

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2—October 10

### Who Would Jesus Bless Today?

Many Bibles include a heading before the latter part of today's gospel reading (Mark 10:13-16) that says something like "Blessing the Children" or "Jesus Welcomes the Children." In reading such a heading, we might begin to imagine a sentimental scene in which Jesus is surrounded by cute, adorable children. When we think about children being blessed in our churches today, we might imagine children gathering around the altar or at the front of the worship space for a children's time, in which the pastor or worship leader would say a prayer with them and give them a blessing. The parents and others may also be gathered just behind the children, smiling in adoration of these young ones.

However, we cannot view the scene from Mark's gospel with only our modern understanding of the role and place of children in society. The life of many children in North America is one of relative privilege, with carefree days in which they often experience the care and love of grown-ups. Jesus, by bringing the children to him, identifies himself with those who were among the most vulnerable and helpless in society. In ancient times, children often were treated like property. They had few protections from those who would treat them badly. But Jesus came into the world for ones such as these children. Who, in our communities, is in the place of the children of ancient times? As Christ's church, do we provide a place of welcome and care for the most vulnerable and weak in our society?

## 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](http://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-**

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| <b>LAST SUNDAY:</b> 9/26/21        | \$ 2,772   |
| <b>YEAR-TO-DATE:</b> as of 9/28/21 | \$ 168,690 |
| <b>LAST YEAR:</b> as of 9/28/20    | \$ 166,530 |
| <b>DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:</b>    | \$ 2,160   |

### **THIS WEEKS TEXTS**

Genesis 2:18-24

Created for relationship

Psalm 8

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

God has spoken by a Son

Mark 10:2-16

Teaching on marriage

### **NEXT 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

**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:**

Roger Christiansen

Shannon Christiansen

Christianson Family (Joel, Marlys, Amber, Jill)

Christianson/Byars Family (Brook, Kit, Dottie, Betsy)

Derek Christianson and Amy Kroger

**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.

**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: [normathompson@icloud.com](mailto:normathompson@icloud.com)

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.

**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

**Cemetery Board Loan Update:** The Heating/AC Project has been completely paid off. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!!!

**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.

**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](http://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.

**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](http://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 KLOW (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

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

**Secretary**

Marci Adeogun

Mon-Fri 10am-5pm

## **Pastor's Schedule**

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Off, but on-call

Tuesday: Off, but on-call(2:30pm Pastors Text Study, 7pm Altar Guild)

Wednesday: Noon-8:00pm(10am Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm Stewardship Meeting)

Thursday: Noon – 8pm

Friday: 8am – Noon, 1pm – 5pm

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

Sunday: 8am – Noon(9am Worship Service, 10am Confirmation)

## **October 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**

### **Leaving a Legacy**

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit [LSIowa.org/church-relations](http://LSIowa.org/church-relations) or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

*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 [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## **One Backpack and a Simple Act of Kindness**

The start of fall classes can be difficult for any child – especially as youth of all ages adjust back to “normal” following a year of virtual classes and Zoom meetings. But for kids who have experienced trauma, back-to-school season can bring additional stress: anxiety about meeting new people; worry that their family may not have enough grocery money for lunch every day; insecurity if they come to school without some of the fun supplies other kids have.

Thanks to donations of backpacks, crayons and pencils, glue, and more, LSI is ensuring Iowa youth have access to the school supplies they need to succeed. And because of this, kids are empowered with the ability to choose their own supplies that show off their own styles and personalities so they can feel confident as they return to classes.

After having a tough day, Marisol was feeling sad and was told she and her guardian would be stopping by the LSI office for some school supplies. She wasn't in the mood for a visit but after arriving at the office, she found a bright spot in her day: her LSI worker was there to help her pick out a new backpack of her own. She was delighted after finding her favorite, and eagerly walked around the office to choose more back-to-school items she could place in her backpack.

Thanks to these contributions, Marisol's day was turned around by a simple act of kindness and a new backpack.

SATURDAY 10/2

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 10/3

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

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

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room

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

MONDAY 10/4

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

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

7:00pm Sons of Norway-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 10/5

7:00pm Altar Guild-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 10/6

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Stewardship Meeting-Library

THURSDAY 10/7

9:30am Sarah Circle-Carole Hagen's home

9:30am Ruth Circle-Phyllis Moen's home

1:30pm Grace Circle-Joann Villa's home

3:15pm Cadettes-Preschool Room

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