



# Salem Lutheran Church

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**OUR MISSION:** We are God forgiven and mission driven.

**OUR VISION:** To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

## WEEKLY ANOUNCEMENTS

January 16th – January 24th

–SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY–

### THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Second Sunday after Epiphany

**FIRST READING:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

**PSALM:** 139:1-6, 13-18

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**GOSPEL:** John 1:43-51



### “Follow Me”

We live in a culture of invitation. Television invites us to join complicated story arcs so that we feel connected to the characters. Commercials invite us to see their product as a new movement and invite us to join it. We are invited to join groups on Facebook and invited into chat rooms and blog responses. The number of social networks is exploding as we are invited into ever expanding ways to connect.

Invitation is an essential part of our walk of faith, but here we frequently see ourselves not as the invited but rather the one who is supposed to be doing the inviting.

We can misuse invitation, maybe using the phrase “invite Jesus into your heart,” which often results in the misunderstanding that we are carrying a little bit of Jesus wherever we go. But today’s gospel (John 1:43-51) emphasizes not invitation as our call to others to join the walk of faith but rather Jesus’ invitation to us to follow him. Jesus’ invitation is not that we carry him with us but rather that we follow where he would lead. When Christ invites Philip to “follow me,” may we hear that invitation in our own ears.

## CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

During this time of social distancing, there are several ways to continue your giving.

- By mail.
- You can sign up for a weekly or monthly ACH withdrawal (Simply Giving), or PayPal. For ACH, call the office and I can get you a form to complete.
- By PayPal - go to our website (www.salemlakemills.com) home page, scroll to the bottom left and there is a Donate button. Click on it and will take you to a PayPal or credit card donation page.

Call the office with any questions.(641.592.1771)

We as a church still have financial obligations to meet at this time.

I pray that all stay calm & healthy.

## CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

### -WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 1/10/21	\$ 3,081
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 1/12/20	\$ 4,568
LAST YEAR: as of 1/12/19	\$ 9,124
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -4,556



### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### MONDAY-

Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)

(Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

#### TUESDAY-

2:30pm Pastor Text Study

3:15pm Daisys

#### WEDNESDAY-

10:00am Adult Bible Study in the fellowship hall

1:15pm Confirmation in the fellowship hall

5:00pm Zoom Confirmation

#### THURSDAY-

2pm WELCA

3:15pm Brownies

#### SATURDAY-

5:30pm Worship service in the sanctuary

#### NEXT SUNDAY-

9:00am Worship service in the sanctuary

10:00am Annual Meeting in the sanctuary

**NEXT WEEKS TEXTS** – Third Sunday after Epiphany

**FIRST READING:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**PSALM:** 62:5-12

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:14-20

## Annual Meeting

January 24, 2021

At 10:00am

No Faith Formation on that day.

Marci Adeogun has been hired by the council as Administrative Assistant. Carolyn will be working with her to make this a smooth transition.

Office hours will be:

Monday & Friday 9am-5pm

Wednesday 9am-2pm.

**FYI: Altar Guild members....** In 2021 we will be following the same calendar as we have had for 2020.

We are looking for volunteers that would be available to pick folks up and take them to appointments. Please contact Marci at the church office, if interested. 641.592.1771

Reserve your special date to sponsor an 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The service is heard on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2. Cost for is \$83. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE 641.592.1771.

#### 2021 RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

March 28, April 18, April 25,

May 2, May 9, May 23, June 13

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

Salem has a wheel chair available for use. It is kept in the narthex closet near the coat rack.