

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY 9/11

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 9/12

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am-10:45am Faith Formation Rally Sunday-Chapel

10:00am Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting-Sanctuary

MONDAY 9/13

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

3:15pm Daisies-Preschool Room

TUESDAY 9/14

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

WEDNESDAY 9/15

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 9/16

2:00pm WELCA-Fellowship Hall

3:00pm Brownies-Preschool Room

4:00pm Life & Growth Board Meeting

SATURDAY 9/18

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 9/19

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am-10:45am Faith Formation-Chapel

10:00am Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting-Sanctuary

An Unexpected Kind of Messiah

Today we hear from three teachers. The prophet Isaiah calls himself a teacher, one whose words sustain weary people. James warns about foolish and hurtful use of our tongues, which should be used to “bless the Lord and Father,” but often are used to “curse those who are made in the likeness of God.” The final voice in the trio is Jesus, the teacher, who keeps the disciples quiet about any Messiah identity but speaks openly about his own suffering, death, and resurrection. Peter tries to counsel Jesus that no one willingly chooses to go along with that kind of plan. Nobody likes a loser. But Jesus responds that Peter has lost sight of what is most important in life. Jesus teaches the disciples that they will lose their life for the sake of the gospel.

How does the Holy Spirit move in, through, before, and after worship to sustain weary people with the word and sacraments? How can we make spaces for silence, art, and song so that people living through suffering and facing death can breathe, see, and hear God’s presence with them? In what ways do we make the same mistake as the disciples did, expecting a Messiah but then setting our visions on human rather than on divine things?

Jesus invites people of faith and those who doubt Jesus’ way to engage rather than avoid, conquer, or escape. What practices will help worshipers today to imagine the ways they are being called to “lose” their life in order to save it? From what does Jesus want to free people so that they will be able to pick up a different kind of burden and follow him? Then and now, Jesus invites followers on the way of the cross—a path of daily learning, dying, and new life.

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:

Dawn and Brianna Butterfield

Thomas and Nicole Canny

Lucy Carlson

Sharon Casey

Dave and Marlys Cavett

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant is vindicated by God

Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

James 3:1-12

Dangers of the unbridled tongue

Mark 8:27-38

Peter's confession of faith

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The prophet led like a lamb to slaughter

Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom from above

Mark 9:30-37

Prediction of the passion

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: 8/29/21	\$ 3,497
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 8/31/21	\$ 157,540
LAST YEAR: as of 8/31/20	\$ 153,848
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 3,692

Memorials Given In August

Robyn Twito--\$100--Education

Don Adams--\$1,000—Sound System

WECLA will meet on Thursday, September 16 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Joel will lead the Bible Study from the Gather magazine.

Quilt Sunday

We will be blessing the quilts on Sunday, September 19th at the 9:00am Service.

Celebrating A Life Well Lived

Clarine Steffensen will turn 100 years of age on September 27th. Greetings will reach her at 105 North Franklin, Lake Mills 50450

The Board of Life & Growth is seeking Prayer Pen Pals for 1st graders. This includes sending a letter to a 1st grader and keeping them in your prayers. If you would be willing to do this, please contact Sue Langerud. 641.568.3620

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: Rally Sunday will kick off Faith Formation on Sept. 12th with registration, snacks and games at 10:00am. Faith Formation will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:00am-10:45am

Confirmation: On Sept. 12th at 10:00am, Students & Parents will meet in the Sanctuary for Confirmation Orientation. On September 19th at 10:00am, Students & Parents will meet in the Sanctuary for Worship Service Orientation. Letters have been sent out to 7th & 8th grade families with detailed information, if you have not received a letter, please call the office. 641.592.1771

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.

You are invited to the installation of

The Rev. Kevin T. Jones

as Bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at 2 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

213 N Pennsylvania Ave, Mason City, Iowa

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will preside.

A reception will immediately follow the service.

Masks will be required.

319-352-1414 or liddlek@neiasynod.org.

Online Viewing Options

The installation service will be livestreamed on the Northeastern Iowa Synod and Trinity Facebook pages. Pastors planning to view the service online are encouraged to form watch parties in their congregations and celebrate communion as part of the installation service

www.neiasynod.org

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:

Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct.24, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, 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 (10am LMAMA meeting, 2:30pm Pastor's Text Study)

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

Thursday: Noon – 8pm (2pm WELCA, 4pm Life & Growth Board Meeting)

Friday: 8am – Noon, 1pm – 5pm

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

Sunday: 8am – Noon (9am Worship Service, 10am Confirmation)

Secretary

Marci Adeogun

Mon-Fri 10am-5pm

Saturday & Sunday: Off

My Energy Source

*Behold, God is my helper;
the LORD sustains my life.*

Psalm 54:6

All I do, it seems, is charge things—devices and appliances.

It all seemed so amazing at first, didn't it? Cordless phones, leaf blowers and vacuum cleaners! Bluetooth speakers, headphones and keyboards! No wires or cords tying us down! Freedom!

Not so fast. For we all know the frustration of that moment when our forgetfulness or carelessness has left us holding one more useless brick of metal and plastic, useless without a charge.

Nothing powers itself. Everything requires a source of energy from outside. Including me. I may think I'm doing this on my own—I may imagine that my life is about freedom—but of course, it's not. Like that phone or that vacuum, I have a source of energy that enables me to be myself and do what I'm made to do, and without him, I can do nothing.

Loving God, pour out your grace and power in my soul.

[- Amy Welborn](#)

Colossians 1:21-23 • Psalm 54:3-4, 6, 8 Luke 6:1-5

Source: livingfaith.com

The Purpose of Rest

At daybreak, Jesus left and went to a deserted place.

Luke 4:42

Jesus' healing of Simon's mother-in-law is one of my most loved Gospel stories. We all know how worrisome a fever can be: it signals distress of some sort in the body, potentially serious. After the miraculous healing, many more sick people come, and Jesus heals them as well.

It's exhausting tending the sick, and Jesus must have expended much energy in these healings. Next, he retreats to be alone for awhile. He takes time and space to rest and regenerate before moving on to other towns, other work.

Jesus shows us that spaces are important. There is a rhythm to life. As in music, the rests are integral to the composition.

Jesus, help me to get balance in the doing and being. Help me to find you in both.

[- Jennifer Christ](#)

Colossians 1:1-8 • Psalm 52:10-11 Luke 4:38-44

Source: livingfaith.com