

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 24 – April 30

Can I Get a Witness?

The texts for today explore what it means to be a witness: the power of seeing and experiencing the resurrection firsthand. For those of us who weren't there in person to witness Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, a question persists: How do we give witness? How have we experienced Easter firsthand? What do we need to see, to touch, to hear in order to believe?

The witness given in our readings today is extraordinary. "Doubting" Thomas comes up with one of the most powerful, concise creeds in all of scripture: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). Peter and the apostles affirm their belief in Christ at great risk to themselves and their families. The Spirit is at work, giving ordinary, doubting people extraordinary boldness to declare the core beliefs of Christian faith. God works in surprising ways, through unexpected people, to share the good news of Easter. With the Spirit's help, we can give witness too.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

[Acts 5:27-32](#)

[Psalm 118:14-29](#)

[Revelation 1:4-8](#)

[John 20:19-31](#)

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

[Acts 9:1-6 \[7-20\]](#)

[Psalm 30](#)

[Revelation 5:11-14](#)

[John 21:1-19](#)

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer. We ask that you also remember them in your daily prayers.

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Judy Hermanson, Thomas Hermanson, Dennis, Rose Ann, Jeffrey and Elizabeth Hill, Courtney Hiveley, Jerry & Marilyn Hoffman, Travis, Ashley, Emma and Thea Hoffman

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 4/17/22	\$ 7,032
YEAR-TO-DATE: 4/20/22	\$ 60,605
LAST YEAR: as of 4/20/21	\$ 70,398
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ - 9,793

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.

23-Sharon Johnson	24-Nathan Chodur	26-Reed Thompson
24-Melissa Bjorklund	25-Dylan Cavett	27-Andrew Dahle
24-Samantha Friest	26-Mya Anderson	27-Pam Moe
24-Janelle Gilbertson	26-Laura Prescott	27-Layla Davis
24-Josie Riles	26-Keaton Wempen	29-Ashley Furst
24-Parker Eaton	26-Will Pederson	30-Kevin Hebrink

Noisy Offering: We will be collecting a noisy offering from April 24th-May 15th to help Ukraine refugees with support and supplies such as shelter, food, blankets, water, hygiene kits and pastoral care. Your gifts show these refugees that they are not alone.

Save the Date—May 1st: The Stewardship Committee invites everyone back to gathering in church (as long as you feel well and don't have a fever) for a Sunday of Celebration of Generosity and Thankfulness on May 1st at 9:00am. During the service we will be accepting new members and renewing members from class during Lent and a baptism! The church service will include examples of generosity and thankfulness Salem has received recently. After the service, we will have a celebration dinner in the fellowship hall of pulled pork and all the trimmings. Please plan to be there on May 1st.

National Day of Prayer: The Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association will be hosting the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, **May 7th** at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church beginning at 7:00 am. There will be some coffee and bars for fellowship following the Prayer service. The service is expected to be about thirty-five minutes so people may leave for work following the service.

Assembly of Health Care Kits: If you would like to help put the Health Care Kits together, please come to the Choir Room at 5:30pm on Wednesday, **April 27th**.

Confirmation Students will be making their stoles on Wednesday, **May 4th** after school at 3:30pm. Please come prepared with symbols to iron on or be ready to make symbols out of felt. Stoles and felt will be provided. If anyone has fabric scissors that could be used that day, please drop them off at the office. If any parents or members are available to help that day, that would be wonderful!

Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast: Come have breakfast! It's on Pastor Joel! The next Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, **May 6th**; 8:00am – 10:00am in the lounge. 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.

Special Music: The Faith formation kids will be singing on **May 8th** during the 9:00am worship service. This will also be their last day for Faith Formation class.

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive: Wednesday, **May 11th**; 1:00pm-6:00pm
Appointments Are Required. Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or Call: 800-287-4903

Vacation Bible School: June 6th-9th “MONUMENTAL” The stories of Joseph



“CELEBRATING GOD’S GREATNESS” Get ready for a Howlin’ Good Time! New friends, super-fun snacks, great crafts, incredible music, surprising adventures! Registration forms will be coming soon, please return them to the Salem office.

VBS Volunteers: Please consider volunteering to help – whether one day or all 4! 6th grade and up can volunteer. Call the office if you are willing to help!

Items Needed for VBS Crafts: We will have totes by the office and Narthex to collect 20 oz Gatorade bottles with lids and pvc pipe ½”-1” in diameter (scraps will work). Please wash them out before you leave them in the collection totes.

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, April 7, 2022 – 6:30 pm

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members present: Drake Abbey, Marci Adeogun, Shannon Bruhns, Sue Langerud, Sondra Nelson, Mary Peterson, Pastor Joel Guttormson and Cindy Haugsdal.

Member absent: Al Skellenger

Pastor Joel led us in devotions and prayer.

Secretary's Report: March Minutes were available for review. There were no additions or corrections.

Mary moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Sondra. All approved.

Communication and correspondence – A Thank you was received from Pastor Steve Smith for condolences expressed by Salem at the time of his mother's death.

Donations to Salem in memory of Norma Thompson have been acknowledged. We received our 2022 first quarter ELCA Congregational Giving report and have met 100% of our intent. Cindy presented a request from the LM Public Library for a donation to support the summer reading programs. Sue moved to donate \$100, seconded by Mary. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Drake provided a written and verbal report.

Total income for March 2022 \$19,339.49

Total Expenses for March 2022 \$23,096.79 (Income less expense -\$3,757.30)

Drake noted that utilities have doubled compared to last year.

Checking account balance (3/31/2022) \$35,156.61

CD's at FTSB (3/31/2022) Reserves \$26,014.17/Ness Estate \$10,614.41

CD at MBT (3/31/2022) Ness Estate \$52,215.45

Financial Secretary's report: Sondra provided a written and verbal report

2022 YTD total offerings (3/28/2022) \$45,551

2020 YTD total offerings (3/31/2021) \$52,386

Mary moved to accept Treasurer and Financial reports, seconded by Sue. All approved.

Board Reports

Board of Worship and Music: Mary provided a report: Reviewed plans for upcoming services – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter; Board will assist with set up of the Resurrection Garden; Organ repairman was here and repaired the organ for the ongoing problem at no charge, he also noted that there is need for additional repairs in the near future that will cost around \$2000; the board is working on resuming acolytes and assistant communion servers; the Board discussed the Saturday evening service including attendance and participation, and unanimously recommends that the Saturday evening service be discontinued, and the Sunday service be moved to 8:30 am in order to maintain the radio broadcast. This recommendation will be added to the new business of the next council meeting.

Board of Life & Growth: Sue provided a written and verbal report: Soup and bread meals have continued through Lent; A celebration of Birthdays planned for September 11, 2022; A Bible study is being planned at Mills Harbor; Looking into a church directory with photos taken locally.

Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry: Al was absent. Pastor Joel shared that the Board is working on a Thankfulness meal planned for Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Board of Property and Management: The Board is working on addressing multiple issues including: Kitchen – checking the function of the coffee maker, discolored cabinets and loose countertops; Furnace fan in Narthex being evaluated by Dan Kirschbaum; Boiler inspection in January resulted in a violation that is being addressed; reviewed the Loss Control Report issued by Grinnell Mutual, working to address Category 2 recommendations; Chapel use was discussed; Bell tower will be reevaluated regarding options and costs; Will develop a priority list of items that require attention; Began to review current by-laws in preparation for the draft proposed constitution.

Board of Youth: Jen and Marci provided a written report. Marci led discussion of items in the report that included: Bingo and fellowship on March 13 was well attended; VBS will be June 6-9 with the closing program at Salem. More updates after next meeting on April 10, 2022.

Pastor Report – Complete Pastor reports are available for review in the church office.

Lead Pastor’s Report: Pastor Joel shared a written report that included Pastoral acts in February and accounting for vacation and continuing education days/Sundays used and planned. Additional topics in his report included:

- Vacation – Planning a trip to the North Shore June 20-26.
- Jury Duty – Pastor is on Jury Duty with trial dates – 4/22, 5/4 and 6/1.
- Pastor’s compensation and W2 – FICA withholding on W2 form was not correct, this has been addressed and corrected.
- New and Renewing Membership Classes went well and there will be plans to offer again in the fall.
- Confirmation Retreat – Pastor reviewed attendance and costs involved with the retreat. Four Salem confirmands attended along with 1 guest confirmand from One in Christ. Recommended discussion to consider if we have the participation and resources to continue the retreat.
- Mills Harbor Bible study – Salem has been asked to lead a Bible study at Mills Harbor. Plans are for a weekly Bible study on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.
- Summer Feeding Program – Communication has indicated that the food program can no longer be served “grab and go”. The meals need to be served as before the pandemic. Pastor will be meeting with Pastor Bill Peters to coordinate the program.

Sondra moved to approve Board/Pastor reports, seconded by Mary. All approved.

Old Business:

A. Constitution

- a. Review ELCA Model Constitution and Guidelines – Shannon provided a draft of the first 12 chapters of the proposed Constitution for Salem following the ELCA model constitution for council members to review.

New Business:

- A. Approve Confirmands – Mary moved that the following students be approved for Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday May 15, 2022: Abby Beaty, Jersey Budach, Landyn Christian, Sam Grothe, Avah Klebsch, Austin Manne, Gracie Pederson, Zach Stene, Dakota White. Sue seconded the motion. All approved.

- B. New members – None. New member requests have been received and Shannon will be emailing council for a vote on acceptance.
- C. Transfers/statistical adjustments – Elise Skellenger requests to transfer her membership to First Lutheran in Decorah, Iowa. Sue moved to accept transfer, seconded by Mary. All approved.
- D. Next meeting will be held Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Mary moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Drake. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal

ADDENDUM: Shannon emailed all council members on 4/10/2022 and advised that Salem has received requests for membership from Gary Heimdal and Krystle Foley and daughter Paisley. Marci moved to accept Gary Heimdal and Krystal Foley and daughter Paisley as new members at Salem. Cindy seconded the motion. All council members approved. Motion passed.

Radio Sponsorship: Call the office to reserve your special date. The 8:30am radio broadcast is heard on KLOW (107.3 FM) and cable channel 2. Radio sponsorship costs \$83 per Sunday. (You can also sponsor a Live Stream broadcast for \$40)

2022 RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE: July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

Pastor Joel Guttormson

4/25/22—5/1/22

Monday: Off, but on-call

Tuesday: Off, but on-call (2:30pm Pastors Text Study)

Wednesday: Noon-8:00pm (10am Bible Study, 1:30pm Mills Harbour, 2:30pm LM Care Center, 6pm Building & Property)

Thursday: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 5:45pm Music & Worship)

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

Saturday: Noon-8pm (5:30pm Worship Service)

Sunday: 8am-Noon (9am Worship Service)

SATURDAY 4/23

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 4/24

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am-10:45am Faith Formation-Chapel

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room

MONDAY 4/25

2:00pm-4:00pm Clothes Closet is Open

(To schedule a different time, call 641.592.5085)

3:00pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is Open (101 S Mill St.)

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters

WEDNESDAY 4/27

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

1:30pm Mills Harbour Communion Service

2:30pm Lake Mills Care Center Communion Service

5:30pm Assembly of Health Care Kits-Choir Room

6:00pm Building & Property Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 4/28

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study-Mills Harbour

3:15pm Cadettes-Room 2

5:45pm Worship & Music Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY 4/30

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 5/1

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Celebration Dinner-Fellowship Hall

Secretary 641.592.1771

Marci Adeogun

Mon-Thurs 10am-5pm

Fri 10am-4pm