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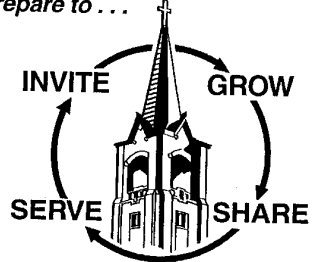
March 2019

We invite you to join us for our weekly Worship Services:

Sunday:
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship- Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation– Chapel
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Saturday:
5:30 p.m. Casual Worship

Prepare to . . .



. . . for Christ's sake

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MISSION

Salem Lutheran Church members have known and now extend to others the invitation from Jesus Christ to know him and his gifts of forgiveness, hope, peace, and purpose. Our desire is to be a welcoming place in service to the Lord who has welcomed us. We seek to grow in our faith through meaningful worship and study. We seek to share the gifts of Christ, both as individuals who reach out in love to our families, our community, our workplaces, and our world, and also as a congregation reaching out with meaningful and supportive services and programming to people of all ages. We seek to be servants, following the example of our Lord Jesus, who said that the greatest life is not the one lived simply for itself, but for the benefit of others.

Lenten Sermon Series And Wednesday Night Soup And Study

We will be trying something new during Lent this year. Throughout the Sundays of lent the music, lessons and sermons will be about "REAL FAITH FOR REAL LIFE: How to Live the Six Marks of Discipleship" Beginning March 10th the First Sunday in Lent you will have the opportunity to become fully engaged in a book study based on a book written by Pastor Michael Foss, former pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville. Slightly used copies of the book are available in the Narthex.

Dr. Foss recently retired after serving St. Mark Lutheran Church in West Des Moines. But he is still on staff at St. Mark, serving as Pastor Emeritus and the church as adopted a mission statement based on his best-selling book, "Real Faith for Real Life. Living the six marks of discipleship. Each Sunday we will be immersed in the faith disciplines of daily prayer, weekly worship, daily bible reading, serving in and beyond the congregation, nurturing relationships and generosity, giving a tithe and beyond.

Then after being introduced to the six acts of discipleship on Saturday evenings or Sunday Mornings we will return on Wednesday evenings for table worship and discussion, having discussions based on the questions found throughout each chapter, closing with a fifteen to twenty-minute time of worship and prayer. I believe if we truly are going to enliven our church and have an impact, shape the future of the next generation we have truly need real living faith influencing real life challenges.

Join us at either or both of these opportunities as we are encouraged and challenged to go deeper in our faith to see how discipleship can deepen your own sense of belonging, enliven our church and influence our community in exciting and meaningful ways.

Shalom

Pastor Joel

Salem Women of the ELCA

Altar Guild

March 5th at 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Altar Guild for March

Gloria Kvale
Pat Thorson

WELCA Meeting

March 21st at 2:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Communion Schedule

Sundays, March 3rd and 17th
(8:30)

Sundays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th
and 24th (10:30)

Saturdays, March 2nd and 16th

Mills Harbour & LMCC

Wednesday, March 27th

Birthdays: Miriam Circle

Program: Ruth Circle

March Worship Schedule

Saturdays:

Casual worship at 5:30 pm in the lounge

Sundays:

Traditional service at 8:30am in the sanctuary

Coffee fellowship at 9:30am in the fellowship hall

Contemporary service at 10:30 in the sanctuary



Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2019 8:30am worship service broadcast on KIOW 107.3 radio in Forest City.

The service can also be heard at 8:30am on cable Channel 2.

Cost for 2019 is \$83.

Dates Available: March 24, 31, May 5, 12, June 9, 16, 30, 28, Aug. 18, Sept. 1, Oct. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 1, 22, 29

Call the office to reserve your dates: 641-592-1771

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Monday February 11, 2019 – 5:30 pm

President Brad Evenson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Members present: Brad Evenson, Delane Behr, Sondra Nelson, Willie Skellenger, Stephanie Steffens, Mike Swenson, Deb Throne, Pastor Joel Guttormson, Shannon Bruhns.

Devotions and Prayers: Pastor Joel opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Delane, seconded by Sondra to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. All approved.

Communication and Correspondence: No communication or correspondence received to share.

Treasurer's Report: Mike provided a written report noting total income for the month \$15,790.34. Expenditures \$25,561.88. Checking account balance \$40,474.15. Heating Project account balance \$55,385.23.

Financial Secretary's Report: Deb provided a written report of the General Offering Contributions for the month of January. Total general offering contributions totaled \$15,983 with an average weekly contribution of \$3,996.

A motion was made by Willie, seconded by Shannon to accept the financial reports as written. All approved.

Board of Worship and Music: Shannon provided a written report. She noted that parents of acolytes may be requested to be ushers for the 10:30 service. There will be training for acolytes for communion runner training. The board would also like to have an Altar Guild member attend their monthly meeting.

Board of Life and Growth/Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry: Willie informed the Council of the board's plan to have a Visual spiral mobile on display with raindrops representing all baptisms performed at Salem in celebration for this year's anniversary celebration. The first quarter Noisy Offering will be provided for summer camps.

Board of Property and Management: No report. A question was raised of who could lock the church on Sundays after worship services. Council will ask

around to find an individual(s) who would be willing to help out and alleviate this duty to one person.

Board of Youth: The Ski trip is coming up with great response with 38 skiers and 16 tubers. Family Game Day will be held in March.

Lead Pastor's Report: Pastor Joel submitted a written report of the pastoral acts for January. He highlighted the 2019 initiatives of staffing, constitution and bylaws, and membership.

Associate Pastor's Report: Pastor Melinda submitted a written report of the pastoral acts for January.

Communication Director: No report.

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Shannon to accept all board reports as presented. All approved.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business: Salem received \$9,300 from the Larson Estate with no specific dedication. Delane motioned for these funds to be placed in the same fund that holds the Phyllis Schat monies, Willie seconded the motion. All approved. In addition, family members of Acey and Bonnie Haroldson donated the following gifts: \$30,000 from Acey and Bonnie; \$250 from Kay Haroldson; and \$1,000 from Pam (Haroldson) Olson. These funds are to be applied toward the Heating/AC project. A letter will be drafted and signed by the Executive Committee and sent to the Haroldson family for their generous contributions. A communications audit will be researched for the immediate future. The Council would like to determine ways to cut costs and possibly implement more electronic methods of communications to Salem members. The Council is committed to provide more ways to provide information of the happenings of Salem.

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Sondra to accept Russell Smidt as a Salem member. All approved.

Transfer/Adjustment: Jane Colby to West Prairie Lutheran Church, Leland IA and Randy/Ashley Lawson to Lutheran Church, Charles City IA. Motion made by Shannon, seconded by Delane. All approved.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

LIVER TRANSPLANT BENEFIT for Donna Lair of Lake Mills

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Lake Mills Community School
102 S 4th Avenue East
Lake Mills, IA
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



*A free will donation lunch
will be served in the foyer.*

LUNCHEON - BAKE SALE
Meal will include pulled pork
or beef brisket, baked beans,
cole slaw, chips, pie and
drink.

ENTERTAINMENT from 12:00
to 1:00

SILENT AUCTION ends
promptly at 1:00 and

LIVE AUCTION begins at 1:00

Donna Lair, former teacher and para at Lake Mills Community School, was diagnosed with non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver in February, 2017. She was placed on a '1 to 5 year' waiting list for a liver transplant. Symptoms from the on-going illness had Donna and her husband Lynn make numerous trips to Rochester, and Donna was eventually forced to resign from her part-time position at school in September of the 2017-2018 school year. Donna and Lynn received the good news that a liver became available, and Donna had a successful transplant on October 26, 2018. The purpose of the benefit is to assist Lynn and Donna with costs not covered by insurance and added expenses for medication.

An account is set up at MBT Bank, Lake Mills, Iowa

Senior Choir practices Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the choir room.

All are welcome to attend.

The *Creature Praise Choir* practices at 9:30am on Sundays in the choir room. Youth in grades 3-7 are welcome to attend.

Please contact Kathy Nelson with any questions.

Sundays in Lent and Midweek Lent Bible Study

Jesus Calls the First Disciple

9 For [Jesus] and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. Luke 5:9-11

Discipleship is hard concept for us to comprehend. The difference discipleship makes in one's life is hard to understand. It might be because we already "know" Jesus, and have heard the stories of Jesus. It might be that we live in a society that puts "me" first at the cost of others.

Being a disciple today is different than being a disciple in Jesus' day. Our context is different. Simon, James, and John responded to Jesus by taking immediate action; they left everything and followed Jesus. Although we live in a world very different than the one in which Jesus walked, one thing has never changed: we are to put Jesus first in all parts of our life.

During the season of Lent we will be studying Michael Foss's book, Living the Six Marks of Discipleship: Real Faith for Real Life. The book identifies six characteristics that help one to understand the practice of discipleship this includes: 1) Daily prayer, 2) Weekly worship; 3) Daily Bible reading; 4) Serving in and beyond the congregation; 5) Nurturing relations; 6) Giving a tithe and beyond.

To be a disciple is to understand what it means to belong to Jesus first. Discipleship is acting on the word we have heard and following the example of Christ. A church that is full of active disciples is a growing church. A church full of disciples is a living and breathing organism that brings light to the world in search of God's love, grace and mercy.



Salem's Clothes Closet is open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Donations of new socks & underwear are needed. Thank you for your help.

Motion to adjourn made by Delane, seconded by Sondra. All approved.

Our next regular meeting will be March 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Throne

SALEM RECORDS– FEBRUARY

Gifts:

In honor of Bonnie Haroldson –Building-Heating A/C- \$30,250
In honor of Acey and Bonnie Haroldson and in memory of Anna
Beers– Building-Heating A/C- \$1,000

Memorials:

Joel Back– Building-Heating A/C- \$500

Funerals:

Arlen Pals

New Member:

Russel Smidt



Monday Mornings on Lake Street

There's a pot of coffee and goodies available on Monday mornings in the Lounge at Salem from 8 – 10:00 a.m.

Stop by and visit, have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a goody, visit with friends. Bring a friend!
Call the office if you would like to provide goodies some Monday!
Free-will donation.

