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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 – TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST–

NOVEMBER 16TH -NOVEMBER 22ND

THIS WEEKS TEXTS– TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

PSALM: 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30



What does it mean to be awake to the grace of God?

In a time in history when so many people are discouraged with work, home, life, and church, a word from Jesus' parables may be healing, enriching, and startlingly attractive. The gospel text today is an opportunity to remind the people of God that there is a depth to faith that is sustainable. In fact, beneath the parables of Jesus is a depth it will take a lifetime to unpack.

Awake to the Grace of God

Linked with the reading from 1 Thessalonians and Psalm 90, Jesus' parable of the talents invites a full-hearted response to God's lavish gifts of faith and purpose: "Use 'em if you've got 'em!" The people of God are meant to be engaged, alert, and ready to share what we have received from our prodigally (wastefully) generous God. While the parable has sometimes been interpreted in the context of judgment, a careful reading also spotlights the beauty of the faith-generated response to God's lavish grace.

One word for this is *stewardship*. Presented in light of God's gift of faith and purpose, this "churchy" term can today be transformed to new understanding in the proclamation of the gospel text. Instead of the weight of obligation and duty we so often associate with religion, we are invited today to another way: What does it mean to be awake to the grace of God?

On the surface Jesus' parable is a simple premise: the contrast of workers who please and workers who disappoint their master. Psalm 90 sings to us to carefully treasure our lifetimes, for there is something at stake. First Thessalonians is a letter reminding people they have exactly what they need to survive and thrive.

SALEM RECORDS– OCTOBER

Memorials:

Robyn Twito \$20 General Fund

Hazel Skatter- \$10 Heat/AC

Donation \$50.00 Mission Quilters

Transfer:

Wedding:

Makenzie Thorson/Dawson VanRyswyk

Baptisms:

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: 11/8/20	\$ 2,337
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 11/12/20	\$ 191,668
LAST YEAR: as of 11/12/19	\$ 225,607
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -33,939



WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY-1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)
(Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

WEDNESDAY- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Zoom Confirmation

SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m. In-sanctuary services

NEXT SUNDAY- 9:00 a.m. In-sanctuary services (note time change)
10:05 a.m. Faith Formation(note time change)

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS –CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

PSALM: 95:1-7a

SECOND READING: Ephesian 1:15-23

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The annual community Thanksgiving meal will not be stopped by COVID-19, but will take on a new look.

The traditional turkey meal with all the trimmings will be cooked, pre-packaged and ready for curbside pickup to be taken home and enjoyed. Asbury United Methodist Church, located at 107 E Main St. will again be the site for meal pick-up.

Drivers should use North Grant Street to collect their food from the east side of the church. The planning committee felt it was important to continue offering the meal at no cost to anyone who would enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, vegetable, roll and pumpkin pie.

Members from various Lake Mills area churches will help prepare and package the meals. 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 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26.

People are encouraged to request the number of meals needed by calling [641-592-5742](tel:641-592-5742) or [592-3389](tel:592-3389) by Thursday, November 19.

Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2020 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The service is heard on K1OW (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. 22, Dec. 13