

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COUNCIL MINUTES

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## SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH -Holy Trinity Sunday-

### SATURDAY 5/29

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

### SUNDAY 5/30

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

### MONDAY 5/31

1pm-4pm Clothes Closet is Open

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

### TUESDAY 6/1

9:30am Miriam Circle-Sue Myli's house

2:30pm Pastors Text Study

7:00pm Altar Guild

### WEDNESDAY 6/2

8:30am Staff Meeting

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

### THURSDAY 6/3

9:30am Grace Circle-Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY 6/5

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

### SUNDAY 6/6

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

## Our Amazing Life through Fearsome Death

Holy. Glory. These words in the first reading and psalm testify to awe at God's transcendent sovereignty, fearsome majesty, and infinite mystery. No mortal can see God's face or hear God's voice and live. The fear expressed in these readings is *personal*—a living mortal in awe of the living God. In our age, awe at transcendent mystery tends toward the *impersonal*—at the invisibly small (in physics, quarks and strings) and the unimaginably large (space and time). Does anyone in our age still cultivate the fear of an unmanageable transcendent God, or is the notion too connected to images of a heavenly bully to be useful? Besides, Paul and Jesus each offer a picture of God's immanence. Paul invites us to revel in God's approachability, affirming that we can cry, "Abba! Father!" Jesus proclaims the most famous Bible verse of all, telling of God's great love and desire to save.

But both Jesus and Paul testify that any presumption of easy friendship and comfortable intimacy with the triune God is as out of place now as ever. The immanent God is still the transcendent God! And it is still true: no mortal can see God's face or hear God's voice and live—even if the face and voice belong to Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The life God desires for us is accomplished through Jesus' death—and through our own through baptism. Those deaths are as utterly terrifying as death always is, but with this grace: the death leads to our holy birth from above into a life where "we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him" (Rom. 8:17).

**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 Anderson**

**Darlene Anderson**

**Anderson Family**

**(Darrel, Andrea, Mitchel, Ema)**

**David B. Anderson**

**Glenn & Glenda Anderson**

**THIS 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*

**NEXT WEEKS TEXTS**

**Genesis 3:8-15**

*God confronts Adam and Eve in the garden*

**Psalm 130**

*Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)*

**2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1**

*Renewed in the inner nature*

**Mark 3:20-35**

*Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ*

**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](http://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-**

<b>LAST SUNDAY: 5/23/21</b>	<b>\$ 2,637</b>
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 5/26/21</b>	<b>\$ 88,303</b>
<b>LAST YEAR: as of 5/26/20</b>	<b>\$ 94,348</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$ -6,045</b>

**Adult and Youth Helpers Needed for VBS**

Youth (7th-12th grade) or Adults who would like to help in any way with VBS please contact Sandy at the Parish Office (641-567-3550).

VBS is 9am-11:30am, Mon., June 7--Thurs., June 10 at Winnebago Lutheran

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!

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.

Leading in the WIYLDE  
July 23-25, 2021

Camp Ewalu, Strawberry Point

WIYLDE, the Wholly Iowa Youth Leadership Discipling Event for high school youth, is back this year at a new location with new adventures.

Set for July 23-25, the event will take place at Ewalu Bible Camp near Strawberry Point with the theme, "Leading in the WIYLDE".

WIYLDE is an annual camp for high school youth of ELCA congregations in Iowa to learn how to become future leaders of the church. This year's WIYLDE will focus on leadership skills that students can use in their congregations and beyond. Even though it's only a weekend, there will still be large group teaching times, small group discussions, games and campfires.

The event will follow the same COVID-19 precautions and guidelines that Ewalu will have in place for the summer camp. Masks will be required for students.

Registration will be open through July 15. The \$60 registration fee includes lodging, meals and a T-shirt. **Salem will pay the registration fee.**

Schedule: Arrive 6:30pm Friday July 23, Leave 11:45am Sunday July 25

Questions can be directed to Deb Bachman, youth coordinator for the Northeastern Iowa Synod, at [dbachman72@gmail.com](mailto:dbachman72@gmail.com)

To download the registration form, visit [www.neiasynod.org/wiylde](http://www.neiasynod.org/wiylde)

### 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.

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**

## Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 6:30 pm

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order.

Members present: Drake Abbey, Marci Adeogun, Shannon Bruhns, Scott Hagenson, Sue Langerud, Heather Mannes, Al Skellenger, Pastor Joel Guttormson and Cindy Haugsdal

Member absent: Sondra Nelson

**Devotions and Prayers:** Pastor Joel led us in devotions and prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** April minutes were available for review. Two corrections were made after minutes were distributed to the congregation. The changes are reflected in the attached minutes and include a clarification by Helen Rice regarding a healthcare annuity paid to Helen while employed at Salem and clarification by Pastor Joel in his report to council regarding mobility process.

Heather moved to accept the April minutes as corrected, Al seconded the motion. All approved.

Communications and Correspondence – None

**Treasurer's Report:** Drake reviewed the report.

Total income for April \$21,177.81

Expenditures for April \$21,276.14 (-98,33)

Checking account balance (4/30/2021) \$44,362.82

Building Fund balance (4/30/2021) \$2,631.36

CD's at Farmer's Trust Bank \$26,014.17/\$10,526.47

CD at MBT \$30,000/\$151.23

Scott raised asked for status of the recycling fees. The final charges will be in May as this service has now been cancelled. There was discussion regarding the final fee for the company picking up the receptacle. Scott will review the contract/agreement with the company for services rendered.

**Financial Secretary's report:** Sondra didn't have a report this month.

Scott moved to accept treasurer report, Marci seconded the motion. All approved.

## Board Reports

**Board of Worship and Music** – Heather provided a written and verbal report. Baccalaureate service for LM Seniors will be May 19; Brady Kurtz has been providing musical support; the computer used for worship needs updating, possible funding through Thrivent dollars (see new business this meeting); the organ requires maintenance and this is being addressed.

**Board of Life & Growth** – Sue Langerud provided a written and verbal report. Update on first grade prayer pals; update on plan to lift up 5 members/families each week in prayer; Anniversary of Salem dedication will be Saturday, May 22 and recognition will include a review of church history, display of memorabilia and refreshments; the board continues to contact members as to their status of membership; Salem sent 127 quilts, 25 baby care kits and 106 health kits to Lutheran World Relief in April.

**Board of Stewardship** – Al Skellenger provided a verbal report. Board met last week for the first time. Plan to have "Noisy" offering collections quarterly; Thrivent generosity/stewardship grant information was shared.

**Board of Property and Management** – Scott Hagenson provided a verbal report. Mowing contract has been signed – 10% increase this year; Cemetery fund will pay for repair of some of the older stones; kitchen coffee machine is not working; the company will be contacted to arrange repair.

**Board of Youth** – Jennifer provided a written report. Marci led discussion of items in the report that included: Last Sunday of Faith Formation activities on May 2; Confirmation Faith statements on May 12 and Affirmation of Baptism on May 16; Graduation Sunday if May 23; PowerPoints for both Confirmation and Graduation are being prepared; Youth Board will provide confirmands with cross plaques and Salem Seniors with blankets on behalf of Salem congregation; VBS planning underway with area churches; Day Camp scheduled in August, information and registration forms are being shared with congregation and community.

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

Pastor Joel submitted a written report which included Pastoral acts in April and accounting for vacation and continuing education days/Sundays used and planned. Additional topics in his report included:

- Confirmation Retreat – Excellent retreat at Riverside including 10 youth from Salem and 2 from One in Christ along with 4 adults. Pastor shared a review of the retreat.
- Faith Formation – Parent participation in the last 3 confirmation classes went well with productive classwork completed. Pastor reviewed change to Sunday Confirmation programming in the fall.
- Holy Week Services – Reviewed Holy Week student/parent involvement and the success of livestreaming the services.
- Becoming a Hybrid Church – Pastor reflected on worship during the pandemic and led a discussion on how to consider what we have learned and how we can apply to future worship and outreach.
- Constitution and By Laws – the ELCA Model constitution includes a Board of Digital Technology, Communications & Social Media, Pastor led a discussion about our current technology equipment, members who can operate this equipment and ways to interact and connect with those watching the live streaming service.
- NEIA Synod Assembly – A virtual event is scheduled on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Heather moved to approve board/pastor reports, Al seconded the motion. All approved.

#### Old Business:

- A. Cemetery Loan – Shannon is working on a letter to congregation asking for giving designated to retire the loan.
- B. Covid-19 Management Update:
  - a. Funeral – Recent funeral in the building with a family only catered meal following went well.
  - b. Policy Revision – Shannon shared revisions to the Covid policy based on changes in guidelines.
    - Congregational singing will be allowed while masks are worn.
    - OUTSIDE OF WORSHIP: During activities held outside of the sanctuary, it is by group consensus that masks are worn or not worn by those present.

Unanimous voice vote supported these revisions.
  - c. Bacalaureate – Shannon reviewed the plan for hosting Bacalaureate

- d. Summer Feeding Program – will continue with “grab and go” routine this summer
- e. VBS Program – Discussion continues as to how the program will be managed.
- f. Next steps – New CDC guidelines were released today and will likely lead to relaxing of many recommendations going forward. Plan to meet with management team again in early June.

- C. Office Administrator Position Update – Discussion regarding increased hours for this position continues and Shannon will present a proposal at the next council meeting.

#### New Business:

- A. Thrivent Choice Dollars (\$3,420)
  - a. Live Stream Video Equipment/Laptop/Pulpit microphone – Brad Evenson has evaluated the current equipment for live streaming and identified replacement needs with a cost of approximately \$3500. Scott moved that Thrivent funds be used to update live streaming equipment. Drake seconded the motion. 8 members in favor, 1 opposed.
- B. Pending Checks Report (Bills/Payroll)
  - a. Approval process for monthly bills was reviewed.
- C. Other New Business – Heather mentioned the speakers in the sanctuary have not been working consistently and asked that this be addressed.
- D. New Members: None
- E. Transfers/Statistical adjustment: Ronald Kvale, Paul Kvale, Makenzie Aukes, Bentley Aukes, Dylan Aukes, Elizabeth Shaper, Aiden Hurley. No transfers requested. Sue moved to accept the statistical adjustment; Marci seconded the motion – all approved.
- F. Next Meeting Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Al moved that the meeting be adjourned, Scott seconded the motion. All approved, meeting adjourned.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Haugsdal





### **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: Off (note change)

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.**

