

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 – **The Second Sunday After Pentecost -**

**SATURDAY 6/5**

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

**SUNDAY 6/6**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

**MONDAY 6/7**

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 6/8**

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

10:00am Caregivers Support Group

**WEDNESDAY 6/9**

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

**THURSDAY 6/10**

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

6:00pm VBS Closing Program-Sanctuary

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

**FRIDAY 6/11**

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

**SATURDAY 6/12**

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

**SUNDAY 6/13**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

## Baptismal Water Is Thicker than Blood

Many, perhaps most, subcultures in North America affirm the belief that “blood is thicker than water.” Even when our commitment to family is too often served through hand-wringing sentiment over the so-called decline of the family or pandered to by politicians seeking to prove their “family values” credentials, we like to think of ourselves as loyal to our own kin. Family comes first! In the gospel, Jesus sharply, alarmingly, contradicts the norm; he snubs his nuclear family, his blood.

We discover that Jesus’ family is not defined by objective or biological categories—DNA tests, adoption records, or custody papers—but rather by *function*: Jesus’ family consists of those whom God has called into mission and are engaged in that mission.

Bringing a child of God from birth to maturity of faith requires many things, among them food, shelter, new birth, story, discipline, catechism, and an enduring hope in the one who raised Jesus from the dead. It is a joy to be celebrated when these gifts are provided by those who live in one’s own household—parents, grandparents, extended families. But Jesus reminds us (with an echo from Paul) that even when those nearest to us thwart God’s purposes, we “do not lose heart” but trust that God will call and create a household “not made with hands,” where God’s purposes for us will be nurtured and we will become like the one who “does the will of God.”

There is a strong challenge here to Christian communities to keep their focus on the mission of God and not be tempted to confuse God’s mission with what’s “best” for nations or communities or (even) nuclear families.

**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:**

**Matthew Anderson**

**Anderson Family**

**(Randy, Joni, Kaitilyn, Halie)**

**Rita Anderson**

**Steven & Leanna Anderson**

**Anderson Family**

**(Wade, Samantha, Alexis, Mya & Kaylie Sylvara)**

**THIS 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*

**NEXT 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*

**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: 5/30/21</b>	<b>\$ 3,812</b>
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 6/1/21</b>	<b>\$ 92,115</b>
<b>LAST YEAR: as of 6/1/20</b>	<b>\$ 101,661</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$ -9,546</b>

**Memorials Given In May**

Don Wirt--\$80--Cemetery

**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

**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](mailto:dbachman72@gmail.com)

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

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**

### **Pastor's Schedule**

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: (VBS 8am—Noon)

Tuesday: (VBS 8am—Noon)

Wednesday: (VBS 8am—Noon), 1pm--5pm

Thursday: (VBS 8am—Noon), 1pm--5pm

Friday: 8am—Noon, 1pm—5pm

Saturday: (Synod Meeting all day), 5:30pm--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

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

## What Can You Do This Summer to Deepen Your Kids' Faith?

It's now June and summer is just beginning. For many families, that means a (slightly) less hectic schedule for a few glorious weeks. At the same time, it can mean small-scale panic at what to actually do with the extra time your kids have. Solution: Take the opportunity to get more creative with engaging together spiritually as a family. Here are some ideas to get you started!

1. Choose a gospel to read as a family (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John). Decide on a timeframe (days or weeks) and divide the chapters accordingly.
2. Find a way to serve others together as a family.
3. Attend Vacation Bible School. VBS is a fun week offered by many churches for kids to play and learn together.
4. Invite your pastor over for dinner. Invite him to dinner and give your kids the opportunity to ask questions they may not want to ask you (or that you may not know how to answer)!
5. Encourage your kids to invite a friend to church
6. Visit a different church (another denomination or religion). Then discuss the difference in beliefs and practices versus your own...and why they differ.
7. Write letters to God. Have each family member take 10 minutes to write a letter to God. Pick a topic that is relevant at a given time for your family—it could be something light-hearted like complaints you'd like to "file" or something more serious like expressing disappointment about unanswered prayer. Share your letters.
8. Go to a Christian bookstore together and pick out a devotional. It doesn't have to be January 1 to start a devotional habit. Take your kids to a Christian store and select a devotional book to start.
9. Create a family prayer list. Write down the biggest needs for your family and those you know and commit to praying together consistently throughout the summer.

