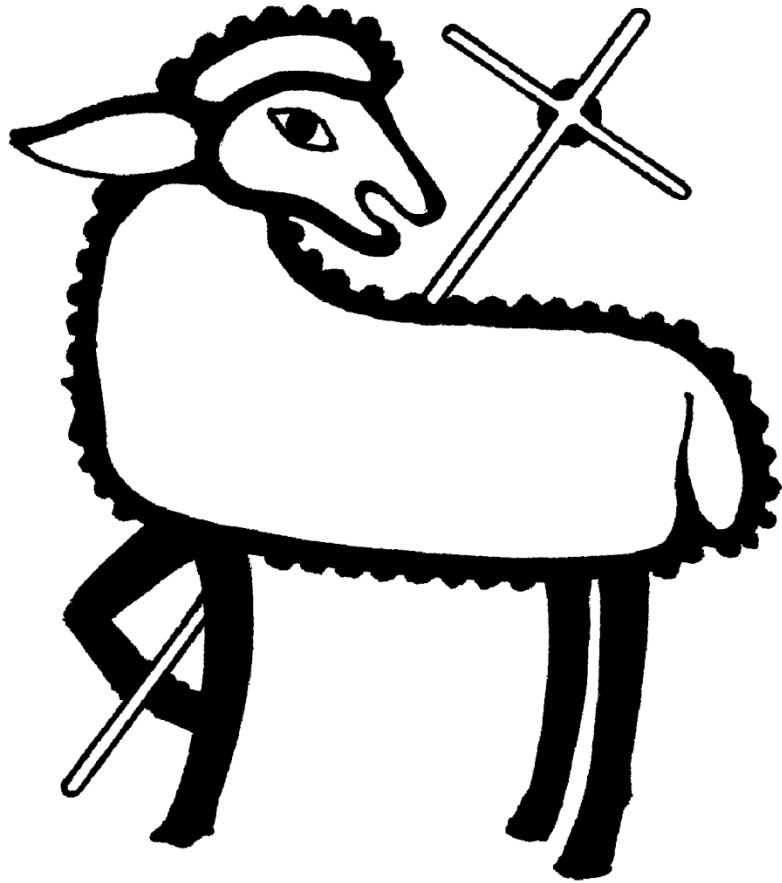




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

***Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

PRELUDE

The Rejoicing

G.F. Handel (1685-1789)

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With our feet still wet from the waters of our baptism, we have sinned yet again. Ever dependent on the grace of God, let us affirm our brokenness and trust God's goodness to carry us through to a new day, with a new name, and a new song.

God of our baptismal waters,

You sent the Baptist to point to your Son.

But too often, we abandon his message and point only to ourselves.

We point to our worship preferences rather than the God we worship.

We point to our status rather than the grace that makes us all equal.

We point to our values rather than the One who has always valued everyone.

We point to our traditions rather than to the One who calls us to let go.

We point to our past rather than to the One who calls us into the future.

Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in all the wrong directions.

(A time for silent confession can be made)

God of our baptismal hope,

Forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction.

Forgive us when we are too patient with our misdirection.

Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

Through the power of your Spirit, give us the courage to speak what we have seen and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God called each of us before we were even born.

It is God who named us and it is God who claims us.

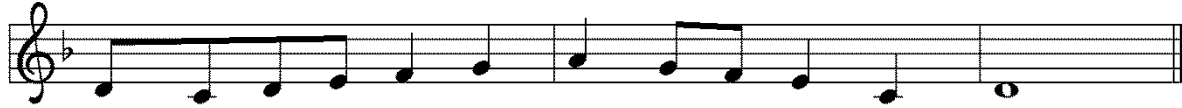
It is in the light of God's love for us that we are forgiven. **Amen.**



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
 2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
 3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
 Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
 Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"
 hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
 glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 40:1-11)

O God, you called us by name to come,
 and we respond with delight and gladness

In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.

Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.

In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.

Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God!

In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

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A reading from Isaiah 42:1-9

Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 40:1-11

The Psalm is read responsively

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
 and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
 may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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A reading from First Corinthians.

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

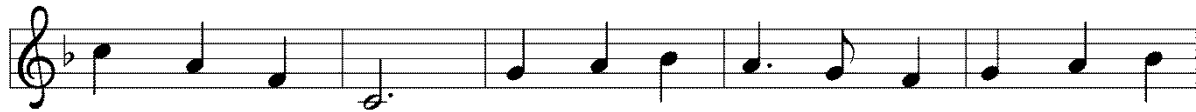
SONG *God, Whose Almighty Word*

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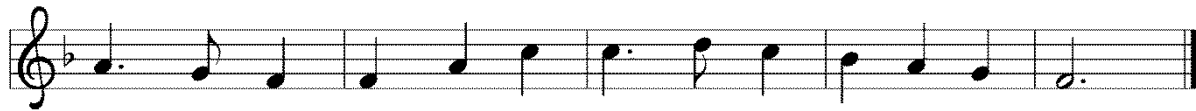
*Verse one will be sung before the reading of the gospel;
verse two will be sung after the reading of the gospel.*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

GOSPEL *John 1:29-42*

Bible Page 95

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

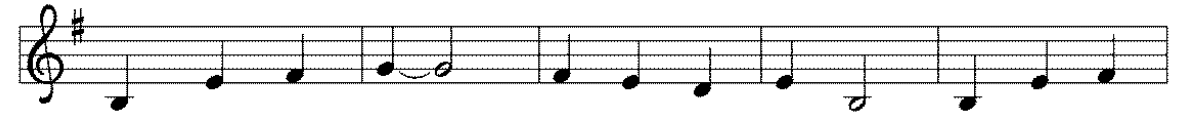
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

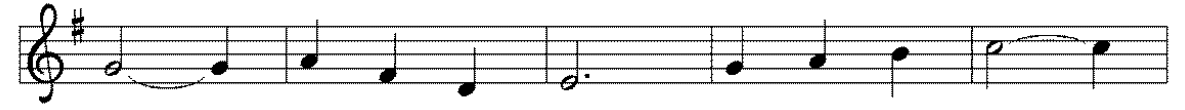
HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

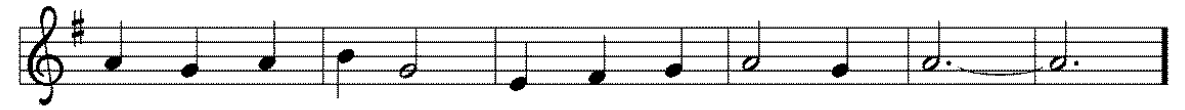
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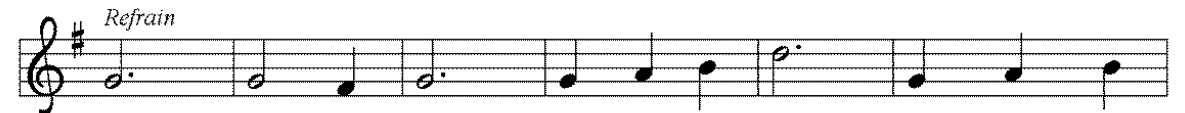
1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



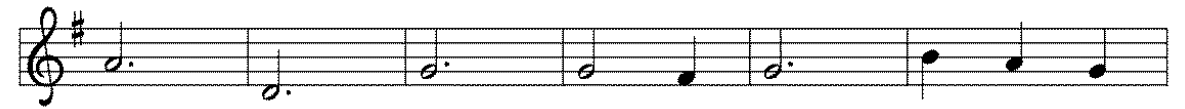
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

Please respond at the end of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

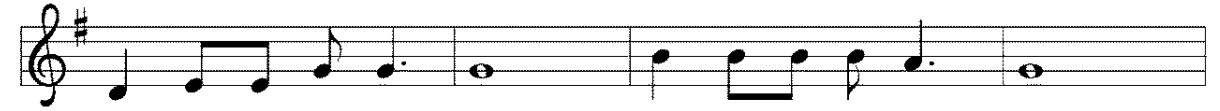
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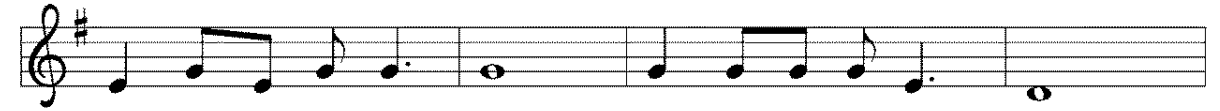
OFFERING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

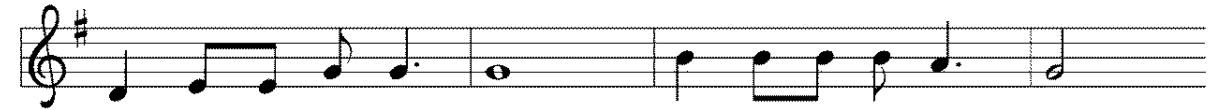
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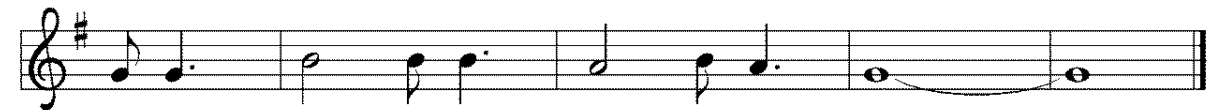
1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

P: In the still of this hour, we come to find rest for our hearts and contentment for our minds.

C: We are caught up in the activity of our life and need to pause and be refreshed.

P: In the quiet of worship, we come to touch the grace of God in the bread and the wine.

C: We praise you, God, for your heavenly food given in love for us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. 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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Come. Be filled with light and life.

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—

that we tell the story of your never-ending love

and sing your praise both now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING (based on Isaiah 49: 1-7)

As we leave this place, remember:

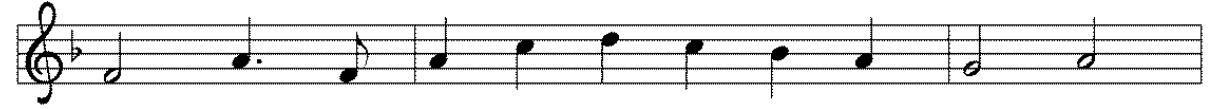
God, who chose you before your birth, who calls you and knows you by name, now sends you out into the world—to bring light to those in darkness, comfort to those who grieve, hope to those who despair.

And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be among you and within you as you seek to do God's will. Amen.

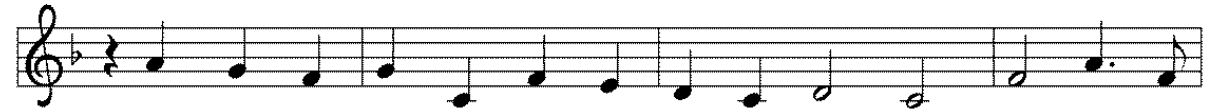
SENDING SONG

Rise, Shine, You People!

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

Presiding: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Ushers:

Acolytes: Brooke Bergo, Morgan Christian, Tyler Christian

Reader: Doug Harmon

Communion Servers: Bruce Adams, Linda Helgeson

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January Altar Guild: Candy Hanna & Medara Winter

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The radio broadcast this morning is given with blessings and thanks to those who help people in need and in memory of loved ones from the Haugen family.

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

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2017 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KLOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2. **Call the office to reserve your dates. Cost for 2017 is \$83. Dates available:** March 26, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 11, July 9, 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 10.

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 in 2017.**

Pledges may still be returned to the office.

2017 Offering envelopes are on tables in the elevator entry.

**The Agenda and Ballot for Salem's Annual Meeting is posted.
Salem's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Worship followed by brunch at 9:30 a.m. No Faith Formation or 10:30 service.**

Annual Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 22, 2017

10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

The Salem Council at its December meeting approved the following agenda for the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

I. Devotion

II. Reports	Secretary's Report	Yvonne Beenken
	Treasurer's Report	Mike Swenson
	Pastor's Report	Pastor Joel Guttormson
	President's Report	Scott Hagenson

III. Business Items

1. Election of Council and Boards
2. Adoption of 2016 Budget
3. Remove from Salem's Constitution, Bylaws, Article 14: Staff Management Committee
4. Combine the Board of Education & Youth Board
4. Any other new business

IV. Benediction

Pastor Melinda McCluskey

To quote from our bylaws, ARTICLE 3, Section E:

"The agenda for the annual meeting shall be prepared by the Church council. Ten members may petition the President to propose an agenda item. The agenda shall be posted 30 days prior to the meeting and closed 10 days prior to the meeting."

SAMPLE BALLOT

PRESIDENT:
 Scott Hagenson

VICE PRESIDENT:
 Brad Evenson

RECORDING SECRETARY
 *Heidi Obermeyer

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
 Deb Throne

TREASURER
 Mike Swenson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Three needed, 2 yr. term)
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ENDURING GIFTS COMMITTEE (2-3 year terms)
 Don Knudtson, Director
 David Anderson
 Kristi Grothe
 *Harris Honsey
 Connie Sabin

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES
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BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP & SOCIAL MINISTRY

DIRECTOR
 Roy Kvale/Wayne VanVeldhuizen

BOARD MEMBERS
 *Drake Abbey
 *Jason Ramaker
 Doug Richards

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Youth Representatives
 Sara Knudtson Hallie Mannes
 Anthony Naser Anna Ramaker

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DIRECTOR
 Willie Skellenger

***BOARD MEMBERS**
 Rhonda Harmon
 *Allison Rice
 *Rhonda Schriever
 *Janet Swenson
 *Pat Young

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DIRECTOR
 Steve Nelson

BOARD MEMBERS
 *Dennis Friesenborg
 *Dan Kirschbaum
 *Ron Langfald
 *Andy Stene

BOARD OF WORSHIP & MUSIC

DIRECTOR
 *Kathy Chose/Linda Helgeson

BOARD MEMBERS
 *Bruce Adams
 *Sheila Berger
 Nancy Knudtson

If any Salem members are interested in attending the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, June 9-11 at Luther College in Decorah, please contact the office or Brad Evenson ASAP. We need 3 delegates to represent Salem. Names should be on the ballot for the Annual Meeting.

PRAYER
changes things

Please remember in prayer this week:
 The family & friends of Bruce Gregor

STEPHEN MINISTRY – is a caring ministry by lay people for their brothers and sisters in Christ. We are about to start a new training session of forty plus hours to help sharpen their gifts and talents of caring for people, learning to walk alongside those who are hurting, bringing Jesus’ healing presence into the relationship. Please keep these new trainees in your prayers as they prepare to be God’s ministers in your midst. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior’s and Salem.

Alzheimer’s: Get The Facts Educational Series

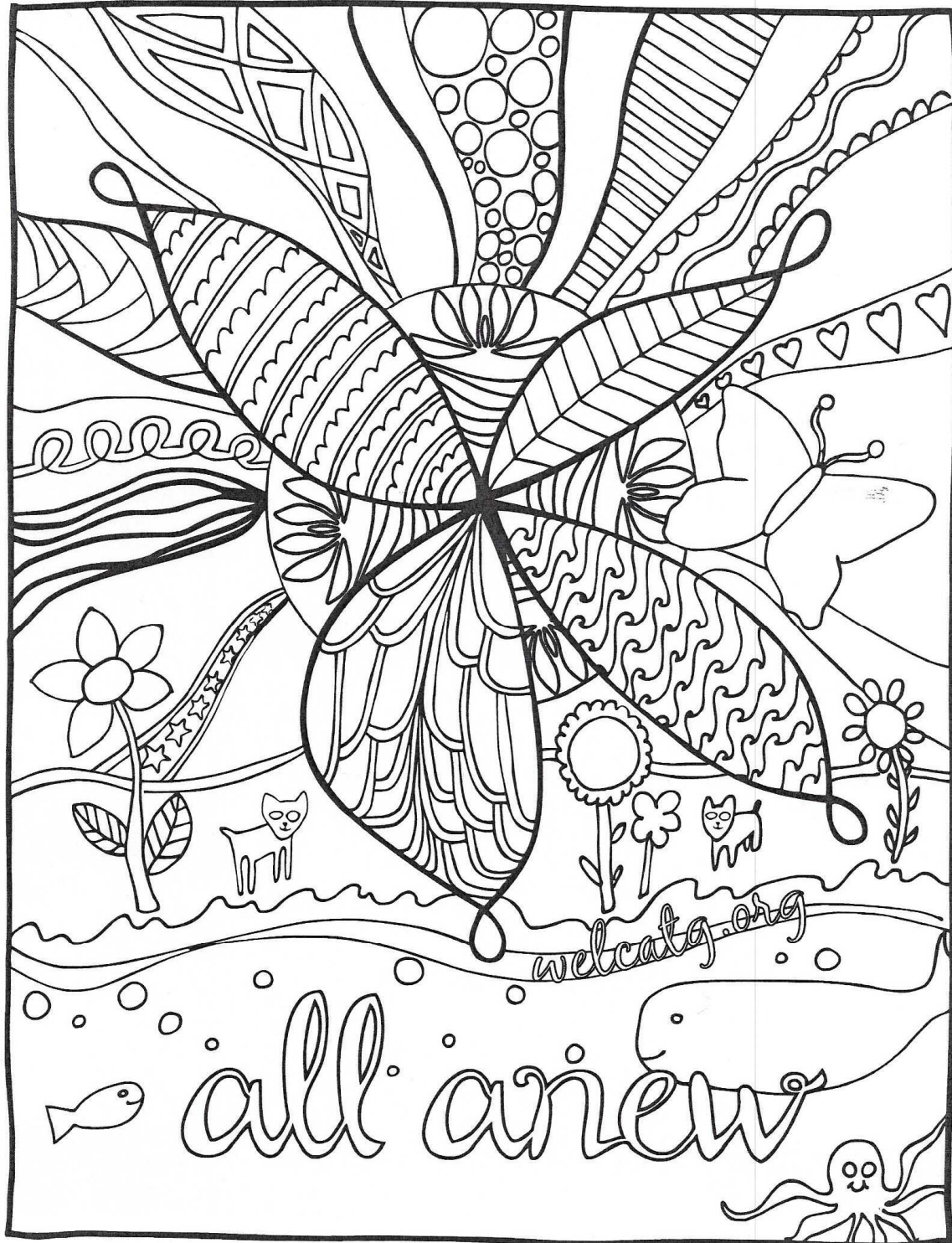
A series of meetings are designed to inform individuals how to identify Alzheimer’s, strategies for living with Alzheimer’s and planning for the future. The series will be presented in three evening meetings beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room in the Lake Mills Care Center. Brandi Folkerts, Lake Mills Care Center (LMCC) Director of Nursing and Chris Johnson, LMCC Social Worker will be providing information and answering questions each evening. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The series of classes are free and individuals may attend as many meetings as they wish.

The dates and the information for each meeting are listed below.

January 17 Signs & Symptoms

February 21 Living Each Day - Special Guest Speaker - Lois Johnson

March 21 Preparing for the Future - Special guest speaker Amanda Green, LMCC Administrator



This Week at Salem

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 8:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fell, Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship - Chapel

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

- 12:00 p.m. Enduring Gift Fund Committee - Library
- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
- 7:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

- 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

No WELCA Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

- 5:30 p.m. Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Stewardship Brunch – Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:4-9, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

Those worshipping January 7/8: 227 Giving: Not Available

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