
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 21 - 27

Overhearing Jesus

At the ascension we, like the disciples in today's reading in Acts, are left looking at the sky. But in the High Priestly Prayer (John 17), Jesus brings us back to earth. In the prayer he speaks not only from the perspective of the risen and ascended one, but as the Word of God, now made flesh. The prayer anticipates the accomplishments of this Word, which does not return empty (Isa. 55:11), namely in the fulfillment of the "hour" of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It is as if Jesus has already ascended "to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17), and has returned to tell us something vital.

As we overhear Jesus, we learn that God's character and motive are identical to those of Jesus, who has now, fully and completely, "made God's name known." We no longer have to speculate about the nature of God. God's purposes and love are made known in Jesus. But we also learn about ourselves. Jesus' prayer frequently mentions the "world"—the world at once hostile to God and God's anointed, and yet also beloved of God (John 3:16). With Jesus' commissioning today we have our work to do, to make God known in and through Christ Jesus. The Living One works through us as "words within the world," who no longer seek meaning among the dead, but are empowered to make known the vibrant, new reality of Easter.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

[Acts 1:6-14](#)

[Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35](#)

[1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11](#)

[John 17:1-11](#)



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

[Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:3b-13](#)

[John 20:19-23](#)

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer.
THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Darlene Anderson, Darrel, Andrea, Michael and Ema Anderson, David Anderson, Glenn & Glenda Anderson, Gordon, Denise and Alec Anderson

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

21-Tyler Olson	24-Kendall Kirschbaum	26-Chike Ikefuama
22-Marcus Jensen	26-Maddie Mannes	27-Craig Shifflett
		27-Joel Guttormson

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 5/14/23 No update
YEAR-TO-DATE: 5/14/23 due to the
LAST YEAR: as of 5/14/22 Financial Secretary
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: being unavailable this week.

-Last Weeks Attendance-

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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 5/8/23 **\$127,554** Thank you!

Parking on the north side of Salem (3rd Ave) continues to be problematic for those living in that area. People attending worship at Salem have continued to block their driveways when parking. We can not block driveways in any way when parking on the street. This has been posted in the announcements in the past and there has been a sign on the north door, but it continues to happen. These are valid complaints as photos have been shared. The owners do not want vehicles ticketed, but if this continues, vehicles will get ticketed.

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. After you have registered your child and paid the deposit, forward your receipt email from camp to the Salem office.

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Memorials Given In April

Mary Swenson--\$20 General Fund

Marvin Prescott--\$90—Youth Activities, \$20—Tuckpointing

Margie Brones--\$100—General Fund

Graduation Open House: Nora Pederson would like to invite members of her church family to her high school graduation party on May 28th from 1-4pm, at 702 S. Harrison St. in Lake Mills. Come celebrate with her!

Monday, May 29th the Food Shelf and Clothes Closet will be closed.

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!

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 www.salemlakemills.com and clicking the donate button at the bottom of the page OR **Scan the QR Code.**

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

Pastoral Visits: If you or someone you know would like a visit from Pastor Joel, please call the office to make an appointment. 641.592.1771

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

Tues: 10am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (2:30pm Text Study)

Wed: Noon-8pm (10am Bible Study, 1:30 MH Communion, 2:30 LMCC Communion)

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

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

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship)

All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship, coffee and a sweet treat. Fellowship is the perfect time to connect with your fellow members of Salem.

SUNDAY 5/21

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Graduation Recognition)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Silver Lake Huskers 4-H Meeting-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 5/22

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

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)

3:15pm Daisies-Room 2

WEDNESDAY 5/24

10:00am Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

1:30pm Mills Harbour Communion Service

2:30pm Lake Mills Care Center Communion Service

5:45pm Worship & Music Board Meeting-Salem Library

THURSDAY 5/25

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study

SUNDAY 5/28

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Joel's last service at Salem)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

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

2023 Dates available: 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: 10am-5pm, Tues: CLOSED, Wed:10am-1:00pm, Thurs-Fri: 10am-5pm

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