

# Samuel Lutheran Church

## July 2024 Newsletter



Kindness is a transformative force that holds the power to mend broken hearts, bridge divides, and build resilient families, friendships, and communities.



When we extend kindness in our words and actions, we affirm the inherent worth of each person, empowering them to embark on a journey towards wholeness and well-being.

**Kindness is contagious.**

**When we exemplify kindness in our interactions, we inspire others to do the same, fostering a culture of compassion and empathy.**



Each act of kindness makes a difference. Even the smallest gesture of kindness communicates to someone that we respect and value them. Through kindness, we can encourage our children to be a force for good and change in the world.

kindness is not merely an ideal but a lived way of life



Summer Worship 9:00 am

Coffee Fellowship after worship  
in the Church basement

July 7—No Communion this Sunday. We will have a guest speaker

July —NO worship at Samuel

At 10:00 we will have Coffee Fellowship at Samuel

At 10:45 we can Carpool to Fairgrounds for the

11:00 Ecumenical worship At the James R. Johnson Stage At the Fairgrounds

Bring your lawn chair

July 21 —worship with Pastor Stone. We will have Holy Communion

July 28—worship with Pastor Stone. Let me know your favorite hymn

### Loving One Another (Just Like Jesus)

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:12-13)

Jesus gives this commandment that His disciples love one another as He has loved them just before He Himself makes the ultimate sacrifice for His friends, for you and me, for our salvation. How are we to love one another? Just like Jesus! If you ask me, this love looks like a cross. Loving God and loving our neighbors. My love shown to others certainly does fall short. Thankfully, our salvation does not depend on our ultimate sacrifice of love by laying down our life. Jesus has accomplished this loving act on the cross for His friends, and we are His friends. So, our deeds of love come because we are saved. These works of love done in the freedom of this gospel are for the benefit our neighbor. There is nothing more precious to our Father in heaven than that we love because we have been loved. We give because we have received so much. We forgive because we have been forgiven. In all these, we grow to be more Christ-like. Given all this, the love God shows us in Jesus and the love He calls us to, no wonder St. Paul writes at the end of 1 Corinthians 13,

“So now faith, hope, and love abide; these three, but the greatest of these is love.”

(I Corinthians 13:12)

Pastor David Klappenbach  
Bethany Lutheran Church Laurens, Iowa



## **JOIN US for VBS!!!**

An evening of fun, singing and fellowship!

**Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

**5:00pm to 8:30pm.**

The kids will be learning about

**“Rebekah & Her Family”**

(SOLA material)

All kids 3 years old through 6th grade are welcome.

Our story this year is found in the Old Testament Book of Genesis. Come and learn about an ordinary family that had good days and bad days. They were people who didn't always get along, or do what is right. Yet we see God's hand at work throughout the story. God does not give up on us. God sticks with us, to transform us in faith and make us into the people He would have us be.

Registration forms have been mailed, but if you have grandchildren, friends' children or neighbors interested, we'd love to have them join us!

If you have any questions, Contact Barb Dooley  
(515) 851-1821 or the church (515) 448-5038.

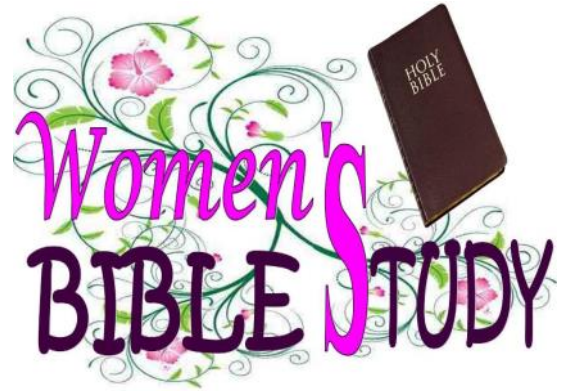
# Samuel Lutheran Church Women

**July 3, 2024 10:00am**

**MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**

**July 19, 2024 10:00am**

**Bible Study first**



**Then we will carpool to Tea Thyme at Sadie's in Fort Dodge**

Please RSVP to Vicki

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*Quilting every Tuesday 9:00am*

*Everyone WELCOME*

*Coffee Fellowship begins at 10:00*

## JULY & AUGUST FOOD PANTRY FOCUS:

- \* Toilet Paper
  - \* Soaps
  - \* paper products
- Items may be brought to the Church*



**2024**

**'Stuff the Truck'**  
**Samuel focus:**  
**Flood Buckets**

## Summer Prayer

Creator of all, Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation.

Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

## NEEDED ITEMS

- 5 Gallon bucket w/ lid
- 1 gal. bleach
- 3 black trash bags
- Cleaning liquid (Pine Sol, Murphy's, etc.)
- Comet
- Scrub brush
- N-95 masks
- Gloves
- Rags/sponges

Please bring donations to the church. They will be taken to the Iowa Mission District Convocation in September



# SAMUEL BIRTHDAYS



**July 2 ~ Mya Morgan**

**July 4 ~ Jeff Linn**

**July 5 ~ Hunter Sorenson**

**July 7 ~ Charles Spangler**

**July 8 ~ Danielle Foster**

**July 14 ~ Bradan Gabrielson**

**July 18 ~ Kathy Williams**

**July 20 ~**

**Leslie McClelland**

**Jacob Groth**

**July 21 ~**

**Lisa Thompson**

**Nathan Tokheim**

**July 22 ~ Vayda Spangler**

**July 24 ~ Wyatt Wagner**

**July 26 ~**

**Tim Coltvet**

**Deb Tinker**

**Amanda Watson**

**July 29 ~ Cael Wesselink**

**July 31 ~ Paul Sunner**



**August 1 ~ Jason Thomason**

**August 2 ~ Benson Baker**

**August 8 ~ Marlene Kleppe**

**August 15 ~ Evelyn Jacobson**

**August 16 ~**

**Ben Demuth**

**Lorraine Jacobs**

**Jaxon Morgan**

**August 18 ~**

**Darron Baker**

**Kristi Trausch**

**Lucile Wagner**

**August 19 ~ Pastor Paul Stone**

**August 21 ~ Derrick Linn**

**August 27 ~ Marshall O'Connor**

**Becky Ramsey**

**August 29 ~ Tytan Kleppe**

**Judy Thompson**

**August 30 ~ Alan Pohlman**

**August 31 ~**

**Mack Morgan**