

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 27 – December 5

Don't Wait for the Kingdom—See It

As Advent begins, we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' first coming to the world in the light of a text that promises his final coming. We, like the gospel writer, Luke, live in the time between these two "advents" of Jesus. Today's gospel gives us guidance on how to live faithfully as we wait for Jesus to return. However, in this in-between time, it is easy for us to become distracted and lose sight of the promises of Jesus. Daily tasks and routines can lull us into apathy. Ease and success can allow us to ignore our spiritual needs. Struggles, setbacks, and disappointments can cause us to lose hope and fall into despair. But Jesus tells us we should not feel beaten down or defeated by the struggles of this world, but instead "stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

Jesus goes on to say that there will be signs, signs of new life and growth, such as the sprouting of a leaf on a fig tree in the summertime. These signs are perceptible to us here and now. These signs help us know that God's kingdom is coming. In fact, they remind us that in Jesus, God's kingdom has already come near, and Jesus words will not pass away until this kingdom has fully come. We should live with our eyes focused on today's signs that demonstrate God's reign and trust that Jesus' redemption of the world will one day be complete.

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: 11/21/21	\$ 4,437
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 11/23/21	\$ 205,517
LAST YEAR: as of 11/23/20	\$ 195,200
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 10,317

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A righteous branch springing up from David

Psalms 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

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Malachi 3:1-4

My messenger is a refiner and purifier

Luke 1:68-79

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Lk. 1:78)

Philippians 1:3-11

A harvest of righteousness on the day of Jesus Christ

Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord

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:

John Ekstrand
Linda Ellingson
Leah Engelbarts
Erickson/Melton Family (Brian, Sara, Dylan)
Joy Evans

This week the following members will be celebrating their birthdays and we would like to wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

November

28-Courtney Bloomingdale

29-Glenavonne Fjelstad

30-Darrel Davidson

December

1-Larry Voldahl

2-Christine Budach

2-Cassidy Cox

2-Oliver Hagen

3-Rebecca Beery

3-Kathy Henderson

3-Holly Aukes

3-Andrea Ostrander

3-Mae Helgeson

4-Diana Haugen

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.

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.

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!

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

Thank you! The board of Life & Growth would like to thank everyone who donated a shoe box full of Christmas gifts for the Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child. We delivered 19 shoe boxes.

Hanging of the Greens will be on Saturday, December 4th at 9:00am. We are looking for volunteers to help with the hanging of the greens. Please join us!



Hanging *of the* Greens

Collections: The Board of Life & Growth collects used stamps, pop tabs, eye glasses and receipts from David's Marketplace. The WELCA group receives 1 tenth of 1% of all receipts collected. This can really add up and help. They ask that receipts do not get rolled up. Collection baskets are in the Narthex.

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, 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.

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



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.

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

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

Fri 10am-4pm

Sat-Sun: Off

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

MONDAY 11/29

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall

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

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

WEDNESDAY 12/1

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

3:15pm Juniors-Preschool Room

7:00pm Choir Practice-Choir Room

THURSDAY 12/2

9:30am Grace/Martha Circle-Library

11:30am Ruth Circle-Teluwut

11:30am Sarah Circle-Teluwut

3:15pm Cadettes-Preschool Room

SATURDAY 12/4

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 12/5

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

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

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room

