
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 16 - 22

The Mystery of Growth

In elementary school, when children learn about plants they inevitably plant a small seed in a clear plastic cup and watch it grow. This helps as they learn the parts of plants: leaf, stem, roots. As we get older we get more sophisticated in our ability to explain the details of the plant and the growth we see, but on some level the growth itself remains a mystery. Why do some plants thrive and others fail? Was it the soil? Too much water? Too little? And what of those plants growing in the tiny cracks in between slabs of concrete?

The growth of faith is a similar mystery. We can do the best we can to provide good soil, in the form of teachers and mentors, parents and pastors. Still, the faith seems to take root and grow in some people and not in others. And then there are people raised in the worst conditions who grow to be strong people of faith.

Jesus reminds us that faith is a gift which comes to us from God. We cannot control it in ourselves, and we cannot control it in others. We can plant, we can water, and then we can sleep and wake until the plant grows. In the end it is God who brings the growth and the Holy Spirit who gives us faith. As people of God we are called to be good soil. As people of God we are called to trust that God will do what we cannot. Faith will grow, and the church will flourish, not because of our grand schemes and plans, but because God will have it no other way.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Romans 8:12-17
Mark 4:26-34



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Each week we will lift up five church families/ members in prayer.
THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Jason and Michael Peterson, Jessica and Landon Peterson, Jourdan Ingledue, Nicolas Peterson, Steve E. and Kathleen Peterson, Gary and Jenelle Pierce

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

17-Amy Olson	17-Jake Koeppen	18-Taylan Virchow
17-Jaeron Bendickson	18-Claire Levine	21-Jennifer Koch
		22-Amy Sprecher

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST 2 SUNDAS: 6/9/24:	No update due	<u>Last Weeks Attendance</u>
YEAR-TO-DATE: 6/12/24:	to the financial	unknown at this time
LAST YEAR: as of 6/12/23:	financial secretary	
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	being unavailable.	

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 6/12/24 **\$161,357**
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!

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!

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Juniper Rosa Gonzalez, daughter of Jacob Gonzalez and Samara Murphy. Juniper was baptized on June 8, 2024. Her godparents are Virginia Adams-Rosa, Jessica Adams-Rosa, Jeremias Gonzalez, Samantha Gonzalez. Her grandparents are Sylvia Orozco, Peggy Gonzalez, Sal Gonzalez.

Luke Yates: Christian Country Recording Artist, Live In Concert, 7:00pm on Monday-July 15 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 113 5th Ave. East, Leland IA. Admission is FREE—Everyone is welcome!

Memorials Given in May: Barbara Nickson--\$10 Cemetery Fund

WELCA will meet on Thursdays, June 20--2:00pm in the Lounge.

Lutheran World Relief: Another great shipment went to Lutheran World Relief on Saturday, May 18th. We sent 130 quilts, 87 baby care kits and 74 health kits. Thank you to the confirmation kids who assembled the health kits and the girls and ladies who assembled the baby care kits. Many thanks to all the contributions and to the great ladies who made the quilts. Thanks to Steve, Don, Wayne and John for loading them. We will be sending 15 quilts to Mason City's Salvation Army and a few more to the Bible Camp's Auctions. -Mission Quilters

Celebrations from Lake Mills Community Blood Drive on May 16, 2024

35 Units Collected, Up to 105 lives saved or sustained! 1 first time donor.

Milestone Donors 3 Gallons – Tanna Moretz, 4 Gallons – Linda Helgeson, 6 Gallons – Karla Eaton, 11 Gallons – Rebecca Martinson

Emmons WNALC Guest Night: Emmons Lutheran Church has invited us to their WNALC Guest Night on Wednesday, July 17—7:00pm. Refreshments provided.

The Lake Mills Food Shelf is open 2:30-5:00pm every Monday for anyone in need of additional food. The only criteria for eligibility is to reside within the Lake Mills School District. The Food Shelf is located at Salem and can be accessed at the south entrance. Anyone in need of food when the food shelf is not open, please feel free to call and leave a message at 641-592-1771.

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)

ALL ARE INVITED DOWNSTAIRS FOR FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY 6/16

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Dennis Hanson)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 6/17

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 6/19

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

THURSDAY 6/20

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

2:00pm WELCA-Lounge

SATURDAY 22

8:00am-5:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved For Private Event

11:00am-12:00pm Sanctuary Reserved For Private Event

SUNDAY 6/23

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

2:15pm Art Show-Narthex

3:00pm Fine Arts Guild 50th Anniversary Program-Sanctuary

4:00pm Reception-Fellowship Hall

Salem's Clothes Closet is open every Monday from 2:00-4:00pm; and can be accessed at the south entrance. Clothes, shoes, boots, coats, jackets and a few other kids' items are available for free. We also accept donations; please make sure donations are folded and have no holes, tears or stains. Donations can be left inside the south entrance anytime.

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

Dates available: Aug 4, 25. Sep 1. Oct 20. Nov 24. Dec 29

Salem Office: 592.1771 Mon-Thurs: 11:00am-5:00pm, Fri: 9:00am-12:00pm
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)