

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY 7/24

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 7/25

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 7/26

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

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall

1:00pm-4:00pm Clothes Closet is Open

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

TUESDAY 7/27

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

WEDNESDAY 7/28

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

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

6:30pm Youth & Education Board Meeting-Chapel

THURSDAY 7/29

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

5:45pm Worship & Music Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 7/30

8:00am-10:00am Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast-Lounge

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

SATURDAY 7/31

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 8/1

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

Rollin' in the Dough—and Fishes

In recent years many books have been printed that focus on baking vast assortments of breads—from rye to pumpernickel, French to Italian. Today, however, we encounter a bread that points to both a deeper longing, physically and spiritually, and an even more fulfilling outcome than the tastiest assortment of baked bread. This abundance of bread satisfies hunger, transforms lives, and ushers in a new vision of the holy in community. Recognizing the power of action, John calls to mind the ways prophets fed and nourished the people, and then he multiplies this in the person and action of Jesus. Jesus uses earthly gifts to provide for the gathered community—the gospel's vision of Jesus' life and God's abundance in creation. Second Kings and John allow our congregations to wonder with the faithful servants and disciples how God will provide. We are invited into a conversation that might start by reflecting on a sentence written by the late United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld: "Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being to receive, to carry, and give back." The scriptures today open a door for us to think about how individuals and communities are nourished and sustained by God, and also imagine how we become vessels of the holy who are now opened to the call of service. How might ordinary gifts (and ordinary people) become the ways God's love and mercy are multiplied in sustenance for neighbor, community, and world? Through our questions, our acts of giving, and our proclamation of the works of God in Christ Jesus, we are invited to experience what it means to be rooted in God's sustaining love and to proclaim this God who invites us into the unimaginable vision of abundance.

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:

Dana Benson
Bergan Family
(David, Shelly, Calie, Katie)
Cole Bergo
Jayne & Brooke Bergo
Jim Bergo

THIS 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

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The LORD gives manna in the wilderness

Psalm 78:23-29

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.

(Ps. 78:24, 25)

Ephesians 4:1-16

Maintain the unity of the faith

John 6:24-35

Christ the bread of life

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: 7/18/21	\$ 6,522
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 7/19/21	\$ 122,215
LAST YEAR: as of 7/19/20	\$ 128,297
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -6,082

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.

Pastoral Visits

If you or someone you know would like a visit from the Pastor, please call the office to make an appointment. 641.592.1771

Volunteers Needed

The Board of Youth and Education is looking for volunteers to help with the day camp here at Salem, August 2-5. 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

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

Plastic Bottle Cap Collection

The Board of Youth and Education is collecting plastic bottle caps for a craft project the youth will be doing during Day Camp. Each youth will need 4 bottle caps, so we need to collect as many as possible. Bottle caps can be dropped off at the office or left outside the office door. Thank you!

Confirmation

Starting Sept. 12th, Confirmation will be held on Sunday mornings at 10:15am in the Choir Room. Families will be receiving letters with more information in August.

Food Shelf

The Lake Mills Food Shelf will NOT be taking any donations for a while due to having enough money, food and bags to last them for some time. Thanks to everyone who has donated to them in the past.

Blood Drive Results

July 14th - 43 donors, 129 lives saved.

Opportunities For Volunteers

RSVP of North Central Iowa has opportunities for volunteers to serve at a school or organization near you! For just 1 hour a week, you can have a lasting impact on the life and literacy skills of a child or help serve others in need in your community through partner organizations. To learn more, attend an open-house about RSVP! Monday Aug. 9, 1:00-2:30 pm at the Lake Mills Elementary School.

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 for youth 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. They ask that receipts do not get rolled up. Collection baskets are in the Narthex.

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:

Aug. 29, Sept. 5, Oct. 17, Oct.24, Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 12

Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Off, but on-call

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

Wednesday: Noon-8:00pm (2:30pm LM Care Center Communion Service, 6:30pm Youth & Education Board Meeting)

Thursday: Noon – 8pm (5:45pm Worship & Music Board Meeting)

Friday: 8am – Noon, 1pm – 5pm (8am-10am Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast)

Saturday: Noon – 8pm (5:30pm Worship Service)

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

Secretary

Marci Adeogun

Monday & Tuesday: 10am – 5pm

Wednesday: 10am – 1pm (note change)

Thursday & Friday: 10am – 5pm

Saturday & Sunday: Off

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, July 15, 2021 – 6:30 pm

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order.

Members present: Drake Abbey, Marci Adeogun, Shannon Bruhns, Heather Mannes, Sondra Nelson, Al Skellenger, Pastor Joel Guttormson and Cindy Haugsdal. Gail Porter attended as representative of Board of Life and Growth.

Member(s) absent: Scott Hagenson, Sue Langerud

Devotions and Prayers: Pastor Joel led us in devotions and prayer.

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

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

Communications and Correspondence – Thank you notes from Chike and Lincoln; Donation from Gladys Biehl; request for donation for Mini Golf park project from Lake Mills Park and Rec, donation declined at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Drake reviewed the report.

Total income for June \$18,851.12

Expenditures for June \$21,747.05 (-2,895.93)

Checking account balance (6/30/2021) \$37,740.32

Building Fund balance (6/30/2021) \$2,831.26

CD's at FTSB (6/30/2021) \$26,014.17/\$10,526.47

CD's at MBT (6/30/2021) \$30,000/\$151.23

Final distribution from the Ness Estate was received - We received the final distribution of \$24,305.19 from the Ness Estate. Of this amount, 10% will be deposited into the general fund and the remainder will be held in a one-year CD at MBT. This distribution will be combined with our current MBT CD of \$30,000, which is up for renewal on July 28. We also have a \$10,500 CD with Ness Estate money at FTSB. There is an additional FTSB CD of \$25,869.36 of reserve money. Salem will have three CDs to manage between the two banks.

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

2021 YTD total offerings (6/29/2021) \$109,711

2020 YTD total offerings (6/29/2021) \$115,224

Al moved to accept treasurer report. Heather seconded the motion. All approved.

Board Reports

Board of Worship and Music – Heather provided a written and verbal report. The Board of worship discussed communion packets/will continue until the Covid management team meets again; the Saturday evening service was discussed including low attendance, recording for Sunday radio and need for council to discuss options for moving forward. Discussion resulted in a decision to monitor attendance at the Saturday service over the next 3-4 months and review at the October Council meeting again.

Board of Life & Growth – Gail Porter provided a written and verbal report. The Board continues to work on contacting members to update on re-opening and membership status; The Virginia Thomas Memorial Hymn Sing with the National Lutheran choir was held July 10, 2021. 140 guests attended the event. The choir consisted of 19 members of the National Lutheran Choir and 15 community members. The organ was tuned, and minor repairs completed prior to the event. Donations for organ maintenance were collected at the Hymn Sing. The children's bags have been laundered and restocked. Lyle is replacing broken dowels on the bag tree.

Board of Stewardship – Al Skellenger provided a verbal report. The Board met and helped stuff envelopes for recent stewardship mailing. Beginning to work on the 2021 Stewardship campaign.

Board of Property and Management – Scott Hagenson provided a written report. Coffee pot has been repaired by 4 Seasons Coffee, but there were problems last Sunday so they will be coming back to work on it again; Air conditioning is working throughout the church, waiting for the bill from Johnson Heating; Mason City Roofing is working on repairing leaks in the educational unit and chapel, \$1800 estimate – board approved the repairs; \$1000 estimate to concrete between sidewalk and road on south side of church, Turf trimmers will prep ground and Grothe Concrete will do cement work. Board recommends council do this for safety concerns – tabled until Scott or Board representative is in attendance as there were questions by Council members; Bushes were trimmed prior to July Jubilee; Lyle Thomson put new door handle on office.

Board of Youth – Jennifer provided a written report. Marci led discussion of items in the report that included: Working on preparations for Ingham-Okoboji Day Camp will be held at Salem August 2-5 from 9am to 2 pm – Theme is Brand New Auto Shop; future meetings will address plans for Fall Faith Formation and Confirmation; Blessing of the backpacks is scheduled on Sunday, August 22; Rally Sunday is scheduled on September 12.

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

Pastor Joel submitted a written report which included Pastoral acts in April and accounting for vacation and continuing education days/Sundays used and planned.

Additional topics in his report included:

- Pastor’s Fellowship Breakfast – Pastor Joel would like to begin to offer this fellowship event/fundraiser for camp scholarships, retreats, UNI lock-in and the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering. Looking at having the first breakfast on Friday morning, July 30 from 8-10 am in the lounge.
- NEIA Synod Assembly – a synopsis of the Synod Assembly can be found at <https://www.neiasynod.org/2021-synod-assembly/> The Rev. Kevin T. Jones, Mason City, was elected to serve a six-year term as our next bishop.
- The Tri-Synodical Fall Conference will be held at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines and online Sept. 20-21. Attendance will be available in person and online. The theme is “Leading Difficult Times”. Pastor Joel plans to attend in person, using continuing education funds.
- Membership Roster Review – this process is recommended annually to have an accurate count of our membership. Pastor shared information from the ELCA model constitution regarding definitions of membership. Discussion of combining this process with the calls that are being made by the Board of Life and Growth.

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

Old Business:

- A. CD – Due 7/28/2021, the CD will be renewed after an adjustment of withdrawing 10% toward the general fund for 2021. See Treasurer’s Report for more details.
- B. Office Administrator Position Update – (Marci was not present for this part of the meeting) Shannon shared a review of information on Fair Labor Standards

Act; Reviewed the office administrator job description in place when Marci was hired; noted the 2021 budget/actual expense for the office administrator. Shannon provided a proposal that recommended: 1) The office administrator position continue to be 36 hr/wk for now; 2) Re-evaluate in Nov/Dec 2021 for 2022 budget with consideration of hours/benefits; 3) Develop a formal time-sheet/review process; 4) Require pre-approval for hours worked over 36 hours; 5) Council oversight recommended; 6) Revise job description. AI moved that we move forward with the proposal presented. Sondra seconded the motion. All approved. Marci returned and was advised as to the proposal and vote.

- C. Constitution and By-Laws – Shannon continues to review the model ELCA constitution and will also be reviewing with members of Salem along with Pastor Joel Guttormson to continue to make progress toward revising Salem’s constitution. We are reminded that our current constitution was not approved by the NEIA Synod.

New Business:

- A. Safe Gatherings – Child Protection Policy – Tabled for this meeting.
- B. Stewardship Drive – updates came from the Board of Stewardship.
- C. Other New Business – Covid management team will be meeting in August.
- D. New Members: None
- E. Transfers/Statistical adjustment: Denise Korn, Ellen Lodin, Madi Lodin, Haley Krull.
- F. Next Meeting Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

AI moved that the meeting be adjourned, Sondra seconded the motion. All approved, meeting adjourned.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal

Those who leave
everything in
GOD'S HAND
will eventually see
God's hand in
everything.

Q U O T E D I A R Y . M E

*Always pray to have
eyes that see the **best**,
a heart that *forgives*
the worst, a mind that
forgets the bad, & a soul
that never loses **faith**.*

