

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

**November 13 - 19**

### **From Life to Death and Death to Life**

In our baptisms we move *spiritually from death to life*. We are reminded of this in the words from the service of Holy Baptism: “In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 227). We begin in death, and grace raises us to life. Still, we tend to focus on the spiritual nature of this change or transformation.

It is easy to forget that by the very nature of that baptism, we can in an instant move *physically from life to death* for the sake of the life we are gifted with in baptism. We hear the words of promise and trust in the gifts and blessings of baptism, but overlook the accompanying responsibility. Like a teenager with a brand new driver’s license we relish our newfound freedom and may forget all those other drivers on the road whose safety depends upon the new driver.

The new life we receive in baptism is a life that is lived to God each day. On any given day we may be called upon to renounce, in some way, the God we serve and love. On any given day, we may be called upon to stand up for life—or for *a* life, or for *our own* life—or for someone’s freedom or safety, or for love, perhaps even under threat of death. Many around the world live that kind of life every day for the sake of the gospel. Jesus encouraged disciples to always be ready for the tests and trials that will somehow surely come. As we grow in the obedience, courage, patience, and love we need to keep the faith in difficult times.

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

**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:** Roxanne Pals, Marcia Pedersen, Rachel, Walker and Alayna Pederson, Twyla Pederson, Gary, Cindy and Megan Pederson



**THIS WEEKS TEXTS**

**Malachi 4:1-2a**  
**Psalm 98**  
**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**  
**Luke 21:5-19**

**NEXT WEEKS TEXTS**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**  
**Psalm 46**  
**Colossians 1:11-20**  
**Luke 23:33-43**

**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

13-Marilyn Storby	15-TJ Ashley	17-Christopher Helgeson
13-Kelly Myers	16-Molly Koeppen	17-Kirby Holtan
13-Christopher Alphas	17-Armani Garcia	18-Bruce Rogness
14-Shane Peterson	17-Michael Kane	18-Kristine Severson
		18-Charlotte Mosby

**-WEEKLY GIVING-**

**LAST SUNDAY:** 11/6/22      \$ 3,796

**YEAR-TO-DATE:** 11/8/22      \$ 178,754

**LAST YEAR:** as of 11/8/21      \$ 197,289

**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:**      \$ - 18,544

**Memorials Given In October:**

Roger Fjelstad--\$30 General Fund, \$10 Cemetery Fund

Carol Moe--\$15 General Fund

Ardis Langfald--\$300 General Fund, \$25 Tuck Pointing Fund

**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!



**Join us** for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service in the Chapel at 7pm; Wednesday, November 23rd.

**Lake Mills Community Thanksgiving Meal – November 24th:** 11:00am-12:30pm. Asbury United Methodist Church, Lake Mills. A free ready-to-eat turkey dinner with all the trimmings and pumpkin pie will be pre-packaged for curbside pickup or you can eat in the fellowship hall. Donations will be accepted, but not required. People are encouraged to request the number of meals needed by calling 641-592-5742 or 641-592-3389 by Thursday, November 17th.

**WECLA** will meet on Thursday, November 17th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Joel will lead the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine

**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](http://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.



**Thank You** to everyone who participated in the trunk or treat event and all of those that donated snacks and baked goods. We really appreciate all of you!!!

**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](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 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](mailto:LMClothesForKids@gmail.com)*



**Hanging Of The Greens:** We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, November 26th at 9:00am. Please join us!!!



# Hanging *of the* Greens

**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

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

## **Pastor Joel Guttormson**

Mon: Off, but on-call

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

Wed: Noon-8:00pm (10am Adult Bible Study, 6pm Property Meeting)

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 2pm WELCA, 4pm Life/Growth Meeting, 5:45pm Worship/Music Meeting)

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

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

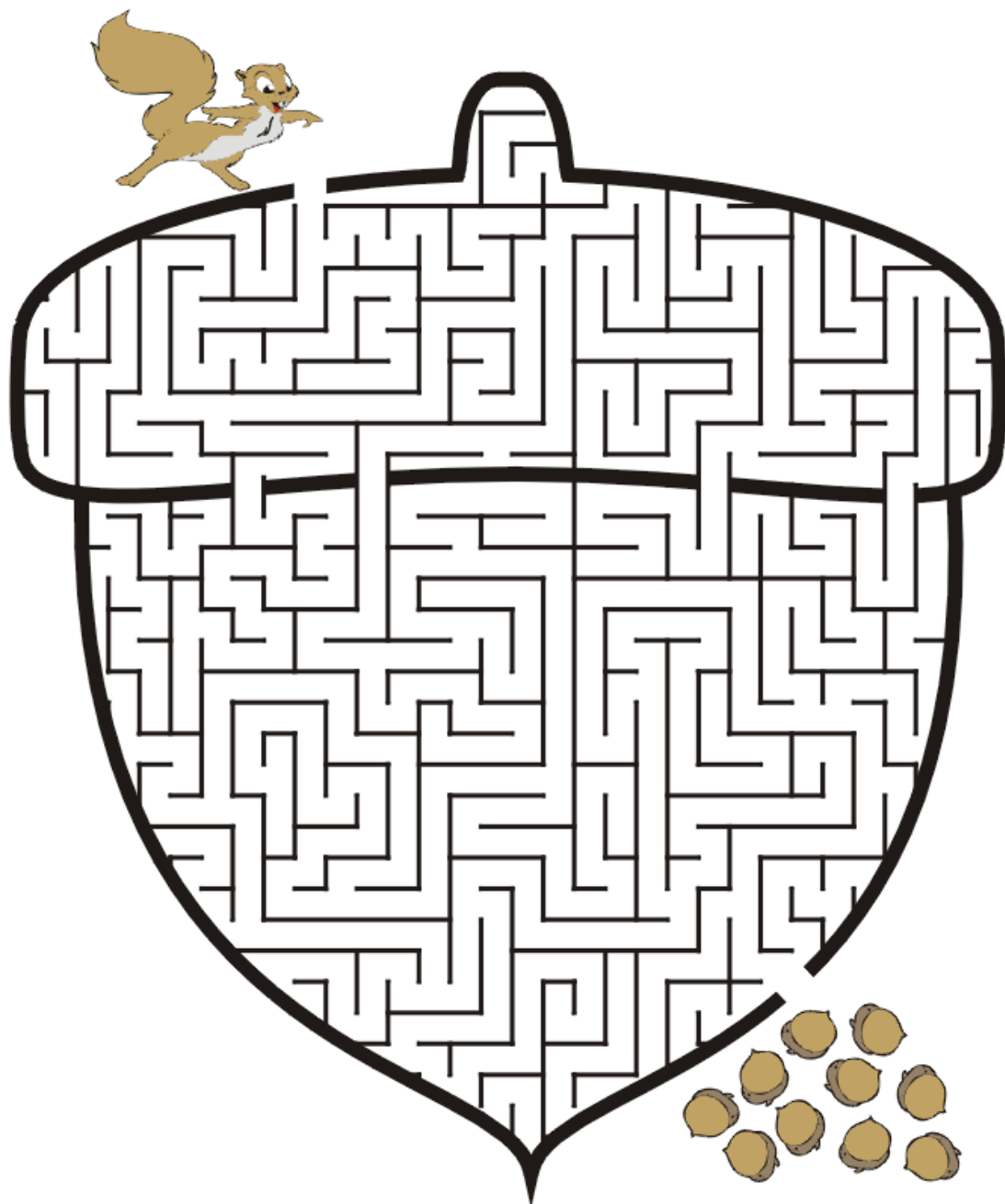


## Fall Word Unscramble

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| 1. daehiy    | 1. _____  |
| 2. sruenwfol | 2. _____  |
| 3. rrqusile  | 3. _____  |
| 4. seleva    | 4. _____  |
| 5. kare      | 5. _____  |
| 6. derci     | 6. _____  |
| 7. nmutua    | 7. _____  |
| 8. pape      | 8. _____  |
| 9. rseebpmte | 9. _____  |
| 10. uipnkpm  | 10. _____ |
| 11. nroca    | 11. _____ |
| 12. ycilhl   | 12. _____ |



Help the squirrel through the maze to find its acorns



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

**SUNDAY 11/13**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary  
10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall  
10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel  
10:00am Confirmation-Youth Room

**MONDAY 11/14**

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge  
1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall  
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.)

**WEDNESDAY 11/16**

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall  
12:00pm Brownies-Room 2  
6:00pm Property Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm Handbell Choir Practice-Choir Room

**THURSDAY 11/17**

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study  
2:00pm WELCA-Fellowship Hall  
4:00pm Life & Growth Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
5:45pm Worship & Music Board Meeting

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