

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 5 – 11

It's Time to Lighten Up!

This is a strange time of year. The days are short, the nights are long, and even though we dream of more daylight, we walk around hoping against hope that there won't be enough sunshine produced for a rodent (okay, a groundhog!) to see its own shadow. A quick scan of today's news can be equally as bleak. It is time for a little more light in an otherwise dark and dreary time.

Enter Epiphany. The missional emphasis of this season shines like a beacon of light and hope in the dead of winter, bringing good news in the middle of this world's not-so-good news. This week God provides the mission in Isaiah—feed the hungry, care for the homeless, clothe the naked. Upon accomplishing this mission God tells the people, “Your light shall break forth like the dawn.” Paul continues his Spirit-led mission, encouraging the church in Corinth, “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.” Jesus teaches his disciples, “You are the light of the world. . . . Let your light shine before others” (Matt. 5:14, 16). Through these words in Jesus' sermon, he gives followers of every day and age a mission to share the light which scatters the darkness.

Whether you are looking in the news or out the window, things may seem pretty dark and dreary at this time of year, but do not miss the light of Epiphany! We are indeed created in God's image, therefore the spark of the divine is alive in all of us. The light shines through us as we live out God's mission for our lives each day. As Epiphany continues, we should all be prepared to let our light shine and share the good news.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Matthew 5:13-20

**NEXT WEEKS TEXTS**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Clyde Sletten, Rebecca Sletten, Kati Smalley, Mark & Lori Smeby, Susan Smith

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

6-Daniel Helgeson

8-Delores Hanna

10-Tasha Swanson

6-Lois Johnson

9-Helen Rice

11-Faith Stene

8-Sue Myli

9-Nicholas Peterson

11-Kelsey Kirschbaum

10-Addison Kopp

11-Stella Gonzalez

-WEEKLY GIVING-**LAST SUNDAY:** 1/29/23 \$ 3,345**YEAR-TO-DATE:** 1/30/23 \$15,107**LAST YEAR:** as of 1/30/22 \$14,717**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:** \$ 390**-Last Weeks Attendance- 64****Tuckpointing Project Update:**

Total received as of 1/25/23 **\$125,136** (This total includes the \$50,000 match)

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

Floyd Thomas Prints: Faye Aamodt has graciously offered Floyd Thomas nature prints for free will donation opportunity. These prints have been a part of Lake Mills history for many years appearing on calendars and the cover of the WCTA telephone books. If you would like a print, or several, please take what you would like! Donations will be designated for the tuckpointing project. Prints will be available in the Narthex before worship and after worship. They will also be available during the week, in the office. We thank Faye for her generous gift!

Memorials Given In January

Charles “Doc” Nelson: \$10-General Fund, \$25 Kitchen Fund

Darlene Trytten: \$305 General Fund, \$10 Tuckpointing Fund

MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Volunteer Training: Volunteers are needed to help this non-profit organization serve patients and their families in our local communities. If you’ve been meaning to get involved, call today to attend the **FREE** volunteer training. Pre-Register before Thursday, March 23rd by calling 641-428-6236. Class sizes are limited, so please call today to reserve your seat. Training Date/Time: Thursdays-March 30th, April 6th & 13th; 9:30am-4:00pm. Location: First United Methodist Church 119 S. Georgia Ave. Mason City, IA Get more information or register at MercyOne.org/northiowa/hospice.com or call 800-297-4719 or 614-428-6208

Summer Camps: Reminder to sign up your children for summer camps before the early bird deadlines! Check out the camp websites for more information. This is such a great opportunity for our youth! 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)

Supplies: There are face masks, disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer on the high top table in the Narthex. Please leave them on the table; they must be accessible to anyone who may want to use them. Thank you!

-Shannon Bruhns, Council President & The Board of Property & Management

Live Stream Sponsorship: Call the office to reserve your special date. Cost is \$40. **2023 Dates available:** Feb 12. March 12, 26. April 16, 30. May 7. June 11, 18. July 9, 16, 23, 30. Aug. 6, 13, 20. Sept. 3, 17. Oct. 8, 15, 22 & 29. Nov. 5, 12 & 19. Dec. 10, 31.

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

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 (Marci) Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm, Fri: 10am-4pm
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open.)

All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship.

SUNDAY 2/5

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

10:00am Confirmation-Youth Room

MONDAY 2/6

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)

TUESDAY 2/7

5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting-Salem Library

WEDNESDAY 2/8

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

12:00pm Cadettes & HS-Room 2

6:30 Stewardship Board Meeting-Salem Library

THURSDAY 2/9

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study

5:30pm Executive Council Meeting-Salem Library

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Salem Library

SUNDAY 2/12

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

10:00am Confirmation-Youth Room

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

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

Wed: Noon-8:00pm (10am Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm Stewardship)

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

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (8am-10am)

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship, 10am Confirmation)