



Salem Lutheran Church

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OUR MISSION: We are God forgiven and mission driven.

OUR VISION: To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

WEEKLY ANOUNCEMENTS – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT–

DECEMBER 6TH- DECEMBER 13TH

THIS WEEKS TEXTS-- Second Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

PSALM: 85:1-2, 8-13

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8



Prophecy, Patience, and Promise

Advent is a season of expectation, the word itself meaning "coming." Many families spend these four weeks waiting for children to come home from college, or for grandparents to come for Christmas dinner. For young children, these days of waiting can seem like a thousand years. Others are amazed at how quickly time is flying, as they sense the end of their own lives drawing near. In the interval, stories from the past are told and retold as a way of remembering the significance of these waiting days.

The arrival scripture speaks of is both more profound and more sublime. It is the coming end of a way of being that has seemed like exile, like imprisonment. It is salvation from all that has torn us and our world apart. As we wait alongside the readers of Mark's gospel, we too hear voices from the past in the prophetic words of Isaiah (and Malachi and Exodus) that prepare us to receive the one who is coming into the world: Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Mark 1:1).

As with any long period of waiting, we know that the final days are the hardest to bear. We struggle to understand why we ourselves, never mind the rest of creation, must wait any longer for the salvation and redemption God has promised. Our salvation is bound up with one another's though, and we are reminded that God has been patient with us, "not wanting any to perish" (2 Peter 3:9). We therefore practice patience with God as we remain steadfast in hope and lead lives of holiness and godliness worthy of the new era that is coming (2 Peter 3:11-12).

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

During this time of social distancing, there are several ways to continue your giving.

- By mail.
- You can sign up for a weekly or monthly ACH withdrawal (Simply Giving), or PayPal. For ACH, call the office and I can get you a form to complete.
- By PayPal - go to our website (www.salemlakemills.com) home page, scroll to the bottom left and there is a Donate button. Click on it and will take you to a PayPal or credit card donation page.

Call the office with any questions.(641.592.1771)

We as a church still have financial obligations to meet at this time.

I pray that all stay calm & healthy.

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY – WEEKLY GIVING

Updated numbers hopefully next week.

Please remember that Salem has a budget to meet and we are running short for the year.

DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE: \$ -35,327 as of 11/15/2020



WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY- Clothes Closet (Open by appointment)
(Call Rita Anderson 641-592-5085)

WEDNESDAY- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Zoom Confirmation

NEXT SUNDAY- 8:30 a.m. services

SALEM RECORDS– NOVEMBER

Memorials:

Robyn Twito \$50 General Fund

Dean Holstad- \$275 Building Fund

Virginia Thomas \$140.00 Music/\$50.00 Building Fund

Verna Helgeson-- \$25.00 General Fund/\$50.00 Bell Tower

Marvis Risius--\$20.00 Bell Tower

Russell Smidt-- \$170.00 Building Fund

NEXT WEEKS TEXTS –Third Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

PSALM: 126

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 5:16-24

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8,19-28



Salem Lutheran Church is looking for a **Part-time Office Administrator**. If interested, a full job description and application may be picked up at the church office **Monday – Friday, noon – 5:00 pm** or call Shannon Bruhns at 641-592-5978 or 641-590-1532.



Salem Lutheran Church is looking for a **Part-time Custodian**.

Applications may be picked up at the church office **Monday through Friday noon – 5:00 pm** or contact Scott Hagenson at 641-590-0240, if interested.

Reserve your special date to sponsor a **2020 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast**. The service is heard on **KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2**. Cost for 2020 is \$83. **CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE - 641.592.1771.**

2020 BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

Dec. 13

2021 BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

Jan. 3, March 7, April 18, April 23,
May 2, May 9, May 23, June 13