

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

**November 13 – November 21**

### **Real Strength in Community of Faith**

What makes something strong? Is steel strong because of its ability to withstand stress from many directions? Is wood strong because of its ability to absorb impact while remaining intact? Is the material of a spider's web strong because of its tensile strength-to-weight ratio? Things are strong for many reasons. The temple in Jerusalem was thought to be stronger and more permanent than anything, yet Jesus says in Mark, "Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down" (Mark 13:2). Jesus shows hearers that true strength is not built upon the oppression of widows (Mark 12:41-44).

Many of the world's most prized structures are built on the shoulders of the poor and oppressed. How many homes in poorer areas of cities have been destroyed by the need for a new or wider highway? How many workers living in poverty died building the Golden Gate or Brooklyn Bridges, the Hoover Dam or the Empire State Building? In order for human beings to build structures of great strength, they must rely on sacrifice and compromise. Can any human standard of strength be achieved without making something else weak?

Real strength, however, is not shown in things built by human hands. Real strength is found in the hands themselves. True strength is shown in workers reporting to work day after day in impossible conditions because it's the only way to feed their family. It is shown by an entire community of God's people linking their trembling hands as they share the "confession of our hope without wavering" (Heb. 10:23). The new, true temple, Jesus' faithful strength, succumbs in weakness to human-made nails. While the nails lie rusting away, the wounded hands and body rise again to break bread with all on the journey down the path of life.

## CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

During this time of social distancing, there are several ways to continue your giving.

-- By mail.

-- By "Simply Giving"- Sign up for weekly or monthly ACH withdrawals. Call the office to get a form.

-- By PayPal- Go to our website home page ([www.salemlakemills.com](http://www.salemlakemills.com)) and scroll to the bottom left- there is a Donate button. Click on that and it will take you to a PayPal or credit card donation page.

### **-WEEKLY GIVING-**

<b>LAST SUNDAY:</b> 11/7/21	\$ 4,802
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE:</b> as of 11/8/21	\$ 197,298
<b>LAST YEAR:</b> as of 11/8/20	\$ 191,903
<b>DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:</b>	\$ 5,395

### **THIS WEEKS TEXTS**

[Daniel 12:1-3](#)

The deliverance of God's people at the end

[Psalm 16](#)

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

[Hebrews 10:11-14 \[15-18\] 19-25](#)

The way to God opened through Christ's death

[Mark 13:1-8](#)

The end and the coming of the Son

### **NEXT WEEKS TEXTS**

[Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14](#)

The one coming with the clouds rules over all

[Psalm 93](#)

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

[Revelation 1:4b-8](#)

Glory to the one who made us a kingdom

[John 18:33-37](#)

The kingdom of Christ

**Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer. We ask that you also remember them in your daily prayers.**

**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:**

**Delzer/Brainerd Family (Amanda, Christian, Morgan)**

**Ashley Dennhardt**

**Dilly Family (Jason, Jaci, Randi)**

**Laura Downing**

**Robert & Terri Drugg**

[Suggested Best Practices for Salem Members](#)

As we continue to experience community spread of Covid-19 and we enter flu season please keep in mind the following recommendations and best practices to protect yourself and others while worshipping here at Salem:

- Monitor your own health – If you are not feeling well or have had a possible exposure to Covid-19, please stay home.
- Wash your hands often, hand sanitizer is available at the west entry doors and in the Narthex. Sharing the peace without contact is preferred and safer for all.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Masking is optional for those who have been vaccinated. Masking is strongly recommended for those not vaccinated. Show respect for all members who choose to wear a mask. Masks are available at the west entry doors and in the Narthex.
- Maintaining distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household provides you better protection from those without symptoms that could spread the virus.

[Norma Thompson Update:](#) Norma transferred to Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake. If anyone would like to send her something in the mail, this is her address:

Norma Thompson – Room 111

400 Highway 18 West

Clear Lake, IA 50428

**Choir**: Anyone interested in singing in a choir every Sunday in December? All ages are welcome to join! Please call the office! (641.592.1771). Practice will be on Wednesdays at 7pm in the choir room, starting November 17th.

**WECLA** will meet on Thursday, November 18th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Joel will lead the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine.

### **Memorials given in October**

Jerome Hermanson	\$175 -- Youth
	\$175 – Building
Michael Gardner	\$60 – Disaster Relief

**Lake Mills Community Thanksgiving Meal – November 25th**: A free turkey meal with all the trimmings will be cooked, pre-packaged and ready for curbside pickup at Asbury United Methodist Church, 107 E Main St. Each meal will be packaged individually so that the number of meals requested is the same as the number of meals prepared. Pickup hours will be 11:00am - 12:30pm, or until gone, on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th. People are encouraged to request the number of meals needed by calling 641-592-5742 by Thursday, November 18.

**2022 ELCA Youth Gathering** Registration for the gathering in Minneapolis, MN July 24-28, 2022 is now open. Salem along with One In Christ are excited to take youth to this amazing event. Students that have completed 9th grade in 2022 are invited to attend the gathering. We are trying to gather interest numbers to start the planning process should there be enough interest. Please contact the office (641.592.1771) if you have a student interested in attending. This is not a commitment, but just seeing if there is interest. An informational meeting giving more information about the event, fundraising, etc. will be held if there is enough interested in attending.

**Barbra Tweed's** family would like everyone to know that she is now living at the Concord Care Center in Garner Iowa.

**Toys for Tots:** There is a donation box across from the Chapel if anyone would like to make a donation. Toys are to be new and unwrapped. The last day to donate will be Sunday, December 12th.

**Noisy Offering Update:** The total we collected to support those who continue to suffer from the aftereffects of Hurricane Ida was \$499.53

**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

**Operation Clothes for Kids:** 12th Annual Operation. Let's clothe our Children! Donations will be distributed throughout the Lake Mills Community School District 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 locations: Salem (outside the office) Farmers Trust and Savings Bank, Manufactures Bank and Trust, Uptown Fitness or Swallow Coffeehouse. (If all of those trees are empty, call the office to find other locations)
- Both electronic and physical Tags will be available for pick up starting Sunday, **November 21st**. Just in time for all those Black Friday deals! For electronic sign up go to [tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids](http://tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids).
- Purchase the items on the child's tag, wrap in one box, attach the original tag to the gift and deliver/return to the listed locations by Sunday **December 12th**. Feel free to team up and share costs.
- 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 LMCS Nurse's office, 102 S. 4th Ave East, Lake Mills IA 50450. Make checks payable to LMCS Clothes for Kids. Questions: [LMClothesForKids@gmail.com](mailto:LMClothesForKids@gmail.com)

**Radio Sponsorship: Reserve your special date to sponsor an 8:30am radio broadcast. The service is heard on KLOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2. Cost is \$83.**

CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE. 641.592.1771

**2022 RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:**

Jan. 2, Jan. 16, Feb. 10, Feb. 20, March 13, March 27, May 1, May 8, May 22, June 12, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 25

**We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday.**

**Pastor's Schedule**

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Off, but on-call

Tuesday: Off, but on-call (2:30pm Pastors Text Study)

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

Thursday: Noon-8pm(2pm WELCA, 4pm Life & Growth Board Meeting)

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

Saturday: Noon-8pm (5:30pm Worship Service)

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

**Secretary**

Marci Adeogun

Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm

Friday: 10am-4pm

Sat-Sun: Off

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**THANKS**

— With a —

**GRATEFUL**

**HEART**



SATURDAY 11/13

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 11/14

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am-10:45am Faith Formation-Chapel

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room

11:00am Youth & Education Board Meeting-Library

MONDAY 11/15

2:00pm-4:00pm Clothes Closet is Open

(Call 641-592-5085 to schedule alternate time by appt.)

6:00pm Quilt Club

TUESDAY 11/16

3:15pm Juniors-Preschool Room

WEDNESDAY 11/17

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 11/18

2:00pm WELCA-Fellowship Hall

3:15pm Cadettes-Preschool Room

4:00pm Life & Growth Board Meeting

SATURDAY 11/20

10:00am Visitation, 11:00am Funeral Service for Clarine Moe

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 11/21

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am-10:45am Faith Formation-Chapel

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room