
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 28 – Aug. 2

Rollin' in the Dough—and Fishes

In recent years many books have been printed that focus on baking vast assortments of breads—from rye to pumpernickel, French to Italian. Today, however, we encounter a bread that points to both a deeper longing, physically and spiritually, and an even more fulfilling outcome than the tastiest assortment of baked bread. This abundance of bread satisfies hunger, transforms lives, and ushers in a new vision of the holy in community. Recognizing the power of action, John calls to mind the ways prophets fed and nourished the people, and then he multiplies this in the person and action of Jesus. Jesus uses earthly gifts to provide for the gathered community—the gospel's vision of Jesus' life and God's abundance in creation. Second Kings and John allow our congregations to wonder with the faithful servants and disciples how God will provide. We are invited into a conversation that might start by reflecting on a sentence written by the late United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld: "Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being to receive, to carry, and give back." The scriptures today open a door for us to think about how individuals and communities are nourished and sustained by God, and also imagine how we become vessels of the holy who are now opened to the call of service. How might ordinary gifts (and ordinary people) become the ways God's love and mercy are multiplied in sustenance for neighbor, community, and world? Through our questions, our acts of giving, and our proclamation of the works of God in Christ Jesus, we are invited to experience what it means to be rooted in God's sustaining love and to proclaim this God who invites us into the unimaginable vision of abundance.

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2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
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Each week we will lift up five church families/ members in prayer. THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Dan & Rhonda Schriever, Todd, Kristine, Peyton and Emily Severson, Carlton and Andrew Shaw, Marlin & Marjorie Senne, Craig, Kari, Madison and McKinley Shifflett

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

28-Camdon Nelson 30-Sterling Gonsalez 31-Kristal Sprecher
1-Gary Helgeson

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 7/21/24: \$ 2,462
YEAR-TO-DATE: 7/22/24: \$ 113,249
LAST YEAR: as of 7/22/23: \$ 101,091
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ 12,158

Last Weeks Attendance

59

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 7/22/24 **\$164,052**
Total available balance as of 6/28/24 **\$55,159.32** All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the “Steeple Project” in the memo when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

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: Sunday, July 28th, we welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Sullivan Allen Hengesteg. Sullivan’s parents are Adam & Krystal Hengesteg. His sponsors are Faith, Laela and Nova Rice. Grandparents are Jeff & Sheila Chose, Donna & Mike Hengesteg, Ryan Benson, Chris & David Cichosz.

Noisy Offering: We all have seen the devastation that flooding has brought to many of the communities of northwestern Iowa. This quarter we will be designating our "Noisy Offering" to those affected by the floods. Donations will be sent to the Clay County Community Foundation Disaster Recovery Fund. Noisy Offering will begin on August 4 and end August 25.

Nathan Elsbernd Organ Recital: Nathan is a church musician who advocates for community-centered music. Currently, he is the Organist and Director of Music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Additionally, he studies at the Yale School of Music and the Institute of Sacred Music. Last year, Nathan graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa where he was the first Luther College Church Music Fellow, serving as an organist, collaborative pianist, and conductor. Nathan was named as a member of The Diapason's "20 Under 30" Class of 2023 and played as a "Rising Star" at the 2024 National American Guild of Organists Convention. He looks forward to presenting this recital at his home church, **Trinity Lutheran, 213 N. Pennsylvania Ave. Mason City, IA. Wednesday, July 31; 6:00pm.**

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.

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!

ALL ARE INVITED DOWNSTAIRS FOR FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY 7/28

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Lounge Reserved

MONDAY 7/29

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

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

WEDNESDAY 7/31

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

THURSDAY 8/1

9:30am Grace Circle-Library

9:30am Ruth Circle-LMCC

SATURDAY 8/3

1:00pm Visitation-Narthex

2:00pm Memorial Service-Sanctuary

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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

-- **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: 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)