
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2 - 8

Life in Christ Includes Praise and Lament

Though we may prefer to think of God giving us lives of joy and ease, a full life in Christ also includes sorrow and grief. To the extent we are willing to acknowledge God's presence in every circumstance, our faith becomes integrated and sustainable through a lifetime.

The texts for today offer a survey of faith-full moments for the people of God, from arguably the most disturbing story in all our scriptures (Genesis 22; semicontinuous series) to the proclamation of God's everlasting faithfulness (Psalms 89 and 13).

Does our worship have a blind spot? Do we avoid faithful lament?

Marked by transformation as clear and life and death (Romans 6), the disciple naturally embodies the gospel of Jesus Christ. Like it or not, this includes moments of sadness, grief, and betrayal that were very much a part of Jesus' faithful journey. If our lives are identified with Christ, disciples can name both joys and sorrows as dimensions of Christ's story and purpose.

The greatest challenge of faith for most Christians is the moment of suffering, so this day invites us to practice faithful lament. In an age of denial when difficult things are swept under the rug, we may resist the idea that God wants anything to do with suffering. Our scriptures, however, ensure we do not avoid earth-bound realities. The psalmist wails a prayer in faith that not only laments abandonment by God but also confesses God's steadfast love (Psalm 13; semicontinuous series). The story of Abraham and Isaac haunts our imaginations when we expect God to make life easy.

Worship calls us to faithfully lament as well as praise. Let today be a service of full-hearted proclamation of the depths of life in Christ.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:

Arlys Brackey, Claire Brackey, Mark & Barb Brackey, Shirley Brackey, Spenser, Ashley, Lillian, Adelyn and Emily Brackey.

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

3-Robert Rogstad

4-Andrew Shaw

6-Duane Linnquist

3-Arlene Nelson

4-Parker Hamersky

6-Annaston Stene

4-Tatum Sauer

5-Tel Hermanson

6-Austin Stene

6-Josie Gilbertson

8-Janet Vinson

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 6/25/23

\$ No update

-Last Weeks Attendance-

YEAR-TO-DATE: 6/25/23

\$ this week

61

LAST YEAR: as of 6/25/22

\$ due to Financial

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:

\$ Secretary on vacation

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 6/20/23 **\$130,984**

All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note "Tuckpointing Project or Steeple Project" when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

Songfest will be held at Salem on July 8th at 3pm with Nate & Mindy Sletten and family singing/playing a variety of musical selections and a few with audience sing-a-long! All free-will donation proceeds will be used to purchase a bench for Kruggel Park in Lake Mills. Floyd Thomas prints will be available for purchase. (this will be their final sale, so get them while you still can!)

Memorials Given In June

Paul Kvale--\$60—Tuckpoint/Steeple Project

Devotionals: There are copies of the new July/August/September devotionals in the Narthex, by the south entrance and by the Chapel.

Emmons Lutheran Church has invited Salem members to their WNALC Guest Night. July 19th at 7:00pm. Program by Mark Waldeland Trio (Venus & Mars). Refreshments will also be served.

Upcoming Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall, Thurs. July 20th, 1:30pm-6:00pm
Appointments Are Encouraged; Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777
or Call: 800-287-4903 or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

Save The Date: The Board of Youth is hosting a Potluck Picnic for the entire congregation on Sunday, August 6th at 4:00pm in Oakwood Park. Mid July we will put a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, to ensure we have a variety of delicious food for everyone to enjoy. Mark your calendars for this fun filled evening with food, fellowship, yard games, mini golf, BINGO and more to be announced.

Volunteers Needed: Salem members help serve the Summer Feeding Program on Tuesdays from 10:45am-12:00pm, please contact Margaret Okland if you have any questions or would like to help. 641.590.2891 Thank you!

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!

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

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

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 (Marci)

Mon: 11am-5pm, Tues: 10am-1pm, Wed: 11am-3:30pm, Thurs-Fri: 11am-5pm
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)

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)**

All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship, coffee and a sweet treat.

SUNDAY 7/2

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 7/3

12:00pm Sons of Norway-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm-4:00pm Salem's Clothes Closet is OPEN (Enter at South Entrance)

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

WEDNESDAY 7/5

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 7/6

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 7/7

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY 7/8

3:00pm Songfest-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 7/9

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall