

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY 8/14

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 8/15

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 8/16

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

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

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

6:00pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 8/17

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

WEDNESDAY 8/18

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

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

THURSDAY 8/19

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

2:00pm WELCA Meeting-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 8/20

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

SATURDAY 8/21

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 8/22

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

You're Invited

Today Jesus invites us to a meal. It is an extraordinary invitation to do an ordinary thing: form bonds of love and community through shared food and drink. Like Wisdom inviting us to the feast of insight (Prov. 9:1-6), Jesus' invitation to share in the meal of his body and blood teaches us about the breadth and depth of God's love and about God's desire for us to abide in that love (John 6:56).

Jesus' audience asks a reasonable question: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus' answer doesn't really address the question; instead, he reiterates that he is the true bread from heaven, the true source of eternal life. This must have been off-putting to his listeners. Eat flesh? Drink blood? And yet, here we find a profoundly grace-filled invitation—abide in me—and a promise: through this meal I abide in you. We are invited to not only join Jesus at the table, but to be at home in the love of God, knowing that Christ makes his home in our hearts and lives too. So come: eat, and get to know God.

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:

Mark & Barb Brackey

Michael Brackey

Pam Brackey

Paul Brackey

Shirley Brackey

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Proverbs 9:1-6

Invited to dine at wisdom's feast

Psalm 34:9-14

Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)

Ephesians 5:15-20

Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God

John 6:51-58

Christ the true food and drink

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua calls all Israel to serve the LORD

Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

Ephesians 6:10-20

Put on the armor of God

John 6:56-69

The bread of eternal 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: 8/8/21	\$ 4,072
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 8/10/21	\$ 140,499
LAST YEAR: as of 8/10/20	\$ 138,903
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 1,596

Heating/Cooling Fund: So far we have collected \$8,900 of the total \$15,000 needed to pay off our loan from the Cemetery. Thank you to everyone that has contributed! We greatly appreciate it!!!

Clothes Closet: Lake Mills Community School District families are invited to shop for back to school supplies and gently used clothing for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year on Monday, August 9 & 16; 1:00pm-4:00pm. Gracious contributions from area individuals, churches and businesses have made this event FREE to all LMCS district families.

Sunday, August 22: We will be having a special blessing of the backpacks, school supplies, students and teachers during the 9:00am worship service August 22.

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 info.

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

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.

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.

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, 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

August 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home or in a community setting to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

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 and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

Helping Families Adjust to a New Normal

Uriyah felt overwhelmed by anxiety.

During the pandemic, it was hard for him to even leave his room, talk to his family, and attend school. When classes moved online, he felt comfortable completing his homework and attending classes virtually. But when it was time to return to school for in-person classes, he would not attend. His mom, Holly, wanted him to be able to finish the school year virtually, but she needed help navigating the transition with his school.

That's when she learned about LSI's STEP IN community program. Through the service, LSI social workers are there to build on a family's strengths and ensure children and parents have what they need to thrive and create a brighter future. Children and teens in the program work with their LSI team to develop coping skills, conflict resolution, and healthy communication. The LSI team helped Uriyah feel more comfortable engaging with his family, and Holly had the support she needed to work with the school, advocate for her child, and ensure Uriyah could finish the school year online.

Now, Uriyah has felt a weight lifted off his shoulders, and he successfully graduated out of LSI programming. The last year has created unprecedented stress and anxiety for many children and teens, but Uriyah now feels more comfortable and confident moving forward.

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 (10am Adult Bible Study)

Thursday: Noon – 8pm

Friday: 8am – Noon, 1pm – 5pm

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

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

Secretary

Marci Adeogun

Mon-Fri: 10am-5pm

Saturday & Sunday: Off