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# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**September 15 - 21**

### **An Unexpected Kind of Messiah**

Today we hear from three teachers. The prophet Isaiah calls himself a teacher, one whose words sustain weary people. James warns about foolish and hurtful use of our tongues, which should be used to “bless the Lord and Father,” but often are used to “curse those who are made in the likeness of God.” The final voice in the trio is Jesus, the teacher, who keeps the disciples quiet about any Messiah identity but speaks openly about his own suffering, death, and resurrection. Peter tries to counsel Jesus that no one willingly chooses to go along with that kind of plan. Nobody likes a loser. But Jesus responds that Peter has lost sight of what is most important in life. Jesus teaches the disciples that they will lose their life for the sake of the gospel.

How does the Holy Spirit move in, through, before, and after worship to sustain weary people with the word and sacraments? How can we make spaces for silence, art, and song so that people living through suffering and facing death can breathe, see, and hear God’s presence with them? In what ways do we make the same mistake as the disciples did, expecting a Messiah but then setting our visions on human rather than on divine things?

Jesus invites people of faith and those who doubt Jesus’ way to engage rather than avoid, conquer, or escape. What practices will help worshipers today to imagine the ways they are being called to “lose” their life in order to save it? From what does Jesus want to free people so that they will be able to pick up a different kind of burden and follow him? Then and now, Jesus invites followers on the way of the cross—a path of daily learning, dying, and new life.

## THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-9  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38



## NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

Each week we will lift up five church families/ members in prayer. THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Marlys Stille, Marilyn Storby, Judy Stover, Brooke, Caleb, Tasha and Jaden Swanson, Curtis Street, Derek, Jamie and Daniel Swanson, Mike and Janet Swenson

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

16-Cora Sauer	16-Kali Wilkinson	20-Tucker Koch
16-Jean Rondeau	18-Kalen Hanson	21-Linda Helgeson
	19-Cymantha Bendickson	21-Laura Knudtson

## -WEEKLY GIVING-

<b>LAST SUNDAY:</b> 9/8/24:	\$ 3,572
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE:</b> 9/10/24:	\$ 136,418
<b>LAST YEAR:</b> as of 9/10/23:	\$ 127,475
<b>DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:</b>	\$ 8,943

## Last Weeks Attendance

122

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 9/10/24 **\$166,147**  
Total available balance as of 7/31/24 **\$57,549.32** All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the “Steeple Project” in the memo when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

Upcoming Blood Drive: September 19; 1:00pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Appointments Are Encouraged. Call: 800-287-4903 or Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or visit: [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org)

Noisy Offering Update: We collected a total of \$362.53 for those affected by the floods in northwestern IA. This will be sent to the Clay County Community Foundation Disaster Recovery Unit. Thanks to everyone that donated!

**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!

**Fall Salad Luncheon at Salem:** Sept. 19; 11:00am-2:00pm in the chapel/lounge. Speaker: Nancy Jewell. Nancy is the executive director and founder of Freedom Inn His Grace Ministry. She is a registered nurse, employed for over 40 years at Mercy One North Iowa retiring this past March, to be full time in supporting day to day operations of the ministry and the launch of the **Beacon Hope Shones Here**--low barrier warming shelter. Nancy completed her Masters in Non-Profit Management and Leadership to provide her with the education and platform to build the ministry program of which was accomplished. Come and hear her speak and enjoy fellowship with other women in our area. Her testimony is uplifting and inspiring. **Please make a reservation with Margaret Okland at 641-590-2891 by September 16<sup>th</sup>** to join us for our Fall Salad Luncheon.

**Faith Formation Volunteers Needed:** The Youth Board is making weekly plans for music, activities, games and crafts, BUT...we need YOUR HELP to make this year a success! Please consider donating your time to supervise and interact with our children. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin across from the chapel. No planning or experience necessary, a youth board member will be leading.

**Worship Volunteers:** 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!

**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](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. **(We are charged a much lower service fee through the Simply Giving Program)**

**Salem Office: 592.1771** Monday-Friday 9:30am-1:30pm

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

**All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship, coffee and a sweet treat. Fellowship is great opportunity to connect with others while students attend Faith Formation.**

**SUNDAY 9/15**

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

**MONDAY 9/16**

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

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

6:30pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY 9/18**

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

6:00pm Confirmation Class-Choir Room

**THURSDAY 9/19**

11:00am-2:00pm Fall Salad Luncheon-Chapel/Lounge

1:00pm-6:00pm Community Blood Drive-Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY 9/22**

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

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Facebook: Search Salem Lake Mills

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

**Dates available 2024: Oct 20. Nov 24. Dec 29.**

**Dates available 2025: Jan 5, 19, 26, Feb 9, 16, 23, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 20, May 4, June 8, 15, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Sept 14, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 7, 28**