



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 –SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS–

JANUARY 3rd – JANUARY 10th

THIS WEEKS TEXTS-- – Second Sunday After Christmas

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

PSALM: 147:12-20

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-12

GOSPEL: John1:1-18



Reflecting the Grace of God

In sharp contrast to the image of Jacob, who wrestles with an angel and prevails, in today's first reading the Lord redeems Jacob from hands too strong for him. Jacob does not always prevail. We too are reminded this day that it is not our own strength but God's power that blesses, strengthens, fills, gives, and grants peace. God has the power to bring together and to scatter. God creates family not because we are God's blood relatives but through adoption. In baptism we are claimed, redeemed, and forgiven. We receive wisdom and are lavished with grace.

We are marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit. We receive an inheritance. Through God's powerful gift, we are gathered up, become children of God, and receive grace upon grace. Receiving this gift of grace we are called to live as children of the light. In this holy calling we have John the Baptist as our guide. You can tell the story of Jesus leaving out all sorts of important details. In John's gospel the shepherds, angels, and manger are all absent. But the gospel writers agree, you cannot tell the story of Jesus without John the Baptist. You simply must have the one who comes solely to point others to Jesus. This is our calling as well. We who are forgiven and redeemed, we who are claimed and called, are the ones who point to Jesus. We do this with our lives; we do this with our words. We point to Jesus when we feed the hungry, when we invite those we know and love to know the gift of grace we see in Jesus. We point to Jesus when we allow the holy light of the season to shine through all we do and all are.

We welcome Pastor Mark Anderson to the pulpit. Pastor Mark is Assistant to the Bishop North Eastern Iowa Synod and specializes in stewardship and youth ministries.

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: 12/27/20	\$11,504
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 12/30/20	\$ 244,839
LAST YEAR: as of 12/30/19	\$ 284,872
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ - 40,033



WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY- Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)

(Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

TUESDAY- 7:00 pm Altar Guild

WEDNESDAY- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

1-6 pm : Lifeserve Blood mobile in Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Zoom Confirmation

NEXT SUNDAY- 8:30 a.m. services

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS – First Sunday after Epiphany

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

PSALM: 29

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

SALEM RECORDS– DECEMBER

Memorials:

General Fund--\$10

Russell Smidt--\$40 Building Fund

Marvis Risius--\$25 General Fund

Robert Mannes--\$20 General Fund

James Kingland--\$110 General Fund

Verna Helgeson--\$1205.00 General Fund,

\$ 25 Heat/AC Fund, and

\$30 Cemetery

Marci Adeogun has been hired by the council as Administrative Assistant. Carolyn will be working with her to make this a smooth transition.

Office hours will be:

Monday & Friday 9am-5pm

Wednesday 9am-2pm.

IN PERSON WORSHIP WILL BEGIN

SAT. JAN 16 at 5:30PM

SUN. JAN 17 at 9:00AM

FYI: Altar Guild members.... In 2021 we will be following the same calendar as we have had for 2020!

Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2021 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The service is heard on K10W (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.

2021 BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

March 7, April 18, April 23,

May 2, May 9, May 23, June 13