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# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 3 – 9

### Training Your Faith

When people train for a marathon they do best when they set a goal and make a training plan. While that may lead to success for the event, what about the rest of life? Few people have the capacity to sustain the kind of intense and focused training required for marathons for the rest of their lives. After the race, new goals need to be set and new training plans made that can become a long-term lifestyle.

People of faith are called to follow a similar path, because the life of faith is not about preparing for a single event. Faith is a lifelong journey. This journey is shaped by a commitment to pray, worship, learn, give, and serve.

The *Shema* (Deut. 6:4-5) talks about loving the Lord totally. This teaching is central to both the Jewish and the Christian faiths. The great commandment is the foundation under which Jesus teaches. “Love God totally. Love others as you love yourself.” How do these commandments become part of a lifestyle on a daily basis? In the reading from Hebrews we are reminded that Jesus is the one who makes us pure and holy through his suffering, dying, and rising. Made holy by Jesus, the people of God are called to live differently, to treat one another differently, and to be gracious and loving to one another.

Many debates and conflicts that can consume time and energy in the Christian community would be resolved if they were measured against these two commandments. Are proposed actions going to help people know and carry out these commandments? Are today’s followers getting the training necessary to know how to love the Lord totally and love others as themselves?

**Prayer Pen Pals:** The Board of Life & Growth is seeking Prayer Pen Pals for 1st graders. This includes sending a letter to a 1st grader and keeping them in your prayers. If you would be willing to do this, please sign up in the Narthex.

### THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34



### NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

1 Kings 17:8-16  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

Each week we will lift up five church families/ members in prayer.  
**THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:** Bart & Medara Winter, Donald & Joan Winter, Richard & Katherine Wirt, Mark & Katie Wubben, Ruth Yegge

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

3-Amber Christianson

5-Lois Aspland

8-Karla Knudtson

3-Robert Drugg

6-Jacob Gonzalez

9-Douglas Harmon

### -WEEKLY GIVING-

**LAST 2 SUNDAYS:** 10/27/24: \$ 5,831

**YEAR-TO-DATE:** 10/28/24: \$ 160,121

**LAST YEAR:** as of 10/28/23: \$ 150,118

**DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:** \$ 10,003

### Last Weeks Attendance

143

**Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update:** Total received as of 10/28/24 **\$167,397**  
Total available balance as of 9/30/24 **\$59,949.32** All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the "Steeple Project" in the memo when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

**Thank you** to everyone that helped in any capacity to make the Trunk or Treat event a success! It was well attended and a lot of fun for everyone involved!

**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](http://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)**

**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!

**Memorials Given in October:**

Wayne Sprecher: \$40-Steeple, \$25-Worship & Music, \$50-Good Samaritan, \$25-Building, \$25 Altar Guild, \$25-Youth, \$25-Organ Maintenance

Cathy Charlson: \$710-Steeple, \$10 Cemetery

**Noisy Offering:** The Stewardship & Board has decided to support ELCA World Hunger, for this sessions Noisy Offering. We will be running our Noisy Offering campaign until Nov. 3rd. Containers are in the Narthex. Hunger facts: \*More than 820 million people, or about 11 % of the world's population, are hungry. \*According to the most recent estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10% of the world's population. \*At some point in 2017 (the most recent year available), more than 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from. \*39.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2017.

**Many Thanks** to all that contributed and made our fall Lutheran Relief shipment great. Wayne for loading and Steve for delivering our offerings to Albert lea on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, was much appreciated. We sent 100 quilts, 93 school kits, and 24 baby care kits. Lutheran World Relief is now delivering these offerings to our country, in areas of need—the Rockies and Carolinas. 15 quilts will be delivered to Mason City's Salvation Army for those in need.

**Faith Formation Volunteers Needed:** The Youth Board is making weekly plans for music, activities, games and crafts, BUT...we need YOUR HELP to make this year a success! Please consider donating your time to supervise and interact with our children. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin across from the chapel. No planning or experience necessary, a youth board member will be leading.

**Live Stream Sponsorship: Dates available in 2024: Nov 24. 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.

**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: [lifesesrvbloodcenter.org](http://lifesesrvbloodcenter.org)

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto:LMClothesForKids@gmail.com)

**Lutefisk Supper:** Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Emmons Lutheran Church. Serving at 11:00am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Adults \$25, Children (10 & under) Free. Menu: lutefisk, meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, sweet pepper coleslaw, cranberry relish, lefse, pastries. Tickets can be purchased at Emmons Lutheran Church, Emmons Security Bank and Lake Mills MBT bank.

**Scandinavian Bazaar:** November 7th, 8am-1:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City. Coffee Shop will serve a variety of Norwegian pastries, breads and sandwiches from 8-10:30am. A \$10 Scandinavian meatball dinner with pie will be served from 11am-1pm & various shops will be selling a variety of items.

**Prayer Shawls**, hand knit or crocheted by Salem members, are available in the Narthex for you to wrap someone in need. A Prayer Shawl is for anyone in need of prayer, hope, comfort and love of a community. If you would like the person included in the prayer chain, please call the office.

**Prayer Chain Ministry** is a network of people who are committed to prayer and will take action on behalf of others. If you will pray for those in need, sign-up in the Narthex. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call the office and the prayer request will get sent out. If there is no answer, leave a message. All requests will be confidential among the prayer chain ministry. Thank you!

**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.



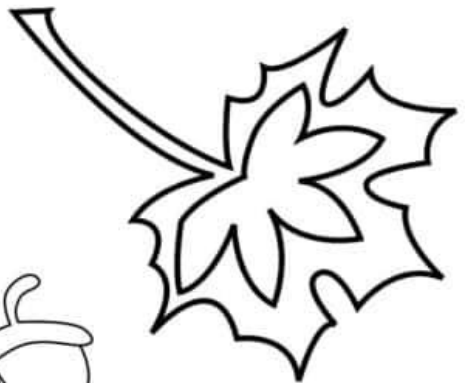
**The Lake Mills Food Shelf** is open 2:00-5:00pm every Monday for anyone in need of additional food. The only criteria for eligibility is to reside within the Lake Mills School District. The Food Shelf is located at Salem and can be accessed at the south entrance. Anyone in need of food when the food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

**Salem Office: 592.1771** Monday-Friday 9:30am-1:30pm  
(Hours subject to change. Feel free to call the office to ensure it's open.)  
Find us on Facebook: Salem Lake Mills or visit [www.salemlakemills.com](http://www.salemlakemills.com)

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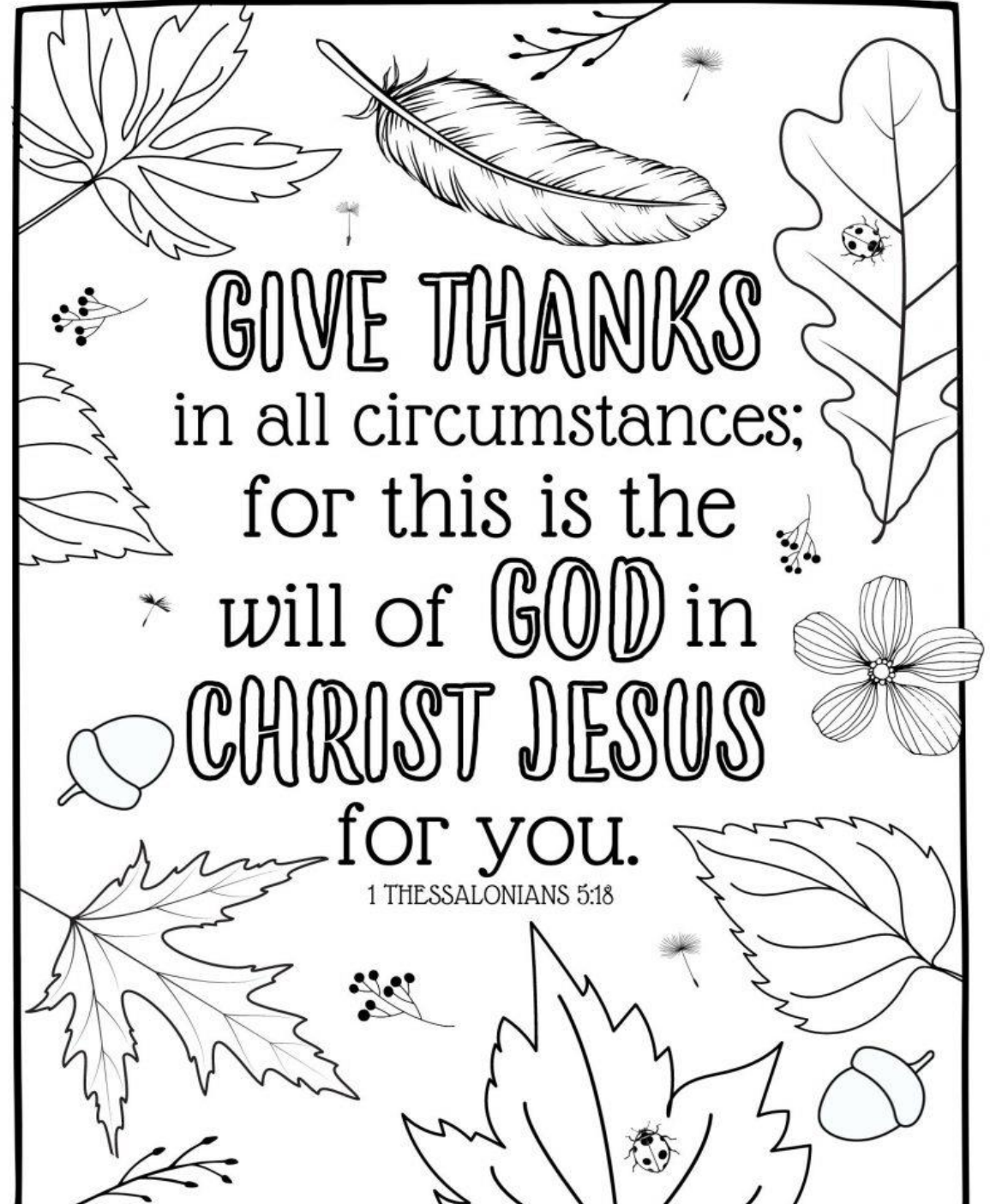


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JESUS





**GIVE THANKS**  
in all circumstances;  
for this is the  
will of **GOD** in  
**CHRIST JESUS**  
for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

# ALL ARE INVITED FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

## **SUNDAY 11/3**

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

## **MONDAY 11/4**

2:00pm Sons of Norway-Fellowship Hall

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

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

## **TUESDAY 11/5**

9:30am Miriam Circle-Sharon Johnson's Home

5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting-Library

## **WEDNESDAY 11/6**

6:00pm Confirmation Class-Choir Room

## **THURSDAY 11/7**

9:30am Grace Circle-Library

9:30am Ruth Circle-Mills Harbour

## **SUNDAY 11/10**

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary (Pastor Steve Smith)

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel