

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY 7/3

Pastor Joel Vacation

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 7/4

Pastor Joel Vacation

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

MONDAY 7/5

Pastor Joel Vacation

TUESDAY 7/6

Pastor Joel Vacation

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

WEDNESDAY 7/7

Pastor Joel Vacation

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

THURSDAY 7/8

Pastor Joel Vacation

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

FRIDAY 7/9

Pastor Joel Vacation

11:00am-Noon Grab & Go Lunch

SATURDAY 7/10

Pastor Joel Vacation

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

SUNDAY 7/11

Pastor Joel Vacation

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

Ready to Bear Witness

Where does power come from? The usual answers—family connections, reputation, possessions—are all rejected in this reading from Mark’s gospel. Jesus’ power is not only independent of his family connection—it is hindered by it. While it isn’t entirely clear why the people of Nazareth reject Jesus, the fact that they do may sound familiar to us. How often do we find exactly what we expect when we encounter something new? How open are we, really, to the possibility that God’s power might come from an unexpected corner? The first part of today’s reading suggests that even miracles take two things: both divine power and willing witnesses.

Perhaps Jesus sends his disciples out stripped of their possession precisely so that *they* are ready to witness to God’s power in a new way. They go without any of the usual trappings of security or wealth, with no guarantee that their ministry will be received. In fact, Mark reminds us a few verses later (Mark 6:14-28) just how hostile the world can be to receiving the proclamation of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist will lose his life because of Herod’s resistance to repentance. Nevertheless, Jesus’ teaching continues to astound, and the word continues to spread.

The willingness to bear witness, even when we are not certain of answered prayer or mission success, is a theme that unites all this day’s readings. Even the Psalm, in its simple gaze of faith, invites us to let go of results in favor of relationship. Paul’s sometimes confusing logic about spiritual experiences becomes clear as he sums up God’s word to him: “My grace is sufficient for you” That is a powerful word, which can make almost any experience an opportunity to witness to Christ’s power.

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:

Bechtel Family
 (Shannyn, Emmerson, Grace, Kate)
Nicky Bechthold
Yvonne Beenken
Berry Family
 (Joshua, Rebecca, Mercedes, Kyle)
Delane & Darlene Behr

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The call of Ezekiel

Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

God's power made perfect in weakness

Mark 6:1-13

Sending of the Twelve to preach and heal

NEXT 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

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: 6/27/21	\$ 6,452
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 6/29/21	\$ 109,711
LAST YEAR: as of 6/29/20	\$ 115,224
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -5,513

There will be no Fellowship today, Sunday July 4th
There will be no Grab & Go Lunch on Monday July 5th
The Clothes Closet will be closed Monday, July 5th

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: Marrietta 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

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.

Upcoming Blood Drive

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive

July 14, 1:00pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Appointments Are Required

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

or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

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

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.

**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 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: Vacation
 Thursday: Vacation
 Friday: Vacation
 Saturday: Vacation
 Sunday: Vacation

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



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY