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# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 10 - 16

### Be Not Afraid

How would you live if you were not afraid? Fear is used by politicians to gain our votes, by the media to get our attention, by advertising firms to sell us what we don't need, and by TV evangelists to get our donations. What fears are used against us? One is scarcity, the fear that we won't have enough or won't get our share. Our false belief that having more money and "stuff" will save us binds us as slaves. In many cases, having less can free us to live by faith.

The writer of Hebrews 11:1 states, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Normally, we read forward from this verse, but the word "Now" is a clue that we should look back. Hebrews 10:39 says, "But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved." Who shrinks back? Those who are afraid. Who are saved? By implication, those who do not shrink back and are not afraid. So fear is not only a faith issue but an issue of our salvation. And is that not what we would expect? What more do we need to be saved from than our worst fears? What good is a savior who does not help us confront our fears? As noted above, our fears are the handles that marketers, politicians, and supervisors often use to control us and bend us to their plans and desires.

But like the pain that warns us of injury and nausea that tells us we are becoming ill, our fear has a positive use: it lets us know our vulnerability, and it tells us what we truly value and truly trust. "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). The powers and principalities promise us what we can see. Where do we put our true faith and trust?

**Guest Book:** If you are visiting Salem today, we welcome you and invite you to sign our guest book, located in the Narthex, and we hope to see you again!

## THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 5:6-11  
Psalm 46  
Romans 5:1-2  
John 15:1-11

## NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

Each week we will lift up five church families/ members in prayer.  
**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:** David & Patricia Young, Allen and Melanie Zabell, Robert, Fern, Andrew and Joshua Zabel, Faye Aamodt, Carol Abbey

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  
12-Jordan Dahlberg                      13-Marilyn Storby                      16-Molly Koeppen

## -WEEKLY GIVING-

**LAST 2 SUNDAYS:** 11/3/24:     \$ 9,222  
**YEAR-TO-DATE:** 11/4/24:     \$ 169,343  
**LAST YEAR:** as of 11/4/23:     \$ 153,901  
**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:**     \$ 15,442

**Last Weeks Attendance**  
91

**Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update:** Total received as of 11/4/24 **\$167,397**

Total available balance as of 9/30/24 **\$59,949.32** All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the "Steeple Project" in the memo when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

## Memorials Given in October:

Wayne Sprecher: \$40-Steeple, \$25-Worship & Music, \$50-Good Samaritan, \$25-Building, \$25 Altar Guild, \$25-Youth, \$25-Organ Maintenance  
Cathy Charlson: \$710-Steeple, \$10 Cemetery

**Upcoming Blood Drive:** Thursday, November 21; In the Fellowship Hall 1:30-6:00pm. Appointments Are Encouraged. Call: 800-287-4903 or Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or visit: [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org)

**Toys For Tots:** We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys until December 10th. for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The collection box has been set out across from the church office. After collection, they will distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

**LAKE MILLS CLOTHES FOR KIDS 2024:** *Let's Clothe Our children. Donations will be distributed throughout the Lake Mills Community School District to children ages birth to 18.* **What to do:** Pick a Christmas Tag (with a child's needs/sizes on it) from the electronic sign-up or from the tree here at Salem, then purchase the items on the child's tag, wrap in one box, attach the original tag to the gift, and deliver it to the Salem office by **Friday, December 13th**. Tag availability: Electronic tags starting November 16th and physical tags by November 29th. For electronic sign-up go to: **[tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids](https://tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids)**  
Monetary donations are accepted at FTSB and MBT Banks of Lake Mills. 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. Questions: [LMClothesForKids@gmail.com](mailto:LMClothesForKids@gmail.com)

**Lutefisk Supper:** Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Emmons Lutheran Church. Serving at 11:00am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Adults \$25, Children (10 & under) Free. Menu: lutefisk, meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, sweet pepper coleslaw, cranberry relish, lefse, pastries. Tickets can be purchased at Emmons Lutheran Church, Emmons Security Bank and Lake Mills MBT bank.

**Live Stream Sponsorship: Dates available in 2024: Nov 24. Dec 29.**  
**Dates available 2025:** Jan 5, 19, 26, Feb 9, 16, 23, March 9, 16, 23, 30, May 4, June 8, 15, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Sept 14, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 7, 28. Cost is \$40. Call the office to sponsor.

**Salem Office: 592.1771** Monday-Friday 9:30am-1:30pm  
(Hours subject to change. Feel free to call the office to ensure it's open.)  
Find us on Facebook: Salem Lake Mills or visit [www.salemlakemills.com](http://www.salemlakemills.com)

**Chili Cook-Off:** Asbury Methodist Church, Lake Mills has invited us to their Chili Cook-off, either to compete in the cook-off or to attend and enjoy. Everyone attending is asked to bring something that goes along with chili and after the judging they will have a chili potluck. Asbury will provide beverages and table service. This event will be held on Sunday, November 24th at 5pm. To register as a competitor, please call Pastor Rob at 641-525-0871

**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)**

## **ALL ARE INVITED FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP**

### **SUNDAY 11/10**

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

### **MONDAY 11/11**

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters

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

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

### **WEDNESDAY 11/13**

6:00pm Confirmation Class-Choir Room

### **THURSDAY 11/14**

9:30am Fine Arts Guild-Lounge

10:00 Life & Growth Board Meeting-Choir Room

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

### **SUNDAY 11/17**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Judy Wozniak) (Pastor Liz Bell)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel