
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 17 – 23

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.

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

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Drake Abbey, Bruce Adams, Christopher, Diana and Paige Adams, Jerry Adams, Justin Adams

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

17-Chris Helgeson

18-Kristine Severson

21-Alan Skellenger

17-Kirby Holtan

18-Charlotte Mosby

23-Marci Prescott

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST 2 SUNDAYS: 11/10/24:

No update this

Last Weeks Attendance

YEAR-TO-DATE: 11/10/24:

week due to the

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LAST YEAR: as of 11/10/23:

financial secretary

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:

being unavailable

Poinsettias: If anyone would like to share a poinsettia with Salem for Christmas, we welcome you do so. If you plan to bring one in honor of or in memory of someone, please let Marci know and we will include it in the bulletin.

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

-- **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)

Baptism: We welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Sophia Lucille Allard, daughter of Grace Okland & Kyle Allard. Sophia will be baptized November 17, 2024 at Salem Lutheran Church. Her godparents are Riley Isham and Kylie Okland. Her grandparents are Heather Albrecht, Ali Isham and Luke Allard. Her great-grandparents are Greg & Lucy Hrubes and Margaret Okland.

Sunday, December 1st come celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Salem Lutheran Church as we gather to commemorate this ministry milestone. Worship and special music begin at 9:00 am followed by brunch served in the Fellowship Hall and a program to note the history of Salem.

Deuteronomy 28:6
Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.



Free Community Thanksgiving Meal: November 28; 11:00am-12:30pm; Asbury United Methodist Church, 107 E. Main St. Lake Mills. Turkey dinner includes mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, vegetable, roll and pumpkin pie ready for curbside pickup or people may dine in the church's fellowship hall. Each meal is packaged individually, the number of meals pre-requested is the same as the number of meals prepared. **Request the number of meals needed by calling 641-590-5212 or 641-592-3389 by Thursday, November 21.**

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

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: lifesesrvebloodcenter.org

Hanging Of The Greens: We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, **November 30th at 9:00am.** Please join us!



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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.

Save The Date: Please join the Salem Confirmation Students for Christmas Caroling. It's fun to share Christmas cheer with others and as always, the more the merrier! Everyone is invited and welcome to join in. Lyrics will be provided. We will meet at **5:30pm on Wed., Dec. 18th**, in the Fellowship Hall and then car-pool to the care center, assisted living and other community members' homes. Dress warm and bring a flashlight if you have one. After caroling we will gather for hot chocolate and goodies in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join us, please call the office so we can plan ahead (if we have enough people, we can split into 2 groups, and make a route for each group to follow). If you know of someone who needs some Christmas cheer, please call the office. 592-1771

Save the Date: Our Faith Formation kiddos will present their Christmas Program on **Sun. Dec. 15th** during the 9:00am service with a **Birthday Party for Jesus** in the Fellowship Hall after the program. **Everyone is Welcome!**

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** 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

Salem's Clothes Closet is open every Monday from 2:00-4:00pm; and can be accessed at the south entrance. Clothes, shoes, boots, coats, jackets and a few other kids' items are available for free. We also accept donations; please make sure donations are folded and have no holes, tears or stains. Donations can be left inside the south entrance anytime.



The Lake Mills Food Shelf is open 2:00-5:00pm every Monday for anyone in need of additional food. The only criteria for eligibility is to reside within the Lake Mills School District. The Food Shelf is located at Salem and can be accessed at the south entrance. Anyone in need of food when the food shelf is not open, please feel free to call and leave a message at 641-592-1771 and someone will call back.

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 11/4/24 **\$167,397**
Total available balance as of 10/31/24 **\$60,699.32** All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the "Steeple Project" in the memo when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

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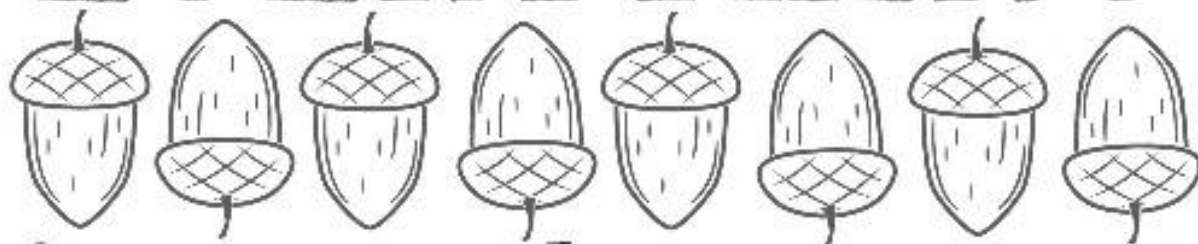
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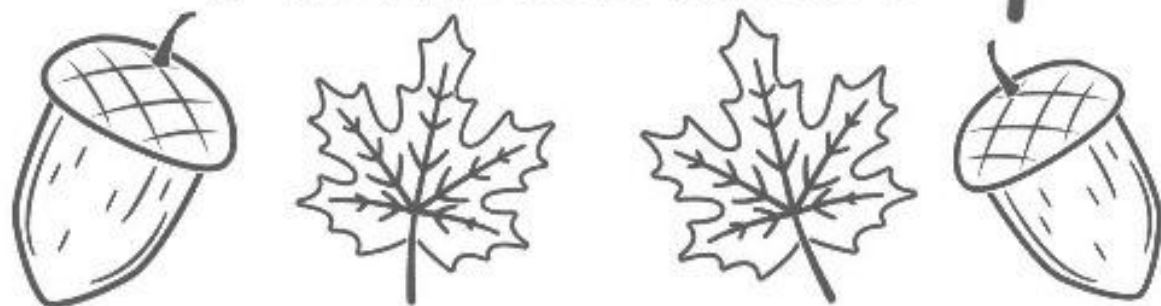
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ALL ARE INVITED FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11/17

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

MONDAY 11/18

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

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

6:30pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 11/20

10:00am Bible Study-Choir Room

5:45pm Worship & Music Board Meeting-Library

6:00pm Confirmation Class-Choir Room

THURSDAY 11/21

10:30 Life & Growth Board Meeting-Library

1:00pm-6:00pm Blood Drive-Fellowship Hall

2:00pm WELCA-Lounge

SUNDAY 11/24

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10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

Live Stream Sponsorship: Dates available in 2024: 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 Hours change weekly. This week...Mon: 10am-3pm, Tues: 10am-5pm, Wed: 10am-2pm, Thurs: 10am-5pm, Fri: 10am-2pm.

(Hours subject to change. Feel free to call the office to ensure it's open.)

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