
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 10-16

Called to Community

Jesus says, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matt. 18:20). In these Sundays after Pentecost, we are repeatedly reminded that God has not abandoned us and that Christ’s resurrection and ascension are a beginning for us, not an end. The readings this week focus on the practical work of the gathered Christian community: turning from sin to repentance, from conflict to reconciliation. The question is as relevant today as it was for the disciples and the first Christians: how do we live together, work together, as the body of Christ? We have been saved by grace, liberated by God’s love to love one another. What does it mean for us and for our community to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 13:14) and to clothe ourselves in love?

We keep asking these questions because the way we gather as Christians continues to be profoundly countercultural. We do not gather as a social club, drawn and kept together only by shared demographics and interests. If church is only a social club, there is no reason to continue to gather if conflict arises, if uncomfortable issues are raised, or if “the way it’s always been” begins to change. If church is only a social club, there is no reason to do the hard work of reconciliation and forgiveness.

God calls us into community knowing that being in community is hard. In scripture we can find practical guidance for gathering through good and hard times. The Holy Spirit is always at work—in, through, and among us—to gather and regather us again. In community we meet and become Christ’s body in ways that are impossible for us as individuals; all the commandments are fulfilled in this call to neighbor-love (Rom. 13:9).

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:

Steven & Judy Eidness, Linda Ellingson, Leah Engelbarts, Beverly and Daniel Evenson, Brad, Darla, Amelia and Hannah Evenson

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

10-Kendall Dahle

10-Krystle Foley

16-Jean Rondeau

10-Daniel White

16-Cora Sauer

16-Kali Wilkinson

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 9/3/23 \$ 3,028

YEAR-TO-DATE: 9/5/23 \$ 126,931

LAST YEAR: as of 9/5/22 \$ 148,149

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ -21,218

-Last Weeks Attendance-

72

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 9/5/23 **\$157,852**

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

Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting: Wed., Sept. 13th at 6:00pm--Sanctuary. Please return completed registration forms and have information ready to fill out UNI Lock-In paperwork.

"Thank you" to all the volunteers that helped with the Summer Feeding Program. Your dedication to helping the community is appreciated.

Rally Sunday will be Sept. 17th with food and games! All ages are welcome!

Upcoming Lake Mills Community Blood Drive: Thursday. Sept. 21st; 1pm-6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments Are Encouraged. Call: 800-287-4903 or Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or Visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

Flu Clinic: Winnebago County Public Health will be hosting a Flu Clinic in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, Sept. 22nd; 8:30am-11:00am.

Cowboy Church has been rescheduled for September 24th.

In Memoriam: Many of you will remember Dr. Charles Nelson, or "Doc", to most of us. Doc was laid to rest July 1 at Salem Memorial Cemetery. Sunday, Sept. 3rd, would have been his 101st birthday. Doc believed in being involved in the life of his family, his community and his church. His family shared that he held many fond memories of time spent here in worship and singing in the choir. He loved Salem and found the church to be a beautiful and inspiring building. Doc was moved to set up a charitable trust to be distributed upon his passing. Salem has received his donation, and it will help the tuckpointing/ steeple project to progress to its completion. We at Salem were blessed to know Doc and Mary and are grateful for this generous gift. Rest in peace, good and faithful servant.
- Members of Salem Lutheran Church

Registration: Letters have been sent out to our Faith Formation families with upcoming event dates and a link to register online. There are also registration forms on the bulletin board across from the chapel. Each child needs to be registered so that we have the most updated info and we can plan accordingly.

Living Waters Fall Cluster Invitation: Are you feeling disconnected from your family/friends/community? Join Us for a conversation on making connections one on one, presented by Anna Jetson, Spring Grove, MN. Learn more ways to reach out to others. Live happier days. Learn how to share smiles with others. Invite your daughter, mother, granddaughter, sister or friends and bring them with you. All are welcome! **September 30th.** Coffee at 8:30am. Begins at 9:00am. Bethlehem Lutheran Church in **Manly, IA** (428 W Walnut St.) Call or text if you can attend. 641-494-7614. -Lea Norlinger, Cluster President.

All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship.

SUNDAY 9/10

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 9/11

11:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

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

WEDNESDAY 9/13

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room

6:00pm Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting-Sanctuary

THURSDAY 9/14

6:30pm-Church Council Meeting-Salem Library

SATURDAY 9/16

10:00am Call Committee Meeting w/Bishop Jones-Salem Library

SUNDAY 9/17

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Steve Smith)

10:00am Rally Sunday Games & Food-Salem Lawn (Everyone Welcome)

Volunteers Needed: If you are willing to usher, acolyte, read or sing in the liturgical choir, please sign up in the Narthex. If you would like to learn how to help with sound, monitors or live stream, call the office. Thank you!

Doors: If you unlock a door at Salem, make sure you lock the door again when you leave or make a plan for someone to lock it when they leave. Thank you!

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

Dates available 2023: Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 31

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 (Marci)

Mon: 10am-5pm, Tues: 10am-12:15pm, Wed: 12pm-5pm, Thurs-Fri: 10am-5pm
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)