

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY 8/7

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 8/8

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 8/9

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

TUESDAY 8/10

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

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

WEDNESDAY 8/11

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

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

6:30pm Youth & Education Board Meeting-Library

THURSDAY 8/12

9:30am Living Waters Conference-Northwood

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

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

FRIDAY 8/13

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

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

SATURDAY 8/14

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 8/15

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

The Greatest Bread

Jesus uses the image of bread to demonstrate that, even compared to all the great things God has done before, God's greatest miracle is in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus, the bread of life, is a greater miracle than the manna God sent in the desert (Exod. 16:14), greater than the bread the angel brought to restore Elijah (1 Kings 19:4-8), greater even than the loaves Jesus had just multiplied to feed a crowd of more than five thousand people (John 6:1-14)! In Jesus, God gives bread for the journey—not only for this life, but also into eternal life.

We're so familiar with this image that it loses some of its original power. But the claim Jesus is making here is a radical one—and a dangerous one. To Jesus' original audience, his claim to be the bread from heaven, the Son of God, must have sounded like outrageous blasphemy. "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?" they say. "How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" (John 6:42). Who does this guy think he is?

Jesus' message is both outrageous and outrageously comforting: anyone who eats this bread will live forever. The Son of God meets us in this life and gives us real and certain hope for eternal life. Normal bread is amazing in its own right; manna is miraculous. But Jesus Christ is the true bread and the greatest miracle of all. "Taste and see that the LORD is good" (Ps. 34:8).

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 & Melissa Bjorklund

Kathy & Hailey Borgmeyer

Arlys Brackey

Claire Brackey

Leroy & Wayne Brackey

THIS 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

NEXT 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

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: 8/1/21	\$ 5,575
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 8/3/21	\$ 136,427
LAST YEAR: as of 8/3/20	\$ 133,726
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 2,701

THANK YOU!!! The Board of Youth & Education would like to thank Pastor Joel and the awesome Ingham-Okoboji Day Camp Staff who spent the week here with us at Salem and provided such a great experience for our youth. Thank you to our volunteers Cora Sauer, Makenzie Budach and Tori Sterrenberg for helping with the day camp as well, we really appreciate all of your help! Thank you to Dan & Rhonda Schriever for hosting the Day Camp Staff in their home this week! Thank you to the families that hosted dinners for the Day Camp Staff; Pastor Joel & Nancy Guttormson, Jen & Adam Sauer, Jill & Brian Budach. Thank you to Bill & Linda Tweeten for taking the staff and helpers on their pontoon! Thanks to everyone who helped with snacks and lunch, including Nancy Guttormson, Deb Canny and Rita Anderson. We appreciate all of you so much—Thank you!!!

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!!!

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

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.

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.

Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast: Come have breakfast! It's on Pastor Joel! The next Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, August 13; 8:00am – 10:00am in the lounge, across from the office. Everyone is welcome! Please join us for this new fellowship opportunity. Breakfast will be served until the food runs out or its 10:00am, whichever comes sooner. Breakfast is free. Donations collected will go towards camp scholarships, retreats, UNI lock-in and the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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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 (9am-1pm Living Waters Conference, 6:30pm Church Council)

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

Mon-Fri 10am-5pm

Saturday & Sunday: Off

Jesus Feeds 5,000

Help Jesus get to the bread and fish

