

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 17 – July 23

Unexpected and Intentional Distraction

As digital tablets and smart phones keep us busy and on the go, today's gospel reminds us of a struggle: when are we to set aside our busy calendars, duties, and to-do lists and simply rest in God's presence, listening to what God has to say to us? This tension mounts in our gospel as Jesus addresses Martha's busyness, worry, and distraction, juxtaposed with Mary's contemplation, focus, and desire to sit at the feet of the great teacher. But is "quietly sitting" even possible in our age of distractions? Perhaps we can find helpful advice in our first reading, as Abraham rests in the heat of the day. In that time of rest, he was ready to receive the three guests who came bearing the news that Sarah would have a son, fulfilling God's promise given years earlier. With the heat keeping him from moving on to other things, the guests had Abraham's undivided attention. These readings remind us how crucial it is to set aside time to spend with God. We might even wonder what sort of things Jesus was saying to Mary. Were they profound words, akin to the "mystery" the author of Colossians addresses in the epistle? Jesus was the person in whom God was pleased to dwell, that same one who is "the hope of glory."

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

[Genesis 18:1-10a](#)

[Psalm 15](#)

[Colossians 1:15-28](#)

[Luke 10:38-42](#)

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

[Genesis 18:20-32](#)

[Psalm 138](#)

[Colossians 2:6-15 \[16-19\]](#)

[Luke 11:1-13](#)

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: Shawn, Pamela, Amanda & Samantha Lampman, Gloria Langerud, Sue Langerud, Bryker & Bruxen Langfald, Ron & Ardis Langfald

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.

17-Elizabeth Sprecher	20-Essabel Sauer	22-Courtney Lorenson
19-Bruxen Langfald	21-Kray Grothe	23-Matthew Levine
20-Jessica Westrum	21-Amanda Delzer	23-Christi Grothe
20-Lory Groe	22-Lynn Bartness	

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 7/10/22 \$ 3,512

YEAR-TO-DATE: 7/13/22 \$ 103,444

LAST YEAR: as of 7/13/21 \$ 115,693

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ - 12,249

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.

Volunteers Needed: The summer lunch service program, “Summer Food & Fun” will be serving food on-site and we need volunteers to help serve and clean up; 10:45am-12:15pm. Salem will be serving on Tuesdays. Our first day to serve will be May 30th. If you are able to help, please call Margaret Okland at 641.592.9841 before noon or 641.590.2891 afternoon. Thank you!!!

Emmons Lutheran WNALC cordially invites our women’s group to their Guest Night on Wednesday, July 20th, at 7:00pm. Featured on the program will be music by Krista Reeder & her daughter Makenna (409 Pearl St. Emmons, MN)

Salem Office: 641.592.1771

Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm, Fri: 10am-4pm

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 10 ¹ / ₂ ";no loose-leaf paper.	*One pencil sharpener
*One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other	*One eraser
*Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band	*One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
*Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band	*One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
*One box of 16 or 24 crayons	*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.

Live Stream Sponsorship: Call the office to reserve your special date. The cost is \$40 per Sunday. **2022 Dates available:** Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

Pastor Joel Guttormson:

Vacation July 19 – August 2nd

SUNDAY 7/17

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary
10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 7/18

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.)
6:30pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 7/19

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

WEDNESDAY 7/20

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room
11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 7/21

11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall
1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study
4:00pm Life & Growth Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 7/22

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

SUNDAY 7/24

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Steve Smith)
10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall