

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

–Sixth Sunday of Easter–

SATURDAY 5/8

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 5/9

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

MONDAY 5/10

Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)

(Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

1:00pm Mission Quilters -Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 5/11

10:00am LMAMA meeting (office will be closed)

2:30pm Pastor Text Study

3:15pm Juniors-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 5/12

8:30am Staff Meeting

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Lounge

1:00pm-6:00pm LifeServe Blood Drive-Fellowship Hall

2:30pm-8th Grade Confirmand Pictures-Sanctuary

2:30pm Confirmation Pizza Party-Main Street Pizza

7:00pm Faith Statement Night-Sanctuary

THURSDAY 5/13

6:30pm Council Meeting-Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY 5/15

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 5/16

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

Invited into Friendship

Ask any child who has moved to a new place and they will probably confirm that their biggest worry was if they'd make new friends. Parents worry for their teenager and young adult in each stage of growth, wondering if new friends will be kind and generous, if their daughter or son will find mutually beneficial relationships. Adults are not immune from their own relationship trials. Busy lives, competing priorities, transitions and death can mean the end of sustaining relationships. Bullying, fear-tactics and misuse of others are common problems, so friendship is precious. We treasure new friendships and work to keep tending those that last for many years—because we need them.

Today's readings inspire and compel us to love one another and see one another as God does. As the Holy Spirit falls on those outside the inner circle of the circumcised, Peter asks how the water of baptism can be withheld. In 1 John we hear that those who love the parent love the child. Jesus says followers are no longer servants but friends. So whether they are a stranger with different customs and practices, our family member, or closest friend, we are called today with the challenge and opportunity to love them. The promise is that this unconditional love that comes first from our Creator and Parent, expressed through the person of Jesus and through the Spirit, is splashed all over us, and will make our joy complete.

For those who have experienced great relationships in their lives and for those who have never yet quite tasted that sustaining fruit, Jesus shows how much he loves us and the ways to cultivate deeper relationships. Jesus laid down his life to show his great love. We're invited to love expansively and experience the joy of friendship with Jesus and through the body of Christ.

**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:

Faye Aamodt
The Aasgaard Family
(Richard, Karen, Cassie)
Carol Abbey
Drake Abbey
Zaylin Adams

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Acts 10:44-48

The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles

Psalm 98

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)

1 John 5:1-6

The victory of faith

John 15:9-17

Christ the friend and lover

NEXT 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

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:

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

MEMORIALS GIVEN IN THE MONTH OF APRIL

Don Wirt--\$50 Cemetery, \$12.50 Good Samaritan

Charles Troe--\$12.50 Good Samaritan

NEW OFFICE HOURS STARTING MAY 10TH

MONDAY—THURSDAY 10AM--5PM

FRIDAY 10AM--4PM

Faith Statement Night: May 12th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Affirmation of Baptism: May 16th at 9:00am during the worship service

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

LAKE MILLS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

May 12, 1:00pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Appointments Are Required

Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or Call: 800-287-4903

or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2020, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to more than 1,097 families of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For 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 LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Wrapping Care Around Iowa Children

Martha and Marti first became foster parents in September of 2018, after their biological children expressed that they wanted to provide foster care as a family. They decided to become licensed through LSI Foster Care and Adoption and soon after, they welcomed a sibling group of three into their home.

“Our kids really wanted to look into foster care as a way to be able to help others as a family,” Martha says. “Everybody had to sacrifice and pour in, and everybody was needed and brought something to the table.”

The siblings stayed with the family for almost two years, until the opportunity came for them to find a forever home through adoption. Over the years, the siblings had become bonded to Martha and Marti, as well as their extended family and friends. The siblings are currently in the process of officially being adopted by a family close to Martha and Marti, so they can continue to stay connected to the important relationships they built in foster care.

The family has found a passion they can all share, and it’s making a difference in the lives of Iowa children.

“We always explain fostering as ‘good’ and ‘hard.’ You never want to take one away from the other, because it’s both. It’s the hardest thing we’ve ever done, but it’s the best thing we’ve done,” Martha says. “We’ve had the privilege of having the kids in our home and you have the responsibility and the privilege to take care of them in their time of need.”

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, 11, 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

