

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 8 – January 16

The Voice of God

Are you longing to hear God's voice? What would it be like to hear God call you by name? For many it seems that God spoke to people long ago and far away, but now in this time and place God's voice is much less clear and less audible. Perhaps we cannot hear the voice of God because our world is full of noise? Perhaps we are not open to the particular frequency in which God chooses to call us? Perhaps we continually tune out this heavenly summons with our daily rush, not taking the time to quiet ourselves, our minds, our inner voices. We can use this time after Epiphany to clear out a corner of our lives for quiet prayer, meditation, or centering. Maybe then we will be able to hear . . . to sense . . . to listen.

Listen! God's voice comes from heaven to call us by name, speak to the earth, shake the wilderness, and to anoint "the Beloved." Listen! God's people speak words of covenant, commitment, and community in the liturgy of baptism. Listen! God's word surrounds this day with power and majesty and "in the temple of the LORD all are crying, 'Glory!'" (Ps. 29:9). In this season of epiphanies, today's miraculous encounter with the living God immerses us in the sound of God's voice and bathes us in God's baptismal promise. All who are splashed by this water gasp, cry, exclaim, sigh, and sing. Let all who have breath, praise the Lord!

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

During this time of social distancing, there are several ways to continue your giving.

-- By mail.

-- By "Simply Giving"- Sign up for weekly or monthly ACH withdrawals. Call the office to get a form.

-- By PayPal- Go to our website home page (www.salemlakemills.com) and scroll to the bottom left- there is a Donate button. Click on that and it will take you to a PayPal or credit card donation page.

-WEEKLY GIVING-

Unable to access information due to our computer program being down.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 43:1-7

When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you

Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

Acts 8:14-17

Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 62:1-5

As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you

Psalm 36:5-10

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit

John 2:1-11

The wedding at Cana

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer. We ask that you also remember them in your daily prayers.

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:

Gardner Family (Charles, Dianne, Laura)
 Deb and Marcus Gaskill
 Gerdes Family (Crystal, Carter, Caysen)
 Gerdes Family (Timothy, Lori, Andrew, Matthew)
 Gilbertson Family (Jason, Stephanie, Madison, Jackson)

This week the following members will be celebrating their birthdays and we would like to wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

9-Donna Harig	12-Brook Christianson	13-Mateo Pena
9-Jessica Colby	12-Ellile Redig	14-Jade Durnil
10-Jill Budach	12-Joshua Hanson	14-Tammy Butler
10-Timothy Hermanson	12-Javyn Burtis	14-Bryan Hengesteg
10-Tearria Hacker	12-Darlene Anderson	15-Jack Ramaker
11-Allan Zabel	12-George Miller	
11-Brody Reich	12-Alex Beaty	

If you have an upcoming birthday and want it to be listed, please call the office to make sure we have your birthday in our records. 641.592.1771

Radio Sponsorship: Reserve your special date to sponsor an 8:30am radio broadcast. The service is heard on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2.

Radio sponsorship costs \$83. Call the office to reserve your date. 641.592.1771
 (Live Internet Broadcast Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday)

2022 RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

Feb. 10, March 13, March 27, May 1, May 8, May 22, June 12, July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 25

Pastoral Visits: If you or someone you know would like a visit from Pastor Joel, please call the office to make an appointment. 641.592.1771

Annual Meeting: Salem's Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on January 23rd, 2022 at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. There will be a lunch to follow, in the fellowship hall. No faith formation or confirmation on that day.

Volunteers: We need volunteers to help take down the Christmas decorations. Please come on Saturday, January 15th at 9:00am.

Memorials Given in December

Merle Behr \$75-Building Fund

Clarine Moe \$35-WELCA, \$35-General Fund

Upcoming Blood Drive

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 12th

1:00pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Appointments Are Required

Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or Call: 800-287-4903

or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast: Come have breakfast! It's on Pastor Joel! The next Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, January 14th; 8:00am – 10:00am in the lounge, across from the office. Everyone is welcome! Please join us for this new fellowship opportunity. Breakfast will be served until the food runs out or its 10:00am, whichever comes sooner. Breakfast is free. Donations collected will go towards youth activities.



Collections: The Board of Life & Growth collects used stamps, pop tabs, eye glasses and receipts from David's Marketplace. The WELCA group receives 1 tenth of 1% of all receipts collected. This can really add up and help. They ask that receipts do not get rolled up. Collection baskets are in the Narthex.

Volunteers Needed: The Board of Worship and Music is looking for volunteers. If you are willing to usher, acolyte, read, sing in the liturgical choir or would like to learn how to help with sound, monitors or live stream, please contact Heather at 641-909-4050 or write it on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Suggested Best Practices for Salem Members

As we continue to experience community spread of Covid-19 and we enter flu season please keep in mind the following recommendations and best practices to protect yourself and others while worshipping here at Salem:

- Monitor your own health – If you are not feeling well or have had a possible exposure to Covid-19, please stay home.
- Wash your hands often; hand sanitizer is available at the west entry doors and in the Narthex. Sharing the peace without contact is preferred and safer for all.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Masking is optional for those who have been vaccinated. Masking is strongly recommended for those not vaccinated. Show respect for all members who choose to wear a mask. Masks are available at the west entry doors and in the Narthex.
- Maintaining distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household provides you better protection from those without symptoms that could spread the virus.

January 2022, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Amplifying the Voices of Iowa Children and Families

Individuals struggling without access to critical healthcare and family support services. Human service providers overworked and underpaid. Former refugees and immigrants striving to build new lives in the U.S.

These are all issues faced by Iowans. Help us ensure their voices are heard at the Iowa State Capitol.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) will be advocating for our community members who are so often overlooked in our society. You can join us in this important work. Visit LSIowa.org/advocacy and sign up for our Advocacy Alerts. Learn more about the legislative process, the issues impacting your neighbors, and your role as a citizen in helping to amplify their voices. Save the date for March 10, 2022, and join us for Lutheran Day on the Hill, a day of advocacy and education at the Iowa State Capitol. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Entrepreneurship, Food, and Welcoming

In 2006, Ali and her family traveled from Kenya and resettled in the U.S. They found themselves in an unfamiliar place: Iowa. But today, they still call Iowa home, thanks to the community they built and the support they received while resettling in the U.S. LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services helped the family become comfortable and confident living in their new community.

"They taught us to shop, register for school – all the basic needs. Even winter shopping for the Iowa weather," Ali says. "They taught us how to get by. It was nice to help us get settled in."

After some time in Iowa, Ali and her husband, Salah, decided they wanted to open a restaurant as successful as the one they had in Kenya. They soon realized how challenging this would be – the biggest obstacle being the financial burden of opening a restaurant in the Des Moines area. After 15 years of never giving up on their goals, they were able to open Gursha Ethiopian Grill.

Opening during a pandemic, when other restaurants in the industry struggled to remain open, has come with its share of obstacles. But thanks to community support, the restaurant is a popular destination in the area.

Ali dreams of one day franchising to other locations. With their continuously growing clientele and delicious food, this goal is not far away.

Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Off, but on-call

Tuesday: Off, but on-call (2:30pm Pastors Text Study)

Wednesday: Noon-8:00pm (10am Bible Study)

Thursday: Noon-8pm (6:30pm Church Council Meeting)

Friday: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (8am-10am Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast)

Saturday: Noon-8pm (5:30pm Worship Service)

Sunday: 8am-Noon (9am Worship Service, 10am Confirmation, 11am Board Meeting)

Secretary

Marci Adeogun

Mon-Thurs 10am-5pm

Fri 10am-4pm

Sat-Sun: Off

SATURDAY 1/8

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 1/9

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room

10:00am-10:45am Faith Formation-Chapel

MONDAY 1/10

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm-4:00pm Clothes Closet is Open

3:15pm Daisies-Room 2

TUESDAY 1/11

9:30am Miriam Circle-Library

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

WEDNESDAY 1/12

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

3:15pm Brownies-Room 2

THURSDAY 1/13

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 1/14

Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast-Lounge

SATURDAY 1/15

9:00am Taking Down Decorations-Sanctuary

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 1/16

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room

10:00am-10:45am Faith Formation-Chapel

11:00am Board of Youth and Education Meeting-Library