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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 – DAY OF PENTECOST– MAY 31-June 7

THIS WEEKS TEXTS – DAY OF PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

PSALM: 104:24-34, 35b

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39



God Gives More than Enough

It is the “first day of the week” (John 20:19), the day of the new creation, but to those locked away in the upper room in fear, the world is as it always has been. So entrenched are they in the ways of grief and guilt that the Risen One in their midst needs to offer his life-giving invitation twice: “Peace be with you.” The logic of the new age is peace, not retribution; forgiveness, not vengeance. With the invitation to new life comes also the means: the gift of the Holy Spirit, breathed upon them and within them. Just as the Father sent Jesus into the world, so now are these disciples sent as witnesses to God’s saving work.

Pentecost is therefore the crowning achievement of the Jesus story. Now, more than ever, these huddled disciples would have just cause to sing the “Dayenu” (“It would have been enough”) verses from the Passover seder meal, but revised: It would have been enough for the Word and wisdom of God to have been born in the flesh . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for the Word to grow to adulthood and share his stunning parables about God’s gracious activity in the world . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to say to his enemies, “Father, forgive them” . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to have died on a cross for us . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough that he rose again in blessing, not vengeance . . . Dayenu! But now, beyond what we would even expect—the Word becomes our word and it is written on our hearts at Pentecost . . . Dayenu! It is enough, and more than enough to enflame our ministry of reconciliation in a world in need of a healing word.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Due to Salem’s Phase #4 Status of our Covid-19 Plan and Governor Kim Reynolds’ emergency proclamation; “all planned large gatherings and events must be canceled until after the termination of this disaster” we will not be posting our regular week at a glance calendar of events.

Salem’s COVID-19 Plan

Salem is now in Phase #4 of the COVID-19 Plan.

Phase #4

In the event that the Lake Mills Community School District closes and/or faith communities are asked not to gather in any way, we will move all worship services online or via video. The building will remain open to the public; however, hours are subject to change. Staff will work remotely or in the building.

SUMMER VBS WITH ONE IN CHRIST

The volunteers who regularly meet from Salem and One in Christ Lutheran Parish have had number of meetings to discern if and when to have Vacation Bible School and last week in a Zoom meeting have tentatively planned to put this year’s VBS on hold. Some thought is being given to do some live stream of video recording to be shared latter this summer with possible weekend or evening programing made available when we can again meet together without restrictions. More information will be made available as our plans move forward.

SPARKHOUSE – FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5nsJ5lBMmM&feature=youtu.be&redirected=true> is the link to this week's Bible story about The Day of Pentecost. Illustrations, and other content including activity and coloring pages can be found at the Augsburg Sparkhouse Family Sunday School. Lessons will be posted through Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020.

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.**

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS – THE HOLY TRINITY

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

PSALM: 8

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

AUGUST COMMUNITY DAY CAMP WITH INGHAM OKOBOJI CANCELED

We received a letter from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps making us aware that all summer programs including all on-site youth camps, all off-site day, all scheduled family camps for summer 2020, the following is an excerpt from a letter sent to Salem Lutheran:

"We have looked ahead to summer prayerfully and with continued communications with others. We have taken every opportunity to learn from other camps, organizations, and camp associations including the Christian Camp and Conference Association (CCCA), Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM) and the American Camp Association (ACA). We have had specific visits with our local health authorities, camp medics and medical professionals.

With every conversation, report read, and listening session, the question we have sought to answer has been, "How can we provide a safe experience of fun and Christian growth for campers this summer?" We love our campers! With all our hearts we want to welcome everyone to our camps and day camps for a great time of fun, worship, fellowship and Christian growth this summer.

Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2020 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 2020 is \$83. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE - 641.592.1771.

2020 BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

July 19, 26, Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 20, Oct. 11, 18,
25,
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6, 13