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Salem Lutheran Church

OUTREACH

June 2018

We invite you to join us for our weekly Worship Services:

Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship- Fellowship Hall

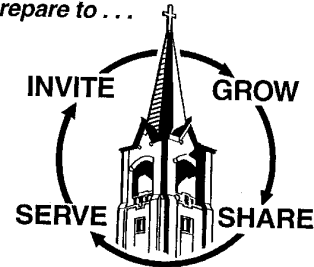
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Outdoor Worship Service (Beginning 06.10.18)

Saturday:

5:30 p.m. Casual Worship

Prepare to . . .



. . . for Christ's sake

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MISSION

Salem Lutheran Church members have known and now extend to others the invitation from Jesus Christ to know him and his gifts of forgiveness, hope, peace, and purpose. Our desire is to be a welcoming place in service to the Lord who has welcomed us. We seek to grow in our faith through meaningful worship and study. We seek to share the gifts of Christ, both as individuals who reach out in love to our families, our community, our workplaces, and our world, and also as a congregation reaching out with meaningful and supportive services and programming to people of all ages. We seek to be servants, following the example of our Lord Jesus, who said that the greatest life is not the one lived simply for itself, but for the benefit of others.

A Message from Pastor Joel Guttormson...

Nancy and I made the twelve-hundred mile trek from Iowa to Washington. We realize this was the thirteenth time we have driven from the heartland to the east coast or vice versa. We did so almost yearly beginning in 2001 when I first took a call to the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod. I write this article from the hotel in Old Town Alexandria, just miles from my first call in Annandale; the morning before I begin a week of continuing ed. at the Festival of Homiletics (preaching). This evening opens with worship at the National Cathedral with the Rev. Dr. Caroline Lewis Preaching, "The Politics of Pneuma" (Spirit), based on the gospel text, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

Daily I can attend three different worship services, hear three prominent preachers, in one of three historical churches in the heart of our Nation's Capital. The Metropolitan AME Church is just a few blocks north of the White House, the National City Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church and Luther Place Memorial (ELCA) Church are within walking distance of each other. This year's festival theme will be "Preaching and Politics" exploring the role of faith and the gospel in our world. This will be the second time I have attended the Festival. My first time I attended was when it was held in Minneapolis in 2014, the year before I took the call to Salem. It was there I heard a powerful sermon by Michael Curry. Presiding Bishop Curry is now the first African American elected to serve as the primate and presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in 2015.

I woke up early at our hotel on Saturday came down to breakfast to folks glued to the television watching the royal wedding and talking about how historic it was that a biracial American woman was marrying a prince and the services included a blend of traditional British formality and gospel singing and the Rev. Michael Curry was mixing it up with a charismatic (pneuma) Spiritual sermon on the power of love. "We must discover the power of love, the power, the redemptive power of love," he said, quoting the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "And when we do that, we will make of this whole world a new world. But love, love is the only way." Is this the kind preaching we need to hear today?

Is the marriage of Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex a sign of the times? It was sure being talked about as Nancy and I crossed the

Salem Women of the ELCA

Altar Guild

June 5th at 7pm

Altar Guild for June

Marilyn Hoffman

Gloria Kvale

Mission Quilters

June 11th at 1pm

WELCA Meeting

June 21st at 2pm

Hostess: Grace Circle

Program: Ruth Circle

Communion Schedule

Sundays, June 3rd and 17th (8:30)

Sundays, June 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th (10:30)

Saturdays, June 2nd and 16th

Mills Harbour & LMCC

Wednesday, June 27th

Birthdays: Ruth Circle

Program: Martha Circle

June Worship Schedule

Saturdays:

Casual worship at 5:30 pm in the lounge

Sundays:

Traditional service at 8:30am in the sanctuary

Coffee fellowship at 9:30am in the fellowship hall

Contemporary worship service at 10:30am in the sanctuary

Outdoor worship service at 10:30 a.m. beginning June 10, 2018



We welcome your donations through any method you choose to give. And for those who choose to offer electronically, we want to offer a special word of thanks! E-giving is faster, more secure, provides much needed donation consistency, and strengthens our stewardship program.

Electronic and traditional givers accustomed to texting can now give through the GIVE+Text. Make one-time recurring offerings by simply sending a text to our secure account at 1.641.832.5367. It's a convenient solution when you can't attend services or do not have cash or checks with you.

We hope you'll try this new way to give!

Stop by the church office or visit our website to learn more!

We thank you and all givers for supporting our mission!

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2018 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KLOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2. **Call the office to reserve your dates. Cost for 2018 is \$83.**

Available dates are:

June 17	July 8, 15	Oct. 7
Nov. 4, 11	Dec. 23, 30	

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 10:30am worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve your dates.

country these past few days. In preparing for this season of Pentecost I have been studying the book of Acts and the Spirit's work in the first century church. It was a hopeful and inspiring time where the mixing of peoples and traditions led to the breaking down of old boundaries of separation, and the growth and effectiveness of Christ's global mission. It was also met with cynicism and persecution. The question I will be wrestling with this week is the intersection between the church, preaching and politics in our world today.

In my morning devotions of late, I begin with a prayer from Thomas Cranmer, English Reformer and Archbishop of Canterbury (1489-1556); Heavenly Father, I pray this day I may live in your presence and please you more and more. Lord Jesus Christ, I pray this day I may pick up my cross and follow you. Holy Spirit, I pray that this day your fruit may ripen in my life – love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy on me. Amen. Now I'm off to figure out how to be a better preacher!

SALEM RECORDS May

Funerals:

Leo Schmidhuber, Beverly Andersen

New Members:

Janet Vinson

Transfer/Statistical Adjustment:

Brooke (Bartness) Beise

Lauren (Belica) Schroeder

Memorials:

Duane "DJ" Skellenger: cemetery \$20

Richard "Dick" Biehl: Mission Quilters \$40, cemetery \$40,
general fund \$75

Leo Schmidhuber: Stained Glass Windows \$525,
Cemetery \$45

Update from the Council...

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Monday May 14, 2018

President Brad Evenson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Members present: Delane Behr, Kathy Chose, Willie Skellenger, Pastor Joel, Brad Evenson, Mike Swenson, Stephanie Steffens, Sondra Nelson and Heidi Obermeyer.

Devotions and Prayers were led by Pastor Joel.

Secretary's Report: A correspondence was received from the Catholic Church thanking Salem for the use of classroom space. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Willie to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reported the month end checking balance was \$16,527.95. Total income for April was \$29,139.77 with total expenses of \$22,2873.54. Savings balance is \$50,257.42, discussion was held on looking into the bylaws for expenditure of this money, it currently not able to be used.

Financial Secretary's Report: Deb submitted a written report showing average weekly contributions of \$4,838. Feedback has been positive with including the Dashboard summary in the church bulletin. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Sondra to approve financial reports as written.

Board of Worship & Music: Kathy reported the committee would be meeting Wednesday to plan the outdoor worship schedule. Work continues to improve communication for practice times etc for youth practice with Jonathan. The group is looking at updating the PA system for outdoor worship. Brad recommended a portable Fender system.

Board of Life and Growth/Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry: Willie reported the group is planning the decorations for Pentecost Sunday. Noisy offering containers will be collected and then redistributed prior to the next offering. The group will be requesting a meeting with Tim @ Kairos.

Board of Property and Management: Delane reported the group is continuing to work on the heating and cooling project for Salem.

Board of Youth: Sondra highlighted the many activities that the youth have

LSI's June Newsletter Article

Happy Father's Day!

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

Many of the boys and young men that LSI serves in our Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers have never had a positive male role model in their lives. But our caring volunteers are there to help guide them.

In our Early Childhood fatherhood program, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

You are making all of this possible through your support of LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

Would you like to receive special announcements from Salem via text?

Salem is offering a new service to keep our members informed!

Simply text [@slutheran](https://www.instagram.com/slutheran)

to 81010 to join!



Congratulations to the 2018 Confirmands

Encounter with Heaven Concert

Ever wonder what really happens at the point of death? Karen Gunderson, author of *Encounters with Heaven—Stories of God's Surprising Presence* along with her son, Ryan, will be presenting Encounter with Heaven, an experiential evening combining Karen's incredible true stories from her work as a hospice harpist, with beautiful harp, piano, flute, 3-part vocals and more.

The Gunderson's will be giving a concert on Wednesday, June 27th at 7:00pm at Salem Lutheran Church. Enjoy a combination of peaceful music on popular Christian pieces like *What a Wonderful World* and *It is Well With my Soul*. You will also be invited to participate in singing a few favorite hymns as well.

For more information, visit www.ChristianHarpMusic.com

been involved in. The group is working on upcoming events: Youth Trip and VBS. The blessing of the new youth room went well. The pool table still needs to have the skirts installed, the new vending machine is working with the exception of the \$1 bill changer. Discussion was held regarding the supervision of the room, hours of operation and the possibility of renting the space out to other organizations. Guidelines and fee schedule will need to be developed. Summer Meal program will once again be held at Salem.

Lead Pastor's Report: Pastor Joel presented a written report. A presentation on "Words Matter" was given. Discussion on our Mission and Vision Statement was held. Salem is making great steps for the future.

Associate Pastor's Report: Pastor Melinda submitted a written report noting pastoral acts in April.

Communication Director's Report: Stephanie noted a reminder that the Deadline for Information in the newsletter is May 22.

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Stephanie to accept board reports. All approved.

Old Business: none

New Business: Discussion was held again regarding the locking and unlocking of doors at Salem. Our doors open at approximately 7am to sometime as late as 9pm daily. We need to have a dependable manner of securing and doing security checks. New member: Janet Vinson transferring from Salem in Albert Lea. A motion for approval was made by Willie, seconded by Stephanie. All approved. Statistical Adjustment: Remove Brooke (Bartness) Beise from membership at her request. Remove Lauren (Belica) Schroeder from membership. A motion was made by Mike, Seconded by Stephanie, all approved.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday June 11, 2018.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike, seconded by Sondra. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm. We closed the meeting by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Obermeyer

