

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 18 - 24

A Meaning-Making Name

Names are powerful makers of meaning both in the scriptures and in our lives. Consider how much we associate people with their names. A name is merely a word, a sound, yet it can completely represent a person. And our names can be powerful. Think about the resurrection account in John 20 when a distraught Mary Magdalene does not recognize Jesus in the garden. She does not recognize him until when? He speaks her name.

The texts for the fourth Sunday of Advent invite us to explore the name “Emmanuel.” “Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14). And he shall be called “Emmanuel,” *God with us*. This reality changes everything. Never is God so *with us* as in Jesus of Nazareth. Here is God-made-flesh, and in his very name, the Son of God proclaims just how *with us* and *for us* God really is. This fulfillment of prophetic promise offers us a delicate and dramatic reality: God has slipped into skin and walks among us in a totally new way, offering us life and salvation.



THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL PRAY FOR:

Gail, Caitlin and Nathan Porter, Laura Prescott, Marvin & Donna Prescott, Misty Proulx, Jason, Dawn, Anna, Jack and Anthony Ramaker

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

18-Julie Helgeson
18-Linda Kane
19-Candy Olsen
19-Sean Smalley

19-Karen Sterrenberg
19-Lori Westcott
20-Michael Moretz
20-Andrew Story

21-Colby Schriever
21-Cullen Schriever
21-Briar Heinz
22-Bridget Odom

-WEEKLY GIVING-

LAST SUNDAY: 12/11/22 \$ 9,624 (Total from 2 weeks)

YEAR-TO-DATE: 12/12/22 \$ 201,908

LAST YEAR: as of 12/12/21 \$ 222,841

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ - 20,933

Memorials Given in November

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

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



TUCKPOINTING PROJECT UPDATE

Total received as of 12/14/2022
\$52,930

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



Council Minutes will not be printed in the Dec. 25th announcements, due to no fellowship on that day. The minutes are discussed during fellowship the week they are printed; therefore they will be printed on January 1st.

January 1st we ask that you bring your holiday treats to share for fellowship.

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.

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

Salem Office: 641.592.1771

Mon-Thurs: 10am-5pm

Fri: 10am-4pm

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Mon: Off, but on-call

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

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

Thurs: Noon-8pm (1pm Mills Harbour Bible Study)

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

Sat: 10am-Noon (service prep)

Sun: 8am-Noon (9am Worship)



All are invited downstairs after the program for a Christmas Party!

SUNDAY 12/18

9:00am Christmas Program-Sanctuary

10:00am Christmas Party-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 12/19

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 Christmas Party-Youth Room

6:30pm Quilt Club-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 12/21

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

3:15pm Brownies Christmas Party-Youth Room

6:00pm Handbell Practice-Choir Room

THURSDAY 12/22

1:00pm Mills Harbour Bible Study

SATURDAY 12/24

10am Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding

10am Fellowship Hall Reserved for Wedding Reception

5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY 12/25

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

Merry Christmas!

