

# **SALEM REFORMED CHURCH**

*Pastor Dustin Sperlich*

**December 3, 2017**

**First Sunday of Advent - HOPE**

9:30 – Worship Service

Prelude

Greetings

Call to Worship

\*Gloria Patri

\*Invocation

\*Hymn #188 - “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Prayer/Offering

Children’s Message

Advent Reading – Ashley Sperlich & Ashley Peters

\*Hymn #206 - “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Scripture: **Luke 1:46-55** pg. 1589

Message: “A Prayer”

Praise Song – “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

\*Benediction

Doxology

Postlude

**\*Congregation stands**

**GREETINGS** to all who worship with us. Please welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. We ask visitors to sign our guest register in the narthex.

## **TODAY’S ACTIVITIES**

**9:15 am** – Sunday School for 3 year olds – 12th grade

**10:45 am** – Adult Sunday School

**7:00 pm** – RCYF meets.

**Today’s offering:** General Fund/Mission Fund

**Ushers:** John Christians, Layton Gruis

**Librarian:** Julie Peters

**Greeters:** Klaas & Diane Nagel, Tom & Corinne Lonneman

**Sound/Video:** Greg Venenga/Melia Towne

**Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place immediately following the morning worship service.**

All Sunday School kids can go to the basement during the congregational meeting to practice for the Christmas Eve program.

## **NEXT SUNDAY – December 10th**

**The Mission Team** will be meeting on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship service. We will meet in the consistory room in the basement.

**8:30 am** – Adult Choir Practice

**9:15 am** – Sunday School for 3 year olds – 12th grade

**10:45 am** – Adult Sunday School

**7:00 pm** – RCYF

**Ushers:** Nick Odens, Joel Heidebrink

**Librarian:** Karen Winter

**Greeters:** Kent & Julie Peters, John & Judy Schuck

**Sound/Video:** Brad & Donell Nagel

## **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, December 6th**

**6:30 pm – Meal at THE TABLE** – This is open to EVERYONE in church as well as EVERYONE from the community! Just show up between 6:30 and 7:00 for a great meal and great fellowship.

**Servers:** Teresa Duin

**Menu:** Taco Dish

**7:00 pm - Catechism**

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Thanks to all who remembered us** with prayers, calls, cards and memorials in the loss of our sister. Your kindness will always be remembered! God Bless!

Marlyn & Ethel Wibben

**Congratulations to John & Judy Schuck** on the birth of their great-grandson, Keeren Daniel Dismore on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Keeren is the son of Malea and Trevor Dismore of Denver, Iowa and the grandson of Tammy and Dan Wheeler of Waverly, Iowa.

**Congratulations to Brian and Gabrielle Theis** of Victoria, MN on the birth of their son, Rhett Brian, born November 14<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents are Jeff and Florene Theis of Carver, MN. Great grandfather is Ben Heeren of Carver, Mn.

***Please continue to pray for the following people and all others struggling with health concerns, the loss of loved ones, or other hardships:***

Craig Block, Zach Voss, Lyle & JoAnn Gerken, Dwaine Kruse, Lavonne Klaassen, Dwight Leemkuil, Travis Klaassen, Inez Haken, Marlene Christians, Sylvia Gruis, Bernita Klaassen, Dave Wiertzema, Jaynaye Rayman

Last year we budgeted that an average weekly offering of \$2,962.00 was needed to cover our operating costs.

**As of November 12, the 2017 weekly average offering was \$2,592.26.**

Thanksgiving Offering - \$1,618.00  
Offering from November 26<sup>th</sup> - \$4,932.00

Approx. known costs to end of 2017	\$24,000.
Approx. weekly offering needed to cover known costs	\$3,450.

The consistory approved the following to be on the ballot for Elder and Deacon:

**Office of Elder**

Terrence Clark	Arden Kopischke
Tom Lonneman	Clayton Schilling

**Office of Deacon**

Terrence Clark	Darwin Klaassen
Brian Luenberger	Nick Odens
Nathan Peters	

***OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM***

**Sacraments:** Mark Haken, Ch., Gregory Venenga  
**Pulpit Supply:** Mark Haken, Ch., Gregory Venenga  
**Property:** Leroy Buss, Jerry Sandbulte and all Deacons  
**Worship Committee:** Mark Haken, Ch., Leroy Buss  
**Missions:** Brad Lonneman, Ch., Curt Schilling, Randy Wiertsema  
**Education:** Kennis Peters, Ch., Denis Nachtigal  
**Stewardship:** Floyd Duin, Ch., Curt Schilling  
**Ushers:** Floyd Duin, Leroy Buss  
**Staff Relations:** Brad Nagel, Ch., Brad Lonneman

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**Happy Birthday:**

Benjamin Klaassen – Dec. 4      Dwight Leemkuil – Dec. 6  
Ben Heeren – Dec. 8      Betty Zevenbergen – Dec. 8  
Tyler Greve – Dec. 8

**Happy Anniversary:**

Josh & Melissa Peters – Dec. 6

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, December 6**

7:00 pm – WOW Executive Committee meets.

7:30 pm - The Women of Worship CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held for all ladies of the church. We will have Installation of Officers and the program will be "Joyous Christmas". There will be a \$5 gift exchange for all that would like to participate. Please come and enjoy a special night together as we begin the Christmas Season.

**Pianist:** Luann Heeren  
**Program:** Karen Winter      Jodi Gross  
Jennifer Greve      Hope Wiertsema  
**Hostesses:** Joleen Odens      Laura Nachtigal  
Carol Rosenboom      Corinne Lonneman  
**Ushers:** JoAnn Block      Lorraine Meester

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Senior Citizen's CHRISTMAS Party** will be held at 9:30 am. Join us as we celebrate the holiday season with a program and a delicious lunch.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you to Carol Rosenboom** for the candy cane wreaths that have been placed on the east side of church in memory of Steve Rosenboom.

**Thank you to Ada Wieman** for the poinsettia placed in memory of Ed and Ann Wieman and Delbert Wieman. Also, thank you to Ada for supplying the Advent bulletin covers in honor of her family.

**Salem will be serving at the Bread of Life** at the Lutheran Church in George on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:45 to 6:00 pm. We are looking for 8-10 volunteers to help with this service project.

**NEEDED:** We are looking for 2 people to run the sound/video during the church service every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Please let Pastor Dustin know if you would be interested.

**Ellsworth Public School** will be hosting a presentation on the good and bad of Social Media and Social Media Apps. The presenter will speak about the world of social media and the impact these apps have on our students and our community. This presentation will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and the public is invited.

**December Atlas Donations:** Soup and/or crackers. Please place all donations on the table in the narthex.



**Salem's RCYF is participating in a Lego drive!** If you have Legos laying around not being played with anymore, please consider donating them. The Legos do NOT need to be complete sets, but **new Lego sets are welcomed!** These can be donated in ziplock bags or boxes and can be dropped off at church **until Dec. 3rd.** We will then ship them out to where they will be cleaned and distributed to underprivileged children for the holidays. Thanks in advance for your donations!

**NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Allison Jacobs	Chandler Schilling	Emma Kruse
Tenlie VerSteeg	Elijah Kruse	Griffin Schilling
Bryson VerSteeg	Henry Peters	Jackson Kruse
Carter Greve	Cash Sandbulte	Lindsay Haken
Matt Haken	Kaci Klingenberg	Madison Dreesen
Jayden Klingenberg	Josh Haken	

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