

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 21 – August 27

God's Verbs

Through the lens of the gospel, today's texts offer a clear identification of God's work. What is God doing? God is reaching out to the bound-up to proclaim release from captivity. God is lifting up the oppressed. God is satisfying the needs of the afflicted. God raises up foundations. God restores and rebuilds, reconciles and sets free. God, whose word can shake the very foundations of the earth, speaks a better word than we've ever heard, or that we could ever speak. Like yeast that's included in bread dough or the seed of a particularly stubborn weed sown in the garden (Luke 13:18-21), when God speaks, there's no going back. The bread will be leavened; the garden will have a mustard bush; and precious daughters and sons of Abraham will be set free. It is God's work and God's activity that Isaiah calls us to be about. Why is the prophet so confident that light will conquer darkness and needs will be satisfied? Because this is already God's work, or as the prophet says, because "the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

These texts focus us on the *verbs*, the actions, of God. When we're attuned to the verbs of God within passages like these, it might make it easier to see and give witness to God's work and the verbs around us right now.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

[Isaiah 58:9b-14](#)

[Psalm 103:1-8](#)

[Hebrews 12:18-29](#)

[Luke 13:10-17](#)

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

[Proverbs 25:6-7](#)

[Psalm 112](#)

[Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#)

[Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

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:** Dale Mehus, Kyle, Marie, Eli, Ava, Emma and Anna Menke, Kessa Meyer, Jaci Miller, Barb Miller, Anna and Tryggve Rogers

This week the following members will be celebrating their birthdays and we would like to wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! Please call the office if you have an upcoming birthday, to ensure we have it in our records. 641.592.1771

21-Nathan Porter	22-Melanie Zabel	25-Ryan Dilly
21-Rebecca Sletten	22-Toni Johnson	25-Lucas Bellinger
21-Michelle McDonald	24-Isabelle Schoonover	27-Travis Hoffman
		27-Kristi Comstock

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 8/14/22 \$ 3,757
YEAR-TO-DATE: 8/15/22 \$ 120,790
LAST YEAR: as of 8/15/21 \$ 145,241
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ - 24,451

Join Charles (Doc) Nelson and his family as he celebrates his 100th birthday. Open house Saturday, Sept 3 from 2-3pm at the Truman Helgeson Civic Center.

Hospice Volunteer Training: MercyOnce North Iowa Hospice is a non-profit organization, in need of men and women who want to serve patients and families in our local communities. The application process allows you to select the types of activities you would like to help with. The classes are free of charge and open to the public. MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Volunteer Training will be Thursdays, September 15 & 22 from 9:30am to 4:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 119 South Georgia Ave, Mason City, IA. (Across from the hospice office) Registration is required by Monday, Sept. 12th. To register, call 1-800-297-4719 and ask for Steph.

Volunteers Needed!!! If you are willing to usher, acolyte, read or sing in the liturgical choir, sign up in the Narthex or call the office. If you would like to learn how to help with sound, monitors or live stream, call the office. Thank you!!!

School Kits: 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.

Salem will be collecting School Kits and supplies to make the kits. Donations can be left in the Narthex.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN EACH FABRIC KIT:

*Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x 10¹/₂";no loose-leaf paper.

*One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

*Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

*Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

*One box of 16 or 24 crayons

*One pencil sharpener

*One eraser

*One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

*One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

*One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14"x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks); recommended fabric include heavy cotton, canvas, denim or twill

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

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

Live Stream Sponsorship: Call the office to reserve your special date. The cost is \$40 per Sunday. **2022 Dates available:** Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm, Fri: 10am-4pm

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

Tues: 10am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (2:30pm Text Study)

Wed: Noon-8:00pm (10am Adult Bible Study, 1:30pm Mills Harbour Communion Service, 2:30pm LMCC Communion Service)

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 5:45pm Worship & Music Meeting)

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship Service)

SUNDAY 8/21

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Blessing of the backpacks)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 8/22

11:00am-12:00pm Free lunch for Youth-Fellowship Hall

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

2:00pm-4:00pm Clothes Closet is OPEN

(To schedule a different time, call 641.592.5085)

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN (101 S. Mill St.)

WEDNESDAY 8/24

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room

1:30pm Mills Harbour Communion Service

2:30pm LMCC Communion Service

THURSDAY 8/25

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study

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

SUNDAY 8/28

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall