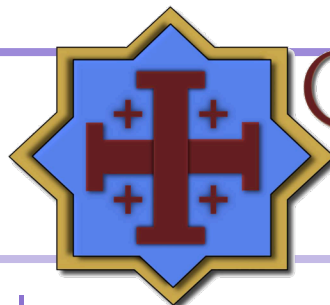


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Ministry at Salem

There is so much that can be said about ministry in general but here at Salem Lutheran our various ministries are booming, and need your support! Each ministry needs time, presence, funding, and prayer. And, as a member of this congregation you've pledged to do just that...support the ministry of this place. To continue serving in these various ways we need your help.

NEW MINISTRIES – We welcome Sharyn Farnier in her new position as **Parish Nurse**! She has assembled a new team of dedicated members to guide and direct the health ministry of this church. Included is a survey, which you are asked to fill out and return to the box in the narthex. This will help the committee choose programs, which will directly benefit the needs that we have around us. Please support Sharyn and her team in this new endeavor which will include heart related topics to begin!

Just after Easter we will begin Healthy Eating & Meeting (HEM Night) on Wednesdays...look for more to come soon!

Staying healthy is vital to being a good steward in all that God has given to you. Be faithful to your own body as well as your soul!

2015 Lenten Series

6:15 meal / 7:15 Worship

The spiritually formed person loves Jesus by...

Feb 25th – Believing in Jesus
St. John Hill Church / Pr. Jim Lewis

March 4th – Abiding in Jesus
Trinity U.M. / Pr. Jeff Wagner

March 11th – Surrendering
St. Peter's U.C.C. / Pr. Tom Bruner

March 18th – Restoring & Forgiving
Salem Lutheran / Pr. Ray Holland

March 25th – Reaching Out in Jesus
Salem U.C.C. / Pr. Nathan Minnich

April 2nd– Maundy Thursday
Each Congregation at home

April 3rd – Good Friday @ Salem
Lutheran **Elizabethville Churches**
Dinner at 6:00 with
Presentation on the last steps of
Christ: Photos from Jerusalem
Worship at 7:30 PM

Have you been praying daily or weekly?

For many weeks now, Pastor Nathan has been writing prayers in the front of each week's bulletin to aid us all in prayer. Each prayer is designed to guide our thoughts from that week's Holy Scriptures to the prayers needed for those around us. BY NAME, remember all those on our prayer list daily after this short prayer and keep

yourself connected with those in need and with your brother and sisters here. CUT THIS OUT...PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE, for many would love to know just how many are praying.

I PRAY DAILY 2 times/week 3 times/week

CIRCLE ONE and vow to do more!

March Birthdays

6-Dennis Reitz
 6-Mary Jane Witmer – **HAPPY 75th!**
 7-Caileigh Witmer
 8-Brian Ingbritsen
 13-Ben Margerum
 13-Judy Paul
 15-Fred Renn
 17-Melva Jane Reinhard
 18-Rachel Deitrich
 21-Ron Heim – **HAPPY 55th!**
 22-Kasarah Liles
 25-Cindy Ayers – **HAPPY 60th!**
 30-Eric Deitrich
 31-Chris Paul

Family of the Church**April Birthdays**

7-Pam Ramer
 11-Mary Paul
 17-Lori Paul
 19-Bob Ramer
 23-Brandy Ayers
 25-Bev Witmer
 28-Aidan Campbell

April Anniversaries

7-Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ramer – **HAPPY 15th!**
 25-Mr. & Mrs. Roger Witmer
 27-Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Reitz
 29-Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ayers

REMINDER: SPRING AHEAD ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 7th!

Women's Groups

WMF will be holding their first meeting of 2015 in April and will be making plans for the Father's Day Picnic in June. The group is in DIRE need of more members! PLEASE JOIN US ON THURS. APRIL 9th IN THE EDUCATIONAL BLDG. AT 7 PM. (The committee meets about 6 times/yr.)

If you missed the women's retreat at Danville you really missed a great fellowship event!

Ministry at Salem**Sunday School**

Study of Holy Scripture and discussion has been the backbone of the Adult Sunday School going on NOW! The book "I AM A CHURCH MEMBER" has provided the basis of study and discussion. Many in the class have noted that EVERYONE in the church should read this book. Ken Campbell has been leading the adult class in this first 6-week session. Catch the end of the class and get ready for what is coming next.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:10 AM each Sunday in Fellowship Hall

The Life of the Church

March Altar Guild – Connie Troutman and Arleah Buehler

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Sunday, March 1st – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Lector: Ann Scatena
Head Usher: Fred Renn
Communion Assistant: Chris Paul
Greeters: Harold & Marie Daub
Acolyte: Tyler Miller

Sunday, March 8th – 3rd Sunday in Lent (GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY)

FELLOWSHIP: GIRL SCOUTS!

Lector: Girl Scouts
Head Usher: Dave Reiner
Communion Assistant: Tom Scheib
Greeters: Tom & Deb Scheib
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Sunday, March 15th – 4th Sunday in Lent

Lector: Natalie Lyter
Head Usher: Linda Deibler
Communion Assistant: Rachel Deitrich
Greeters: Fred Renn and Judy Paul
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Sunday, March 22nd – 5th Sunday in Lent

Lector: Chuck Liles
Head Usher: Jim Prince
Communion Assistant: Dennis Reitz
Greeters: Janice Gransbury and Jean Hoke
Acolyte: Tyler Miller

Sunday, March 29th – PALM SUNDAY

Lector: Harold Daub
Head Usher: Chris Paul
Communion Assistant: Mark Ingbritsen
Greeters: Ann Scatena and Connie Troutman
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

April Altar Guild – Lois Kratzer and Arleah Buehler

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

HOLY WEEK:

Thursday, April 2nd – MAUNDY THURSDAY

Lector: Michael Paul
Head Usher: Mark Ingbritsen
Communion Assistant: Rachel Deitrich
Greeters: Arleah Buehler and **A VOLUNTEER**

NEEDED

Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Friday, April 3rd – GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICE BEGINS AT 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 4th – HOLY SATURDAY 7:30

Head Usher: Scott Deitrich
Communion Assistant: Chris Paul
Greeters: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Acolyte: Tyler Miller

Sunday, April 5th – EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 am

Lector: Mark Ingbritsen
Head Usher: Arleah Buehler
Communion Assistant: Tom Scheib
Greeters: Dennis & Susan Krause
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Sunday, April 12th – 2nd Sunday of Easter

FELLOWSHIP: Thank You Natalie and Irene!

Lector: Jim Prince
Head Usher: Fred Renn
Communion Assistant: Dennis Reitz
Greeters: Gerri Deppen and
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Sunday, April 19th – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Lector: Kasey Campbell
Head Usher: Dave Reiner
Communion Assistant: Mark Ingbritsen
Greeters: Janice Gransbury and
Acolyte: Tyler Miller

Sunday, April 26th – 4th Sunday of Easter

Lector: Ben Margerum
Head Usher: Linda Deibler
Communion Assistant: Rachel Deitrich
Greeters: Walter & Sharon Lehman
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Dear people of Salem:

By the time you are reading this I will be walking again in the footsteps of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is truly an honor to have been selected to lead this wonderful program into the future. My understanding of the land of Jesus and the places where he walked was forever changed by my visit in 2013...and I hope that in ways I cannot yet understand I will be further changed by this experience. I cannot believe that anyone could kneel at the place of Christ's burial and not look with deeper faith into the life of the savior. I know that the Sunday School has discussed prayer, and we've been praying more and more together. These few weeks I ask specifically for your prayers of safety for me and my group, for the people of Israel, and for the many congregations who anxiously await the return of their pastor!

Many thanks to Pastor Hoffman for his presence in many needs of the congregation in my absence, and also to Pastor Rooney for his preaching and presiding. You are in very competent and loving hands for these few weeks. I cannot wait to share with you my experience this year!

As we approach the holiest of days take some time to bring yourself closer to repentance and faith. Giving up something for lent really does nothing for you, unless what you give up, you, in turn give to the poor. Maybe you could add something for lent? Come to confession, sit in prayer time in the church, vow to attend just one more service each month are all ways in which you can improve your spiritual well-being this lent.

I am also very excited that we are moving forward with many new things. You'll notice that there are new ministries starting here at Salem. The enthusiasm and effort by so many of our faithful people is becoming infectious!! Join in with your passions and talents, take the reigns on a new ministry, or join one of these new adventures. Growing is good, and we certainly are growing.

In just a few weeks, we'll mark our 6 years together as your pastor. There is no greater anniversary for me to mark than this moment in my life, and I'm so thankful to share it with all of you! This is just the beginning, and I look forward to many more years to come. Brothers and Sisters rejoice, for the Lord is in our midst. May the Lord bless you and keep, may he make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! AMEN.

Rev. Nathan G. Grinich

The Holy City



Holy Week

Maudy Thursday @
Salem 7:30

Good Friday @ Salem
Dinner @6:00pm with
the presentation of
Jerusalem by Pr.
Nathan
Worship at 7:30pm

Holy Saturday
Service of Light
The Vigil of Easter
7:30

Station of the Cross
ALL WEEK!

Easter Sunday

6:30 AM

Sunrise Service
breakfast to follow

SPONSORSHIPS

March Bulletin Sponsors:

- 1 Bill & Mary Jane Witmer – In memory of loved ones.
- 8 Nancy Spacek – In honor of all Girl Scouts and Leaders.
- 15 Walter & Sharon Lehman – In memory of loved ones.
- 22 Paul & Natalie Lyter – In honor of their granddaughter
Nicole Sellman's birthday.
- 29 (Palm Sunday) **SPONSOR NEEDED**

March Altar Flower Sponsors:

- 1 Conrad & Rose Fortney – In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Reed
Emma & Helen Reed.
- 8 Martha Jane Fulkrod and Nancy Spacek – In honor of Girl Scouts and Leaders.
- 15 Andy & Brenda Leitzel – In memory of Derl & Hilda Rebuck.
- 15 Judy Paul – In memory of her mother, Erma Buffington.
- 22 Bev Brooks – In memory of loved ones.
- 29 Dorothy and Robin Hoffman – In honor of Chris's birthday.

April Bulletin Sponsors:

- 2 (Maundy Thurs.) Fred Renn – In memory of Marian J. Renn
- 4 (Holy Saturday) **SPONSOR NEEDED**
- 5 (EASTER) **SPONSOR NEEDED**
- 12 **SPONSOR NEEDED**
- 19 **SPONSOR NEEDED**
- 26 **SPONSOR NEEDED**

Sponsorship Costs:

Altar Flower Vases \$20/vase
Weekly Bulletins \$10/wk.
Sanctuary Lamp \$50/mo.
Bi-Monthly Newsletter \$30

April Altar Flower Sponsors:

- 2 (Maundy Thurs.) Robert & Carole Long –
In loving memory of his mother, Mary Long.
- 5 (EASTER) Fred Renn – In loving memory of his wife, Marian.
- 12 Sarah Challenger – In memory of Jim Challenger and John & Elsie Kratzer.
- 12 Melva Reinhard – In loving memory of her husband, Jack.
- 19 Lois Kratzer – In memory of loved ones.
- 19 Tom & Deb Scheib – In memory of loved ones.
- 26 Connie Troutman – In honor of her children and grandchildren.
- 26 Irene Lehman – In memory of loved ones.

Fellowship:

- March 8th – GIRL SCOUTS
- April 12th – Irene Lehman and Natalie Lyter

Sanctuary Lamp:

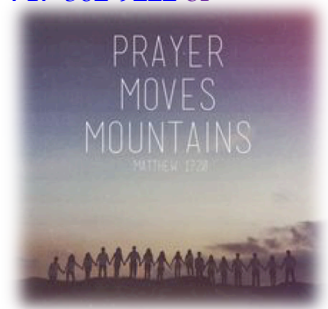
- March – Ron & Diane Heim: In memory of grandparents Eugene & Leona Hechler
- April – Fred Renn: In loving memory of his wife Marian.

Prayer List:

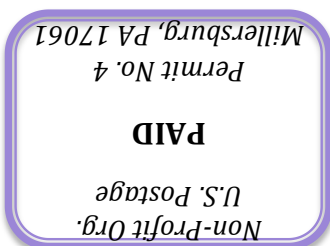
Manor at Susquehanna Village: Emma Kissinger, Joan Taylor (Peg Massari's mother in law)
With her Daughter: Mildred Swab, **Kepler Home:** Richard Matter (Paul & Natalie Lyter)
Polk Personal Care: Hilda Collier, Mary Schade **Stonebridge Nursing Home:** Norma Reiner
Luther Acres: Oren Spangenburg (Sarah Challenger) **Hershey (healthcare home):** Paula Bowman
Harrisburg Hospital: Henry Leshar **At home:** Harold (Peanie) Heckler (Diane Heim's Dad), Ellen Johnston (Sheena Erdman), Carl Snyder, Dave Deibler (Lyters), Tyler Miller, Bill Witmer, Ruthann Miller (Sharyn Farner), Keith Laudenslager, Ken Crone (Paul & Natalie Lyter), Charlotte Mills (Harry & Joan Minnich's great granddaughter), Tom & Judy Welker (Family of Peg Taylor), Edward Snyder (Wanda Latshaw's dad), Linda Scheib (Tom's sister), Scott Deitrich, Joan Sanborn (Jessica Spacek's paternal Nana), Amanda Eisenhauer (Kyle Ramer), The Graff Family (Dorothy Hoffman), Don Deibler, Charlie Donovan (Sharyn Farner), Kris King (Janice Gransbury), Charles Wertz, Tammy Stonerod (Dorothy Hoffman), Keith Oxenrider (Mary Ellen Oxenrider), Beverly Weida (Janice Gransbury), Earl Laine (Leah Snyder), Vince Shepley (Ken Campbell), Bonnie Mattern (Tom Scheib), Ned Messner (Sarah Challenger), Richard Klinger (Janice Gransbury), Xavier Ball (Dave Paul, Sr.), Judy Hassinger-Ferree (Lois Kratzer), Brian Stonerod (Dorothy Hoffman), Heather Hildebrand (granddaughter of Sarah Challenger), Hacc Boyer, Elaine Fox (Sharyn Farner), Tina Ramer (Bob Ramer), Brian Stahl, Sarah Naugle (Sharyn Farner), Janyce Van Sickle, Beverly Morgan (Ann Scatenas sister in law), Dennis Shade (Pam Ramer), Heide Bohn, Tom Sitlinger (brother of Bob Sitlinger), Gary Wolfgang & Beth Hirsch (Family of Bill & Mary Jane Witmer), Elsie Phillips

Please help to keep our prayer list current by contacting the church office for changes: 717-362-9222 or salemelizabethville@gmail.com

The family & friends of Richard Klinger
 The family & friends of Marian Snyder (Wanda Latshaw's mother)
 The family & friends of Eppie Lehman
 The family & friends of Bobby Leshar
 The family & friends of Clara Bowman



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