

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH –Third Sunday of Easter–

SATURDAY 4/17

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 4/18

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:15am Faith Formation-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 4/19

Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)

(Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

3:15pm Cadets-Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Quilt Club

TUESDAY 4/20

2:30pm Pastor Text Study

3:15pm Daisys-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 4/21

8:30am Staff Meeting

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

2:30pm Confirmation-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 4/22

3:15 Brownies-Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY 4/24

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 4/25

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.**

Life Laid Down

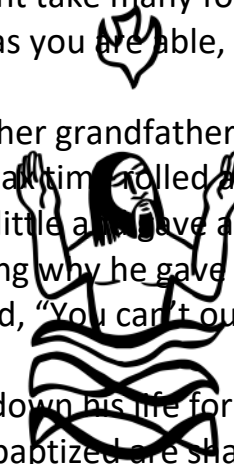
How does faith in the risen Christ call one to live? What shape does one's life take?

The readings for this fourth Sunday of Easter are rich in their imagery, and at the center is the image of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. Five times in eight short verses Jesus mentions laying down his life for the sake of the sheep.

The First Letter of John picks up the same theme: "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" (1 John 3:16-17). Laying down one's life for another might take many forms, but it at least means this: extending help, as much as you are able, when another is in need.

A friend tells the story of her grandfather, a faithful man who earned a modest income. Each year when tax time rolled around, he was audited. According to tax records he earned so little and gave away so much. The astounded auditors questioned him, wondering why he gave so much of his income to the church. Incredulous, he responded, "You can't outgive God."

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, and joined to the risen life of Christ, the lives of the baptized are shaped by generosity and sacrifice. Giving one's life, resources, gifts, or whatever one holds most dear for the sake of another is both a witness to the love we have first been shown and an act of faith. Hearing Jesus' words in this Easter season reminds us that laying down one's life is not an act to be feared; rather, it is an act that defies death, as we trust that, washed in the waters of baptism, we already live in the resurrected life of Christ.



THIS 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

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 4:5-12

Salvation in the name of Jesus

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

1 John 3:16-24

Love in truth and action

John 10:11-18

Christ the shepherd

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: 4/11/21	\$ 7,217
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 4/13/21	\$ 66,101
LAST YEAR: as of 4/13/20	\$ 72,520
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -6,419

Total donation for Feed My Starving Children during Lent \$924.22

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

A sincere "Thank You" to those that contributed to Salem through the recent Thrivent Choice Dollars program. A total of \$3,420 was given which has been set aside until further decisions are made for disbursement. God's Blessings!!
Members of Salem Council

The last day of Faith Formation will be May 2nd and the kids will be singing for us that day at the 9:00am worship service.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, May 6th, 2021 at 7:00am

Asbury United Methodist Church

107 E Main St, Lake Mills

Sponsored by LMAMA

The Easter Egg collection box has been put out by the office again if anyone wants to drop off their plastic eggs now that Easter is over and they can be used again next year.

2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS will be sent home with kids. VBS will be Monday, June 7th—Thursday, June 10th--9am to 11:30am at Winnebago Lutheran Church and the closing program will be at Salem. Registration forms are due May 21st.

"The Girl Who Believes In Miracles", rated PG

A Christian Movie playing at The Mills Theater

Sponsored by LMAMA (Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association)

It will start now on April 16th and run through the following:

Screen 1 (big theater).....

Friday, April 16 - 7 pm

Saturday, April 17 - 3 and 7 pm

Sunday, April 18 - 3 pm

Thursday, April 22 - 7 pm

Screen 2 (small theater).....

Friday, April 23 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 24 - 3:30 and 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 25 - 3:30 pm

Thursday, April 29 - 7:30 pm

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.

DAY CAMP AT SALEM: SAVE THE DATE

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

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:

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

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

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>

The Face of Jesus

When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

John 21:4

Near an interstate off-ramp, a woman on the curb holds a cardboard sign: "No food, no job, please help." She's easy to ignore. She is clearly one of society's castoffs, we might tell ourselves. She might use the money for drugs or alcohol. She can't be trusted. But is hers the face of Jesus staring back at us?

We pass a homeless shelter. Several people are mingling outside, looking well worn, hovering around their belongings in bulging plastic bags and old rusted shopping carts. You can barely see their faces, but under those hoods or caps or scarves, do we see the face of Jesus, struggling to survive? Like the disciples on the shore, do we not realize it is Jesus beckoning us?

All around us are images of Jesus, hoping to get our attention, for a moment, for a smile, for a prayer. His face is everywhere. We can't ignore it

- Paul Pennick

Acts 4:1-12 • Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27 John 21:1-14

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