

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY 9/4

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 9/5

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 9/6

2:00pm Son's of Norway-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 9/7

9:30am Miriam Circle-Library

7:00pm Altar Guild

WEDNESDAY 9/8

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

3:15pm Juniors-Preschool Room

5:45pm Covid Management Team Meeting-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 9/9

1pm-6pm Blood Drive-Fellowship Hall

3:15pm Cadettes-Preschool Room

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Library

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

God Is Partial

Again and again throughout biblical history, God is partial to caring for the poor, the weak, and the outcast. Which is why, perhaps, Jesus' response to the Syrophenician woman takes us by surprise: "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs" (Mark 7:27).

The Syrophenician woman acts in faith. She engages Jesus with what she believes to be true about him: that through him God's mercy will extend even to her. Despite the distinctions that separate them (including race, gender, and religion), she believes Jesus is a Savior who has the power to heal all people and that she, although not a Jew, is a member of the household of God.

The second reading, from James, reminds hearers then and now that the Christian community's actions are to be shaped by God's partiality. God has chosen the poor to be rich in faith. While the world values the rich, the poor are God's own treasure, made honored guests and royal heirs through baptism. The community is called to a partiality based on God's values, not the world's.

The waters of baptism wash away all distinctions. Like streams breaking forth in the desert, these waters surprise us with mercy in unexpected places. These waters open our eyes, unstop our ears, and loose our tongues to see, hear, and speak God's partiality for the poor, the weak, and the outcast. Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, the Spirit fills us with faith—a faith active in showing mercy that knows no limits.

Around the table, rich and poor, haughty and humble, all who gather receive a feast fit for the family of God. All are honored and all are fed, because the Lord is the maker of them all.

**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:

Budach Family

(Christine, Bryce, Jersey)

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(Brian, Jill, MaKenzie, Kallie)

Ashley Burke

Burtis Family

(Zachary, Olivia, Javyn, Jamilynn, Jakob & Jordan Nedved)

Tammy & Clayton Butler

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Like streams in the desert, God comes with healing

Psalm 146

I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Faith without works is dead

Mark 7:24-37

Christ healing a little girl and a deaf man

NEXT 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

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	\$ 6,600
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 8/31/21	\$ 154,043
LAST YEAR: as of 8/31/20	\$ 150,531
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 3,512

Memorials Given In August

Robyn Twito--\$100--Education

Don Adams--\$1,000—Sound System

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

Upcoming Blood Drive:

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive

September 9th, 1:00pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Appointments Are Required

Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or Call: 800-287-4903

or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

9/11 Remembrance Service: Saturday, Sept. 11; 10:00am at the Arlington Park.

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 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

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.

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.

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. 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.

CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE 641.592.1771

Look for the Fruits

...they were astonished by his teaching because he spoke with authority.

Luke 4:32

Years ago, I was standing in a line at the bank when a toddler suddenly ran up to me and threw her arms around my leg. As soon as I spoke, she realized she had mistaken me for her mother and ran toward the woman behind me who happened to be wearing the same-colored slacks.

Like that little girl, I can initially be fooled by appearances. There are people, sometimes powerful ones, who attract us by championing some aspect of Christianity that is particularly important to us. However, when we listen carefully, we realize their words and actions do not flow from the Spirit of Christ. Whether in my own life or that of others, if something consistently fails to produce the fruits of the Spirit—that is, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control—I know I have taken the wrong path.

Compassionate God, guide my choices so that they reflect your goodness.

[- Terri Mifek](#)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 • Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Luke 4:31-37

Source: livingfaith.com

Living Faith

Happy Fall! The summer activities are a memory, the kids are headed back to school, the evenings are getting chilly and darkness is coming sooner - but, wow! the setting sun has been quite a sight lately ... such beautiful colors of red! Fall also means a new year begins at church. There are first communion, confirmation, and Sunday School classes being planned. One challenge within every family is finding time, especially time to spend together. It was when I was a kid, when my kids were kids, and is even more of a challenge these days. Faith formation takes time - family time - together. Because faith is nurtured and practiced, not taught, it takes time, effort, and is not just a one shot deal. Faith is a gift that flows through the waters of baptism and is activated by the Holy Spirit. It springs from a relationship with God and from living among faithful people, also known as the faith community that begins in a trusted relationship usually at home but not always. This relationship continues as the Body of Christ gathers for weekly worship and fellowship. Faith Formation is not the same as physical and mental development and it has nothing to do with age, but everything to do with the mystery of the Holy Spirit. Have fun on your faith formation journey!

Praying Through the Crayon Box

This is a prayer for parents and grand-parents to use as a guide when praying for and with their children. It uses the colors in a crayon box.

Red: Pray for safety of all in the school day.

Orange: Pray for safe social communication & good attitudes

Yellow: Pray for your child to remember that God is always with them and never leaves them.

Green: Pray for your child's growth

Blue: Ask God to give your child a sense of peace no matter where they are in their day.

Purple: Thank God for your child's imagination

Brown: Ask God to give your child a strong work ethic

Black: Pray for your child

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

Friday: 8am – Noon, 1pm – 5pm

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

Sunday: 8am – Noon (9am Worship Service)

Secretary

Marci Adeogun

Mon-Fri 10am-5pm

Saturday & Sunday: Off