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# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 22 - 28

### 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!

### THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13]

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22



### NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer.  
**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:** David & Lorinda Groe, Loren & Rachel Groe, Sandra Groe, Steven, Melissa, Lukas, Katelyn & Megan Groe, Kevin, Jolene and Kray Grothe

This week the following members will be celebrating their birthdays and we would like to wish them a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Please call the office if you have an upcoming birthday, to ensure we have it in our records. 641.592.1771

24-Katelyn Groe	25-Chad Kloster	27-Kyle Helgeson
24-Megan Groe	26-Elijah Stene	27-Samantha Jamtgaard
25-Krishna Hanson	27-Bryce Budach	28-Emma Hoffman

**-WEEKLY GIVING-**

**LAST SUNDAY 10/15/23:**           \$ 3,415  
**YEAR-TO-DATE: 10/18/23**       \$ 151,114  
**LAST YEAR: as of 10/18/22**     \$ 168,066  
**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:**   \$ -16,952

**-Last Weeks Attendance-**  
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**Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update:** Total received as of 10/18/23 **\$159,207**  
All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the “Steeple Project” when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

**Trunk or Treat:** The Youth Board is hosting Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 29th; 4:30pm-5:30pm** on the west side of Salem. Everyone is welcome! **We need more trunks!** To host a trunk, please sign up in the Narthex, across from the Chapel, or call the office.

**Baked Goods:** The Youth Board is looking for donations of cookies, bars or snack mix that can be served at the Trunk or Treat event on **October 29th**. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the office if you would be willing to help. Then drop them off in the lounge by 2pm on October 29th. Thank you!

**Volunteers:** The Board of Life and Growth is asking for volunteers to decorate tables/make center pieces for the Congregational Birthday Party. Pick a month and sign up in the Narthex. All decorations/centerpieces need to be on the tables before worship on November 5th. Thank you!

**Congregational Birthday Party:** The Board of Life and Growth invites everyone to a Congregational Birthday Party on November 5th in the Fellowship Hall, right after worship. This is to honor all of our members birthdays! There will be a table for each month, sit at the table of your birth month. There will be birthday games and prizes too! Everyone is welcome! It will be fun for all ages!

*This years congregational birthday party will also be an opportunity to help our local food bank. They are in need of items to fill holiday bags with groceries for families in need. A free will donation of cash or non-perishable food items will be collected at the birthday party. This is optional and not required to attend the party. Items in high need are: canned vegetables, canned pasta meals, stuffing mix, mac & cheese, cream soups, cold cereal, pancake mix & syrup, brownie, cake & cookie mixes.*

**“Thanks”** to all who contributed to this falls Lutheran World Relief shipment. On Sat. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, we sent 120 quilts, 111 school kits, 44 baby care kits and 7 health care kits to First Lutheran in Albert Lea. We will deliver 15 quilts to Salvation Army in Mason City for local distribution. -Mission Quilters

**Operation Christmas Child Project:** The Board of Life & Growth will be collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for the Operation Christmas Child Project. There are brochures in the Narthex with information, instructions and labels. If you don't have time to pack a box, you can build a box online! All you have to do is go to their website, visit [samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/buildonline) or scan the QR code in the brochure to make your donation online, pick what you want in your box and the Samaritan's Purse will do the rest! *The Samaritan's Purse has collected shoeboxes for children around the world since 1993, more than 188 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.* All boxes need to be turned into the church office by November 19th. If no one is in the office, please leave them by the door.

**Volunteers Needed:** If you would be willing to learn how to help with sound, monitors or live stream, please call the office. 641-592-1771. Thank you!

**Noisy Offering** will be collected until **Oct. 29th** for those who are suffering as a result of the wildfires in Hawaii. Your gifts will support wildfire survivors and will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires. Please pray for those impacted by the wildfires. May God's healing presence bring them peace and hope in their time of need and give strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities. -The Stewardship Board  
*Noisy Offering update: As of 10/15/23 we have collected \$257.12*

**LAKE MILLS CLOTHES FOR KIDS 2023**: This is the 14th Annual Clothes for Kids Event in Lake Mills--*Let's clothe OUR children. Donations will be distributed throughout the Lake Mills Community School District to children ages birth to 18.* Pick a Christmas Tag (with a child's needs/sizes on it) from the electronic sign-up ([tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids](https://tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids)) or from the tree at Salem. *Both electronic and physical tags will be available starting Nov. 19th.* Just in time for all those Black Friday deals! Purchase the items on the child's tag, wrap in one box, attach the original tag to the gift, and deliver them to the Salem office by **Sun. Dec. 10th**. *Once again, this year each child's requests have been divided into two tags. One for clothing and the other for shoes and socks. This is an effort to keep costs affordable for the givers and be able to provide for the child's needs.*

Monetary donations are accepted at FTS Bank and MBT Bank in Lake Mills or send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue E, Lake Mills, IA 50450  
Questions: [LMClothesForKids@gmail.com](mailto:LMClothesForKids@gmail.com)

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church** in Manly Iowa has invited us to their Annual Fall Harvest Soup/Salad Luncheon on **November 5th; 10:30am-1:00pm**. Homemade soups, salads and pies--Free will offering. There will be door prizes 2/\$50 and a bake sale. Handicap Accessible and Takeouts Available--641-454-2586

**Asbury United Methodist Church** in Lake Mills has invited us to their Fall Harvest Festival on Sat. Nov. 11th—Bake Sale 10:00am-1:00pm; Lunch 10:30am-1:00pm  
Menu: Hamballs and creamed chicken gravy, mashed potatoes/biscuits. Both come with salads, roll, pie and drink. \$8.00 Takeouts Available--641-592-1106

**Salem Office: 641.592.1771** (Marci) Monday-Friday 11:00am-5:00pm  
(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)

**Scandinavian Bazaar:** We have been invited to the annual Scandinavian Bazaar at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City (213 N. Pennsylvania Ave) on **Thurs. Nov. 2nd; 8:00am-1:30pm**. This years Bazaar will feature a coffee shop serving a variety of Norwegian pastries, lefse, rolls, pies and sandwiches 8:00am-10:30am. A \$9:00 Scandinavian meatball dinner with pie will be served from 11:00am-1:00pm (seating times at 11:00am and 12:00pm). There will be various shops- Scandinavian Boutique selling holiday and specialty items; Craft Creations with unique hand-made items; Candy and Bake Shop; and the Book Nook with gently used puzzles and books of all kinds. All are welcome! All proceeds support local church and community projects in the North Iowa area.

Learn more at [TRINITY-MC/ORG/BAZAAR](http://TRINITY-MC/ORG/BAZAAR)

**Fundraiser For Maui Fire Relief:** We have been invited to the Fall Harvest Dinner at Galilean Lutheran Church (4454-255<sup>th</sup> St; Hwy 18 West) Clear Lake, IA. Share Life & Crisis Intervention. **Thurs. Nov. 2nd; 4:30pm-7:00pm**. Silent auction for lap quilts and gift baskets. Dinner will be creamed chicken and biscuits, salad, green beans, and assorted pies. Carry about available--call ahead 641-357-2296.

**Salem's Clothes Closet** is open every Monday from 2:00-4:00pm; and can be accessed at the south entrance. Clothes, shoes, boots, coats, jackets and a few other kids' items are available for free. We also accept donations; please make sure donations are folded and have no holes, tears or stains. Donations can be left inside the south entrance anytime.



**The Lake Mills Food Shelf** is open 2:30-5:00pm every Monday for anyone in need of additional food. The only criteria for eligibility is to reside within the Lake Mills School District. The Food Shelf is located at Salem and can be accessed at the south entrance. Anyone in need of food when the food shelf is not open, please feel free to call and leave a message at 641-592-1771 and someone will call back.





**All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship, coffee and a sweet treat. Fellowship is great opportunity to connect with others while students attend Faith Formation.**

**SUNDAY 10/22**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Kids Sing) (Pastor Judith Wozniak)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

10:00am 3rd Grade Bible Class-Lounge

10:45am Youth Board Meeting-Salem Library

**MONDAY 10/23**

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm-4:00pm Salem's Clothes Closet is OPEN

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN

**WEDNESDAY 10/25**

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room

5:35pm Worship & Music Board Meeting-Salem Library

6:00pm Confirmation Class-Choir Room

**SUNDAY 10/29**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Bible Sunday) (Pastor Steve Smith)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

4:30pm-5:30pm Trunk or Treat (West side of Salem)

**Celebrating Generosity: Thank you for your support of ministry at Salem!**

**Go Green—Go Paperless by giving in one of the following ways...**

-- Give through PayPal or Card by going to the bottom of [www.salemlakemills.com](http://www.salemlakemills.com)

-- **Give automatically through the Simply Giving Program.** Sign up for monthly or weekly ACH withdrawals. Call the office to have a form sent to you or stop by the office. We also have forms in the Narthex. Please return forms to the office.

**(We are charged a much lower service fee through the Simply Giving Program)**

**Live Stream Sponsorship:** Call the office to reserve your date. Cost is \$40.

**Dates available 2023:** Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Dec. 31