

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 6 – November 14

Be Not Afraid

How would you live if you were not afraid? Fear is used by politicians to gain our votes, by the media to get our attention, by advertising firms to sell us what we don't need, and by TV evangelists to get our donations. What fears are used against us? One is scarcity, the fear that we won't have enough or won't get our share. Our false belief that having more money and "stuff" will save us binds us as slaves. In many cases, having less can free us to live by faith.

The writer of Hebrews 11:1 states, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Normally, we read forward from this verse, but the word "Now" is a clue that we should look back. Hebrews 10:39 says, "But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved." Who shrinks back? Those who are afraid. Who are saved? By implication, those who do not shrink back and are not afraid. So fear is not only a faith issue but an issue of our salvation. And is that not what we would expect? What more do we need to be saved from than our worst fears? What good is a savior who does not help us confront our fears? As noted above, our fears are the handles that marketers, politicians, and supervisors often use to control us and bend us to their plans and desires.

But like the pain that warns us of injury and nausea that tells us we are becoming ill, our fear has a positive use: it lets us know our vulnerability, and it tells us what we truly value and truly trust. "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). The powers and principalities promise us what we can see. Where do put our true faith and trust?

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: 10/31/21	\$ 5,180
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 11/1/21	\$ 192,496
LAST YEAR: as of 11/1/20	\$ 189,566
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 2,930

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

[1 Kings 17:8-16](#)

God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath

[Psalm 146](#)

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

[Hebrews 9:24-28](#)

The once for all sacrifice of Christ

[Mark 12:38-44](#)

A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

[Daniel 12:1-3](#)

The deliverance of God's people at the end

[Psalm 16](#)

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

[Hebrews 10:11-14 \[15-18\] 19-25](#)

The way to God opened through Christ's death

[Mark 13:1-8](#)

The end and the coming of the Son

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:

Jordan and Tayler Dahlberg

Dahle Family (Beth, Andrew, Levi)

Dahle Family (Kelly, Kamden, Kendall)

Darrel Davidson

Gloria Davidson

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.

Card Shower: Lloyd Okland will celebrate his 95th birthday on November 9th. If you would like to send him a card, his address is listed below.

Lake Mills Care Center, Room 26

406 S. 10th Ave E. Lake Mills, IA 50450

Memorials given in October

Jerome Hermanson	\$175 -- Youth
	\$175 – Building
Michael Gardner	\$60 – Disaster Relief

Barbra Tweed's family would like everyone to know that she is now living at the Concord Care Center in Garner Iowa.

Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast: Come have breakfast! It's on Pastor Joel! The next Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, November 12th; 8:00am – 10:00am in the lounge, across from the office. Everyone is welcome! Breakfast will be served until the food runs out or its 10:00am, whichever comes sooner. Breakfast is free. Donations collected will go towards camp scholarships, retreat and the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Upcoming Blood Drive

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 10th

1:00pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Appointments Are Required

Text: LIFESERVE to 999-7777 or Call: 800-287-4903

or visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

Ila Grothe: The family of Ila Grothe is asking for prayers. Ila just had a pacemaker put in and they wanted to replace her aortic valve, but she's been losing blood so she needed a transfusion. Then they discovered a lot of blockages and wanted to do a TAVR. Now they found out she has cancer in her liver and lungs. If you would like to send a card to Ila, please send it to the address below.

604 S Mill St

Lake Mills, IA. 50450

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

WECLA will meet on Thursday, November 18th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Joel will lead the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine.

Norma Thompson Update: Norma transferred to Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake. If anyone would like to send her something in the mail, this is her address:
Norma Thompson – Room 111
400 Highway 18 West
Clear Lake, IA 50428

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Registration for the gathering in Minneapolis, MN July 24-28, 2022 is now open. Salem along with One In Christ are excited to take youth to this amazing event. Students that have completed 9th grade in 2022 are invited to attend the gathering. We are trying to gather interest numbers to start the planning process should there be enough interest. Please contact the office (641.592.1771) if you have a student interested in attending. This is not a commitment, but just seeing if there is interest. An informational meeting giving more information about the event, fundraising, etc. will be held if there is enough interested in attending.

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. It's fun to go shopping and pack a box with gifts for a child, but you don't have time for that, you can even build a box online! All you have to do is go to their website, **samaritanspurse.org/buildonline** or scan the QR code in the brochure, 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 shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items 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 at the church by **November 14th.**

Lake Mills Community Thanksgiving Meal – November 25th: A free turkey meal with all the trimmings will be cooked, pre-packaged and ready for curbside pickup at Asbury United Methodist Church, 107 E Main St. 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 11:00am - 12:30pm, or until gone, on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th. People are encouraged to request the number of meals needed by calling 641-592-5742 by Thursday, November 18.

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

Radio Sponsorship: Reserve your special date to sponsor an 8:30am radio broadcast. The service is heard on KLOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2.

This year has quickly filled with sponsorship and only a few dates are still available. Don't miss your chance to sponsor a radio broadcast this year.

Cost is \$83. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE. 641.592.1771

2021 RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

Dec. 5, Dec. 12

2022 RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

Jan. 2, Jan. 16, Feb. 10, Feb. 20, March 13, March 27, April 3, April 24, May 1, May 8, May 22, June 12, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Sept. 4, 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.

Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Off, but on-call

Tuesday: Off, but on-call (10am LMAMA Meeting, 2:30pm Pastors Text Study)

Wednesday: Noon-8:00pm (10am Bible Study)

Thursday: Noon-8pm

Friday: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm(8am-10am Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast)

Saturday: Noon-8pm (5:30pm Worship Service)

Sunday: 8am-Noon (9am Worship Service, 10am Confirmation)

Secretary

Marci Adeogun

Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm

Friday: 10am-4pm

Sat-Sun: Off

SATURDAY 11/6

9am-2pm Private Party-Fellowship Hall

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 11/7

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

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

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room

MONDAY 11/8

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.)

3:15pm Daisies-Preschool Room

TUESDAY 11/9

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

WEDNESDAY 11/10

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

1:00pm-6:00pm Community Blood Drive-Fellowship Hall

3:15pm Brownies-Preschool Room

FRIDAY 11/12

8:00am-10:00am Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast-Lounge

SATURDAY 11/13

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 11/14

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

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

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room