



July/August Newsletter
sponsored by: **Lois Kratzer**
– In loving memory of her
husband, Louis Kratzer.

From the desk of Pr. Nathan...

Congratulations to Salem member Rich Keeney who was inducted into the PA Sports Hall of Fame for Baseball and Softball. Rich has been an active coach and spent 25 years leading the UDA Girls' Softball team.

Annual Church Picnic at Deibler's Camp will take place this year on August 10th! We've grown each year and this year will be no different. Join us for worship at 12 noon and lunch following!

In this time of the year, summer, we tend to focus so much on the 'fun' we plan to have, the travel, the sights, the food, etc. Yet what often has happened in the past is a raging epidemic in the world. When 'summer' starts earlier each year, and seems to last 'longer' into the fall church suffers, the body of Christ weakens because so many 'take a break' from prayer, and worship, and the Blessed Sacrament which gives life itself.

And [Jesus] spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Matthew 13)

How much effort do you place on being a faithful Christian? If only ¼ of your effort is going to fall on good soil and then only the possibility of 30, 60, or 100 fold in that place do you get discouraged?

Our faith is described for us in this parable of the Kingdom from Jesus. It will not happen as we expect, but rather we are called to sow like this sower, scatter the seed of the gospel and know that not all our efforts will show the fruit we expect. Many times we share the gospel unaware of the type of soil on which we see it land...have faith in that which you cannot see!

As you travel this summer take a moment to attend worship wherever you may find yourself on a Sunday morning.

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PARISH LIFE NEWS -

COMMUNITY DAY UPDATE:

1220 Sticky Buns were sold!

.50 cents (**\$610**) for ea. bun was donated to Heather (Challenger) Hildebrand – **PLUS \$110 in donations!**

New MAILING Offering Envelopes –

Please note that the “Initial” offering envelope is not available. Please feel free to use a plain envelope to use as your Initial Offering of \$5 to cover the cost of your yearly envelopes.

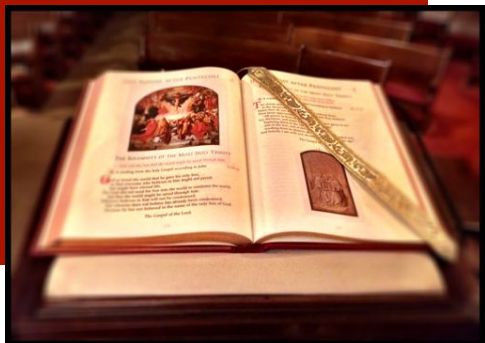
They are easy to keep track of your weekly offering and tithes, easy to tear off and mail if you miss a Sunday, and a wonderful tool in learning to tithe properly.

Book of the Gospels

Donated by new member

Kenneth Stahl.

May the elevation of this book of the Gospels bring the parish great joy and comfort. Please dedicate this gift of the Book of the Gospels to the loving memory of the grandparents of Brian and Kenneth Stahl, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Mabel Harner.



Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mt. 20)

St. James, Apostle – feast July 25th

CARDS OF THANKS –

Dear Salem: Thank you so much for the money for Heather. It is great that you want to help support her. I cannot put into words how grateful we are for all your work and time.

Love to all of you!

Randy & Heidi Challenger

Pastor Nathan & Fellow Salem Members:

Thank you very much for your caring card, needless to say, it surprised me. In response, I am fine. I live alone, cook, maintain my condo, drive around the area and am able to laugh at my failed efforts and laggin stamina. My extended travel is limited to what I can con my son into undertaking.

Pastor, although we've never met, thank you for your devotion to Salem and thinking of me! I believe my simple faith has kept me here into my 90's.

Bruce Romberger
Newport News, VA

July Anniversaries:

- 2-Mr. & Mrs. Tom Liles
- 14-Mr. & Mrs. Ken Campbell
- 17-Mr. & Mrs. Jay Fulkrod
- 24-Mr. & Mrs. Tom Scheib
- 25-Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Engle

August Anniversaries:

- 1-Mr. & Mrs. Don Deibler **HAPPY 50TH!!!!**
- 4-Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Liles
- 9-Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Krause
- 10-Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ingbritsen

Envelopes for Giving In the past year we have tried a new envelope service from our usual envelope supplier which has not been the greatest at all, and we are well aware of that! FINALLY, the envelope supplier has returned a style of envelope that is actually cost effective (much less than our current) and very, very convenient for your use. The new envelopes will run July - June calendar. THEY ARE AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW AND JUST ARRIVED THIS WEEK! Please save us the cost of having to mail them again and pick them up this Sunday! The new envelope is a booklet style which is pre-printed and suitable for mailing! Just tear it off, fold the flap, place a stamp and mail! In a few weeks you will see a letter in the mail describing our 5/10 year plan. It will also describe our progress financially as we approach this milestone together. The church uses weekly envelopes to help us in a practice we should do always. WEEKLY giving reminds us of God's plan for the church which requires our tithes and offerings. At this moment we are regularly behind on our weekly budget numbers. The very cold winter was extremely expensive to keep the church heated. Our staff and pastor have refused any raises to help keep the budget down in anticipation of the cold winter expenses. But your WEEKLY giving is what makes a difference. If you travel, take this opportunity to remember your congregation in giving. We seek to grow, we seek more and more of our pastor's time and attention, we are continually improving, yet so much of this depends on the support of those who benefit from our presence. Does your pack of envelopes, which cost the church money to print and send, just sit there unused? Does your daily cup of coffee cost more than your weekly tithe to keep this ministry alive? Take a look around us, ministry is changing, churches are falling apart, but we are strong and need you to ensure that our work for Christ continues here in this place!



**We are
collecting
CRAYONS for
the LWR
school kits
DUE SEPTEMBER!!**



Prayer List: Manor at Susquehanna Village: Emma Kissinger, Joan Taylor (Peg Massari's mother in law) **With her Daughter:** Mildred Swab **Kepler Home:** Richard Matter (Paul & Natalie Lyter) **Polk Personal Care:** Hilda Collier **Stonebridge Nursing Home:** Norma Reiner **Messiah:** Mary Schade

At home: Ruth Phillips (Dottie Hoffman), Jean Hoke, Korin (Reiner) Harms (Dan Reiner), Don Deibler, Kasey Campbell, Ruth & Laura Bordner-missions trip (Chris Paul), Paul Bowman, Charlie Donovan (Sharyn Farner), Kris King (Janice Gransbury), Shirley Erb, Bill Witmer, Charles Wertz, Lynn Litzel, Tammy Stoneroad (Dorothy Hoffman), Keith Oxenrider (Mary Ellen Oxenrider), Beverly Weida (Janice Gransbury), Anna Shiffer (Rich Reed), Earl Laine (Leah Snyder), Vince Shepley (Ken Campbell), Bonnie Mattern (Tom Scheib), Tim Schreffler (Dorothy Hoffman), Ned Messner (Sarah Challenger), Richard Klinger (Janice Gransbury), Garret Rowe (Arleah Buehler), Xavier Ball (Dave Paul, Sr.), Judy Hassinger-Ferree (Lois Kratzer), Brian Stoneroad (Dorothy Hoffman), Ruthanetta Bopp, Don Deibler, Al Michael, Heather Hildebrand (granddaughter of Sarah Challenger), Hacc Boyer, Elaine Fox (Sharyn Farner), Tina Ramer (Bob Ramer), John Lehman, Brian & Melissa Stahl, Jacob Ingbritsen (Mark & Jane Ingbritsen's nephew), Jill Shade (Dorothy Hoffman), Sarah Naugle (Sharyn Farner), Paul Reitz (Denny's Dad), Janyce Van Sickle, Jessica Ingbritsen, Reece Bruner (Arleah Buehler), Beverly Morgan (Ann Scatenas sister in law), Sue Lebo, Keith Oxenrider (husband of Mary Ellen), Dennis Shade (Pam Ramer), Connie Shomper (Joan Minnich's sister in law), Heide Bohn, "Ike" Rowe (Arleah Buehler), Bill Troutman (Bev Witmer), Tom Sitlinger (brother of Bob Sitlinger), John Witmer (Bev Witmer), Gary Wolfgang & Beth Hirsch (Family of Bill & Mary Jane Witmer), Elizabeth Mattern (friend of Rich Reed), Dave Warner (Peg Massari's friend), Ronald Leshar, Paul & Catherine Zelnick (Jane Ingbritsen), Carl Snyder, Mary Shade, Joan Sanborn (Jessica's Spacek's paternal Nana), Carl Shomper (Joan Minnich's Brother), Vince Kellit (Peg Massari's brother), Bob Weaver (friend of Rich & Fritz Reed), Rena Wert (Mother of Deb Scheib), Chris Miller, Richard Reed, Robert Kissinger, Bobby Leshar, Elsie Phillips, Elsie Watts, Linda Schwegler, Eppie Lehman

from the Pastor continued...

The Sunday worship of the church is the central focus of our existence and the highlight of our week! Sundays in the summer are not just a time to stay home or sleep in, but rather are your opportunity to give thanks for your health, life, blessings, and forgiveness. Faithful Christians seek no excuse for missing the weekly (and for some, daily) attendance at the place where Christ meets us...His Holy Supper. It is the very place where we truly find forgiveness and grace for the penitent sinner, a tangible reminder of everlasting life, and a renewing experience of being loved. Our outward actions day-to-day show the world what we believe. Be not fooled by the sinful deceit of the evil one, who will fill your life with self-justification and cheap grace from false places. The Lord sees you in all things, and Christ knows your thoughts and desires better than you know them yourself. Your Holy Baptism demands your repentance daily, it is the true life of a child of God. Live with Faithfulness, cast off deceit. June 24th was the celebration of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist - in his blessed memory let us hear his call to REPENT, BELIEVE, and prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.



WELCOME - New Members at Salem: We are so happy to welcome to our congregational family several members who have been added to our membership:

Ron & Diane Heim
Jana Miller
Tyler Miller
Sarah Heim
Harold & Marie Daub
Kenneth Stahl

SPONSORSHIPS

July Fellowship – Ann Scatena, Natalie Lyter, Irene Lehman

July Sanctuary Lamp – The Daniel & Shade Family's in loving memory of Paul & Mildred Rummel.

August Fellowship – PICNIC @ DEIBLER'S CAMP

August Sanctuary Lamp – Paul & Natalie Lyter in memory of loved ones.

July Bulletin Sponsors:

6-Janice Gransbury: In memory of Ernest & Mary Buffington and beloved pet, Mystie.

13-Tom & Deb Scheib: In memory of Arland & Gertrude Scheib.

20-Lois Kratzer: In memory of Louis Kratzer

27-Mabel Weida: In memory of loved ones.

July Flower Sponsors:

6-Dale & Arlene Feidt: In memory of their son, Brian.

13- The Kratzer Family: In loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather, Louis Kratzer.

20-Paul & Natalie Lyter: In memory of their parents, Ruth & Howard Geyer and William & Ethel Lyter.

27-Tom & Deb Scheib: In celebration of their wedding anniversary.

27-Bill & Mary Jane Witmer: In honor of Bill's birthday.

August Bulletin Sponsors:

3-Dan Reiner: In loving memory of wife, Janice.

10-Sarah Challenger: In loving memory of husband, Jim.

17-Bill & Mary Jane Witmer: In loving memory of Bill's parents.

24-Dave & Chris Paul: In honor of Michael's 25th birthday on the 25th! HAPPY "SPECIAL" BIRTHDAY!

31-Jake & Bev Witmer: In honor of Ashley's birthday.

August Flower Sponsors:

3-Connie Troutman: In loving memory of Frank & Mildred Reed.

3-Janice Gransbury: In honor of her daughter & son-in-law's wedding anniversary.

10-Dale & Arlene Feidt: In celebration of their son Rodney's and Dale's birthdays.

17- Lois Kratzer: In memory of loved ones.

24-Jean Hoke: In memory of the husband Norwood and son, Lynn.

24-Andy & Brenda Leitzel: In honor of their grandsons Peyton & Carson and granddaughters Ava & Audri.

31-Bob & Pam Ramer: In honor of Kyle's 14th birthday.

July Altar Guild Representatives:
Deb Scheib & Margie Lehman

August Altar Guild Representatives:
Natalie Lyter & Judy Paul

Sunday, July 6 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Michael Paul
Head Usher: Arleah Buehler
Communion Assistant: Chris Paul
Greeters: Tom & Deb Scheib
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Sunday, July 13th 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Natalie Lyter
Head Usher: Fred Renn
Greeters: Ben Cunningham and
Janice Gransbury
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Sunday, July 20th 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Dennis Reitz
Head Usher: Jill Liles
Communion Assistant: Dennis Reitz
Greeters: Bill & Mary Jane Witmer
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Sunday, July 27th 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Margie Lehman
Head Usher: Linda Deibler
Communion Assistant: Rachel Deitrich
Greeters: **2 GREETERS NEEDED**
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

TUESDAY, July 29th

EVE. SVC. of HOLY COMMUNION

Lector: Michael Paul
Communion Assist.: Kristal Dressler
Acolyte: Michael Paul

July Birthdays:

1-Irene Lehman
3-Andy Leitzel
3-Caitlin Minnich
5-Jill Liles
6-Susan Krause
9-Roger Witmer
10-Linda Deibler
20-Dorothy Hoffman
25-Harold Daub
27-Natalie Lyter
29-Bill Witmer
30-Jane Ingbritsen

August Birthdays:

5-Dennis Krause
10-Rodney Feidt
13-Tom Liles
17-Crystal Frey-Schade
17-Peg (Massari) Taylor
19-Martha Jane Fulkrod
19-Ken Stahl
20-Shirley Erb
21-Dennis Paul
24-Dale Feidt
25-Michael Paul
30-Ashley Witmer

Sunday, August 3th 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Tom Scheib
Head Usher: Jim Prince
Communion Assistant: Tom Scheib
Greeters: Ben Cunningham and Janice Gransbury
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Sunday, August 10th 9th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP AT CAMP AT 12:00 NOON
Lector: Chuck Liles
Comm. Assistant: Chris Paul

Wednesday, August 13th

EVE. SVC. of HOLY COMMUNION

Lector: Michael Paul
Communion Assistant: Chris Paul
Acolyte: Michael Paul

Sunday, August 17th 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Natalie Lyter
Head Usher: Mark Ingbritsen
Communion Assistant: Dennis Reitz
Greeters: Janice Gransbury **1 GREETER NEEDED**

Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Sunday, August 24th St. Bartholomew, A postle

Lector: Carol Reitz
Head Usher: Scott Deitrich
Communion Assistant: Rachel Deitrich
Greeters: Harold & Marie Daub
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Sunday, August 31st 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Mark Ingbritsen
Head Usher: Chris Paul
Communion Assistant: Mark Ingbritsen
Greeters: **2 GREETERS NEEDED**
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Brief Lessons for these months:

August 10th – Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid. – Truly you are the Son of God. (Matthew 14:27,33)
August 15th – Mary Mother of Our Lord: My Soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. (Luke 1:46)

UPCOMING EVENTS –

August 27th – NALC Dinner @ Salem
(More info. in the coming weeks.) Join us as we meet with representatives of the NALC over dinner in fellowship hall

Sept. 7th – ICE CREAM SOCIAL 4 PM

Sept. 28th – Fall Project for Lutheran World Relief:



Pr. Nathan will be attending the CORE Theological Conference and NALC Convention in Charleston, SC and will share with us his experience at the summer picnic this August!

Dated Material – Please do not delay
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