

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 4 – December 12

Your Kingdom Come on Earth

Luke sets the preaching of John the Baptist clearly in the midst of the political and religious environment of his day. We are told the names of the emperor, governor, and other political rulers of the day. They are the ones who are supposed to care for the welfare of the citizens of their territories. Although John gave his message while he was in the wilderness, it was intended to have its impact in the farms, villages, and cities where the ordinary and the powerful live out their daily lives. John is not satisfied with the way things are, and his words help prepare us for the coming of one who will turn the world upside down. John's words tell us to examine our own lives and the world around us. We should not be complacent in the face of injustice, but instead seek forgiveness and strive for lives that bear fruit according to God's vision for the world.

We all have the potential to "over-spiritualize" the Bible and our faith, so that they become disconnected from the real needs of the world around us. This potential can be even greater in the days around Christmas, as we may seek to justify over-spending on gifts, excessive eating and drinking, or simply desire to escape from the difficulties of ordinary life for a time. John provides a warning about ignoring the truth about our sinfulness and the brokenness in the world. But John also repeats the promise that God ultimately will not settle for the way things are in the world, and that God's salvation will be made known in the one who is to come: Jesus.

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: 11/28/21	\$ 5,580
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 11/30/21	\$ 211,097
LAST YEAR: as of 11/30/20	\$ 201,403
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ 9,694

THIS WEEKS TEXTS

Malachi 3:1-4

My messenger is a refiner and purifier

Luke 1:68-79

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Lk. 1:78)

Philippians 1:3-11

A harvest of righteousness on the day of Jesus Christ

Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Rejoice, the LORD is in your midst

Isaiah 12:2-6

In your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Is. 12:6)

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice, the Lord is near

Luke 3:7-18

One more powerful is coming, baptizing with fire

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:

Beverly and Daniel Evenson
 Evenson Family (Brad, Darla, Amelia, Hannah)
 David & Julie Evenson
 Jim Fagerness and Judy Levine
 Fails Family (Tonya, Brandan, Mariah)

This week the following members will be celebrating their birthdays and we would like to wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

5-David Hanson	8-Morgan Fritz	9-Madison Holtan
7-Matthew Fjelstad	8-Megan Ritter	9-Miranda Nelson
7-Rachel Groe	8-Brenda Helland	10-Andrew Stene
8-Faye Aamodt	9-Kati Smalley	10-Lacie Eidness
8-Mitchel Anderson	9-Timothy Colby	11-Derek Harmon
8-Joy Evans	9-Derek Friest	11-Brad Hill

If you have an upcoming birthday and want it to be listed, please call the office to make sure we have your birthday in our records. 641.592.1771

Memorials Given in November:

Martin & Mabel Lande	General Fund--\$250
Betty Colby	General Fund--\$20
Betty Peterson	General Fund--\$220
Michael Gardner	Youth --\$500
Clarine Moe	Organ Maintenance--\$100, General Fund--\$250 Music--\$110, Youth--\$360, Cemetery--\$25

Toys for Tots: There is a donation box across from the Chapel if anyone would like to make a donation. Toys are to be new and unwrapped. The last day to donate will be Sunday, December 12th.

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

Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast: Come have breakfast! It's on Pastor Joel! The next Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, December 10; 8:00am – 10:00am in the lounge, across from the office. Everyone is welcome! Please join us for this fellowship opportunity. Breakfast will be served until the food runs out or 10:00am, whichever comes sooner. Breakfast is free. Donations collected will go towards youth activities.

Christmas Program: The Faith Formation Christmas Program will be during the 9:00am service on December 12th.

Birthday Party for Jesus: Please join us in the fellowship hall following the Christmas Program on December 12th to celebrate the birth of Jesus. (There will be no faith formation or confirmation on this day)

WECLA will meet on Thursday, December 16th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Joel will lead the Bible Study from the Gather Magazine.

Thank you! The board of Life & Growth would like to thank everyone who donated a shoe box full of Christmas gifts for the Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child. We delivered 19 shoe boxes.

Choir: Anyone interested in singing in a choir every Sunday in December? All ages are welcome to join! Please call the office! (641.592.1771). Practice will be on Wednesdays at 7pm in the choir room.

Volunteers Needed: The Board of Worship and Music is looking for volunteers. If you are willing to usher, acolyte, read, sing in the liturgical choir or would like to learn how to help with sound, monitors or live stream, please contact Heather at 641-909-4050 or write it on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

God's Work Our Hands: The Salvation Army of Winnebago County will be placing a bell at David's Marketplace this holiday season and need bell ringers! Bell ringing shifts are in 2 hour blocks on Friday afternoons, Saturdays, and Sundays. Businesses, organizations, and individuals are all welcome to sign up! You can contact Jamie Kite at 641.512.4951 to volunteer your time!

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.
- Both electronic and physical Tags will be available for pick up starting Sunday, **November 21st**. 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 by Sunday **December 12th**. Feel free to team up and share costs.
- 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

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.

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

Radio sponsorship costs \$83. Call the office to reserve your date. 641.592.1771
(Live Internet Broadcast Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday)

2022 RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

Jan. 2, Feb. 10, Feb. 20, March 13, March 27, May 1, May 8, May 22, June 12, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 25



Pastor's Schedule

Pastor Joel Guttormson

Monday: Off, but on-call

Tuesday: Off, but on-call (2:30pm Pastors Text Study, 5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting)

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

Thursday: Noon-8pm (9am-1pm Living Waters Conference, 6:30pm Church Council)

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

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

Sunday: 8am-Noon (9am Worship Service)

Secretary

Marci Adeogun

Mon-Thurs 10am-5pm

Fri 10am-4pm

Sat-Sun: Off

SATURDAY 12/4

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 12/5

9:00am Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship-Fellowship Hall

10:00am Confirmation-Choir Room

10:00am-11:30am Faith Formation-Sanctuary (rehearsal)

MONDAY 12/6

12:00pm Sons of Norway-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 12/7

11:00am Miriam Circle-Teluwut

5:30pm Altar Guild Meeting-Library

WEDNESDAY 12/8

10:00am Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

3:15pm Brownies-Preschool Room

7:00pm Choir Practice-Choir Room

THURSDAY 12/9

8:30am Fine Arts Meeting-Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Church Council Meeting-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 12/10

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

SATURDAY 12/11

5:30pm Worship Service-Sanctuary

SUNDAY 12/12

9:00am Faith Formation Christmas Program-Sanctuary

10:00am Birthday Party for Jesus-Fellowship Hall

