

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 11 – 17

Living In the Now and the Not Yet

In this season of Advent we stand in the discomfoting quiet of waiting for the salvation of the Lord while simultaneously seeing that very salvation breaking into the world around us. Like John the Baptist we ask Jesus “are you here, or should we still wait?” The answer to this question is “yes.” Yes, Jesus is here among us in his body and blood at the eucharist. But we wait for the day when he returns. Yes, Jesus is here among us bringing peace and reconciliation. But we wait for the day when he will make *all* things new. The new life promised by the coming of a savior is both realized and still to come. We who live in the Christian faith do so as people searching the world around us for signs of God’s kingdom. Gathering as Christ’s body on earth, we have a sort of dual-citizenship in the now and the not-yet as we both proclaim that Christ is among us and also fervently pray “even so, come Lord Jesus.” As believers, our hope does not rest in the efforts of our piety or in the comfort of the hereafter. Rather, our hope is in the promises of a gracious, faithful God; promises fulfilled before our eyes and those not yet seen. We long for the day in which, like Isaiah’s vision of what will be, the blind see and the lame leap like deer. Yet we tell what we see and hear around us: that the dead are raised and the poor receive good news. The day is here and yet still we wait. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

[Isaiah 35:1-10](#)

[Psalm 146:5-10](#)

[James 5:7-10](#)

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

[Isaiah 7:10-16](#)

[Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19](#)

[Romans 1:1-7](#)

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR: Wade, Shae and Grayson Peterson and Ashley Hacker, Cody and Dean Pierce, Gary & Jenelle Pierce, Joan Platz, Mike, Wanda, Seth, Benjamin and Hannah Playter

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

11-Derek Harmon

12-Lori Smeby

14-Dennis Rognes

12-Brooklyn Abrams

13-Chanse Hollatz

16-Margaret Okland

17-Caleb Angel

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 11/27/22 \$ 7,790 (No update this week due to

YEAR-TO-DATE: 11/30/22 \$ 192,284 Financial Secretary not being

LAST YEAR: as of 11/30/21 \$ 211,097 available this week)

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ - 18,813

Cookie Donations: The Board of Youth & Education is hosting a Christmas Party in the fellowship Hall on Sunday December 18th, after the Christmas Program. We are looking for cookie donations to be served at this event. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the office if you are willing to donate. All donations need to be in the fellowship hall by 8:15am that day. Thank you!

Updates: If your phone number or address has changed and you forgot to notify the church, please contact Marci in the office and let her know so that she can update your information before printing the annual yearbook. It is important to let the office know your current information so that you can be reached.

WECLA will meet on Thurs. Dec. 15th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a Christmas Party. All women are welcome! Each person is asked to bring a treat to share. Bring your favorite Christmas songs and stories to share too!

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

TUCKPOINTING PROJECT UPDATE

Total received as of 12/7/2022

\$33,080 (Money put in the offering plate last week is not included in this total)

All contributions towards this project are greatly appreciated! Please remember to note "TUCKPOINTING PROJECT" when submitting your contribution. Thank you!



Memorials Given in November

Ardis Langfald--\$25 Tuck-Pointing Fund, \$50 Building Fund, \$145 Cemetery Fund
 Marietta Norris--\$20 General Fund, \$50 Building Fund

Lake Mills Clothes For Kids: *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 or the tree in the Narthex. 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 them to Salem by **Sunday, December 11th**. Cash donations are accepted at the banks or send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue E, Lake Mills, IA 50450 Questions: LMClothesForKids@gmail.com*

Live Stream Sponsorship: Call the office to reserve your special date. Cost is \$40.
2023 Dates available: Jan. 1, Jan. 15, Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb 12, March 12, March 26, April 16, April 30, May 7, June 11, June 18, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, Aug. 6, Aug. 13, Aug. 20, Sept. 3, Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Dec. 10, Dec. 31

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

Tues: 10am-Noon, 1pm-5pm (10am Caregivers Support Group, 2:30pm Text Study)

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

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study, 2pm WELCA, 4pm Life/Growth Meeting)

Fri: 8am-Noon, 1pm-5pm

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep) Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship)

All are invited downstairs after the worship service for fellowship, coffee and a sweet treat. Fellowship is the perfect opportunity to get to know your fellow members of Salem and make connections.

SUNDAY 12/11

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary
 10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall
 10:00am Confirmation-Youth Room
 10:00am-11:15am Christmas Program Rehearsal

MONDAY 12/12

1:00pm-4:00pm Mission Quilters-Fellowship Hall
 2:00pm-4:00pm Clothes Closet is OPEN (To schedule a different time, call 592.5085)
 2:30pm-5:00pm Lake Mills Food Shelf is OPEN (101 S. Mill St.)
 3:15pm Daisies-Youth Room
 6:30pm Call Committee Meeting-Salem Library

TUESDAY 12/13

10:00am Caregivers Support Group-Lounge

WEDNESDAY 12/14

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
 12:00pm Cadettes & HS Christmas Party-Youth Room
 7:00pm Handbell Practice-Choir Room

THURSDAY 12/15

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study
 2:00pm WELCA-Fellowship Hall
 3:15pm Brownies Christmas Party-Youth Room
 4:00pm Life & Growth Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall
 5:45pm Worship & Music Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY 12/18

9:00am Christmas Program-Sanctuary
 10:00am Christmas Party-Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Worship will be at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary on Sat, Dec. 24th.

Salem Office: 641.592.1771 Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm, Fri: 10am-4pm