
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 13 – 19

A Place with Jesus

The movement of this day—from shouts of praise to words of denial and cries for crucifixion—mirrors the path of discipleship. The lives of Jesus' followers hang in the balance between faithfulness and betrayal. For Peter, the act of denial is subtle and insidious. He claims not to know Jesus; he claims to have no place as his disciple. On the surface it is seemingly harmless. It happens, and then is over in a moment. In reality, the harm is deep and lasting. Subtle but harmful denial happens in a split second as disciples compromise faith for the sake of self-protection—as they're too embarrassed to give thanks; as someone knows how to help but fails to do so because it's inconvenient; as resources are hoarded. While Peter withholds everything for his own sake, Jesus, for the sake of others, withholds nothing. As disciples fail to claim their place with Jesus, Jesus' embrace claims them. From the cross, Jesus offers mercy wide enough to claim even those who do not know what they do.

THIS WEEKS READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

Guest Book: If you are visiting Salem today, we welcome you and invite you to sign our guest book, located in the Narthex, and we hope to see you again!

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Janice Janssen, Matthew, Lisa, Kyla and Aidan Johanson, Keith Johnson, Lois Johnson, Rich & Christine Johnson

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

14-Amelia Evenson	14-Katelyn Rogstad	16-Peton Order
14-Dakota Monson	15-Madison Levine	17-Maons Helgeson
14-Avah Klebsch	15-Sophia Nelson	19-Jason Ramaker
14-Kaleb Rogstad	16-Abby Holtan	19-Paisley Nickson-Wilkinson

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 4/6/25: \$ 5,145

YEAR-TO-DATE: 4/8/25: \$ 46,893

LAST YEAR: as of 4/8/24: \$ 62,847

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ -15,955

Last Weeks Attendance

70

Tori Holtan Writes To Salem: This summer, I am answering God's call to serve by going on a mission trip, where I will use my hands to do His work and my heart to share His love. I am excited for the opportunity to make an impact, deepen my faith, and spread the message of Jesus to those in need. From July 20th--28th I will be serving in Burnsville & Asheville, North Carolina. While there, our team will help communities with house repairs, debris cleanup, and building a garden shed in the aftermath of Hurricane Helena. I ask for your thoughts, prayers, and, if possible, monetary donations to support this mission. The Youth Board & I will also be hosting a **BAKE SALE SUNDAY, APRIL 13 IN THE NARTHEX** to help fund this trip. Thank you for your support as I serve God and His people.

Sunday, April 27th will be the last day of Faith Formation and we plan to do a service project. Everyone is welcome to join us after worship as we will be picking up trash in the Lake Mills area (all supplies provided). At 11:00am, we will return to Salem and enjoy the Annual BBQ Lunch provided by the Stewardship Board. Everyone in the congregation is invited to the BBQ Lunch.

Living Water Cluster Spring Salad Luncheon will be on April 26 at Rock Creek Lutheran Church, 3269 Foothill Ave, Osage, IA. Coffee and goodies will begin at 8:30am. They ask that each church give a 5 minute account of what your gals do, a show and tell. A brief business meeting will be held and then the special feature will be gals from the local Cluster churches sharing what their church gifts to others. It will be enlightening how we continue to serve others with the individual and great tasks accomplished yearly. The Salad Lunch will start at 11:30am. Call Bev Mathers (641-395-2924) for all reservations by Thur. April 24

Personal Care Kits: The Board of Life & Growth is collecting donations to make Personal Care Kits. Items needed are: bath towels (dark colors, approx. 52x27), 4 oz. bars of soap, toothbrushes in original packaging, sturdy combs and metal nail clippers. Donations can be left in the narthex until the end of April. Thank you!

Open Houses: If you are planning an open house for your confirmand or graduate and want to invite the members of Salem, please call the office with details and we will publish it in our announcements. Leave a message if no answer.

Steeple Project Update: The total available balance as of 3/31/25 is **\$62,699.32** The total received as of 4/8/25 is **\$169,027**. All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the “Steeple Project” when submitting a contribution. 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 are willing to supervise and interact with the children of Salem, please consider helping with Faith Formation. No planning, experience or training needed. Just pick a date that works with your schedule and sign up on the bulletin board across from the chapel. Thank you to everyone that is volunteering at Salem. We appreciate 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 by going to the bottom of www.salemlakemills.com
-- **Give automatically through the Simply Giving Program.** Sign up for monthly or weekly ACH withdrawals. Forms are in the Narthex. (lower fee with this one)

ALL ARE INVITED DOWNSTAIRS FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE SERVICE

SUNDAY 4/13

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

9:45am Bake Sale Fundraiser-Narthex

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am First Communion Class-Choir Room

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

MONDAY 4/14

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm-5:00pm Clothes Closet and Food Shelf OPEN

WEDNESDAY 4/16

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

6:00pm Confirmation Class-Choir Room

THURSDAY 4/17

10:30am Life & Growth Board Meeting-Library

2:00pm WELCA-Lounge

6:00pm Meal& Activity for Fifth Grade Families-Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judy Wozniak)

FRIDAY 4/18

7:00pm Good Friday Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judy Wozniak)

SUNDAY 4/20

9:00am Easter Sunday Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judy Wozniak)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

Live Stream Sponsorship: Dates available--June 29, July 13, 20, 27, Aug 10, 17, 24, 31, Oct 5, 19, 26, Nov 16, 23, 30, Dec 28. Cost is \$40

Salem Office: 592.1771 This week...

Monday: 10-2, Tuesday: 10-5, Wednesday-Friday 10-2

(Hours subject to change, feel free to call ahead to ensure the office is open)