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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 – HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY– JUNE 7-JUNE 14

THIS WEEKS TEXTS – HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

PSALM: 8

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20



Celebrating Our God beyond Understanding

The festival of the Holy Trinity celebrates the wonder of relationship with God while leaving us distinctly dissatisfied with our limited understanding of what God is. While guarding against the idolatry of language, we survey our scripture, doctrine, creeds, and symbols of our heritage. Equally important, we pray for God to inspire fresh, innovative ideas of God in the present moment.

Today's gospel contains one of the few biblical references to the trinitarian formula. As the eleven are commissioned to make disciples, baptize, and teach, we are invited to consider our calling to influence the world with the good news of God's love. The text from Second Corinthians also includes a kind of naming of the Holy Trinity in an affectionate sign-off of a personal letter. With the psalm praising God the creator and sustainer of all creation, Genesis 1 relates the first of two creation stories, this one an ancient liturgy celebrating God as a divine plural.

That God that is beyond our understanding may be both troubling and comforting. The temptation may be to attempt to apprehend the idea of God with our intellect, offering the worshiping assembly a showcase of various models for God. The result is usually disappointing and feeds our bias toward intellectualism. Another possibility is to celebrate God's presence in all its glory and colorful wonder and our belonging to this wonder-full God.

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=wEBxxB8mNKU&feature=youtu.be&redirected=true> is the link to this week's Bible story about The Holy Trinity Sunday. 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.

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY – WEEKLY GIVING

LAST SUNDAY: 05/31/20 \$ 6,508
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 06/01/20 \$101,661
LAST YEAR: as of 06/01/19 \$106,069
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ -4,408

Summer Food and Fun- Summer Meal Program Menu for the week of June 8-12th

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Sloppy Joe's	Chicken Patty on Bun
Fries	Green Beans
Oranges	Peaches
Milk	Milk
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Chicken Nuggets	Hamburgers
Baby Carrots	Fries
Pears	Apple
Milk	Milk
<u>Wednesday</u>	
Crispitos	
Corn	
Apples	
Milk	

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

PSALM: 100

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35--10:8-23

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

