
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 11 - 17

The Greatest Bread

Jesus uses the image of bread to demonstrate that, even compared to all the great things God has done before, God's greatest miracle is in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus, the bread of life, is a greater miracle than the manna God sent in the desert (Exod. 16:14), greater than the bread the angel brought to restore Elijah (1 Kings 19:4-8), greater even than the loaves Jesus had just multiplied to feed a crowd of more than five thousand people (John 6:1-14)! In Jesus, God gives bread for the journey—not only for this life, but also into eternal life.

We're so familiar with this image that it loses some of its original power. But the claim Jesus is making here is a radical one—and a dangerous one. To Jesus' original audience, his claim to be the bread from heaven, the Son of God, must have sounded like outrageous blasphemy. "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?" they say. "How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" (John 6:42). Who does this guy think he is?

Jesus' message is both outrageous and outrageously comforting: anyone who eats this bread will live forever. The Son of God meets us in this life and gives us real and certain hope for eternal life. Normal bread is amazing in its own right; manna is miraculous. But Jesus Christ is the true bread and the greatest miracle of all. "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps. 34:8).

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Each week we will lift up five church families/ members in prayer. THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Katie Smalley, Mark & Lori Smeby, Danny & Debra Solland, Brenda and Kristal Sprecher, Elizabeth, Mike and Lane Sprecher, Taylan Virchow, Matthew and Andrew Fjelstad.

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

12-Dashawn Linnen	14-Wayne VanVeldhuizen	16-Dawn Ramaker
	16-Gary Nelson	17-Olivia Schoonover

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 8/4/24:	\$ 4,148
YEAR-TO-DATE: 8/6/24:	\$ 122,277
LAST YEAR: as of 8/6/23:	\$ 110,732
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 11,545

Last Weeks Attendance

58

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 8/6/24 **\$165,817**
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!

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.

Thank you to the person/people that cleaned up the courtyard!

Memorials Given In July:

Tessie Severson--\$50 Good Samaritan Fund (back to school supplies)
Violet Kvale--\$2,090 Steeple Fund, \$45 Cemetery Fund

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!

Results from the Lake Mills Community Blood Drive on July 18, 2024

28 Eligible Donors, 2 First Time Donors, 31 Units Collected, Up to 93 lives saved or sustained! **Milestone Donors:** 1 Gallon - Jody Olson, 5 Gallons - Diane Roper, 7 Gallons - Terri Drugg, 8 Gallons - Dwight Angel and Anita Levorson

Retired Senior Volunteer Program: Reading Buddy pairs one volunteer to one student to read and practice literacy skills. The program at Lake Mills Elementary currently serves kindergarten and 1st grade students. Volunteers typically served one day per week for approximately an hour. Teachers provide all the necessary materials. The volunteer reads, works on slight words, literacy games, etc. and helps the student form a positive relationship around reading and also becomes a trusted, caring adult in their life. Lake Mills hopes to add MORE classrooms this year, so please tell a friend! To sign up, please call 641-422-4304 or visit www.niacc.edu/rsvp to enroll. All volunteers will be provided orientation and training in Lake Mills so they feel confident and ready to help students have a successful experience.

Understanding Grief and Loss Support Group is an adult support group that will provide grief education and support to individuals who've experienced the death of a family member or friend. This group is sponsored by MercyOne North Iowa Hospice. The next scheduled group is: 5 Monday evenings; Sept. 30th – Oct. 28th 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Conference Room (232 2nd St SE, Mason City). There is no charge for this group, but space is limited. Please call 641-428-6267 to register.

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. 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. Thank you!

Salem Office: 592.1771

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:30am-1:30pm, Tues & Thurs: 9:30am-5:30pm

(Hours subject to change. Feel free to call the office to ensure its open.)

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.

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

School Kits: Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases, adults—continue their learning despite the hardship they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Salem will be collecting School Kits and supplies to make the kits. Donations can be left in the Narthex.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN EACH FABRIC KIT:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">*One box of 16 or 24 crayons*Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x10¹/₂", no loose-leaf paper*One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)*One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14"x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks); recommended fabric include heavy cotton, canvas, denim or twill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band*One pencil sharpener*One eraser*One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other*Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
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Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in the bag and close. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Visit lwr.org/beinvolved and click on School Kits or call 800.597.5972 for an easy-few backpack-style bag pattern and tips for purchasing pre-made bags.

Global Church Together Festival: August 24, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City. All congregation members are invited to experience and discover God's work in the world during this festival. This event will feature a guest keynote presenter, workshops, "World of 100" global simulation activity, global music, worship and lunch featuring global flavors. The event is from 9:00am to 4:30pm with registration beginning at 8:30am. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Themba Mkhabela, ELCA regional representative for Southern Africa. He will share how ELCA accompaniment works in Namibia and talk about some of the related projects that the ELCA supports. The Rev. Dr. Winston Persaud Winston will preach at the worship service, with Pastor Hope Johnson presiding. Choose 3 workshops from the following: Hungarian cooking, Young adults in global mission, The Lutheran church in Hungary, Namibia yesterday and today, Make your own 7 stranded Roma bracelet, Global music sing/play along, The art of hospitality given & received. Register at: www.neiasynod.org Cost to attend is \$10 per person. Questions? Call the synod office at 319-352-1414. Those who register before Aug. 16 will receive a passport that will help create a visual representation of the world as if it were made up of 100 people. Those who register after Aug. 16 will be active observers.

A Gathering Of Faithful Men will be held Sept. 28th at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. This year's special guest is Michael Franzese. He is an American former mobster who was a caporegime in the Colombo crime family. He went from the Godfather to God the Father. There will be music, ministry and breakfast. Tickets are \$25. Space is limited so call 800-810-5559 or go online to KinshipRadio.org to register beginning Mon. August 26th at 8am.

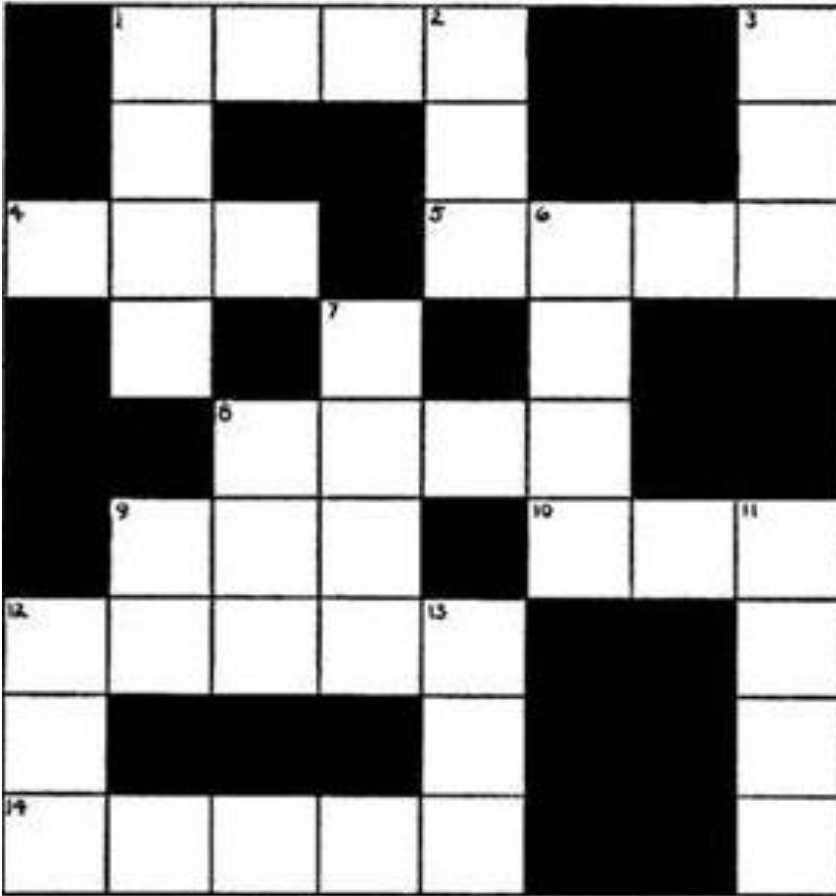
"One Year to Live" Men's Retreat: Registration is now open for this event. The retreat is set for Nov. 1-3 at Camp Ewalu, Strawberry Point. The retreat is an opportunity for men of all ages to rethink how they set their priorities & discover how God has equipped them to live. It is led by lay members and presented by Lutheran Men in Mission, in partnership with the NEIA Synod & Camp Ewalu. Cost is \$175 for those who register by Oct. 7. After that date, the rate is \$200, due by Oct. 21. Lodging, six meals and materials are included. To download the brochure/ registration form and to register online, visit www.neiasynod.org/oysl

FEATHERED FRIENDS WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



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| BALD EAGLE | FALCON | PARAKEET | ROADRUNNER |
| BARN OWL | FINCH | PARROT | ROBIN |
| CANADA GEESE | FLAMINGO | PENGUIN | SANDPIPER |
| CANARY | OSPREY | PUFFIN | SEAGULL |
| COCKATIEL | OSTRICH | RAVEN | WOODPECKER |

A FARM CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across:

1. Yield of a planted field
2. A kind of tree, like oak
5. This machine digs up fields
8. A place where animals and crops are raised
9. Opposite of stand
10. Sack to carry feed in
12. An Animal to ride on
14. A long-necked bird which honks

Down:

1. A baby horse
2. A baby dog
3. An animal that gives milk
6. A baby sheep
7. Animals that chase mice
8. A kind of evergreen tree
9. Word that rhymes with go
11. Animal with horns
12. Another word for pig
13. What we see with

ALL ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY 8/11

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

10:00am Fellowship-South Lawn

MONDAY 8/12

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 8/14

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

THURSDAY 8/15

10:30am Board of Life & Growth Meeting-Library

SATURDAY

1:00pm-4:00pm Memorial Visitation-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY 8/18

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

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)

Answers--Across: 1 crop, 4 elm, 5 plow, 8 farm, 9 sit, 10 bag, 12 horse, 14 goose

Down: 1 colt, 2 pup, 3 cow, 6 lamb, 7 cats, 8 fir, 9 so, 11 goat, 12 hog, 13 eye