

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 10 – July 16

### Who Are You?

Who do you identify with in the parable? This is part of what makes parables so powerful. Some days we read the story through the eyes of the priest or the Levite. Some days we feel like the Samaritan. And then there are those days when we are the man in the ditch. Some days you are the windshield and some days you are the bug, as the saying goes.

It is easy to miss the shocking nature of this parable if we start to think that this story only teaches us to imitate the Samaritan. The parable says so much more about God, our relationship to God, and the lengths to which God will go to reach out to us.

Through the image of the Samaritan, Jesus lifts up a surprising rescuer as an image of the God who relentlessly cares for those in need. Could it be that we are meant to identify not with the Samaritan or even the lawyer to whom Jesus speaks the parable, but rather with the man who is hopeless and left for dead? Could it be that Christ is the good Samaritan who embraces us with the tender compassion of God?

All of the sudden the parable is turned on its head. Jesus is not just giving us a comfortable morality tale reminding us to be nice, helpful, generous people. Instead Jesus is proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. God's grace comes to us through the cross. God's grace comes to us even—and especially—when we are at our worst, when we struggle in the depths and cry out for help. Even when we cannot or will not cry out, mercy and grace come into our lives through Jesus. So whether you are on the road or in the ditch, Jesus even now is coming for you.

**THIS WEEKS TEXTS**

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

**NEXT WEEKS TEXTS**

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

**Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer.  
We ask that you also remember them in your daily prayers.**

**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:** Chelsey & Paige Kopp, Gloria Kvale, Roy & Violet Kvale, Shirley Kvale, Bob & Linda Lair

**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.

10-Karla Eaton	12-Mike Playter	13-Darin Ruud
11-Michael Storby	12-Carlynn Pederson	13-Zachary Stene
11-Lynne Keough	12-Amber Crail	15-Nicholas Mosby
12-Dottie Byars	12-Jeneva Roder	16-Thomas Canny
12-Jackson Gilbertsoon	12-Cash Osheim	16-Jack Olson
		16-Tori Holtan

**-WEEKLY GIVING-**

**LAST SUNDAY: 7/3/22**                      \$ 5,145

**YEAR-TO-DATE: 7/5/22**                    \$ 99,932

**LAST YEAR: as of 7/5/21**                \$ 110,971

**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:**        \$ - 11,971

**Upcoming Blood Drive**

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 13th

1:30pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Appointments Are Required

Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or Call: 800-287-4903

or visit: [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org)

**Devotionals:** There are copies of the July/August/September devotionals in the Narthex and by the south entrance.

**Volunteers Needed!!!** If you are willing to serve communion, read, sing in the liturgical choir, usher or acolyte please sign up in the Narthex or call the office.

**Volunteers Needed:** The summer lunch service program, “Summer Food & Fun” will be serving food on-site and we need volunteers to help serve and clean up; 10:45am-12:15pm. Salem will be serving on Tuesdays. If you are able to help, please call Margaret Okland at 641.592.9841 before noon or 641.590.2891 afternoon. Thank you!!!

**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

**Live Stream Sponsorship:** Call the office to reserve your special date. The cost is \$40 per Sunday. **2022 Dates available:** July 17, July 24, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

**Salem Office: 641.592.1771**

Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm

Fri: 10am-4pm

**Pastor Joel Guttormson:**

Mon: Off, but on-call

Tues: 10am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (2:30pm Text Study, 11am Meeting)

Wed: Noon-8:00pm (10am Adult Bible Study)

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 6:30pm Church Council Meeting)

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

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship Service)

SUNDAY 7/10

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary  
10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 7/11

11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall  
1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters  
2:00pm-4:00pm Clothes Closet is OPEN  
(To schedule a different time, call 641.592.5085)  
3:00pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN

TUESDAY 7/12

11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 7/13

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room  
11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall  
1:30pm-6:00pm Blood Drive-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 7/14

11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall  
1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study  
6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Choir Room

FRIDAY 7/15

11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY 7/17

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary  
10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall