

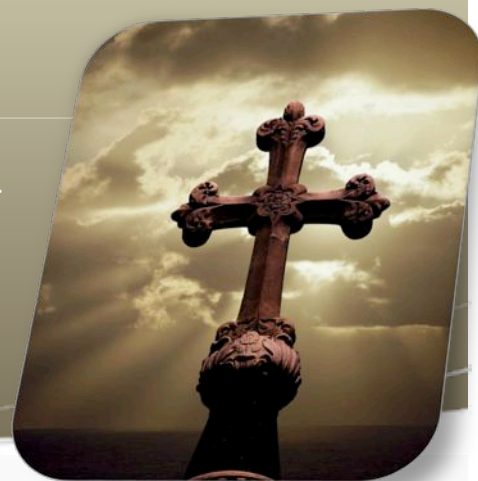
# Salem Lutheran Church

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Grow your prayer life... learn new ways to make space for prayer...

**RETREAT FOR WOMEN...** join the ladies of the WMF and **SPELL** (ladies of St. Paul's Millersburg) for a women's retreat at Sacred Heart Villa in Danville on January 11-12<sup>th</sup>.

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Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

(Matthew 2:1-2 ESV)

Amid the snow of Christmas Eve, many who have heard of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, came to worship him! Despite the mess outside, the beauty and harmony that was contained within the church was uplifting and full of great joy. An experience like that leaves me to wonder however, if you were willing to brave the snow and sleet, the slippery walkways and wind, to leave the parties and the presents... why is it so difficult to do so when none of those other factors exist? Why are Sunday mornings with no snow, wind, parties or gatherings any less worthy of your time to worship Christ our Savior? I know that this is not a question that I alone carry in my mind, but one that many of you ask over, and over again. What more can we do to bring back our children and grandchildren?

I'll say to all of you what was said at council in December. We must all be willing to share with our closest family and friends why we go to worship. The old phrase of 'because I said so' doesn't work too well when your children have children, and younger generations are constantly seeking reasons and information. **GIVE THEM WHAT THEY NEED**, a clear explanation of **WHY** you continue to make time for church. There is no need for theological terminology, or well written statements of faith, but rather, a joyful and loving answer to their question... "Why do you go?" If you cannot even answer that question for your own children, how can you ever hope to answer it

## Highlights

**Sponsored by:** This Jan/Feb issue of The Spirit is sponsored by: Stan & Arleah Buehler in celebration of the New Year!

**LENT** The schedule for LENT is contained here. Mark your calendar now!

**Many Thanks!** Your help with the children's coin boxes raised \$311.11 for children's mission work

**ISRAEL** While Pastor Nathan is in Israel, Pr. Hoffman will be covering emergencies. Contact the office.

**CALENDAR** Notice that your calendar is a separate sheet? Easy to hang up somewhere for reference!

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for those who you simply meet at the office, the store, or on the street? Join the members of the council who have pledged to tackle this great quest and help one another bring back those who have fallen away.

I have great and exciting news for all of you! Out of more than 100 applicants, I have been chosen to take a study tour of the Holy Land! From Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> I will be traveling Israel and walking where Jesus walked. This study tour is a vigorous tour of Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Bethsaida, Bethany, the Dead Sea, the Jordan River, and much more. Worshiping in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, climbing to the Mount of Olives, and wading in the Jordan River will be life-changing experiences. I will have much to share with you when I return! During this time Pr. Hoffman of St. Paul's Millersburg will be covering for pastoral needs. Please call the office for information. Chris will check the messages and emails daily.

Also, Caitlin and I are finalizing details of the wedding each day. We hope that you will all be able to share this joyous day with us. The ceremony is open to the public (and enclosed with this newsletter is your invitation). Beginning at noon on Easter Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> the service will conclude with a reception on the lawn for everyone. We are quite thankful for all that you do here at Salem and hope you will join us this day. After several hours of gathering with all, we will join our families for dinner, but are overjoyed to share our outdoor reception with you!

Finally, I wish you the most joyous Epiphany season and hope to see so many of you each Sunday morning. I promise that those who are here each week will overflow with excitement to see you there as well!

In Christ's love,

*Rev. Nathan C. Minnich*



Do you see it? Thanks to Linda Deibler for her original artwork gift. You can come see it in my study anytime! It is a visual reminder of our long-range plan... A O A

### Acknowledge Our Abundance

We must first and foremost begin to acknowledge the abundance that we have as individuals and constantly remind ourselves that there are those who have much less on which they survive. Abundance of life, health, and wealth are all gifts we are given for the sole purpose of living out our faith in the gospel. We must also acknowledge that our combined abundance is much more able to provide for the needy than individuals alone.



## Schedule for Lent

All  
DINNERS at  
6:15pm  
WORSHIP at  
7:15 pm

The 2013 Lenten program is entitled  
"Women of the Bible"

Our offering will be used for a women's shelter. On the Wednesday of Holy Week we will serve two meals at that shelter.

**Ash Wednesday** – February 13<sup>th</sup> – Service of Imposition of Ashes at Salem Lutheran 7:30 pm

**Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>: Sarah** at St. John's Berrysburg – Rev. Susan Halverstadt

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>: Ruth** at St. Peter's UCC - Rev. Nathan Minnich

**Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>: Esther** at Salem UCC– Rev. Tom Bruner

**Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>: Mary Magdalene** at Trinity UM – Rev. Daniel Shahan

**Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>: Unnamed Women** at Salem Lutheran – Rev. Jeff Wagner

**Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>:** Serve meals at the Women's Shelter & Lord's House HBG

**Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>:** Maundy Thursday at Salem Lutheran 7:30pm

**Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>:** Good Friday at **Trinity UM - Mary & Martha** – Rev. Nathan Minnich **7:00pm**

**Movie:** Passion of the Christ at Salem UCC at 8:00 pm

**Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Saturday **Vigil of Easter** – 7:30 pm  
with new fire on the parsonage lawn

REGISTER NOW – space is filling quickly! Thanks be to God!

## **Women's Retreat: "Personal Space – God's and Mine" Holy Time – Holy Space**

Villa Sacred Heart, Danville

The Sisters of Sts. Cyril & Methodius will welcome us on:

**Jan. 11-12, from Fri. @7 pm – Sat. @1:15 pm**

Cost: \$75.00 (includes single room, meals, and materials)

WMF will be helping to defray the cost.

St. Paul's will be carpooling in their bus if needed.

Sign-up and Payment are due by:

Sunday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Led by Pr. Nathan & Pr. Mark



*This retreat center is one of  
the most magnificent places  
of worship... and it is right  
here in our area!*

## **COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

**Salem Council:** the council met in December and had a wonderful session of brainstorming of ideas for our ministry here at Salem. Dinners for families of the daycare (outreach to those whom God has placed right here in our midst), continuing of Bread for the Family, and men's & women's retreats all planned. Also, the council continues to work with heating/cooling estimates, approved the kitchen enclosure, new railings, and continues to work on the new ramp project. Please remember to check in with your council members, they are your sounding board and the advisory body of our work here! January 17<sup>th</sup> and February 21 at 7PM the council will meet again.

**Missions:** the council chose Amanda Prohaska (a missionary for children – address and postcard in the narthex) for part of our church benevolence this year. The Sunday School also chose to support her work with their coin boxes which raised \$311.11! It is AMAZING that we have so quickly reached our goal of returning benevolence to the yearly budget, and exceeded our goal! You can help... to donate to any benevolence project, use a pew envelope. 2012 benevolence projects were: AFLC Evangelism, Society of the Holy Trinity – Seminarian Support, Missionary Prohaska, AFLC Home Missions. THANK YOU!



**Shawl Ministry:** January 8<sup>th</sup> & February 12<sup>th</sup>

Please call Natalie Lyter or Ruth Cook if you know of anyone in need of prayer and a shawl.

**Evangelism:** for the project of meals for the families of the daycare children, Evangelism and Parish Life will combine efforts. Please help us reach out to those whose life is stressed with single parents, working parents, and children and parents who just need to know we care. Our FIRST MEAL will be in February. Even if you can only come and help serve and talk to people you are a great help!!



Join the ladies of the WMF and the ladies of SPELL (St. Paul's) in Danville at the women's retreat.

The WMF will help with the cost per lady – remember this is why they work hard – to enrich the prayer life of our women. JOIN US!

The Jo-Jo's tickets are good until Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. The cookie exchange was a great time for all! WMF will meet again in the spring to plan spring/summer events.

**Music Ministry:** please remember that the choir rehearses in the Music Room each Wednesday at 7PM, however during Lent they will rehearse at 8PM to accommodate the Lenten services. ALSO, please let Ken or Pr. Nathan know if you'd like to provide any other music (especially on the Sundays when the choir is not singing) as it really adds to our worship!

**Sunday School:** Adult Class meets in the fellowship hall, children meet in the classroom of the Ed Building, middle class meets in Pr. Nathan's study, and EVERYONE LOVE LEARNING OF CHRIST!



Prayer changes everything. Please pray for those on our prayer list daily, even if you do not know them, YOU need to pray for others always!

*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:

**Harrisburg Hospital:** Shirley Henninger

**Penn State Hershey Rehab. Hospital:** Brian & Melissa Stahl

**Manor at Susquehanna Village:** Erma Schlegel,

Janyce Van Sickle,, Marie Erdman, Emma Kissinger

**Beacon House:** Mildred Swab

**Nottingham Nursing Center:** Gladys Matter

**At home:** Doyle Deppen (Dave & Chris Paul), Loretta Koppenhaffer (Phyllis Weaver), Reece Bruner (Arleah Buehler), Beverly Morgan (Ann Scatenas sister in law), Sarah Challenger, Sue Lebo, Sharyn Farner, Blake & Tyler Ringler (Mark & Jane Ingbritsen's neighbor), Sarah White (Dorothy Hoffman's sister), Dylan Wertz (Sharyn Farner's grandson), 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 Leshner, Kim (Miller) Corcoran (Judy Paul's niece), Paul & Catherine Zelnick (Jane Ingbritsen), Carl Snyder, Gail & Joe Lau, Lee Matter (Sharon Lehman's father), Mary Shade, Sonny Weist (Phyllis Weaver), Joan Sanborn (Jessica's Spacek's paternal Nana), Carl Shomper (Joan Minnich's Brother), Kay Lehman (Paul & Natalie Lyter), Joan Taylor (Peg Massari's mother in law), Vince Kellit (Peg Massari's brother), Nevin Maurer, Bob Weaver (friend of Rich & Fritz Reed), 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

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

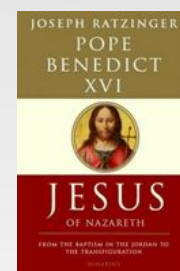
### In Deepest Sympathy

*The Family & Friends of Derek Kaltreider  
The Family & Friends of Mae Hummel  
(sister of Dennis Krause)*



## Donut Days Feb. 11-12th

Don't forget about Donut Days 2013 on Feb 11-12<sup>th</sup>. Call Irene Lehman 717-362-8340 and volunteer a bit of your time for this most important Parish Life fundraiser! It is this one event that has funded the new bathroom upstairs, the new bathroom downstairs, new railings outside and many more projects! It is A LOT of fun and there is always great food... oh yeah, and plenty of DONUTS! This year you can pick them up at the church, at Koppy's on the Square, and at The Roaster's Nest... where every cup of coffee will get a free donut and a Salem Lutheran Flyer!!



Jesus of  
Nazareth  
Book  
Discussion  
dates: January

13<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup>

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

*January Altar Guild Representatives:  
Jill Liles & Rachel Zimmerman*

*February Altar Guild Representatives:  
Arleah Buehler*

### Sunday, January 6 – Epiphany of Our Lord

**Lector:** Dennis Krause  
**Head Usher:** Arleah Buehler  
**Communion Assistant:** Dennis Reitz  
**Greeters:** Dennis & Susan Krause  
**Acolyte:** Kyle Ramer

### Sunday, January 13 – Baptism of Our Lord FELLOWSHIP

**Lector:** Tom Scheib  
**Head Usher:** Caitlin Witmer  
**Communion Asst:** Tom Scheib  
**Greeters:** Lois Kratzer & Michael Paul  
**Acolyte:** Jessica Spacek

### Sunday, Jan 20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany

**Lector:** John Lehman  
**Head Usher:** Jill Liles  
**Communion Assistant:** Mark Ingbritsen  
**Greeters:** Bill & Mary Jane Witmer  
**Acolyte:** Michael Paul

### Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – EVENING SERVICE

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

### Sunday, Jan 27 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany

**Lector:** Mark Ingbritsen  
**Head Usher:** Linda Deibler  
**Greeters:** Ben Cunningham & Cindy Ayers  
**Acolyte:** Kyle Ramer

### Sunday, February 3 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**Lector:** Margie Lehman  
**Head Usher:** Paul Lyter  
**Communion Assistant:** Chris Paul  
**Greeters:** Ann Scatena & Bev Witmer  
**Acolyte:** Michael Paul

### Sunday, February 10 – Transfiguration of Our Lord FELLOWSHIP

**Lector:** Ben Margerum  
**Head Usher:** Chris Paul  
**Communion Asst:** Dennis Reitz  
**Greeters:** Tom & Deb Scheib  
**Acolyte:** Jessica Spacek

### Wednesday, Feb 13 – ASH WEDNESDAY

**Pastor:** The Rev. John Schaertel  
**Lector:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Head Usher:** Mark Ingbritsen  
**Communion Assistant:** Tom Scheib  
**Greeters:** Richard & Winifred Reed  
**Acolyte:** Kyle Ramer

### Sunday, Feb 17 – First Sunday in Lent

**Pastor:** The Rev. John Schaertel  
**Lector:** Michael Paul  
**Head Usher:** Scott Deitrich  
**Communion Asst:** Mark Ingbritsen  
**Greeters:** Phyllis Weaver & Margie Lehman  
**Acolyte:** Michael Paul

### Sunday, Feb 24 – Second Sunday in Lent

**Lay Leader:** Kenneth Campbell  
**Lector:** Bev Witmer  
**Head Usher:** Arleah Buehler  
**Greeters:** Richard & Winifred Reed  
**Acolyte:** Jessica Spacek

### WORSHIP NOTES: Epiphany

"manifestation", meaning "vision of God", which traditionally falls on January 6, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. Western Christians

commemorate principally (but not solely) the visitation of the Biblical Magi to the Baby Jesus, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. The Biblical Magi, who represented the non-Jewish peoples of the world, paid homage to the infant Jesus in stark contrast to Herod the Great (King of Judea), who sought to kill him. On the Feast of the Epiphany, the priest, wearing white vestments, will bless the Epiphany water, frankincense, gold, and chalk. Chalk is used to write the initials of the three magi over the doors of churches and homes. The letters stand for the initials of the Magi (traditionally named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar), and also the phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which translates as "may Christ bless the house".

## SPONSORSHIPS

### January Bulletins: \$10 per week

6<sup>th</sup> – Stan & Arleah Buehler in memory of loved ones

13<sup>th</sup> –

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20<sup>th</sup> – Lori Paul in celebration of her new granddaughter's birth.

24<sup>th</sup> – Evening Service:

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27<sup>th</sup> –

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### January Altar Flowers: \$19 per vase

6<sup>th</sup> – Henry & Marlene Leshar in honor of Robin's birthday!

13<sup>th</sup> –

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20<sup>th</sup> – Mabel Weida in memory of loved ones

24<sup>th</sup> – Evening Service:

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27<sup>th</sup> – The Lehman Family in honor of Eppie's birthday!

### February Bulletins:

3<sup>rd</sup> – Ann Scatena in honor of Matthew Wilburn, Kayla Wilburn & Johnathan Scatena's birthdays!

10<sup>th</sup> –

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13<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday:

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17<sup>th</sup> – Dale & Arlene Feidt in memory of Herbert, Cora & Barbara Buffington

24<sup>th</sup> –

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### February Altar Flowers:

3<sup>rd</sup> – Ruth & Chris Cook in memory of family and friends

10<sup>th</sup> – The Margerum Family in memory of Joyce Margerum

13<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday: Charles and Jill Liles in memory of loved ones

17<sup>th</sup> – Dale & Arlene Feidt in memory of Herbert, Cora & Barbara Buffington.

24<sup>th</sup> – Martha Jane Fulkrod & Family and Tom Hain & Family in memory of Norman & “Sue” M.E. Hain

### January Fellowship:

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### January Sanctuary Lamp:

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### February Fellowship:

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### February Sanctuary Lamp:

Dale & Arlene Feidt in memory of her mother, Dorothy Wolfgang, sister Eleanor Clover, and their son, Brian.



## Parish Family Information

### January Birthdays

Carol Reitz – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Jessica Ingbritsen – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mark Ingbritsen – 14<sup>th</sup>  
David Reiner – 14<sup>th</sup> **HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup>!**  
Lloyal Hain – 18<sup>th</sup> **HAPPY 60<sup>th</sup>!**  
Evaline Lehman – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Cory McCartney – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Arlene Feidt – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Ben Cunningham – 29<sup>th</sup>

### February Birthdays

Pr. Nathan – 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Robert Sitlinger, Jr. – 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**HAPPY 70<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Stan Buehler – 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**HAPPY 70<sup>th</sup>!**  
Dave Paul, Sr. – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Norma Reiner – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Randy Challenger – 20<sup>th</sup>

### January Anniversaries

Robert & Donna Portzline – 25<sup>th</sup>

### No February Anniversaries

## Stewardship & Financial

Our 2013 annual budget requires us to average \$1,578.3500 per week to meet the needs and ministries of the congregation. Although there are certainly months which exceed the average!

Actual **Nov.** income: \$7,474.22      Sunday Attendance

Actual **Nov.** expenses: \$7,688.97      Nov. 54, 41, 45, 45

Dec. 57, 50, 57, 60, 104, \_\_

Actual **Dec.** expenses: \$17,611.53

Actual **Dec.** income: \$11,280.98

Remember the church in your financial planning. David & Erla Gerhard estate left the church 50% of their estate which was over \$174,000. Just a simple percentage makes a huge difference to the church. Many projects will be accomplished that we would not have been able to afford without this gift.

THRIVENT MEMBERS!!! Last month we were given almost \$5000 from Thrivent points. If you have anything with Thrivent... CALL AND DESIGNATE YOUR POINTS TO SALEM LUTHERAN!

## If you miss a Sunday, go to the website and ‘listen in’

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*The Rev. John C. Schaertel, Pastor Emeritus*

*Wanda Latshaw, Organist Kenneth E Campbell, Jr., Choir Director*

*Caitlin E. Witmer, Council President 717-372-9359*

*Chris Paul, Office Secretary/Financial Secretary 717-319-1164*

Now the thought of the Evangelist is this: When Christ was born under Herod, the first foreign king, and the time of the prophecy was fulfilled, this wonderful sign occurred. He whom his own people and fellow citizens would neither seek nor acknowledge was sought by such strangers and foreigners for many days. – (From Martin Luther’s sermon on Epiphany)



As the tall steeple of Salem Lutheran Church towers over the town, so let the sight thereof inspire you to tower over the shortcomings of this world and spread the love of Christ Jesus to all!

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