

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY 4/3

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 4/4

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

MONDAY 4/5

Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)

(Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

3:15pm Cadets-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 4/6

2:30pm Pastor Text Study

3:15pm Daisys-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 4/7

8:30am Staff Meeting

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

2:30pm Confirmation-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 4/8

3:15pm Brownies-Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Council Meeting-Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY 4/10

5:30pm Easter Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 4/11

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.**

Middle of the Story

Literarily and theologically, Mark's gospel ends awkwardly at 16:8. The women are astonished and afraid, and what most scholars consider the original ending of Mark seems more like the middle of the story than its end. What about appearances of the risen Christ? What about the joyful proclamation that death has not had the last word? Mark's gospel is problematic for those anticipating the more complete story of resurrection recounted by other gospels. For some circumstances, however, Mark's ending hits just the right note—especially for those who aren't sure about resurrection themselves, or whose own lives are in an awkward, unresolved limbo.

In Mark's version, all we have to depend on are Jesus' earlier words, the realization that the women must have shared their experience eventually, and the intriguing possibility of the empty tomb. Somehow the women's fear must have eventually become courage, but Mark leaves it up to his readers to wonder how. Still, Mark's "ending" contains hope: even in times of uncertainty and fear, we can *live* the story of resurrection, depending on Jesus' words, the church's testimony, and the intriguing possibility of new life in Christ.

As we too are still in the middle of our life stories, Mark's gospel is a good companion. Most of the time we live with an awkward, unresolved mix of fears and possibilities, in which resurrection is hinted at rather than completed. This is true for the church as well; this story may appear to be the end, but it's really just the middle. The story of the risen Jesus continues in the mission of the church, Christ's body. The possibility of resurrection draws us into a community that lives out the middle of its story in the hope and witness of Christ's new life.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS**Isaiah 25:6-9***The feast of Victory***Acts 10:34-43***God raised Jesus on the third day***Mark 16:1-8***The resurrection of Jesus is announced,
and the response is one of terror and amazement.***NEXT WEEKS TEXTS****Acts 4:32-35***The believers' common life***Psalms 133***How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)***1 John 1:1--2:2***Walking in the light***John 20:19-31***Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ***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: 3/28/21	\$ 3,422
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 3/29/21	\$ 52,336
LAST YEAR: as of 3/29/20	\$ 58,411
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -6,075

NOISY OFFERING

Total as of 3/29/21 for Feed My Starving Children \$417.69

March Memorials Given In Memory Of Loved Ones

Elaine Bergan - Cemetery \$10

John Sabin - Building \$250

Don Wirt - Cemetery \$635

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.

SUMMER CAMPS

The Board of Youth would like to remind everyone to sign up for summer camps. Early Bird deadlines are quickly approaching. In the past, the Enduring Gift Committee has helped to pay remaining balances after parents make the down payment. Please forward your receipt email from camp to the Salem office after you have registered and paid the deposit.

STARTING NEXT MONTH, THE MONTHLY BLUE SHEETS WILL BE ADDED TO THE NEW ANNOUCEMENT BOOKLET--IT WILL STILL BE BLUE AND IT WILL STILL BE THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

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:

April 18, April 25, 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.

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2020 Memorials Given In Memory Of Loved Ones

Eleanor Ness Estate--\$45,000

Lionel & Bev Anderson--\$2,000

Harlan Charlson--\$355

Harold Kindervag--\$100

Charles Nelson--\$85

Leonard Teigen--\$83

Wallace Winden--\$20

Marlis Ames--\$10

C. Rognes--\$5

Steven Senne--\$2,350

Robyn Twito--\$490

Russ Myli--\$83

Ron Charlson--\$20

Janet Cavett--\$60

Susan Rice--\$205

Paul Christianson--\$150

Don Grothe--\$625

Don Aamodt--\$2,503

Virgil Holstad--\$520

Hazel Skatter--\$485

Merlin Norris--\$2,430

Virginia Thomas--\$940

Valida Abbey--\$740

Russ Schmidt--\$210

Robert Mannes--\$20

John Burke--\$10

James Kingland--\$10

Verna Helgeson--\$1,385

Marvis Risius--\$70

Helen Holstad--\$1,000

Dean Holstad--\$345

Shirley Pals--\$83

Don Adams--\$70

Statistical Report on Consecration Sunday Results

A total of 49 giving units (husbands and wives or single persons) completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* this year.

A total of 12 of these giving units increased their financial commitment above their last year's amount.

A total of 48 giving units present to fill out *Estimate of Giving Cards* today committed a total of \$134,280 annually.

Based on last year's giving records, we can expect to receive \$107,751 this year from people who have consistent giving patterns last year but are not present today.

Based on the average total of loose offerings during the past three years, we can expect to receive \$8,986 this year from that source.

Church income from non-donor sources such as interest, rentals, and fees \$1,550.

This gives us a grand total of \$252,567 anticipated income this year.

The total income for our general operating budget last year was \$270,714.

This year, we can expect our operating budget income to decrease by \$7,949.

This is a 3 percent decrease in total giving below last year.