

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY OF THE PASSION – PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY 3/27

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 3/28

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:15am Faith Formation-Fellowship Hall

10:15am First Communion Class-Choir Room

MONDAY 3/29

Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)

(Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

3:15pm Cadets-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 3/30

2:30pm Pastor Text Study

3:15pm Juniors-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 3/31

8:30am Staff Meeting

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

2:30pm Confirmation-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 4/1

5:30pm First Communion Meal for 5th & 6th Grade-Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service-Sanctuary

FRIDAY 4/2

7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service

SATURDAY 4/3

5:30pm Easter Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 4/4

9:00am Easter Worship Service-Sanctuary

A Different Kind of Bloodline

Combining into one liturgy the “Hosanna!” of the triumphal palm procession and the “Crucify him!” of the passion drama—especially as filtered through Paul’s image of the “exalted” slave—invites a meditation on the mystery of Jesus’ sovereignty.

How can we Americans or Canadians grasp what it means to have or want a king when we reject the notion that bloodline conveys the right to rule? And yet, thanks to fairy tales, the Arthurian legends, and Shakespeare we have some inkling of the power, privilege, and even “divine rights” of royalty. We can use our imaginations to muster up a rousing “Ride on, King Jesus!” Then we can appreciate the incongruity: this king has to borrow a donkey, a room, and a tomb. Then, even more confounding, is that this king, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited” and even borrows our human likeness—including our death (Phil. 2:6).

Judas and Pilate are symbols of all humanity—including the church, to its shame—in their desire for a grand royal gesture: start a revolution, call in your army, dazzle us with eloquent testimony. Jesus resists every such temptation and embraces the mortal human scale of his limited earthly reign.

Jesus prophesied that when he was lifted up all the world would be drawn to him; Philippians proclaims that “every knee should bend” and “every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.” So, whose knee will bow at the name of Jesus? All those who, following Jesus and trusting the faithfulness of God, are drawn to attend fully to human life, need, and mortality.

In monarchy, leaders lead by virtue of divine sanction of a particular bloodline. Our fond hope is that leadership is bestowed on the basis of merit, hard work, and authentic charisma. Our cynical fear is that it is bestowed on the basis of money, influence, and cronyism. The witness of Passion Sunday is that Jesus’ credential is innocent blood shed in obedience to God for the sake of the broken.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

Philippians 2:5-11

Humbled to the point of death on a cross

Mark 14:1--15:47

The passion of the Lord

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 25:6-9

The feast of Victory

Acts 10:34-43

God raised Jesus on the third day

Mark 16:1-8

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced,
and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

BLOOD DRIVE—TOMORROW, Noon-5pm

We don't have very many scheduled yet, please consider donating and schedule your appointment as soon as possible.

Lake Mills Community High School Blood Drive

Sponsored by Salem Lutheran Church

For an appointment:

Call 800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Or visit redcrossblood.org

By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship!

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass!

Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

During this time of social distancing, there are several ways to continue your giving.

-- By mail.

-- By "Simply Giving"- Sign up for weekly or monthly ACH withdrawals. Call the office to get a form.

-- By PayPal- Go to our website home page (www.salemlakemills.com) and scroll to the bottom left- there is a Donate button. Click on that and it will take you to a PayPal or credit card donation page.

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 3/21/21	\$ 2,672
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 3/24/21	\$ 48,914
LAST YEAR: as of 3/24/20	\$ 56,461
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -7,547

NOISY OFFERING

TOTAL AS OF 3/21/21 \$357.54

March 4, 2021 Blood Drive Results

Total Donors: 50

Lives Saved: 138

First Time Donors: 8

Convalescent Plasma Donors: 2

PRAYER VIGIL

The Board of Life & Growth would like to announce that there is a sign-up sheet for the Prayer Vigil that will take place Good Friday through Easter Sunday Morning. You can pray in the Chapel, the Sanctuary or at Home.

Please sign up in the Narthex.

REMEMBER OUR SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday!

**Salem has a wheel chair available for use.
It is kept in the narthex closet near the coat rack.**

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

The Stewardship Board would like to announce that the Thrivent Choice Dollars program is in process. There are forms available in the church office, the Narthex, west entrances and the south entrance for those that would like to participate. The deadline for this is March 31st (if sent in the mail, March 17 is the deadline to mail them). Other options are Online: Thrivent.com/thriventchoice

If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com, you will have to register and create a user ID, password and security questions. Or you can call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice", or call Pete at the local Thrivent office 641.592.0064

NOISY OFFERING IN LENT

TODAY WILL BE THE LAST DAY

WE COLLECT NOISY OFFERING for this cause.

If you wanted to make a donation and did not have the chance to donate yet, you can bring it to the office tomorrow. Thank you!

The \$1,700 debt held by our Living Waters Conference has been paid. We continued to collect noisy offering for our future Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. Our Living Waters Conference together with Feed My Starving Children are committed to the goal that no child goes to bed hungry.

COLLECTIONS The Board of Life & Growth collects used stamps, pop tabs, eye glasses and receipts from David's Marketplace. The WELCA group receives 1 tenth of 1% of all receipts collected. This can really add up and help. The baskets for these items have been moved to the Narthex. They ask that receipts do not get rolled up.

DAYCAMP AT SALEM Save the date--

Salem will be hosting Ingham-Okoboji Day camp the week of August 2, 2021

DONATIONS

--The Board of Life & Growth is collecting Donations in the Narthex.
--PERSONAL CARE KITS are needed now more than ever, to help protect vulnerable families from COVID-19. Items needed are bath towels (dark colors), 4 oz. bars of soap and toothbrushes.
--HAND TOWELS in good condition are needed for Baby Care Kits.
--SHEETS in any condition are needed for backing and lining of quilts.

SUMMER CAMPS

The Board of Youth would like to remind everyone to sign up for summer camps. Early Bird deadlines are quickly approaching. In the past, the Enduring Gift Committee has helped to pay remaining balances after parents make the down payment. Please forward your receipt email from camp to the Salem office after you have registered and paid the deposit.

2021 KJLY Women's Conference

Fierce Faith Saturday - April 24

Music, Ministry, Mini Sessions & Lunch

Speaker: Alli Worthington (Author of Fierce Faith; A woman's Guide to Fighting Fear, a podcaster and blogger)

Also, The Looney Lutherans (A trio of wacky gals who use music, comedy and their audience to share their wisdom for living a lively life.

\$37 per person

Conference time 8:00am-3:45pm

(doors open at 7:00am)

Registration opens March 15, 2021 at 8:00am.

KinshipRadio.org or 1-800-810-5559

Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato MN

STARTING NEXT MONTH, THE MONTHLY BLUE SHEETS WILL BE ADDED TO THE NEW ANNOUNCEMENT PAGES--IT WILL STILL BE BLUE AND IT WILL STILL BE THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Reserve your special date to sponsor an 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The service is heard on KLOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2.

This year has quickly filled with sponsorship and only a few dates are still available. Don't miss your chance to sponsor a radio broadcast this year. Cost is \$83. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE. 641.592.1771

2021 RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, May 23, June 13, July, 11, July 18, August 1, August 15, August 29, September 5, October 17, October 24, October 31, November 21, December 5, December 12, December 26

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday.

CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE 641.592.1771

Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Off, but on-call

Tuesday: Off, but on-call

Wednesday: Noon-8pm (Staff Meeting, Mills Harbor, Confirmation, Lent Services)

Thursday: Noon – 8pm (visits, board meetings, Council Meeting)

Friday: 8am – Noon, 1pm – 5pm

Saturday: Noon – 8pm

Sunday: 8am - Noon

Secretary

Monday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am- 2:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: Off

Sunday: Off

Our Big God

They forgot the God who had saved them, who had done great deeds in Egypt...
Psalm 106:21

When I am faced with an obstacle or situation that looms large before me, I can measure myself against it and lose heart. When I feel myself shrinking, I need the reminder that God is Big. It's nice to have a friend or family member take hold of me and remind me. It's even better when I remember how to remind myself.

How many times has God saved me? Every. Single. Time.

Then out loud, or on paper if it helps me to see ink on the page as proof, I list all the times God has come through for me or for the people I love. Every time I thought there was no answer and he answered me or gave me new questions. Every time I thought I was out of options and he opened an unseen path before me. Every time I thought I would fall apart and he held me together. Every time I thought I wasn't enough and he showed me that with him, I was. Every time I was inconsolable and he consoled me.

Remember.

- Kristin Armstrong

Exodus 32:7-14 • Psalm 106:19-23 John 5:31-47

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