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Announcements - April 1, 2012

Your Will Be Done

Because of its intensely human dimension, the Gethsemane scene (Mark 14:32-42) is one of the most poignant in the Passion story. This is brought to a climax in verse 36. In this single verse Jesus acknowledges his Father's omnipotence (addressing God as "Abba," or "Daddy," a diminutive term of endearment); he asks for a reprieve from the horror that lies ahead ("remove this cup from me"); and he affirms his humility as a servant ("yet, not what I want, but what you want")—a servant who is "obedient to the point of death," sings the great hymn from Philipians 2, "even death on a cross."

Throughout the Gospels we encounter Jesus as healer, as miracle-worker, as one who is touched directly by God through the descent of the Holy Spirit, as one transfigured high on a mountain, and as one visibly taken up into heaven.

In Gethsemane, however, he is just like us. Hasn't each of us experienced this same interchange with God? We approach God with outstretched arms, in full awareness of our frailty, begging to be spared from our trials, yet knowing that we will meet whatever God requires of us in the confidence of faith.

Jesus in Gethsemane reminds us that these trials are to be met first with prayer. "Sit here while I pray," he instructs his disciples upon their arrival in Gethsemane. He shows us that it is human to be apprehensive and afraid. He also teaches us that it is intensely human to be obedient to God's will—and inhuman to assert our own will contrary to God's. "*Your* will be done," we say in worship each week. Let us embrace that as if our lives depend on it. They do.

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Pictorial Directory Photos

TODAY

Salem would like to get updated pictures of families for a new Pictorial Directory. We will be taking photos today following both services in Luther Fellowship hall.

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 8th at 9:00am

Please join us for the Salem Easter Brunch this year. There will be good food and great fellowship! The brunch starts at 9:00a.m. Hope to see you there!

Easter Activities

Sunday, April 8th at 9:00am

Easter Activities for kids this year:

- 9:15am crafts and games for children in the basement of Luther Hall
- 10:00am Easter egg hunt for children outside (weather permitting) - dont forget to bring your Easter Basket

We are collecting bags of candy this week to help fill the Easter eggs. A box is located in the Narthex.

If you are a teen and interested in helping with the crafts, games or Easter Egg hunt, **please contact Abigail Osheim** - she is in charge this year.

Highlights This Week

TODAY:

Youth Sunday School: Anyone age 3 and up is invited to attend class at 9:15am. Jr. high & HS are in the church lower level and youth 3 years - 6th grade are in Luther Hall.

Pastor's Sunday School Class (lower level of Sanctuary): All adults are welcome to participate.

LATER THIS WEEK:

First Communion Class: Session 3, Monday at 6:30pm.

Choir Practice: Wednesday at 6:30pm, for High School and Adults.

Women's Bible Study: All woman are invited to attend the weekly bible study Thursday morning at 9:00am. We are studying 'Experiencing God - Life Lessons from the Old Testament'. Contact Vaunda Palmer for more information.

Maundy Thursday Supper & Service:

Supper: starts at 6:00pm

Service: starts at 7:00 pm.

1st Communion Reception: Following the service

Good Friday Service: a Tenebrae service, "Prayers at the Cross", presented by the Adult Choir.

Men's Breakfast: All men are invited Saturday, April 7th at 8:00am to enjoy a delicious breakfast and join in fellowship with one another. If you have questions, please contact Mike Kostroske.

Pantry Pack Program

The item for today is Spaghetti noodles (1 lb) and meat sauce (approx 24 oz) and Mac and cheese (with liquid cheese sauce).

Please continue bringing items or donating money for the pantry pack each week. A complete list can be found on Salem's website. These additional items will go towards new packs to be handed out on an ongoing basis.

Here are the upcoming Items of the Week:

- April 8 - Pancake mix (just add water), syrup and cereal (bag or box)
- April 15 - Peanut butter (28 oz) and jelly (18 oz)
- April 22 - Alfredo sauce (15 oz) and large can of chicken or tuna
- April 29 - Betty Crocker Complete Meals
- May 6 - Cans of fruit and vegetables and reusable bags
- May 13 - Spaghetti noodles (1 lb) and meat sauce (approx 24 oz) and Mac and cheese (with liquid cheese sauce)

If anyone knows families in need of Pantry Packs, there will be several packs available in the entry way. Please help yourselves!! Thank you.

Hollis Information

Spring Youth & Family Work Day @ Hollis – Sunday, April 15

(noon-5:00pm) Crews will work on Trail Projects, split wood, paint the Welcome Center or engage in a variety of cleaning and maintenance projects. There really will be something to do for everyone. Bring long pants, close toed shoes, work gloves, rake and a water bottle. The day will conclude with a light supper at 4:30pm at the Lodge. Once again, this year's event is part of the Thrivent Join Hands Day program. Please RSVP to Lisa Taylor (mltaylor@kc.rr.com or 913.268.3268).

Upcoming Hollis Events

- June 2 - Wine Tasting Event
- June 11 - 15 - Hollis Crossing Day camp
- September 28 - Golf Benefit
- October 21 - Chili Fest and Auction
- December 1 - 2 - Art Fair and Gallery

Seniors Lunch

Tuesday, April 10th at 11:15am

Everyone 55+ is invited to have brunch at Perkins on 87th & I-35. Please contact Bob Roediger for questions or to RSVP by April 4th.

Cornerstone Starting

Wednesday, April 11th

Everyone is invited to attend Wednesday evening with a meal at 6:00 pm and an uplifting intergenerational praise and worship at 6:30pm followed by group activities at 6:50pm

Meal prices: \$3 / adults, \$2 / kids

Lambs: 3 years - pre-K

Angels: Kindergarten - 2nd grade

Frogs: 3rd - 6th grade

Confirmation KCLYC Event

Wednesday, April 11th
6:30pm at Holy Cross

All 7th & 8th grade confirmands and at least one parent per confirmand are required to attend this special event discussing "Healthy Relationships".

Like the people of Jesus' day, we cry "Hosanna!" in one breathe and "Crucify!" in the next, Lord, grant us forgiveness and grace.

Sisters Craft Circle

Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm

Scrap Bookers and PHOTOS needed: we will be working on scrapbooking Salem History. We are **COLLECTING** photos from the 125th Anniversary Celebration for a Scrapbook. If you have photos you would like to donate, please turn them in to the church office by April 12th or bring them with you.

We will also be working on the Prayer Shawl ministry. Contact Carola Wilkins or Kathy Kos-troske for more information.

Sisters Book Club

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00pm

Book Selection: "Life in a Jar"
by Jack Mayer

Based on the true story of Irena Sendler, a Holocaust hero, and the Kansas Teens who 'rescued the rescuer'. For additional information, please contact Janice VanLaningham or Beverly Renner.

Help Yourselfes

The following items are available in the information rack in the Narthex by the elevators.

- 2nd Quarter Devotionals
- April Birthday & Anniversary list
- April Worship Assistant schedule

By the way, you can find a list of the April & May Worship Assistant schedule on the Salem website (www.salemlutheran-ks.org).

Stewardship Corner

How many times have you expected God to do something and then been disappointed when he didn't do exactly what you wanted?

It's very easy for us to fall into the trap of praying for something that is not what God knows is best for us and then getting disillusioned, confused, frustrated and even angry at him for not pandering to our every whim and desire.

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, they shouted 'Hosanna' which means save us now. The people wanted Jesus to save them from the Romans and were excited because they were sure he was going to.

But Jesus was coming to save them in a whole different way. Jesus was coming to set them free not from the Romans but from the curse which oppresses all of mankind. It took less than a week for those same people to become disillusioned with Jesus – and angry that he wasn't setting them free like they expected him to.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday today, may we remember that through the life, death and resurrection of His own Son, God has already given us all we need.

Next Week's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Joyce Benedict
& Angela Osheim

8:00am

Assisting Minister: Julie
Roediger

Acolyte & Crucifer: Mitchell
Johnson

Lector: Dave Edeal

Communion: Carl & Sylvia
Iverson, Don & Beverly
Knudtson

Ushers: Jen Beutel & Don
Rossbach

Greeters: Gary Johnson &
Family

Screen: Mike Kostroske

Soundboard: Danny Kostroske

10:30am

Acolyte: Nicholas Wallenburg

Crucifer: Zachary Wallenburg

Lector: BJ Fevold

Communion: Jodi Schade,
Joyce Benedict, Melanie
Rehor, Scott & Michelle
Russell

Ushers: Steve & Ryan Wise

Greeters: Ryan & Jenn Konen

Nursery Help: Michael Loya

Screen: Austin Ross

Soundboard: Steve Atzeni

Confirmation Overnight Retreat

Friday, April 20th at 5:15pm -

Saturday, April 21st at 3:00pm

Every year the main highlight of the retreat is the low ropes course that the kids get to partake in and this year will be no exception. Please fill out the Salem Parental Permission Form for Overnight Events and the Tall Oaks Low Ropes Course Health Form. Complete both forms and have your student return them to Pastor no later than Wednesday, April 18. They can bring them to class.

High School Youth Night

Sunday, April 22nd at 6:00pm

All High school youth and friends are invited to attend a fellowship night. Contact Angela Osheim for more information.

2012 MLM Feinsein Hunger Challenge

The Feinsein Hunger Challenge helps MLM meet these increased needs. Funds raised through this challenge go directly to stock the shelves of the MLM food pantries. To participate in this challenge, please make checks payable Metro Lutheran Ministry, note "MLM Feinsein Challenge" in the memo line, and mail to Metro Lutheran Ministry, c/o: Denny Hixson, Director of Finance, 3031 Holmes, Kansas City MO 64109. To qualify for Feinsein Challenge, your donation must be at least \$25 and dated between March 1 and April 30, 2012. Please mail this donation to MLM before April 30 when the Feinsein Challenge ends.

Maundy Thursday Worship Assistants

April 5 at 7:00pm

Altar Guild: Jill Whetter & Julie Roediger

Assisting Minister: Michelle Russell

Acolyte & Crucifer: Kyle Hall

Lector: Joyce Benedict

Communion: Kristin Burki, Mike Higgins, Doug & Colleen Hall

Ushers: Ray Brown & Austin Ross

Greeters: Scott Russell & Family

Nursery Help: Jillian Jacobson

Screen:

Soundboard:

Good Friday Worship Assistants

April 6 at 7:00pm

Altar Guild: Joyce Benedict & Angela Osheim

Ushers: Reggie & Cindy Ferree

Greeters: Karen Wavra

Nursery Help: Heather Grayson

Soundboard:



Location: Timberland Creek
Neighborhood Park, 79th & Kessler (3
blocks west of Antioch on 79th St) or
MLM (3031 Holmes).

- Sign up as an individual or family through the Salem website (www.salemlutheran-ks.org).
- Pick a shift and type of work.
- If your preference is the MLM Food Giveaway, please note that.

Family Friendly– If you sign-up for any of these shifts you will be involved in projects that are appropriate for families with children in grade school and up. When registering, please include the number of adults and children attending in the “My Comments” box. Projects may include trash and yard cleanup, Recycling Education Program, children’s programming for a neighborhood, or a food giveaway at Metro Lutheran Ministry. You will be contacted via email with specific opportunities.

General Projects– If you sign-up for any of these shifts you will be involved in projects that are appropriate for adults and teens. Projects may include creek and stream cleanup in a neighborhood, small home repair or painting projects under the direction of a group leader, or other cleanup projects. You will be contacted via email with specific project opportunities.

Skilled Labor– Please sign-up for these shifts if you have skilled labor abilities that might be helpful with minor home repair, landscape, or other general construction projects. Please list your skills in the “My Comments” box when you register. You will be contacted via email about specific projects that you may be able to help with.

Fellowship Meal Assistance– This is a “Family Friendly” option. Project will include preparing Lunch or Dinner. You will be contacted via email with specific opportunities.

This Week's Activities (cont. on next page)
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Sun.	04/01		Palm Sunday - "The Tale of the Three Trees" (musical)	Both services
		8:00am	Early Service	Sanctuary
		9:00am	Pictorial Directory photos	Luther Fellowship hall
		9:15am	Sunday School (3 yrs - Adults)	Lower level of Luther hall & church
		10:30am	Late Service	Sanctuary
		11:30am	Pictorial Directory photos	Luther Fellowship hall
Mon.	04/02	6:30pm	1st Communion Class	Koinonia Fellowship hall
		6:30pm	BSA Pack 3298	Luther Fellowship hall
Tue.	04/03	8:30am	Worship Planning mtg.	Koinonia Study room
		6:30pm	Worship Band	Sanctuary
		7:00pm	BSA Troop 401	Luther Hall
Wed.	04/04	Noon	Bulletin Announcements due	Church Office
		5:00pm	Pantry Pack Distribution	Narthex.
		6:30pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Thu.	04/05	9:00am	Women's Bible Study	Koinonia Fellowship hall
		6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Supper	Luther Fellowship Hall
		7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
		8:00pm	1st Communion Reception	Koinonia Fellowship hall
Fri.	04/06	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary

This Week's Activities (cont.)

Sat.	04/07	8:00am	Men's Breakfast	Luther Fellowship hall
Sun.	04/08		Easter Sunday	
		8:00am	Early Service	Sanctuary
		9:00am	Easter Brunch	Luther Fellowship hall
		10:30am	Late Service w/ Baptism	Sanctuary
Mon.	04/09	All Day	Church Office Closed	

Last Week's Blessing:

Attendance Sunday Services:	8:00am: 64	10:30am: 126	Total: 190
Sunday School Attendance:	Elementary: 39	Teens: 11	Adults: 17

General Offering:	\$6,876.50
Avg. Weekly Operating Exp.	\$6,078.85
Capital Offering:	\$1,945.00
Avg. Weekly Mortgage Exp.	\$1,976.54

Pantry Pack Collection	
SS items:	41
Congregation items:	47
Congregation donation:	\$75.00