
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2 - 8

True Humility

The servanthood of a teacher in Isaiah, the outcast in the psalm, those who bow down in Philippians: today's readings teach humility. On this day we move from Christ's triumphant ride on a humble donkey to the humiliation of the cross. The humility of the characters in the passion story is in question: Judas, Pilate, the Twelve, chief priests and elders, Barabbas, the crowd, the soldiers, two bandits. Among other things, their lack of humility is what brings about the passion of Christ. There is only one truly humble person in this story: Jesus the Christ. Matthew's humble Jesus cries out from the cross to ask God why he has been forsaken.

Only in the stories of the resurrection do other humble characters appear: the centurion, the women, Joseph of Arimathea. A careful look at the complexity of humility in the palm and passion stories could set up a reflective theme carried through to Easter. Who in each story do we regard as humble? Why? How does our humility compare? Are there characters who seem to gain or lose humility in the course of the story from the triumphant entry to the resurrection? A deep and meaningful understanding of humility is a worthy and lasting gift to take away from the season of Lent and the celebration of Easter.

Joseph of Arimathea is a particularly good character on which to base an understanding of humility. A close look at all references to him in the Gospels, and a bit of creative narrative, create an image of a truly humble believer. He is referenced in both canonical and apocryphal texts. His devotion represents deep humility that leads to the very finest of good works as he cares for the body of Jesus.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14--27:66



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:

Dennis Trostheim, Mitchell and Wesley Turnbull, Paisley Merrit and Krystle Foley, Gregory & Julie Turvold, Barbara Twee, Doris Tweed

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

3-Sue Miller	5-Bart Winter	7-Jan Belica
4-Andrew Lauen	7-Bradley Freeman	7-Emily Severson
5-Emma Anderson	7-Kalli Budach	7-Annette Hanson

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 3/26/23	\$ 4,320
YEAR-TO-DATE: 3/28/23	\$ 46,033
LAST YEAR: as of 3/28/22	\$ 45,551
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 482

-Last Weeks Attendance-

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Hourly Prayer Vigil: Starting after the Maundy Thursday service and continuing until the Good Friday Service, we will have an Hour Prayer Vigil. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for those that would like to participate. The church will be closed at night (pray at home) and the chapel will be open during the day.

Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for **April 14th (Note this is the 2nd Friday)** 8:00am – 10:00am in the lounge, across from the office. Everyone is welcome! Breakfast will be served until the food runs out or its 10:00am, whichever comes sooner. Breakfast is free. Donations collected will go towards youth activities.

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

Bishop Kevin Jones will join the Call Committee in the Fellowship Hall after worship on **April 2nd** for an informal discussion regarding Salem's call for a Pastor. All are welcome to join the conversation during this important time in Salem's mission. - Members of the Call Committee

ELCA Hunger Appeal: The Northeastern Iowa Synod Meeting in assembly in June of 2007 voted to invite congregations to take up a special offering for the ELCA Hunger Appeal anytime the Bishop or a synod staff member comes to preach. We are welcoming and supporting this special offering on **April 2nd** when The Rev. Kevin T. Jones will be preaching. One person in 10 lives in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.90 a day. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Your gifts to the ELCA World Hunger help our church creatively and courageously work toward a world of justice in which all are fed. **HOW TO GIVE: Sunday Offering--** give through Salem's Sunday offering. Make checks payable to Salem and write "ELCA World Hunger" on the memo line **or** make checks payable to "ELCA World Hunger" and **mail** to ECLA World Hunger, P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 or give **Online:** ELCA.org/hunger/donate

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 3/28/23 **\$127,309** Thank you!

Many Thanks to the person who donated one thousand dollars towards the purchase of items for health care and school kits. We have been able to send one hundred of each kit once a year for five years. Thrivent has contributed two hundred and fifty each year to help reach the one hundred goal for school kits. Many have been helped due to your contribution. -Mission Quilters

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. Thank you!

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

Bake Sale Fundraiser: Please check out the Bake Sale Fundraiser for our youth in the Narthex, before and after worship on April 2nd. Free will offering will be collected and used for the activities, supplies, and events provided to the youth.

Blood Drive Results from March 16th.

22 Donors, 26 Units Collected, Up to 78 Lives Saved or Sustained

Devotionals: April/May/June devotionals are in the Narthex & at the south door.

Kinship Radio Women's Conference 2023: Redeemed: "Grace to live every day better than before" featuring author Angela Thomas-Pharr. Sunday, May 6th Worship Music, Mini Sessions & Lunch at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato MN. Registration at kinshipradio.org or call 1-800-810-5559.

Church Basement Ladies: Cedar Summerstock Theatre Company will be performing this musical comedy at the Cedar River Complex-Krapek Family Fine Arts Center in Osage IA (809 Sawyer Drive) on June 29, June 30, July 1, July 15, July 20 and July 21 at 7:00pm or July 2 & July 16 at 1:00pm. Call 641-390-3155 or email at carrieb.cst@gmail.com to reserve seats for your group. 20% discount for groups 10 or more, reserved seating, dress like a church basement lady and get your name entered into a drawing for CST gifts.

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 www.salemlakemills.com and clicking the donate button at the bottom of the page OR **Scan the QR Code.**

-- **Give automatically through the Simply Giving Program.** Sign up for weekly or monthly ACH withdrawals. Call the office to have a form sent to you or stop by the office. We also have forms in the Narthex. Please return forms to the office.

(We are charged a much lower service fee through the Simply Giving Program)

Supplies: There are face masks, disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer on the high top table in the Narthex. Please leave them on the table; they must be accessible to anyone who may want to use them. Thank you!

-Shannon Bruhns, Council President & The Board of Property & Management

Salem's Clothes Closet is open every Monday from 2:00-4:00pm; and can be accessed at the south entrance. Clothes, shoes, boots, coats, jackets and a few other kids' items are available for free. We also accept donations; please make sure donations are folded and have no holes, tears or stains. Donations can be left inside the south entrance anytime.

The Lake Mills Food Shelf is open 2:30-5:00pm every Monday for anyone in need of additional food. The only criteria for eligibility is to reside within the Lake Mills School District. The Food Shelf is located at Salem and can be accessed at the south entrance. Anyone in need of food when the food shelf is not open, please feel free to call and leave a message at 641-592-1771 and someone will call back.

Volunteers Needed: If you are willing to usher, acolyte, read or sing in the liturgical choir, please sign up in the Narthex. If you would like to learn how to help with sound, monitors or live stream, call the office. Thank you

Collections: We collect used stamps, pop tabs, eyeglasses and receipts from David's Marketplace and Hy-Vee. The WELCA group receives 1 tenth of 1% of all receipts collected from David's. The Hy-Vee receipts go towards a cure for cancer. The baskets for all of these are in the Narthex. Please do not roll the receipts and keep David's separate from Hy-Vee. Thank you!

Summer Camps: Reminder to sign up your children for summer camps before the early bird deadlines! Check out the camp websites for more information. In the past, the Enduring Gift Committee has helped to pay the remaining balances, after parents make the down payment. After you have registered your child and paid the deposit, forward your receipt email from camp to the Salem office. (Salem@wctatel.net)

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

2023 Dates available: April 16, 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

Youth who are currently in grades 8 – 12 are invited to participate in this summer's Wholly Iowa Youth Leadership Discipling Event (WIYLDE), set for June 19 – 22, 2023, at Camp EWALU near Strawberry Point.

The event will feature Peer Ministry Leadership Training from Lyle Griner, National Peer Ministry Director. Peer Ministry Leadership Training is based on the Good Samaritan story to train youth in relational leadership skills.

Youth who come to WIYLDE will learn about how to live like the Good Samaritan – listening to, helping, welcoming, and caring for those around them. They will be equipped to be leaders in their congregations, peer groups, schools and communities, learning how to help others who are dealing with difficult issues.

WIYLDE participants will have opportunities to practice these relational and leadership skills with each other and with younger campers at EWALU, along with opportunities to experience some of the fun camp activities that EWALU has to offer.

Accommodations will be at Ewalu's Stone Center with various activities each day at the main site. The week will conclude June 22 at 3 p.m. with a WIYLDE-led worship service, which family members, pastors, youth directors, and other guests will be invited to attend.

Register by June 1

The cost for WIYLDE is \$200 per participant (Salem will pay this). Download the registration forms from the synod website, www.neiasynod.org or stop by the office to get a copy. The registration deadline is June 1. For more information, email Pastor Kristen Rod or call the synod office, 319-352-1414.

[Salem Office: 641.592.1771](tel:641.592.1771) (Marci) Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm, Friday: Closed
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)



Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

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

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

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 6pm Program, 7pm Maundy Th. Service)

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (5:30pm Good Friday Service)

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship)

All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship.

SUNDAY 4/2 (Palm Sunday)

8:30am & 10:00am Bake Sale Fundraiser-Narthex
9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Kids Sing)
10:00am Fellowship with Bishop Jones-Fellowship Hall
10:00am Confirmation-Youth Room
10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel
10:35am Easter Egg Hunt

MONDAY 4/3

2:00pm Sons of Norway-Fellowship Hall
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)

TUESDAY 4/4

9:30am Miriam Circle-Leann Anderson's Home
5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting-Salem Library

WEDNESDAY 4/5

10:00am Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
3:15pm Brownies-Room 2
6:00pm Bell Choir Practice-Choir Room

THURSDAY 4/6

9:30am Grace Circle-Salem Library
9:30am Ruth Circle-Phyllis Moen's Home
1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study
3:15pm Juniors-Room 2
6:00pm First Communion Meal for 5th Grade Families-Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service-Sanctuary
8pm-12:00am Hourly Prayer Vigil

FRIDAY 4/8

12:00am-5:30pm Hourly Prayer Vigil
5:30pm Good Friday Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 4/9 (Easter Sunday)

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary