



# 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 – REFORMATION SUNDAY–OCTOBER 26th -NOVEMBER 1st

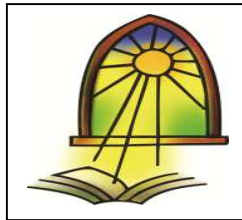
**THIS WEEKS TEXTS– REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**PSALM: 46**

**SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

**GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**



### Jesus Is Really into Relationships!

Love God, love neighbor, and love self. Jesus is really into relationships! Oftentimes, even if unintentionally, we put loving self first, and because “we are bound to sin and cannot free ourselves” we usually do a poor job of actually loving ourselves. This means we have less love to give to neighbor and even less for God. Jesus puts relationship with God first. He doesn’t do this to make us last but so that we can fully understand love and relationship the way God desires it for us.

Today’s readings give us insight into the ways God desires us to be in relationship: by being just in all our dealings with others, by not being lead astray by the wicked, by sharing the gospel with humility and tender care, and by loving God and neighbor. It might sound simple, but relationships are far from simple. Relationships are complex creatures with complex issues. Even the best relationships include struggle.

People in our congregations struggle with relationships each and every day. Love should be an easy thing, but it takes work and effort to love God, love others, and love oneself. The psalmist uses the image of trees planted by streams of water to describe people who “delight in the law of the LORD.” These are not weak, brittle, or dying trees; these are strong trees that prosper. Our faith plants us, nourishes us, and strengthens us to love.

How can we be like trees planted by streams of water? In what ways can the church help people to make and maintain healthy relationships? How do we encourage self-worth and humility? This is an excellent day to ask these questions, to create forums where answers can be discussed, and to remind one another how much God truly loves us.

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.**

Radio/live stream remains available.

## 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: 09/27/20	\$ 5,205
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 08/26/20	\$ 181,039
LAST YEAR: as of 08/26/19	\$ 213,487
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -32,448



### WEEK AT A GLANCE

**MONDAY**-1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)  
Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

3:15 p.m. Cadets

**TUESDAY**- 3:15 p.m. Juniors

5:30 p.m. Life & Growth

7:00 p.m. Stephen's Ministry

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

1:15 pm Confirmation

5:00 p.m. Zoom Confirmation

6:15 p.m. Good Samaritan

**THURSDAY**- 5:45 p.m. Worship & Music

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**- 8:30 a.m. In-sanctuary services

9:35 a.m. Faith Formation

### NEXT WEEKS TEXTS – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

PSALM: 34:1-10,22

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

## 2020 OPERATION CLOTHES FOR KIDS!

11th Annual

*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 or one of the following tree locations: Salem Lutheran Church, Winnebago Lutheran Church, Word of Faith Dominion Church, Asbury United Methodist Church, Emmons Lutheran Church, Farmers Trust and Savings Bank of Lake Mills, Manufacturers Bank and Trust of Lake Mills, or Uptown Fitness.

Both electronic and physical tags will be available starting Saturday, November 21st.

For electronic sign-up go to:

[tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids](http://tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids)

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/return to one of the listed locations by

**Sunday, December 13**

This year each child's requests have been divided into two tags. One for clothing and 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.

*Cash donations are accepted at the banks or send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue E, Lake Mills, IA 50450*

**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:**

Nov. 1, 15, 22, Dec. 13