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From the desk of Father Nathan:

Opportunity abounds right now to enhance your practice of faithful living, to engage your spiritual connection to God and one another, and to take that *intentional* moment away from the horrible distractions around us all. We are pulled in so many directions it is amazing that we don't get torn apart (mentally, spiritually, and perhaps even physically). The demands of a world that never quits can seem overwhelming, and where there used to be built-in rest at home, at church, with family...there is only more bearing down upon us. That is why we need to actively (and intentionally) stop. Stop fidgeting with the phone, the ipad, the computer, the TV, and all the other false engagement we have around us all the time, and live in the moment, the space, and with the people around us. Yes, even the church uses technology. We've added live streaming to engage the wider community, but it is no substitute for your physically present worship of the Lord, in the very presence of his people, taking hold of His own Body and Blood, given and shed for you! I'm sure you'll agree, there is no substitute for that moment when a neighbor reaches out to welcome you, and take you by the hand. There is no merit that gains you access to these physical reminders of love, and there is not merit that calls you to receive the only forgiveness that can save your soul, it is only the merit of Jesus Christ, and the call of His Holy Spirit heard by ears of faith.

So, now that your ears are listening and your faith recognizes the outstretched arms of God, just waiting for

you, make the choice to act! Get up, walk through the doors, and experience first-hand this Grace. Like I said, opportunity abounds right now for this very reason. We NEED to step away from the fake of this world and taste and see what good the Lord has for us.

30 Minutes. Yes, that may seem like a brief escape but it may just be your relief for three Wednesday evenings. A mid-week moment of prayer and assurance from 7:30-8:00pm will offer the tradition of Vespers (Evening Prayer) for our community. On Dec. 5, 12, and 19 come, listen, pray, sing, or just breathe a sigh of relief.

Need more opportunity? Take a tag from the DayCare Tree and sponsor a child! You have made a huge difference in the joy of the children among us during the week, and this year will be no different. You cannot imagine the smiles when EVERY child has something that says 'we love you' at a time when home might be stressful, and joy running a little thin.

Still want more? Well...Sunday mornings without you are NOTICED. If you don't believe it, Just ask around *Cont'd on pg. 8*

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DECEMBER 23 AFTER MASS





Please bring a "Brunch Nish" to share!

From the desk of Deacon Ken:

Grace and Peace to you!

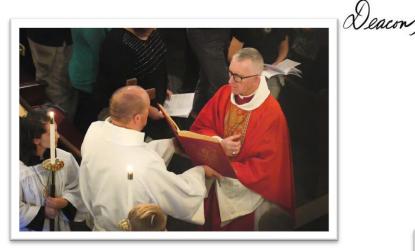
As autumn tightens its grasp, and the end of the outdoor season settles in, we also approach the end of our church calendar in which we find ourselves in a time of reflection, and anticipation. As my ministry as your deacon begins at Salem Lutheran, I have spent much time reflecting on the journey into this call to ministry of word and service. For a few weeks this October, I was privileged to stand in the pulpit and preach the Gospel in regards to how Jesus has commanded us to be generous to others with our resources; specifically our money, time, talents, and service. The act of service in which I speak, is not just to our God, but towards one another at Salem, and even more so to those that are not members of our congregation!



I invite you to continue to ask yourselves the following questions. Who do you serve? How do you serve? I invite you to explore how you might deepen your service or maybe increase your giving; not just in this place, but towards others who are in great need of hearing and experiencing the hope that we find in Jesus Christ. Have you met face to face, or held the hand of the less fortunate? If not, why not?

As I have found, pondering these questions may cause some uneasiness, and that is not necessarily a bad thing. Being a Christian should never be perceived as being a member of a care-free, feel-good-club. As Jesus Christ suffered discomfort upon the cross, we then can certainly endure disquieted moments with the goal of strengthening our faith by adhering to his teachings. There's no better time to challenge ourselves to live more like him than the present.

So dream big, brothers and sisters. In order to help guide me and my diaconal ministry to the faithful people of Salem and beyond, I have recently encouraged the staff and council to create a "sky-is-the-limit dream list" for our congregation. I ask that you join us in this exercise. Perhaps you will begin to imagine what the ministries of Salem can look like next year, five, and even ten years from now. Don't be afraid to share your dream with Pr. Nathan, me, a council or staff member. If money, time, and resources were not a concern, what could we do better? Maybe there's a way to make it happen! Through faith in Jesus Christ, all things are possible.









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November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month



The pancreas is an organ that sits behind the stomach which is shaped like a fish with a wide head, tapering body and pointed tail. Pancreatic cancer occurs when the cells in the pancreas start growing out of control. The pancreas has two types of cells: Exocrine and Endocrine. The exocrine cells form the exocrine glands and ducts which release enzymes into the intestines to help you digest foods. The endocrine cells make up a small cluster called Islets of Langerhans. These islets make hormones like insulin and glucagon which is released directly into the blood and helps to control blood sugar levels. When diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a person needs to know if it is exocrine or endocrine as the tumors are different and treated differently. Most pancreatic cancer diagnoses are Exocrine Pancreatic Cancer.

Risk factors for development of Exocrine Pancreatic Cancer: smoking, obesity, workplace exposure to chemicals, gender-men are more likely to develop than women, race-African Americans have a higher risk than other cultures, diabetes, cirrhosis of liver, family history and some genetic mutations increase risk for development of pancreatic cancer.

Signs and Symptoms: Jaundice - yellowing of skin and/or eyes, dark urine - brown in color, light colored or greasy stools that float in the toilet; this is due to the lack of being able to breakdown fats, itchy, yellow flaking skin. Belly or back pain that won't go away, weight loss, nausea/vomiting, gallbladder or liver enlargement.

Treatment: Pancreatic cancer can be resectable if it is still just in the pancreas and has not grown into large blood vessels. A person must be healthy enough to withstand the surgery as this is a major operation. Even if the surgeon thinks all the cancer has been removed, the cancer may come back. Giving chemotherapy and radiation after surgery helps patients to live longer. If there's something that you would like to see happen in the Health Ministry, please speak to a member or join us at a meeting.

> Next Meeting: Nov. 13 & Dec. 11 at 7 PM



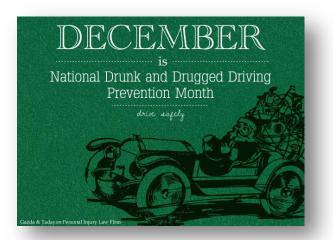
Blood Pressure screenings are available to everyone during Fellowship each month.

December is Drugged Driving Awareness Month

Think drugged driving is not as serious as drunk driving? Do you know how many people drive drugged? The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) reported that in 2016, of people over the age of 16, there was 11.8 million whom drove under the influence of illicit drugs (www.drugabuse.gov). The findings showed that men are more likely than women to drive under the influence of drugs. And a higher percentage of adults age 18-25 drive after taking drugs.

A survey taken of high school students reported that within a two-week time frame an average of 12% have driven using marijuana. The study of college students found that 1 of 6 have driven under the influence of a drug. Marijuana was the most common drug used followed by cocaine and prescription pain killers.

The effects of marijuana alter the ability of an individual to drive a vehicle safely. When marijuana is used it significantly diminishes psychomotor skills which are essential in operating a vehicle. This results in impaired ability to steer, brake, reaction and just the general cognition to your surroundings. The bottom line is impaired is impaired!!



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HEALTH MINISTRY CONT'D

 Yoga Classes will continue every Thursday at 7 pm with the cost of \$5.00 per class. *There will be no classes on Thursday, November 8th or on Thursday, November 22nd*.

 Everyone is welcome! Please join us! If you're not sure this is for you, you can attend a class and try it <u>FREE OF CHARGE</u> and then make a decision.

Christmas Project

With Christmas coming, the Health Ministry has chosen to support the Kiddiegarden Daycare by providing gifts for the children for their Christmas Party. Tags will be placed on the Christmas tree with a number and list of items for that child. Please take a tag, purchase and wrap the gifts then place in the Sacristy on the front pew or around the tree with the number attached to the gift. Santa Claus will deliver the gifts to the children ensuring that each child receives a gift. Gifts must be wrapped and ready for Santa Claus by Sunday, December 16th.

Join us at our meetings in Nov. and Dec. as we make plans to discuss upcoming events for next year. If you have any ideas, please share with a member of the team or join us at a meeting! We are always looking for fresh, new ideas.

Let us Pray:

Dear Father, as we enter the Advent season when hearts should be happy and light, let us remember that many struggle with life burdens that steal the joy from our hearts. In a world of worry, stir up good news again. Thank you for the gift of Jesus, our Emmanuel, the Word made flesh. We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You! Let us pray for those in need of hearing your good news, that they would open their hearts to you and lay their burdens upon you, giving them peace and joy once again in their lives. In Jesus name we Pray, Amen.



Health Ministry Team Volunteers

Our Health Ministry needs additional volunteers to visit our fellow parishioners at home, take them a meal from Margie's Meals, spend some time with them; letting them know we are thinking of them and praying for them. Additionally, the Health Ministry needs additional persons to provide transportation to and from doctor's appointments. If you can help with this program, which has been very successful, please let Sharyn or Pastor Nathan know.



CLOTHING SWAP & DONATE

Saturday, January 12, 2019 • 9 AM - 2 PM • Salem Lutheran Church Fellowhip Hall Bring your lightly used clothing that you no longer need. If you find something you can use from what others bring, *it's yours!* All remaining clothing will be donated to Believe in Blessings Thrift Store Elizabethville to help others!

COMMITTEES



Next planning meeting: Sunday, November 18th 6-7 pm

Calling all Salem Women!

All women are *automatically* a member of the WNALC (Women of the North American Lutheran Church) simply by being a Salem Church member! The group meets on the THIRD SUNDAY of each month @ 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. During this time we hold discussions, enjoy various presentations, plan upcoming events and outreach projects, and enjoy a time of fellowship. Come out and join us!



Christmas Cookie Exchange! Saturday, December 15th, 2018, 10 am-noon Bring a brunch item to share, 4 dozen of the same cookie to exchange, and a container to put your cookies in. Also, BYOH (bring your own hammer) to make a Special Christmas Craft!

S.O.F.A.

Salem Outdoor Fellowship Association Get off the couch, get outdoors with S.O.F.A!!

Our annual soup sale was a success! We sold 95 quarts of soup and made a profit of \$760 <u>Thank you</u> to everyone who helped sell, make, and distribute soup orders! The profit will benefit the **Community Assistance fund** and the annual **Women's retreat**.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday and Saturday February 1-2, 2019 Cost: \$45 per person Dinner at Penn's Tavern on Friday evening

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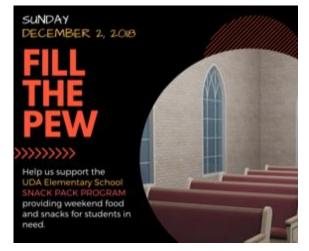
If you have a need or an idea for a program or event that you would like to see at Salem or just want to come and check it out, please join us!

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Congregational Meeting: Dec. 23rd

UPCOMING EVENTS



CHOIR:

Please Note: **Dec. 5, 12, 19** Choir practice will be from **7-7:30 pm**, with Vespers following from 7:30-8 pm. Choir will resume following, if needed.

St. Nicholas Festival

St. Paul's & Salem Family Night Pancake Supper Celebration Sunday, December 2nd @ 5 pm Adults & Children will learn about St. Nicholas, from no one other than St. Nicholas himself!

Children's craft activities will include making gifts for their family & friends.

EACH FAMILY IS ASKED TO BRING A BAG OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. PLEASE SIGN U IN THE NOTEBOOK OR CALL THE OFFICE: 717-362-9222

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY:

When filling out your offering envelopes, please be sure to mark the amount on the front of the envelope. Also, although it's easier to write one check for your weekly offering, sponsorships, building fund, and memorial fund, those are all separate accounts. If possible, it would make things much easier in the office to write separate checks for each fund.

Thank you in advance. Chris

Fill the Pow Dec. 2nd

On Dec. 2nd Salem will be collecting food items for the Upper Dauphin Elementary School "SNACK PACK PROGRAM." This program provides weekend food and snacks for children in need at the UDA Elem. School. Our goal is to fill the pew to over flowing with food items listed below:

Hot Chocolate Oatmeal Sm. Cereal Boxes Pop Tarts Granola Bars PB Crackers Individual pkgs of: fish crackers, graham crackers, and fruit snacks

Sm. Pasta Containers Sm. Cans of Tuna/Chicken Individual JIFF containers Soups Juice Pouches/boxes Individual pkgs cookies, pretzels



Wespers

Dec. 5, 12, 19 7:30-8 pm

Take some time from your busy schedule during the holidays & join us for evening prayers on the dates above. Give yourself some time to reflect, pray and count the many blessings our Lord has given us.



PRAYER & SYMPATHY

Prayer List:

Polk Personal Care: Mary Schade, Betty Sultzbaugh Premier at Susquehanna: Hilda Collier In the Hospital: Tina Schell At home:

Liam Kelly (Linda Deibler), Lucy Wertz (Harold

& Marie Daub), Rick Welker, Arleah Buehler, Dave Rowe (Dave Paul), Bill Bechtal, Sr., Amanda Carr (Sharyn Farner), Thelma Bellis (Jan Ayers), Hayden Bellis (Macklin Ayers), Nicole Czaplicki (Joanne Smyre), Sheena Erdman, Jimmie & Gerry Schader (Karl's parents), Don Markel (Dave Paul), Kelly Shipman (Natalie Lyter), Dave & Jill Fetter (Ken Campbell), Jean Hoke, Diane Murray (Peq Massari), Harold "Boots" Kissinger, Harold Hoffman, Jay and Ann Sue McCormick (Irene Lehman), Haley Snyder, Shirley Buffington, Ethel Oxenrider, Marija Zorkic, Henry Reinsburrow (Leah Snyder), Adele Nangle, Charles Wright (Ann Scatena), Roby White, Dennis Smeltz, Rosemary Welker, Raymond Welker (Dorothy Hoffman), Sharon & Walter Lehman, Bill Witmer, Deb Miller, Heather Deitrich, Terry King (Janice Gransbury), Nancy Harris, Aleen Minnich, Dale Snyder (Tracey & Aleen Minnich), Andrea Bixler (Marie Daub), Jessica Ingbritsen, Earl Laine, Arlene Blanchard (Diane Heim), Joan Sanborn (Jessica Spacek's paternal grandmother), Heather Hildebrand (granddaughter of Sarah Challenger) Please help to keep our prayer list current by contacting the church office for changes 717-362-9222 or salemelizabethville@gmail.com

> ...with Gincere Gympathy The family & friends of Dale Feidt, Tyler Ross-Mortenson, Wellington Shaffer, Betty Grosser



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and you will hear just how often YOUR NAME is spoken. When a face is absent, even for one Sunday, someone asks me where you have been. Sometimes I know, travelling, not feeling well, or the usual absences. But what can I say when I have no answer? So often I find out someone is ill long after they are better. I hear of a hospital stay far too late to even visit. I know many of my clergy colleagues struggle with the same thing. Here's where technology helps! It's not all bad when you can text the pastor and ask for a moment of prayer or an update on your traveling, or when you need an encouraging word to take on the struggle at hand. After all, that is what ministers are here to do! It is why your congregation seeks to have called and ordained ministers on staff.

Only you can evaluate what is needed to support your faith. I and all the staff at Salem are here to get you where you need to be in faith, in prayer, in joy, and in hope!

Hope came to us once as the God Incarnate, born of the Virgin Mary, and set salvation in motion. Hope comes to us each week at the Lord's Table offering forgiveness and life everlasting. Hope will come again in power and in glory and THAT KINGDOM will have no end. AMEN, come Lord Jesus!

Merry Christ Mass!

We pray together EACH DAY of the week for those on our prayer list by name, and for these in particular who have died, and whose families have been in our prayers of sympathy since last year:

Margie Lehman Ed Collier James Fitzpatrick Barb Snody Linda Lehman Dan Reiner Morris Hoffman Harold "Peanie" Hechler Anna Shade Devon Wert

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Betty Grosser Linda Welker Wellington Shaffer Tyler Ross-Mortensen Mary Spohn Kenneth Wiest Gilbert Thomas Charles Stoneroad Marvin Frye Leroy Hepner Joel Shealer

Altar Flower Sponsors

November Large Altar Vases (\$20.00 ea.)

4 Dennis & Carol Reitz – In celebration of the harvest season.
11 American Post 404 – In memory of all veterans.
18 Dave & Chris Paul – In celebration of their wedding anniversary.
18 Michael Hoffner – In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Hoffner.
25 Janice Gransbury – In memory of loved ones.

SMALL ALTAR VASES: (\$7.50 ea.)

4 Gerri Deppen - In memory of loved ones.

11 Ann Scatena – To the Glory of God.

18 Harold & Marie Daub – In loving memory of James & Kathryn Fitzpatrick. 25 In honor of the baptisms of Delaney Mae Gerke and Emilie Nicole Matter.

December Large Altar Vases (\$20.00 ea.)

2 Don & Linda Deibler – In honor of their daughters Jennifer & Chandra's birthdays.
2 Ron & Diane Heim – In honor of Sarah's 18th birthday. *Happy Birthday!*9 Tom & Deb Scheib – In loving memory of his parents Arland & Gertrude Scheib.
16 Barbara Dockey – In loving memory of her husband Linwood Dockey,

Mr. & Mrs. Eston Dockey, and Mr. & Mrs. William Laudermilch.

23 Mike & Linda Lohenitz – In memory of loved ones.

24 David & Chris Paul – In honor of our Salem Family.

24 Dorothy Hoffman – In loving memory of her husband, Gerald.

30 Don & Linda Deibler – In loving memory of their parents.

SMALL ALTAR VASES: (\$7.50 ea.)

2 David & Vicki Yates – In loving memory of their grandparents.
9 Ron & Diane Heim – In honor of Sarah Heim's birthday. *Happy Birthday!*16 Ann Scatena – To the Glory of God.

23 Harry & Joan Minnich – In honor of all of our loved ones.

24 Kim Bower, Andy & Brenda Leitzel

30 Don & Linda Deibler – In loving memory of our parents.



LIVE ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Sat., Dec. 1st @ 2 pm Bring your clippers, flower arrangement foam, decorations, container, and a snack if you'd like!

The greens & candles will be provided unless you have some of your own you'd like to add.



Have you remembered the church in the planning of your estate? Have you updated your Thrivent info? Have you ordered a \$250 card?

Sponsorships/Birthdays/Anniversaries

November Bulletin Sponsors

4 Don & Linda Deibler – In honor of our Salem friends.
11 Ann Scatena – To the Glory of God.
18 Don & Linda Deibler – In honor and thanks to our heavenly Father.
25 Tracey & Aleen Minnich and Family – In loving memory of Rev. Dr. James Flurer

December Bulletin Sponsors

2 Jason & Angela Heim – In celebration of loved ones.
9 Harold & Marie Daub – In honor of our Parish.
16 Martha Jane and Mary Spicher – In honor of Nancy Spacek's birthday.
23 Mike & Linda Lohenitz – In honor of our choir.
24 Mike & Linda Lohenitz – In honor of Pastor Nathan.
30 Mike & Linda Lohenitz – In honor of Deacon Ken.

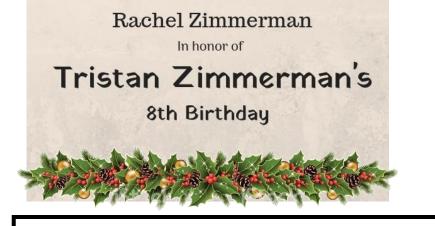
Sanctuary Lamp

Nov: Ann Scatena and children – In loving memory of Nevins Wilburn.Dec: Ron & Diane Heim – In loving memory of the Hechler and Heim families.

Fellowship

Nov. 11 – Don & Linda Deibler Dec. 16 – WNALC "Christmas Cookies" *Please call or email the office if there are any errors or deletions.* 362-9222 (Chris) salemelizabethville@gmail.com

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to us every quarter!!! Thank you in Advance! 10

November Birthdays:

8 Kasey Campbell 8 Tom Scheib 13 Mary Ellen Oxenrider 14 Janice Gransbury 18 Vicki Yates 19 Diane Heim 21 Jean Hoke Happy 94th! 21 Lois Kratzer Happy 83rd! 22 Donna Portzline 22 Deb Scheib

December Birthdays:

4 Helen Evans 11 Jan Ayers 12 Carl Snyder Happy 88th! 14 Sarah Heim Happy 18th! 15 Leah Snyder Happy 89th! 22 Nancy Spacek 22 Tristan Zimmerman 26 Natasha Sitlinger Happy 30th!

November Anniversaries:

2 David & Vicki Yates 10 Dave & Chris Paul

December Anniversaries:

20 Bill & Mary Jane Witmer Happy 60th!



Salem needs one or more people to shovel snow this winter on a regular basis. If interested or know of anyone who is, please call the office and leave a message. 717-362-9222 This is a paying job, as we're looking for dependable people to keep the sidewalks clean without having to be called to do so.

Worship Assistants

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD: ARLEAH BUEHLER AND ANN SCATENA

	All Saints' Sunday	Fellowship Sunday		Christ the King	
	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 25	
Lector	Chuck Liles	Jim Prince	Kasey Campbell	Sharyn Farner	
Prayer/Church	Michael Paul	Sharyn Farner	Carol Reitz	Jim Prince	
Head Usher	Mark Ingbritsen	Harold Daub	Dave Reiner	Angie Heim	
Com. Assist.	Gerri Deppen	David Yates	Helen Evans	Mark Ingbritsen	
Com. Assist.	Dennis Reitz	Tom Scheib	Vicki Yates	Ann Scatena	
Greeter	Matt Schwenk	Tom Scheib	Gerri Deppen	Harold Daub	
Greeter	Lisa Schwenk	Deb Scheib	Paul Ely	Marie Daub	
Crucifer	Eric Campbell	Eric Campbell	Eric Campbell	Eric Campbell	
Acolyte	Kristen Heim	Kristen Heim	Jessica Spacek	Jessica Spacek	
Torchbearer	Austin Heim	Austin Hem	Austin Heim	Austin Heim	
Torchbearer	Jessica Spacek		Kristen Heim	Kristen Heim	
Sanctus Bells	Kristen Heim	Kristen Heim	Jessica Spacek	Jessica Spacek	
Presider's Cross	Aidan Campbell	Aidan Campbell	Aidan Campbell	Aidan Campbell	

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: ARLEAH BUEHLER AND JANICE GRANSBURY

		Fellowship Sunday			Christmas Eve	
	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 30
Lector	Carol Reitz	Mark Ingbritsen	Mattea Schmidt	Jane Schader	Chuck Liles	Natalie Lyter
Prayer/Church	Tom Scheib	Vicki Yates	Mark Ingbritsen	Michael Paul	Tom Scheib	Kasey Campbell
Head Usher	Chris Paul	Scott Deitrich	Kasey Campbell	Mark Ingbritsen	Harold Daub	Dave Reiner
Com. Assist.	Kasey Campbell	Helen Evans	Michael Paul	Gerri Deppen	Denny Reitz	David Yates
Com. Assist.	Tom Scheib	Sharyn Farner	Dennis Reitz	Harold Daub	Chris Paul	Vicki Yates
Greeter	David Yates	Judy Paul	Janice Gransbury	Michael Paul	Jason Heim	Judy Paul
Greeter	Martha Jane Fulkrod	Ann Scatena		Chris Paul	Angela Heim	
Crucifer	Eric Campbell	Eric Campbell	Eric Campbell	Eric Campbell	Eric Campbell	Eric Campbell
Acolyte	Kristen Heim	Kristen Heim	Jessica Spacek	Jessica Spacek	Kristen Heim	Kristen Heim
Torchbearer	Austin Heim	Austin Hem	Austin Heim	Austin Heim	Austin Heim	Austin Hem
Torchbearer	Jessica Spacek	Jessica Spacek	Kristen Heim	Kristen Heim	Jessica Spacek	Jessica Spacek
Sanctus Bells	Kristen Heim	Kristen Heim	Jessica Spacek	Jessica Spacek	Kristen Heim	Kristen Heim
Presider's Cross	Aidan Campbell	Aidan Campbell	Aidan Campbell	Aidan Campbell	Aidan Campbell	Aidan Campbell

ALTAR GUILD

Please see Arleah or Chris for more info. To serve in this way is a great honor to our Lord. Duties: wash chalices, paten, and other communion service items, wash/press linens, set flowers.





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At least one lamp is to be kept burning day and night before the tabernacle in which the Blessed Sacrament is kept. The Sanctuary Lamp, sponsored by you in memory of those in blessed rest, indicates the real presence of our Lord in this place!