
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 27 – September 2

Confessing Christ, Formed in Faith

In late August, students are preparing to go back to school, and many churches gear up for a new year of Christian education. It is a good time to be reminded of the heart of Christian formation: conformation and transformation (Rom. 12:2).

Disciples are formed over time—shaped by learning, worship, and all aspects of Christian life in community. As it was for Peter, part of our formation is learning to confess Jesus as the Messiah, not only with the right words but also through an experience of the Living God in Christ. And along with Peter, through such formation we also discover who we are in relation to God: After Peter “confesses” Jesus’ identity of Messiah, Jesus “confesses” Peter’s identity by calling out his name and vocation.

Traditionally, Lutheran worship contains two confessions which keep forming us: a confession of sin and a confession of faith. In the first, we acknowledge who we are as sinner and saint, and in the second, we acknowledge who God is in the mystery of the Trinity. Like Peter’s, our own identity is revealed in those truths. And, we might say, we are continually formed by and through them.

Peter’s confession is not a precondition for following Jesus; it comes in the middle of his journey of discipleship. Our formation too is a long process—lifelong, in fact—which begins at baptism (or even before!) and is guided by those who travel before and with us. At this time of year, as we explore our own formation, identity, and vocation as disciples of Jesus, Isaiah entreats us, “Look to the rock from which you were hewn.” Envisioning Peter “the rock,” we might also consider how our shape is a “chip off the old block” of our forebears in faith.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Joel, Beth, Andrew and Levi Dahle, Kelly and Kendall Dahle and Kamden Larson, Darrel Davidson, Gloria Davidson, Jason, Jaci, Randi and Ryan Dilly

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

27-Travis Hoffman

28-Chuck Olson

30-Sara Chodur

27-Kristi Comstock

29-Jeremy Gilbertson

31-Lindsay McCord

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 8/20/23 \$ 2,240

YEAR-TO-DATE: 8/22/23 \$120,723

LAST YEAR: as of 8/22/22 \$139,027

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ -18,308

-Last Weeks Attendance-

81

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 8/22/23 **\$132,514**

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

"Thank You" to Bill & Linda Tweeten for taking the confirmation students boating/tubing on Clear Lake. We appreciate your kindness and support!!!

Council Minutes: Council President Shannon Bruhns is out of town Sunday, August 27th when Council Minutes would have been included in the bulletin announcements and then be discussed at Coffee Fellowship. Because of this absence, she has requested that Council Minutes be published Sunday, September 3rd. Thank you for your understanding!

September 4th the Clothes Closet and Food Shelf will be closed for the holiday.

Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting: Wed., Sept. 13th at 6:00pm--Sanctuary.

Rally Sunday: Sunday, September 17th—Food and Fun!

Cowboy Church has been rescheduled for September 24th.

Registration: Letters have been sent out to our Faith Formation families with upcoming event dates and a link to register online. There are also registration forms on the bulletin board across from the chapel. Each child needs to be registered so that we have the most updated info and we can plan accordingly.

Living Waters Fall Cluster Invitation: Are you feeling disconnected from your family/friends/community? Join Us for a conversation on making connections one on one, presented by Anna Jetson, Spring Grove, MN. Learn more ways to reach out to others. Live happier days. Learn how to share smiles with others. Invite your daughter, mother, granddaughter, sister or friends and bring them with you. All are welcome! September 30th. Coffee at 8:30am. Begins at 9:00am. Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manly, IA (428 W Walnut St.) Call or text if you can attend.641-494-7614. -Lea Norlinger, Cluster President.

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!

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.** Click donate on our page www.salemlakemills.com

***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)

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

Dates available 2023: Sept. 17, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 31

All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship.

SUNDAY 8/27

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 8/28

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters-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)

TUESDAY 8/29

Fellowship Hall Closed all day—Carpet Cleaning

WEDNESDAY 30

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room

6:00pm Youth Board Meeting

SUNDAY 9/3

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manly, IA has invited us to an ice cream social, Aug. 27th, 4:00pm-6:30pm. Homemade ice cream, hot dogs, maid-rites, potato salad, beans, pie, brownies and beverage. Take out available & free will offering. Funds go towards building updates. (Event is handicapped accessible).

Upcoming Lake Mills Community Blood Drive: Thursday. Sept. 21st; 1pm-6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments Are Encouraged. Call: 800-287-4903 or Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or Visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

Flu Clinic: Winnebago County Public Health will be hosting a Flu Clinic in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, Sept. 22nd from 8:30am-11am.

Doors: If you unlock a door at Salem, make sure you lock the door again when you leave or make a plan for someone to lock it when they leave. Thank you!

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 (Marci) Mon: 10am-2pm, Tues-Fri: 11am-5pm (Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)