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# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### June 9 - 15

#### **Baptismal Water Is Thicker than Blood**

Many, perhaps most, subcultures in North America affirm the belief that “blood is thicker than water.” Even when our commitment to family is too often served through hand-wringing sentiment over the so-called decline of the family or pandered to by politicians seeking to prove their “family values” credentials, we like to think of ourselves as loyal to our own kin. Family comes first! In the gospel, Jesus sharply, alarmingly, contradicts the norm; he snubs his nuclear family, his blood.

We discover that Jesus’ family is not defined by objective or biological categories—DNA tests, adoption records, or custody papers—but rather by *function*: Jesus’ family consists of those whom God has called into mission and are engaged in that mission.

Bringing a child of God from birth to maturity of faith requires many things, among them food, shelter, new birth, story, discipline, catechism, and an enduring hope in the one who raised Jesus from the dead. It is a joy to be celebrated when these gifts are provided by those who live in one’s own household—parents, grandparents, extended families. But Jesus reminds us (with an echo from Paul) that even when those nearest to us thwart God’s purposes, we “do not lose heart” but trust that God will call and create a household “not made with hands,” where God’s purposes for us will be nurtured and we will become like the one who “does the will of God.”

There is a strong challenge here to Christian communities to keep their focus on the mission of God and not be tempted to confuse God’s mission with what’s “best” for nations or communities or (even) nuclear families.

## THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1  
Mark 3:20-35



## NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

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

**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:** Marilyn Pederson, Barbara Peterson, David & Mary Peterson, Donald & DeAnn Peterson, Frances Peterson, Ila Peterson

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

10-Allison Rice

10-Shirley Kvale

14-Steve E Peterson

10-Daniel Martinson

12-Chima Ikefuama

15-Stephanie Eidness

12-Logan Benjegerdes

15-Maya Loverink

## -WEEKLY GIVING-

**LAST 2 SUNDAS:** 6/2/24:           \$ 5,515

**YEAR-TO-DATE:** 6/4/24:           \$ 91,048

**LAST YEAR:** as of 6/4/23:         \$ 82,431

**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:**     \$ 8,617

## Last Weeks Attendance

60

**Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update:** Total received as of 6/4/24 **\$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!

**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!

**June 9 Fellowship** will be on the south lawn after the outdoor service. The Board of Life & Growth will be serving cookies and ice cream.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Juniper Rosa Gonzalez, daughter of Jacob Gonzalez and Samara Murphy. Juniper was baptized on June 8, 2024. Her godparents are Virginia Adams-Rosa, Jessica Adams-Rosa, Jeremias Gonzalez, Samantha Gonzalez. Her grandparents are Sylvia Orozco, Peggy Gonzalez, Sal Gonzalez.

**Memorials Given in May:** Barbara Nickson--\$10 Cemetery Fund

**Lutheran World Relief:** Another great shipment went to Lutheran World Relief on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We sent 130 quilts, 87 baby care kits and 74 health kits. Thank you to the confirmation kids who assembled the health kits and the girls and ladies who assembled the baby care kits. Many thanks to all the contributions and to the great ladies who made the quilts. Thanks to Steve, Don, Wayne and John for loading them. We will be sending 15 quilts to Mason City's Salvation Army and a few more to the Bible Camp's Auctions. -Mission Quilters

**Celebrations from Lake Mills Community Blood Drive on May 16, 2024**

35 Units Collected, Up to 105 lives saved or sustained! 1 first time donor.

**Milestone Donors** 3 Gallons – Tanna Moretz, 4 Gallons – Linda Helgeson, 6 Gallons – Karla Eaton, 11 Gallons – Rebecca Martinson

**Luke Yates:** Christian Country Recording Artist, Live In Concert, 7:00pm on Monday-July 15 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 113 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. East, Leland IA. Admission is FREE—Everyone is welcome!

**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)**

**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

# ALL ARE INVITED FOR COOKIES AND ICE CREAM ON THE SOUTH LAWN AFTER THE SERVICE

## **SUNDAY 6/9**

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

## **MONDAY 6/10**

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

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

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

## **WEDNESDAY 6/12**

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

## **THURSDAY 6/13**

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Salem Library

## **SUNDAY 6/16**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Dennis Hanson)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

**Salem's Clothes Closet** is open every Monday from 2:00-4:00pm; 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 2:30-5:00pm every Monday for anyone in need of additional 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.

**Salem Office: 592.1771** Mon-Thurs: 11:00am-5:00pm, Fri: 9:00am-12:00pm  
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)