



Salem
Lutheran
Elizabethville

November & December "The Spirit" sponsored
by: Brad & Rachel Zimmerman in honor
of Tristan's 3rd Birthday!

WMF Cookie Exchange



You are cordially invited to the
WMF Annual Christmas
Cookie Exchange!

Theme: Victorian Tea

Saturday, Dec. 7th @ 2 PM -
Fellowship Hall

RSVP – Sign-up sheet in the
narthex
Bring 4 dozen of cookies to
exchange and a container to
take your exchanged cookies
home with you! Also, a \$5
ladies "exchange" gift for our
exchange game. And
please!....BRING A FRIEND(S)!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 24th –
CHRIST THE KING
immediately following
the service.

Advent Wreath Making



Once again
we will gather to make
Advent wreaths for our
homes. A visible sign of
prayer and preparation in
your own life.
SUNDAY, Nov. 24th at 1:00 PM

Mae Hummel

Esther R. Hoffman
Anne Marie Schwab-
Vogeney
Gladys Troutman
Marie Erdman
Barb Sitlinger
Geraldine V. Brown
Brett Shadle
Fred Messersmith
Clarence E. Bucher, Jr.
Mary Cunningham
Richard C. Sedeshe, Sr.
Linda M. Snyder
Robert R. Daniels
John E. Hoover
Donald Shadle
Larue Schell
Lorretta Chubb
Kenneth Sweger
Lee C. Matter
Betty K. English
Marlene E. Forney
Shirley J. Thompson
Nevins Wilburn

Festival of All Saints Sunday

November 3rd

At the 9:00 am liturgy we will
remember those who now rest
in the Lord who have had a
connection to Salem:

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REST ETERNAL GRANT
THEM, O LORD,
AND LET LIGHT
PERPETUAL SHINE
UPON THEM!

Accountability

St. Paul wrote to Timothy these words: "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: PROCLAIM THE WORD, BE PERSISTENT WHETHER IT IS CONVENIENT OR INVONVENIENT; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching."

We are all held accountable for the conveyance of the Gospel, and too often we FAIL simply because of reasons that are nothing more than inconvenience. As members of the body of Christ your absence hurts the rest of the body. Don't let mere inconvenience do such damage, GET UP, GET YOUR CHILDREN (old and young) and GET TO CHURCH!

Fellowship Events

November 10th –
Sponsored by Ben
Cunningham

December 15th –
sponsored by the WMF

December 22nd –
Sunday School Brunch
Tree Decorating



Saint Nicholas Family Night

On Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall we will gather again with the people of Millersburg to share our fellowship and fun with SAINT NICHOLAS!

Pancake Supper begins at 5:00 pm

Join us for a visit from St. Nicholas himself where children and adults will learn of his life, gift giving and his love of Christ.

Bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry to present to St. Nicholas.

Family is most important
for our well being. Be a
part of this family of Salem!

A CARD OF THANKS: Dear Salem Lutheran Church and Rev. Minnich:

Thank you for your generous giving and for partnering with me in ministry this year. Your support and prayers were a blessing to me and to the nations! Because of you many lives were touched, healed, and saved for Christ! I will be coming to PA this December and would love to come and thank you in person and share more details about what God has done and where He is taking me. Thank you again!

God bless,
Amanda
Prohaska
Missionary
to The
Grenadines



November Birthdays:

2- Mildred Swab
7- Glenda Botts
8- Tom Scheib
8- Casey Campbell
12- David Christopher Cook
13- Mary Ellen Oxenrider
14- Janice Gransbury
17- Paul Bowman
21- Jean Hoke
22- Donna Portzline
22- Deb Scheib

Happy Birthday to
Mildred Swab on
Nov. 2nd!! Happy 101!

December Birthdays:

5- Arleah Buehler
11- Jan Ayers
12- Carl Snyder
14- Kristal Dressler
15- Leah Snyder
22- Nancy Spacek
22- Tristan Zimmerman
23- Arland Sultzbaugh
31- Walter Lehman
31- Phyllis Weaver

A great blessing to
reach beyond a
century!

November Anniversaries:

10- Dave & Chris Paul
20- Tom & Lloyal Hain
24- Josh & Ashley Witmer

December Anniversaries:

2- Stan & Arleah Buehler
7- Gerald & Dorothy Hoffman – HAPPY 50th!!!
20- Bill & Mary Jane Witmer
29- Dale & Arlene Feidt

Sponsorships

November Bulletins

- 3- Ann Scatena in honor of Nelson Kauffman, Beverly Morgan and Nevins Wilburn's birthdays.
- 10- Dave and Chris Paul in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary.
- 17- Ruth Cook in honor of loved ones.
- 24- Jake & Bev Witmer in honor of Josh & Ashley's anniversary.
- 30- EVE. SVC. – SPONSOR NEEDED

Dec. Bulletins

- 1- Sarah Challenger in memory of Blanche Challenger.
- 8- Ann Scatena – To the Glory of God.
- 15- Carl & Leah Snyder in honor of Carl's birthday on the 12th and Leah's birthday TODAY!
- 22- Bill & Mary Jane Witmer in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary.
- 24- Jake & Bev Witmer in honor of the birth of the Christ child.
- 25- Salem Lutheran in honor of The Christmass

November Altar Flowers

- 3- Lois Kratzer in loving memory of Louis Kratzer, Parents– John & Elsie Kratzer and Elroy & Mary Baker.
- 10- American Legion Post 404 in memory of all veterans.
- 17- Michael Hoffner in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Hoffner.
- 17- Al Michael in memory of his wife, Betty.
- 24- Mabel Weida in memory of loved ones.
- 24- Scott & Rachel Deitrich in honor of Thanksgiving and our families.

December Altar Flowers

- 1- Rich & Winifred Reed in honor of their son, Gary's birthday.
- 8- Mabel Weida in memory of loved ones.
- 8- John & Irene Lehman in memory of loved ones.
- 15- Barbara Dockey in memory of her husband, Linwood Dockey, Mr. & Mrs. Eston Dockey, Mr. & Mrs. William Laudermilch
- 22- Scott & Rachel Deitrich in memory of loved ones.
- 29- Don & Linda Deibler in memory of their parents.

The Sanctuary Lamp ever reminds us of God's eternal presence and is a visible reminder of our prayers even when we are not gathered in this place.

November Sanctuary Lamp: Phyllis Weaver & Family – in memory of Ronald Weaver.

December Sanctuary Lamp: Ruth & Chris Cook in memory of Donald Cook.

Christmas

The Christmas Eve –
Candlelight Service of
Holy Communion

Dec. 24th at 7:30 PM

The Vespers of
Christmas – an evening
service to remind us of
the real meaning of this
most *Glorious* day

Dec. 25th at 7:30 PM

PREPARE YOURSELF?

Advent Wreath Making

Nov. 24th at 1:00 PM

Advent Weekly Services on

Wednesdays at 6:30pm –
prayer and word

St. Nicholas Festival at
St. Paul's on Dec. 8th at
5pm

Pr. Nathan will have
opportunity for private
confession from 5:30-6
each Wednesday of
Advent. A place will be
set in the chancel for
confession. To prepare...
pick up a confession sheet
and ask questions of Pr.
Nathan before coming.



Grace and peace be unto you from the Lord Jesus Christ,

It has been over 40 years since this congregation has broken ground on any major project, and thanks be to God, on Sunday Oct. 27th we broke ground for the addition to the church building made possible only by the bequest of David and Erla Gerhard. This new entrance will finally enable those who have difficulty to enter the fellowship hall without steps and provide a more beautiful image of this side of the church. The overall plan has been to improve the look of this entrance area since most people park in the lot and not on the street. With the new roof over the sacristy door, the enclosure of the old kitchen entrance, and now the beginning of the ramp we will have a completely new look on the church facing the lot.

Although it may look like all these building projects are happening at once it is a great joy to say that all of these have been on our long-term list just waiting for funds. Not one penny from the general fund has made this possible. All this work comes from the estate of David and Era who generously remembered the church in their estate plans and planned for us to have 50% of their estate. Almost all of the projects would still be on a long list without these funds.

November is usually the time when we talk about stewardship in some way or another. Our Lord spoke about these things often and so must we. Tithing seems to have become an antiquated process that gets no attention anymore and giving is based more on what spare change we have than any planned amount. We often forget that **NOTHING** we have is truly ours, but rather we are merely stewards of what God has given to our management. In the state we find agencies and centers that attempt to fill the gaps where the church used to be in complete control – helping the poor, the needy, the widows and the orphans. Now we focus more on budgets and control than we do on freely giving to those who will find blessing in our actions! There is so much more that could be done for those who do not yet know the love and compassion of Jesus Christ and yet without the giving needed to function as a church much goes undone. We must train ourselves to be good stewards of all that we have been given... our money and possessions, our time, our health and most importantly our souls.

If you are looking for just one way to make a huge difference, I charge you to plan something in your life in all of these areas of stewardship, but most of all... reach out to just one person. That is the charge of the Gospel of all people, not just me as your pastor, but of *everyone*. Is it easier to just put another bill in the envelope? Yes. Is it easier to simply join a group at church and give a little time? Yes. Is anything more rewarding that to see the faith of someone you care about enlivened by the word, song, body and blood of Christ? **NO!** It will be inconvenient. It will be uncomfortable. It will take all of your patience. It will surprise you with **JOY!**

For the sake of Christ our Lord, to whom you have promised your faith and life, go... go and at least seek out someone to be made a disciple. By your love and friendship, your guidance and your faith... you will see that you have already done more than sought out, but truly **MADE** disciples of the Lord you love.

May the joy and love of Christ enter your home, your family and your life this season, and amidst the inconvenience of the world I know that I will see you here in this place to give thanks!

Rev. Nathan G. Grinich

MEN IN HARMONY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
AT GRACE U.M. CHURCH, MILLERSBURG
DECEMBER 22ND AT 3:00 PM



Prayer List:

Manor at Susquehanna Village: Erma Schlegel, Emma Kissinger

With her Daughter: Mildred Swab

Nottingham Nursing Center: Gladys Matter

Kepler Home: Richard Matter (Paul & Natalie Lyter)

Polk Personal Care: Hilda Collier

At home: Alexis Nicole Shaffer (Robin Hoffman), Ned Messner (Sarah Challenger), Richard Klinger (Janice Gransbury), Gerald Hoffman, Judy Paul, Anthony Arnold (Dorothy Hoffman), Garret Rowe (Arleah Buehler), Xavier Ball (Dave Paul, Sr.), Judy Hassinger-Ferree (Lois Kratzer), Brian Stoneroad (Gerald & Dorothy Hoffman), Ruthanetta Bopp, Don Deibler, Al Michael, Bob Bordner (Crystal Schade), Lloyd Lehman (Paul Lyter), Heather Hildebrand (granddaughter of Sarah Challenger), Norma Reiner, Hacc Boyer and Elaine Fox (Sharyn Farner), Tina Ramer (Bob Ramer), John Lehman, Helen Buffington (Sarah Challenger), 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), Dennis Reitz, Jacob Ingbritsen (Mark & Jane Ingbritsen's nephew), Jill Shade (Dorothy Hoffman), Ian Latsha (Kyle & Pam Ramer), 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, 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 Leshner, Kim (Miller) Corcoran (Judy Paul's niece), Paul & Catherine Zelnick (Jane Ingbritsen), Carl Snyder, Mary Shade, 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), 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

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

The Family & Friends of Nevins Wilburn
(Ann Scatena)

Sunday School News:

Our Sunday School is growing! Many thanks to our teachers and helpers... several classes meet each Sunday at 10:10 am. **BRING YOUR CHILDREN!**

Adult Class meets in the Fellowship Hall and is always ready to welcome a few new learners.

CHILDREN's Christmass Program will be on Sunday, Dec. 22nd after church with a visit from Santa and our annual brunch.

BIBLE STUDY continues on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm at St. Paul's where Pr. Nathan and Pr. Mark study weekly. Anyone is welcome to join them.

MINISTRIES:

Shawl Ministry continues to produce an abundance of shawls. If you know anyone who would benefit from this ministry please ask for a shawl!

WORSHIP:

There are a number of ways to assist with worship. Let Pr. Nathan know you are interested and he will find you a place and a way to participate.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**Altar Guild: Arleah Buehler****Sunday, Nov. 3 – “All Saints Day”**

Lector: Margie Lehman
 Head Usher: Jill Liles
 Communion Assistant: Dennis Reitz
 Acolyte: Kyle Ramer
 Torchbearers: Jessica Spacek & Kyle Ramer
 Greeters: Jessica Spacek, Caileigh Witmer
 and Nancy Spacek

Sunday, Nov. 10- 25th Sunday After Pentecost - Fellowship

Lector: Tom Scheib
 Head Usher: Linda Deibler
 Acolyte: Jessica Spacek
 Greeters: Tom & Deb Scheib

Sunday, Nov. 17-“Christ the King” – Congregational Meeting

Lector: Mark Ingbritsen
 Head Usher: Chris Paul
 Communion Assistant: Rachel Deitrich
 Acolyte: Michael Paul
 Greeters: Jay & Martha Fulkrod

Sunday, Nov. 24- 27th Sunday After Pentecost – Special Music

Lector: Jim Prince
 Head Usher: Mark Ingbritsen
 Communion Assistant: Tom Scheib
 Acolyte: Michael Paul
 Torchbearers: Jessica Spacek & Kyle Ramer
 Greeters: Don & Linda Deibler



Pastor Nathan with both
Grace & Sophia

BAPTISMAL PHOTOS

Pastor Nathan with
Charlotte Eva
his cousin LeighAnn &
Brians child.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**Altar Guild: Arleah Buehler****Sunday, Dec. 1- 1st Sunday In Advent**

Lector: Michael Paul
 Head Usher: Scott Deitrich
 Communion Assistant: Chris Paul
 Acolyte: Jessica Spacek
 Greeters: Fred Renn and Janice Gransbury

Sunday, Dec. 8- 2nd Sunday In Advent

Lector: Ben Margerum
 Head Usher: Arleah Buehler
 Acolyte: Kyle Ramer
 Greeters: Dennis & Carol Reitz

Sunday, Dec. 15-3rd Sunday In Advent

Lector: Ann Scatena
 Head Usher: Chris Paul
 Communion Assistant: Mark Ingbritsen
 Acolyte: Jessica Spacek
 Greeters: Fred Renn and Margie Lehman

Sunday, Dec. 22-4th Sunday In Advent

Lector: Rachel Deitrich
 Head Usher: Jill Liles
 Communion Assistant: Dennis Reitz
 Acolyte: Kyle Ramer
 Greeters: Brad & Rachel Zimmerman

Tuesday, Dec. 24-Nativity of Our Lord – *Christmas Eve*

Lector: Chuck Liles
 Head Usher: Linda Deibler
 Communion Assistant: Chris Paul
 Acolyte: Kyle Ramer
 Greeters: Andy & Brenda Leitzel

Sunday, Dec. 25 – Nativity of Our Lord – *Christmas Vespers**7:30 PM Evening Svc.***Sunday, Dec. 29 – First Sunday After Christmas**

Lector: Caitlin Minnich
 Head Usher: Chris Paul
 Communion Assistant: Tom Scheib
 Acolyte: Michael Paul
 Greeters: Rich & Winifred Reed

**Advent Service of
Prayer and Word****Dec 4th****Dec 11th****Dec 18th****6:30 – 7:00 PM****Confession****5:30-6:00 PM**



Salem on October 27th

A final thought... as the nature of the world changes around us, isn't it comforting to know that the historic liturgy of the church does not? When everything around us is out of control and technology begs our constant attention... don't you think it's worth your time to be a part of something that is truth and love? The forgiveness of sins, the promise of life everlasting, and the ability to actually interact with people who love the Lord is what you need.

In this place you will find what your soul is seeking... to belong no matter what you have to offer. This place is not an exclusive club where only certain people belong... in fact this place exists to fortify the faith of those who gather here for the sole purpose of reaching those who do not yet belong.

You will be surprised that when you strip away what catches your attention in this world (technology, new fads in music and video, isolation into worlds of empty entertainment) that the authenticity of the church will change everything in life.

Come and see... don't take anyone else's word for it. There is a place where love sees you and here He offers himself for you! Amen... here we come Lord Jesus!

Dated Material – Please do not delay
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