



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–NOVEMBER 2ND–NOVEMBER 8TH

THIS 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



If We Honored One Another

In October 1517 Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses became public. It was a protest against the injustices he saw being committed by the church and its authorities. In today's readings we learn injustices were committed by the people in charge during biblical times as well, and times haven't changed. But while hypocrisy, bribery, and injustice seem a constant throughout our history, God's saving word is an even greater constant and a reason to thank God.

Luther, in his explanation of the fourth commandment, said we are honor not only our parents but also "others in authority." It makes sense to think of the commandment this way. Luther believed that honoring our parents and those in authority was akin to honoring God. But Luther doesn't stop there. It isn't enough for us to honor those with authority over us; they in turn are to honor us by providing for our physical and spiritual needs.

What would the world look like if we simply honored one another? If we really cared about caring for one another? It sounds like a utopian idea, but we shouldn't give up on it too easily. The church is and should be a resource for spreading the gospel, and while good works don't get us into heaven they are a tangible expression of the gospel's message.

It's easy to focus on what's wrong with people today. We are good at pointing fingers. But today's readings should prompt us to look at how we participate, as Paul puts it, in a life worthy of God, who calls us into God's kingdom and glory. God calls us into the kingdom through love and brings us to it through grace. How can your congregation give thanks for that amazing gift?

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) 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: 10/25/20	\$ 1,367
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 10/28/20	\$ 182,406
LAST YEAR: as of 10/28/19	\$ 217,777
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -35,371



WEEK AT A GLANCE

- MONDAY**-1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)
Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085
7:05 p.m. Nominating Committee meets
- TUESDAY**- 3:15 p.m. Daisys
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild
- WEDNESDAY**- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
1:15 pm 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

The Northwood Lions Club and the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, November 5th from noon until 5 pm at the Northwood VFW, North(HWY 65). If you would like to schedule an appointment you may do so by calling Bob Perry (641-324-2252) or online at redcrossblood/RapidPass and you will save 15 minutes of your valuable time. Precautions will be taken involving COVID-19 which will require the following: all will be required to wear a mask, temperatures will be taken as well as a series of questions will be asked for everyone's safety.

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS –TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: AMOS 5:18-24

PSALM: 70

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

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

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 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:

Nov. 15, 22, Dec. 13