

Salem Lutheran Church



THE SPIRIT – July / August Newsletter

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Sponsored by: Dale & Arlene Feidt- In memory of their son Brian and her mother Dorothy Wolfgang

Largest project since...

1973 – the construction of the education building

2013 – newest addition in over 30 years!!

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Sponsorships Needed

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From the desk of

Pastor Nathan's message for your summertime study of scripture and our ministry...

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Summer Special Music!

June 30 – Ken Campbell
July 7 - Jim Prince
July 14 – Natalie Lyter and Caiti
July 21 – Kasey Campbell
July 28 - Josh Kobel
August 4 - Steve Bordner
August 11 – Deibler's Camp Sunday
August 18 – Eric Troutman
August 25 - Jim Prince and Chuck Liles
September 1 – Pastor Nathan

Thank you to Caitlin for a fresh start to the music of our parish in coordinating the summer music and the children's music at Bible School.

THERE IS MUCH MORE TO COME – the bell choir is being re-formed and looking for new members! Let Caiti know now if you'd like to play!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN: 2nd Sunday each week will be MUSIC SUNDAY in the fall during Sunday School time. We'll sing, play instruments, and have a great time praising God in song!



Welcome Grace!

We welcome a new sister to our family:
Grace Adair
Zimmerman
8lbs 9oz 19"

Daughter of Rachel
and Brad Zimmerman
(sister of Tristan)

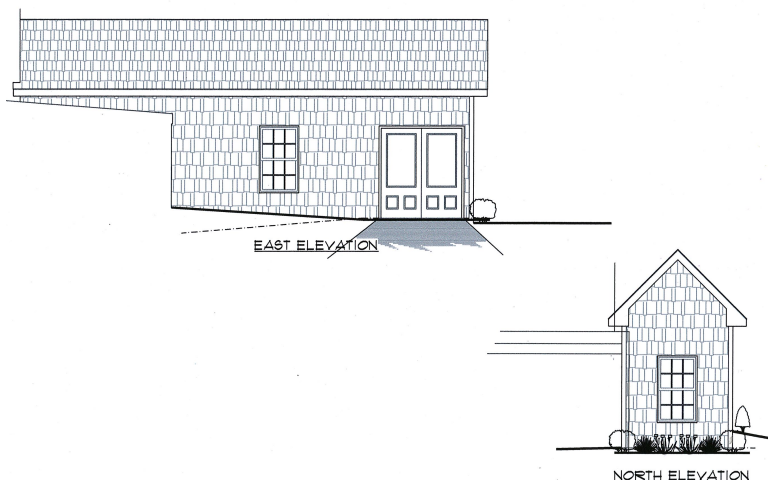
Granddaughter of
Chuck & Jill Liles

Plans for the ramp access to the fellowship hall on the western side of the rear of the church.

At our May council meeting it was decided to engage the services of Gary Grimm, architect of Carlson Construction, Inc. to design a handicapped accessible entrance to the fellowship hall. Gary was the architect who actually designed our Education Building in 1972. After several meetings and consultations we have been given his design and an estimate of cost from our builder, Stence's Contracting. Drawings are included in this letter for your viewing. At the congregational meeting held last November the congregation voted to authorize the council to proceed with this project (according to the constitution projects of such size need a congregational vote). In fact, the congregation voted on the plan submitted from the property committee, which authorized the council to proceed with some priority projects that would all relate to the David & Erla Gerhard bequest for building and grounds improvements.

Some projects have been completed (new bathroom in the fellowship hall, energy system upgrades, etc.). The north side of the church has been redesigned in preparation for this new handicapped accessible ramp. After the ramp and some other small projects we will have completed nearly everything on our list of improvements. It was decided to keep a \$50,000 portion of the Gerhard bequest for an emergency reserve in the building fund.

The only sizable project that was on the list of improvements and will remain there until sufficient funds are available is the addition of air conditioning in the church building. The council has asked that we begin a funding campaign to raise the necessary funds for this project without using the reserve about from the Gerhard estate. Most of the estimates gathered for a project like this were nearly \$48,000. If you would like to contribute to such a fund please contact the office so that the donations can be properly applied to a reserve fund for this purpose.



In the past, improvements like this were funded in small amounts of time. In the late 1980's the organ was refurbished for more than \$40,000 and the funds were raised from member donations alone in only one year's time. Pray for the continued blessing we have here at Salem, that we can continue to grow and improve worship space.

Smaller projects are still underway including the improvement of railings around the church, the gothic arch roof over the sacristy entrance, and the refurbishment of the fellowship hall bathroom!

Thanks be to God for faithful servants like David and Erla and their foresight in naming the church in their estate planning.

-Salem Lutheran Council

The final drawings for the addition are at the church. If you would like to see them take a look on Sunday morning!

July / August Sponsorships

July Bulletins:

July 7 Rich & Winifred Reed in honor of Caitlin Minnich's Birthday

July 14 Mabel Weida in memory of loved ones

July 21 Mabel Weida in memory of loved ones

July 24 (Eve. Svc.) SPONSOR(S) NEEDED

July 28 Mabel Weida in memory of loved ones

July Flowers:

7— Dale & Arlene Feidt: In memory of their son, Brian.

14—The Kratzer Family: In loving memory of husband, father & grandfather, Louis Kratzer.

21—Paul & Natalie Lyter: In memory of their parents, Howard & Ruth Geyer and William & Ethel Lyter.

24—NO SPONSOR Eve. Svc (.)

28—Tom & Deb Scheib: In celebration of their wedding anniversary.

28—Bill & Mary Jane Witmer: In honor of Bill's birthday.

July 14 Fellowship:

SPONSOR(S) NEEDED

July Sanctuary Lamp:

Peg Massari

August Bulletins:

Aug. 4 Mabel Weida in memory of loved ones

Aug. 11 SPONSOR(S) NEEDED

Aug. 14 SPONSOR(S) NEEDED

Aug. 18 SPONSOR(S) NEEDED

Aug. 25 Ann Scatena: In honor of Joshua Stadheim's birthday.

August Flowers:

4—Connie Troutman: In memory of Frank & Mildred Reed.

4—Janice Gransbury: In honor of her daughter and son in laws wedding anniversary.

11—Dale & Arlene Feidt: In celebration of their son, Rodney and Dale's birthday.

14—NO SPONSOR (Eve. Svc.)

18—Lois Kratzer: In memory of loved ones.

25—Jean Hoke: In memory of her husband Norwood and son Lynn

25—Andy & Brenda Leitzel: In honor of their grandsons Peyton & Carson and granddaughters Ava & Audri.

August 11 Fellowship:

SPONSOR(S) NEEDED

August Sanctuary Lamp:

Paul & Natalie Lyter:

In memory of loved ones.

Shall We Gather at the River?

Our annual worship and picnic gathering at the river hosted by Don & Linda Deibler will be on August 11th

Please sign up in the narthex or call/email the office.

We will worship at 11:30 and have lunch thereafter.

Plan to spend the day in fun and fellowship! We have many things planned so bring a dish, a friend, and relax with the beautiful backdrop of the river!

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (Revelation 22:1-2, ESV)

PRAYER LIST:

Manor at Susquehanna Village: Erma Schlegel,
Emma Kissinger

Beacon House: Mildred Swab

Nottingham Nursing Center: Gladys Matter

Osteopaths: Al Michael

Kepler Home: Richard Matter (Paul & Natalie Lyter)

At home: Hacc Boyer and Elaine Fox (Sharyn Farner), Henry Mitchem (Crystal Schade), Jason Ramer (Bob Ramer), Tina Ramer (Bob Ramer), John Lehman, Helen Buffington (Sarah Challenger), Uriah James (Wanda Latsha's grandson), Roby White (Dorothy Hoffman's brother in law), Brenda Wagner, Mike Crnovic (Paul & Natalie Lyter), Brian & Melissa Stahl, Doris Erdman (Great-Aunt of Sheena Erdman), Paul Lyter, 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, 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 *Please help to keep our prayer list current by contacting the church office for changes 717-362-9222 or salemelizabethville@gmail.com*

IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY: the family and friends of Donald Shadle



WMF:(Women's
Missionary Federation)

Next scheduled meeting: Thurs.,
Sept. 12 @ 7 pm. We

ENCOURAGE the women of
Salem to please join us! We
NEED members! For more info.,
call 362-9222 or please see Pr.
Nathan, Caitlin Minnich, Chris
Paul, Rachel Zimmerman, Jill
Liles, Judy Paul, or Bev Witmer.
WMF meets Sept.– May. WMF is
a Community Outreach Committee
that helps those in need and also
holds 2 fundraisers, our annual
Christmas Cookie Exchange, Dec.

July Anniversaries:

Tom & Kasarah Liles – 2
Jay & Martha Jane Fulkrod – 17
HAPPY 20th!!!

Ken & Casey Campbell – 14
Tom & Deb Scheib – 24
Dennis & Gina Engle – 25

August Anniversaries:

Don & Linda Deibler – 1
Chuck & Jill Liles – 4
HAPPY 40th!!!
Dennis & Susan Krause – 9
Mark & Jane Ingbritsen – 10

Happy *Belated* Birthday to
BOB KISSINGER!

Bob celebrated his *98th Birthday* on
June 15th!

July Birthdays:

- Irene Lehman – 1
HAPPY 75th!!!
- Andy Leitzel – 3
- Caitlin Minnich – 3
- Jill Liles – 5
- Susan Krause – 6
- Roger JakeWitmer – 9
- Linda Deibler – 10
- Gerald Hoffman – 12
HAPPY 70th!!!
- Dorothy Hoffman – 20
- Natalie Lyter – 27
- William Witmer – 29
- Jane Ingbritsen – 30
- Ginger Lehman – 30

August Birthdays:

- Henry Leshner – 2
- Dennis Krause – 5
HAPPY 75th!!!
- Rodney Feidt – 10
- Tom Liles – 13
HAPPY 25th!!!
- Crystal Schade – 17
- Martha Fulkrod – 19
HAPPY 70th!!!
- Shirley Erb -- 20
- Dennis Paul -- 21
- Dale Feidt -- 24
- Gladys Matter -- 25
HAPPY 90th!!!
- Michael Paul -- 25
- Ashley Witmer – 30

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Summer is moving quickly and yet there is so much more to come. I challenge you this... make it a priority this year to worship more in the summer. Even if you travel, visit a church and come back and tell us about your experience! I'm excited that our music program is exploding with newness. Caiti has arranged for special music each Sunday this summer, and I'm so grateful for those of you who have offered to share your wonderful gifts of music with us at Salem. We still have many weeks of great music to come and you do not want to miss out on any of these great opportunities to rejoice in all the Lord has given to us.

It is also great to announce the new building projects here at Salem, and I commend all of you for the great work you have done in the past few years to completely refresh our ministry here. We set out on a long-term plan to improve all aspects of our ministry and we've exceeded our own expectations, and I'm so honored to be the pastor of a congregation that has taken the initiative to learn from the past and boldly minister to those around us. We've come a long way and the Holy Spirit will continue to enliven each of you to love one another and continue to grow.

As we begin to prepare for another learning season about to start in September I urge you to seek out opportunities to bring your children and grandchildren to Salem. For the first time in many years we are about to embark on a Sunday School year with **FOUR** classes! It's amazing to see our children anxiously awaiting Sunday School time and know that those who have promised to teach them of Christ are fulfilling their obligation by bringing them here. A new confirmation class will begin in September and we have several students who are nearing this age. Please respond to the upcoming mailing about Christian education and ask me if there is anything you need to know.

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THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's Vacation Bible School a HUGE success! We had twice the number of children that we've had in the past... and if we could only add the number of our own members' children that were missing... we would have tripled the number of previous years!



July Altar Guild Representatives:
**Margie Lehman & Arleah
Buehler**

Sunday, July 7-7th Sunday After Pentecost

Lector: John Lehman

Head Usher: Arleah Buehler

Comm. Assistant: Dennis Reitz

Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Greeters: Margaret Lehman & Lois Kratzer

Sunday, July 14-8th Sunday After Pentecost

Lector: Natalie Lyter

Head Usher: Gerald Hoffman

Acolyte: Michael Paul

Greeters: Walter & Sharon Lehman

Sunday, July 21-9th Sunday After Pentecost

Lector: Mark Ingbritsen

Head Usher: Jill Liles

Comm. Assistant: Chris Paul

Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Greeters: Gerald & Dorothy Hoffman

Wednesday, July 24-

Eve. Svc. of Holy Communion

Lector: Michael Paul

Comm. Assistant: Kristal Dressler

Acolyte: Michael Paul

Sunday, July 28—10th Sunday

After Pentecost

Lector: Tom Scheib

Head Usher: Linda Deibler

Comm. Assistant: Rachel Deitrich

Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Greeters: Brad & Rachel Zimmerman

*August Altar Guild
Representatives:*

Natalie Lyter & Judy Paul

Sunday, Aug. 4-11th Sunday After

Pentecost

Lector: Michael Paul

Head Usher: Chris Paul

Comm. Assistant: Tom Scheib

Acolyte: Jessica Spacek

Greeters: Rich & Winifred Reed

Sunday, Aug. 11-12th Sunday After

(Svc. @ DEIBLER'S CAMP) Pentecost

Comm. Assist: Mark Ingbritsen

Lector: Chuck Liles

Wednesday, Aug. 14-

Eve. Svc. of Holy Communion

Lector: Michael Paul

Comm. Assistant: Chris Paul

Acolyte: Michael Paul

Sunday, Aug. 18-13th Sunday After

Pentecost

Lector: Ben Margerum

Head Usher: Mark Ingbritsen

Comm. Assistant: Rachel Deitrich

Acolyte: Michael Paul

Greeters: Robin Hoffman & Michael Paul

Sunday, Aug. 25-14th Sunday After

Pentecost

Lector: Margie Lehman

Head Usher: Scott Deitrich

Acolyte: Kyle Ramer

Greeters: Caitlin Minnich & Bev Witmer

The most significant part of our education program is a strong desire to prepare our children to understand the church and why it is significant in a world that so quickly destroys the understanding of church. Our children desperately need to be taught the basic stories of Holy Scripture and to love and grow their faith. This is something that was done in ALL aspects of a child's life several generations ago. However, there's no more prayer in school, rarely prayer at the table before eating (either at home or at a restaurant), generations of families who never go to church... it's no wonder younger generations have no desire to make worship a priority in life.

You may ask what to do? Make a change! One hour a week at church will make a serious impact on how our children understand church and faith. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to bring them to the house of the Lord! Our teachers are ready to make this time of learning a wonderful experience... and don't forget the adult class has a lot of fun learning and discussing their faith (usually with coffee and a nice snack)! For children to be admitted into confirmation class, they must have completed the pre-confirmation class during Sunday School, serve as an acolyte, and complete the first communion program in the year before confirmation classes begin. If your child is nearing this age, you must consult with me before the beginning of the new academic year.

Here you will also notice an invitation to join our sisters and brothers at St. Paul's in Millersburg as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of The Rev. Mark A. Hoffman, STS, my friend and colleague. The combined programs that we've begun together have been a wonderful addition to our life of faith. We will assist St. Paul's in giving thanks for his ministry and their friendship! Worship will begin at 4pm on July 21st and dinner at 5:30pm. If you'd like to help out, we could use a few volunteers that day.



You're Invited

to join us as we celebrate
the 25th anniversary of the Ordination
of The Rev'd Mark A. Hoffman, STS.

Recognition of this celebrated accomplishment will begin
with a candlelight service of Holy Communion on
Sunday, July 21st at 4:00 p.m. including special music to commemorate
the office of the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Visiting clergy are invited to vest and process.
The color of the day remains green.

A special dinner with entertainment by Men in Harmony will follow.

Additionally, the congregation at St. Paul's will be presenting the gift
of a vestment to Pr. Hoffman. If you would like to contribute
to the purchase of this gift, please mail a contribution with a note
indicating the intended use, to the address below.

Please RSVP for the evening meal by emailing
stpaulselc@comcast.net or by calling the Church Office.

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Finally, you will find some scripture study in this newsletter for your own personal study of the Word. Remember that all weekly Sunday readings can be found by clicking on the online calendar at www.usccb.org. It is a great site with all the weekly readings clearly marked and easy to use! Read ahead... prepare your own thoughts and questions to contemplate when we gather for readings and sermons and continue to grow together in our faith and understanding.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings this Summer and at the River in August!

Blessings to you from Christ our Lord,

Luke 10:17 – 24 The 72 return (The Lutheran Study Bible, pages 1734–1735)

Verse 18 *“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”* Satan fell from heaven as a result of the teaching of Jesus’ disciples. When a person knows God has forgiven his sins and becomes a member of God’s kingdom, Satan is no longer in a position to charge that person with sin. He can no longer stand before God’s throne; rather, God throws him out. That is what Jesus saw happening as the 72 went out to preach. (Note: This verse helps us understand Revelation 12:10.)

1. Over what did the disciples rejoice?
2. Jesus affirmed their joy. But he reminded them about an even greater joy they should always have in their hearts. What is that?
3. Why did Jesus thank his heavenly Father for hiding the truths of the kingdom from the wise and learned and revealing them to little children?
4. Review the teaching of election, or predestination. How is that taught in verse 22? What comfort does this give you?
5. Jesus said that nothing would harm the disciples as they went about doing their work. What about us today? Does Jesus’ promise still apply?
6. In what way are we more blessed than the people in the Old Testament?



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