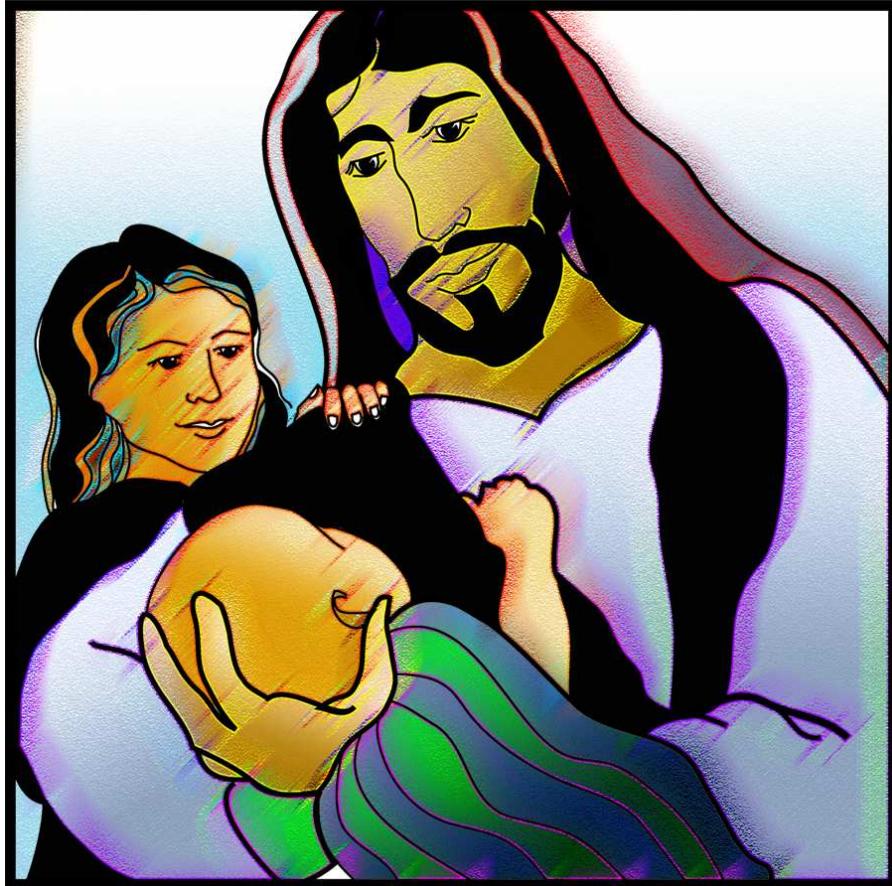




Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 23, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



**INTRODUCTION**

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

\*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE *Sonata in A Major* WA Mozart

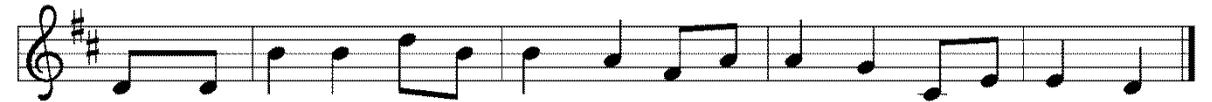
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* ELW #781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

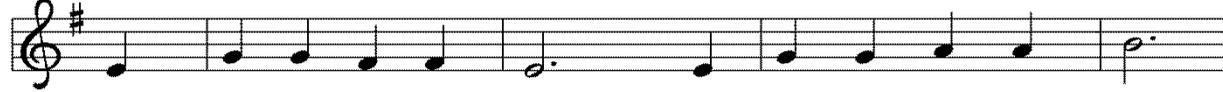
Source of all life,

**We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

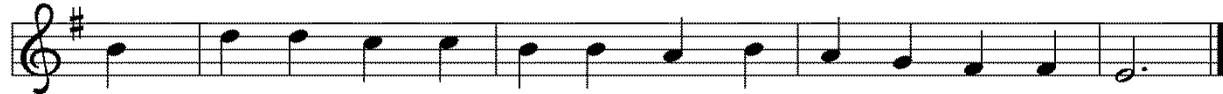
### KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

### GREETING

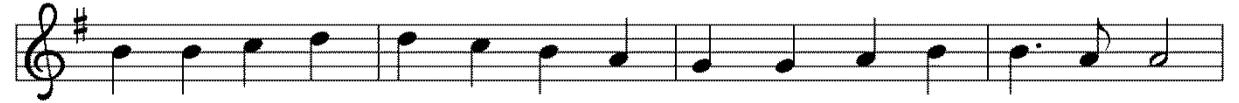
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer

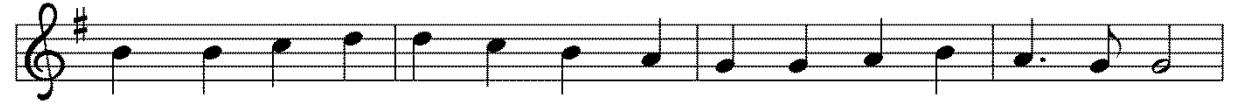
### HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

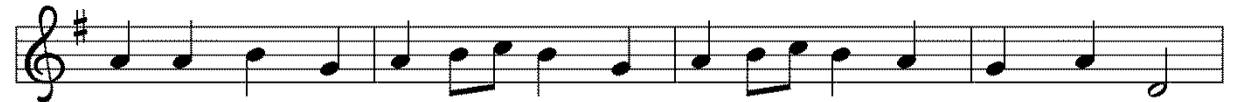
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMODY

Psalm 54

*Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the lector*

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

### SECOND READING

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

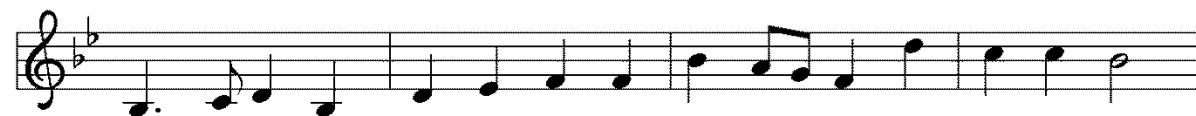
<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

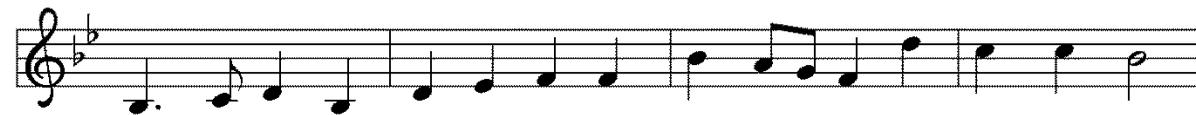
Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

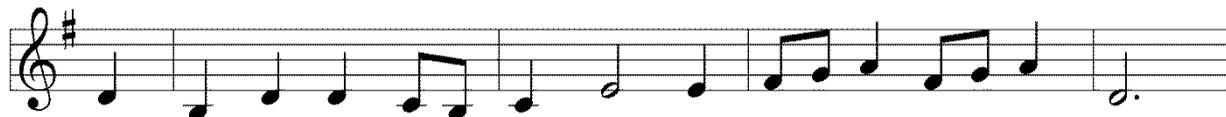
## SERMON

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**


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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you gather congregations together by the power of your word. Bless leaders with the gifts of wisdom and discernment as they seek to make your church the community for which you long. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creative God, blue whales and honeybees sing the goodness of the earth. Glaciers and deserts declare your greatness. Make us good stewards of our home for the generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you raise up governments to protect the widow and orphan. Bless citizens with wisdom and discernment as they choose leaders. Inspire leaders to always seek the common good. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you desire health and wholeness. Reconcile the conflicts and disputes among us. Teach us to heal the trauma of racism and poverty. Break our hearts open to all those who suffer and mourn (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, you place children among us. Teach us to honor the children in our midst and to pay attention to what they can teach us about who you are. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You surround us with a cloud of witnesses who announce the good news of abundant life to a sad and needy world. Make us a pilgrim people, always telling the story of your lovingkindness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
 spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
 your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
 God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.  
**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
 Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
 Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
 Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Jesus Loves Me!*

**ELW #595**

1 Je-sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi-ble tells me so;  
 2 Je-sus loves me! he who died heav-en's gates to o-pen wide;  
 3 Je-sus loves me! he will stay close be-side me all the way;  
 lit-tle ones to him be-long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
 he will wash a-way my sin, let his lit-tle child come in.  
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je-sus loves me, yes, Je-sus loves me,  
 yes, Je-sus loves me, the Bi-ble tells me so.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Sound the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson  
**Assisting:** Melinda McVey McCluskey  
**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon  
**Ushers:** Dolly Gregor & Margaret Okland

**Acolytes:** Armani Garcia, Josie Gilbertson  
**Reader:** Janelle Gilbertson  
**Altar Guild for September:**  
Sharon Casey, Jean Rondeau

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Ernie Langerud and Mike Langerud from Sue, Mindy and family.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2018 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date.



**Reverend DuWayne Russell Dalen, 85, of Mason City, Iowa passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.**

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 21, 2018, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City IA with Pastor Dan Gerrietts officiating.

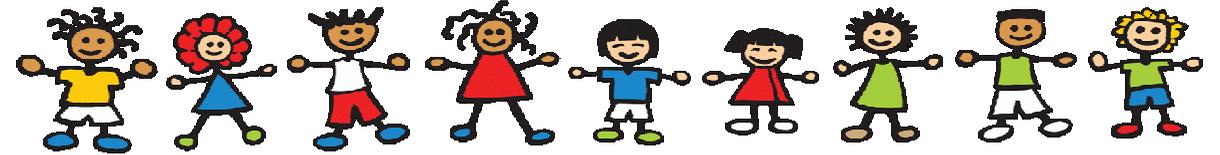
Pastor Dalen was born on July 25, 1933, in Montevideo, MN, the son of Clarence and Celeste Dalen.

He married Joan Miller on August 3, 1957, in Montevideo, MN. They recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Dalen; son, Carlyle and wife Leslie and their children Derek and Connor; son, DuWayne and wife Kimberly and their children Kalie and Kelsey; daughter, Linda and husband Jeremy Latham and their children Ashley, Abigail, and Anna; son-in-law Donovan Nelson (Kerri) and his late wife Joyce and their children Amanda and husband Nick Staab and their children Peyton and Paislee; and Jennifer and husband, Seth Thackery. He is also survived by two sisters, Genevieve Baldus and LaVonne Blake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Carlyle and Donald Dalen; and daughter, Joyce Nelson.

**Readings for next week:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50



Salem's Clothes Closet is open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Donations of new socks & underwear are needed. Thank you for your help.



### Monday Mornings on Lake Street

There's a pot of coffee and goodies available on Monday mornings in the Lounge at Salem from 8 – 10:00 a.m.

Stop by and visit, have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a goody, visit with friends. Bring a friend! Call the office if you would like to provide goodies some Monday! Free-will donation.

### SAVE THESE DATES

#### Faith Formation

September 30 - 3rd Grade Bibles Classes begin and will meet Oct 7, 14, and 21  
October 28 – Reformation Sunday, 3rd grade Bibles

#### Church Dashboard for Contributions 9/17/2018

Last Sunday, 9/16/18: \$2,861

Year-to-date as of 9/17/18: \$187,737 - Last year as of 9/17/17: \$201,140

Difference year-to-date: -\$13,403 (or) -6.7%

Attendance: Those worshipping September 15/16: 185

Ongoing Financial Needs: Remember whether you are at worship or on vacation, Salem still needs to keep working. We need \$6,500-\$7,000 per week to do the Lord's work.



Senior Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.  
All are welcome to attend.  
Contact Kathy Nelson with any questions.

The Creature Praise Choir rehearsals on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.  
Youth Grades 3-7 are welcome to attend. Contact Kathy Nelson with any questions.

**GIVE+Text**

You can just about feel it in the slightly shorter days... Generosity Season is almost here.

**What is Generosity Season?** That's what we call the part of the calendar stretching from back-to-school time through Christmas.

As summer ends, so does the summer slump, leading to more generosity from members returning from summer trips and activities. Next, there's fall with its festivals and pumpkin sales, followed by Thanksgiving, a time of reflection and generosity. And, then, of course, comes Christmas, the most generous time of the year.

**GivePlus** Text maximizes our church's ability to accept generous gifts during this season.

**Stop by the church office or visit our website to learn more.**

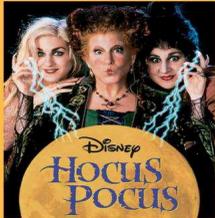
**We thank you and all givers for supporting our mission.**



**Lake Mills Fall Carnival Rescheduled!**  
**Monday, September 24 • 4-6 PM**

Carnival games provided by local churches  
Face painting, story walk, crafts!  
Hot Apple Cider and Bars  
Pumpkin painting for the first 150 kids!  
Prizes for pumpkin creations!

Lake Mills Public Library  
presents a  
**Movie in the Park**  
featuring  
**"Hocus Pocus"**  
Saturday Sept 29th  
Dusk at Oakwood Park  
Free Will Offering  
Bring your Own Chair/Blanket




**HIKING THE  
APPLACHIAN TRAIL**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30  
2:00 P.M.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Scarville, IA**

Free Will Offering  
Refreshments following presentation

At age 70, Dave Readinger completed the 2,174 mile Appalachian Trail.  
He and his wife, Mary Ellis, now live near Forest City, Iowa.

**Annual Fall Harvest Soup/Salad Luncheon**  
**Sunday, October 7 – 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Manly IA**  
**All you can eat!**

**All Homemade Soups, Scrumptious Salads and Mouthwatering Pies!**

**Bake Sale!!! Door Prize: \$50**

**Adults \$8 Children 5-10: \$4 Pre-school Free**

**We are happy to say we are now HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE!**



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Salad Luncheon**  
**HAS RETURNED!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 • 11AM - 1PM**

**\$8 • BRING A FRIEND!**

*Serving sloppy joes and a fabulous selection of delicious salads*

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**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. No Creature Praise Choir Today; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- 1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
- 3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #4

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen’s Ministry - Lounge

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

- 1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion
- 2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion
- 5:00 Confirmation – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Choir – Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick’s Youth Group – Room #9

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

- 3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #8

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

- 5:30 p.m. Casual Worship Service – Chapel

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Creature Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; 3rd Grade Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

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