

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 29 – June 4

Praying for You

Today's gospel reading is first and foremost a prayer. It is Jesus' prayer, and we are given the privilege of listening in as he prays on behalf of his disciples and people of all times and places. Listeners are given a glimpse of Jesus' mission for the world—that all may be drawn into the life of the triune God. On the eve of his death, Jesus entrusts this particular community of disciples—but also our communities, our lives, and our world—into the care of God.

What is it Jesus is doing when he prays? What is it the church does when it prays on behalf of the world and other people? To be prayed for by another is to know one's life is cared for and has value to the one praying on your behalf. It is to know that much of the future is out of one's own control but rests instead in the care of the Triune God. To be prayed for is to be vulnerable, dependent, and deeply loved.

Here is the astoundingly good news: Jesus prays for you, and for the communities in which we find ourselves. Whether your cup is empty or full, whether your community is in crisis or experiencing joy, whether your future is foggy or clear, Jesus loves you deeply and your life is bound to the God who loved you before the foundations of the world. On the eve of his death, Jesus entrusted your life and the church's life and its entire future to the Father. What glorious good news that the future rests in the care of the Triune God, and that we, the church, are set free to make God known to the world.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

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: Marcus Jansen, Alissa and Brooklyn Jenson, Matt, Lisa, Kyla and Aidan Johanson, Carol Johnson, Keith & Becky Johnson

This week the following members will be celebrating their birthdays and we would like to wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! Please call the office if you have an upcoming birthday, to ensure we have it in our records.

29-Jason Gilbertson

30-Dolly Gregor

30-Joa Gilbertson

31-Jamilynn Burtis

31-Alec Anderson

31-LuAnne Rognes

1-Janet Hebrink

2-Gary Register

2-Spencer Stensrude

3-Jerod Harmon

4-Dale Chose

-WEEKLY GIVING-**LAST SUNDAY:** 5/22/22

\$ 3,212

YEAR-TO-DATE: 5/23/22

\$ 78,289

LAST YEAR: as of 5/23/21

\$ 88,453

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:

\$ - 10,164

Summer Lunch Program: Free lunch is provided to youth under the age of 18 in Salem's Fellowship Hall 11:00am-Noon; Monday-Friday throughout the summer. (There is no longer a grab and go option). The weekly menu will be posted on cable channel 2 and the Facebook page "Lake Mills Summer Food with Friends".

Volunteers Needed: The summer lunch service program, "Summer Food & Fun" will be serving food on-site and we need volunteers to help serve and clean up; 10:45am-12:15pm. Salem will be serving on Tuesdays. Our first day to serve will be May 30th. If you are able to help, please call Margaret Okland at 641.592.9841 before noon or 641.590.2891 afternoon. Thank you!!!

Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast: Come have breakfast! It's on Pastor Joel! The next Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd; 8:00am – 10:00am in the lounge, across from the office. Everyone is welcome! Breakfast will be served until the food runs out or until 10:00am, whichever comes sooner. Breakfast is free. Donations collected will go towards youth activities. Bishop Kevin Jones will be at breakfast for an informal visit.

Parking: As a reminder, when parking on the north side of the church, please do not park in front of private driveways or block the alleyway. Thank you!

Shannon Bruhns-Council President

A huge "Thank You" to Ruth Sheldon for being our Saturday night worship service accompanist these past several months. Listening to Ruth play during this service has been a joy to all of us and we are very grateful.

-Mary Peterson, Board of Music & Worship

-Shannon Bruhns, Council President

Blood Drive Results from May 11th: 33 donors, 99 lives saved

Lutheran World Relief: We sent 104 quilts, 58 baby care kits and 123 personal health kits to Lutheran World Relief on Saturday, May 14th. The previous week 15 quilts went to the Mason City Salvation Army. We thank all those who contributed in any way to our large shipment, without your help, we would not be able to send so much. --WELCA-Mission Quilters

VBS Volunteers: Adults and youth 7th-12th grade please consider volunteering – whether one day or all 4! Please call the office if you are able to help out.

Summer Camps: After you have registered your child and paid the deposit via the camps website, forward your receipt email from camp to the Salem office (Salem@wctatel.net) In the past, the Enduring Gift Committee has helped to pay the remaining balances, after parents make the down payment. Deadline 6/6/22

Live Stream Sponsorship: Call the office to reserve your special date. The cost is \$40 per Sunday. **2022 Dates available:** July 17, July 24, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

As church Council President, I can attest that we have had our share of difficult decisions the past few years here at Salem.

Since returning to in-person worship over a year ago, attendance for our Sunday morning worship service has returned to more normal numbers but this has not been the case for the Saturday evening worship service.

Last fall, the board of Music and Worship expressed concerns over the sustainability of the service and it was agreed by Council to review the status in April.

At the April Council meeting, the board of Music and Worship recommendation was to discontinue Saturday evening worship service.

Council agreed to make a final decision at the May meeting in order to allow for all boards to have met and have had the opportunity to discuss the impact of there being no Saturday evening worship service and to bring those concerns to the May Council meeting.

April Council meeting minutes were published for all members to review and there was discussion at the Coffee Fellowship in addition to several phone calls and text messages.

Last week, Council met and after reviewing worship attendance, resource issues to lead worship, financial responsibility, time of Sunday worship, radio broadcast implications we unanimously voted to end Saturday evening worship service with the last Saturday being May 28th. This service will be taped for radio broadcast Sunday, May 29th.

Additionally, Sunday worship service will remain at 9:00 am. We will review this once again closer to fall with the start of Faith Formation and Confirmation.

Because Saturday worship service is recorded for Sunday radio broadcast, Council weighed all options whether or not to continue this ministry.

Ultimately, it was unanimously decided to discontinue the radio broadcast. We have been blessed to be part of the KLOW Sunday worship broadcast lineup, however Salem does offer livestream and each service is also available on YouTube for viewing as desired.

For those of you that have sponsored a future Sunday radio broadcast, I will reach out to you personally to discuss.

I want each and every one of you to know that these decisions were not made easily and my heart is heavy today. But, I continue to put faith in God that he will lead and guide us and I know that all of you will do this as well.

Shannon Bruhns-Council President

Secretary 641.592.1771

Marci Adeogun

Mon: Off

Tues-Thurs: 10am-5pm

Fri: 10am-4pm

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

Tues: 10am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (2:30pm Text Study)

Wed: Noon-8:00pm (6:30pm Stewardship Meeting)

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 6:30pm Church Council Meeting)

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (8am-10am Fellowship Breakfast)

Sat: Noon-8pm

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship Service)

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 6:30 pm

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members present: Drake Abbey, Marci Adeogun, Shannon Bruhns, Sue Langerud, Sondra Nelson, Al Skellenger, Pastor Joel Guttormson and Cindy Haugsdal.

Members absent: Mary Peterson

Pastor Joel led us in devotions and prayer.

Secretary's Report: April Minutes were available for review. There were no additions or corrections.

Sue moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Sondra. All approved.

Communication and correspondence – an anonymous donation of \$100 was received.

Treasurer's Report: Drake provided a written and verbal report.

Total income for April 2022 \$23,541.62

Total Expenses for April 2022 \$20,510.67 (Income less expense \$3,30.67)

Checking account balance (4/30/2022) \$38,218.20

CD's at FTSB (4/30/2022) Reserves \$26,014.17/Ness Estate \$10,614.41

CD at MBT (4/30/2022) Ness Estate \$52,215.45

Financial Secretary's report: Sondra provided a written and verbal report

2022 YTD total offerings (4/30/2022) \$63,072

2020 YTD total offerings (4/30/2021) \$72,790

Al moved to accept Treasurer and Financial reports, seconded by Sue. All approved.

Board Reports

Board of Worship and Music: Mary was absent, no report. Shannon reported that she attended the board meeting and they discussed responsibilities of the Board and Altar Guild.

Board of Life & Growth: Sue provided a written and verbal report: Planning a Songfest for July 9, 2022, during July Jubilee; a new mobile that will document pastoral acts (baptisms, funerals, first communions, confirmands, etc) that take place throughout the year is hanging in the Narthex; still considering a church directory.

Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry: Al provided a verbal report – Appreciation/Generosity dinner was a success and well attended, (food costs were covered by members of the board); discussed a new stewardship program recommended by the NEIA Synod called “Building a Culture of Generosity” – the Board is recommending that we move forward with this stewardship program for \$250. Board members will be trained via Live Zoom training events, along with templates, resources, videos, and opportunities for one-on-one guidance. Al moved to approve the Stewardship Board enroll/participate in this stewardship program/training, seconded by Sondra. All approved.

Board of Property and Management: Shannon provided a written and verbal report: Discussed lawn care management for church grounds; discussed a request to cement the south boulevard with materials and work to be donated; working with Johnson Heating/AC to develop a maintenance agreement.

Board of Youth: Jen and Marci provided a written report. Marci led discussion of items in the report that included: Prepping for Confirmation this Sunday, 5/15; Youth board presenting a cross wall plaque gift to each confirmand; 7th grade end of the year pizza party is 5/18; Graduation Sunday is 5/22; Youth board presenting gifts at 9 am services with fellowship after the service; VBS with One In Christ June 6-9 with Youth board working on stage decorations; Faith Formation had last Sunday, May 8; Youth board greatly appreciates all the volunteers that help each Sunday morning to make everything run smoothly.

Pastor Report – Complete Pastor reports are available for review in the church office.

Lead Pastor's Report: Pastor Joel shared a written report that included Pastoral acts in April and accounting for vacation and continuing education days/Sundays used and planned. Additional topics in his report included:

- Vacation – Scheduled vacation June 20-26; Pastor Steve Smith will provide Pastor supply; Scheduled vacation July 18 – August 2; no Pulpit supply scheduled yet.
- Congregational Discernment – challenged council to consider what kind of church do we want to be, how do we build that church together, and what resources do we have and/or need to be that church. NEIA synod staff have expressed interest and availability to provide outreach to congregations – Pastor Joel shared some ideas for these visits/interactions.
- Pastoral Care – Pastor shared reflections on pastoral acts since January and how pastoral acts relate to the future of Salem.
- Stewardship Program – Pastor Joel also shared information regarding the stewardship program “Building a Culture of Generosity”. Pastor could take a 4 session Luther Seminary Continuing Education course at Salem and invite others to watch and learn with him.
- Summer Feeding Program - Pastor Joel taking over supervision of the Summer Feeding Program from Pastor Bill Peters. The program begins on May 25 from 11:00-12:00. Serving will return to in person and on site.
- New and Renewing Membership – Pastor would like to offer a class for 3-4 weeks in August on Sundays after worship and fellowship; perhaps a lunch and learn supported by the Board of Life and Growth along with the classes.
- Prayers around the Cross – Lenten services in the chapel included services around the cross. Pastor is purchasing and reviewing the Holden Prayers Around the Cross resources. This is a flexible service that can be used in a variety of ways at different times and seasons.

Sondra moved to approve Board/Pastor reports, seconded by Sue. All approved.

Old Business:

- A. Constitution (Continued)

- a. Review ELCA Model Constitution and Guidelines – Continue to encourage council members to be reviewing the model constitution – work continues.
- B. Project/Financial “Ask” – Shannon would like the council to consider what major project do we need to be looking toward – chapel improvements, bell tower, other?

New Business:

- A. Thrivent Choice Dollars (\$3,573) Allocation
 - a. Thoughts for use were reviewed - Shepard’s Staff Upgrade/Replacement, Office Administrator Computer Replacement – no decisions made at this time.
- B. Dedicated Accounts Procedure – Drake continues to work on clarifying the dedicated accounts.
- C. Saturday Worship Service – Council members engaged in a lengthy discussion considering many options, weighing pros and cons and consideration of how to best serve the congregation. Al moved to discontinue the Saturday evening service (final service 5/28/2022), end the radio broadcast pending contact with KLOW (final radio broadcast 5/29/2022), and proceed with a single Sunday service at 9:30 am beginning on Sunday, June 5, 2022, seconded by Sue. Roll call vote – all approved.
- D. New members – None.
- E. Transfers/statistical adjustments – None.
- F. Next meeting will be held Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Sondra moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sue. All approved. The meeting was adjourned.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal

Salem Lutheran Church Council Special Meeting - Monday, May 16, 2022 – 5:30 pm

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order.

Members present: Drake Abbey, Marci Adeogun, Shannon Bruhns, Sue Langerud, Sondra Nelson, Mary Peterson, Al Skellenger, Cindy Haugsdal

Pastor Joel was aware of this meeting and as it was his day off and he had other obligations Pastor agreed we should meet and plan to share meeting outcome with him.

Action Items:

- A. Future Worship Schedule – After further information was brought to light the following issues were needing to be reviewed regarding the vote taken at the council meeting 5/12/2022:
 - a. Organist/Ruth Sheldon schedule – Ruth has an obligation to play at 10:30 am approximately one Sunday per month at Winnebago Church. She needs to leave Salem by 10:00 am.
 - b. Radio Broadcast information – We can cancel the radio broadcast without any financial obligations/consequences.
 - c. Reconsider changing time of Sunday service – Need more time to determine long term schedule, therefore consider staying at 9:00 Sunday service for now.
 - d. Proceed with discontinuing Saturday service after 5/28/2022.

Council members engaged in discussion regarding this information.

Al moved that we stay at 9:00 Sunday service for the summer with a plan to evaluate time of Sunday Service for Fall 2022, seconded by Sue. Roll call verbal vote, all approved.

Al moved to discontinue the radio broadcast, seconded by Sondra. Roll call verbal vote, all approved. Minutes were shared per text with Pastor Joel.

Al moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Drake. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal



It's SUMMER!

SATURDAY 5/28

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 5/29

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 5/30

2:00pm-4:00pm Clothes Closet is Open

(To schedule a different time, call 641.592.5085)

3:00pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is Open (101 S Mill St.)

TUESDAY 5/31

11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 6/1

11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Stewardship Meeting-Library

THURSDAY 6/2

9:30am Sarah Circle-Lounge

9:30am Grace Circle-Library

9:30am Ruth Circle-Gloria Kvale's Home

11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 6/3

8:00am-10:00am Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast-Lounge

11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY 6/5

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall