
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 30 – May 6

An Abundant Life

Abundant life is promised to those who follow Jesus. But what is meant by abundant life? Some Christians, and much of contemporary American culture, interpret an abundant life to mean the “good life” of many fine things, an opulent lifestyle. Much of our economy and leisure time revolves around consumerism—shopping and buying things which we hope will make us happier and our lives better. But an abundance of things does not necessarily lead to an abundant life.

What does Jesus mean when he says that he came so that we may have an abundant life? Psalm 23 provides us with a good illustration of what Jesus is promising to his followers. The psalm imagines an abundant life not in material terms but in relational terms. An abundant life is one lived in the presence of God, in the company of the Lord. Whether one is in green pastures or the darkest valley, there is nothing to want, because God is present. We are in the gracious and generous care of our Lord through times of material abundance and in times of want and scarcity. This relationship between our Lord and us who are his followers is a relationship with one who knows us abundantly, who knows us by name, and who knows what we truly need to be fulfilled. The image of Jesus as our shepherd reminds us that he is with us at all times, and our relationship with him provides us all we need.

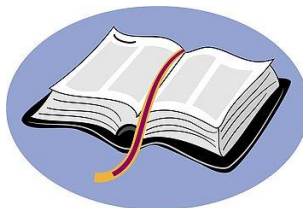
THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:

Donald & Joan Winter, Mark & Katie Wubben, Ruth Yegge, David & Pat Young, Allan & Melanie Zabel, Robert, Fern, Andrew and Joshua Zabel

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

30-Kevin Hebrink

2-Beckham Fjelstad

5-Sтивен Hengesteg

1-Brian Hanson

4-Jennifer Levine

5-Randy Grothe

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 4/23/23 \$ 1,510

YEAR-TO-DATE: 4/25/23 \$ 63,746

LAST YEAR: as of 4/25/22 \$ 63,072

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ 674

-Last Weeks Attendance-

81

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 4/25/23 **\$127,554** Thank you!

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!

Thank you! A sincere 'thank you' to all that participated in the Thrivent Choice Dollars program! Because of your generosity, Salem has received \$2,422!! This money will be held in a dedicated account until allocated.

- Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry

Council Minutes will be printed in the May 7th announcements. The minutes are usually discussed at fellowship, and since there will be other activities during that time on April 30th, we decided to print the minutes the following Sunday.

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.

Farewell Party: Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship on May 14th for Pastor Joel's Farewell party.

Upcoming Blood Drive: Lake Mills Community Blood Drive
Thursday, May 18th; 1:00pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
Appointments Are Encouraged; Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or
Call: 800-287-4903 or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

Walker: Is anyone missing a walker? It was sitting by the north door for several weeks. It is now by the office if anyone is looking for it.

Live Stream Sponsorship: Call the office to reserve your date. Cost is \$40.
2023 Dates available: 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

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 (Marci)
Mon-Wed: 11am-5pm, Thurs: 11am-1:30pm. Fri: 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, 5:30pm Altar Guild)

Wed: Noon-8pm

(10am Bible Study, 3:15pm-6:30pm Confirmation Pictures/Party/Faith Statement Night)

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study)

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (8:00am-10:00am Fellowship Breakfast)

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship)

After worship, all are invited to join in the God's Work Our Hands spring clean-up project (meet in the Lounge). Then enjoy our 2nd Annual BBQ Luncheon at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY 4/30

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary
10:00am Spring Clean Up-Meet in the Lounge
10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall
11:00am 2nd Annual BBQ Luncheon-Fellowship Hall
12:00pm Youth Board Meeting

MONDAY 5/1

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)
6:00pm Sons of Norway-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 5/2

9:30am Miriam Circle-Lois Johnson's Home
5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting-Library

WEDNESDAY 5/3

10:00am Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
3:15pm Brownies-Room 2
3:15pm Confirmation Pictures-Sanctuary
4:30pm Confirmation Pizza Party
5:00pm Girl Scout Meeting-Room 2
5:30pm Faith Statement Night-Sanctuary

THURSDAY 5/4

9:30am Ruth Circle-Janice Colby's Home
1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study
3:15pm Juniors-Room 2

FRIDAY 5/5

8:00am-10:00am Fellowship Breakfast-Lounge

SUNDAY 5/7

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Confirmation Sunday)
10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall