
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 19 – 25

The Holy Spirit's Groaning

Few sounds capture a groan like birth pangs. It is the raw sound of life and birth as well as of pain. It is the guttural desire for the end of the waiting for what has been anticipated and desired. For any who have been present through such an event, it is difficult to ever forget. It is in equal parts beautiful, stunning, and holy, as well as raw, painful, and horrific. "Creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves . . . groan inwardly while we wait for adoption," writes Paul to the church in Rome. He describes aptly that painful wail of our souls for the redemption we know so well, the restoration of all things promised in Christ. As Lutherans we know this all too well as the "now but not yet" proposition of our faith. We have been told of the return of the Messiah. We prepare for this coming and see how the whole of creation groans for her own restoration. We join this creation waiting for our own hearts, souls, and bodies to be restored. We know this is coming and as in pains of labor groan for this reality. While we wait, we are given a midwife, a Spirit of God to join us in our waiting for the birth of a new world and a new reality. This gift is given this day, the day of Pentecost. May the Spirit join us in our cry to God, eagerly awaiting the begotten, the Son of God, Jesus.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27

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



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

Each week we will lift up five church families/ members in prayer.
THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Heidi Obermeyer, Tanner, Spencer and Kayler Jensen, Lloyd & Margaret, Justin and Grace Okland and Amelia Regan, James & Candy, Andrew and Michael Olsen, Chuck & Kimberly Olson, Harlan Olson,

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

22-Tyler Olson

22-Marcus Jensen

24-Shannon Bruhns

22-Melanie Johnson

24-Kendall Kirschbaum

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 5/12/24: \$ 3,224

YEAR-TO-DATE: 5/14/24: \$ 80,189

LAST YEAR: as of 5/14/23: \$ 69,668

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ 10,521

Last Weeks Attendance

67

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 5/14/24 **\$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” in the memo when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

Summer Feeding Program: Pastor Randy Baldwin, LMAMA representative has regretfully notified Salem that because the area near the school is no longer certified and cannot receive federal funding necessary to participate in the Summer Feeding Program, Salem is no longer able to serve meals for the program. No alternative site has been found that would be in compliance with federal funding guidelines to be able to serve meals this summer. Therefore, the Summer Feeding Program has been cancelled. LMAMA will revisit this in September for a possible 2025 program.

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!

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 and 2 in the afternoon. 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.**

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.”

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!

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!

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.

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

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 Office: 592.1771 Monday-Friday 11:00am-5:00pm

(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)

ALL ARE INVITED DOWNSTAIRS FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE SERVICE

SUNDAY 5/19

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 5/20

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

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

6:30pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 5/22

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

SUNDAY 5/26

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

**Congratulations Graduates
Class of 2024**