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# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## June 30 – July 6 WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COUNCIL MINUTES

### Jesus' Power Is Enough

Today's story of two healings in a single reading appears to present a horrific choice: should Jesus hurry to the dying daughter of a rich man, or pause to heal an outcast woman? The urgency of both requests before him presents a real dilemma, one we might be tempted to resolve in a variety of either/or ways. Either he keeps his commitment to Jairus, or he pauses to help the woman before him who is so obviously suffering. He either helps an important person who can help him further his ministry, or gives help to someone who has no other resource at all.

We see these apparent zero-sum equations in our ministry all the time. The church council meets over the budget and feels the pull between benevolence outside the congregation and the increasing costs of health care for the church's employees. The building's windows need repair, but we know another congregation across town that can barely pay its pastor. The needs "inside" and the needs "outside" always seem in competition.

Individuals feel these tensions as well: people are sandwiched between the needs of aging parents and the needs of small children; parents feel stretched to meet their vocational obligations and spend time with their families; students want to serve others but feel pressed to just get their own work done.

Of course, in the face of Jesus' power, none of these really are either/or propositions, even though they seem like dead ends. In Mark's gospel, Jesus' power is enough to provide new life for both the rich man's daughter and the poor woman. How often do we assume that God's power is not enough to bring life out of the seemingly impossible choices we make? We are challenged to open up the interruptions and hard choices of our lives to Jesus' power to bring life out of death.

## THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Lamentations 3:22-33  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43



## NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Ezekiel 2:1-5  
Psalm 123  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

Each week we will lift up five church families/ members in prayer.  
**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:** Daniel, Allison, Jackson and Jolie Rice, Gregory & Julie Rice, Larry & Helen Rice, Douglas & Vivian Richards, Terry Ringham

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

3-Robert Rogstad

4-Andrew Shaw

6-Josie Gilbertson

3-Arlene Nelson

4-Parker Hamersky

6-Duane Linquist

4-Tatum Sauer

5-Tel Hermanson

6-Annaston Stene

6-Austin Stene

## -WEEKLY GIVING-

**LAST SUNDAY:** 6/23/24:

No update this

**YEAR-TO-DATE:** 6/23/24:

week due to the

**LAST YEAR:** as of 6/23/23:

financial secretary

**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:**

being unavailable

## Last Weeks Attendance

59

**Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update:** Total received as of 6/17/24 **\$161,857**  
Total available balance as of 5/31/24 **\$54,659.322** All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the "Steeple Project" in the memo when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

**Prayer Chain Ministry** is a network of people who are committed to prayer and will take action on behalf of others. If you will pray for those in need, sign-up in the Narthex to be notified by either email, text or phone. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call the office and the prayer request will get sent out. If there is no answer, leave a message. All requests will be confidential among the prayer chain ministry. Call the office with prayer requests. Thank you!

**Guest Book:** If you are visiting Salem today, we welcome you and invite you to sign our guest book, located in the Narthex, and we hope to see you again!

**Baptism:** We welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Cullen John Osheim, son of Jerod & Kari Osheim, brother of Kaci and Cash Osheim. Cullen was baptized on June 29, 2024. His god parents are Mikayla Hanson and Adalyn Castle. Her grandparents are Craig & Cindy Haugsdal and Dave & Becky Osheim.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Vivian Mary Bloomingdale, daughter of Michael & Courtney Bloomingdale. Vivian was baptized on June 22, 2024. Her godparents are Tommy & Annie Vellon. Her grandparents are David & Judy Eidness and Jim & Jane Bloomingdale.

**Feed The Kids:** Now that school is out for the summer, kids will be eating at home more. With that in mind, a group of people have come together to help families in need with some extra food. This food will be distributed through the Lake Mills Food Bank, only to families with children, in the Lake Mills School District (per the usual guidelines and distribution that the food bank follows). BUT FIRST, we need help from the community to make this happen. We are asking for donations, so that we can buy the food and donate it to the Food Bank. We will buy and donate kid friendly items that are not normally supplied by the food bank. We will buy bread, sandwich meat, sliced cheese, baby carrots and go-gurt each week, IF we have enough donations. So far we have collected \$900 which is a great start, but we still have 9 more weeks before school starts again and we only have enough money to distribute these food items for 3 more weeks. We desperately need more donations. Please consider making a donation to help feed the kids in our community who need it the most.

Checks can be written out to LMAMA (Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association) with "summer food" written in the memo. This must be written in the memo. Donations need to be given to Marci at the Salem office. Please contact Marci if you have any questions. 641.590.1182. Thank you!

**Live Stream Sponsorship: Dates avail:** Aug 4, 25. Sep 1. Oct 20. Nov 24. Dec 29

Prayer Shawls, hand knit or crocheted by Salem members, are available in the Narthex for you to wrap someone in need. A Prayer Shawl is for anyone in need of prayer, hope, comfort and love of a community. If you would like the person included in the prayer chain, please call the office.

**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](http://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** Mon-Tues:11-5, Wed: 11-4,Thurs: Closed, Fri: 11-5  
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)

## **Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, June 13, 2024 – 6:30 pm**

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order.

Members present: Delane Behr, Shannon Bruhns, Doug Bruhns, Sue Langerud, Marci Prescott, Dan Rice, Cindy Haugsdal.

Absent: Laura Gardner, Mike Swenson, Mary Peterson

Guests: Lyle Thomson, Medara Winter and Marilyn Hoffman

Lyle was present as executor of the Adrian Curtis Halvorson estate, whose will has a bequest of \$50,000 to Salem Lutheran Church. This bequest is for Salem Building repair and maintenance funds. Since Salem has the Clothes Closet and the LM Food Shelf currently located at Salem, Lyle proposed that the \$50,000 be used to improve the east wing of the education unit with smaller windows, insulation, heating and air conditioning for the rooms currently housing the Food Shelf and Clothes Closet. Lyle and Orloue have discussed this with the Property and Management chair and the board. With approval of Salem Council, they would like this project to advance using this bequest. Council members expressed gratitude for this generous gift and will honor this request. When the funds are given to Salem, they will be deposited into the

donor restricted memorial giving dedicated Building account and will be used for improvements as requested following normal Council protocol.

Medara and Marilyn were present on behalf of the LM Food Shelf. They reported difficulty managing the temperature for shelf stable food storage. State requirements regulate that the temperature for food storage be between 50 and 70 degrees. Based on our agreement on file, the Food Shelf is requesting permission to run 220 wiring and install AC units in the area where the Food Shelf is located. The LM Food Shelf will be responsible for all costs for the wiring and purchase and installation of AC units. Salem Council will vote on this request during our meeting this evening.

Guests left the meeting before any further business.

Shannon opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** May Minutes were available for review. There were no additions or corrections.

Dan moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Delane. All approved.

Communication and correspondence – received 2 anonymous donations of \$50 each, \$100 deposited into the general fund; Salem has received a request from LM Graphic to be included in an ad for community support of July Jubilee. Doug moved that Salem buy a place in the ad for \$25, seconded by Sue. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Doug provided a written and verbal report.

Total income for May 2024 \$14,964.93

Total Expenses for May 2024 \$14,624.45 (Income less expense \$340.48)

Checking account balance (05/31/2024) \$111,830.83

FTSB/Tuckpointing account balance (05/31/2024) \$54,659.32

CD's at FTSB (05/31/2024) Reserves \$27,287.12 (CD came due and was renewed at 5.25%)

CD at MBT (05/31/2024) Ness Estate \$48,334.93

Doug reminded the council that if the Salary/benefits for a Pastor were included in expenses, we would be at a deficit.

**Financial Secretary's report:** Laura provided a written report.

2024 YTD total offerings (05/28/2024) \$85,533

2023 YTD total offerings (05/28/2023) \$77,741

Shannon shared a listing of Dedicated Accounts for Memorial Giving for review by the council.

Delane moved to accept Treasurer and Financial reports, seconded by Sue. All approved.

## **Board Reports**

**Enduring Gift Fund:** 2024 2nd quarter report is due in July.

**Board of and Music:** Mary provided a written report: Met on May 22; discussed Worship Coordinators for the summer; Pulpit supply is complete through October; reviewed Pentecost Sunday plans; discussed upcoming Baptisms; Outdoor services are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of June, July, August.

**Board of Life & Growth:** Sue provided a written and verbal report: the Board served cookies and ice cream following the Baccalaureate service on May 15; served cookies and ice cream on the south lawn following outdoor worship on June 9; purchased and will place a guest book in the Narthex.

**Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry:** Dan provided a verbal report: Barbecue was successful, inclement weather prevented God's work Our Hands activities; plan to work on hosting a meal on Rally Sunday; will work on a Noisy offering this summer.

**Board of Property and Management:** Mike provided a written report: Mid-west Roofing (Mason City) has submitted a quote, \$17,844, for repairs on the flat roof of the Education wing – 3 locations have been identified (SW corner that has come apart, 2 areas where the flat roof attaches to the original church building). Mike has suggested that we act on getting these repairs done soon to prevent further problems inside the building. Mike also noted areas where the rubber is coming apart above the elevator area and the east side of the education wing where the buildings join. Mike also has a quote from Midwest Roofing for a new rubber roof over the entire educational wing. That cost is \$129,555. It would be possible to do the roofing in sections to lower the cost/year. Future costs could not be guaranteed. Mike left a copy of the Mid-west Roofing Company bid for Low Slope Roof Replacement for \$129,555 which also included Alternate 1 bid for \$17,844 – 100' of wall flashings per drawing (no drawing

provided) and one scupper redone on the upper roof.

Mike also met with a representative of Church Mutual to go over our insurance policy earlier today. No update provided.

No updates on the steeple project or bell tower repair.

Delane moved to accept the bid from Midwest Roofing for Alternate 1 bid of \$17,844. There was discussion about what was included in the bid. Doug amended the original motion to include using funds from the dedicated account Building upgrade/renovation (current balance \$11,321.37) and the annual distribution from the Ness Estate CD (approximately \$7,000) to pay for these repairs. Further discussion included requests for clarification of the specifics of the bid. No further specifics were available. Dan seconded the amended motion. Motion passed.

Delane left the meeting at this time citing another commitment.

**Board of Youth:** Marci provided a written and verbal report: No new updates.

**Pastoral Care Support:** 2 Baptisms in June facilitated by pulpit supply pastors. Planning ongoing for 2 Baptisms.

**Pastor's Report:** None.

Sue moved to accept board reports, seconded by Doug. All approved.

### **Old Business:**

- A. Call Committee Report – Nothing new to report. Still trying to schedule Bishop Jones or Steve Brackett to come for a visit/forum to update the congregation regarding our call process. Shannon attended the Synod Assembly (C3 Ministry Fair) and learned about a new Lay Ministry Training Program that may be something Salem could consider in the future.
- B. Capital Project Update
  - a. South Steeple Project – No update.
  - b. Bell Tower removal/repair – No update.
- C. Summer Feeding Program Update – Not funded through the state this year in Lake Mills. Marci reported that an informal fund through LMAMA has been started to purchase additional food for the LM Food Shelf that will be available to families with children between the ages of 0-18 during the summer months. The request from the LM Food Shelf was then discussed. Doug moved to accept the request from LM Food shelf for permission to run 220 wiring and install AC

units in room 3 and 8 to maintain needed temperatures, seconded by Dan. All approved. Shannon will contact Marilyn with the approval vote to proceed.

### **New Business:**

- A. Enduring Gift Fund reporting – In order to have quarterly information to report, the schedule to report to the council will be 2 months after the quarter ends, except for the final quarter. (Jan-Mar in May; Apr-June in August; July-Sept in November; Oct-Dec in Jan for the Annual Meeting.
- B. New Members – None
- C. Transfers/statistical adjustments – None
- D. Next meeting will be held Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Salem library.

Doug moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Marci. All approved. The meeting was adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Haugsdal

## **ALL ARE INVITED DOWNSTAIRS FOR FELLOWSHIP**

### **SUNDAY 6/30**

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

### **MONDAY 7/1**

2:00pm Sons of Norway-Fellowship Hall

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

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

### **TUESDAY 7/2**

5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting-Library

### **WEDNESDAY 7/3**

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

### **THURSDAY 7/4**

Church will be closed for the holiday.

### **SUNDAY 7/7**

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall