



Salem Lutheran Church

OUTREACH

May 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

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation– Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

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...

SALEM LUTHERAN MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

As part of our work with the Joshua Project, Pastor Joel was tasked to “clarify the mission statement and vision priorities of Salem.” After much study and prayer, consultation with Tim Johnson and Bob Driver-Bishop of the Joshua Group, a leadership retreat in January, conversations with members of Salem at four of our Friday Forums, a few cups of coffee and a couple of beers, we have a Mission and Vision Statement to present to council at our May Synod Council Meeting for approval. Pastor Joel wishes to thank all you have participated in this process and hopes it will to “focus energies [our] and resources to have greater participation and confidence in [our] work together” (Joshua Group Progress Report – January 2018).

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope” (Jeremiah 29:11).

OUR MISSION: We are God forgiven and mission driven.

OUR VISION: To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

Belonging means: ..that we all belong! We all have a place! We all fit! “as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body” (1 Corinthians 12:18- 20).

Healing means: ...that we all have brokenness and are in need of wholeness. God’s Word, the Bread of Life, and so much more, helps us to take these important steps forward! “I [God] am going to bring it, recovery and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security” (Jeremiah 33:6).

Growing means: ...we are designed by God to change, to grow, to evolve. We are committed to that process for everyone who is open to it! “We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because

your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing” (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

Serving means:...that Jesus made clear that being a servant was central to being a disciple. Therefore, we see that everyone who is a follower is a servant, as well. “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” (1 Peter 4:10).

Believing means: that faith and not works is central to our life. Simple, and yet profound trust in the promise of forgiveness and mercy, and the presence of the Spirit, guides us in all we do. “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13).

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00am

Asbury United Methodist Church, Lake Mills

The service will be held in the Sanctuary

Coffee and fellowship following the service in the fellowship hall

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Sponsored by the Lake Mills Area Ministerial Assoc.

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!

Update from the Council...

Monday, April 9, 2018

President Brad Evenson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Members present: Stephanie Steffens, Deb Throne, Kathy Chose, Willie Skellenger, Ashley Hoffman, Jennifer Sauer, Mike Swenson, Sondra Nelson, Linda Helgeson, Steve Nelson, Pastor Joel Guttormson, Heidi Obermeyer.

Devotions and Prayers were led by Pastor Joel.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Deb, seconded by Mike to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reported a negative month end balance in checking of -\$515.04. Total income for March was \$21,844.33 with total expenses of \$36,934.01. Payroll was drawn on Friday March 30th for the month of April due to the 1st landing on a Sunday. There were no abnormal expenditures. Discussion was held regarding the use of general offering money and designated monies for expenditures. Giving continues to be lower than normal. In an effort to provide a better tool for congregational members to follow average giving patterns, the Dashboard Report will be included in the weekly bulletins. Deb will work with Helen to implement.

Financial Secretary's Report: Deb reported average weekly contributions of \$4,817 which continues to be lower than needed for cash flow. The average monthly contributions for 2018 are \$21,834. A motion was made by Willie, seconded by Steve to accept the financial reports. All approved.

Board of Worship & Music: Kathy presented information regarding the donation of a baby grand piano to Salem including moving expense, small repairs and disposal of the old piano. The item is being turned over to the Property and Management Committee. A motion was made by Deb, seconded by Stephanie to approve up to \$600 from the Phyllis Schaat memorial monies to cover moving expenses. All approved.

Board of Life, Growth, Stewardship and Social Ministry: Willie discussed an upcoming "Noisy Offering" on May 13th. Containers to keep in the home are being prepared. Monies raised will go towards Youth Campers and Youth Convention attendees.

Board of Property and Management: Steve reported ongoing efforts to work with contractors for bids on heating in the educational unit of the church. The committee will also be looking into motion sensors for lighting in the building.

Board of Youth: Sondra submitted a written report highlighting all of the many youth activities. Jennifer noted that attendance for Faith Formation has been down during the months of January, February and March, likely due to youth sporting events that are held on Sundays.

Lead Pastor's Report: Pastor Joel presented his report as written noting there are about 20 youth who have verbally expressed interest in attending a summer camp along with 4 youth and 2 adults planning to attend the Youth Gathering. We have asked all participants to register and pay the deposit and we will look into fundraising the remainder of the expense. If those numbers are accurate the cost would be about \$13,000. Enduring Gifts had thought they would have enough interest money to cover those expenses but at our meeting on March 28th it became a question as to whether those monies would be available.

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

Communications Director's Report: Ashley is looking into texting programs to help keep members up to date on events and communication for Salem. The next Outreach deadline will be April 17th .

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

Old Business: none

New Business: Discussion was held regarding locking and unlocking the doors at Salem. Currently Pastor Joel is opening the doors in the morning. Securing the building at night needs to be addressed. The board will look for options to help in this matter.

Transfer of membership: Ben Stene from Emmons Lutheran Church to Salem Lutheran Church. A motion was made by Ashley, seconded by Jennifer to accept. All approved

Statistical Adjustment: Teri Clough, Logan and Mykayla have moved to Round Rock, Texas. A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Kathy to accept. All

approved.

Our next regular meeting will be May 14, 2018.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deb, seconded by Mike. All approved.
Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Heidi Obermeyer

SALEM RECORDS April

Funerals:

Richard "Dick" Biehl

Baptisms:

Emmett James Helgeson

Statistical Adjustment:

Brooke (Bartness) Beise



Youth handing out the new "noisy offering" banks. Contact the office if you did not get one and would like to support our youth.

NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION - May 19-20

Stewardship, Life and Growth has been working to improve our collection of our “noisy offering” collections. The idea is to offer opportunities to fund ministries, local civic organizations such as the fire department and ambulance service and other organizations or fund appeals that arise that are generally not a part of our annual mission plan/budget. The thought is to have an opportunity for “noisy offering” appeals quarterly.

This quarter the board has chosen to raise funds for our youth who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering and four of our Outdoor Ministries. Four Salem youth and two adult chaperones are attending the youth gathering in June with youth and pastors Bill Peters and Randy Baldwin and five youth from One-In-Christ Parish. Thirteen youth are attending the Junior High Camp at Riverside in August. This is a time for them to build relationships with each other, Pastor’s Melinda and Joel and our Worship Coordinator, Jonathan Happel who will each spend some time at camp building stronger relationships as they begin Confirmation. Three youth are attending Good Earth Village in July. One youth is attending Ingham/Okobogi Bible Camp with a friend and the hope is more youth might be attending a week long “Live-wire Music Camp” at the end of July with Jonathan to equip them to lead our 10:30 Worship.

Salem is sponsoring, for the second year, a week-long summer camp experience the week following our July Jubilee. The EWALU Summer Camp staff, with the help and support of LMAMA (Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association) has agreed to cover half of the expenses and support the week long camp. This will enable 30 Lake Mills Community Youth to experience an all-day, free, grace-filled, safe, Christian Community experience.

Offering 54 youth the opportunity to experience the love of Jesus in Christian Community is not cheap! With the exception of the EWALU Community Camp each participant is expected to pay the camp deposit for the camp they are attending and fundraisers such as bake sales, soup suppers have helped to fund the costs. The total cost for all our youth to participate in these five programs is close \$10,000 so our Noisy Offering can really make a difference. Pick up your noisy offering bank and collect your change to make a change!

Confirmation

Saturday May 5th and Sunday May 6th

These students are ready to affirm their baptismal vows as they become adults in our congregation! Congratulations!

Bennett James Berger

Brooke Elizabeth Bergo

Lindy Annalane Brekken

Kit Kelly Byars

Jadyn Elizabeth Hengesteg

Aiden Carl Johanson

Megan Lynn Knudtson

Madison Jay Levine

Courtney Irene Lorenson

Anthony Jay Ramaker

Danielle Anna-Marie White

Faith Formation Upcoming Events

MAY

6 Kelly Gau Studio coming to Faith Formation to do a project with the 3rd-6th graders (9:30-10:30)

13 Last Day of Faith Formation; Play and Pray at 9:35am; 4 year olds-2nd graders sing at 10:30 service

Youth Room Update

If you aren't aware, the Youth and Faith Formation Board has been working on renovating one of the old preschool rooms into a youth room. The hope is to offer a place for youth to congregate on Wednesdays during early release, for fellowship and have a snack before Confirmation Class or Contemporary Worship practice with Jonathan.

On Wednesday, May 9th we will be having a blessing of our new youth room at 5:30 with a meal. Dan Antoine, Program Director for Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps, will be with us to offer an hour long jam session from 6-7 PM with a closing worship at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary for all who wish to attend.

In addition to the opening of our youth room the goal of this event is for some of our musical youth to get excited about playing and possibly attending the Live-Wire Music Camp July 29-August 3. This summer, the youth room will be used for our week long EWALU Community Camp. In the fall we hope to partner with One-In-Christ to again sponsor Fifth Quarters after LMCS Sporting Events. The Youth Room will also be available for youth and faith formation events, family events, as long as they are preapproved by the Youth and Faith Formation Board and someone who has been trained by our S.A.F.E Child Protection Program and Policy are available to help sponsor the event.



Congratulations Graduates!

The following 2018 seniors will be included in prayer on Sunday, May 20th.

Please keep these students
and their families in your prayers as they graduate!

Cole Bergo

Clayton Butler

Hannah Evenson

Mariah Fails

Morgan Fritz

Claire Grothe

Laura Knudtson

Addison Kopp

Jacob Langenbau

Anthony Naser

Justin Okland

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage;

hold fast to what is good;

Return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;

Support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people;

Love and serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Baccalaureate Service

Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00pm in the Salem Sanctuary

This service is open to all members of the Class of 2018, their families,
friends and members of the community.



Congratulations to the 5th grade students that received their First Communion!



Thank you to the sixth grade students and their parents for helping to serve supper to the fifth graders and their families before their First Communion!



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:

**May 6, 20
June 17**

**July 8, 15
August 5
Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28**

**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.

Salem Women of the ELCA

Altar Guild

May 7th at 7pm

Altar Guild for May

Linda Helgeson

Kathy Nelson

Mission Quilters

May 14th at 1pm

WELCA Meeting

May 17th at 2pm

Hostess: Sarah Circle

Program: Grace Circle

Communion Schedule

Sundays, May 6th and 20th (8:30)

Sundays, May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th (10:30)

Saturdays, May 5th and 19th

Mills Harbour & LMCC

Wednesday, May 30th

Birthdays: Martha Circle

Program: Grace Circle

May 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

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