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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 ANNOUNCEMENTS – TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST–OCTOBER 18th--OCTOBER 25th

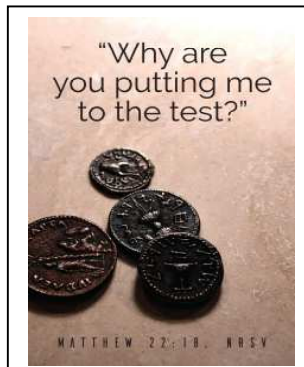
THIS WEEKS TEXTS –TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

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

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22



What's in Your Wallet? Not Enough.

Say the word stewardship in some congregations and people are protectively guarding their wallets faster than you can say “pledge card!” Unfortunately, too often we associate stewardship exclusively with issues of money. The good news is that God has little interest in our wallets. God wants our whole lives, wallets and all! Nevertheless, this week is prime time for stewardship campaigns in congregations around the country. The stewardship theme is reflected in our announcements, our prayers, our songs, and our readings. Today’s gospel provides an ideal time to reflect on stewardship of all sorts—time, talent, and financial treasures.

The Pharisees approach Jesus in a thinly veiled attempt to trap him on issues of financial obligations to the Roman government. Their question of Jesus, simplified to the extreme, is “who gets your wallet?” If Jesus answered one way, he would be guilty of treason. If he answered the other way, he would have been considered guilty of heresy in the eyes of the religious leaders. Jesus responds by issuing a challenge of his own—give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God. This statement challenges us to ponder: if God created the world and everything in it, what doesn’t belong to God? God wants a whole lot more than just your wallet. God wants your life, wallet and all!

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: 10/11/20 \$ 3,742
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 10/14/20 \$ 175,834
LAST YEAR: as of 10/14/19 \$ 209,503
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ -33,669

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 –REFORMATION SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALM: 46

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36



WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY-1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
(Open by appointment)
TUESDAY- 2:30 p.m. Pastor's Text Study
3:15 p.m. Daisys
WEDNESDAY- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
1:15 p.m. Confirmation
5:00 p.m. Zoom Confirmation
THURSDAY- 3:15 p.m. Brownies
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 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:

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