

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH –Seventh Sunday of Easter–

SATURDAY 5/15

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 5/16

9:00am Affirmation of Baptism during Worship Service-Sanctuary

MONDAY 5/17

1pm-4pm Clothes Closet is Open

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

3:15pm Cadets-Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 5/18

2:30pm Pastor Text Study

3:15pm Daisies-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 5/19

8:30am Staff Meeting

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Senior Baccalaureate Service-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 5/20

3:15pm Brownies-Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY 5/22

5:30pm Building Dedication Worship Service-Sanctuary

Viewing of church memorabilia and refreshments after service

SUNDAY 5/23

9:00am Graduation Recognition during Worship Service-Sanctuary

Move In Day

Each fall is the perennial move-in day on or near college campuses. Legions of parents descend with carloads that include tiny refrigerators, Ikea furniture, electronics, area rugs, and posters. They unload the one they have birthed, raised, nursed, instructed, and reprovved for eighteen or so, to prepare him or her for independence. Then, just like that, the parents are gone, perhaps wiping away tears. Perhaps their final words were ones they hoped would stick. "Study well." "Make good choices." "Watch your time." "Don't stay up too late." But in every parental heart is a simple prayer: "O God, be with them." In the final portion of Jesus' great prayer for the disciples (John 17:6-19), he entreats the Father to love and protect the disciples as a parent who knows their time for direct supervision is coming to an end. In this preparation we hear his pleading like a loving parent who wants the best for the ones he has sheltered, taught, loved, reprovved, and sent. Jesus begs for God to hold them in the truth that is to do as they have been taught, to follow the model established for them. Jesus asked for the disciples to be protected and surrounded so that they may not be lost. He prays for the disciples to have their joy completed, and to live what they have seen and understood from their rabbi. May we, like the disciples, live in the truth of the gospel, love as we have been loved, have our joy complete, and, above all, know that God is with us.

**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:

Bruce Adams
Christopher Adams and Paige
Jerry Adams
Justin Adams
Timothy Adams

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Matthias added to the apostles

Psalm 1

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

1 John 5:9-13

Life in the Son of God

John 17:6-19

Christ's prayer for his disciples

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Life to dry bones

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Christ sends the Spirit of truth

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:

YEAR-TO-DATE:

LAST YEAR:

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:

Senior Baccalaureate: May 19th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION—SATURDAY-- MAY 22, 5:30PM

One hundred years ago on May 22, 1921 the Salem Lutheran Church building was dedicated. We are having a celebration of that event on Saturday, May 22, 2021 with a church service at 5:30pm, viewing of Salem memorabilia and refreshments. Please join us for this event!

Board of Life & Growth

Confirmation Open House

Chike Ikefuama

May 22, 1pm-5pm

Family Scouting Center

309 North 3rd Ave West in Lake Mills

If you have a senior graduating this year and you would like their open house to be included in our weekly announcements, please let Marci know in the office. 641.592.1771

Pastor Joel will be on Vacation May 24th-May 28th. Pastor Randy Baldwin (641.590.0727) will be on-call for emergencies while Pastor Joel is on vacation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be Monday, June 7th—Thursday, June 10th--9am to 11:30am at Winnebago Lutheran Church and the closing program will be at Salem. Registration forms can be picked up at the office or call to have one sent to you. Registration forms are due May 21st.

DAY CAMP AT SALEM:

Salem will be hosting Ingham--Okoboji Day Camp for kids entering 1st grade thru 6th grade. August 2-5, 2021; 9am-2pm with a celebration Thursday evening. Registration forms can be picked up at the office or call to have one sent to you. Registration Forms are due July 12th.

SUMMER CAMPS

The Board of Youth would like to remind everyone to sign up for summer camps. In the past, the Enduring Gift Committee has helped to pay remaining balances after parents make the down payment. Please forward your receipt email from camp to the Salem office after you have registered and paid the deposit.

DONATIONS

- The Board of Life & Growth is collecting Donations in the Narthex.
- PERSONAL CARE KITS are needed now more than ever, to help protect vulnerable families from COVID-19. Items needed are bath towels (dark colors), 4 oz. bars of soap and toothbrushes.
- HANDTOWELS in good condition are needed for Baby Care Kits.
- SHEETS in any condition are needed for backing and lining of quilts.

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. The baskets for these items have been moved to the Narthex. They ask that receipts do not get rolled up.

Reserve your special date to sponsor an 8:30 a.m. 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:

July 18, August 1, August 15, August 29, September 5, October 17, October 24, October 31, November 21, December 5, December 12, December 26

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE 641.592.1771

Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Joel Guttormson
 Monday: Off, but on-call
 Tuesday: Off, but on-call
 Wednesday: Noon-8pm (Staff Meeting, Mills Harbor, Confirmation, Lent Services)
 Thursday: Noon – 8pm (visits, board meetings, Council Meeting)
 Friday: 8am – Noon, 1pm – 5pm
 Saturday: Noon – 8pm
 Sunday: 8am - Noon

Secretary

Marci Adeogun
 Monday: 10:00am-5:00pm
 Tuesday: 10:00am-5:00pm
 Wednesday: 10:00am- 5:00pm
 Thursday: 10:00am-5:00pm
 Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm
 Saturday: Off
 Sunday: Off

**Salem has a wheel chair available for use.
 It is kept in the narthex closet near the coat rack.**

The Spirit at Work

When they heard about resurrection of the dead, some began to scoff, but others said, “We should like to hear you on this.”

Acts 17:32

It’s hard, and risky, to speak of faith to others. We don’t want to offend or be laughed at; we’re afraid of being unable to explain ourselves, getting muddled or misrepresenting the faith. Yet it remains true that we know about the resurrection of the dead because someone took the risk to tell us. And they knew because the women and men who beheld the risen Jesus told others, and the word has been passed on year after year over twenty-one centuries.

We may find, like Paul and the Athenians, that one person’s openness to speak up is met by another’s openness to hear. The Spirit of truth resides in us all and has ways of helping us meet. Clearer, mightier, more compelling than the illusory powers of domination and control, the Spirit is always working to bring us together with one another in the light of the resurrection, in God to whom we belong.

- [Mary Marrocco](#)

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 • Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14 John 16:12-15

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