

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH – Third Sunday After Pentecost -

SATURDAY 6/12

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 6/13

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

MONDAY 6/14

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

1:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall

1pm-4pm Clothes Closet is Open

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

TUESDAY 6/15

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

2:30pm Pastors Text Study

WEDNESDAY 6/16

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

THURSDAY 6/17

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

3:30pm Life & Growth Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 6/18

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

SATURDAY 6/19

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 6/20

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

The Mystery of Growth

In elementary school, when children learn about plants they inevitably plant a small seed in a clear plastic cup and watch it grow. This helps as they learn the parts of plants: leaf, stem, roots. As we get older we get more sophisticated in our ability to explain the details of the plant and the growth we see, but on some level the growth itself remains a mystery. Why do some plants thrive and others fail? Was it the soil? Too much water? Too little? And what of those plants growing in the tiny cracks in between slabs of concrete?

The growth of faith is a similar mystery. We can do the best we can to provide good soil, in the form of teachers and mentors, parents and pastors. Still, the faith seems to take root and grow in some people and not in others. And then there are people raised in the worst conditions who grow to be strong people of faith.

Jesus reminds us that faith is a gift which comes to us from God. We cannot control it in ourselves, and we cannot control it in others. We can plant, we can water, and then we can sleep and wake until the plant grows. In the end it is God who brings the growth and the Holy Spirit who gives us faith. As people of God we are called to be good soil. As people of God we are called to trust that God will do what we cannot. Faith will grow, and the church will flourish, not because of our grand schemes and plans, but because God will have it no other way.

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:

Molly Andrusyk

Caleb Angel

Dwight Angel

McKinnley Arnold

TJ Ashley

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12)

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

In Christ, a new creation

Mark 4:26-34

The parable of the mustard seed

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Job 38:1-11

The creator of earth and sea

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul's defense of his ministry

Mark 4:35-41

Christ calming the sea

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-

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| LAST SUNDAY: 6/6/21 | \$ 5,945 |
| YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 6/7/21 | \$ 98,060 |
| LAST YEAR: as of 6/7/20 | \$ 105,456 |
| DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: | \$ -7,396 |

Memorials Given In May

Don Wirt--\$80--Cemetery

Volunteers Needed

Salem members help with preparing the Grab & Go lunches on Tuesdays and we need help. Please Contact Margaret Okland if you are able to help. 641-592-8097
Thank you!

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.

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

To download the registration form, visit www.neiasynod.org/wiylde

**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,

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—Noon (note change)

Saturday: Off

Sunday: Off

Gratitude Begets Generosity

Then Tobit went back in, rejoicing and praising God with full voice for everything that had happened.

Tobit 11:15

Tobit had two good reasons to be grateful. His sight was restored, and his son returned home safely from his long journey. Little wonder he expressed his gratitude to God “with full voice.”

I believe that gratitude is a sign that we are close to God. Why do I say this? First, when we are grateful, we are humbly acknowledging that someone has given us something, that is, we are on the receiving end of someone else’s generosity. Ultimately, the giver of all good gifts is God. Second, when we are grateful, we are ordinarily very happy. Gratitude is expressed not in frowns and sadness, but in smiles and joyful exuberance. And third, when we are grateful, we often want to share our good fortune with others. Gratitude begets generosity.

What are you grateful for today?

Giver of all gifts, help me to see the blessings of this particular day. May my gratitude for these gifts bring me closer to you and to others.

- Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

Tobit 11:5-17 • Psalm 146:1-2, 6-10 Mark 12:35-37

