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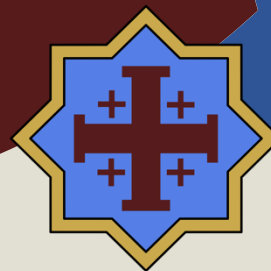


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JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2019



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The Spirit

*From the desk of:
The Rev. Dr. Nathan C. Minnich, STS*

Greetings to you in the name of Christ Jesus Our Lord, the word incarnate, who came to us in flesh, through the Blessed Virgin Mary, and was born to reign forever!

Our Christ Mass here at Salem this year was most spectacular and we gathered to celebrate the birth of Jesus with a wonderfully large crowd and loving hearts seeking to give thanks to the Father for the gift of the +Son. Let this be a mark of intention for 2019. Let your presence at Christmas Eve be the beginning of a new life in you. Our Lord does not abandon you, so please do not abandon Him in your life. Rather, let that presence within you shine as bright as His star so that others may know of His presence in your life. No matter how much we speak of following Christ only by actually following Him are we seen, acknowledged, and believed to be true Christians. The mark of such Christians is the gathering for the Holy Eucharist, the place where Christ promised to meet us. Without this sustaining Grace we quickly wander and become lost. Thanks be to God that the requirement for such is only FAITH! The most simple and straight pathway to Jesus (called out by prophets of old, and John the Baptist) is true repentance of the wrong we have done, and the faith in forgiveness that comes through Christ alone!

The message of repentance is everywhere, and with Lent just around the corner perhaps we can keep ahold of the

anticipation, our own awe-filled waiting for Christ. We are on a journey together here at Salem Lutheran Church. We are learning, singing, praying, and loving our way closer together as the Body of Christ. Without one another we would feel so alone. I am so thankful for your love and support shown to me in 2018 and throughout the Christmas season with your cards and gifts. As we look upon this New Year we can see so many great things for which we can prepare. As we look back, perhaps we see things, which could have been done differently. Change them. Make right that which is wrong, straight, that which is has been crooked. And above all things, love those around you for who they are, and give thanks to God for entangling their lives with yours.

In 2018 many of us lost loved ones, but their memory is strong among us, and their presence is closest at the table of our Lord. The veil is thin, and the vale is no longer full of tears, for the Lord is present with us, and they with Him...and too, they with us!

Let us pray together daily, a most noble duty of the day for Christians, and let us gather as often as we are able to build up what is broken, to tear down what divides, and to nurture that which needs to grow. Among and around us are those who need our love. Meet them where they are and share with them the fullness of God's love. I have no doubt that this year will bring for us, many



blessings. Continue to hold one another in prayer. This February I am again traveling to the Holy Land. Pray for me, and those under my shepherding, so that we might realize the greatness of the land where Jesus walked.

May the peace of the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ cause you to give thanks, cause you to rise each day in confident faith, and draw you to His Holy Eucharist with his Holy People!

Merry CHRIST MASS & Happy New Year!

Rev. Dr. Nathan C. Minnich



DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?

Donating to Salem Lutheran through the Amazon Smile Foundation is very easy. Every time you want to purchase something at Amazon, go to www.smile.amazon.com instead!

Remember to designate Salem Lutheran Church Elizabethville as your charity.

A percentage of each purchase price will be donated to us every quarter!



PLANNING AHEAD...

Have you remembered the church in the planning of your estate?

Have you updated your **Thrivent** information and named Salem the recipient of your Choice Dollars?

Have you ordered a \$250 card from **Thrivent** to help launch a new Salem initiative?



From The Rev. Deacon Kenneth E. Campbell, Jr.

As we worshipped together through this season of Advent in Sunday Mass, and Wednesday night Vespers, (*one of my favorite times of the liturgical year*) I took a moment to reflect upon the gift that God gave to the world in His Son+, and all that he accomplished through His ministry, death and resurrection to purchase for us all, redemption. It is indeed humbling and comforting to know that we have a God that loves us so deeply and unceasingly.

I encourage you to spend some time and actually **celebrate Christmas**, for it does not end until Epiphany. Leave the decorations up, and by all means keep the Christmas carols playing! With all the preparation and anticipation, it is important that we realize that this wonderful gift of a baby who came to save us all, is not just about one singular day in our calendar! The incarnation of our God means that He took on flesh. In the gift of His Son, God becomes one like us in all things but sin, born of flesh through the womb of Mary. This is one of the great mysteries of our faith. Don't be quick to dismiss it simply because the leftovers are in the fridge, the presents are unwrapped, and the world has chosen to move on so quickly!

It is indeed a great gift to me to serve as your deacon. I have so enjoyed getting to know many of you better, visiting your homes, and talking with you about the future of our congregation, and exploring ways to enable us to serve our members and greater community in new and improved ways. Remember to always recognize ways to serve your neighbors, by lending them a hand, giving them a listening ear, and offering prayer. Get to know someone in our congregation a little better, so that as their brother or sister in Christ, you can more lovingly walk beside them in their joys, sorrows, struggles, and needs. Pay a visit to an ailing parishioner, and increase your effort to reach out to someone not associated with Salem and invite them in. Sit with them, encourage their faith, and remember that our job as Christians is to be a model of Christ to them.

You are always in my continued prayer. Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas! As you read this, Advent has passed, and we now find ourselves in the season of Christmas. I hope that you were able to find among your preparations for "this most wonderful time of the year", time to slow down, pause, pray, and reflect on the joys of your life. We all know too well the pressures of this world, and the stress, and possible loneliness, or sense of great loss this time of year can bring. But we have finally arrived, and it is indeed Christmas, a time of great joy. What a blessing it is to celebrate yet again, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



HEALTH MINISTRY

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a common infection that spreads through sexual activity, and it causes most cases of cervical cancer. Women can protect themselves from this infection and disease by receiving the HPV vaccine.

There are approximately 79 million Americans with HPV and don't know they are infected until the signs and symptoms of complications such as pain, fatigue or loss of appetite present themselves. Cervical cancer can be prevented with regular screening tests and follow up care. Women get your yearly exams. Cervical cancer screenings can detect abnormal cells early before they turn into cancer.

February is Heart Disease Awareness Month

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Every year 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease. The good news is that if people make good healthy choices these numbers can be reduced.

Taking charge of our life and health by using spices to season food instead of salt, reduces the added pressure put on the heart to pump that excess fluid out of your body that is being retained due to your increased salt intake.

Take a walk every day or at the very least get up and walk around several times a day versus sitting all day. Inactivity has been proven to shorten your lifespan, so get up and move. Watch your weight, quit smoking, if you drink do it in moderation and control your cholesterol and blood pressure.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes continue every Thursday at 7PM with the cost of \$5.00 per class. Everyone is welcome, please join us! If you're not sure this is for you, you can attend a class and try it free of charge and then make a decision.

Upcoming CPR Class

There is an upcoming CPR class being scheduled. This will be held in the month of April. This will be held on a Saturday morning in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please let Sharyn know as their will need to be a minimum of 10 persons registered.

Blood Drive with Donut Day

Once again we will be having our Blood Drive with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Drive. We have coordinated to have this on Fat Tuesday, March 5th. A schedule will be coming, mark your calendar to donate blood.

Health Ministry Meetings

Tuesday, January 8th and February 12th at 7PM.

Join us as we make plans to discuss upcoming events for next year and 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, join us.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Join us January 20th @ 6 pm for our monthly WNALC meeting - bring a friend!



Women's Retreat

Will be held at the Basilica of St Cyril and Methodius in Danville. Feb 1-2. Dinner at Penn's Tavern on Friday 2/2 at 4:30. We will continue our study of women of the Bible.

A sign-up sheet will be passed around or see Kasey to register. Cost is \$45 per person and can be paid by cash or check to Salem Lutheran Church by Sunday, January 28th.

Please join us in this beautiful place for a time of worship, meditation, bible study, and fellowship!

The ladies of Salem, along with their friends attended the Annual Cookie Exchange. Kasey Campbell shared a craft with the ladies – *String Art*! It was like a bunch of Santa's elves in the workshop with all the hammering! But look! Some beautiful pieces of art were created!



Live Advent Wreaths for the home were made by members of our congregation. Each year, on the Saturday before the 1st Sunday of Advent. Pr. Nathan then blesses them the next day at Mass. This tradition was started a few years ago by Pr. Nathan and has continued ever since.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 8 Shawl Ministry - 1 pm
- 8 Health Ministry - 7 pm
- 10 Property Committee - 6:30 pm
- 12 Clothing Swap & Donate - 9am-2 pm
- 15 Staff - 6:30 pm
- 17 Council Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 20 WNALC Meeting - 6 pm

FEBRUARY

- 1 WNALC Retreat
- 2 WNALC Retreat
- 11 STS One Day Lenten Retreat
- 12 Shawl Ministry - 1 pm
- 12 Health Ministry - 7 pm
- 14 Property Committee - 6:30 pm
- 19 Staff - 6:30 pm
- 21 Council Meeting - 6:30 pm

MARCH

- 4 Donut Day
- 5 Donut Day & American Red Cross Blood Drive



APRIL

- 13 Ladies Tea & Art Show



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

CLOTHING SWAP & DONATE

Saturday, January 12, 2019 • 9 AM - 2 PM •
Salem Lutheran Church Fellowship 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!



PRAYERS

Polk Personal Care: Mary Schade, Betty Sultzbaugh

Premier at Susquehanna: Hilda Collier

Spring Creek Rehab Ctr: Tina Schell

At home:

Liam Kelly (Linda Deibler), Lucy Wertz (Harold & Marie Daub), Rick Welker, Bill Bechtal, Sr., Thelma Bellis (Jan Ayers), Sheena Erdman, Jimmie & Gerry Schader (Karl's parents), Don Markel (Dave Paul), Keith Latshaw (Wanda Latshaw), Kelly Shipman (Natalie Lyter), Dave & Jill Fetter (Deacon Ken), Don Lebo (Deacon Ken), Kenny Campbell (Deacon Ken's father), (Diane Murray (Peg Massari), 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), 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), Jeffrey Snyder (Wanda Latshaw), Jessica Ingbritsen, 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 with changes and additions.

SYMPATHY



The family & friends of Paul Lyter

The family & friends of Dale Feidt



SPONSORSHIPS

JANUARY

ALTAR FLOWERS

Large Altar Vases

- 6 Henry & Marlene Leshner – In honor of Robin's birthday.
- 13 Stan & Arleah Buehler – In honor of their children and grandchildren.
- 20 Henry & Mary Ellen Paul – In memory of loved ones.
- 27 Dave & Chris Paul – In remembrance of the birthdays of grandparents "Flip" & Erma Buffington.

Small Altar Vases

- 6 Rachel Zimmerman – In honor of the new year.
- 13 Jason & Angela Heim – In honor of Austin's birthday.
- 20 *Sponsor Needed*
- 27 *Sponsor Needed*

FEBRUARY

Large Altar Vases

- 3 Doyle & Gerri Deppen – In memory of loved ones.
- 10 Harold & Marie Daub – In memory of James Fitzpatrick's birthday.
- 17 Arlene Feidt – In loving memory of Barbara, Cora, and Herbert Buffington.
- 24 Martha Jane Fulkrod & Family, Tom Hain & Family – In loving memory of Norman & Sue M.E. Hain

Small Altar Vases

- 3 *Sponsor Needed*
- 10 Jason & Angela Heim – In honor of Kristen's birthday.
- 17 *Sponsor Needed*
- 24 *Sponsor Needed*

BULLETINS

JANUARY

- 6 Don & Linda Deibler – In memory of our parents.
- 13 Jason & Angela Heim – In honor of Austin's birthday.
- 20 Judy Paul – In loving memory of "Flip" & Erma Buffington.
- 27 *Sponsor Needed*

FEBRUARY

- 3 Harold & Marie Daub – In loving memory of James Fitzpatrick.
- 10 Jason & Angela Heim – In honor of Kristen's birthday.
- 17 Lois Kratzer – In memory of loved ones.
- 24 Jim Prince – In loving memory of Edgar Fehlau.

NEWSLETTER

Jason & Angela Heim – In remembrance of loved ones.

Do you wish to be a sponsor?

The costs for each are as follows:

Altar Flowers – *Large*
\$40/set or \$20/each

Altar Flowers – *Small*
\$15/set or \$7.50 each

Bulletins
\$10/wk

Newsletter
\$30/edition

See Chris in the parish office, to sign up today!

SANCTUARY LAMP

Melva Jane Reinhard – In loving memory of her son, Bobby Leshner.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

January

4 Carol Reitz
5 Jessica Ingbritsen
14 Mark Ingbritsen **Happy 65th!**
14 Dave Reiner
17 Austin Heim
22 Cory McCartney
27 Arlene Feidt **Happy 85th!**
29 Ben Cunningham

February

1 Rev. Dr. Nathan Minnich
6 Bob Sitlinger, Jr.
11 Stan Buehler
13 Kristen Heim
15 Tonia Farner Martz
17 Greg Evans
17 Dave Paul, Sr.
25 David Yates
27 Sharyn Farner

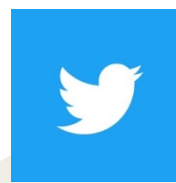
Happy 50th Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Portzline on January 25th!

CORRESPONDENCE

Pr. Nathan,

On behalf of the Elizabethville Community Volunteer Association; I would like to thank you for attending and doing the invocation at the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday evening, November 25th at the Borough Park. We truly appreciated your words as we begin to celebrate the Christmas season. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to your participation again next year!

*Bob Klinger,
Elizabethville Community Volunteer Association*



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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

JANUARY

	Jan. 6	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27
Lector	Ann Scatena	Gerri Deppen	Michael Paul	Ben Margerum
Prayer/Church	Sharyn Farner	Vicki Yates	Jim Prince	Tom Scheib
Head Usher	Tom Scheib	Harold Daub	Dave Reiner	Ron Heim
Com. Assist.	Helen Evans	Dennis Reitz	Mark Ingbritsen	Gerri Deppen
Com. Assist.	Vicki Yates	Chris Paul	Ann Scatena	David Yates
Greeter	Don Deibler	Paul Ely	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Greeter	Linda Deibler	Gerri Deppen	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
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	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

FEBRUARY

	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24
Lector	Harold Daub	Tom Scheib	Vicki Yates	Dennis Reitz
Prayer/Church	Kasey Campbell	Michael Paul	Dennis Reitz	Carol Reitz
Head Usher	Angela Heim	Chris Paul	Helen Evans	Kasey Campbell
Com. Assist.	Chris Paul	Kasey Campbell	Vicki Yates	Tom Scheib
Com. Assist.	Michael Paul	Sharyn Farner	Dennis Reitz	David Yates
Greeter	<i>volunteer needed</i>	Michael Paul	Janice Gransbury	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Greeter	<i>volunteer needed</i>	Chris Paul	<i>volunteer needed</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>
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	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

ALTAR GUILD

January – Rachel Zimmerman & Jill Liles

February – Janice Gransbury & Arleah Buehler

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Peace be with you! For the past few months, we have been pleased to bring to our community online access to the Mass each Sunday morning.

We invite and encourage you to be in the very presence of the Lord, and among His people. The primary reason for our weekly gathering is the reception of the Holy Eucharist, which cannot be administered by online streaming.

However, for those members who are traveling, and those unable to physically join us due to illness, or being homebound, you are welcome to view the Eucharist online at 9 a.m.



Deacon Ken



Pastor Nate & Aleen



Tristan and Gracie



Arleah and Linda



Kasey and Rachel



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Mrs. Kasey Campbell - Sunday School Superintendent
Mrs. Wanda Latschaw - Organist
Mrs. Jane Hassinger-Schader - Choir Pianist

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