

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY 7/10

Pastor Joel on Vacation

4:00pm Hymn Sing-A-Long in Memory of Virginia Thomas-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 7/11

Pastor Joel on Vacation

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 7/12

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 7/13

Pastor Joel Vacation

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

WEDNESDAY 7/14

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

1:30pm-6:30pm Life Serve Blood Drive-Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Youth & Education Board Meeting-Library

THURSDAY 7/15

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 7/16

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

SATURDAY 7/17

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 7/18

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

Speaking Truth to Power

Few of us want to hear a hard truth, and perhaps fewer of us want to be the ones called to deliver one. Today's texts remind us that bearing God's word is risky business. King Jereboam exiles the prophet Amos for calling him to account. Herod delivers John the baptizer's head on a platter to his wife, Herodias, to fulfill a promise he never should have made. Speaking truth to power can cost us our lives.

Yet this is exactly what God calls us to do. God's prophets are ordinary people called to deliver an extraordinary message. Listen to the praise Paul heaps on the Ephesians, naming them as God's blessed, God's chosen, and God's adopted children (Eph. 1:3-5). It is the kind of pep talk coaches give their players just before sending them back into the game against a seemingly unbeatable team. Like Amos, who freely confesses his humble background and unlikely credentials, we are sent from worship each week to proclaim God's in-breaking reign to all the powers that profess to rule this world.

Still, beneath the apparent victory of power over truth, there is a hidden story bursting through the seams of this tale. Yes, John the Baptist dies, but the integrity of his witness outshines all of Herod's corrupt court intrigues. Herod himself was drawn to John's preaching, and in the end it is Herod's character that seems most tragic.

Like Herod, we are each challenged to really listen to the challenging voice of God in our day and age, and to turn away from the lures and temptations that attempt to seduce us away from fidelity to God. Through us, God speaks words of peace, love, and faithfulness that challenge the world's violence, hatred, and treachery.

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:

Jerrod and Markus Behr

Jan and Kristopher Belica

Andrea Belshan

Jason Belshan

Darrel & Karen Belville

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Amos 7:7-15

The sign of the plumb line: God's judgment on Israel

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory

Mark 6:14-29

The death of John the Baptist

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Jeremiah 23:1-6

From David's line, a righteous shepherd for Israel

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

Ephesians 2:11-22

Reconciled to God through Christ, our peace

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Christ healing the multitudes

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: 7/4/21	\$ 1,090
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 7/6/21	\$ 110,971
LAST YEAR: as of 7/6/20	\$ 118,957
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -7,986

Marietta Norris will celebrate her 85th birthday on July 16th. Marietta's family includes her children and spouses: Barb (Brian Abele, Rod (Shellene) Norris and Bill (Sheila) Norris along with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her husband, Merlin, passed away in 2020. They would like to honor and celebrate her with a card shower. Birthday wishes may be sent to: Marietta Norris, Lake Mills Care Center, 406 S. 10th Ave. East, Lake Mills, IA 50450

Memorials Given In June

Roger Hermanson - \$25 - Cemetery

Janet Bergo - \$60 - Cemetery, \$130 - Youth

Upcoming Blood Drive

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive

July 14, 1:30pm-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Appointments Are Required

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

or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

Registrations are due tomorrow, July 12

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.

Volunteers Needed

The Board of Worship and Music is looking for volunteers. If you are willing to usher, acolyte, read, sing in the liturgical choir or would like to learn how to help with sound, monitors or live stream, please contact Heather at 641-909-4050 or write it on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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!

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.

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

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

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.

Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Vacation

Tuesday: Vacation

Wednesday: Noon-8pm (Youth & Education Board Meeting at 6:30pm)

Thursday: Noon – 8pm (Council Meetings at 5:30 & 6:30pm)

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—1:00pm (note change)

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

Friday: 10:00am—4:00pm

Saturday: Off

Sunday: Off

