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from the desk of Pastor Nathan

A seven-year-old child knows what the church is, namely, holy believers and sheep who hear the voice of their Shepherd - Martin Luther



Perhaps the voice of the Good Shepherd is saying have faith; faith that I am with you, faith that I will guide you, faith that I will protect you, if you but hear my voice. I like to believe that when we really begin to listen to the voice of Christ (and we have faith that we are really listening) we can grow as Christians who can truly carry the good news to others. Surely we want to call ourselves part of the flock of the Good Shepherd. Especially because of the promises of support, guidance, protection and love that come with this belonging. Think about some of these questions... If we had directions from the Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd that were as clear as the morning news or the email at work would we follow His voice as blindly as many follow those human directions? Listening to Christ is a way of living. But, how can we possibly make the distinction between listening and hearing? Even though the voice is there for us do we even recognize it sometimes? Do we need to train ourselves to hear the voice? Even if this voice is here for us all the time, supporting, guiding, loving, protecting and all we have to do is listen to truly hear, how can we be sure that we are getting it right? We take that step on FAITH. There is a difference in hearing and listening; especially when we listen with a plan in our own mind. Many times our prayer isn't in our silence. We ask God for specific things, or ask for guidance on certain questions. But are we truly open to hear what we don't expect? Where is the comfort in that?

How in the world are we to figure all this out? Of course we have support, but is that enough? Where is the direction when we are totally lost? How can we possibly act on what we think we hear when we are not really as strong in our faith as we can (or should) be?

These are all great questions and the answer is in Christ Jesus. He doesn't just tell us, he shows us. But so much of what Jesus says and does is not what we want to hear, see, or follow just by the nature of our own agendas or our own society. I would find it hard to keep track or even count the number of times Jesus teaches how to do something, and then charges us with doing it! So much

of what Christ taught us, showed us, and is telling us now is not what we live out each day in the lives we lead when not gathered at church.

What can we do? First, recognize that we have only one life kept in balance within two kingdoms. We live here, among others, but always part of the Kingdom of God, and the family of Salem, and in that is where we can place our trust. The good news flows from Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the actions of humans juxtaposed with the actions of Christ is where we discern the true voice. It's the voice that prayed for us from the cross, it's the voice that remains with us always, it's the voice that will lead us through the darkest times, and down the right pathways, and will rest with us in the green pastures beside the still waters where our souls are revived.

What happens when we find what we need, by listening and hearing the voice of discernment everyday? We are empowered with faith; a faith that is built on the trust in Christ Jesus, his comfort, guidance, support, community, and love. But a faith that now needs us to act. This is a faith, found in the voice that calls us to follow. We cannot just live in the peaceful moments of still waters or the jubilant moments of praise and worship. We need to follow Christ's example and reach out to someone in need through any of the gifts that we are equipped with. The gifts that we are encouraged to use (even if they are not the gifts we see, recognize, or get paid for), but the gifts that we are reminded of by the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Come together and worship. Learn from the voice that comes to us as the Word of God. I am hoping that you will share with your family in worship. That is specifically why we gather as often as we can, Sunday mornings and several evenings in worship and in fellowship and learning. Some of our family cannot be with us on Sunday mornings and I encourage you to worship at these opportunities. May the Lord speak to you in ways that will encourage your faith and draw you closer to Him.

✠ *Pastor Nathan*



Worship Notes –

*SUNDAY OF THE HOLY TRINITY: IN THE TRADITIONAL **DIVINE OFFICE**, THE **ATHANASIAN CREED** (QUICUMQUE VULT) IS SAID ON THIS DAY. TRINITY SUNDAY IS THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING PENTECOST, AND EIGHT WEEKS AFTER EASTER DAY. THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE IS 17 MAY, AS IN 1818 AND 2285. THE LATEST POSSIBLE DATE IS 20 JUNE, AS IN 1943 AND 2038.*



And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

-Acts 2:38

Mother's Day Banquet will be on May 8th

Father's Day Picnic will be on June 17th

PLANT DRIVE

The Community Garden at the Human Service Center is collecting small **FRUIT & VEGETABLE** plants until May 30th. Bring plants to the church. Volunteers are also needed to tend the gardens located behind the Center.



*Take a moment to send a card to those who are unable to be with us at worship.
Salem cards are in the Narthex, feel free to take one!*

Prayer List:

Manor at Susquehanna Village: Eugene Fenstermacher,
Leah Long, Marie Erdman

Beacon House: Mildred Swab

Nottingham Village Retirement Center: Gladys Matter

At home: Randy Yeager, Gloria Portzline (Pam Ramer), Joe Marra, Robin Hoffman, Gerald Hoffman, Gary Wolfgang & Beth Hirsch (Family of Bill & Mary Jane Witmer), Dennis Shade (Pam Ramer), Debbie Homberg (friend of Mary Jane Witmer & Chris Paul), Robert & Elizabeth Mattern (friend of Rich Reed), Dave Warner (Peg Massari's friend), Anna Shade (Bob Ramer's Mother), Horace (Pork) Schwartz, Jr., Ronald Leshner, Kim (Miller) Corcoran (Judy Paul's niece), Paul & Catherine Zelnick (Jane Ingbritsen), Carl Snyder, Gail & Joe Lau, Lee Matter (Sharon Lehman's father), Thomas Acker – Spec. Forces, Afghanistan (husband of Nicole: granddaughter of Walter & Sharon Lehman), Irene Lehman, Fran Budd (Jane Ingbritsen), Mary Shade, Sonny Weist (Phyllis Weaver), Carol Matthews (Irene Lehman's sister), Joan Sanborn (Jessica's Spacek's paternal Nana), Carl Shomper (Joan Minnich's Brother), John Lehman, Kay Lehman (Paul & Natalie Lyter), Dan Shock (Wanda Latshaw's father in law), Blake Ringler, Darcy Koppenhaver, Joan Taylor (Peg Massari's mother in law), Vince Kellit (Peg Massari's brother), Brian Ingbritsen, Nevin Maurer, Bob Weaver (friend of Rich & Fritz Reed), Judy Welker (Peg Massari's daughter), Rena Wert (Mother of Deb Scheib), Tim Enders (nephew of Natalie Lyter), Chris Miller, Richard Reed, Robert Kissinger, Bobby Leshner, Elsie Phillips, James Swope, Elsie Watts, Linda Schwegler, Eppie Lehman, Clarence Bucher, Jessica Ingbritsen

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

Sponsors are needed for Fellowship, Bulletins, Newsletters and Evening Service Altar Flowers

Evening Service Altar Flowers: May 17th & June 29th



Council Notes

VERY IMPORTANT: the council is pushing forward with the items the congregation agreed to work toward in our long range plan. We are pleased to announce that we are starting our Bread for the Family Ministry on May 19th. Please join us in moving forward with this important new venture. Also, the council discussed reports from all committees and urges them to continue their missions work.

Financial Reports & Attendance

Our annual budget requires us to average just over \$1,400 per week to meet the needs and ministries of the congregation. Although there are certainly months which exceed the average!

Actual March income: \$ _____
Actual March expenses: \$ _____
(deficit: \$ _____)

Actual April income: \$9,804.00
Actual April expenses: 6,285.11
(ending balance: \$3,541.65)

Sunday Attendance
March: 57, 40, 60, 147, 49
April: 67, 130, 35, 52, 40

SALEM HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

salemlutheranelizabethville.org

Stay up to date with the latest news, meetings, events,
church services and MORE!!

Prayer Interrupted? Stay current... email the office
and get weekly prayer updates.

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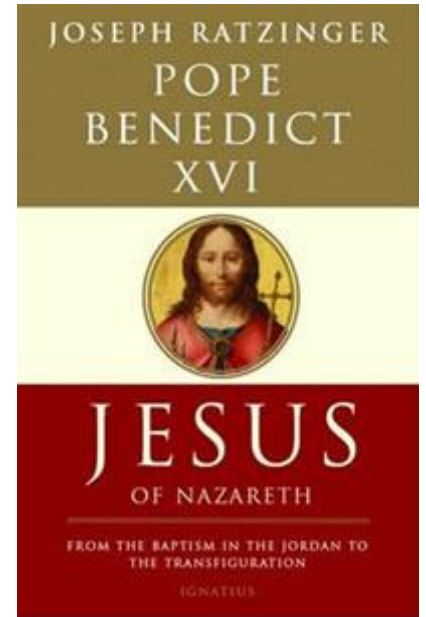


Study and Learning: Sunday School

Our Sunday School has been a huge success for both the young and “older” ones in our congregation. Please join us every Sunday at 10:10 AM in the Sanctuary for the opening Sunday School services and then depart to your designated Sunday School room. We have 3 groups of Sunday School – Adult, Middle, and Children.

BOOK DISCUSSION: JESUS OF NAZARETH

Pastor Nathan is planning an evening book discussion for us for the EASTER SEASON. Please sign up in the NOTEBOOK in the narthex so he can order enough books. We will plan to meet on **MAY 20th from 2-4PM** for this exciting look at WHO Jesus is, and the details of his life.



COMMITTEE INFORMATION



Next monthly meeting:

May 10th & June 14th - Thurs. @ 7 PM

The members of the VWF are currently working on their Spring fundraiser – Rita's Ice: 1 Qt. /\$5.00 –See any member to purchase a ticket(s)! *(Or call the church office.)* The committee is also looking for women interested in helping those in our community and elsewhere, or simply sharing in fellowship once a month.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings!

Evangelism & Worship

PLEASE HELP US !!! There are baskets created for each of our shut-ins and we need your help to make them feel remembered and missed. Just because they cannot be with us in person, doesn't mean they are any less a part of our family. We need MANY things, puzzle books, snacks, personal hygiene items, etc. Check the east wing and also drop them a handwritten note!

PARISH LIFE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

FUNDRAISER: Mr. Sticky -Sticky Buns: \$3.00 ea.

Community Days – June 1 & 2

Place your orders by calling Irene Lehman @ **362-8305** or **362-8340**
by MAY 30th.

Or, you can place your order at church at the Sunday services.

We need to sell 1200 sticky buns –

your help is GREATLY appreciated!

Salem's Shawl Ministry Group



Meeting Dates: May 8th and June 12th @ 1 PM



Worship & Music:

It will soon be summertime and we are in need of those who would be willing to provide special music! EVERY musical talent is REQUESTED!!!

May 2012 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1-1:00 pm Bible Study at St. Paul's Mbg
6 – WHITE <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:10 am Sunday School <div>Protection Policy @ Salem UCC 10:30 am</div>	7-	8- 1:00 pm Bible Study at St. Paul's Mbg 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry  6:30 pm Mother's Day Banquet
13 – WHITE MOTHER'S DAY <i>Six Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 am Service of the Word 10:10 am Sunday School	14-	15- 1:00 pm Bible Study at St. Paul's Mbg
20 – WHITE <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:10 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Jesus of Nazareth	21- <div>Book Discussion</div>	22- 1:00 pm Bible Study at St. Paul's Mbg
27 – RED <i>The Day of Pentecost</i> 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:10 am Sunday School 	28-Community Choir @ Maple Grove Cemetery <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px wavy red; width: 200px; margin: 5px auto;"/> MEMORIAL DAY	29-1:00 pm Bible Study at St. Paul's Mbg

May 2012 Calendar

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2- Choir @ 7PM	3- 	4-	5-
9- Choir @ 7PM	10-  7 pm 	11-	12-
16- Choir @ 7PM	17- Church Council 7 PM Evening Service 7:30 PM 	18-	19- <i>Bread for the Family</i> 7 AM 
23- Choir @ 7PM	24- Growing Through Grief—7pm (Human Svc. Ctr) VBS Meeting 7 PM	25-	26-
30- Choir @ 7PM	31-		

June 2012 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
 <p>3— WHITE The Holy Trinity 9:00 am Holy E 10:10 am Sunday School LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	4-	5- 1:00 pm Bible Study at St. Paul's Mbg
<p>10— GREEN Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Svc of the Word 10:10 am Sunday School FELLOWSHIP</p>	11-	 <p>12- 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm Bible Study at St. Paul's Mbg</p>
<p>17 — GREEN Third Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Service of the Word 10:10 am Sunday School FATHER'S DAY PICNIC</p>	18-	19- 1:00 pm Bible Study at St. Paul's Mbg
<p>24— WHITE <i>The Nativity of</i> <i>St. John the Baptist</i> 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:10 am Sunday School</p>	25-	26- 1:00 pm Bible Study at St. Paul's Mbg

June 2012 Calendar

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1- Elizabethville Craft Days & Mr. Sticky – PLEASE HELP!	2-
6-	7-	8-	9-
13- Evening Service of Holy Communion 7:30 pm	14-  7 pm	15-	16-
20-	21- Church Council 7PM	22-	23-
27-	28- Growing Through Grief—7pm (Human Svc. Ctr)	29-	30-



KIDS & FAMILY

Color this page. Talk about what this scene means. Central to this picture is the cross, the crucifixion, and right in the front is the entire reason Christ went to the cross... so that you and your loved ones can walk hand-in-hand into church and worship TOGETHER!

Take someone's hand this summer, and walk with them to the house of the Lord... KIDS... grab your parents hand, and lead them back home! :)

Ways to Give: Consider this... giving is our response to the blessings we have been given. This is the way the church can grow... we help others through our gifts, both financial and PRESENCE. There are endless possibilities when it comes to giving, of course Christ gave up his life for all people... what would you be willing to give to help those in need?

May – June Birthdays & Anniversaries

(If there are any errors or someone has been missed, please call Chris at the church office 362-9222. Thank You)

May Birthdays

Sarah Challenger – 1st

John Lehman – 17th

Josh Witmer – 19th

Erik Ingbritsen – 28th **HAPPY 20th!**

Brad Zimmerman – 30th

June Birthdays

David Paul, Jr. – 14th

Mary Ellen Paul – 11th

Lori Paul – 17th

Robert Ramer – 19th

Brandy Ayers – 23rd

Beverly Witmer – 25th

May Anniversaries

(No anniversaries this month)

June Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ramer – 7th

Mr. & Mrs. Roger (Jake) Witmer – 25th

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Reitz – 27th

Missions:

REACH OUT!!! ...help us reach out in mission work around us... by sharing the many ways in which you reach out personally. We are able to make a difference when we do mission work as a congregation and new blessings can abound when we remember that we live with great abundance and when we recognize that abundance we can easily teach others to see the abundance that already exists around them... and sometimes WE ARE the abundance! We continue in May and June to collect things for the Bethesda Mission, our own Shut-Ins, and for the Daycare!

“Bread for the Family” – Sat., May 19th @ 7 AM in the Church Basement...a program designed to gather Salem’s members together and bake homemade bread for those within our congregation and those recommended to us by members and share with them a carefully and prayerfully made loaf of bread to share with their family at the dinner table and accompany that gift with prayers and encouragement.

Monthly Record of Sponsorships — May 2012

Date	Bulletin Sponsor	Altar Flowers
6	Peg Massari in honor of Danell Engle's birthday & Greg Welker's graduation from Shippensburg.	Scott, Rachel & Eric Deitrich in memory of Emma Mauser, Rachel's grandmother.
	Linda Deibler in honor of Don's birthday.	Robert & Carol Long in memory of grandmother Mary Long.
13	Dale & Arlene Feidt in memory of her mother, Dorothy Wolfgang and their son, Brian.	Chris Paul & Robin Hoffman in memory and honor of all mothers.
17 Eve.	SPONSOR NEEDED	SPONSOR NEEDED
20	Jake & Bev Witmer in honor of Josh's Birthday.	Jake & Bev Witmer in honor of loved ones.
27	Jean Hoke in memory of Norwood & Lynn.	Clara & Paul Bowman in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Eldred Buffington and Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Bowman.
		Stan & Arleah Buehler in memory of loved ones.

Our **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns always as a physical reminder to us of God's constant presence among and through His people and as the embodiment of our prayers, even when we are not in our worship space.

The lamp is sponsored for the month of May by:

SPONSOR(S) IS NEEDED!!!!

The lamp is sponsored for the month of June by:

Phyllis Weaver in memory of her husband, Ronald L. Weaver.



Monthly Record of Sponsorships —June 2012

Date	Bulletin Sponsor	Altar Flowers
3	Peg Massari in honor of Greg Welker's birthday.	Don & Linda Deibler in honor of their children & grandchildren.
10	Richard & Winifred Reed in memory brother Gary Snyder.	Phyllis Weaver in memory of her father, Salvatore Bertone.
		Joan & Tim Grosser in memory of mother and grandmother Charlotte Ditty.
17	In honor of Rich Reed by his family.	Andy & Brenda Leitzel in celebration of their wedding anniversary.
24	Jake & Bev Witmer in honor of Caitlin's birthday.	John & Irene Lehman in celebration of their wedding anniversary.
29 Eve.	SPONSOR NEEDED	Charles & Jill Liles in honor of the birthdays of Sarah, Rachel and Tom.

Fellowship Sponsors: June 10th Fritz Reed

For a \$35.00 donation, Parish Life will handle the arrangements.

HOME COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE WITH US AT WORSHIP... CALL THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE A TIME FOR THE PASTOR TO BRING YOU THE HOLY SACRAMENT – 362-9222.

Schedule of Worship Assistants

May Altar Guild Representatives: Winifred Reed & Beverly Witmer

Sunday, May 6th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lector:	Bev Witmer
Head Usher:	Rachel Zimmerman
Communion Assistant:	Chris Paul
Greeters:	Don & Linda Deibler
Acolyte:	Michael Paul

Sunday, May 13th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Lector:	Margie Lehman
Head Usher:	Linda Deibler
Greeters:	Robin Hoffman & Winifred Reed
Acolyte:	Kyle Ramer

Thursday, May 17th Eve. Svc. *"The Ascension of Our Lord" 7:30 PM*

Lector:	Michael Paul
Communion Assistant:	Kristal Dressler
Acolyte:	Michael Paul

Sunday, May 20th Seventh Sunday of Easter

Lector:	Chuck Liles
Head Usher:	Paul Lyter
Greeters:	Gerald & Dorothy Hoffman
Acolyte:	Jessica Spacek

Sunday, May 27th The Day of Pentecost

Lector:	Dennis Krause
Head Usher:	Chris Paul
Communion Assistant:	Tom Scheib
Greeters:	Connie Troutman & Chris Paul
Acolyte:	Kyle Ramer



Schedule of Worship Assistants

June Altar Guild Representatives: Jean Hoke & Crystal Schade

Sunday, June 3rd The Holy Trinity

Lector:	Dennis Reitz
Head Usher:	Mark Ingbritsen
Communion Assistant:	Dennis Reitz
Greeters:	Dennis & Susan Krause
Acolyte:	Jessica Spacek

Sunday, June 10th Second Sunday After Pentecost

Lector:	Rich Keeney
Head Usher:	Arleah Buehler
Greeters:	Cindy Ayers & Chris Paul
Acolyte:	Michael Paul

Wed, June 13th Evening Communion – Eve. Svc. 7:30 pm

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

Sunday, June 17th Third Sunday After Pentecost

Lector:	Paul Lyter
Head Usher:	Caitlin Witmer
Greeters:	Connie Troutman & Rich Reed
Acolyte:	Kyle Ramer

Sunday, June 24th The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Lector:	Carol Reitz
Head Usher:	Jill Liles
Communion Assistant:	Dennis Krause
Greeters:	John & Irene Lehman
Acolyte:	Jessica Spacek

Kyle & Jessica at
their First Holy
Communion on
Palm Sunday 2012



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