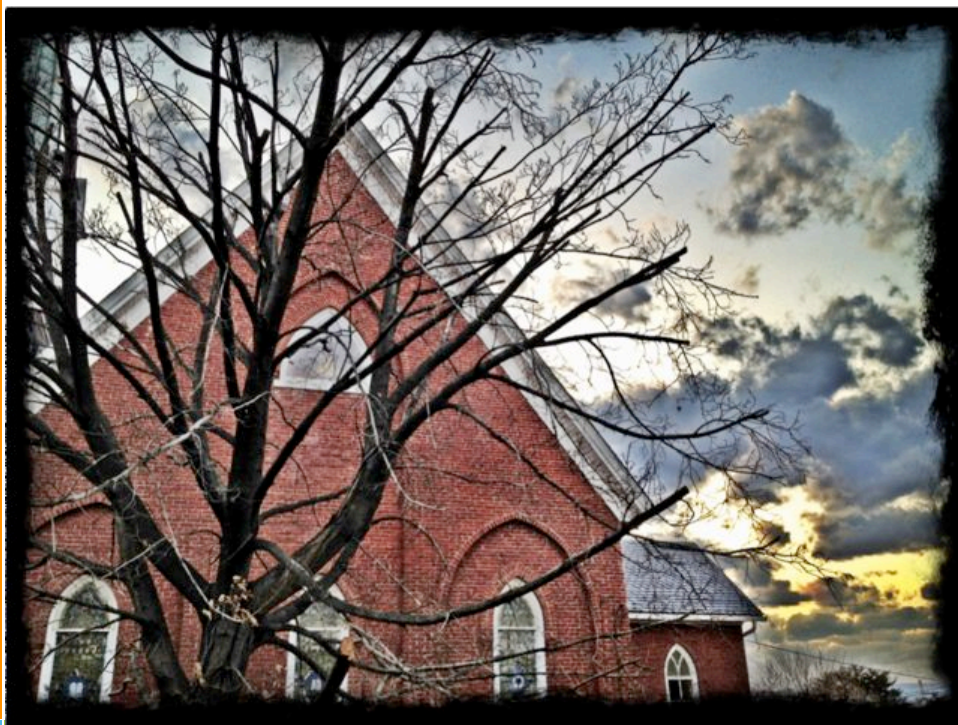


Salem Lutheran

## THE SPIRIT

*The March & April  
Newsletter*



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Lois Kratzer in memory of loved ones

### Upcoming Events

**March 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am  
Cleaning Day at Salem!**

Please come and help us to some spring-cleaning for Easter! Our various construction projects have made a little dust and we need to get things in order!

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – Lenten  
Service at Salem**

Lutheran dinner at  
6:15pm service at 7:15pm.

**Holy Week at Salem**

3/27-serve meals at the  
homeless shelter HBG

3/28-Maundy Thursday

3/29-Good Friday at Trinity

3/30-Holy Saturday Vigil

3/31-**EASTER** Sunrise

Service at 6:30 am

### From the desk of Pr. Nathan

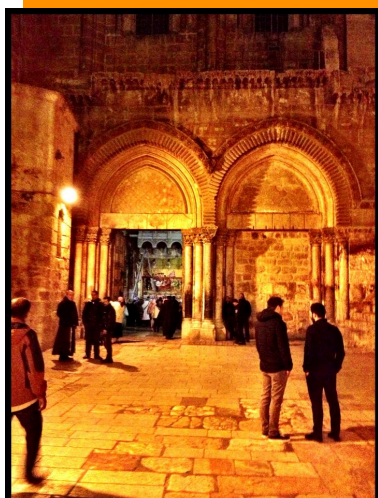
Greetings, from the Holy City of Jerusalem! I write this as I look across the beautiful skyline of this magnificent city and I only wish that all of you could see the things I'm seeing, and experience the places I've walked. In the past few days I've seen and done more than I could have ever expected to do and see. We've been on the Sea of Galilee and gently rocked in the boat as the waves moved us along. We've been to Cana where Our Lord turned water into wine. I've knelt at the tomb of Christ Jesus our Lord and kissed the stone where his body was prepared for burial that day of his crucifixion. In almost every church and small chapel our group has sung appropriate songs for the place. We joined with other groups from around the world in singing, which has made these places come alive with the faithful presence of those who believe!

Having the opportunity to go to the Holy Land was truly and honor and a privilege and I am thankful for all you have done in my absence to continue the good work of Salem



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### Heading into the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for a Midnight Vigil Service, Jerusalem

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. (Matthew 27:57-60 ESV)

## Happy APRIL Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ramer – 7<sup>th</sup>

Mr. & Mrs. Roger (Jake) Witmer – 25<sup>th</sup>

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Reitz – 27<sup>th</sup>

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ayers – 29<sup>th</sup>

## Sponsorship Information

### March Bulletins

- 3 – Jake & Bev Witmer in honor of Caileigh's 5th birthday.
- 10 – Rich Reed Family in honor of Rich's birthday.
- 17 – Ann Scatena in honor of grandchildren's birthdays – Shannon Stadheim, Nick & Roxanne Wilburn.
- 20 – Lenten Service: SPONSOR NEEDED
- 24 – Palm Sunday: Bill & Mary Jane Witmer to the Glory of God.
- 28 – Maundy Thurs: SPONSOR NEEDED
- 30 – Holy Saturday: SPONSOR NEEDED
- 31 – Rich Reed Family in honor of daughter Richelle Beards birthday.

### March Flowers

- 3 – Conrad & Rose Fortney in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Reed, Emma & Helen Reed.
- 10 – Andy & Brenda Leitzel in memory of Derl & Hilda Rebuck.
- 10 – The Matter Family in memory of Bud Matter.
- 17 – Judy Paul in memory of her mother.
- 17 – Richard & Winifred Reed in honor of the birthdays of Richelle Beard, Richard Reed and in memory of Frank Reed's birthday.
- 20 – Lenten Service: SPONSOR NEEDED
- 24 – Bev Brooks in memory of loved ones.
- 28 – Maundy Thurs: Robert & Carole Long in loving memory of his mother, Mary Long.
- 31 – Gerald, Dorothy & Robin Hoffman in honor of Chris Paul's birthday.

### April Bulletins

- 7 – Jake & Bev Witmer in honor of the marriage of Caitlin & Pr. Nathan.
- 14 – Ann Scatena in honor of Caitlyn Wilburn, Lorilyn Kauffman & Ruth Stadheim's birthdays.
- 21 – Mabel Weida in memory of loved ones.
- 26 – Eve. Svc: Jake & Bev Witmer in honor of their anniversary.
- 28 – Fred Renn in memory of Marian J. Renn

### April Flowers

- 7 – Fred Renn – In memory of his wife Marian
- 14 – Sarah Challenger – In memory of Jim Challenger, Elsie & John Kratzer
- 14 – Melva Reinhard – In memory of her husband Jack
- 21 – Rich & Winifred Reed – In celebration of the birthday of their daughter Beverly
- 21 – Deb & Tom Scheib – In memory of loved ones
- 28 – Connie Troutman – In honor of Children & Grandchildren
- 28 – Irene & John Lehman – In memory of Loved ones

### March Fellowship:

Jill Liles & Rachel Zimmerman

**March Sanctuary Lamp:** Caitlin Witmer – In memory of Carol Myers

### April Fellowship:

SPONSOR(S) NEEDED

**April Sanctuary Lamp:** Fred Renn – In memory of Marian J. Renn



The WMF will meet  
on April 11<sup>th</sup> in the  
Education Bldg.

## Happy Birthday March

Mary Jane Witmer – 6<sup>th</sup>

Dennis Reitz – 6<sup>th</sup>

Caileigh Witmer – 7<sup>th</sup>

**HAPPY 5<sup>th</sup>!**

Brian Ingbritsen – 8<sup>th</sup>

Judy Paul – 13<sup>th</sup>

Ben Margerum – 13<sup>th</sup>

Rich Reed – 14<sup>th</sup>

Fred Renn – 15<sup>th</sup>

Melva Jane Reinhard –  
17<sup>th</sup> **HAPPY 85<sup>th</sup>!**

Kasarah Liles – 22<sup>nd</sup>

**HAPPY 25<sup>th</sup>!**

Cindy Ayers – 25<sup>th</sup>

Chris Paul – 31<sup>st</sup>

## April

Pam Ramer – 7<sup>th</sup>

Mary Ellen Paul – 11<sup>th</sup>

Lori Paul – 17<sup>th</sup>

**HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup>!**

Robert Ramer – 19<sup>th</sup>

Brandy Ayers – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Beverly Witmer – 25<sup>th</sup>

**HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup>!**

Aiden Campbell – 28<sup>th</sup>

Join with us in prayer for all God's people, and  
most especially for those close to us who are  
listed here. Pray for these people, and remember  
them daily.

**Stonebridge Health & Rehab:** Brian & Melissa Stahl  
**Manor at Susquehanna Village:** Erma Schlegel, Emma  
Kissinger

**Beacon House:** Mildred Swab

**Nottingham Nursing Center:** Gladys Matter

**Kepler Home:** Paul Lyter

**At home:** Dave Paul, Sr., Dennis Reitz, Jacob Ingbritsen  
(Mark & Jane Ingbritsen's nephew), Jill Shade (Dorothy  
Hoffman), Ian Latsha (Kyle & Pam Ramer), Larry Rowe  
(Arleah Buehler), Sarah Naugle (Sharyn Farner), Joy Spini  
(Natalie Lyter), Tim Greene (Carol Reitz's brother), Paul  
Reitz (Denny's Dad), Janyce Van Sickle, Larry Wertz (Paul  
& Natalie Lyter), Jessica Ingbritsen, Doyle Deppen (Dave &  
Chris Paul), Reece Bruner (Arleah Buehler), Beverly  
Morgan (Ann Scatenas sister in law), Sue Lebo, Sharyn  
Farner, 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), Chris Miller, Richard Reed, Robert Kissinger,  
Bobby Leshner, Elsie Phillips, 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)

Our Condolences:

The family & friends of Barb Sitlinger



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and its ministries! Many thanks to Pr. Schaertel for leading our Ash Wednesday liturgy again and presiding at the first Sunday in Lent. So many thanks to our own Ken Campbell for sharing with us his thoughts the next Sunday. I do believe that the more of you who assist with worship, the more you will see how God is working here in this place. **THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES EVERYWHERE** for you to have an active role in this place, and you are very welcome to come forward and lead!

The first daycare dinner was a huge success and we served over 80 people! Thanks to the hard work and leadership of Arleah Buehler and Linda Deibler... evangelism projects like this can continue!

I've shared some of my photos from the Holy Land throughout this newsletter and I look forward to sharing them with you all soon.

As we prepare for the upcoming Easter celebrations please commit yourself to worship and prayer. Take a small slot of time during the prayer vigil and renew your prayer life in the peace and quietness of the empty church, and prepare yourself for the Resurrection of Our Lord. So many of you have found this experience to be well worth the time!

Only you can fill this place with joy and singing, prayer and love for when you are missing... we miss your presence here. May God draw you closer to Him in the days and weeks ahead, and may you find His presence within our congregation as well!



*Rev. Nathan C. Grunich*

**A personal invitation:** In last month's newsletter you were given a copy of the wedding invitation and this is your reminder to join us on this most significant day! The ceremony and light reception is open to the entire congregation and community and we'd love to share this day with you. As your pastor, this is an important day in my life, and in the life of this congregation.

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon**

## Altar Guild

**March:** Sarah Challenger & Connie Troutman

**April:** Arleah Buehler & Lois Kratzer

### Report from the 2013 Donut Sale

Number of Dozens:  
**1,204**

Number of Donuts:  
**14,448**

**Total Profit: \$5,825.50**

Parish Life is very thankful for all the help we had this year!



**1 Why are offering envelopes mailed?**  
Too often some packets of contribution envelopes are not picked up. Hopefully, having them mailed will cause you to remember your church needs more often. We continue to grow, but still need your support!

**2 What should I do to request a visit with home communion?**

Call the office number  
717-362-9222

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

Our offering will be used for Interfaith Shelter. On the Wednesday of Holy Week we will serve two meals at that shelter.

**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

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



**Appreciate Our Abundance**

After acknowledging that abundance exists in all its forms we must turn our focus on the appreciation of such abundance. This is most simply explained by 'giving thanks' for all that we have. A sincere appreciation for abundance is shown through our work and care of the church and all those who are comforted and loved by us as children of God. Appreciation is a most excellent response for a gift.

**Stewardship &  
Financial**

*Happy Mothers' Day Dinner*  
*Wed., May 8<sup>th</sup>*



Happy Mother's Day

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 Jan. income: \$6,321.92

**Sunday Attendance**

Actual Jan. expenses: \$14,312.89

Jan. 43, 44, 54, 49,

Feb. 43, 45, 33, 62, 49

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!!!** In past months we were given almost \$5000 from Thrivent points. If you have anything with Thrivent... **CALL AND DESIGNATE YOUR POINTS TO SALEM LUTHERAN!**

## Committee Information

**Property Committee:** several things are happening around the property. The furnace has been zoned finally and we can now regulate the upstairs and downstairs separately.

The project across the back of the church has begun and will enclose the old kitchen entrance and cover the poor brick across the back with a cedar-like shingle similar to what is on the parsonage. Hopefully this will make a nice new pleasing appearance when entering from the lot. The library door and the basement door have been replaced as well. The new bathroom in the fellowship hall will begin this week! So much happening, it's amazing!

**Parish Life:** the Mother's Day banquet has been set for May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars for this date. Also, we'll be planning a congregational dinner soon so that Pr. Nathan can share with us his experiences in the Holy Land. Look for this date to come soon. Also, parish life is handling the refreshments for the public reception of Pr. Nathan & Caitlin's wedding. If you can lend a hand please see Arleah, any help is appreciated.

**Evangelism:** SO MANY THANKS again to Arleah and Linda for the Daycare dinner! We will continue these approximately every other month and anyone can be a dinner HOST... plan a simple meal and enjoy the fellowship with the children & families!

Dear, Rev. Minnich and the members of Salem Lutheran Church -

I wanted to send you a note of thanks for the wonderful meal that you provided to the families of KiddieGarden last evening. Not only did that gracious gesture afford me an additional two hours of family time last evening, it also helped our tight budget on meals. I was so thankful that I didn't have to come home to cook and clean up after a stressful day at work. I was deliriously happy to have a "night off" so that we could sit down and spend time together as a family.

As a busy, working mom I am truly grateful to your congregation who helped prepare this wonderful meal. Thank you for everything that you do for KiddieGarden.

Warm regards,

Kerri Klinger  
(Elizabeth's mother)



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## THE TRIDUUM – the Three Days

### **Sunday, Mar 3 – 3rd Sunday in Lent**

Lector: Rachael Deitrich  
Head Usher: Caitlin Witmer  
Communion Assistant: Chris Paul  
Greeters: Scott & Rachael Deitrich  
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

### **Sunday, Mar 10 – 4th Sunday in Lent**

Lector: Ann Scatena  
Head Usher: Jill Liles  
Greeters: Chuck & Jill Liles  
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

### **Sunday March 17 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Lector: Jim Prince  
Head Usher: Arleah Buehler  
Communion Assistant: Dennis Krause  
Greeters: Janice Gransbury & Margie Lehman  
Acolyte: Michael Paul

### **Wed, March 20 – Mid-week Lenten Svc.**

Head Usher: Scott Deitrich  
Communion Assistant: Mark Ingbritsen  
Greeters: Michael Paul, Winifred Reed, Bev Witmer  
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

### **Sunday, March 24 –Palm Sunday/Passion**

Lector: Rich Keeney  
Head Usher: Chris Paul  
Communion Assistant: Tom Scheib  
Greeters: Chris Paul & Robin Hoffman  
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek  
Torchbearer: Kyle Ramer  
Crucifer: Michael Paul

### **Holy Week:**

Thur, March 28 – Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm  
Friday, March 29 – Good Friday Svc @  
Trinity UM 7 pm

**Saturday, March 30 – Holy Sat. Svc. @  
7:30 pm**

### **Sunday, March 31 – EASTER SUNDAY**

Lector: Chuck Liles 6:30 AM  
Head Usher: Caitlin Witmer  
Communion Assistant: Chris Paul  
Greeters: Dennis & Susan Krause  
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer  
Torchbearer: Jessica Spacek  
Crucifer: Michael Paul

### **Sunday, April 7 – 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Pastor: The Rev. Patrick J. Rooney  
Lector: Tom Scheib  
Head Usher: Jill Liles  
Communion Assistant: Mark Ingbritsen  
Greeters: Walter & Sharon Lehman  
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

### **Sunday, April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Pastor: The Rev. John Schaertel  
Lector: Dennis Krause  
Head Usher: Linda Deibler  
Greeters: Don & Jan Ayers  
Acolyte: Michael Paul

### **Sunday, April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Lector: John Lehman  
Head Usher: Paul Lyter  
Communion Asst: Dennis Krause  
Greeters: Rich & Winnie Reed  
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 26 – EVE. SVC St.Mark**

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

### **Sunday, April 28 – 5th Sunday of Easter**

Lector: Natalie Lyter  
Head Usher: Chris Paul  
Communion Asst: Tom Scheib  
Greeters: Janice Gransbury & Margie Lehman  
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer



# We miss you...

When you are not at church on a regular basis, we miss your presence. A statistical note of attendance proves that if our 'regular members' would be in church each Sunday our worship attendance would be nearly double. But, since so many come once a month at different times it keeps us from being a true congregation at worship. If you've been away, or got out of the habit of regular Sunday worship... please spare the one hour a week needed to make the church complete... WE NEED YOU! ☺

Salem Lutheran Church, Elizabethville



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Christ was born!

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