



# 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 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST–OCTOBER 11th--OCTOBER 17th

### THIS 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



### Expensive Wedding. Expensive Grace.

On a recent reality TV show entitled *Wedding Wars*, engaged couples competed for a complete wedding wardrobe. The winning couple received the bride's dress and the groom's tuxedo as well as proper attire for their entire wedding party. The estimated cash value was \$30,000. Getting married is not cheap.

In today's gospel Jesus tells a parable about a wedding invitation, a banquet, and God's grace. Jesus teaches about a king who ultimately invites all people to a wedding banquet. At first this parable seems to portray a wide open and gracious invitation to a wedding celebration. However, by the end it is hard not to feel sorry for the poor guy who gets a last-minute invitation but gets thrown out for not wearing the correct wedding duds! He apparently wasn't a winner on that era's counterpart of that reality TV show! Again, getting married is not cheap—but neither is grace.

Jesus tells this parable as a way of teaching us that receiving God's grace changes people. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer taught, God's grace is not cheap, it comes at a great cost upon the cross. Once we receive this costly grace, our lives are never the same. This grace compels us to act and calls us to bear fruit with our lives. Ultimately we are led to share this grace with others. To continue to live in the same way after receiving this gracious invitation is not an option. So what are we to do? We simply receive the gracious invitation to the banquet and find a changing room—it's time to live a new life.

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](http://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:** 10/04/20 \$ 0  
**YEAR-TO-DATE:** as of 10/08/20 \$ 166,530  
**LAST YEAR:** as of 10/08/19 \$ 205,773  
**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:** \$ -39,243

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 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 –TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 45:1-7

**PSALM:** 96:1-9[10-13]

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:15-22



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**MONDAY-**1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet  
(Open by appointment)  
1:00 P.M. Mission Quilters  
3:15 p.m. Cadets

**TUESDAY-** 10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support  
3:15 p.m. Juniors

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

**THURSDAY-** 2:00 p.m. WELCA

**SATURDAY:** 5:30 p.m. In-sanctuary services

**NEXT SUNDAY-** 8:30 a.m. In-sanctuary services  
9:35 a.m. Faith Formation

**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. 18, 25,  
Nov. 1, 15, 22, Dec. 13