



Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Installation Service  
December 18, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.

**TAIZÉ ADVENT LITURGY 2016 – Service of Holy Communion**

Taizé prayer is meditative in character. Simple repetitive chants anchor the prayer time together and becomes a calming influence during this hectic pre-Christmas season. Songs of praise and thanksgiving frame readings from the Psalms and Scriptures. The focus is on songs that celebrate the Light of Christ. Therefore the symbols of darkness and light play an important part in this celebration.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew’s account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, “O come, O come, Emmanuel,” a beloved hymn based on ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday in Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

\*\*\*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

PRELUDE

*Joy to the World*

G.F. Handel

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**GATHERING**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*The call to worship is led by youth or Children and their families.*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

**In your Son, Emmanuel,**

you have shown us your light

**and saved us from the power of sin.**

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

**Increase our longing for your presence,**

that at the celebration of your Son’s birth

**his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst,**

for he is our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God forever.**

**Amen.**

**ADVENT SONG**

*“Wait for the Lord”*

ELW #262

*The Advent wreath will be lit during the Advent song.*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. (Isaiah 30:18)

GATHERING SONG *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-3)*

ELW #257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who comes to wake us from sleep,  
 who leads us into the light of grace.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin  
 that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the  
 Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 7:10-16*

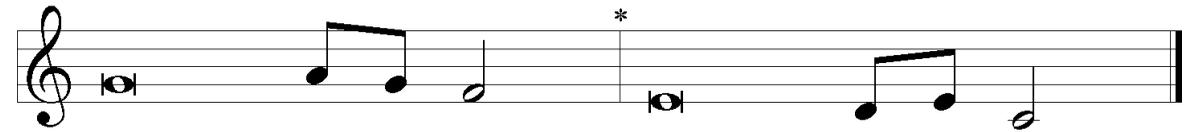
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Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*

Sung responsively beginning with the cantor



<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;  
 shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.  
<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,  
 stir up your strength and | come to help us.  
<sup>3</sup>Restore | us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.  
<sup>4</sup>O LORD | God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R  
<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the | bread of tears;  
 you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.  
<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision | of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.  
<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.  
<sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,  
 the one you have made so strong | for yourself.  
<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a- | way from you; give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.  
<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R

SECOND LESSON

*Romans 1:1-7*

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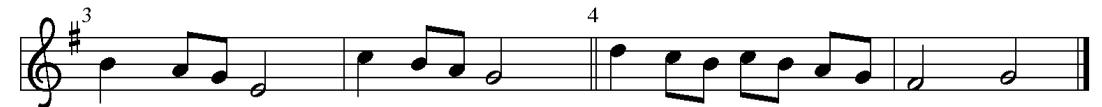
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Magnificat*

ELW #236



Ma - gni-fi-cat, ma - gni-fi-cat, ma - gni-fi-cat a - ni-ma me - a Do-mi-num.



Ma - gni-fi-cat, ma - gni-fi-cat, ma - gni-fi-cat a - ni-ma me - a!

GOSPEL

*Matthew 1:18-25*

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*The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.*

Response to the conclusion of the gospel reading: *The gospel of our Lord, Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## INSTALLATION OF PASTOR MELINDA MCVEY MCCLUSKEY

*The assembly stands. The pastor to be installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.*

*Presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Having been authorized by the church to install Rev. Melinda McVey McCluskey, our co-worker in the gospel, as associate pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, I now ask for certification of this call.

*A representative of the calling body addresses the presiding minister.*

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills, have called Melinda McCluskey as pastor. I present her and this letter certifying the call.

*The representative gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted. The representative moves aside, and the assembly is seated.*

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

*The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.*

*A reading from John:* Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

*A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

*A reading from First Timothy:* Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

*The presiding minister questions the pastor being installed.*

Pastor Melinda, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace?  
Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments,  
and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and  
compassion to perform them.

*The assembly responds:* **Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

People of God, will you receive Pastor Melinda McCluskey as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve  
all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a  
steward of the mysteries of God?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in  
the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.*

Rev. Melinda McCluskey the office of Pastor of Salem Lutheran Church is now committed to you in the  
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*The newly installed pastor may kneel as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's  
will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. A representative of the congregation  
says:*

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

*They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

*The presiding minister may address the assembly with these or similar words.*

People of God, I present to you Melinda McCluskey, your pastor.

Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### *Nicene Creed*

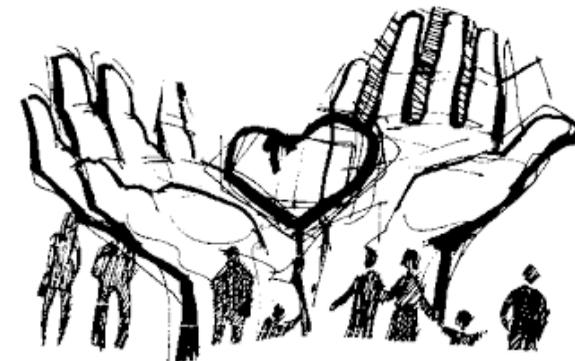
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and  
unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the  
Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was  
crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no  
end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for  
the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.****

## **PRAYERS**

Response: ***"Have mercy, O God."***

## **PEACE**

*All may greet each other with a sign of peace*



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**MEAL**

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**MUSICAL OFFERING**

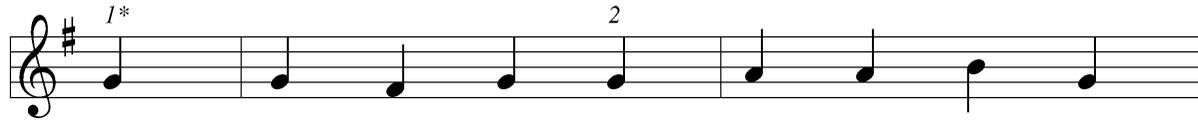
*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

**Choir**

**OFFERING SONG**

*Come Lord Jesus*

*The offering is received and the table is set*



1 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and  
2 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and  
3 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and  
4 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and



let your gifts to us be blest. Keep us for - ev - er  
let your gifts to us be blest. Oh, may there be a  
let your gifts to us be blest. Guide us a - long the  
let your gifts to us be blest. Come deep with - in our



in your sight, and be our joy, our hearts' de - light.  
good - ly share on ev - 'ry ta - ble ev - 'ry - where.  
ser - vant's way, and lead us to your dawn - ing day.  
hearts to dwell, that we may all your good - ness tell.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.

**Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

COMMUNION HYMN

*Taste and See*

ELW #493

Refrain – All

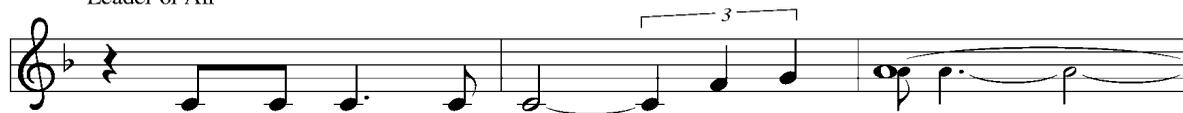


Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
- 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
- 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;  
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;



for God has been so good to me.  
from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
in God we need put all our trust.

Refrain

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*What Feast of Love*

ELW #487



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!



*Refrain*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share.  
 Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*"People, Look East"*

- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Preaching:** Rev. Steven Brackett  
**Presiding:** Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey  
**Assisting:** Pastor Joel Guttormson and Melinda McVey McCluskey  
**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon  
**Acolytes:** Kadence Henderson, Riley Kirschbaum, Dalton Thorson  
**Reader:** Virginia Kingland  
**Ushers:** Linda Helgeson  
**Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey  
**Communion Servers:**  
**Videographer:** Hope Levine  
**Altar Guild for December 17-23:** Shelly Hagenson, Sharon Johnson, Pat Young

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Eva Colby and Ardell & Phyllis Ausen, from Bob & Yvonne Young and Doug & Candy Hanna.

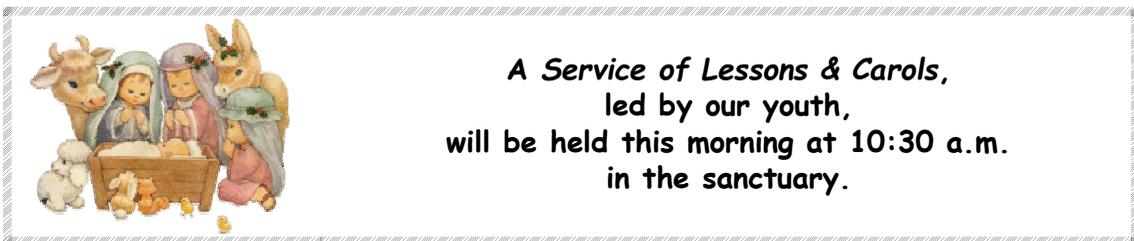
A poinsettia has been placed in loving memory of Rhoda Brue, from her family.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3 and can be heard on WCTA Cable Channel 2. Radio Broadcast 2017 Sponsorship Dates Available: March 26, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 11, July 9, 16, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 10.

We have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.

A service of installation will be held for Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey this morning at the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

A reception for Pastor Melinda will be held following the service. All families are encouraged to attend.



A Service of Lessons & Carols, led by our youth, will be held this morning at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sending of Communion is the third Sunday of each month. Please call the office (641.592.1771) if you would like to receive communion at home on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Senior citizens that need a ride to church on Sunday mornings can call the church office (641.592.1771) and a ride will be arranged for you. Leave a message if there is no answer. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those willing to give rides.



Angels for the Angel Tree are in a basket on the table by the tree. You may place an angel on the tree yourself anytime you wish. A book will be on the table where you can write the name of your loved one and note who is dedicating the angel. If you have purchased an angel in the past you can also pick up an angel and either hang it on the Angel Tree or take it home to enjoy on your own tree.

You are welcome to place mittens, caps and scarves on the Mitten Tree by the pulpit prior to services in December or at any time during the week. Gifts will be distributed locally and in the surrounding area.



Salem offers a safe and easy way to give online. Scan this QR code to go to the website. There you can click the **Donate Now** button to make your gift. You decided the amount. You will need either a credit or debit card to complete the transaction. Thank you for your support of ministry at Salem!

*Is Church Still On?*

It's the time of year when we need to pay attention to the weather. If we have an emergency schedule change, we will notify you through the following media:

- \*KIOW Radio 107.3FM Forest City
- \*KAAL TV Channel 6
- \*KIMT TV Channel 3
- \*www.salemlakemills.com

If school is cancelled for the day, Salem Youth activities will be cancelled, such as confirmation.

Those worshipping December 10/11: 76 (No 10:30 Service) Giving, Nov. 28 – Dec. 11: \$12,905.04



The Agenda for the Annual Meeting is posted.

Salem's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.  
 8:30 a.m. Worship followed by brunch at 9:30 a.m. No Faith Formation or 10:30 service.  
 In preparation, we will begin preparing the Annual Report late December into January.

The Nominating Committee is beginning work on the ballot.

There may be council positions and committee positions to fill.

If you are interested in helping with the "Work of the Church" in this capacity,  
 contact one of the council members:

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Council/WELCA reports for the Annual Report are due December 28. Financial reports are due January 4.

Keep in Prayer this Week:

The family & friends of Rhoda Brue

Prayer Families: Jane Colby, Jessica Colby/Jack Hamersky Family, John Colby Family, Jordan/Joran Colby, Michael Colby, Tim Colby Family, Don Cole Family

**Gifts** - A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion and gives encouragement to and intercedes for those he or she cares for. Many Stephen Ministers say that they receive much more from the caring relationship with their care receiver than they give. If you have the gift of compassion and encouragement consider becoming a Stephen Minister. We are looking to start a new training class soon. If you are interested, please call Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

*Care Giver's Support Group*

**Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge**

This meeting is open to anyone who is caring for a person with any type of chronic illness.

There is no fee, you do not have to sign up to come, you are not obligated to anyone.

For more information, call Rachel at 641-530-5577.

THERE ARE ONLY FOUR KINDS OF  
 PEOPLE IN THE WORLD  
 THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CAREGIVERS,  
 THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY  
 CAREGIVERS,  
 THOSE WHO WILL BE CAREGIVERS,  
 AND THOSE WHO WILL NEED  
 CAREGIVERS.

~Rosalynn Carter

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service - Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols led by Youth – Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19**

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open  
4:00 p.m. Operation Clothes for Kids Gift Distribution - Chapel

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4  
6:30 p.m. Choir

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship - Sanctuary  
10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship - Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

8:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26-28 OFFICES CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

1:45 p.m. LMCC Communion  
2:30 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion  
5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan – Lounge

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29-30 OFFICES CLOSED**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**No Service**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service – Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2 OFFICES CLOSED**

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

**Next Week's Lessons:** Luke 2:8-14, Luke 2:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-4, Isaiah 9:2-7, John 1:1-14

**Salem offices will be closed December 24-January 2.** In case of an emergency you may contact the pastors on their cell phones (numbers on the back page of this bulletin), or Helen at 641.590.4868. Leave a message if we don't answer right away.



**Thank you to Rev. Steve Brackett, Assistant to the Bishop,  
for being a part of Pastor Melinda's installation service  
and sharing his message through the sermon.**

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