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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 – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY–

NOVEMBER 16TH -NOVEMBER 22ND

THIS 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



We Embody the Presence of Christ

It is possible that the biggest barrier to accepting this as our lifelong vocation is not a lack of faith but a lack of imagination.

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we receive a parable from Jesus challenging and inspiring our imaginations to grasp our whole vocation that is celebrated in baptism: to embody Christ in every moment and to engage every part of our world as Christ's redeemed creation.

The parable of the sheep and the goats has sometimes been used to instill fear of God's judgment. However, it is possible that Jesus' point here is to urge his disciples to share God's generous saving grace with all. Jesus' parables consistently offer a simple setting and story, but behind them lie a world of rich meaning that takes a lifetime to unpack. For this reason, Jesus' parables are important texts for the postmodern church, which is hungry for story, for connection, and for meaning for our faithful lifelong questions.

With shepherding texts from Ezekiel and the Psalms as well as Ephesians, an epistle written to build faith, we have a constellation of texts that make the shape of God's intimate—even incarnational—love of creation. The parable even suggests that being merely intentional about ministry in the name of Jesus is not the point. After all, both "sheep" and "goats" groups are equally shocked at the news that Jesus was present in those relationships involving thirst, imprisonment, and so forth. Instead, Jesus seems to invite us to wonder what's at the deepest foundation of our presence and purpose—and perhaps even walk away faithfully bewildered at the possibilities of God's kingdom being practiced on earth as it is in heaven.

What if we really do embody the presence of Christ?

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: 11/15/20	\$ 3,150
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 11/18/20	\$ 194,818
LAST YEAR: as of 11/18/19	\$ 230,145
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -35,327



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
7:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship
(Bring non-perishable food item to donate to food bank)
- 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 –First Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

PSALM: 80:1-7, 17-19

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

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 KIOW (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:
Dec. 13

2021 BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:
Jan. 3, March 7, April 18, April 23,
May 2, May 9, May 23, June 13