



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 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST–OCTOBER 4th--OCTOBER 10th

THIS WEEKS TEXTS –EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

PSALM: 80:7-15

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46



Jesus, Cornerstone of Our Faith

God has showered humanity with gifts and blessings, but humanity continues to abuse those gifts. We have been entrusted with a creation to care for, and in our shortsightedness we abuse and pollute the earth, even bringing about the extinction of entire species. We abuse the gift of our bodies when we overindulge in food or alcohol or drugs. We have been given the ability to create so many wonderful things, and even this gift we abuse as we gather and keep as much as we can for ourselves.

This is nothing new. Even in the days of Isaiah it was clear the people turned away from God's gifts. God expected righteousness and justice. Instead the people responded with bloodshed and suffering, turning away from God.

Even if you can think of all the ways you have not turned from God and all the ways you have been faithful, it does no good. As Paul reminds us in the reading from Philippians, "Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ" (Phil. 3:7). Even all of Paul's good and faithful acts add up to nothing. For Paul, and for us, all that matters is Jesus.

As Christ himself reminds us, he is our rock, our cornerstone. Jesus is the foundation for our faith and the foundation for our lives. Even as we turn from Jesus, even as we reject Jesus, he returns to us with love and forgiveness. This is the grace of God, the love of God coming into our world and into our lives. To our joy we discover the open arms of Jesus on the cross, bringing life into this world even where there is death; bringing hope where there is despair; and bringing resurrection to all creation.

Salem Lutheran Church Council announces that the Sanctuary is open for In-Person Worship at a capacity of approximately 80 people seated on the main floor.

Social distancing for seating will be designated with ushers assigned to seat those attending worship.

Please enter the church at the Narthex entrance on the west side. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at this entrance for all who enter.

Please note wearing a mask is mandatory. Wearing a mask will primarily protect others, especially the vulnerable.

Please do not attend In-Person worship if you are not feeling well or if you have recently had a close contact (closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) to a person with COVID-19.

At this time, there will be only one In-Person Worship service offered. Radio/live stream remains available. Outdoor worship will continue as weather allows.

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: 09/27/20 \$ 5,030
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 08/26/20 \$ 166,530
LAST YEAR: as of 08/26/19 \$ 199,985
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ -33,455

Starting Sunday, Sept. 13th, the first 15 minutes of the church service will showcase the VBS story of the week along with Music, Dancing, and Bible Buddies. This will be the format for the first 5 weeks of Faith Formation.

Week 4: Jesus' Power Lets Us Live Forever

Story: Mathew 26:17-28:10

Verse: Romans 8:11

Week 5: Jesus' Power Helps Us Be Good Friends

Story: Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35

Verse: John 15:12



CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

Call the church office 641-592-1771 to schedule a time for a small group (10 or less). These visits can happen at the yard of your home, at the Oakwood Park shelter, your garage or anywhere outdoors that groups of 10 can safely meet.

Best practices of physical distancing and prepackaged supplies will be used.

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS –NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

PSALM: 23

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14



WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY-1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
(Open by appointment)
TUESDAY- 3:15 p.m. Daisy's
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild
WEDNESDAY- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
THURSDAY- 3:15 p.m. Brownies
5:30 p.m. Executive Council
6:30 p.m. Church Council
NEXT SUNDAY- 8:30 a.m. In-sanctuary services

Faith Formation Update: In-person Faith formation for 4-year-old preschool thru 6th grade will be starting Sunday, October 18th.

Tentative Schedule:

Oct 18 9:35am to 10:00am
Oct 25 9:35am to 10:00am
Nov 1 9:35am to 10:00am
Nov 8 9:35am to 10:00am
Nov 15 10:05am to 10:30am
Nov 22 10:05am to 10:30am
Nov 29 No Faith Formation
Dec 6 10:05am to 10:30am
Dec 13 10:05am to 10:30am
Dec 20 No Faith Formation
Dec 27 No Faith Formation
Jan 3 No Faith Formation

Online Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DM7T6JB>

We are very excited to see the children back at church in a fun-filled, faith-forming setting!

Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2020 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The service is heard on KLOW (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:

Oct. 11, 18, 25,
Nov. 1, 15, 22, Dec. 13