
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 7 - 13

Ready to Bear Witness

Where does power come from? The usual answers—family connections, reputation, possessions—are all rejected in this reading from Mark’s gospel. Jesus’ power is not only independent of his family connection—it is hindered by it. While it isn’t entirely clear why the people of Nazareth reject Jesus, the fact that they do may sound familiar to us. How often do we find exactly what we expect when we encounter something new? How open are we, really, to the possibility that God’s power might come from an unexpected corner? The first part of today’s reading suggests that even miracles take two things: both divine power and willing witnesses.

Perhaps Jesus sends his disciples out stripped of their possession precisely so that *they* are ready to witness to God’s power in a new way. They go without any of the usual trappings of security or wealth, with no guarantee that their ministry will be received. In fact, Mark reminds us a few verses later (Mark 6:14-28) just how hostile the world can be to receiving the proclamation of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist will lose his life because of Herod’s resistance to repentance. Nevertheless, Jesus’ teaching continues to astound, and the word continues to spread.

The willingness to bear witness, even when we are not certain of answered prayer or mission success, is a theme that unites all this day’s readings. Even the Psalm, in its simple gaze of faith, invites us to let go of results in favor of relationship. Paul’s sometimes confusing logic about spiritual experiences becomes clear as he sums up God’s word to him: “My grace is sufficient for you” That is a powerful word, which can make almost any experience an opportunity to witness to Christ’s power.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Each week we will lift up five church families/ members in prayer. THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Adam, Megan, Finn and Knox Ritter, Andrea Rodberg, Scott Rodberg, Terry and Karen Rodberg, Drew, Chalsea, Gracie, Jeneva and Peyton Roder, Dennis and Darla Rogstad.

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

8-Janet Vinson	10-Karla Eaton	12-Jackson Gilbertson
9-Kamden Larson	11-Donna Prescott	12-Jeneva Order
9-Hadleigh Linquist	12-Dottie Byars	12-Cash Osheim
		13-Zachary Stene

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST 2 SUNDAYS: 6/30/24: \$ 5,505
YEAR-TO-DATE: 7/2/24: \$ 102,170
LAST YEAR: as of 7/2/23: \$ 94,186
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ 7,984

Last Weeks Attendance

67

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 6/17/24 **\$162,157**
Total available balance as of 5/31/24 **\$54,659.322** All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the “Steeple Project” in the memo when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

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!

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!

Outdoor Worship Service: July 14th will be our next outdoor worship service. Folding chairs provided, but you are welcome to bring your own chairs.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Cullen John Osheim, son of Jerod & Kari Osheim, brother of Kaci and Cash Osheim. Cullen was baptized on June 29, 2024. His god parents are Mikayla Hanson and Adalyn Castle. Her grandparents are Craig & Cindy Haugsdal and Dave & Becky Osheim.

Feed The Kids: Now that school is out for the summer, kids will be eating at home more. With that in mind, a group of people have come together to help families in need with some extra food. This food will be distributed through the Lake Mills Food Bank, only to families with children, in the Lake Mills School District (per the usual guidelines and distribution that the food bank follows). BUT FIRST, we need help from the community to make this happen. We are asking for donations, so that we can buy the food and donate it to the Food Bank. We will buy and donate kid friendly items that are not normally supplied by the food bank. We will buy bread, sandwich meat, sliced cheese, baby carrots and go-gurt each week, IF we have enough donations. So far we have collected \$1,975.00 (Thank you so much to those who have donated thus far!!!) We have enough money to get us through the next 5 weeks, with the bare minimum. We still need about \$500 to get through the last 2 weeks of summer, before school starts again. Please consider making a donation to help feed the kids in our community who need it the most.

Checks can be written out to LMAMA (Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association) with "summer food" written in the memo. This must be written in the memo. Donations need to be given to Marci at the Salem office. Please contact Marci if you have any questions. 641.590.1182. Thank you!

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

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.

Upcoming Blood Drive: Thurs. July 18; In the Fellowship Hall 1:30-6:00pm.
Appointments Encouraged. Call: 800-287-4903 or Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777

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)

Salem Office: 592.1771 Mon: 9am-1:30pm, Tues: 9am-5pm, Wed-Fri: 9am-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 7/7

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 7/8

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 7/10

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

THURSDAY 7/11

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Library

SATURDAY 7/13

2:00pm Funeral-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 7/14

9:00am Outdoor Service (Pastor Steve Smith) 10:00am Fellowship-South Lawn