
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 6 - 12

Abundance from Scraps

Jesus is able to feed us abundantly, even with scraps. He meets earthly needs by feeding the crowds and continues now to offer himself as holy meal, freely given to all, no matter their income or rank in society. Advertisers have trained us that what's proclaimed as FREE usually isn't. More often, it's a ploy to get our money for some other, larger, purchase. Today we are invited to trust and receive Jesus' free gift of love without mistrusting that he's got up his sleeve some scheme to swindle our money.

It can be hard to relax and trust God to take care of us and nourish us with the mere scraps we often see around us. We panic and take matters into our own hands instead of trusting. We experience that crushing sense of responsibility, not just to ourselves, but to our children or parents or other loved ones to keep them fed and clothed and healthy. Trusting as the crowd did that day seems completely foreign to those of us living in North America, abundant in resources.

With food freely given, with quantity enough to feed only a few, Jesus makes this miracle, and there are leftovers to clean up. But for most of us, belief comes slowly and warily when we've been burned by experience: how will there be enough for all of us, when we've been the last one at the lunch line, the late arrival at the party, and everything's gone? What if we see people in the crowd we don't want fed and jostle our way to the head of the line to get first choice? Will it be fair? Trusting that our daily bread and even our very lives are in God's hands is hard to do as we grow older and burdened by responsibility, but God has compassion for every member of the crowd, and we are blessed and invited to be joyful recipients of that generosity.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer.
THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Cory, Kallie, Tyler, Morgan, and Landyn Christian, Roger Christiansen, Joel, Marlys, Amber Christianson, Brook Christianson, Kit, Dottie and Betsy Byars, William Clark

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

6-Gretchen Skellenger

6-Doug Hugo

9-Anna Ramaker

9-Mason Fritz

12-Dashawn Linnen

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 7/30/23 \$ 4,825

YEAR-TO-DATE: 7/30/23 \$110,252

LAST YEAR: as of 7/30/22 \$108,343

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ 1,909

-Last Weeks Attendance-

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A Potluck Picnic for the entire congregation will be held on **Sun. August 6th at 4:00pm** in Oakwood Park. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, to ensure we have a variety of delicious food for everyone to enjoy. Please join us for food, fellowship, yard games, mini golf & BINGO. We will provide plates, silverware, napkins, bottled water and pulled pork sandwiches. -Youth Board

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 7/30/23 **\$132,514**
All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note "Tuckpointing Project or Steeple Project" when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

Blessing of the Backpacks will be on August 20th during our worship service.

Memorials Given In July:

Charles “Doc” Nelson: Tuckpoint--\$195, Organ Fund--\$100

Leroy Brackey: Tuckpoint--\$225

Dorothy Fjelstad: Tuckpoint--\$55, Cemetery--\$20

Sue Miller: Tuckpoint--\$50

Betty Aasguard: Tuckpoint--\$25

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:

*Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8”x10¹/₂”, no loose-leaf paper

*One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

*Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

*Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

*One box of 16 or 24 crayons

*One pencil sharpener

*One eraser

*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

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.

All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship.

SUNDAY 8/6

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Ken Jensen)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

4:00pm Potluck Picnic-Oakwood Park (Everyone welcome)

MONDAY 8/7

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

1:30pm Baby Care Kits Assembly-Choir Room

2:00pm Sons of Norway-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm-4:00pm Salem's Clothes Closet is OPEN (Enter at South Entrance)

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN (Enter at South Entrance)

TUESDAY 8/8

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Stewardship Board Meeting-Salem Library

WEDNESDAY 8/9

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

6:30 Church Council Meeting-Salem Library

THURSDAY 8/10

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 8/11

11:00am-12:00pm Free Lunch-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY 8/13

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

Live Stream Sponsorship: Call the office to reserve your date. Cost is \$40.

Dates available: Aug. 13, 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 10, 31

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 (Marci)

Monday 11am-3:30pm, Tues-10am-1pm, Wed-Fri: 11am-5pm

(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)