



Salem Lutheran Church

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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 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST– JULY 5-JULY 12

THIS WEEKS TEXTS – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

PSALM: 145:8-14

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19,25-30



When a Yoke Means Freedom

Today's gospel reading contains iconic words from Jesus: "Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matt. 11:28-30)." Jesus offers a yoke to tired listeners and tells them that a yoke will give them rest. The yoke as a means to rest was a strange idea for the disciples. A yoke as a means to rest ought to sound strange to us, as well. The early hearers of this biblical passage would have known a yoke to be a means of engaging the energy of oxen as heavy lifters in the enterprise of farming. Yokes are still employed in our world and they are still a burden and a way of harnessing animal's hard work, especially in places where people don't have access to the internal combustion engine. The first ancient readers or hearers of Matthew also viewed a yoke as a symbol of obedience to God's law and wisdom. Generally, our instinct is to resist yokes *and* laws, or at least not immediately connect them with the idea of freedom. Through the image of the yoke, however, Jesus invites us to think of God's law and wisdom as a means to surrender, give way, and accept something graceful and positive—rest, ease, lightness. Jesus reframes the idea of a yoke by telling us that a yoke will help us grow as disciples. The gospel links humility to freedom.

Salem's COVID-19 Plan

Salem is now in Phase #1 of the COVID-19 Plan.

NOTE: Wearing a mask is strongly encouraged. Wearing a mask will primarily protect others, especially the vulnerable.

In-Person 'Soft Opening' Worship Service
8:30 am, Sunday, June 28th and Sunday, July 5th
 *10 people in the sanctuary per current guidelines
 *Northwest entrance doors by elevator will be unlocked

*For those that would like to gather together to worship under the big tree, we will be broadcasting the service over K10W.

*Follow social distancing guidelines

***Wearing a mask is strongly encouraged. Wearing a mask will primarily protect others, especially the vulnerable.**

*Attendance will be taken for traceability purposes in the event of an outbreak

*Worshippers must bring their own lawn chairs

*Single use bulletins will be available in the south entrance

* An Offering collection pail will be set out in south entrance along with the bulletins

* Restrooms along east hall will be available

* No communion

*Sharing of the Peace by waving at fellow worshippers

*No Fellowship

*Radio/livestream remains available

*Funerals follow 'soft opening' protocols

*Weddings follow 'soft opening' protocols

*Sanctuary cleaned and sanitized

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: 6/28/20	\$ 3,765
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 07/01/20	\$ 115,477
LAST YEAR: as of 07/01/19	\$ 129,454
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -13,977



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

PSALM: 65:[1-8]9-13

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive

July 8, 2020
1:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Salem Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall, 401 South Lake Street, Lake Mills



Set up your **lifesaving** appointment TODAY!

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED:

Text: LIFESERVE to 939-777 • Call: 900-287-8903 • Visit: www.lifedonors.org

This Blood Drive is sponsored by
Lake Mills Community

Please bring a valid form of identification, such as your driver's license or driver's license. To ensure our ability to meet local blood-banking standards and safety protocols, we require all donors to schedule an appointment to donate blood. Blood donors are required to wear a mask for the duration of their appointment. If you do not have a mask, we will provide you one. Mask-in-donations are not accepted at this time.



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