

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 26 – July 3

Asking Everything

What does it mean to be a disciple? Today's texts answer this question in various ways.

Elisha was given the burdensome mantle of Elijah. Up until this point he'd simply been a student of the great prophet. Then, without much warning, Elijah passed the leadership responsibility onto him and transitioned dramatically from this life into the next. Because it was an immense responsibility, Elisha asked his master for a double portion of his spirit and was given it. God generously provided for Elisha so that he could faithfully continue Elijah's work.

Paul spells out the mission before us. Last week, he pointed out the power we've been given through our baptism. Now he explains that with the Spirit of God within, our lives should be different. He contrasts the work of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. We are called to use our freedom in Christ for good, so that God can transform our lives and empower us for ministry.

In the gospel, Jesus faces more resistance from those he's called. People conjure up all sorts of excuses why they can't start right away, but Jesus will have none of it. He's calling and he wants a straight answer now. You're in or you're out. He makes it clear that answering his call and living the life of discipleship requires no less than *everything*.

These passages are difficult. They show how much God is demanding of those who wish to follow. Those called are asked to give everything. No wonder there is resistance. Yet, they also remind us that the Spirit will support our work and, in turn, give us everything to enable us to answer the call.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-9

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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: Andrew & Jennie Knudtson, Donald, Nancy, Sara, Laura, Ryan and Megan Knudtson, Evelyn Knudtson, Karla, Kaleb and Katelyn Rogstad, Nicholas and Jacob Langenbau, Kerby & Karen Knudtson

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.

26-Judy Levine	29-Hazel Myers	1-Jordan Colby
27-Lindy Brekken	29-Brecken Wempen	2-Alana Throne

-WEEKLY GIVING-**LAST SUNDAY:** 6/19/22 \$ 1,617**YEAR-TO-DATE:** 6/22/22 \$ 91,565**LAST YEAR:** as of 6/22/21 \$ 103,429**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:** \$ - 11,864

Song Fest will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, July 9th at 3:00pm. This event will feature the talents of Quiliano Anderson, Melissa Holland and Ruth Sheldon. Please come and enjoy! Everyone is welcome! Free will donations will be given to the Lake Mills Mini Golf Course Project.

Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast: Come have breakfast! It's on Pastor Joel! The next Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, July 1st; 8:00am – 10:00am in the lounge, across from the office. Everyone is welcome! Breakfast will be served until the food runs out or its 10:00am, whichever comes sooner. Breakfast is free. Donations collected will go towards youth activities.

Volunteers Needed!!! If you are willing to serve communion, read, sing in the liturgical choir, usher or acolyte please sign up in the Narthex or call the office.

Devotionals: There are copies of the July/August/September devotionals in the Narthex and by the south entrance.

School Kits: Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases, adults—continue their learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Salem will be collecting School Kits and supplies to make the kits. Donations can be left in the Narthex.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN EACH FABRIC KIT:

*Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x 10¹/₂";no loose-leaf paper.

*One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

*Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

*Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

*One box of 16 or 24 crayons

*One pencil sharpener

*One eraser

*One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

*One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

*One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14"x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks); recommended fabric include heavy cotton, canvas, denim or twill

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in the bag and close. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Visit lwr.org/beinvolved and click on School Kits or call 800.597.5972 for an easy-sew backpack-style bag pattern and tips for purchasing pre-made bags.

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 2, 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, Pastor Joel Guttormson and Cindy Haugsdal.

Absent: Mary Peterson, Al Skellenger

Pastor Joel led us in devotions and prayer.

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

Drake moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Marci. All approved.

Communication and correspondence – Shared a letter from the NEIA Synod acknowledging and thanking Salem for our giving this year and shared examples of where giving is being used; A note of thanks and a certificate from LMCS Central Rivers AEA for providing a student work experience during the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Total income for May 2022 \$26,596.93

Total Expenses for May 2022 \$21,101.10 (Income less expense \$5,495.83)

Utilities are increased by \$8500 over last year

Checking account balance (5/31/2022) \$41,521.42

CD's at FTSB (5/31/2022) Reserves \$26,014.17/Ness Estate \$10,614.41

CD at MBT (5/31/2022) Ness Estate \$52,215.45

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

2022 YTD total offerings (5/31/2022) \$82,961

2020 YTD total offerings (5/31/2021) \$92,285

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

Board Reports

Board of Worship and Music: Mary was absent. Shannon shared issues discussed at the meeting including returning to passing the offering plate;

getting students more involved in services; needing more member assistance with serving communion, ushering; the ending of Saturday service details.

Board of Life & Growth: Sue provided a written and verbal report: Finalizing plans for the July 9 Song Fest; working on a new church directory in the fall; new and renewing membership planned for August 14 and 21 after services/fellowship; Quilt Sunday will be in the fall in collaboration with God's work Our hands Sunday; WELCA has funds that they would like to put toward new window coverings in the fellowship hall.

Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry: Al was absent. The committee is scheduled to meet next week and continues to work on a plan for stewardship drive.

Board of Property and Management: Shannon provided a written and verbal report. Items discussed by the committee included: Storage for summer feeding program; Dishwasher repair being addressed; further discussion on paving the south boulevard with clarification that Turf Trimmers Plus would provide labor and materials would be compensated.

Board of Youth: Jen and Marci provided a written report. Marci led discussion of items in the report that included: Working on staging for VBS and will provide and serve ice cream for the social after the VBS closing program.

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 – Pastor will on vacation June 20-26 and July 18-August 2. Pastor Steve Smith providing pulpit supply on 6/26/2022.
- Stewardship Program – Reviewed the online stewardship program, Creating a culture of Generosity.
- New and Renewing Membership – Shared success of the initial class participation and plans for another class in August.

- Prayers Around the Cross – Pastor has ordered music, liturgy, and audio CD for this prayer service.
- Confirmation Planning – Feedback from the 7th graders was that they preferred classes on Sunday instead of Wednesday. Pastor is reviewing and revising the workbooks and will continue to have students participate in worship services year-round.

Drake moved to approve Board/Pastor reports, seconded by Sondra. 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. Shannon is reviewing other ELCA church constitutions/bylaws.

New Business:

- A. Donation (\$3000)
 - a. Was deposited in general fund and Pastor is sending a letter of acknowledgement/thanks.
- B. Develop ‘Member Connection’ program ideas/discussion to reach out to members affected by ending Saturday evening services, as well as other outreach to members.
 - a. Assist members with Live Streaming/YouTube access?
 - b. Ride Share to worship Sunday morning?
 - c. Saturday Pastor visits?
- C. God’s Work/Our Hands – September 11, 2022
- D. Bishop Kevin Jones upcoming visit tomorrow morning.
- E. New members – None.
- F. Transfers/statistical adjustments – Sharon Hoffman; Sheila, Robert, and Bennett Berger. Sue moved to accept these statistical adjustments to our member list, seconded by Marci. All approved.
- G. Next meeting will be held Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 6:30 pm

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

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal

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

Salem Office: 641.592.1771

Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm

Fri: 10am-4pm

Pastor Joel Guttormson:

Mon: Vacation

Tues: 10am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (2:30pm Text Study, 4pm Meeting)

Wed: Noon-8:00pm (10am Adult Bible Study)

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study)

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (8am-10am Pastor's Breakfast)

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

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

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SUNDAY 6/26

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 6/27

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

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 6/28

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

WEDNESDAY 6/29

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room

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

THURSDAY 6/30

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

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study

FRIDAY 7/1

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

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

SUNDAY 7/3

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall