

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH –Second Sunday of Easter–

### SATURDAY 4/10

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

### SUNDAY 4/11

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:15am Faith Formation-Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY 4/12

Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)  
(Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

### TUESDAY 4/13

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

2:30pm Pastor Text Study

3:15pm Juniors-Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY 4/14

8:30am Staff Meeting

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

2:30pm Confirmation-Fellowship Hall

### THURSDAY 4/15

3:15 Brownies-Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY 4/17

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

### SUNDAY 4/18

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:15am Faith Formation-Fellowship Hall

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

## Wounded Resurrection Power Restores Community

Jesus' resurrection confronts the sadness and loneliness of Thomas's doubt. Many people in congregations left last Sunday's celebration of the resurrection with feelings similar to those of Thomas. Somehow, Thomas was not in the right place at the right time to see Jesus show up in the flesh. No doubt, people in the pews can relate to Thomas's missed opportunity. Perhaps they were unable to attend a family Easter gathering. Maybe a bunch of friends had box seats to the hottest game in town, and they were not able to afford one. Maybe a chemo treatment interrupted an opportunity for career advancement. Human beings are endlessly plagued with feelings of not fully belonging to the group, and they desire a savior to use magical power to restore perfection.

Time and again, the disciples seek a messiah who overwhelms them and the world with crushing military might and magical cures. Today, the power of the resurrection is most realized in the real, deep wounds of Jesus' own body. Without those wounds and the real sacrifice that God made on the cross, Thomas's faith would always be hobbled by his overwhelming doubt. Yet people still ask: how can God's reality of overflowing love and life confront and transform our parched world and wounded bodies?

Jesus makes faith happen today by breathing the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and blessing them with peace. He shows Thomas and all God's people that the life-changing resurrection embraces the wounds all people carry. God the Creator's peace, Jesus' wounds, and the breath of the Holy Spirit lead Thomas to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead. Then, Thomas trusts God to care for his body and his life. Just like Jesus' ministry prior to the cross, Jesus reaches for the outsider and restores Thomas to his place in the community.

**THIS WEEKS TEXTS**

**Acts 4:32-35**

*The believers' common life*

**Psalm 133**

*How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)*

**1 John 1:1--2:2**

*Walking in the light*

**John 20:19-31**

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

**NEXT WEEKS TEXTS**

**Acts 3:12-19**

*Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus*

**Psalm 4**

*The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

**1 John 3:1-7**

*The revealing of the children of God*

**Luke 24:36b-48**

*Eating with the risen Christ*

**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-**

<b>LAST SUNDAY:</b> 4/4/21	\$ 6,498
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE:</b> as of 4/6/21	\$ 58,884
<b>LAST YEAR:</b> as of 4/6/20	\$ 67,563
<b>DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:</b>	\$ -8,679

**NOISY OFFERING**

Total as of 3/29/21 for Feed My Starving Children \$417.69

**March Memorials Given In Memory Of Loved Ones**

Elaine Bergan - Cemetery \$10

John Sabin - Building \$250

Don Wirt - Cemetery \$635

A heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all those that worked behind the scenes to put together a very special Holy Week at Salem. A grateful "THANK YOU" to those that participated in the events of Holy Week.

So many blessings!!

Shannon Bruhns

**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.

**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.

**THE MONTHLY BLUE SHEETS WILL BE ADDED TO THE NEW ANNOUCEMENT BOOKLET--IT WILL STILL BE BLUE AND IT WILL STILL BE THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**

## 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

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 23, 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**

## UPDATED

### 2020 Memorials Given In Memory Of Loved Ones

Eleanor Ness Estate--\$45,000

Lionel & Bev Anderson--\$2,000

Harlan Charlson--\$355

Harold Kindervag--\$100

Charles Nelson--\$85

Leonard Teigen--\$83

Wallace Winden--\$20

Marlis Ames--\$10

C. Rognes--\$5

Steven Senne--\$2,350

Robyn Twito--\$490

Russ Myli--\$83

Ron Charlson--\$20

Janet Cavett--\$60

Susan Rice--\$205

Paul Christianson--\$150

Don Grothe--\$625

Don Aamodt--\$2,503

Virgil Holstad--\$520

Hazel Skatter--\$485

Merlin Norris--\$2,430

Virginia Thomas--\$940

Valida Abbey--\$740

Russ Schmidt--\$210

Robert Mannes--\$20

John Burke--\$10

James Kingland--\$10

Verna Helgeson--\$1,385

Marvis Risius--\$70

Helen Holstad--\$1,000

Dean Holstad--\$345

Shirley Pals--\$83

Don Adams--\$70

## Statistical Report on Consecration Sunday Results

A total of **49** giving units (husbands and wives or single persons) completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* this year.

A total of **12** of these giving units increased their financial commitment above their last year's amount.

A total of **48** giving units present to fill out *Estimate of Giving Cards* today committed a total of **\$134,280** annually.

Based on last year's giving records, we can expect to receive **\$107,751** this year from people who have consistent giving patterns last year but are not present today.

Based on the average total of loose offerings during the past three years, we can expect to receive **\$8,986** this year from that source.

Church income from non-donor sources such as interest, rentals, and fees **\$1,550**.

This gives us a grand total of **\$252,567** anticipated income this year.

The total income for our general operating budget last year was **\$270,714**.

This year, we can expect our operating budget income to decrease by **\$7,949**.

This is a **3** percent decrease in total giving below last year.

## April 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

### National Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to the most recent Iowa Department of Human Services data, 9,532 Iowa children were subject to abuse or neglect. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs or dangerous substance, and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health care.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2020, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 18,000 in-home and virtual visits to families.

LSI Family Centered Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect.

You can make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://Facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## Empowering Iowa Families

Gaylene was overwhelmed raising three young boys. Finances were strained and she and her partner, José, worked hard to make ends meet. Suddenly, well into her second trimester, Gaylene learned she was pregnant with her daughter, Julieanna. Left with less time to prepare her home for a fourth child, Gaylene was stressed at the thought of welcoming a little girl into a house with three energetic older brothers. And once Julieanna was born, Gaylene began experiencing postpartum depression.

Gaylene enrolled in LSI Early Childhood Services for help, and she and José began meeting with their LSI worker, Kellie. She provided the family with age-appropriate ideas and developmental activities for the kids, and served as a shoulder to lean on whenever Gaylene or José needed guidance or advice. Gaylene recently graduated from college with a degree in early childhood education, and her family is thriving. Gaylene also graduated out of LSI services last year. The family still keeps in touch with Kellie, and Gaylene says she will forever be grateful for the support she received when times were difficult.

“We got so used to Kellie coming to our home for five years, it’s going to be different. But now I know where to turn and how to help my family down the road,” Gaylene says. “I feel like Kellie and LSI actually care about people and parents.”

## Ladies’ Night With Kendra Graham

Thursday, April 22, or Friday, April 23 at 7:00pm  
First Church of the Open Bible  
2200 Beaver Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50310

Plan for an evening out with friends and hear an inspiring message from Kendra Graham--a Bible teacher, mother, wife of evangelist Will Graham.

Join for soul-stirring worship, a time of prayer for your community and the upcoming Celebration, and a dessert buffet.

The same program is being offered two different evenings

To RSVP go to the following website:

[https://iowa.billygraham.org/kendra-ladies-night-rsvp/?utm\\_source=cru+weekly+update+04.07.2021&utm\\_medium=bgemail&utm\\_campaign=iowa+celebration&utm\\_content=BB21BYD00&SOURCE=BB21BYD00](https://iowa.billygraham.org/kendra-ladies-night-rsvp/?utm_source=cru+weekly+update+04.07.2021&utm_medium=bgemail&utm_campaign=iowa+celebration&utm_content=BB21BYD00&SOURCE=BB21BYD00)

## Attend the Children’s Ministry Rally

Fri, Apr 30, 2021, 12:00 PM  
New Hope Assembly of God Student Center  
6800 Townsend Avenue  
Urbandale, IA 50322

Come together with fellow children’s ministry leaders and hear a special message from Go Fish guest speaker, Jamison Statema. He’s a Dove Award-winning producer, songwriter, and performer who loves to make music for kids of all ages! Lunch will be provided.

To RSVP go to the following website:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iowa-celebration-childrens-ministry-rally-tickets-145553645873>

## Burning Within Us

*Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?*

*Luke 24:32*

One of the greatest gifts of the Church to the world is sacred Scripture. And yet those same sacred words can become so commonplace that our eyes glaze over when we read them, or our minds wander when we hear them read again and again at Mass.

But Scripture is and must be more than words for us. It is more than history, wisdom and poetry. Scripture is an opportunity for encounter with our triune God. Read prayerfully and with the guidance and spark that can only come from the Holy Spirit, ancient stories bring God alive and burning within us. We open ourselves to the fire of transformation when, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our hearts are inflamed by that divine meeting with Jesus.

*Holy Spirit, open the Word of God for me so that I may meet Jesus and be changed in the encounter.*

- [Steve Givens](#)

Acts 3:1-10 • Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9 Luke 24:13-35

Source: [livingfaith.com](http://livingfaith.com)

## Seeing Reality

*Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid."*

*Matthew 28:10*

It seems a bit odd to hear Jesus telling the women who had just realized he was resurrected to not be afraid. His torture and death on Friday was truly frightening; his resurrection should be filled with joy and reassurance. And yet they respond with fear.

Often humans seem to be deeply frightened by encounters with God, as if we walk around believing in God but somehow not quite believing in the reality of God. It seems we may believe in our image of God, not the real, living God.

I see a similar reaction when people view Saturn through a telescope for the first time. Yes, they believe that Saturn is a planet that exists in the universe. But when they see it for themselves, a distant tan world surrounded by rings hanging there silently in the dark, it can blow their mind. "It's real!" they often say. Saturn doesn't scare them. But when God breaks through like a view of the rings of Saturn, seeing the reality of God invokes overwhelming awe.

- [Aileen O'Donoghue](#)

Acts 2:14, 22-33 • Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 Matthew 28:8-15

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