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# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 4 - 10

### **Celebrating Our God beyond Understanding**

The festival of the Holy Trinity celebrates the wonder of relationship with God while leaving us distinctly dissatisfied with our limited understanding of what God is. While guarding against the idolatry of language, we survey our scripture, doctrine, creeds, and symbols of our heritage. Equally important, we pray for God to inspire fresh, innovative ideas of God in the present moment.

Today's gospel contains one of the few biblical references to the trinitarian formula. As the eleven are commissioned to make disciples, baptize, and teach, we are invited to consider our calling to influence the world with the good news of God's love. The text from Second Corinthians also includes a kind of naming of the Holy Trinity in an affectionate sign-off of a personal letter. With the psalm praising God the creator and sustainer of all creation, Genesis 1 relates the first of two creation stories, this one an ancient liturgy celebrating God as a divine plural.

That God that is beyond our understanding may be both troubling and comforting. The temptation may be to attempt to apprehend the idea of God with our intellect, offering the worshipping assembly a showcase of various models for God. The result is usually disappointing and feeds our bias toward intellectualism. Another possibility is to celebrate God's presence in all its glory and colorful wonder and our belonging to this wonder-full God.

## THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20



## NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Hosea 5:15--6:6

Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer.

**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:** Yvonne Back, Darlene Banwart, Thomas, Vickie and Nathan Banwart, Deborah Barret, Bruce and Dylan Cavett

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

4-Dale Chose

6-Kathy Nelson

7-Medara Winter

5-Yvonne Back

6-Dylan Sanden

7-Robert Nelson

5-Madison Gilbertson

6-Matthew Harig

8-Alexis Anderson

5-Madison Westcott

6-Merrick Harig

10-Allison Rice

5-Christopher Eaton

7-Emily Voldahl

10-Daniel Martinson

10-Shirley Kvale

## -WEEKLY GIVING-

**LAST SUNDAY:** 5/28/23      \$ 3,298

**YEAR-TO-DATE:** 5/31/23      \$ 80,067

**LAST YEAR:** as of 5/31/22      \$ 82,961

**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:**      \$ -2,894

## -Last Weeks Attendance-

70

## Memorials Given In May

Bart Appleton--\$40—General Fund

**Many Thanks** for a great spring shipment to Lutheran World Relief. We sent 111 quilts, 58 baby care kits and 140 health care kits on Saturday May 20th to First Lutheran in Albert Lea. Thank you to Steve, Wayne, and John for loading the vehicles. This spring we have also sent 25 quilts and 20 health kits to Mason City Salvation Army. Thanks to all of you who have supplied us with kit items and your time. -Mission Quilters

**June 4th:** A special congregational vote will be taken Sunday, June 4th after worship in the Fellowship Hall to approve raising capital funding for Phase II – Steeple(s) of the Capital Building Project begun last fall. Quoting came in at \$82,675.97. To date, \$127,604 has been raised for Phase I – Tuckpointing. As a reminder, this quote came in at \$65,450. To meet Phase II quote, an additional \$22-30,000k is needed to cover known costs. Still out for quote are the window casings around the stained-glass windows. There could be additional costs for both projects when repairs commence if issues are then made known.

To hold this meeting, 30 members are needed to attend.

Thank you, Salem Council and Board of Property/Management

**In Honor of Pastor Joel,** \$50 was given to the tuckpointing project.

**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 5/31/23 **\$127,604** Thank you!

**Volunteers Needed:** Salem members help serve the Summer Feeding Program on Tuesdays from 10:45am-12:00pm, please contact Margaret Okland if you have any questions or would like to help. 641.590.2891 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!

**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](http://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)**

**All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship, coffee and a sweet treat.**

**SUNDAY 6/4**

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

10:00am Special Congregational Vote-Fellowship Hall, followed by Fellowship

**MONDAY 6/5**

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm Sons of Norway-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm-4:00pm Salem's Clothes Closet is OPEN (Enter at South Entrance)

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN (Enter at South Entrance)

**TUESDAY 6/6**

9:30am Miriam Circle-Sue Myli's Home

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting-Salem Library

**WEDNESDAY 6/7**

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

**THURSDAY 6/8**

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Salem Library

**FRIDAY 6/9**

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY 6/11**

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

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-Tues: 11am-2pm, Wed 11am-4pm,  
Thus-Fri: 11am-5pm (Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)