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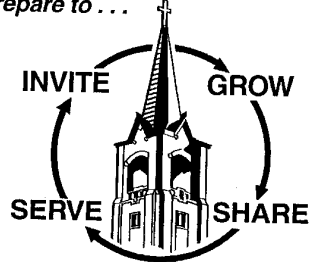
October 2018

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. Outdoor 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...

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, which meets every three years, met in 2016 and approved twenty-one changes to the ELCA constitution and bylaws. Amendments reflect the prayerful discernment of the Church to recognize its historical and doctrinal roots and the desire to be engaged in a changing world. Change is part of our identity as a Re-forming Church which is “Always Being Made New” (ELCA Capital Campaign for the Church’s future).

Pastor Joel spent the last week of September updating Salem’s Constitution and Bylaws which were last updated in 2010. It is recommended that all ELCA congregations and synods review the newly adopted amendments, consider the recommended changes, and update their constitutions after each church-wide assembly. Amendments to any congregation constitution are to be approved by the congregation at its regular annual meeting; for Salem this will be in January.

As Salem continues to work with the Joshua Group, adopt a new mission statement, vision ministry for the future, and consider significant capital improvements; the time is right to update the constitution and bylaws to reflect Salem’s vision and mission.

Pastor Joel is composing an initial draft of the constitution and bylaws to present to the church council at its November meeting. Members of Salem are encouraged to join in the process by contacting Pastor Joel for conversations with individuals or groups. Pastor Joel will be available Friday October 19 at 10 am and 5:30 pm in the lounge.

	<p>Monday Mornings on Lake Street</p> <p>There’s a pot of coffee and goodies available on Monday mornings in the Lounge at Salem from 8 – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Stop by and visit, have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a goody, visit with friends. Bring a friend!</p> <p>Call the office if you would like to provide goodies some Monday! Free-will donation.</p>
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Salem Women of the ELCA

Altar Guild

Oct. 2nd at 7pm

Altar Guild for October

Candy Hanna

Medara Winter

WELCA Meeting

Oct. 18th at 2pm

Hostess: Miriam Circle

Program: Martha Circle

Communion Schedule

Sundays, Oct 7th and 21st (8:30)

Sundays, Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th (10:30)

Saturdays, Oct. 6th and 20th

Mills Harbour & LMCC

Wednesday, Oct. 31st

Birthdays: Miriam Circle

Program: Martha Circle

October 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 service at 10:30 in the sanctuary



You can just about feel it in the slightly shorter days...

Generosity Season is almost here!

What is Generosity Season? That is what we call the part of the calendar stretching from back-to-school time to Christmas.

As summer ends, so does the summer slump, leading to more generosity from members returning from summer vacations and activities. Next, there's fall with its festivals and pumpkin sales, followed by Thanksgiving, a time of reflection and generosity. And then, of course, Christmas, the most generous time of the year.

Give Plus text maximizes our church's ability to receive generous gifts during this season.

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

Dear Pastor Joel,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to share a message of Jesus' grace and care for his children with your community this summer. You have a lovely congregation and we really enjoyed our time with you at Salem.

We want to let you know that we were able to buy a well through the ELCA Good Gifts program with proceeds from this summer. The well will be servicing up to 500 families and decrease illness in the area. It will also be a great gift to the children of the community so they will not have to walk miles through dangerous areas each day and have more time available for education.

Please thank your congregation for making this possible.

May the Lord continue to shine through your members in wonderful ways.

In Jesus' love,

Karen Gunderson, Heavenly Harp



November Family Event...COSMIC BOWLING!

Sunday, November 18th from 2-4 at SuperBowl in Forest City. We would love for you to join us for some family fun! If you have interest, please let us know on the new Family Bulletin Board outside the Pastor's office, so we can give the bowling alley an estimate on how many lanes to reserve.

Noisy Offering Update

The Noisy Offering for October for Hurricane/Flood relief in Iowa was collected September 29-30. The current total received is \$364.91. If you have not returned your container they may be brought to church on Sunday or to the office during the week.

JULY 2018 — RELIEF TO FAMILIES IMPACTED BY CENTRAL IOWA TORNADOES

On July 19, tornadoes struck Marshalltown, Pella, and Bondurant in Central Iowa, causing significant property destruction.

Marshalltown and Pella were struck by EF-3 tornadoes, with winds reaching up to 144 miles per hour. These were the strongest storms experienced in Iowa since 2015. Bondurant was struck by an EF-2 tornado. Governor Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for the tornado areas.

By the grace of God, no lives were lost, although at least 50 people were injured. The damage to businesses (including a hospital and city buildings), homes, and vehicles is extensive. Many families have been displaced.

The Statewide Lutheran Disaster Response Team (a partnership of LSI and the three Iowa synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) is mobilizing in support of Iowans impacted by these devastating tornadoes.

Thank you for your noisy offering contributions!

WELCA Living Waters Cluster Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 20th from 9:00-11:30am

Rose Creek Church

3269 Foothill Ave, Osage, IA

Pastor Mark Anderson, assistant to the Bishop, will speak about the shortage of pastors and deacons and what the synod is doing to address the shortage.

For reservations, contact Bev Mathers at 641-426-6364



NOVEMBER 2018 SELF-DEFENSE FOR GIRLS!

Join us for a self-defense class at **Salem Lutheran Church!** In the Fellowship Hall, 401 S. Lake St, Lake Mills. Cost is \$5 payable at door. No registration required. All girls welcome!

*High School/College Girls: Wednesday Nov 14th, 7PM – 9PM

*Adult Women: Sunday Nov 25th, 7 PM-9PM

*Young Girls 4th-8th grade: Monday Nov 26th, 7PM – 8:30PM

**Learn All About
Predators**

**Situational
Awareness**

**Verbal Defensive
Tactics &
Assertiveness
Skills**

Physical Presence

**Physical Tactics
and Techniques**

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October 2018, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, children arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with very little in their possession.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations who faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for winter apparel for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. Often, children in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give children the opportunity, when possible, to shop for their new coat or mittens. Because of this, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, many children will have the simple joy of choosing their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI 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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.



Salem's Clothes Closet is open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Donations of new socks & underwear are needed. Thank you for your help.

Executive Committee Meeting Monday, September 17th at 6pm

President Brad Evenson called the meeting to order.

Members present: Mike Swenson, Stephanie Steffens, Heidi Obermeyer.

Absent: Deb Throne.

The board met to finalize the proposals to the congregation regarding the Building Project.

Information will be shared at church services the weekend of 9/22-9/23 and again on 10/6-10/7.

An informal question and answer session to be held on Saturday Oct 6th following services and again on Sunday Oct 7th at the regular coffee hour.

Members of the Council and the Property Board will be available.

Other Business: Checking account for Building Project Funds.

A motion was made by Mike to establish a separate checking account for Building Funds only at FTSB.

Authorized signers will be President, Brad Evenson and Treasurer, Mike Swenson. Seconded by Stephanie. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7pm



Meals on Wheels drivers are needed to deliver meals to Lake Mills residents homes. Meals are delivered Monday through Thursday. Please contact Sylvia Heimdal for more information. 641-588-3549

