

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

–Pentecost Sunday–

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

MONDAY 5/24

Pastor Joel-Continuing Education

1pm-4pm Clothes Closet is Open

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

TUESDAY 5/25

Pastor Joel-Continuing Education

3:15pm Juniors-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 5/26

Pastor Joel-Continuing Education

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 5/27

Pastor Joel-Continuing Education

5:45pm Worship and Music Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 5/28

Pastor Joel-Continuing Education

SATURDAY 5/29

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 5/30

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

The Holy Spirit's Groaning

Few sounds capture a groan like birth pangs. It is the raw sound of life and birth as well as of pain. It is the guttural desire for the end of the waiting for what has been anticipated and desired. For any who have been present through such an event, it is difficult to ever forget. It is in equal parts beautiful, stunning, and holy, as well as raw, painful, and horrific. "Creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves . . . groan inwardly while we wait for adoption," writes Paul to the church in Rome. He describes aptly that painful wail of our souls for the redemption we know so well, the restoration of all things promised in Christ. As Lutherans we know this all too well as the "now but not yet" proposition of our faith. We have been told of the return of the Messiah. We prepare for this coming and see how the whole of creation groans for her own restoration. We join this creation waiting for our own hearts, souls, and bodies to be restored. We know this is coming and as in pains of labor groan for this reality. While we wait, we are given a midwife, a Spirit of God to join us in our waiting for the birth of a new world and a new reality. This gift is given this day, the day of Pentecost. May the Spirit join us in our cry to God, eagerly awaiting the begotten, the Son of God, Jesus.

**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:

Adeogun/Ikefuama Family
(Marci, Chike, Chima)
The Alphs Family
(Mark, Tammy, Chistopher)
Sheriff Amusa
Jacob Anderson
Anderson Family
(Denise & Alec)

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

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

Romans 8:22-27

Praying with the Spirit

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

Christ sends the Spirit of truth

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah's vision and call

Psalm 29

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

Romans 8:12-17

Living by the Spirit

John 3:1-17

Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit

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: 5/16/21	\$ 12,876
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 5/19/21	\$ 85,666
LAST YEAR: as of 5/19/20	\$ 93,866
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -8,200

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

Thank you to all of the Faith Formation Teachers and our fellow Youth and Education Board members (Jaci Koeppen, Emily Helgeson and Chalsea Roder, Jill Budach and Lindsay McCord, Megan Ritter, Krishan Hanson, Jill Flugum, Jolene Helgeson, Abby Holtan, Kristin Wempen, and Chelsey Gonzalez), Pastor Joel and everyone else that helped with our youth this year! (Sue Langerud, Willie Skellenger, Al Skellenger, Chike Ikefuama, Brad Evenson, Shannon Bruhns, Nancy Guttormson, Heather Mannes, and Janelle Gilbertson) We appreciate all of you so much!!!
Jen Sauer and Marci Adeogun (co-chair directors)

The Board of Life & Growth sent 127 quilts, 25 baby care and 106 health kits to Lutheran World Relief in April, as well as 18 quilts to Salvation Army in Mason City. Thank you to everyone who has helped with making these or making donations!

May 12th Blood Drive Totals: 43 Donors, 135 Lives Saved

VBS with One in Christ, plans are coming together for VBS at Winnebago Lutheran June 7-10. Yvonne Back has agreed to lead music, Linda Tweeten and Nancy Guttormson will be providing snacks, Pastor Joel along with Pastor Bill and Pastor Randy will teach the Bible Stories. In all about forty adults volunteer so nearly one-hundred area elementary youth can come to VBS. We are still in need of some responsible seniors who can help with safety patrol from 11:15-11:45. Their responsibility is to see the youth, particularly in the Day Care Vans are loaded safely at the close of the program. An upside of the volunteering is the opportunity to see the closing worship at the close of the program. Linda Johnson from One in Christ is the lead safety patrol and asking for names of individuals who can donate one-half hour to keeping our kiddo's safe. If you can volunteer or have further questions you can call the One in Christ Church office 641-567-3550 or contact Pastor Joel for further questions.

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.

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.

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

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 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: **Continuing Education**
Tuesday: **Continuing Education**
Wednesday: **Continuing Education**
Thursday: **Continuing Education**
Friday: **Continuing Education**
Saturday: Noon – 8pm
Sunday: 8am - Noon

Secretary

Marci Adeogun
Monday: 10:00am-2:00pm (note time change for this day)
Tuesday: 10:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday: 10:00am- 5:00pm
Thursday: 10:00am-5:00pm
Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Saturday: Off
Sunday: Off

Living Faith HAPPY SPRING!!! — it seems like with spring comes the normal “Iowa” weather! One day we have warm temperatures with sunshine and only a little wind. The next day finds us in hooded sweatshirts and covered with a blanket - mostly because the wind is blowing and it’s cloudy. Just walking outside can be a struggle if the wind is blowing at your face!! Yes, spring actually arrived in March, but the excitement extends on - at least for me. I really look forward to warmer weather so we can be outside more. Spring is the season of new beginnings - fresh buds bloom, animals awaken and the earth seems to come to life again. Farmers and gardeners plant their seeds and wait for the young sprouts to emerge from the ground. I especially like the idea of new beginnings. We can look forward to new beginnings everyday from God. God provides a place for you even when you see nothing but desert and wilderness. “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.” Isaiah 65:17 Spring brings the birds back from the south where they stayed for the winter - robins are the birds most often associated with spring; however, hummingbirds and orioles are my favorites. I start putting out the feeders a few days before May 1st; then we wait for them as they start to arrive ... first a few at a time and then more - to remind me of all God’s new beginnings. Include with that the flowers that bloom in the spring and the world becomes all new for the year. It is truly a marvelous season - renewal of life!!

Student Pastor Sue Cirra, TEEM

Spring is a time to take care of all the aspects of our wellbeing including Social, Emotional, Intellectual, Financial, Physical, and Vocational areas of our life. Exercise and taking care to be healthy are a way to help with living a faithful life. A prayer is offered here with some ideas for individuals, families, and congregations to encourage wellness through bicycles. Going on a bike ride is a great way to connect with each other through conversation, see God’s beautiful creation, make memories, learn something, and get the body moving. Many areas in north Iowa offer bike trails that are safe and meander through breathtaking scenery. Blessings on the Journey!

Prayer for the bicycles and the riders: Let us pray. God of play and transport, We are thrilled to be able to experience your world from the seat of our motorcycles and bicycles, from our skateboards and scooters and rollerblades. Keep those who ride mindful of cars and animals, rocks on the trails, and rounding corners. Keep those who drive aware of speedy bicycles, new riders wavering in their steadiness, and the tenderness of training wheels. Bless these wheels that they would move us from place to place safely. Bless the helmets that we wear that they would protect us if we fall and be a sign to those around us that we value the life you have given us. Be the wind at our back and the strength to push up a hill. Grant us safe travel throughout our days, may it be well with our souls, and guide us safely home each night. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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