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# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### July 21 – 27

#### **At Rest among Strangers**

The world can be a dangerous place, and we all long for someone, some leader, who will watch over us and protect us from all harm. The prophet Jeremiah issues strong cautions to those who abuse the trust placed in them to care for God's people, and the psalmist sings the praises of the Lord who guards and guides us through life's trials.

But the letter to the Ephesians suggests that lasting safety comes through the healing and reconciling work of Christ, which allows us to share a meal with those we are inclined to regard as enemies, because Christ has "broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." So, in Christ, aliens become citizens and strangers become members of the household of God.

Living into this reality requires all of us to be diligent in our practices with and policies toward all kinds of "strangers and aliens" in our world and in our lives. It means making peace with those whose politics make them strange to us, and creating genuine welcome for the newcomer in our classrooms, workplaces and congregations. It means considering the needs of immigrants and refugees through the lens of Christian faith as well as national identity, and not assuming the two are the same.

The reassuring news this day is that God, unlike so many who hold power in this world, is already reconciling the world to God's own self and us to one another. We enact this new reality each time we pass the peace or come to the Lord's supper, not because we have finally achieved the peace we seek, but because in Christ God's future reign of peace has already broken into our present.



**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!

**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.

**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 2:00-5:00pm 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 and someone will call back.

**Live Stream Sponsorship: Dates avail:** Aug 4, 25. Sep 1. Oct 20. Nov 24. Dec 29  
Call the office to reserve your date. Cost is \$40

**Salem Office: 592.1771** Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:30pm  
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)



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

### **SUNDAY 7/21**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judy Wozniak)  
10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

### **MONDAY 7/22**

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 7/24**

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

### **SUNDAY 7/28**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judy Wozniak)  
10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall  
10:00am Lounge Reserved

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- 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.  
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