

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

### 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

### MONDAY 9/20

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

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

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

6:00pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY 9/22

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

3:15pm Juniors-Preschool Room

### THURSDAY 9/23

3:15pm Cadettes-Preschool Room

### SATURDAY 9/25

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

### SUNDAY 9/26

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

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

10:00am Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting-Sanctuary

## **The Most Challenging Spiritual Practice**

The writers of today's readings express to God their fears about death and those who do evil. They rage against the cravings, coveting, envy, and selfish ambition that lead to disorder and war, within and around us. They describe one caught in this reality who is led to slaughter, tested with insult and torture, and faces a shameful death. Through our lenses we see Jesus. In fact, Jesus keeps describing what is going to happen to him, but his followers can't understand. They don't want to understand. Instead, they argue about who is greatest. Putting a quick end to that line of argument, Jesus brings a child into their circle. Embracing the child, Jesus invites disciples into humble service—this is how we draw near to God and God to us.

It is easy to be fearful in view of events outside us. It is easy to be thrown off course by feelings inside us or to work hardest for the wrong things. But Jesus invites us to practice what may be the most challenging spiritual practice of all. Jesus invites us to love our neighbor. Jesus asks that we look around for someone concrete to invest our time and energy in, someone who cannot necessarily return the favor. Jesus challenges us to receive others' ministry to us, since we are also little children in faith.

In real life, there is no way to avoid shame and death. At some point, it comes to each of us. However, for now, wherever we are, we can participate in God's way of life. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, disciples look where Jesus points and see those whom they can serve. They do not escape death but can know that resurrection is on the other side. Each day, God is with us through dying and rising.

**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:**

Earl and Cheryl Cavett  
Gordon Cavett  
John and Cathy Charlson  
Lee Charlson  
Chodur Family  
(Debra, Sara, Nathan)

**THIS 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*

**NEXT WEEKS TEXTS**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The LORD's spirit comes upon seventy elders

Psalm 19:7-14

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

James 5:13-20

Prayer and anointing in the community

Mark 9:38-50

Warnings to those who obstruct faith

## 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](http://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-**

<b>LAST SUNDAY:</b> 9/12/21	\$ 4,316
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE:</b> as of 9/13/21	\$ 162,256
<b>LAST YEAR:</b> as of 9/13/20	\$ 158,338
<b>DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:</b>	\$ 3,918

### 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

### Blood Drive Results from September 9th: 42 Total Donors, 150 Lives Saved

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

**Confirmation:** On September 19th at 10:00am, Students & Parents will meet in the Sanctuary for Worship Service Orientation. If you missed the meeting on September 12th, please talk to Pastor Joel to get an update, there was a lot of information provided at that meeting in regards to class and upcoming events as well as the book the students will be reading this year. It is important to get this information as soon possible as there are deadlines approaching.

**UNI Lock-In Registration Due:** Confirmation Students – return registrations and fees to Pastor Joel or the office by next Sunday, September 26th.

**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.

**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.

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](mailto: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](http://www.neiasynod.org)

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. 24, 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.

**CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE 641.592.1771**

### **Pastor's Schedule**

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Off, but on-call

Tuesday: Off, but on-call (9am-2pm Zoom Meeting, 2:30pm Pastor's Text Study)

Wednesday: Noon-8:00pm

(10am Adult Bible Study, 2:30pm Communion Service at the Care Center)

Thursday: Noon – 8pm

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

## All Our Brothers and Sisters

*If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?*

*James 2:15-16*

These verses invite us to think beyond our familial bonds. We have “brothers and sisters” all around us suffering every kind of hardship. They may not be blood relatives, but they are in need. And as Christians, we are called to do more than wish them a good day.

We are the hands of God, the eyes, the ears of God. When we see people in need, we must respond with whatever aid we can provide. It includes good wishes, it includes prayer, it includes offering whatever practical support we can provide.

Our brothers and sisters are everywhere. Wish them peace and a good meal and a warm place to lay their head, and then help make those things happen.

[- Paul Pennick](#)

*Isaiah 50:4c-9a • Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9 James 2:14-18 • Mark 8:27-35*

Source: [livingfaith.com](http://livingfaith.com)

## Listen to the Master

*But to you who hear I say...*

*Luke 6:27*

The sixth chapter of Luke could well be a handbook for living the Christian life. In his Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of both blessings and woes before laying out how to treat your neighbor: “Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you” (verses 27-28). Including advice that can’t go wrong, “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (verse 31).

Reflecting on his words, I am reminded of an Italian immigrant who, because there had not been a Catholic Church in the remote area he lived, worshiped with non-Catholic neighbors. When death was near, he called the minister and asked him to find a priest who could administer the last rites.

The minister was confused. “Brother, why now when you’ve worshiped with us all these years?”

The old man replied, “Pastor, dying is serious business, and I want to see a priest.”

Until that last day comes for all of us, it is well to keep the sixth chapter of Luke in mind!

[- Judy Schueneman](#)

*Colossians 3:12-17 • Psalm 150:1-6 Luke 6:27-38*

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