

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 20 – November 28

Love Redefines Power and Dominion

In fairy tales, kings live in a castle, usually located on a hill (a safe place), surrounded by a moat for the utmost protection for the king and family. Modern political leaders often have more technologically advanced means to provide a similar level of safety against would-be attackers. Because of these preconceived notions of what kings are, hearers will need to be reminded that Jesus redefined the title “king.” The appointed psalm says, “The waters have lifted up, O LORD, . . . the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high” (Ps. 93:3-4). While a king might have the ability to sail atop a roaring, chaotic sea, Christ the King is one who stills the waves (Mark 4:35-41).

In John’s gospel for today, Jesus says “For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth” (John 18:37). Perhaps the ‘this’ Jesus is referring to is a motioning with his hands to the cross, the most clear demonstration of God’s love for humanity and the truest definition of kingship. Jesus redefines what power is and what people think God’s power looks like to fight evil and suffering in the world. Jesus does not resist the way of the cross with force.

Rather than protecting himself from harm in any way, the vulnerable King Jesus dares to demonstrate God’s love for all people. Jesus does not run from pain, anguish, or suffering. Rather, the risen Jesus, “the ruler of the kings of the earth” (Rev. 1:5), rushes to the places of disaster and suffering in the world. Jesus goes where storms are ravaging and have ravaged lives and brings life and calm into the chaos.

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) 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-

LAST SUNDAY: 11/14/21	\$ 3,782
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 11/15/21	\$ 201,080
LAST YEAR: as of 11/15/20	\$ 195,053
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 6,027

THIS 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

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#)

A righteous branch springing up from David

[Psalm 25:1-10](#)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

[1 Thessalonians 3:9-13](#)

Strengthen hearts of holiness for the coming of the Lord

[Luke 21:25-36](#)

Be alert for the coming of the Son of Man

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:

Jade and Shelly Durnil

Eaton Family (Christopher, Karla, Parker, Bennett, Carson)

Bridget Edson

Eidness Family (Steven, Judy, Jenna, Joshua, Lacie)

Eidness Family (David, Judy, Stephanie, Courtney, Katlyn)

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.

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.

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

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service: Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

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.

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.
- 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

BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

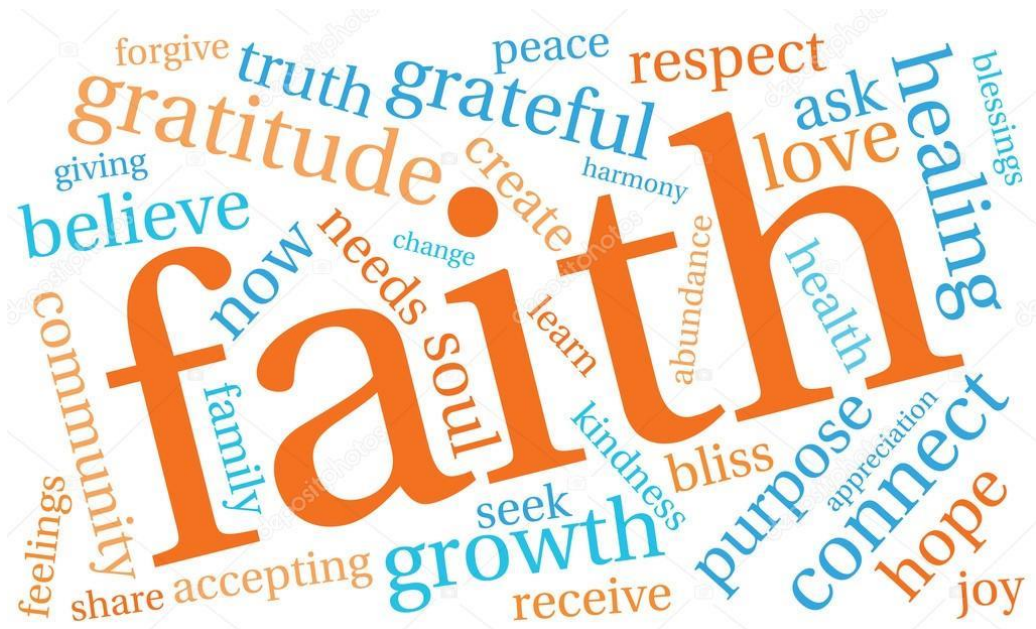
You might have noticed the odor of mold and have heard of the mold issue we have in the fellowship hall. The building and property board has assessed the problem and will be working to fix it in the coming week. There is a leaking radiator pipe on the southeast corner that has caused the mold issue behind the wainscoting. Johnson heating has been notified to fix the leak and Erich and Andy Stene will address the issue with the mold and replacing the wainscoting. They also will be addressing the peeling paint on the northwest corner of the fellowship hall where the big wreath is displayed. Doug and Candy Hannah who own Duraclean will be professionally cleaning the carpets in the coming week. This should resolve the issue. A big thank you to the members of the building and property board for their attention to this. Our fellowship hall is used extensively not only on Sundays for the coffee hour but also for special family celebrations such as birthdays, a gathering space after funerals, weekly bible studies, Life Serve blood bank and a host of other community events. We can be proud of the hospitality provided in this well-equipped and maintained space. Thank you also for the financial support that allows it all to happen.

God's Work Our Hands: The Salvation Army of Winnebago County will be placing a bell at David's Marketplace this holiday season and need bell ringers! Bell ringing shifts are in 2 hour blocks on Friday afternoons, Saturdays, and Sundays. Businesses, organizations, and individuals are all welcome to sign up! You can contact Jamie Kite at 641.512.4951 to volunteer your time!

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.

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.

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



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

Radio sponsorship costs \$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, 1:30pm Mills Harbour Communion Service, 2:30pm Care Center Communion Service, 7pm Worship Service)

Thursday: Holiday

Friday: Holiday

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

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

Secretary

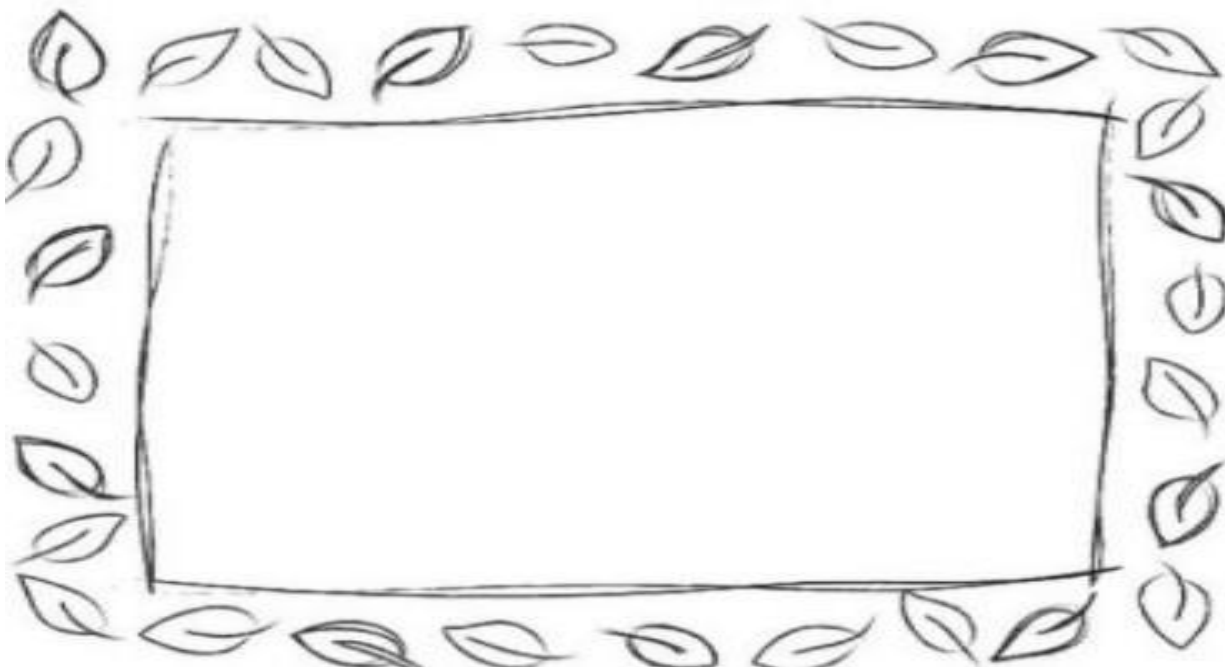
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Mon-Wed 10am-5pm

Thus-Fri: Holiday

Sat-Sun: Off

I AM THANKFUL FOR



SATURDAY 11/20

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

MONDAY 11/22

Fellowship Hall will be closed the entire day for carpet cleaning

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

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

3:15pm Daisies-Preschool Room

TUESDAY 11/23

3:15pm Brownies-Preschool Room

WEDNESDAY 11/24

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service-Sanctuary

THURSDAY 11/25

Closed for Holiday

FRIDAY 11/26

Closed for Holiday

SATURDAY 11/27

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 11/28

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room