

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

### SATURDAY 7/17

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

### SUNDAY 7/18

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY 7/19

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

1pm-4pm Clothes Closet is Open

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

6:00pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY 7/20

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch for Youth

### WEDNESDAY 7/21

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch for Youth

### THURSDAY 7/22

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch for Youth

3:30pm Board of Life & Growth Meeting-Fellowship Hall

### FRIDAY 7/23

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch for Youth

### SATURDAY 7/24

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

### SUNDAY 7/25

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

## At Rest among Strangers

The world can be a dangerous place, and we all long for someone, some leader, who will watch over us and protect us from all harm. The prophet Jeremiah issues strong cautions to those who abuse the trust placed in them to care for God's people, and the psalmist sings the praises of the Lord who guards and guides us through life's trials.

But the letter to the Ephesians suggests that lasting safety comes through the healing and reconciling work of Christ, which allows us to share a meal with those we are inclined to regard as enemies, because Christ has "broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." So, in Christ, aliens become citizens and strangers become members of the household of God.

Living into this reality requires all of us to be diligent in our practices with and policies toward all kinds of "strangers and aliens" in our world and in our lives. It means making peace with those whose politics make them strange to us, and creating genuine welcome for the newcomer in our classrooms, workplaces and congregations. It means considering the needs of immigrants and refugees through the lens of Christian faith as well as national identity, and not assuming the two are the same.

The reassuring news this day is that God, unlike so many who hold power in this world, is already reconciling the world to God's own self and us to one another. We enact this new reality each time we pass the peace or come to the Lord's supper, not because we have finally achieved the peace we seek, but because in Christ God's future reign of peace has already broken into our present.

**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:**

**Bendickson Family**  
 (Cymantha, Jaeron, Jayce Roy)  
**Khrystyne Bendickson**  
**Steven Bendickson**  
**Benjegerdes Family**  
 ( Justin, Brittany, Logan)  
**Craig Benson**

**THIS 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*

**NEXT WEEKS TEXTS**

**2 Kings 4:42-44**

*Elisha feeding a hundred people*

**Psalm 145:10-18**

*You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

*Prayer for wisdom, strength, and Christ's indwelling*

**John 6:1-21**

*Christ feeding the five thousand*

**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-**

<b>LAST SUNDAY:</b> 7/11/21	\$ 4,722
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE:</b> as of 7/17/21	\$ 115,693
<b>LAST YEAR:</b> as of 7/14/20	\$ 125,244
<b>DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:</b>	\$ -9,551

**PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

Come have breakfast! It's on Pastor Joel! We would like to try a new fellowship opportunity on Friday morning July 30, from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM in the lounge across from the office. Bacon, sausage, fried potatoes, toast and eggs cooked to order will be served until the food runs out or its 10:00 AM, whichever comes sooner. Breakfast is free. Donations collected will go towards camp scholarships, retreats, UNI lock-in and the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering.

**Volunteers Needed**

The Board of Youth and Education is looking for volunteers to help with the day camp here at Salem, August 2-5 (and some prep beforehand). We are looking for 5 youth and at least 1 adult. Please call the church office if you are willing to help out. 641.592.1771

**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

**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)

**Salem has a wheel chair available for use.**

**It is kept in the narthex closet near the coat rack**

## July 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

### **God's work. Our hands.**

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! Thanks to you, we are able to provide education to parents of young children, empower Iowans with disabilities, and offer critical mental health care to community members of all ages. This month, we would like to give special thanks for those of you who have made LSI a focus on your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project.

On a planned day in September, each congregation is encouraged to reach outside of the church and do good deeds in the community by participating in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to combine community projects with a special project for nonprofits like LSI, whether it's raising money or contributing in-kind gifts.

We thank you for your service! If you are interested in supporting the Iowa children and families served by LSI or would like to get involved in a "God's work. Our hands." project with LSI, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://Facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

## Hali's New Life

Hali grew up in a home surrounded by addiction. Her own struggle with substance use and trauma continued for more than 20 years but when she learned she was pregnant with her son, Apollo, she knew she needed a change. After giving birth, Hali entered treatment and when she was ready to return home, LSI Early Childhood Services were there to provide support and walk alongside her.

Her LSI worker, Gretchen, provided parenting education and resources, all while empowering Hali and making sure Apollo had a healthy home. Gretchen helped Hali keep track of Apollo's growth to ensure he hit all his important developmental milestones. More than a year later, Hali is thriving. She is now in college and is also a sponsor to other women who are on the same path to recovery. At home, Hali is busy keeping up with Apollo as he is learning to walk, and she is excited to see him continue to grow.

"Gretchen has given me a lot of hope. She's always had my back," Hali says. "She's my go-to person for any resource and it's nice to have her in my corner."

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:

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: Off, but on-call

Tuesday: Off, but on-call (Pastor's Text Study - 2:30pm)

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

Thursday: Noon – 8pm (Board of Life & Growth Meeting – 3:30pm)

Friday: 8am – Noon, 1pm – 5pm

Saturday: Noon – 8pm (Graveside Service - 2pm, Worship Service - 5:30pm)

Sunday: 8am – Noon (Worship Service - 9am)

## 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—5:00pm

Saturday: Off

Sunday: Off

Blessings Joy  
Hope Life  
Love Peace  
Happiness Faith