

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS & COUNCIL MINUTES

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY 6/26

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 6/27

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 6/28

Pastor Joel Vacation

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

1pm-4pm Clothes Closet is Open

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

TUESDAY 6/29

Pastor Joel Vacation

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

WEDNESDAY 6/30

Pastor Joel Vacation

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

THURSDAY 7/1

Pastor Joel Vacation

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

FRIDAY 7/2

Pastor Joel Vacation

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

SATURDAY 7/3

Pastor Joel Vacation

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 7/4

Pastor Joel Vacation

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

Jesus' Power Is Enough

Today's story of two healings in a single reading appears to present a horrific choice: should Jesus hurry to the dying daughter of a rich man, or pause to heal an outcast woman? The urgency of both requests before him presents a real dilemma, one we might be tempted to resolve in a variety of either/or ways. Either he keeps his commitment to Jairus, or he pauses to help the woman before him who is so obviously suffering. He either helps an important person who can help him further his ministry, or gives help to someone who has no other resource at all.

We see these apparent zero-sum equations in our ministry all the time. The church council meets over the budget and feels the pull between benevolence outside the congregation and the increasing costs of health care for the church's employees. The building's windows need repair, but we know another congregation across town that can barely pay its pastor. The needs "inside" and the needs "outside" always seem in competition.

Individuals feel these tensions as well: people are sandwiched between the needs of aging parents and the needs of small children; parents feel stretched to meet their vocational obligations and spend time with their families; students want to serve others but feel pressed to just get their own work done.

Of course, in the face of Jesus' power, none of these really are either/or propositions, even though they seem like dead ends. In Mark's gospel, Jesus' power is enough to provide new life for both the rich man's daughter and the poor woman. How often do we assume that God's power is not enough to bring life out of the seemingly impossible choices we make? We are challenged to open up the interruptions and hard choices of our lives to Jesus' power to bring life out of death.

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:

Bill & LaRita Bakken
Darlene Banwart
Banwart Family
(Thomas, Vickie, Jordan, Nathan)
Barrett/Cavett Family
(Bruce, Debbie, Dylan, Nicholas)
Bartness Family
(Lynn, Cyndy, Lydia)

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Lamentations 3:22-33

Great is the LORD's faithfulness

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Excel in generosity, following the Lord Jesus

Mark 5:21-43

Christ healing a woman and Jairus's daughter

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The call of Ezekiel

Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

God's power made perfect in weakness

Mark 6:1-13

Sending of the Twelve to preach and heal

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: 6/20/21 | \$ 1,777 |
| YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 6/22/21 | \$ 103,259 |
| LAST YEAR: as of 6/22/20 | \$ 109,477 |
| DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: | \$ -6,218 |

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.

**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.

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 Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 10, 2021 – 6:30 pm

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order.

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

Member absent: Scott Hagenson, Al Skellenger

Devotions and Prayers: Sondra led us in devotions and prayer.

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

Heather moved to accept the minutes. Drake seconded the motion. All approved.

Communications and Correspondence – LM Chamber Development Corp requesting donations/sponsorship of children's activities for July Jubilee. Heather moved to give \$100 to LM Chamber for July Jubilee support. Marci seconded the motion. All approved. Marci will send a check to the chamber.

Treasurer's Report: Drake reviewed the report.

Total income for May \$17,771.15

Expenditures for May \$24,108.54 (-6,337.39)

Checking account balance (5/31/2021) \$38,032.15

Building Fund balance (5/31/2021) \$2,631.36

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

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

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

2021 YTD total offerings (6/1/2021) \$92,115

2020 YTD total offerings (6/1/2020) \$101,661

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

Board Reports

Board of Worship and Music – Heather provided a verbal report. Thrivent funds will be used for replacing/updating livestream camera and related equipment. Brad Evenson will be assisting with this purchase. Pastor supply for Saturday/Sunday July 3-4 will be Sondra Nelson and Saturday/Sunday July 10-11 will be Pastor Steve Smith.

Board of Life & Growth – Sue Langerud provided a written and verbal report. The 100th Anniversary of Salem Church dedication went well. Planning continues for the Virginia Thomas Memorial Concert/hymn sing with members of the National Lutheran Choir, including organist David Cherwien, Artistic Director of the NLC. Plans are for this concert to take place on Saturday, July 10th at 4:00 pm. Sue and her board along with Pastor Joel, Kathy Nelson and Diane Fleming (friend of Virginia) are working to coordinate this effort.

Board of Stewardship – Al Skellenger was not present/no report.

Board of Property and Management – Scott Hagenson was not present – he provided a verbal report to Shannon. He gave an update re: the coffee maker in the kitchen. Work to repair continues. Air conditioning in the sanctuary not cooling as expected. Shannon will contact Scott to address.

Board of Youth – Jennifer provided a written report. Marci led discussion of items in the report that included: Successful completion of school year activities including Faith Formation, Confirmation, and recognition of our HS graduates. VBS with One in Christ was this week. Ingham-Okoboji Day Camp scheduled at Salem in August.

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

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

- Latino Ministry – This ministry has found a location to support a Spanish speaking Worship community in Thompson, Iowa.
- National Day of Prayer – Decreasing attendance at this service has led to discussion of alternative strategies for ecumenical community worship. Pastor Joel and Pastor Rob Lamphere have discussed options, such as a community “Prayer Walk”.
- June is Pride Month – Pastor Joel highlighted 10 years of ELCA partnership in ministry with our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. He shared a link to Bishop Eaton’s video “Fearfully and wonderfully proud” published June 4, 2021 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSvw2YuxbPk>
- NEIA Synod Assembly – Virtual conference will be held this Saturday, June 12, 2021. Pastor Joel, Shannon and Sondra will be participating online.
- Summer Worship – Reviewed summer activities and planning.
- Faith Formation – Beginning to work on curriculum for fall Confirmation classes that will begin September 12, 2021.
- Visits – As pandemic restrictions continue to decrease; visitation opportunities have increased. Pastor will be leading worship and offering communion at the LM Care Center on June 23. Pastor is also exploring options/plans for fellowship opportunities.

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

Old Business:

- A. Cemetery Loan Letter review – A proposed letter was shared with council. Plan to send out to the congregation later this summer.
- B. Covid-19 Management Update: The team met June 3, 2021
 - a. Policy Revision – Shannon shared revisions to the Covid policy based on changes in CDC guidelines. These changes will be announced this weekend at both services.
 - b. Next Steps – The team will meet again to review further changes over the summer.

- C. Office Administrator Position Proposal – Tabled for this month. Shannon, Drake and Pastor Joel will continue to work on a proposal for a fulltime position.
- D. Constitution and By-Laws – Tabled for this month.

New Business:

- A. July Jubilee National Lutheran Choir Concert (Diane Fleming) – Addressed under Board of Life and Growth.
- B. Stewardship – Sondra will be sending out Semi-Annual Giving statements in early July. Pastor Joel and Sondra discussed recommendations from Pastor Mark Anderson regarding ongoing Stewardship practices throughout the year. The statements are to serve as a “thank you” to members for giving so far this year and share goals/priorities looking forward. Including the letter about retiring the Cemetery loan along with semi-annual giving statements was discussed.
- C. CD – Due 7/28/2021 – Drake reported that the \$30,000 CD (Ness Estate) at MBT will be due to renew on 7/28/2021. Tabled to July council meeting.
- D. Any other New Business - None
- E. New Members: None
- F. Transfers: None
- G. Next Meeting Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Sue moved that the meeting be adjourned, Heather seconded the motion. All approved, meeting adjourned.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal

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: Vacation

Tuesday: Vacation

Wednesday: Vacation

Thursday: Vacation

Friday: Vacation

Saturday: Vacation

Sunday: Vacation

Secretary

Marci Adeogun

Monday: 10:00am--5:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am--5:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am--5:00pm

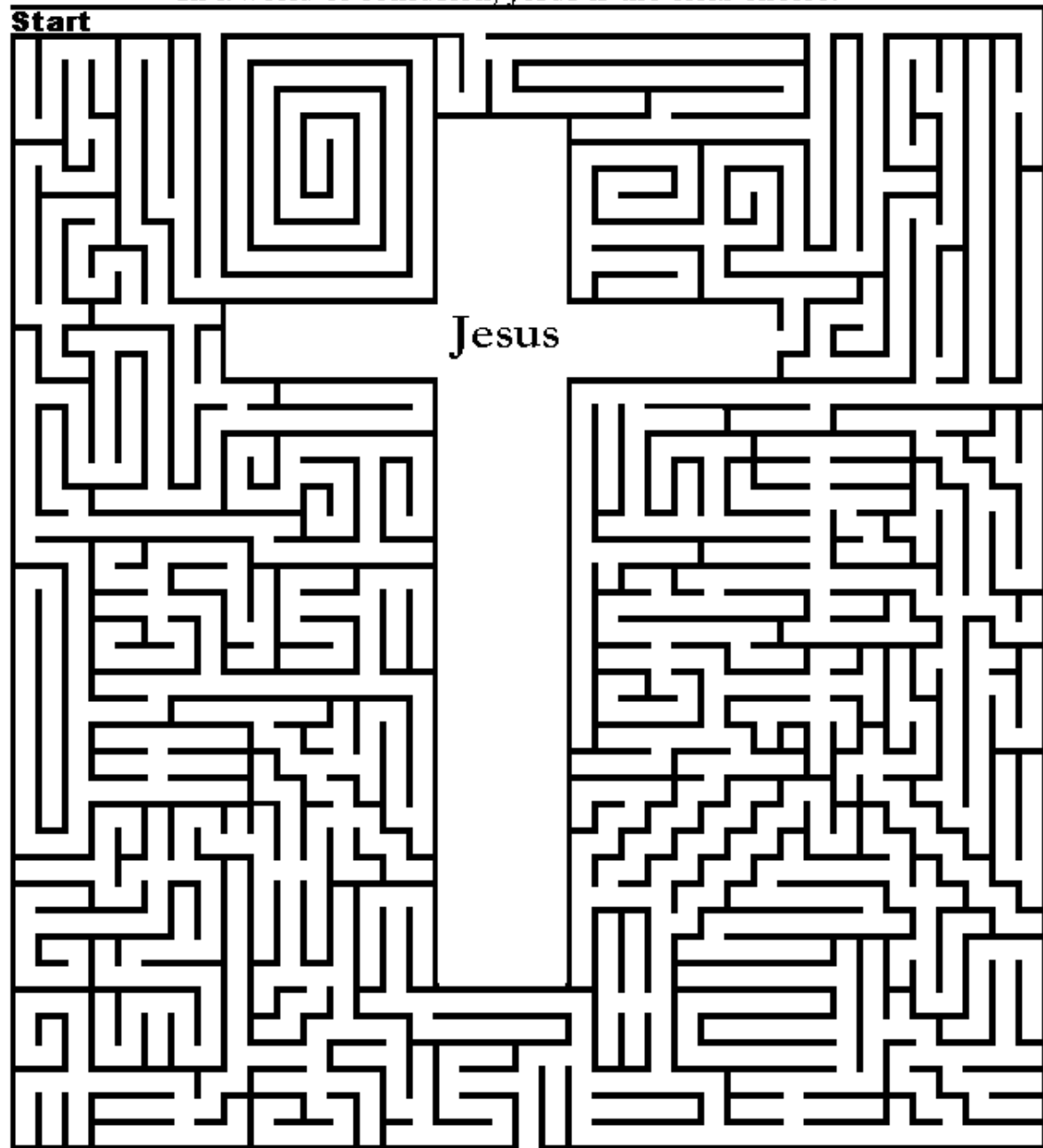
Thursday: 10:00am--5:00pm

Friday: 10:00am—Noon (note change)

Saturday: Off

Sunday: Off

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.



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