudtson, Donald, Nancy, Laura, Ryan and Megan Knudtson

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

11-Faith Stene

14-Tyler Christian

15-Chelsea Order

11-Kelsey Kirschbaum

14-Marlin Senne

15-James Weisenborn

11-Stella Gonzalez

14-Jason Peterson

16-Mckinley Shifflett

12-Nathan Banwart

14-Hannah Sterrenberg

16-Jolene Helgeson

12-Ryan Knudtson

14-Bill Tweeten

16-Danika White

13-Hayden Wempen

14-Heather Haney

16-Kaylie Sylvara

13-Lillian Brackey

15-Sue Langerud

17-Andrew Olsen

17- Lane Sprecher

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY 2/4/24: \$ 7,858

YEAR-TO-DATE: 2/7/24 \$ 22,788

LAST YEAR: as of 2/7/23 \$ 19,283

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ 3,505

-Last Weeks Attendance-

93

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 2/4/24 **\$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!

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!

Thrivent Choice Dollars: To the Salem members with Thrivent financial products, the deadline to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars is approaching. Here are the deadlines to designate your dollars: Online: **March 31**, By Phone: **March 28** (before Easter weekend / Good Friday), By Mail: Must be received by **March 17** to guarantee designation. **In the past this has meant thousands of dollars, at no cost to you, to help with projects at Salem and we ask that you please continue to support this valuable program. Thank you!**

Easter Flowers: If you would like to order Easter Flowers, please fill out an order form, found in the Narthex, and place it in the offering plate or return it to the office by Sunday, March 10th. Following Easter Sunday Service all flowers may be taken by those who sponsored them. Flowers available to order are: Easter Lilies (\$21) Tulips (\$17) Hyacinths (\$17) Daffodils (\$17) Hydrangeas (\$31).

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.

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)**



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 --KIOU Radio 107.3 (Forest City) --KIMT TV Channel 3 Contact Shannon Bruhns at 641-592-5978 / 641-590-1532

ALL ARE WELCOME DOWNSTAIRS AFTER THE SERVICE FOR FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY 2/11

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

MONDAY 2/12

1:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall

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

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

TUESDAY 2/13

8:30am-10:00am Larson's Retiree Coffee-Salem Library

WEDNESDAY 2/14

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service-Sanctuary

THURSDAY 2/15

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

SUNDAY 2/18

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

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

Dates available: Feb 25. Mar 17, 24, 31. May 5. June 30. July 14, 21. Aug 4, 11, 25. Sept 1. Oct 13, 20. Nov 17, 24. Dec 29

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 (Marci)

Mon-Wed: 11am-5pm, Thurs: Closed, Fri: 11am-5pm

(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)