



# Salem Lutheran Church

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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 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT–

### NOVEMBER 29TH -DECEMBER 5TH

#### **THIS 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



#### **Old Problems and New Beginnings**

By now the last of the leaves have likely fallen from trees in northern climes, and any still holding on look dry and dead. Snow has arrived, and its thick blanket shows the stains of city filth and grime, reminding us of the waste we are pouring over the land and into the water. This is the season we begin a new year in the life of the church and, as with our worship, we begin with a confession of our participation in the world's suffering.

Heavy hearts and burdened consciences will relate to Isaiah's confession, "We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away" (Isa. 64:6). Then, just as the cold nights in the northern hemisphere reach their longest, Mark addresses us with promises that the signs of the coming of the Son of Man will include the darkening of the sun, moon, and stars. Hold on, there is hope!

The promise of Advent is that God is always at work in the world, bringing new beginnings and a new creation to people and powers long bent on destruction. Yet, because we live in the generation that exists between the "already" of Christ's resurrection and the "not yet" of God's full restoration of the creation, we cannot know when that final day will arrive. Instead of becoming preoccupied with the end times, we are counseled to live our lives in a state of preparedness—trusting that our home is God's home and that God is coming once again to dwell with us. That trust is the strength that sustains us as we "wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7).

## 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](http://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-** 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

**NEXT SUNDAY-** 8:30 a.m. In-sanctuary services

**NEXT WEEKS TEXTS** –Second Sunday of Advent

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 40:1-11

**PSALM:** 85:1-2, 8-13

**SECOND READING:** 2 Peter 3:8-15a

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:1-8



Salem Lutheran Church is looking for a Part-time Office Administrator. If interested, a full job description and application may be picked up at the church office Monday – Friday, noon – 5:00 pm or call Shannon Bruhns at 641-592-5978 or 641-590-1532.



Salem Lutheran Church is looking for a Part-time Custodian.

Applications may be picked up at the church office Monday through Friday noon – 5:00 pm or contact Scott Hagenson at 641-590-0240, if interested.

Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2020 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The service is heard on KLOW (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