
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 9 – 15

Hidden with Christ

Easter turns the world upside down. It defies our expectations with hiddenness and bluntness: Mary does not recognize the resurrected Jesus (John 20:14), the good news is heralded by an earthquake and terrifying angels and is brought to the women of the church first, rather than to the Twelve (Matt. 28:1-10). The radical reversals prophesied in scripture and revealed in Christ's life and ministry culminate in the good news we proclaim today: Christ, through death, has triumphed over death. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone" (Ps. 118:22).

Easter offers the mystical possibility of transformation in every moment. In this season, what is dying and what is being born? For our communities? For our families? For our world? What is breaking open like a seed to die (John 12:24) so that new life might thrive?

The theme is framed candidly in Colossians: "You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). In the season of Easter, we are invited to allow old husks to fall away so that Christ's new life may emerge. This part of the resurrection story is strange, unsettling. We are invited, after all, to share fully in Christ's death as well as his resurrection (Rom. 6:5; 2 Cor. 4:10-11). Terrifying, but in the mystery of the Holy Spirit's work in us, we receive it as hope (1 Peter 1:3).

On this Easter day, we are honest about how God is stirring us to transformation, and we may be called to faithfully lament the letting go. Almost simultaneously, as we embody Christ's resurrection in the present, we celebrate it with great joy (Matt. 28:8). In our desire to be hidden in Christ's abundant life (John 10:10), we can even name seasons of suffering as Christ's resurrection emerging (Phil. 3:10).

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:

Bill, Linda and Jacob Tweeten, Keith Twito, Wayne & Connie VanVeldhuizen, Ronald and Clayton Velasquez, James & JoAnn Villa

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

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| 10-Joshua Zabel | 12-Jacob Tweeten | 14-Dakota Monson |
| 10-Dorothy Fjelstad | 12-Taylor Nelson | 14-Ava Klebsch |
| 10-Kjerstin Mosby | 14-Kaleb Rogstad | 15-Madison Levine |
| 11-Travis Manley | 14-Katelyn Rogstad | 15-Sophia Nelson |
| 11 Jackson Bloomingdale | 14-Amelia Evenson | |

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 4/2/23	\$ 4,178
YEAR-TO-DATE: 4/4/23	\$ 50,211
LAST YEAR: as of 4/4/22	\$ 49,291
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 920

-Last Weeks Attendance-

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Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for **April 14th (Note this is the 2nd Friday)** 8:00am – 10:00am in the lounge, across from the office. Everyone is welcome! Breakfast will be served until the food runs out or its 10:00am, whichever comes sooner. Breakfast is free. Donations collected will go towards youth activities.

Living Water’s Cluster Spring Salad Luncheon will be held at Salem on Saturday, April 29th at 8:30am. Please RSVP to Margaret by April 27th. 641.590.2891

Blood Drive Results from March 16th.

22 Donors, 26 Units Collected, Up to 78 Lives Saved or Sustained

Memorials Given In March

Jerry Stille--\$20—Tuckpointing Fund

Betty Delgado--\$20—General Fund

Mary Swenson--\$10—Cemetery Fund

Sunday April 23rd a special congregational meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:00am worship service. This meeting is being called to approve the Ministerial Site Profile which is required in order to call a new Pastor to Salem. Reminder, 30 members are required to hold this special congregational meeting. -Thank you, Members of the Call Committee

Tuckpointing Project Update: All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note “Tuckpointing Project” when submitting your contribution. Total received as of 4/4/23 **\$127,309** Thank you!

Many Thanks to the person who donated one thousand dollars towards the purchase of items for health care and school kits. We have been able to send one hundred of each kit once a year for five years. Thrivent has contributed two hundred and fifty each year to help reach the one hundred goal for school kits. Many have been helped due to your contribution. -Mission Quilters

WECLA will meet on Thursday, April 20th at 2:00pm in the Lounge. Pastor Joel will lead the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine.

Personal Care Kits: The Board of Life & Growth is collecting donations to make Personal Care Kits. Items needed are: bath towels (dark colors, approx. 52x27), 4 oz. bars of soap, toothbrushes in original packaging, sturdy combs and metal nail clippers. Donations can be left in the narthex. Thank you!

Pastoral Visits: If you or someone you know would like a visit from Pastor Joel, please call the office to make an appointment. 641.592.1771

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

2023 Dates available: April 30, May 7, June 18, July 9, 16, 23, Aug. 6, 13, 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 10, 31

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 www.salemlakemills.com and clicking the donate button at the bottom of the page OR **Scan the QR Code.**

-- **Give automatically through the Simply Giving Program.** Sign up for weekly or monthly 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)**

Church Basement Ladies: Cedar Summerstock Theatre Company will be performing this musical comedy at the Cedar River Complex-Krapek Family Fine Arts Center in Osage IA (809 Sawyer Drive) on June 29, June 30, July 1, July 15, July 20 and July 21 at 7:00pm or July 2 & July 16 at 1:00pm. Call 641-390-3155 or email at carrieb.cst@gmail.com to reserve seats for your group. 20% discount for groups 10 or more, reserved seating, dress like a church basement lady and get your name entered into a drawing for CST gifts.

Kinship Radio Women's Conference 2023: Redeemed: "Grace to live every day better than before" featuring author Angela Thomas-Pharr. Sunday, May 6th Worship Music, Mini Sessions & Lunch at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato MN. Registration at kinshipradio.org or call 1-800-810-5559.

The Lake Mills Food Shelf is open 2:30-5:00pm every Monday for anyone in need of additional food. The only criteria for eligibility is to reside within the Lake Mills School District. The Food Shelf is located at Salem and can be accessed at the south entrance. Anyone in need of food when the food shelf is not open, please feel free to call and leave a message at 641-592-1771 and someone will call back.

Salem's Clothes Closet is open every Monday from 2:00-4:00pm; and can be accessed at the south entrance. Clothes, shoes, boots, coats, jackets and a few other kids' items are available for free. We also accept donations; please make sure donations are folded and have no holes, tears or stains. Donations can be left inside the south entrance anytime.

Devotionals: April/May/June devotionals are in the Narthex & at the south door.

Collections: We pop tabs, eyeglasses and receipts from David's Marketplace and Hy-Vee. The WELCA group receives 1 tenth of 1% of all receipts collected from David's. The Hy-Vee receipts go towards a cure for cancer. The baskets for all of these are in the Narthex. Please do not roll the receipts and keep David's separate from Hy-Vee. Thank you!

Summer Camps: Reminder to sign up your children for summer camps before the early bird deadlines! Check out the camp websites for more information. In the past, the Enduring Gift Committee has helped to pay the remaining balances, after parents make the down payment. After you have registered your child and paid the deposit, forward your receipt email from camp to the Salem office. (Salem@wctatel.net)

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)

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

Tues: 10am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (2:30pm Text Study)

Wed: Noon-8pm (10am Bible Study)

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 6:30pm Church Council)

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (8:00am Fellowship Breakfast)

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship)



Volunteer Opportunity: Urban Servant Corps, an ELCA ministry partner located in Denver, Colo., offers one-year, fulltime experiences for young adults to live in community in downtown Denver while serving as volunteers at nonprofit organizations that work with low-income and at-risk populations. Food, housing, health insurance, a monthly stipend and an annual “growth and development” allotment are provided. Additionally, spiritual direction, alumni mentorship, and professional development opportunities are offered as part of this experience. To learn more and apply, visit www.urbanservantcorps.org

Youth who are currently in grades 8 – 12 are invited to participate in this summer’s **Wholly Iowa Youth Leadership Discipling Event (WIYLDE)**, set for **June 19 – 22, 2023**, at **Camp EWALU** near Strawberry Point.

The event will feature Peer Ministry Leadership Training from Lyle Griner, National Peer Ministry Director. Peer Ministry Leadership Training is based on the Good Samaritan story to train youth in relational leadership skills.

Youth who come to WIYLDE will learn about how to live like the Good Samaritan — listening to, helping, welcoming, and caring for those around them. They will be equipped to be leaders in their congregations, peer groups, schools and communities, learning how to help others who are dealing with difficult issues.

WIYLDE participants will have opportunities to practice these relational and leadership skills with each other and with younger campers at EWALU, along with opportunities to experience some of the fun camp activities that EWALU has to offer.

Accommodations will be at Ewalu’s Stone Center with various activities each day at the main site. The week will conclude June 22 at 3 p.m. with a WIYLDE-led worship service, which family members, pastors, youth directors, and other guests will be invited to attend.

Register by June 1

The cost for WIYLDE is \$200 per participant (Salem will pay this). Download the registration forms from the synod website, www.neiasynod.org or stop by the office to get a copy. The registration deadline is June 1. For more information, email [Pastor Kristen Rod](mailto:PastorKristenRod@neiasynod.org) or call the synod office, 319-352-1414.



SUNDAY 4/9 (Easter Sunday)

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

MONDAY 4/10

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm-4:00pm Clothes Closet is OPEN (South entrance at Salem)

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN (South entrance at Salem)

3:15pm Daisies-Room 2

WEDNESDAY 4/12

10:00am Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

3:15pm Cadettes & HS-Room 2

THURSDAY 4/13

9:30am Fine Arts-Lounge

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study

6:30pm Church Council-Salem Library

FRIDAY 4/14

8:00am-10:00am Fellowship Breakfast-Lounge

SUNDAY 4/16

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Confirmation-Youth Room

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

6:00pm Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Happy Easter!