
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 5 - 11

Saintly Sinners, Sinful Saints

All Saints Sunday and the appointed readings are pregnant with themes of stark contrast: death and life, condemnation and redemption, sorrow and joy, suffering and relief, present life and future life. Such is life, too, as baptized children of God. The very nature of our lives is of stark contrast.

By virtue of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are made saints while we are still sinners. Every day in this nautically juxtaposed life we navigate through rough waters such as sin, evil, pain, heartache, addiction, abuse, hunger, disease, and war. But our bearing is always set, not by the North Star but by the Daystar, who has been the heading for the faithful of every generation. With the scriptures as our compass and the confessions our map, we sail as a part of the great flotilla of saints on the waters of baptism, with the wind of the Spirit at our backs, always pointed in the direction of our guiding Daystar.

Today we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, for the saints still among us, and for the saints of God still to come. We give thanks for the examples of faithful living that the saints have given us as they navigated the stormy waters of life, and also for the faithful acts of service we are empowered by God's Holy Spirit to do in our own seas. We give thanks, too, for the fullness of eternal life in which the saints of God who have gone before us now partake and which we have yet to fully enjoy.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Micah 3:5-12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Each week we will lift up five church families/members in prayer.

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:

Scott, Shelley, Peter and Sam Hagenson, Adrian Halvorson, Michael, Tamara, Brayton and Kevin Hamilton, Heather Haney, Jasmine, Jake, Maya, Izabell and Kurt Loverink, Andrew, Alyssa and Nora Hanna

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

5-Lois Aspland

6-Jacob Gonzalez

9-Doug Harmon

8-Karla Knudtson

11-Andor Hengesteg

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY 10/29/23: \$ 3,783

YEAR-TO-DATE: 10/30/23 \$ 156,887

LAST YEAR: as of 10/30/22 \$ 174,958

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ -18,071

-Last Weeks Attendance-

120

Memorials Given In October

Sharry Olson--\$250—General Fund

Becky Johnson--\$585--Steeple Project, \$905 General Fund

Travis Hoffman--\$25—Steeple Project, \$45 General Fund, \$10 Cemetery Fund

Noisy Offering: Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards helping those who are suffering as a result of the wildfires in Hawaii. The total collected was \$502.52 Thank you!! -The Stewardship Board

Tuckpointing/Steeple Project Update: Total received as of 10/31/23 **\$159,807**

All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note the “Steeple Project” when submitting your contribution. Thank you!

Congregational Birthday Party: The Board of Life and Growth invites everyone to a Congregational Birthday Party on November 5th in the Fellowship Hall, right after worship. This is to honor all of our members birthdays! There will be a table for each month, sit at the table of your birth month. There will be birthday games and prizes too! Everyone is welcome! It will be fun for all ages!

This years congregational birthday party will also be an opportunity to help our local food bank. They are in need of items to fill holiday bags with groceries for families in need. A free will donation of cash or non-perishable food items will be collected at the birthday party. This is optional and not required to attend the party. Items in high need are: canned vegetables, canned pasta meals, stuffing mix, mac & cheese, cream soups, cold cereal, pancake mix & syrup, brownie, cake & cookie mixes.

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive Thursday, November 16th; 1:30pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments Are Encouraged; Call: 800-287-4903 or Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

Toys for Tots: The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during Oct., Nov., & Dec. each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. There is a collection box for toys across from the Chapel. The last day for collection will be December 5th.

The Lake Mills Food Shelf is open 2:30-5:00pm 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 call and leave a message at 641-592-1771 and someone will call back.

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.

LAKE MILLS CLOTHES FOR KIDS 2023: This is the 14th Annual Clothes for Kids Event in Lake Mills--*Let's clothe OUR children. Donations will be distributed throughout the Lake Mills Community School District to children ages birth to 18.* Pick a Christmas Tag (with a child's needs/sizes on it) from the electronic sign-up (tinyurl.com/LMClothesForKids) or from the tree at Salem. *Both electronic and physical tags will be available starting Nov. 19th.* Purchase the items on the child's tag, wrap in one box, attach the original tag to the gift, and deliver them to the Salem office by **Sun. Dec. 10th.** *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.* Monetary donations are accepted at FTS Bank and MBT Bank in Lake Mills or send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue East, Lake Mills, IA 50450 Questions: LMClothesForKids@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child Project: The Board of Life & Growth will be collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for the Operation Christmas Child Project. There are brochures in the Narthex with information, instructions and labels. If you don't have time to pack a box, you can build a box online! All you have to do is go to their website, visit samaritanspurse.org/buildonline or scan the QR code in the brochure to make your donation online, pick what you want in your box and the Samaritan's Purse will do the rest! *The Samaritan's Purse has collected shoeboxes for children around the world since 1993, more than 188 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.* All boxes need to be turned into the church office by November 19th. If no one is in the office, please leave them by the door.

Collections: We collect receipts from David's Marketplace and Hy-Vee, pop tabs, and eyeglasses. The WELCA group receives 1 tenth of 1% of all receipts collected from David's. The Hy-Vee receipts go towards a cure for cancer. The baskets for all of these are in the Narthex. Please do not roll the receipts and keep David's separate from Hy-Vee. Thank you!

WELCA will meet on November 16th at 2:00pm in the Lounge. The program will be Thank Offering and there will be a Thank Offering collected.

Volunteers Needed: If you would be willing to learn how to help with sound, monitors or live stream, please call the office. 641-592-1771. Thank you!

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

-- **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.

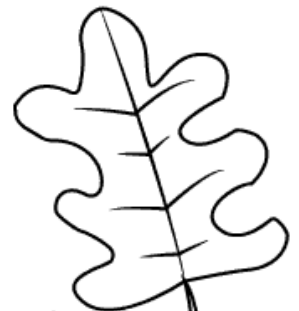
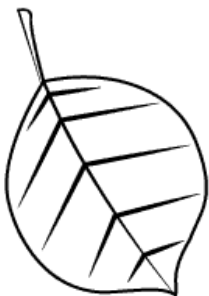
(We are charged a much lower service fee through the Simply Giving Program)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly Iowa has invited us to their Annual Fall Harvest Soup/Salad Luncheon on **November 5th; 10:30am-1:00pm**. Homemade soups, salads and pies--Free will offering. There will be door prizes 2/\$50 and a bake sale. Handicap Accessible and Takeouts Available--641-454-2586

Asbury United Methodist Church in Lake Mills has invited us to their Fall Harvest Festival on Sat. Nov. 11th—Bake Sale 10:00am-1:00pm; Lunch 10:30am-1:00pm
Menu: Hamballs and creamed chicken gravy, mashed potatoes/biscuits. Both come with salads, roll, pie and drink. \$8.00 Takeouts Available--641-592-1106

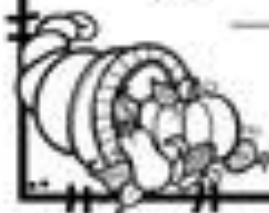
Live Stream Sponsorship: Call the office to reserve your date. Cost is \$40.

Dates available 2023: Dec. 31 **Dates available in 2024:** Jan 7, 21, 28. Feb 11, 25. March 10, 17, 24, 31. April 21. May 5. June 9, 16, 23. July 7, 14, 21, 28. Aug 4, 11, 18, 25. Sept 1, 15, 22. Oct 13, 20. Nov 3, 10, 17, 24. Dec 1, 8, 29



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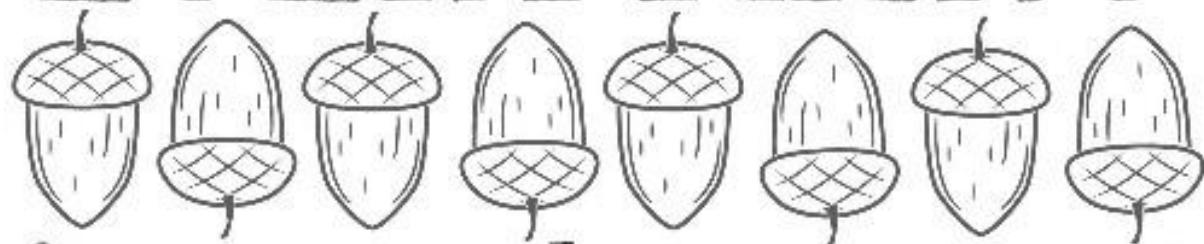


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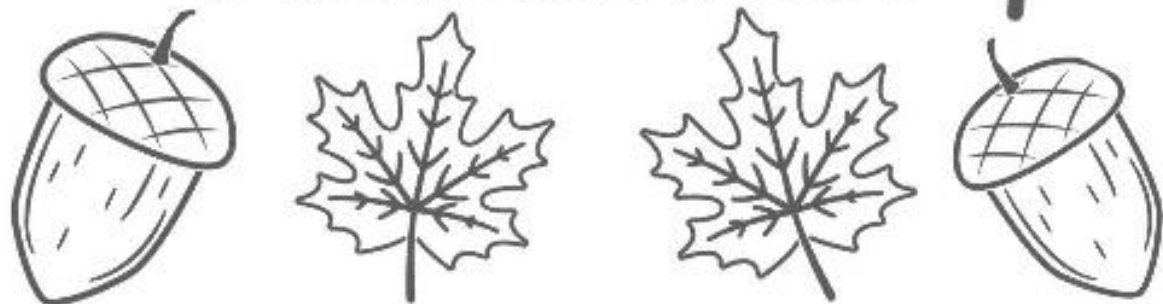
EVERYTHING



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THANKS



**ALL ARE INVITED DOWNSTAIRS AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE
FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL BIRTHDAY PARTY**

SUNDAY 11/5

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

10:00am Congregation Birthday Party-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 11/6

Fellowship Hall Reserved ALL DAY

2:00pm Sons of Norway-Lounge

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

2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN

TUESDAY 11/7

Fellowship Hall Reserved ALL DAY for Election Day Voting

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

5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting-Salem Library

WEDNESDAY 11/8

Fellowship Hall Reserved until Noon

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Choir Room

6:00pm Confirmation/Food Drive-Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Youth Board Meeting-Salem Library

THURSDAY 11/9

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Salem Library

SUNDAY 11/12

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

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Faith Formation-Chapel

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 (Marci)

Mon-Tues: 11am-5pm, Wed: 11am-3pm, Thurs-Fri:11am-5pm

(Hours subject to change. You are welcome to call ahead to ensure the office is open)