

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH



Glory be to the Father, and to the +Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

May/June Newsletter sponsored by:



Many Thanks to each of you...

Words cannot begin to express the thankfulness that fills us both as we begin our life together as husband and wife. Whatever role you played in the course of planning and participation for our wedding is greatly appreciated. The leadership of Arleah and Linda in the kitchen and all the help from the rest of parish life made our gathering here spectacular. The only way we can begin to repay you all for your love and support is to continue that same spirit and togetherness as we work for the mission of this congregation for years to come! May God bless each of you in a multitude of ways as you have blessed us!

The Rev. & Mrs. Nathan & Caitlin Minnich

Christ has risen!
Alleluia! What great joy and overwhelming emotion must have moved the first to witness the empty tomb to run to the other only

to exclaim the very same words! Without a doubt we much continue our work and mission here at Salem in the same spirit! Look to the top of the page... do you see it?! Well.. do you? The logo of

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Mother's Day Banquet
Wed., May 8th at 7:00 PM
come celebrate mothers with Parish Life's annual dinner and program!
Invite a woman near to you, and show her we care

Father's Day Picnic
Our 3rd Annual WMF Picnic will be June ____ and the program will be Pr. Nathan's slides from Israel. DON'T MISS!

Daycare Picnic
Come help us serve and have fun with the children who learn and play in our care!
May 21st Tuesday 4-6:00 PM



Committee news...

Did you get a **call**? Yes, I actually mean a phone call! We've adopted a simple and inexpensive way of contacting our members by phone. Pr. Nathan's Easter phone message was a hit... and if you didn't get it, we don't have a current number. Get it to the office!

MUSIC: The Community Choir will sing again this year at the annual Memorial Day program on Monday May 27th. One rehearsal will be held on the Wed evening before at 7:30 pm.

WORSHIP: There are many opportunities to share in worship as lector, communion assistant, usher, greeter, etc. Please see Pr. Nathan if you would like to serve!

Service

At the March meeting of the Council, with deep appreciation for her service, the resignation of our council president was accepted. As with so many great leaders her guidance and vision has helped us to grow. In the interim VP Mark Ingbritsen will guide the council and a replacement appointed. The council asked Caiti to assume a leadership role outside the council after the wedding. She will be working alongside our choir director to fill our worship with great music when the choir is not singing, and arranging new opportunities for our children to grow in SONG! She knows some of your talent, so please say YES when she asks you to **make a joyful noise unto the LORD!**

FESTIVALS ABOUND

As the season of Easter comes to a close we have many great festivals of the church:
May 12th : Ascension Sunday
May 19th : Pentecost (RED)
May 26th : The Holy Trinity

EVANGELISM: will meet on MAY 21 to serve the Daycare picnic!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: will continue through May. We need more teachers to expand our children's education!!!!!!



Lent... Women of the Bible

What did you learn from this year's Lenten journey? Of all the women of the bible did you find inspiration for your faith? Pr. Nathan and the other pastors of the local ministerium would like your comments and faithful thoughts. Did their stories provide insight for the season of lent, and did it make our sponsorship of the shelter any more significant? Did you go and help? Tell of your journey!

Summer is **NOT** a time to take a break from worship... it is a time to make a promise to your congregation to be present, to not take vacation from worship! IF you travel... **GO TO WORSHIP**, and ask Pr. Nathan to make a contact for you! HE LOVES to see your faith respond to worship in other places of the world. He's brought bulletins for us to see, show us where you've been to worship! He and the Mrs. have bulletins from April 7th and 14th while they've been away worshipping together.

Happy May Birthday

Sarah Challenger 1st
Donald Deibler 7th
Heather Barge 13th
Jill Sitlinger 15th
John Lehman 17th **Happy 80th!**
Josh Witmer 19th
Erik Ingbritsen 28th
Brad Zimmerman 30th

Happy June Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Schade 19th
Mr. & Mrs. John Lehman 21st **HAPPY 55TH!**
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Leitzel 27th

Happy June Birthday

Greg Hoke 4th
David Paul, Jr. 14th
Connie Troutman 15th
Alvin Michael 17th
Hillary DJamoos 20th **HAPPY 35TH!**
Tara Benkovic 24th
Sarah Liles 28th

Prayer List

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

Manor at Susquehanna Village: Erma Schlegel, Emma Kissinger

Beacon House: Mildred Swab

Nottingham Nursing Center: Gladys Matter

Kepler Home: Richard Matter (Paul & Natalie Lyter)

At home: Brenda Wagner, Mike Crnovic (Paul & Natalie Lyter), Brian & Melissa Stahl, Dennis Krause, Doris Erdman (Great-Aunt of Sheena Erdman), Paul Lyter, Gerry Lauver, Jr. (Pam Ramer), 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, Sarah White (Dorothy Hoffman's sister), 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, 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 Leshar, Elsie Phillips, Elsie Watts, Linda Schwegler, Eppie Lehman, Clarence Bucher

Please help to keep our prayer list current by contacting the church office for changes
717-362-9222 or

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With Sympathy –

*The Family and Friends of Clarence Bucher, Jr.
The Family and Friends of Fred Messersmith
The Family and Friends of Brett Shadle*



Abundance is again prominently displayed before our eyes. We have been richly blessed here in this place and have much work to do as we share that blessing with others. I can confidently say that we have acknowledged our abundance here at Salem and have begun making a difference with all that God has given to us.

That is the beauty of giving... it is the first and simplest act of letting go of the control we think we have over our possessions, and an ultimate lesson in letting go of everything we try to control and let the Father use us as stewards of HIS wealth and grace. Try it as a simple lesson in trusting the Father in simple matters, so that when the most difficult comes, letting God take control is not a stumbling block, but rather the welcome relief of trust and love.

It is not easy, nor does this habit just happen without trust and prayer. Everything that you have in your possession belongs to the Father... you were not born with it all, and (contrary to popular thought) you cannot take it with you

when your earthly life comes to an end! You have come a very long way in the past few years. We've been able to restore our benevolence. Giving to the larger church and her missions is a place we've longed to be and you have brought us to this point through prayer and giving.

Most of our hours in council meetings are spent doing exactly what I've hoped we would do for a long time. As leaders of the congregation we brainstorm and organize ways to grow this very concept. How can we truly reach those who need to know what Christ has done? How can we BE the hands of Christ to the people right here in our midst? Surely His hands are wounded by what the world has done, but we (as His body) are triumphant in the face of death! RISE UP... walk out of the tomb of control that actually confines you. Follow our Lord Jesus and make known his grace to those in need.

We are doing some amazing things here and it is alone the spirit of the risen savior which guides and directs all that we do!

HAPPENINGS:

Easter Sunday saw the dedication of a truly magnificent piece of Holy Art! The risen Christ of Glory, the Christus Rex, Christ the King, stands in Glory with outstretched arms as a blessing of love to all who are refreshed in this place and leave to do His work around them. The vestments of Christ are filled with the same designs of our chancel and thus a fitting memorial for our dear sister Linda Sitlinger. Her spirit of giving, sacrifice, and driving force of aid for those in need continues within all of us at Salem. She is in the Holy Spirit, and thus within this place! Thanks be to God for this beautiful reminder of her life, and of Christ's victory!

Come and be filled with the joy of Easter, and find that peace which (unlike possessions) this world cannot take away!

Rev. Nathan Cal Finich



May Bulletins

5- SPONSOR NEEDED

12 Mother's Day - SPONSOR NEEDED

19 - Jean Hoke in memory of Lynn and Norwood Hoke

26 - Ann Scatena in honor of Michaela Scatena's birthday and the birth of Cole Stadheim

31 Eve Svc - SPONSOR NEEDED

May Flowers

5- The Challenger Family in honor of Sarah's Birthday

12 Mother's Day - Robin Hoffman & Chris Paul in honor and memory of all mothers

19 - Robert & Carole Long in loving memory of grandmother Mary Long

19 - Scott, Rachel and Eric Deitrich in memory of Emma Mauser, Rachel's grandmother and Eric's Great grandmother

26 - Jake & Bev Witmer in honor of loved ones

31 Eve Svc - SPONSOR NEEDED

May Fellowship:

SPONSOR NEEDED

May Sanctuary Lamp:

Lois Kratzer in memory of Louis Kratzer

JUNE Bulletins

2- SPONSOR NEEDED

9 - Ann Scatena in honor of Kevin Stadheim and Sue Wilburn's birthdays

16 Father's Day - SPONSOR NEEDED

23 - SPONSOR NEEDED

26 Eve Svc - SPONSOR NEEDED

30- SPONSOR NEEDED

JUNE Flowers

2- Paul & Clara Bowman in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Eldred Buffington and Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Bowman

2- Mabel Weida in memory of loved ones

9 - Don & Linda Deibler in honor of our children and grandchildren

16 Father's Day - Phyllis Weaver in memory of her father, Salvatore Bertone

16 Father's Day - Joan & Tim Grosser in memory of mother and grandmother Charlotte Ditty

23 - Andy & Brenda Leitzel in celebration of their wedding anniversary

23 - John & Irene Lehman in celebration of their wedding anniversary

26 Eve Svc - SPONSOR NEEDED

30- Charles & Jill Liles in honor of the birthdays of Sarah, Rachel and Tom

June Fellowship:

Winifred Reed

June Sanctuary Lamp:

Ann Scatena in memory of Robert Scatena



Improvements abound... we remember again our brother and sister David & Erla Gerhard for their estate gift which...

has done so much for our property! Lately you've noticed the rear of the church and it's new look. Through some minor difficulty our furnace is completely upgraded with zoning and efficiency (now at 83.3% which is like a new unit). We've

done a lot, and still more to come. With these upgrades we can be better stewards of our resources of electric, fuel, and maintenance. Also, the added support from Parish Life Donuts which had produced the new fellowship bathroom!!

May Altar Guild Representatives:
Winifred Reed & Beverly Witmer

June Altar Guild Representatives:
Jean Hoke & Crystal Schade

Sunday, May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Lector: Ben Margerum
Head Usher: Scott Deitrich
Communion Assistant: Chris Paul
Greeters: Ann Scatena & Gary Reed
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Sunday, May 12 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

FELLOWSHIP

Lector: Margie Lehman
Head Usher: Arleah Buehler
Greeters: Ben Cunningham & Fred Renn
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Sunday Sunday, May 19 – The Day of Pentecost

Lector: Carol Reitz
Head Usher: Caitlin Minnich
Communion Assistant: Rachel Deitrich
Greeters: Jay & Martha Fulkrod
Acolyte: Michael Paul

Sunday, May 26 – The Holy Trinity

Lector: Dennis Reitz
Head Usher: Jill Liles
Communion Assistant: Mark Ingbritsen
Greeters: Nancy & Jessica Spacek
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Friday, May 31 "The Visitation" - Evening Svc.

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

Sunday, June 2, Second Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Ann Scatena
Head Usher: Linda Deibler
Communion Assistant: Tom Scheib
Greeters: Rich & Winifred Reed
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Sunday, June 9, Third Sunday after Pentecost

FELLOWSHIP 10:10 am / Father's Day Picnic 4 pm

Lector: Rachel Deitrich
Head Usher: Arleah Buehler
Greeters: Tom & Deb Scheib
Acolyte: Michael Paul

Sunday, June 16, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Lector: Rich Keeney
Head Usher: Chris Paul
Communion Asst: Mark Ingbritsen
Greeters: Phyllis Weaver & Ben Cunningham
Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Sunday, June 23, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Jim Prince
Head Usher: Mark Ingbritsen
Communion Asst: Rachel Deitrich
Greeters: Mary Jane & Bill Witmer
Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Wednesday, June 26 Evening Svc. 7:30 pm

"Presentation of the Augsburg Confession"

Lector: Michael Paul
Communion Asst: Chris Paul
Acolyte: Michael Paul

Sunday, June 30, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Bev Witmer
Head Usher: Scott Deitrich
Communion Asst: Dennis Reitz
Greeters: Bev Witmer & Caitlin Minnich
Acolyte: Michael Paul

A Word of Thanks

To the people of Salem Lutheran Church:

I never would have made it up the aisle, on time, without all the wonderful and kind help from so many people taking care of my arm on Caitlin & Nathan's very special day. I'm so sorry I didn't get to enjoy the reception on the lawn, but from all the ones who did - I've heard it was beautiful. Harry and I would like to thank everyone for all your hard work, kindness, and generosity in making the bride and groom's day so very special.

In Christian Love, Joan & Harry Minnich
P.S.-The card you sent to me was beautiful, Thanks!

Dear friends:

We cannot thank you all enough for the delicious meals, financial support, shawls for our maternity shelter, and service to our families! Blessings!

Warmly, Hilary Hoover, Program Director for the Interfaith Shelter, Catholic Charities, Inc.

A special offering will be taken to support Sing for Joy on 98.9 WQLV Sunday mornings at 7:00 am. Your donations will be added to our yearly benevolence payment to this ministry.

SUNDAY, May 19th PENTECOST SUNDAY

Thank you for supporting



The WMF will again sponsor the annual Father's Day picnic on the parsonage lawn. This year the programmed entertainment will be Pr. Nathan's trip to the Holy Land. With over 600 photos you do not want to miss this program.



DAYCARE DINNER

On May 21st come help us as we serve the daycare families again! This time we will have a picnic on the lawn and grill some great food! We need HELP! Even just to help with the kids and prepare a bit of food. If you can contribute something to eat please call the office!

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 **Mar.** income: \$8,607.00

Actual **Mar.** expenses: \$26,110.88

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

A reflection of worship in a place so far away...

Pr. Nathan

It was a thick, humid morning, with the threat of storms over the great Mt. Otemanu when Caiti and I boarded the boat to Vaitape from our bungalow early Sunday morning. We walked to St. Pierre Catholic Church for 8:30 am mass. It was so hot and humid that, at first, I thought I would not be able to stand a few moments in this small church filled with faithful natives of Bora Bora, French Polynesia. And then they started to sing, with smiles that told an Easter story even as their French/native language mix was difficult to piece together. Heat no longer played a role in the next hour or so of our morning. The procession with the cross, the vested worship leaders and priest, and so many people singing with all their voice to the Risen Christ! We followed well the liturgy we know and live at home, the Kyrie, the Gloria, the Alleluia! Even the facial expressions and hand gestures of the preacher told a story (in a language neither of us knew well enough to decipher) of a passion that took away the sin of ALL PEOPLE on the cross! Then came the most beautiful moment of worship and love I've ever experienced. Amidst the thunder, clouds, heat and humidity the beauty of Christ was there! The worship leaders lined up behind the altar, and raised their joined hands with all the congregation doing the same in the pews to sing... Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world... Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world... Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world... Grant us peace! No language could ever be a barrier to the Glory of that moment! Ask Caiti and I about our trip and we'll be glad to share, but this moment deserves a written place and a place within your faith as well. Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again... in every language, in every place, and for every knee that bows for the first born of the dead, Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

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