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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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 6th – February 14th

–FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY–

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 40:21-31

The creator of all cares for the powerless

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

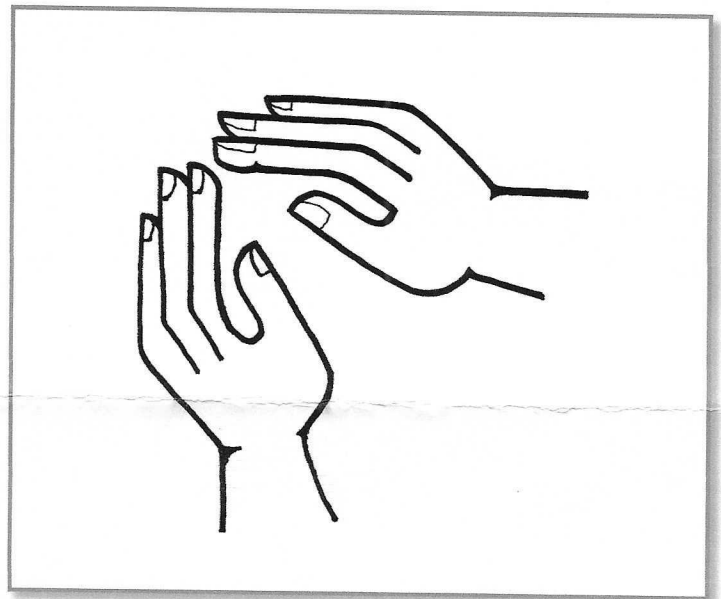
The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A servant for the sake of the gospel

Mark 1:29-39

The healing of Peter's mother-in-law



God Heals Persons and Communities

When Jesus heals us, we are empowered to serve others. While at first glance it might seem that Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law was self-serving, on further reflection we see the same result in nearly all of his signs and miracles. The object of Jesus' compassion now has new responsibilities. In the very next chapter a paralytic lowered through the ceiling is raised, only to become the center of a religious controversy (Mark 2:3-12), as was the man who lay by the pool of Beth-zatha for thirty-eight years (John 5:2-15). When Jesus calms the storm (Mark 4:35-41) the disciples have to row the rest of the way! Any meaningful encounter with Jesus will result in our being changed, which in turn alters the way we see our relationship to the needs of others and the world.

Hard economic times, natural disasters, and divisive, party strife can make us feel helpless and hopeless, as if we have been abandoned by God. Even the church—local congregations as well as denominations—may feel fear and panic in the face of declining numbers and revenues, loss of loyalty from members, indifference or hostility from the surrounding culture, and internal sniping among factions. The exiled people of Israel in Babylon experienced all of this and more, so our condition is neither unique nor beyond the reach of our God. Isaiah 40:21-31 in the NRSV begins "Have you not known? Have you not heard?" Eugene Peterson, in *The Message*, translates this idea as "Have you not been paying attention? Have you not been listening?" There is some irony indeed that God's church, entrusted with God's salvation history and the gospel, still panics, still doubts and worries, still feels like it is up to us to save the church. We indeed are "clay jars" (2 Cor. 4:7)—carrying the message but not understanding, preaching salvation but not believing that God cares or will act to save. We live Isaiah 40 every day.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY- 5:30pm Worship Service

SUNDAY- 9:00am Worship Service

10:15am Faith Formation

11:00am Youth and Education Board Meeting

MONDAY- Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)

(Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

3:15pm Cadets

TUESDAY- 10:00am Caregivers Support Group

10:00am LMAMA meeting

2:30pm Pastor Text Study

3:15 Juniors

WEDNESDAY- 8:30am Staff Meeting

10:00am Adult Bible Study

1:15pm Confirmation

5:00pm Zoom Confirmation

THURSDAY- 6:30pm Council Meeting

NEXT SATURDAY- 5:30pm Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY- 9:00am Worship Service

10:15am Faith Formation

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha

Psalms 50:1-6

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

God's light seen clearly in the face of Christ

Mark 9:2-9

Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son

DRIVERS--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

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS/DISTRIBUTORS.

There is an urgent need for drivers/distributors to deliver meals on wheels to shut-ins. Currently there are no volunteers for the month of February. Meals are delivered Monday - Friday, with about twenty stops, from about 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. If anyone is willing to help out, please contact Ruth at the Senior Center. 641.592.9841

There are quilts that need to be tied in the stewardship room. Yarn and needles are there. If you can't sew the edges - return them. Also, squares kits for tops of the quilts are in the closet. Call Sue Langerud with questions.

Lake Mills Community Blood drive on January 6, 2021

Registered: 39

New: 5 donors (This is great to see!)

Eligible: 40 donors

Collected: 40 units

Convalescent Plasma units collected: 15 units

The lifesaving donations collected impacted the lives of 135 people in our community!

2020 Memorials Given In Memory Of Loved Ones

Harlan Charlson--\$330

Charles Nelson--\$85

Shirley Pals--\$83

C. Rognes--\$5

Robyn Twito--\$270

Ron Charlson--\$20

Susan Rice--\$145

Don Grothe--\$580

Virgil Holstad--\$520

Merlin Norris--\$2,395

Valida Abbey--\$375

Robert Mannes--\$20

Verna Helgeson--\$1,265

Steven Senne--\$2,130

Eleanor Ness Estate--\$45,000

Lionel & Bev Anderson--\$2,000

Harold Kindervag--\$100

Leonard Teigen--\$83

Marlis Ames--\$10

Don Adams--\$40

Russ Myli--\$83

Janet Cavett--\$15

Paul Christianson--\$150

Don Aamodt--\$80

Hazel Skatter--\$30

Virginia Thomas--\$890

Russ Schmidt--\$50

James Kingland--\$105

Marvis Risius--\$50

Memorials Given In Memory Of Loved Ones for Jan. 2021

Eleanor Ness--General--\$5,000

Robert Mannes--Building--\$20, General--\$50

Verna Helgeson--Music--\$20, Cemetery--\$30

Virginia Thomas--Music--\$20

Dean Holstad--Music--\$20

James Kingland--Music--\$20

Marvis Risius--WELCA--\$20

Russel Smidt--Youth--\$20

Terry Seedorf--Office--\$20

Hazel Skatter--Office--\$20

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. 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

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: 1/31/21

\$ 4,089

YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 2/1/20

\$ 20,886

LAST YEAR: as of 2/1/19

\$ 16,977

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:

\$ 3,909