
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 16 – 22

Welcomed with Open Arms

Thomas is not the only one missing from the assembly the Sunday after Easter Sunday. We are not told why Thomas is missing, but we do know why plenty of other folks are absent from the assembly: vacations, traveling, spring break for the kids.

Thomas is criticized for doubting, but he asks for nothing more than the same experience of the risen Christ the rest of the disciples had. By the grace of God, Jesus returns a second time and offers his body as living proof to Thomas. In the presence of Jesus, Thomas discovers he did not need the proof he demanded. Thomas' story is our story. We are not always where we need to be. Sometimes we even find ourselves in places we should not be at all. But Jesus comes to us, seeking us out and giving us the gift of faith. Thomas is not criticized, he is not condemned. Instead Jesus loves Thomas back into a relationship and shows the disciples what the words "Peace be with you" mean when lived out.

The resurrection promise can be heard through Peter's powerful preaching in the reading from Acts as well. Jesus will triumph over death. Peter points to Jesus' death on the cross, but what of the little ways we die? The loss of relationships, the ending of friendships, the pain of being alone and left out, the despair of losing a job, the doubt that comes on the heels of a negative diagnosis. Jesus comes to bring a holy peace and resurrection into the world in these times as well. This Sunday is an opportunity to proclaim the power of the resurrection and the grace of God, who welcomes Thomas with open arms.

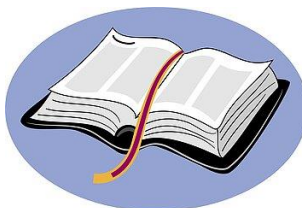
THIS WEEKS TEXTS

[Acts 2:14a, 22-32](#)

[Psalm 16](#)

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

[Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#)

[Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19](#)

[1 Peter 1:17-23](#)

[Luke 24:13-35](#)

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Emily Voldahl, Alissa & Avaleigh Wacek, James & Samaria Weisenborn, Brad, Kristin, Keaton, Hayden, Taryn, Emeryn and Brecken Wempen, Scott, Lori and Madison Westcott

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

16-Abby Holtan	18-Benjamin Moretz	20-Carson Eaton
16-Peyton Order	19-Tyrell Hermanson	20-Cooper Helgeson
17-Mason Helgeson	19-Jason Ramaker	22- Autumn Lauen
	19-Paisley Nickson-Wilkinson	22-Brooke Bergo

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 4/9/23 \$ 7,345

YEAR-TO-DATE: 4/11/23 \$ 58,201

LAST YEAR: as of 4/11/22 \$ 53,573

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ 4,628

-Last Weeks Attendance-

219

Tuckpointing Project Update: All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note “Tuckpointing Project” when submitting your contribution. Total received as of 4/11/23 **\$127,334** Thank you!

Memorials Given In March

Jerry Stille--\$20—Tuckpointing Fund

Betty Delgado--\$20—General Fund

Mary Swenson--\$10—Cemetery Fund

WECLA will meet on Thursday, April 20th at 2:00pm in the Lounge. Pastor Joel will lead the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine.

Sunday April 23rd a special congregational meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the 9:00am worship service. This meeting is being called to approve the Ministerial Site Profile which is required in order to call a new Pastor to Salem. Reminder, 30 members are required to hold this special congregational meeting. -Thank you, Members of the Call Committee

Living Water's Cluster Spring Salad Luncheon will be held at Salem on Saturday, April 29th at 8:30am. Please RSVP to Margaret by April 27th. 641.590.2891

April 30th--2 Events: After worship, The Youth Board invites all families and members of Salem to join in a spring clean-up event around the Lake Mills area. Meet in the lounge at 10am, where we will hand out supplies and divide into groups. The usual coffee fellowship will still be held for those that are not participating in the spring clean-up. Then at 11am, we will return to Salem and enjoy our 2nd Annual BBQ Lunch in the fellowship hall, hosted by the Stewardship and Social Ministry Board.

AED/CPR Training is being offered Saturday, May 20th in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. Beth Aschenbrenner will be the instructor. Those completing the class will become designated responders which are required by our insurer, Grinnell Mutual. Please contact Marci if you are interested in attending this class. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed: If you are willing to usher, acolyte, read or sing in the liturgical choir, please sign up in the Narthex.

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

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

2023 Dates available: April 30, May 7, June 18, July 9, 16, 23, Aug. 6, 13, 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 10, 31

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

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

Wed: Noon-8pm (10am Bible Study)

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 2pm WELCA, 4pm Life/Growth Meeting)

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship, 10am Confirmation, 11am Youth Meeting)

All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship, coffee and a sweet treat.

SUNDAY 4/16

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Confirmation-Youth Room

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

6:00pm Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Meeting-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 4/17

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

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)

6:30pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 4/19

10:00am Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm Afternoon Literary Club-Lounge

3:15pm Cadettes & HS-Room 2

THURSDAY 4/20

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study

2:00pm WELCA-Lounge

3:15pm Juniors-Room 2

4:00pm Life & Growth Board Meeting-Salem Library

SUNDAY 4/23

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Special Congregational Meeting followed by Fellowship-Fellowship

10:00am Confirmation-Youth Room

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

11:00am Youth Board Meeting-Salem Library

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 (Marci)

Mon: 11am-5pm, Tues: 10am-2pm, Wed-Fri: 11am-5pm

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