

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY 7/31

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 8/1

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 8/2

Day Camp 9:00am-2:00pm

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

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

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

TUESDAY 8/3

Day Camp 9:00am-2:00pm

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

7:00pm Altar Guild Meeting-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 8/4

Day Camp 9:00am-2:00pm

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

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

THURSDAY 8/5

Day Camp 9:00am-2:00pm

9:30am Ruth Circle-Library

9:30am Grace & Martha Circle-Lounge

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

5:00pm Day Camp Closing Program

FRIDAY 8/6

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

SATURDAY 8/7

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 8/8

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

From Rumbling Tummies to Living Bread

Today's texts move us from rumbling tummies and flaring tempers to a refocusing on the blessings poured out and the primary benefactor. We see the gifts of God, which come in a variety of ways: physical nourishment, roles and talents lifted up in community, new life given now and into the ages of ages. We find that the gifts are responses to various actions—complaining, building for the future, longing for signs of promise and hope. Yet each of these actions and the gifts mean little if we are not able to see the one who is the giver and to recognize that the gifts are not merely about what we can do to get them or what signs are needed to prove them; rather, it is about trust in God, who is the source of life and living—the one who provides the true bread from heaven. Our role in this story is to tell the history of God's giving, similar to the psalmist. It is to open our eyes to the way the bread of heaven is sustaining us today, physically and spiritually. And as a community living in God's promise, we look to the one God sends to us as *the* bread of life. In many early Hebrew and Greek writings, the stomach was a driving force and a place where hope and faith were lodged. The readings point us to see how a longing for food opens a greater dwelling place for the gifts of faith and promise. From our physical depths we are called to experience a greater spiritual reality.

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:

**Max Bergo
Timothy Bergo
Carolyn Bethke
Alison Bezanson
Patricia Bitker**

THIS 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

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah given bread for his journey

Psalm 34:1-8

Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Put away evil, live in love

John 6:35, 41-51

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: 7/25/21	\$ 8,637
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 7/26/21	\$ 130,852
LAST YEAR: as of 7/26/20	\$ 130,569
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 283

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

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!

THANK YOU!!!

The Board of Youth & Education would like to thank Dan & Rhonda Schriever for hosting the Day Camp Staff at their home this week! We greatly appreciate it!

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.

School Kits

The Board of Life & Growth is collecting School Kits and items for school kits. If you are donating individual items (not a complete kit) do not put them inside a cloth bag, so they can easily distinguish which bags are complete. Thank you!

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.

Include the following items in each fabric kit:

- *Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x 10.5", no loose-leaf paper
- *One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side
- *One pencil sharpener
- *One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- *One eraser
- *Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- *Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- *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 and twill

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new or 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.

Memorials Given In July

Donna Lyng--\$40—Cemetery Fund

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 Aug.

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 KIW (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

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday.

CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE 641.592.1771

Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Off, but on-call (Day Camp 9am-2pm)

Tuesday: Off, but on-call (Day Camp 9am-2pm, 2:30pm Pastor's Text Study, 7pm Altar Guild Meeting)

Wednesday: Noon-8:00pm (Day Camp 9am-2pm)

Thursday: Noon – 8pm (Day Camp 9am-2pm, 5pm Day Camp Closing Program)

Friday: 8am – Noon, 1pm – 5pm

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

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

Secretary

Marci Adeogun

Monday: 10am – 5pm

Tuesday: 10am – 5pm

Wednesday: 10am – 2pm (note change)

Thursday: 10am – 5pm

Friday: 10am – 5pm

Saturday: Off

Sunday: Off

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

DAY CAMP AT SALEM THIS WEEK

Monday--Thursday

9:00am--2:00pm

Closing Program

Thursday—5pm

