
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 14 – 20

Faith-Sustaining Patterns in a World of Stockpiles

Faith cannot be stockpiled. It needs a pattern of replenishment. Today, the disciples are hungry. While their stomachs may not be rumbling, their hunger is shown in their lack of certainty about who Jesus is. Even though they were just talking about how Jesus walked with two of them on the road to Emmaus, his real presence now frightens them. Doubt, disbelief, and fear are like hunger to the disciples.

Jesus relieves the hunger with his risen presence. When the disciples are unsure what to make of the mess that life has become, Jesus shows up. When their hunger for truth and certainty is most apparent, Jesus walks into the room. The answer to someone's hunger is not to ask why they are hungry. Nor is the answer to doubt a question about why they cannot believe. The answer is food. The answer is the real Jesus showing up and easing fears. Everyone's faith needs sustenance. Those who listen to the preacher and gather at the table today are looking for the God of truth and love to settle their doubts.

Even though Jesus' disciples had been speaking about his appearance to two of them on the road to Emmaus just verses earlier, Jesus does not become agitated at the fact that the disciples are afraid of him. Jesus expects the fears and the doubts about his presence in the room. He knows that one post-resurrection appearance to them will never be enough. There will need to be more appearances to sustain the faith of generations of disciples!

The appearances become a pattern, with Jesus entering into the lives of his disciples, eating with them and teaching them. Finally, Jesus sends the disciples out as witnesses. Today the witnesses come back into the pattern of Jesus' appearance to remember what was witnessed—so that their own testimony of a Savior who sets their fears at ease will also ease the doubts and fears of other hearers.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Rollyn Moe, Ron & Phyllis Moen, Gale & Phyllis Monson, Dakota, Dakota and Gwendolyn Monson, Pam Moe

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-Kaleb Rogstad

15-Madison Levine

19-Tyrell Hermanson

14-Katelyn Rogstad

15-Sophia Nelson

19-Jason Ramaker

14-Amelia Evenson

16-Abby Holtan

19-Paisley Nickson-Wilkinson

14-Dakota Monson

16-Peyton Order

20-Carson Eaton

14-Avah Klebsch

17-Mason Helgeson

20-Cooper Helgeson

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY 4/7/24: \$ 5,141

YEAR-TO-DATE: 4/10/24: \$ 62,847

LAST YEAR: as of 4/10/23: \$ 56,335

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ 6,512

-Last Weeks Attendance-

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Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 4/10/24 **\$161,212**

Total available balance as of 3/29/24 **\$54,150.52** All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the "Steeple Project" when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

Celebrating Generosity: Thank you for your support of ministry at Salem!

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-- **Give automatically through the Simply Giving Program.** Sign up for monthly or weekly ACH withdrawals. Call the office to have a form sent to you or stop by the office. **(There's a much lower service fee with the Simply Giving Program)**

Assembly of Baby Care Kits will be on Friday, April 19th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us on Friday.

WELCA will meet April 18th at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be given by Pastor Judy Wozniak. Come and hear her story--her journey through the ministry. ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

April 28th: Save the date! 1 Day--4 Special Events!

1. Rev. Kristen Corr Rod will be our guest preacher from the Northeast Iowa Synod. Rev. Kristen Corr Rod is the Director for Evangelical Mission. Her primary responsibilities include congregational vitality, new ministry development, synod justice issues and youth and young adult ministries.

2. The Faith Formation **kiddos will be singing** for everyone, one last time, until classes resume in the fall.

3. After worship, the Youth Board invites everyone in the congregation to join the Faith Formation families for a **service project** (Gods Work Our Hands) and pick up trash in the Lake Mills area OR have coffee in the Fellowship Hall. Service project people--meet in front of the Chapel--all supplies provided.

4. At 11:00am, everyone will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our **3rd Annual BBQ Lunch**, hosted by the Stewardship Board.

Noisy Offering Update: The total collected for the Good Samaritan Ministry was \$579.21 Thank you to everyone that made a donation!

Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School: Mon. June 3rd—Thur. June 6th, “SCUBA” Diving into friendship with God. Get ready to dive into Fun! Explore God’s word in unforgettable ways! New friends, fun snacks, great crafts, incredible music and surprising adventures! Registration forms will come later.

Items Needed for VBS: *DC/DVD disks.

*Pint plastic jars (like peanut butter jars) with their lids. (CLEAN)

Items can be left at any of the One In Christ Churches.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers: Prayerfully consider volunteering to help with VBS--whether one day or all 4 days. Mon. June 3 – Thurs. June 6. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office at 641-567-3550. Thank you!

ALL ARE INVITED DOWNSTAIRS FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE SERVICE

SUNDAY 4/14

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Steve Smith)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Choir Room

MONDAY 4/15

10:00am Visitation-Narthex

11:00am Funeral-Sanctuary

2:00pm-4:00pm Salem's Clothes Closet is OPEN

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN

6:30pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 4/17

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

2:00pm Literary Club-Lounge

6:00pm Confirmation-Choir Room

THURSDAY 4/18

10:30am Life & Growth Board Meeting-Salem Library

2:00pm WELCA (speaker Pastor Judy)-Fellowship Hall (Everyone is welcome!)

1:00pm Assemble Baby Care Kits-Fellowship Hall

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

Dates available: July 14, 21.Aug 4, 11, 25.Sep 1.Oct 20.Nov 17, 24.Dec 29

Salem Office: 592.1771 Mon: 9-5, Tues: 11am-2pm, Wed-Fri: 11-5

(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)