
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 12 - 18

Move In Day

Each fall is the perennial move-in day on or near college campuses. Legions of parents descend with carloads that include tiny refrigerators, Ikea furniture, electronics, area rugs, and posters. They unload the one they have birthed, raised, nursed, instructed, and reprovved for eighteen or so, to prepare him or her for independence. Then, just like that, the parents are gone, perhaps wiping away tears. Perhaps their final words were ones they hoped would stick. "Study well." "Make good choices." "Watch your time." "Don't stay up too late." But in every parental heart is a simple prayer: "O God, be with them." In the final portion of Jesus' great prayer for the disciples (John 17:6-19), he entreats the Father to love and protect the disciples as a parent who knows their time for direct supervision is coming to an end. In this preparation we hear his pleading like a loving parent who wants the best for the ones he has sheltered, taught, loved, reprovved, and sent. Jesus begs for God to hold them in the truth that is to do as they have been taught, to follow the model established for them. Jesus asked for the disciples to be protected and surrounded so that they may not be lost. He prays for the disciples to have their joy completed, and to live what they have seen and understood from their rabbi. May we, like the disciples, live in the truth of the gospel, love as we have been loved, have our joy complete, and, above all, know that God is with us.

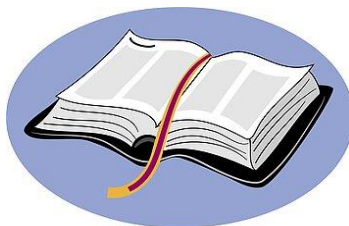
THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalms 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Each week we will lift up five church families/ members in prayer.
THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Steven & Kathleen Nelson, Trena Nelson,
Kali Wilkinson and Paisley Nickson-Wilkinson, James and Raymond
Nielson, Wayne & Judy Nyguard

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

14-Patricia Young	15-Stephanie Gilbertson	17-Kyla Johanson
14-Tori Sterrenberg	16-Jerod Osheim	18-Bill Rondeau
	17-Raymond Nielsen	18-Harris Honsey

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 5/5/24:	\$ 4,674	<u>Last Weeks Attendance</u>
YEAR-TO-DATE: 5/7/24:	\$ 76,695	102
LAST YEAR: as of 5/7/23:	\$ 69,668	
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 7,297	

The Day of Pentecost: The birthday of the Christian Church is May 19th. We will celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit by filling the sanctuary with red geraniums. If you would like to sponsor a geranium, please fill out an order form, (found in the Narthex) and return it to the office, or place it in the offering plate by May 12th. Cost is \$9 per foil wrapped geranium. Anyone who sponsored a flower may take it home after the service.

WELCA Salad Luncheon: Elk Creek Lutheran Church (rural Kensett) has invited us to their WELCA Guest Day on May 16th at 11:00am. Program by Kim Dickey from Global Health Ministries, lunch following the program. Please RSVP by calling 641.845.2580 before May 13th. Leave a message if there is no answer.

SWO Annual Gathering: Mark your calendars for the 36th Annual Synodical Women's Gathering set for Sat. June 15th at Redeemer Lutheran, Waverly 8:30am-2:00pm. Registration forms are in the Narthex. There is an option to attend by Zoom as well. Early Bird discount if its postmarked by May 20th. This year's theme will focus on "Rejoice and Renew," based on Philippians 4:4 — 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!'"

The June 1st “C3 Ministry Fair”: All congregation members from the North-eastern Iowa Synod are invited to attend the synod’s **first Creative Collaborative Congregations (C3) Ministry Fair, June 1, at Wartburg College, Waverly**. This will feature workshops, service opportunities, networking, worship and more **for any and all congregation members to attend**. This year’s Ministry Fair replaces the Synod Assembly, which will take place every other year and will meet again in 2025. Everyone will be able to attend 2 workshops in the morning, beginning at 9am and 2 in the afternoon, concluding at 3:45. Check-in for the fair will begin at 8:30am. **Here is a look at some of the workshop topics:**

Overview of the call process, Role of mutual ministries, Action plans for strategic ministry, Faith formation and volunteer recruitment, Mission trip to serve the homeless, Planning a congregational legacy, Responding to those with addiction issues, Repurposing a church sanctuary, Campus ministry impact and trends, First-hand account of a mission trip to Ukraine, Outdoors as a spiritual play-ground, Communication tips for congregations, Parents and grandparents keeping children safe, Youth ministry ideas for leaders & parents, Lay ministry training, Planned giving as a personal legacy, Art as spiritual practice, Care for creation ideas, Racial justice opportunities, LSI’s expanded services for immigrants, Mosaic services for people with complex needs, Spiritual care in the hospital & hospice and more!

Anyone who plays a musical instrument is invited to sign up to be a part of the worship band. The band will play at the 11:30am worship service. Sign up for the band when registering for the ministry fair.

The Hunger Network invites congregations to bring birthday cake kits and packages of sanitary products to be distributed to food pantry ministries in this synod (please contact the office for items to include for the cake kits)

This years worship offering will support the Synod Companion—Hungary Fund. The synod’s Global Mission Network is organizing a group trip to Hungary June 21-28, 2024, led by Bishop Kevin Jones.

The cost to attend is \$50 per person, which includes access to workshops, a box lunch and a welcome packet. Online registration is due by Friday, May 24th. www.neiasynod.org/ministry-fair or call 319-352-1414.

Please contact the Salem office for more information and full details.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: The total amount allocated to Salem through the Thrivent Choice Dollars program was \$2,537. Thank you to all that chose Salem.

Memorials Given In April: Barbra Nickson—Steeple Project \$25

T-shirts and Sheets: The Mission Quilters are collecting white or light colored cotton T-shirts (new or used). They will use them to make diapers. They are also collecting white cotton sheets (new or used). They will cut them and roll them to make bandages for Global Missions. There is a basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

Empty Boxes: There are a lot of empty boxes (from the food bank) in room 12. These are free for anyone to take.

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 4/30/24 **\$161,357**
Total available balance as of 4/30/24 **\$54,559.32** All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the “Steeple Project” when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School is for children 4 years--6th grade, June 3-6 at Winnebago Lutheran Church; 9:00am-11:30am. “SCUBA” Diving into friendship with God. Get ready to dive into Fun! Explore God’s word in unforgettable ways! New friends, fun snacks, great crafts, incredible music and surprising adventures! Registration forms are on the table across from the chapel.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers: Prayerfully consider volunteering to help with VBS--whether one day or all 4 days. June 3-6; 9am-11:30am. Adults or Youth (7th-12th grade) who would like to help in any way, please contact the Parish Office at 641-567-3550. Thank you!

Items Needed for VBS: *DC/DVD disks. *Pint plastic jars (like peanut butter jars) with their lids (CLEAN). Items can be left at any of the One In Christ Churches.

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!



Baccalaureate will be Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome downstairs afterwards, for ice cream and freshly baked cookies, made and served by the Board of Life & Growth.

Upcoming Blood Drive: Thursday, May 16th; In the Fellowship Hall 1:00pm-6:00pm. Appointments Are Encouraged. Call: 800-287-4903 or Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org Did you know that 1 in 7 people entering a hospital will need a blood transfusion? Most people wake up on the day of their transfusion not knowing or realizing that they will need blood that day - and that it will come from a volunteer blood donor at LifeServe! The impact one donation can make is incredible, isn't it? Are you prepared to make a life-saving impact in your community with LifeServe?

**DONATE BLOOD
SAVE LIVES**



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, so after you have registered your child and paid the deposit, forward your receipt email from camp to the Salem office. Salem@wctatel.net If you have any questions call 592-1771.

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 the bottom of www.salemlakemills.com

-- **Give automatically through the Simply Giving Program.** Sign up for monthly or weekly 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)**

Salem's Clothes Closet is open every Monday from 2-4pm; 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 2-5pm every Monday for anyone in need of 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.

Memorial Day: The Lake Mills Food Shelf and Salem's Clothes Closet will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day, they will be open again the following Monday--June 3rd.

Seniors graduating this year will be recognized on May 19th, during worship.

Collections: We collect 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 (under the coat rack). Please do not roll the receipts and keep David's separate from Hy-Vee. Thank you!

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

Dates available: Aug 4, 25. Sep 1. Oct 20. Nov 17, 24. Dec 29

Salem Office: 592.1771

Mon: 1pm-6pm, Tues:11am-5pm, Wed-Thurs: 9am-5pm, Fri: 11am-5pm
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)

HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY!



ALL ARE INVITED DOWNSTAIRS FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE SERVICE

SUNDAY 5/12

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Steve Smith)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 5/13

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm-4:00pm Salem's Clothes Closet is OPEN

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN

TUESDAY 5/14

6:00pm Enduring Gift Fund Meeting-Salem Library

WEDNESDAY 5/15

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

7:00pm Baccalaureate-Sanctuary

8:00pm Senior Fellowship w/cookies & ice cream-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 5/16

10:30am Board of Life & Growth Board Meeting-Salem Library

1:00pm-6:00pm Blood Drive-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY 5/19

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judy Wozniak)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

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