

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 30 - November 5

Holy Hospitality

In the gospel today, Zacchaeus joyfully welcomes Jesus into his home, where Jesus prompts a changed heart and mind in his host and proclaims salvation. All this reveals an undercurrent of hospitality and welcome that propels much of the narrative of the Bible. As in other instances of practiced hospitality, something important changes. Salvation is revealed in Zacchaeus's changed heart and mind, and perhaps even in the changed perception of the crowds who witness Jesus accompanying Zacchaeus to his home. And the salvation that is visited upon Zacchaeus's home will reach out into his neighborhood and community through his generosity and compassionate living.

In our worship today, we welcome the risen Christ to join us, and we invoke the name of God as we gather. God welcomes us around the communion table and through this holy hospitality feeds us with Christ, so that transformative salvation may follow us home and wherever we go.



THIS WEEKS TEXTS

[Isaiah 1:10-18](#)

[Psalm 32:1-7](#)

[2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12](#)

[Luke 19:1-10](#)

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

[Job 19:23-27a](#)

[Psalm 17:1-9](#)

[2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17](#)

[Luke 20:27-38](#)

Pastoral Visits: If you or someone you know would like a visit from Pastor Joel, please call the office to make an appointment. 641.592.1771

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

30-Madison Shifflett	31-Natalie Simonet	3-Amber Christianson
30-Tiffani Linguist	1-Faith Cox	3-Robert Drugg
31-Cody Cox	2-Beverly Mannes	4-Patrick Scheib
	2-Michael Rygh	5-Lois Aspland

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer.

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Keith Olson, Marge Olson, Roger, Katie, Jack and Amy Olson, Tyler Olson, Richard & Nancy Oltman

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 10/23/22 \$ 2,732

YEAR-TO-DATE: 10/24/22 \$ 170,798

LAST YEAR: as of 10/24/21 \$ 187,316

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ - 16,518

Noisy Offering: We collected a total of \$627.41 for the Good Samaritan Fund. This ministry helps individuals with rent/groceries/fuel, among other critical needs. This ministry follows Jesus' teachings to love one another. Thank you for your contributions!



Reminder to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 5th or Sunday Morning.

Fall Lutheran World Relief Shipment went to Albert Lea on Saturday, Oct. 8th. We sent 108 quilts, 2 blankets, 147 school kits and 37 baby care kites. Thanks to John, Wayne and Steve for loading them and to Steve for transporting them. The extra school supplies went to the Lake Mills School. Also, 16 quilts went to the Mason City Salvation Army. Thank you for all the contributions given so that we could have a great shipment. We could use any sheets, pillow cases, good hand towels and bath towels. Tiers, sewers, knitters and crocheters are always needed and appreciated too. -Mission Quilters

Sunday, October 30th, 4:00pm-5:00pm



Lutefisk Supper: Emmons Lutheran Church has sent an invitation to their 62nd Lutefisk Supper on Tuesday, **November 1st**; serving at 11am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm & 7pm. **Adults-\$22** in advance (no refunds) Children 10 & under \$8. Menu: Lutefisk, Meatballs & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Sweet Pepper Coleslaw, Cranberry Relish, Lefse, Pastries. Tickets available at MBT Bank in Lake Mills.

Scandinavian Bazaar: Trinity Lutheran Church, 213 N. Pennsylvania Ave, Mason City IA, has sent an invitation to their Scandinavian Bazaar on Thursday, **November 3rd**; 8am-2pm. Coffee Shop featuring Norwegian sandwiches, lefse, pastries, rolls, pies--8am-10:30am. Luncheon (serving 2 shifts) seating at 11am and 12pm. Menu: Scandinavian Meatball dinner with pie--**\$9** Take out available. **All meal tickets need to be purchases in advance, Call 641-423-0536 to purchase tickets in advance.** They will also have a Scandinavian Boutique featuring unique holiday and everyday gifts, a Gift Gallery with handcrafted one of a kind items, Candy & Bake Shop with Norwegian pastries, candies, breads, cookies, bars and more and a Book Nook with puzzles and gently used hardcover and paperback books for all ages.

Fall Harvest Soup/Salad Luncheon: Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly, IA has sent us an invitation to their Annual Fall Harvest Soup/Salad Luncheon on **November 6th**; 10:30am – 1:00pm. All Homemade Soups, Scrumptious Salads & Mouthwatering pies! Free will offering. Handicap accessible. There will also be a bake sale and door prizes: 2/\$50. Takeout available: 641-454-2586

Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, November 4th; 8:00am – 10:00am in the lounge, across from the office. Everyone is welcome! Breakfast will be served until the food runs out or its 10:00am, whichever comes sooner. Breakfast is free. Donations collected will go towards youth activities.

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive: Wed. Nov. 10th, 1-6pm; Fellowship Hall
Appointments Are Required. Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or Call: 800-287-4903

Living Lutheran will no longer be mailed out. If you would like a copy of it, you can find them in the Narthex by the Devotionals or in the south entrance.

Live Stream Sponsorship: Cost is \$40. **2022 Dates available:** Nov. 6, Nov. 13

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. It's fun to go shopping and pack a box with gifts for a child, but if you don't have time for that, you can build a box online! All you have to do is go to their website, samaritanspurse.org/buildonline or scan the QR code in the brochure, 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 shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items 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 16th**. If no one is in the office, please leave them by the door.

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 13, 2022 – 6:30 pm

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members present: Marci Adeogun, Shannon Bruhns, Sue Langerud, Sondra Nelson, Mary Peterson, Al Skellenger, Pastor Joel Guttormson and Cindy Haugsdal.

Absent: Drake Abbey

Pastor Joel led us in devotions and prayer.

Secretary's Report: September Minutes were available for review. There were no additions or corrections.

Al moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Sondra. All approved.

Communication and correspondence – Lake Mills Clothes for Kids/Christmas Tree Tags group has asked to have a tree with tags at Salem again this year, all agreed to continue our participation in this program. We received 2 - \$50 anonymous gifts that were deposited into the general fund.

Treasurer's Report: Drake provided a written report.

Total income for September 2022 \$12,330.80

Total Expenses for September 2022 \$19,753.34 (Income less expense -7,422.54)

Checking account balance (9/30/2022) \$33,533.45

CD's at FTSB (9/30/2022) Reserves \$26,014.17/Ness Estate \$10,614.41

CD at MBT (9/30/2022) Ness Estate \$52,215.45

Drake sent information presented by Shannon: Re: Ness Estate CD (FTSB #5)
This CD did not automatically mature but is soon due for renewal, Drake talked with FTSB about current rates – 2 options are available – a renewal rate of 0.70% for 182 days OR 0.80% for 12 months. Drake recommends renewing the remaining balance of approximately \$3,230.02 into a CD for 182 days at an interest rate of 0.70% in case the funds are needed prior to October 2023. For reference, the previous interest rate on this CD was 0.40%. We will be withdrawing our annual allotted amount of \$7,430.52 from the Ness Estate funds which will go into the general fund.

Sondra moved that we renew the CD (FTSB #5) for 182 days at an interest rate of 0.70%, seconded by Al. All approved. Cindy will email Drake regarding this council vote.

Financial Secretary's report: Sondra provided a written and verbal report

2022 YTD total offerings (9/28/2022) \$156,299

2021 YTD total offerings (9/28/2021) \$168,690

Sue moved to accept Treasurer and Financial reports, seconded by Mary. All approved.

Board Reports

Board of Worship and Music: Mary provided a written and verbal report. A Bell choir is being organized with plans to practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm; Confirmation Worship Coordinator role was discussed; Pastor Joel shared information regarding the impact of worship outreach impacted by the size of congregation; Worship notes – Hymn #s will no longer be posted as hymns are in the bulletins, 10/16 Faith Formation will sing, 10/23 Baptism, 10/30 Bibles handed out, 11/23 Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 pm, Advent worship plans were also discussed which will include a guided meditation worship opportunity on Wednesday at noon and 7:00 pm.

Board of Life & Growth: Sue provided a written and verbal report: All church Birthday Party will be this Sunday, 10/16; Five 1st graders are being matched with adult pen pal prayer partners; will be scheduling a workshop for making new Christmas Chrismons for the Salem tree; Decorating the Sanctuary and tree will be Saturday 11/26; No hospice tree this year; Worship bags have been moved closer to the doors in the Narthex; Shipment to Lutheran World Relief last week– 108 Quilts, 37 baby care kits, 147 school kits and 2 blankets; Extra school supplies went to LM school and an additional 16 quilts went to the Mason City Salvation Army.

Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry: Al provided a verbal report. Discussed request from Property and management board for capital project for tuckpointing repairs. Continue noisy offering for Good Samaritan Fund through 10/23.

Board of Property and Management: Shannon provided a written and verbal report. Boiler violation – evidence has been submitted regarding the repairs done after 1/26/2022 inspection; Chapel update – Youth board submitted suggestions for better utilizing the chapel including modern technology, removing the pews and replacing with chairs/rollaway tables to provide

flexibility and brighten up the space, heating is an additional concern in the Chapel; Grinnell Insurance – Shannon and board are working on issues, including AED training/policy; Janitorial responsibilities – reviewing expectations to meet day to day duties of a PT janitor and discussed a “congregational work day” to address additional needs; Bell Tower – Board is requesting a capital project to tuckpoint the bell tower and additional areas of need, have one quote and continue to seek an additional quote; Water bill has taken a spike, looking into this; Donated Lord’s Prayer wall hanging (from Clarine Steffensen) location was discussed.

Board of Youth: Jen and Marci provided a written report. Marci led discussion of items in the report that included: 10/30/2022 Trunk or Treat event for Salem and the community; 10/30 3rd graders receive Bibles during 9 am service, currently in classes; 10/30 4 year olds receive picture Bibles during 9 am service; Faith Formation enrollment (4 yo – 6th grade) 35 students; Confirmation enrollment (7-8th graders) is 6 students; there are some Confirmation students attending the UNI Lock-in on 10/21-22 and some attending Riverside Retreat this fall.

Pastor Report – Complete Pastor reports are available for review in the church office.

Lead Pastor’s Report: Pastor Joel shared a written report that included Pastoral acts in August and accounting for vacation and continuing education days/Sundays used and planned. Additional topics in his report included:

- LMAMA – Participated by providing games for the Fall Festival – Salem sponsored Bingo.
- Confirmation – We have six confirmation students participating in our program this year. Three families have decided to participate in the program at Asbury United Methodist. We will be partnering with One Christ for the return to our annual field trip to Waverly or Decorah, this year Waverly on 9/26/2022. We have four youth attending the UNI Lock-in, Jill Budach and Pastor will be attending. On Wednesday, November 9, we will partner with One in Christ for the Community Food Drive.
- Community Food Pack – Living Waters Conference has been having conversations about sponsoring a Food Pack again.

Mary moved to approve Board/Pastor reports, seconded by Sue. All approved.

Old Business:

A. Constitution (Continued)

- a. Review ELCA Model Constitution and Guidelines – Shannon continues to review, is reaching out to resources at the Synod and is looking for members to participate in the review process.

New Business:

A. Members List – will continue to review and update. Board of Life and Growth will work on this.

B. Special Congregational meeting on 10/23/2022 after 9:00 am service – Capital Project Proposal

- a. At the September council meeting, it was agreed that a second quote was necessary before moving forward with capital project proposal. Smokie Kloster (board of Property/Management) contacted a few additional contractors without success as of 10/3. A previous quote from a few years ago came in at \$200k, but did entail more work overall. The initial quote of \$65k by Pajic Tuckpointing was provided early August. In the essence of time and to comply with 2 weeks prior notice of a special congregational meeting, Shannon sent out a group text to all Council members and Pastor Joel with discussion points to resolve moving forward. All contributed to the text discussion asking about project scope and funding. On 10/5 Shannon, representing board of Property/Management, attended the Stewardship/Social Ministry board meeting to discuss the potential capital project and funding. This meeting was also conveyed via text message to Council. At that time, Mary made a motion to call a special congregational meeting on Oct 23rd to ask the congregation to support and commit

to funding a tuckpointing capital project. Al seconded the motion. All were in favor.

C. Pastor Joel Retirement 2023

- a. ELCA North Iowa Synod Call Process Pilot Program – Shannon shared information from the Executive council meeting with Bishop Kevin Jones on 10/3/2022. Bishop Jones proposed a Call Process Pilot program that the synod has been trying that would allow us to form a call committee and begin work on the Ministry Site profile before Pastor Joel retires. Shannon further explained how this affects Pastor Joel’s role at Salem during this time. If approved by the council tonight, Bishop Jones will provide a video presentation for Salem that will be included during the church service this Sunday, 10/16/2022 and a representative of the Synod would attend the next Council meeting (11/3/2022) to further explain the process. Mary moved for Salem to participate in the Call Process Pilot program, seconded by Sue. All approved. Cindy will email Bishop Kevin Jones with our intention to move forward and he will send a video message to be shared this Sunday.

D. New members – None.

- E. Transfers/statistical adjustments – Transfer request from Diane Clark to Emmons Lutheran Church; Statistical adjustment request to remove Michael, Jill, Leighton and Taelynn Flugum from Salem active member list. Mary moved to accept transfer and statistical adjustment, seconded by Marci. All approved.

F. Next meeting will be held Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Al moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sondra. All approved. The meeting was adjourned.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Haugsdal

Salem Lutheran Church Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 23, 2022 10:00 am

Call to Order: President Shannon Bruhns established that a quorum of active members, 61, were present. Shannon called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer – Sondra Nelson

Purpose of the Meeting – To present details and request a vote to proceed regarding a capital project to tuckpoint/repair the bell tower and other specific areas of our church building.

Shannon began the meeting with an overview of our church building needs, including water damage from disrepair of brick/mortar of the bell tower and other areas of the building. Shannon and Derald Kloster presented a power point presentation that detailed the existing condition of the bell tower and other areas of the church building and the proposed tuckpointing/repairs/quote that have been received for this project. There is one quote from Pajic Tuckpointing LLC that was presented. Additional quotes have been sought, however, the 2 companies that were contacted and were considering submitting a quote have now decided not to submit quotes. Shannon cited testimonials and references that have been reviewed regarding Pajic Tuckpointing LLC. The PowerPoint presentation also included funding options that are being considered and the additional phases that will be required in the future to complete work on the steeple/window casings and interior plaster repairs/roof repairs. (Paper copies of the power point presentation were available for those in attendance and copies are available in the church office.)

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and comment. Bruce Adams shared his support for the project, citing previous estimates were associated with removal of the bell tower. There was a question from Gary Helgeson regarding the future of the bell tower after these repairs are completed. Shannon clarified that the intention is to do these repairs to preserve the bell tower. There were no further comments/questions.

Shannon requested a motion from the floor. Doug Bruhns moved to accept the bid from Pajic Tuckpointing LLC to tuckpoint/repair the bell tower and other designated areas of the church building, seconded by Wayne Van Veldhuizen. A voice vote was taken, with all in favor, none opposed.

There being no further business, Bruce Adams moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Craig Haugsdal. The meeting was adjourned.

Closing prayer – Sondra Nelson

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Haugsdal, Secretary

Lake Mills Clothes For Kids: *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 the tree at Salem (if we run out of tags, we will publish other locations where they can be picked up). Both electronic and physical tags will be available starting **November 20th**. For electronic sign-up go to: 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 them to Salem by **Sunday, December 11th**. 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. *Cash donations are accepted at the banks or send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue E, Lake Mills, IA 50450* Questions: LMClothesForKids@gmail.com*

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm, Fri: 10am-4pm

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

Tues: 10am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (2:30pm Text Study, 5:30pm Altar Guild)

Wed: Noon-8:00pm (10am Adult Bible Study)

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 6:30pm Church Council)

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (8am-10am Fellowship Breakfast)

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship Service, 10am Confirmation)

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

SUNDAY 10/30

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary
 10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall
 10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel
 10:00am Confirmation-Youth Room
 4:00pm-5:00pm Trunk or Treat-East Side of Salem

MONDAY 10/31

2:00pm-4:00pm Clothes Closet is OPEN (To schedule a different time, call 641.592.5085)
 2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN (101 S. Mill St.)

TUESDAY 11/1

5:30pm Altar Guild-Lounge

WEDNESDAY 11/2

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
 3:15pm Brownies-Room 2
 7:00pm Handbell Choir Practice-Choir Room

THURSDAY 11/3

9:30am Grace Circle-Lounge
 9:30am Ruth Circle-Salem Library
 9:30am Sarah Circle-Lois Johnson's Home
 1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study
 3:15pm Juniors-Room 2
 4:00pm-8:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved for Private Event
 6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Salem Library

FRIDAY 11/4

8:00am-10:00am Fellowship Breakfast-Lounge

SUNDAY 11/6

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (All Saints Sunday)
 10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall
 10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel
 10:00am Confirmation-Youth Room