

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 9—October 17

Fat Camels and Narrow Needles: Only Possible for God

A rich man approaches Jesus and asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell what he owns, give the money to the poor, and follow. Jesus will accept nothing less than our very selves. Like the rich man, we too are left defenseless and grieving by Jesus' radical call to leave behind and give away what we count on for our own security. He wants us, and therefore also wants the things that keep us from him; he gazes upon us in love, even as he calls us to leave behind our false sources of security. How hard it is for us camels to pass through the eye of the needle! We too grieve at the impossibility. It is in fact impossible for us, yet more than possible for God to make it so. For we have a "great high priest who has passed through the heavens, the Son of God," who is both able to sympathize with our great weakness but also to provide mercy and help. While eternal life on the other side of the needle is a free gift that only God can give, it is a gift that claims the entirety of our lives and therefore reshapes our stewardship of whatever earthly goods we do have. For first and foremost we are called to follow the Christ who gazes upon us in love. Since we are his, following him we will enter through the eye of the needle, leaving behind what cannot fit through with us. In doing so we are promised that we will gain everything: a hundredfold more in this life in a new community under the Cross, "and in the age to come eternal life" (Mark 10:30).

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-

LAST SUNDAY: 10/3/21	\$ 3,830
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 10/6/21	\$ 172,520
LAST YEAR: as of 10/6/20	\$ 172,092
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 428

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

[Amos 5:6-7, 10-15](#)

Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live

[Psalm 90:12-17](#)

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

[Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

Approach the throne of grace with boldness

[Mark 10:17-31](#)

Teaching on wealth and reward

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

[Isaiah 53:4-12](#)

The suffering servant

[Psalm 91:9-16](#)

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

[Hebrews 5:1-10](#)

Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

Warnings to ambitious disciples

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:

Kim Christianson

Terry Christianson

Bonnie Clark

Diane Clark

William (Bill) Clark

Norma Thompson: For anyone who would like to send a card to Norma Thompson, below is the address where she can be reached. No visitors are allowed. You can also reach her through email: normarthompson@icloud.com **(please note, this email address has been corrected, there was a typo)**

Augustana Chapel View Care Center

Norma Thompson – Room #284

615 Minnetonka Mills Rd.

Hopkins, MN 55343-7203

Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast: Come have breakfast! It's on Pastor Joel! The next Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, October 15; 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 camp scholarships, retreat and the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Children's Bulletins: The Board of Youth and Education would like to let families know that they will now be providing Children's Bulletins for children who attend service. These will have activities in them related to the lesson of the week. There will be 2 different bulletins to choose from, one for Pre-Readers and one for Readers, this will be indicated on the front cover of the bulletins.

Stewardship: Each quarter the stewardship committee will be promoting new ways that we, as a congregation, can support our church, our community, and the world around us. We decided that our first mission should be to support those who continue to suffer from the aftereffects of Hurricane Ida in the gulf coast. We will be promoting this through Lutheran Disaster Response. The insert in your bulletin has more information on Lutheran Disaster Response and what they are doing to assist those in need. There are instructions for mailing a donation in the insert, however if you would prefer to donate online, you can do that as well: www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response. Either method gives you the option to donate to hurricane relief or to where your dollars are needed the most. We will be collecting our noisy offering for those who are affected by Hurricane Ida as well. The stewardship committee would like to thank you for considering making a donation to the worthy cause and also for all that you do to be good stewards during these difficult times.

Prayer Pen Pals: The Board of Life & Growth is seeking Prayer Pen Pals for 1st graders. This includes sending a letter to a 1st grader and keeping them in your prayers. If you would be willing to do this, please contact Sue Langerud. 641.568.3620

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.

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.

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

Operation Christmas Child Project: The Board of Life & Growth will be collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for the Operation Christmas Child Project. There are brochures in the Narthex with information, instructions and labels. It's fun to go shopping and pack a box with gifts for a child, but you don't have time for that, you can even build a box online! All you have to do is go to their website, samaritanspurse.org/buildonline or scan the QR code in the brochure, make your donation online, pick what you want in your box and the Samaritan's Purse will do the rest! The Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1993, more than 188 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love. All boxes need to be at the church by **November 14th.**

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.

This year has quickly filled with sponsorship and only a few dates are still available. Don't miss your chance to sponsor a radio broadcast this year.

Cost is \$83. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE. 641.592.1771

2021 RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Dec. 5, Dec. 12

2022 RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

Jan. 2, Jan. 16, Feb. 10, Feb. 20, March 13, March 27, April 3, April 24, May 1, May 8, May 22, June 12, June 19, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Sept. 4, Sept. 18, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 25

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday.



Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Off, but on-call

Tuesday: Off, but on-call(10am, LMAMA meeting, 2:30pm Pastors Text Study)

Wednesday: Noon-8:00pm(10am Adult 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)

Secretary

Marci Adeogun

Mon-Fri 10am-5pm



Give Thanks

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

for this is

God's
Will

for you in

Christ
Jesus

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

SATURDAY 10/9

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 10/10

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

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

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room

MONDAY 10/11

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

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

(Call 641-592-5085 to schedule alternate time by appointment)

3:15pm Daisies-Preschool Room

TUESDAY 10/12

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

WEDNESDAY 10/13

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

3:15pm Brownies-Preschool Room

THURSDAY 10/14

3:15pm Juniors-Preschool Room

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 10/15

8:00am-10:00am Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast-Lounge

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