

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 11-17

Lost and Found

Today's readings give witness that God has a heart for losers. God reconciles with the idol-worshipping people of Israel. The risen Lord calls the violent, blasphemous persecutor, Paul. The faithful shepherd rescues the wandering sheep and carries it home. The woman who lost one of her ten silver coins searches for it until she finds it. Similarly, God doesn't abandon people even when people abandon God. The cross and resurrection testify to God's faithfulness in that regard. God rescues strays one by one, making the first move to find the lost and create new hearts in them. When (in the first reading) Moses holds God to promises already made in the covenant, the breathtaking picture emerges of a God so committed to relationship that God is influenced—changed—by what people need and ask. This faithfulness of God, shared with overflowing grace in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, is patient, forgiving, energetic, and ready to celebrate. Take the bread and cup—Jesus hosts the worshiping assembly again this week to welcome sinners and eat with them! Suddenly, “sinner” is no longer the best name for us. Try “guest,” “graced,” “gifted,” “loved,” and “empowered.” Then it's time to follow Jesus out of the gathered assembly and into the world as apprentice sleuths for missing persons, bent on finding the lost and the broken and giving them an invitation to come home.

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:** Glen, Sandra, Benjamin and Michael Moretz, Merlin Morgan, Nicole and Alexander Mosby, Jeff Mosby, Nicolas, Kjerstin and Charlotte Mosby



THIS WEEKS TEXTS	NEXT WEEKS TEXTS
Exodus 32:7-14	Amos 8:4-7
Psalms 51:1-10	Psalms 113
1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13

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

11-Alison Flugum 13-Nicole Canny	15-Stephanie Seemuth 16-Cora Sauer	16-Jean Rondeau 16-Kali Wilkinson 17-Jodi Ruud
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-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 9/4/22 \$ 3,487
YEAR-TO-DATE: 9/8/22 \$ 148,149
LAST YEAR: as of 9/8/21 \$ 157,940
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ - 9,791

Memorials Given In July & August

Dennis Hanson \$30 Cemetery Fund
 Clarine Steffensen \$540 General Fund, \$25 Cemetery Fund, \$400 WELCA
 Owen Solomonson \$20 General Fund, \$10 Building Fund

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

Faith Formation & Confirmation: Letters, schedules and registration forms have been mailed out. Please complete the registration forms and return them to the office by Sunday, Sept. 18th or as ASAP (if the office is closed, slide under door)



Rally Sunday! The Board of Youth & Education along with the Stewardship Committee, invite everyone to our Rally Sunday Kickoff Celebration! After worship on **September 18th**, we will have a picnic, bounce house, dunk tank and lots of games for everyone to enjoy! We welcome all of you to join us in celebrating a new year of Faith Formation with fellowship and fun for all ages!



September 18th there will be no coffee fellowship Sunday, Sept. 18th due to Rally Sunday celebration after worship.

WECLA will meet on Thursday, September 15th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Joel will lead the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine.

September 25th Faith Formation will begin at 10am with a gathering in the Chapel. Confirmation will begin at 10am with a gathering in the Sanctuary for students and parents.

Volunteers Need: 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!!!

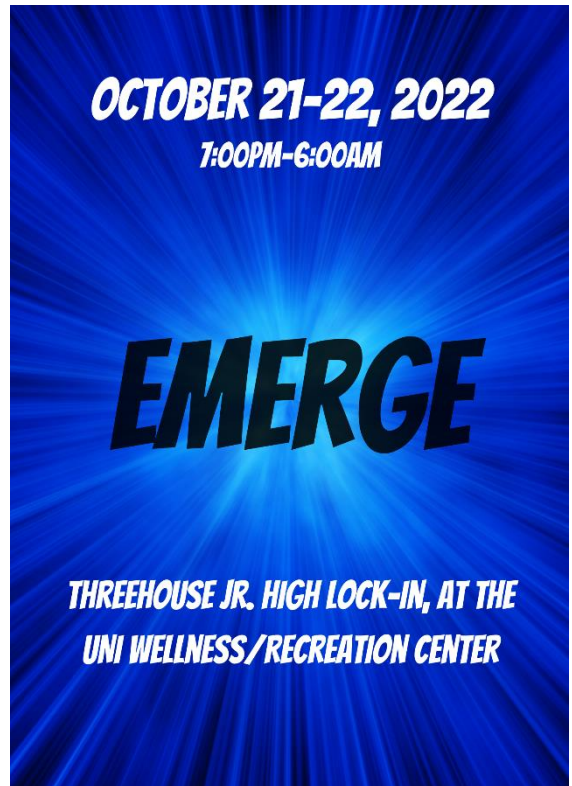
Retired Senior Volunteer Program: Reading Buddy pairs one volunteer to one student to read and practice literacy skills. The program at Lake Mills Elementary currently serves kindergarten and 1st grade students. Volunteers typically serve one day per week for approximately an hour. Teachers provide all the necessary materials. The volunteers read, works on sight words, literacy games, etc. and helps the student form positive relationship around reading and also becomes a trusted, caring adult in their life. Lake Mills hopes to add MORE classrooms this year, so please tell a friend! To sign up, please call 641-422-4303 or visit www.niacc.edu/rsvp to enroll. All volunteers will be provided orientation and training in Lake Mills so they feel confident and ready to help students have a successful experience.

Middle School Lock-In is back this year! Oct. 21-22 at the UNI Wellness/Recreation Center in Cedar Falls. The Lock-In will begin 7pm Friday and end at 6am Saturday. Junior high and middle school students, ages 12 – 15, are invited to attend. This year’s “Emerge” theme will feature worship, music, group activity, pizza and snacks, and a variety of recreational activities, including swimming, rock wall climbing, games, movies, and more.

The lock-in is sponsored by ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries and is open to youth from their partner churches and the three ELCA synods in Iowa.

EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION If registered by Oct. 1, the cost to attend is \$45 per youth, which includes a T-shirt. After that date, the fee is \$60. Registrations will be not accepted after Oct. 14.

Registration materials can be downloaded at www.neiasynod.org.



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.

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

Hand Bell Choir: Any interested hand bell ringers out there wanting to learn how to play bells or refreshing your skills at ringing? We hope to get a group of at least 6 people to practice on either Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM before the service or Wednesday evenings. Mark Nelson, an experienced bell ringer from Forest City, has agreed to lead us in whatever support we need. The first practice will be Sunday September 18 at 8:00AM in the choir room. We're hoping to play in church on Sunday October 16 which would give us 5 rehearsals before and on that date. If we get enough participation there would be an opportunity to play maybe once in November, once in December, and Christmas Eve. If interested in participating in this very special music ministry please contact Nancy Guttormson (641-596-0686).



Salem Office: 641.592.1771

Mon: 10am-2pm

Tues-Thurs: 10am-5pm

Fri: 10am-4pm

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

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

Wed: Noon-8:00pm (10am Adult Bible Study)

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 2pm WELCA, 4pm Life/Growth Meeting)

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

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

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

trivia answers: 1b, 2a, 3c, 4b, 5a, 6b, 7b, 8a, 9c, 10c

Labor Day Trivia

1. Where was the first Labor Day parade?
a. Chicago b. New York City c. Washington DC
2. What year did Labor Day become an official federal holiday in the U.S.?
a. 1894 b. 1884 c. 1904
3. What year was the 8-hour work day legally established?
a. 1912 b. 1914 c. 1916
4. What percent of Americans plan to barbecue over Labor Day weekend?
a. 32% b. 67% c. 83%
5. Which month of many countries celebrate their Labor Day?
a. May b. February c. June
6. In which U.S. city was the first trade union formed?
a. New York City b. Philadelphia c. Orlando
7. Congress passed federal laws in 1916 making what illegal in the workforce?
a. Working in mines b. Child labor c. Smoking
8. 160 million children worldwide are engaged in child labor?
a. True b. False
9. What country has the lowest legal working age?
a. Sudan b. Pakistan c. Bolivia
10. Labor Day is said to have been conceived by
a. Gaylord Nelson b. John McConnell c. Peter J. McGuire



All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship, coffee and a sweet treat. Fellowship is the perfect opportunity to get to know your fellow Salem members and make connections.

SUNDAY 9/11

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (God's Work Our Hands/Quilt Sunday)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 9/12

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.)

3:15pm Daisies-Room 2

TUESDAY 9/13

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

WEDNESDAY 9/14

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

12:00pm Cadettes & HS-Room 2

THURSDAY 9/15

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study

2:00pm WELCA-Fellowship Hall

4:00pm Life & Growth Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY 9/18

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Rally Sunday Celebration-Church Lawn