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# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 12 - 18

### Trusting in God, Trusting with God

Human beings are relational creatures. We are created to be in relationship with one another and with God. No one, no matter how independent or disconnected they may feel they are, functions completely outside the context of relationships. From the moment we are born we are thrust into relationship with people around us—the people who delivered us, the people who will be taking care of us in a hospital nursery, our family, and God. When we enter this world we do so forming relationships right from the start.

Relationships, healthy relationships, require a lot of work and care to continue. In particular, relationships require trust to grow and become mature.

Relationships rooted in trust can bring out the best in us. Relationships rooted in anything else can bring out the worst.

Today's readings give us the chance to consider the trust required in the relationship between God and God's people. Moreover, we are invited to give thought to the consequences of replacing trust with something else: hubris stemming from trust in one's identity or work (in Amos), or hubris stemming from trust in others to sustain us rather than God (in Matthew). Paul reminds us that our relationship with God is cause for joy, even in the midst of sorrow, since we believe (trust) God's promise of eternal life through the living Lord Jesus.

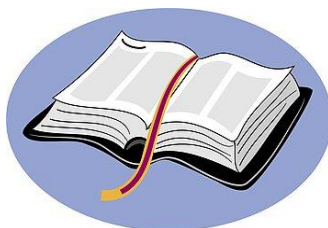
#### THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Amos 5:18-24

Psalms 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13



#### NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalms 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer.

**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:**

Delores Hanna, Douglas & Candace Hanna, Ovila Hanna, Michael & Gail Hanson, Brian, Krishna, Braylon and Kalen Hanson

This week the following members will be celebrating their birthdays and we would like to wish them a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Please call the office if you have an upcoming birthday, to ensure we have it in our records. 641.592.1771

12-Jordan Dahlberg

16-Molly Koeppen

17-Kirby Holtan

13-Marilyn Storby

17-Armani Garcia

18-Kristine Severson

17-Christopher Helgeson

18-Charlotte Mosby

### **-WEEKLY GIVING-**

**LAST SUNDAY** 10/29/23: \$ 5,495

**YEAR-TO-DATE:** 10/30/23 \$ 162,382

**LAST YEAR:** as of 10/30/22 \$ 178,754

**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:** \$ -16,372

### **-Last Weeks Attendance-**

106

### **Memorials Given In October**

Sharry Olson--\$250—General Fund

Becky Johnson--\$585--Steeple Project, \$905 General Fund

Travis Hoffman--\$25—Steeple Project, \$45 General Fund, \$10 Cemetery Fund

**Noisy Offering:** Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards helping those who are suffering as a result of the wildfires in Hawaii. The total collected was \$502.52 Thank you!! -The Stewardship Board

**Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update:** Total received as of 11/8/23 **\$160,217**

All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the “Steeple Project” when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

**“Thank you”** to everyone that participated in the Trunk or Treat event, hosted a truck or donated treats. We appreciate all the of you! -The Youth Board

**Lake Mills Community Blood Drive** Thursday, November 16th; 1:30pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments Are Encouraged; Call: 800-287-4903 or Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or visit: [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org)

**WELCA** will meet on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Lounge. The program will be Thank Offering and there will be a Thank Offering collected.

**LAKE MILLS CLOTHES FOR KIDS 2023:** *Let's clothe OUR children. Donations will be distributed throughout the Lake Mills Community School District to children ages birth to 18. Pick a Christmas Tag (with a child's needs/sizes on it) from the electronic sign-up ([tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids](http://tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids)) or from the tree at Salem. Both electronic and physical tags will be available starting Nov. 19th. Purchase the items on the child's tag, wrap in one box, attach the original tag to the gift, and deliver them to the Salem office by **Sun. Dec. 10th**. Once again, this year each child's requests have been divided into two tags. One for clothing and the other for shoes and socks. This is an effort to keep costs affordable for the givers and be able to provide for the child's needs. Monetary donations are accepted at FTS Bank and MBT Bank in Lake Mills or send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue East, Lake Mills. Questions: [LMClothesForKids@gmail.com](mailto:LMClothesForKids@gmail.com)*

**Operation Christmas Child Project:** The Board of Life & Growth will be collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for the Operation Christmas Child Project. There are brochures in the Narthex with information, instructions and labels. If you don't have time to pack a box, you can build a box online! All you have to do is go to their website, visit [samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/buildonline) or scan the QR code in the brochure to make your donation online, pick what you want in your box and the Samaritan's Purse will do the rest! *The Samaritan's Purse has collected shoeboxes for children around the world since 1993, more than 188 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.* All boxes need to be turned into the church office by November 19th. If no one is in the office, please leave them by the door.

**Live Stream Sponsorship:** Call the office to reserve your date. Cost is \$40.

**Dates available 2023:** Dec. 31 **Dates available in 2024:** Jan 7, 21, 28. Feb 11, 25. March 10, 17, 24, 31. April 21. May 5. June 9, 16, 30. July 7, 14, 21, 28. Aug 4, 11, 18, 25. Sept 1, 15. Oct 6, 13, 20. Nov 3, 10, 17, 24. Dec 1, 29

# **ALL ARE INVITED DOWNSTAIRS FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE SERVICE**

## **SUNDAY 11/12**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judith Wozniak)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

## **MONDAY 11/13**

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

2:00pm-4:00pm Salem's Clothes Closet is OPEN

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN

## **TUESDAY 11/14**

8:30am-10:00am Larson's Retiree Coffee-Salem Library

## **WEDNESDAY 11/15**

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room

6:00pm Confirmation-Choir Room

## **THURSDAY 11/16**

1:00pm-6:00pm Blood Drive-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm WELCA-Lounge

4:00pm Life & Growth Board Meeting-Salem Library

6:00pm Good Samaritan Meeting-Salem Library

## **SUNDAY 11/19**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judith Wozniak)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

**Toys for Tots:** The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during Oct., Nov., & Dec. each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. There is a collection box for toys across from the Chapel. The last day for collection will be December 5th

**Salem Office: 641.592.1771** (Marci)

Mon-Tues: 11am-5pm, Wed: 11am-1pm, Thurs-Fri:11am-5pm

(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)