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Greetings! October brings a gentle turning. Days grow shorter, the air cools, and the colors of creation deepen. Autumn invites us to pause, notice, and give thanks for the gift of God's good earth. As the Psalmist says, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." (Psalm 24:1)
This month we celebrate Reformation Sunday. We remember Martin Luther and the movement that brought us back to the heart of our faith: we are saved by God's grace, through faith, as a gift. The Reformation is not just a historical event; it reminds us that God is always at work, reshaping us, calling us back to what matters most, and reminding us of the freedom we have in Christ. This season also calls us to gratitude and to what we Lutherans call stewardship. It is more than financial giving; it is a way of life shaped by God's generosity. The autumn harvest reminds us that our time, talents, relationships, and even the beauty around us are gifts to be shared. Stewardship is about living with open hands, allowing God's blessings to flow through us into the lives of others.
As we begin October together, may we notice God's presence in the turning of the seasons, trust the Spirit's reforming work in our lives, and find joy in sharing God's abundance.
In Christ's peace, Pastor Jim

Pray for: **Our Elders; Catherine, Iris, Betty & Sandy Anderson. Healing for; Pastor Carl Heidel, Joey Krog, Grace Porter, Barb Nelson, Gail Peterson, Nancy Olson, Shirley Adamic (Hoffman), Joyce Nybloom. The family of Ozzie Ratzer.**

Sunday School meets on **1st & 3rd Sundays during church service**.
Children will be released just prior to the 1st lesson and return in time for communion with their family. Please contact a council member if you would like to help with this important ministry.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SALEM MEATBALL SUPPER will be held SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION will meet Wednesday October 8 & 22, November 5 & 26 at 6:00 p.m.

November 5 class will be attending a MENTAL HEALTH NIGHT at Our Saviors in Cloquet. This event is open to anyone interested in this issue important to our teens and everyone in our community.

Church Council meets on 2nd or 3rd Monday of each month. Next meetings October 20 & November 17 beginning at 6:30 pm.
Council members are Shari Lowden, Mike Lowden, Dave Eller, Doug Soukkala, Milissa Soukkala, Donita Korpela and Justin Grill. Please them know if you have any questions or concerns.

THANK YOU SOUL SISTERS for the helping hands that provided lunch on Rally Day.

MEN'S CLUB
meets on **Wednesday mornings** at church with **coffee and conversation beginning at 9:00 am and Bible Study or devotions beginning at 9:30 am**. This is a great time for fellowship.

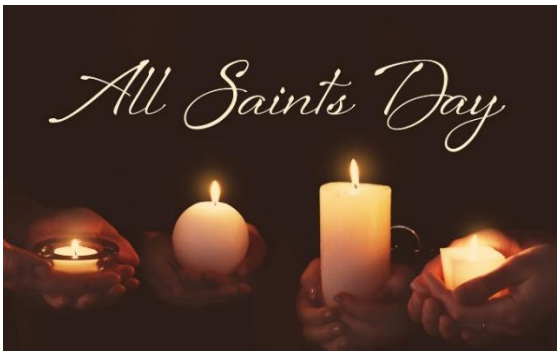
FOOD SHELF IN NEED OF SOUP
Let's not forget our brothers and sisters in need. Cans of soup and other Food Shelf donations can be dropped off at church any Sunday. Thank you to our Salem volunteers who serve at the Food Shelf.
MOOSE LAKE FOOD SHELF
Located at 308 Elm Ave is
open Fridays from 8:30 to noon.

SALEM HALL RENTAL
The Salem Hall is available to use! Contact Dave or Jody Eller at 218-389-6291 or 218-355-0864 and tell your friends! Suggested donation is: $50.00 for 4 hours or less. $100.00 for over 4 hours.

AA meets every Monday in the Hall Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME
for
COMMUNION SETUP and COMMUNION SERVING, LESSON READERS, USHERS, MAKING COFFEE and BRINGING TREATS for Fellowship time after church. Thank you to all who help out in so many ways!

REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26



ALL SAINT'S DAY, SUNDAY, NOV 2
Join us for worship and light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

There will also be an opportunity to have photos taken for the church directory after worship on November 2.