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By the time you are reading this I'll be on my way home from Jerusalem! Thank you for all the wonderful well-wishes and prayers! I look forward to sharing with all of you when I return. This experience is certainly one that has made a significant impact on my spiritual life, and I am grateful for the opportunity to return leading groups of ordained clergy to experience the Holy Lands for the first time.

This time of year is certainly exciting. The winter is quickly ending, and our Lenten journey begins, leading us to the celebration of the great feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Easter is the primary celebration of Christ Jesus, for without his having been raised from the dead, our faith is in vain (as St. Paul notes in his writing). Jesus Christ, the first-born of the dead, promises to those who believe the same resurrection. St. Paul also wrote: for if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be untied with Him in a resurrection like His. The resurrection of Jesus is the resurrection for which we can hope, a bodily resurrection, proving to all creation that no grave can hold these mortal remains, no earth can consume them beyond recognition! Like the dry bones of the valley of old, so too will our bones rattle together and be wrapped in a glorified flesh.

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

Once we came from dust, one day we will return to that earth, and on the last day...be called to rise from that dust again in glory!

Easter brings joy, there is no doubt, to the faithful who long for the day when the completeness of the kingdom of God will dawn upon creation. But for those of us who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death, the dawn of resurrection has a particular joy unlike anything this world can give. Through shadow, through temptation, through sorrow, and through grief, this hope shines like the Savior, the brightest and most magnificent light of a new day!

Walk with your sisters and brothers through these sorrowful valleys this Lent. Contemplate the meaning behind the FORTY DAYS as seen throughout Holy Scripture. Our community Lenten theme and the overarching theme of this season will call us to think about the implications of patience and waiting (even if your forty days turns into 40 years)! Each Wednesday service which is listed here in the newsletter with dates, topics, and place, will point us to a span of 40 days. You don't want to miss this worship opportunity with your friends and neighbors. As always, our Lenten soup/sandwich meals will precede the community service.



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To close this season, we will gather as usual for the great Triduum. From the stripping of the altar following our Maundy Thursday service to the great celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, April 21st at 6:30 AM Sunrise service, we can move closer to our Lord through faith and rise to greet him now, throughout our Lenten/Easter journey, and when he comes again in Glory and in Power.

Rev. Dr. Nathan Col firmich +



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. We have received \$33.04 from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of your purchases between October 1 and December 31, 2018.



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?



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. As I write to you, I am reminded of all the positive things continuing to happen at Salem. In early January, we hosted our first clothing swap and donation event in the fellowship hall. What simply started as discussion between Kasey and I after she convinced me to clean out my closet following some summer weight-loss, quickly magnified into a tremendous effort of community outreach and support. This one-day event was so well supported by you, our faithful members, in addition to many members of our greater community, it swiftly became a weeklong event.

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

In total, twenty bags of some truly wonderful lightly used clothing, and a few boxes of shoes were given to our friends at Believe in Blessings Thrift Store in Elizabethville to further their ministry. A \$250 Thrivent Gift Card provided refreshment for our volunteers and shoppers, purchased supplies, and paid to advertise the event. Many have asked that we make this a regular event for our parish. And with that enthusiasm, I will form a new outreach committee this spring, and plan another event to take place this fall. It was truly a humbling experience; one that did good for so many in our community. We are reminded in Matthew 25:35-40, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ... And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

The Holy Spirit is actively moving the people of Salem by bringing us together in magnificent ways. Great efforts are being made to help our church embrace a more conservative congregation approved spending plan. Members are lending their talents to the care and upkeep of our facilities, and we've seen the return of committees to help us stay on track and to continue moving forward in our mission. We've celebrated three baptisms and gained a new choir member. Much is being accomplished, and opportunities to serve are abounding. Don't miss out on your chance to increase your involvement as we continue to grow!

As we approach the season of Lent, with great anticipation of what is to come in the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, I encourage you to find a devotional to read in this season. I'd be happy to help you find one. Take time to pray and reflect on your faith. Take advantage of every opportunity to be in the presence of the Lord at his table in Sunday Mass, and the many additional Wednesday evening worship opportunities found during this season. Continue to be good neighbors and your face be the Light of Christ which shines to those who desperately need His mercy. You continue to be a blessing in my life and ministry. Peace be with you.

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HEALTH MINISTRY

Meeting Dates

Tuesday, March 12th & April 9th 7 pm

March: Influenza aka Flu!

Flu like symptoms: fever, congestion, sneezing, cough. It's flu season, so what should you do if you come down with the flu?

QUARANTINE YOURSELF!!!!

The flu this season appears to be starting out with a sore throat and then quickly escalating to a high fever (103°F) with headache, muscle and body aches, runny nose, cough, fatigue. Some people also report having experienced vomiting and diarrhea. The fever typically lasts 24-36 hours, fatigue may last up to a week.

Things to do for yourself: drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated: ginger ale will help soothe the stomach, Gatorade will replenish electrolytes lost with a high fever. Plenty of rest, this is the time to just curl up and sleep. Wash your hands and stay away from other people until your fever breaks and you begin feeling better. Typically, 3-4 days minimum.

When has the flu become serious that requires emergency room visit? When having difficulty breathing or breathing rapidly, bluish colored skin, person is not waking up, confusion, dizziness, child that is irritable and does not want held.

Challenge You, Challenge Me!!

In March we enter Lenten season and will continue into April with Easter on April 21st. Each year we have had the Biggest Loser Contest with great success and will continue this challenge with the start of Lent. My challenge to you this season is to eat healthier! We talk about eliminating carbohydrates and sweets during Lenten season, but is that truly healthy for you? Do you know that carbohydrates play an important role in your bodies metabolizing of sugars to provide you energy and stabilize blood sugars? Carbohydrates consist of three macronutrients: carbohydrates, protein and fats. Macronutrients are essential for proper body functioning, and the body requires large amounts of them. All macronutrients are essential in dieting as the body cannot produce its own carbohydrates, proteins or fats. Don't eliminate your carbohydrates, instead reduce your serving size of carbohydrates and don't go back for seconds. When you over eat carbohydrates, or have starved yourself until meal time, that's when your body is craving fuel and when you give it fuel then it wants to sleep to metabolize and recharge.

Biggest Loser Weight Loss Contest

Our Biggest Loser Weight Loss Contest will kick off on Sunday, March 10th with the first weigh in. There is a cost of \$5.00 per person to participate. We will weigh in every two weeks, (March 24th, April 14th) for each pound gained you pay \$1.00 dollar to the pot. If you lose weight no money owed.

The person who loses the most weight will be given a \$100.00 gift card to purchase new clothing or continue their healthy weight loss journey. This year we will have an additional prize which will be announced on the final weigh in on Easter Sunday, April 21st. So, my challenge to you and for you to challenge me, is to lose weight with a healthy diet!

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes continue every Thursday at 7 pm 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

We will be having our Blood Drive with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Drive. We have coordinated to have this on Fat Tuesday, March 5th.

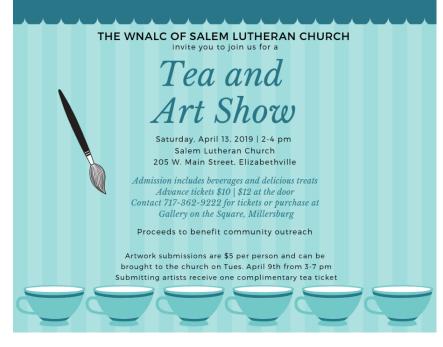


SOCIAL MINISTRY

This year the women of Salem studied the book of Ruth. They started their overnight retreat with a meal at Penn's Tavern on Friday evening. Then gathered in the Basilica after settling into their rooms. Friday evening ended with social time and fellowship. Saturday morning began with matins and then breakfast. They attended Mass and gathered for a deeper discussion on the Book of Ruth. The had a Birthday lunch with Pr. Nathan, along with the sisters, who sang a special Happy Birthday song to him. We spent more time in the Basilica after lunch and then finally departed for home. Below is our group picture.

Please see one of the ladies if you'd like to learn more about our yearly Women's Retreat. We'd love to have you!





Call for Artwork

The WNALC is seeking artwork for its April 13th, 2019 Tea and Art Show. The art show entrance fee is \$5 per person and includes one complimentary ticket for the tea. Artwork must be brought to the church on April 9th between the hours of 3pm and 7pm. Artwork will be judged and prizes will be awarded. There will also be pieces for sale. If you have any questions about artwork submissions, please see Linda Deibler.

Pot Pie Fundraiser

We will be making pot pie noodles for a future fundraiser and dinner event. Noodle making will take place on Saturday, March 16th beginning at 9:00 am. Anyone is invited to come out and help (you don't have to be a WNALC member to help!)

March Meeting

The March monthly meeting will take place during the pot pie noodle making event on Saturday, March 16th.

Red Creek Wildlife Center visits Salem

On Sunday, February 24, the people of Salem were treated to a wonderful brunch and wildlife demonstration featuring birds of prey. We visited with a red-tail hawk, horned owl, a turkey vulture and others. We learned so much about these beautiful creatures, and the wonderful work that is done by the staff of the facility to heal, rehabilitate, and hopefully return injured animals to their natural habitat. It was a wonderful time of learning, fellowship and fun for adults and children alike! Special thanks to S.O.F.A. for sponsoring this event for our congregation.











On Sunday, February 10, the people of Salem Lutheran joyfully welcomed into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism three new members. Congratulations to Leona Miller, Paul Ely and Daniel Ely.

Sponsor: Mrs. Geraldine "Gerri" Deppen.

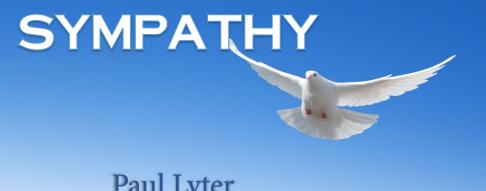


Please help to keep our prayer list current by contacting the church office with changes and additions.

PRAYERS

Polk Personal Care: Mary Schade, Betty Sultzbaugh Premier at Susquehanna: Hilda Collier Sunbury Manorcare: Rosemary Welker Hospital: John Chubb

At home: Tina Schell, Josh Heim, Peg (Massari) Taylor, Baby John Paul Rice (Chris Paul), Peggy Rowe, 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 (Ken Campbell), 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, 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)



Paul Lyter Brianne Kosier

ALTAR FLOWERS

SPONSORSHIPS



Large Altar Vases

3 Conrad & Rose Fortney: In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Reed, Emma & Helen Reed.

- 6 (Ash Wed.) Jason & Angela Heim: In loving memory of deceased family members.
- 10 Judy Paul: In memory of loved ones.
- 10 Andy & Brenda Leitzel: In loving memory of Derl & Hilda Rebuck.
- 17 Mike & Linda Lohenitz: In memory of loved ones.
- 24 Dorothy and Robin Hoffman: In honor of Chris Paul's birthday.
- 31 Fred Renn: In loving memory of his wife, Marian.

Small Altar Vases

- 3 Tracey & Aleen Minnich: in honor of Nana Joan, Tara, Makenna and Jen's birthdays.
- 6 (Ash Wed.) Dorothy Hoffman: To the Glory of God and the beginning of the Lenten Season.
- 10 Greg & Helen Evans: In honor of our loved ones dearly departed.
- 17 Ann Scatena: To the Glory of God.
- 24 Jana Miller: In honor of loved ones.
- 31 Natalie Lyter: In loving memory of husband, Paul.

APRIL

Large Altar Vases

7 Bev Brooks: In memory of loved ones.

- 14 Sarah Challenger: In loving memory of Jim Challenger, John & Elsie Kratzer.
- 14 Melva Reinhard: In loving memory of her husband, Jack.
- 18 Robert Long: In loving memory of his mother, Mary Long.
- 21 Lois Kratzer: In memory of loved ones.
- 21 Tom & Deb Scheib: In memory of loved ones.
- 28 Henry & Mary Ellen Paul: In memory of loved ones.
- 28 Jason & Angela Heim: In memory of loved ones.

Small Altar Vases

7 Janice Gransbury: In honor of her great-granddaughter's birthday.

- 14 Michael & Linda Lohenitz
- 18 Sharyn Farner: In loving memory of her brother, Allen Miller.

21 Jason & Angela Heim

28 Ann Scatena: In memory of her mother Mildred Erdman.

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

March – The Schade & Daniel Families: In loving memory of Paul & Mildred Rummel. April – Fred Renn: In loving memory of his wife, Marian.

NEWSLETTER

Jay & Martha Fulkrod



BULLETINS

MARCH

3 Ron & Diane Heim: In loving memory of Eugene & Leona Hechler.

- 6 Harold & Marie Daub: In honor of their granddaughter Claire Pricketts birthday.
- 10 Greg & Helen Evans: In honor of their grandchildren.
- 17 Tracey & Aleen Minnich: In honor of the birthdays of Nana Joan, Jen, Tara and Makenna.
- 24 Harold & Marie Daub: In honor of Kathryn Fitzpatrick.
- 31 Mike & Linda Lohenitz: In honor of the Salem congregation.

APRIL

- 7 Don & Linda Deibler: In loving memory of our parents.
- 14 Rachel Zimmerman: In honor of Salem's children.
- 18 Harry & Joan Minnich
- 19 Tom & Deb Scheib: In honor of the Easter season.
- 20 Sponsor Needed
- 21 Judy Paul: In loving memory of her sister, Linda Miller.
- 28 Dennis & Carol Reitz: In honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March

- 6 Linda Lohenitz
- 6 Dennis Reitz Happy 65th!
- 6 Mary Jane Witmer Happy 79th!
- 9 Kim Bower
- 13 Ben Margerum
- 13 Judy Paul
- 15 Fred Renn Happy 80th!
- 17 Melva Jane Reinhard Happy 91st!
- 21 Ron Heim
- 21 Nora Michael
- 22 Kasarah Liles
- 25 Cindy Ayers
- 27 McKenna Dunlop
- 31 Chris Paul

April 7 Pam Ramer 11 Aleen Minnich 11 Mary Ellen Paul 17 Lori Paul 19 Bob Ramer

28 Aidan Campbell

No March Anniversaries April 7 Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ramer 27 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Reitz

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

MARCH

| | March 3 | March 6 Ash Wed. | March 10 | March 17 | March 24 | March 31 |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Lector | Jim Prince | Michael Paul | Mark Ingbritsen | Natalie Lyter | Sharyn Farner | Carol Reitz |
| Prayer/Church | Sharyn Farner | Vicki Yates | Jim Prince | Tom Scheib | Mark Ingbritsen | Dennis Reitz |
| Head Usher | Tom Scheib | Harold Daub | Dave Reiner | Ron Heim | Angela Heim | Chris Paul |
| Com. Assist. | Helen Evans | Dennis Reitz | Mark Ingbritsen | Gerri Deppen | Vicki Yates | Michael Paul |
| Com. Assist. | Ann Scatena | Chris Paul | Ann Scatena | David Yates | Mark Ingbritsen | Kasey Campbell |
| Greeter | David Farner | Michael Paul | Fred Renn | The Schwenk | Harold Daub | Janice Gransbury |
| Greeter | Martha Jane Fulkrod | Chris Paul | Judy Paul | Family | Marie Daub | Sheena Erdman |
| Crucifer | Eric Campbell | Eric Campbell | Eric Campbell | Eric Campbell | Eric Campbell | Eric Campbell |
| Acolyte | Jessica Spacek | Kristen Heim | Paul Ely | Jessica Spacek | Paul Ely | Austin Hem |
| Torchbearer | Austin Heim | Austin Hem | Jessica Spacek | Austin Heim | Austin Heim | Kristen Heim |
| Torchbearer | Paul Ely | Jessica Spacek | Kristen Heim | Kristen Heim | Jessica Spacek | Jessica Spacek |
| Sanctus Bells | Kristen Heim | Kristen Heim | Austin Heim | Paul Ely | Kristen Heim | Austin Hem |
| Presider's Cross | Aidan Campbell | Aidan Campbell | Aidan Campbell | Aidan Campbell | Aidan Campbell | Aidan Campbell |

APRIL

| | April 7 | April 14 Palm Sun. | April 18 Maundy Thurs. | April 19 Good Fri. | April 20 Holy Sat. | April 21 Easter | April 28 |
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| Lector | Gerri Deppen | Jane Schader | Kasey Campbell | | Michael Paul | Chuck Liles | Ann Scatena |
| Prayer/Church | Michael Paul | Vicki Yates | Sharyn Farner | | | Dennis Reitz | Kasey Campbell |
| Head Usher | Helen Evans | Kasey Campbell | Tom Scheib | Chris Paul | | Harold Daub + 3 | Dave Reiner |
| Com. Assist. | Dennis Reitz | Gerri Deppen | Chris Paul | | | Ann Satena | Tom Scheib |
| Com. Assist. | David Yates | Sharyn Farner | Michael Paul | | | David Yates | Mark Ingbritsen |
| Greeter | David Reiner | David Farner | Don Deibler | | | Jason Heim | Janice Gransbury |
| Greeter | Martha Jane Fulkrod | | Linda Deibler | | | Angela Heim | |
| Crucifer | | Eric Campbell | Eric Campbell | | | Eric Campbell | Eric Campbell |
| Acolyte | Kristen Heim | Kristen Heim | Paul Ely | | | Jessica Spacek | Paul Ely |
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| Torchbearer | Paul Ely | Paul Ely | | | | Kristen Heim | Jessica Spacek |
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| Presider's Cross | | Aidan Campbell | | | | Aidan Campbell | Aidan Campbell |

Altar Guild: Janice Gransbury and Arleah Buehler





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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.



CLOTHING SWAP & DONATE



On Saturday, January 12, Salem sponsored its first Clothing Swap and Donate event as a new ministry of community outreach. Members and community members donated lightly used clothing, and shopped about the clothing, taking items they, or someone they know could use. The outpouring of support and participation was so impressive, we left the tables up in the Fellowship hall all week and continued to offer this to our members and community. On Saturday, January 19, all remaining items were bagged and donated to Believe in Blessings Thrift Store in Elizabethville, Community Aid, and Dress for Success of South Central PA.

It was indeed humbling to see the amount of support and interest in this venture, and we have been asked to repeat this event a few times each year. Look for more information in upcoming months.









To order Easter Flowers, fill out the form below and mail it to the church:

Salem Lutheran Church P.O. Box 427 Elizabethville, Pa 17023

🚏 "Easter Flowers" 🏌

Name

| | White Easter Lilies | <u>Total</u> |
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| | <u>Tulips</u> | |
| | 6" pot (5 bulbs) \$9.00Qty | \$ |
| | <u>Hyacinths</u> | |
| | 6" pot (3 bulbs)\$9.00Qty | \$ |
| | <u>Mini Daffodils</u> | |
| | 6" pot (5-6 bulbs) \$9.00Qty | \$ |
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Salem Lutheran Church Fasnacht Vay Community Blood Drive 205 West Main Street, Elizabethville 17023 On the Bloodmobile Tuesday, March 5th 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM **FREE** doughnut & beverage Walk-ins are Welcome Donors receive a certificate for a **BOGO FREE** Large Pizza! LY OWNED A form of ID is REQUIRED to Donate

For more information: 1-800-771-0059 • 717 giveblood.org

Do you have a band instrument that is sitting in the back of a closet, on the attic or in the basement that is never going to be used? Do you know someone who has one of these instruments? Why let it sit there not being used when a student could use it. Why not donate it to UDA's music department? We let students whose families can't afford to purchase an instrument borrow school-owned instruments so they can participate in band. We'll take care of any repairs. Just bring it in and give it to one of our band directors. We'll get it appraised and send you a receipt. (Most people use it to get a tax deduction.) Many of our school-owned instruments are donations from parents, community members or former students. Give new life to that old instrument and donate it! Sue Geesey - ES

Heide Bohn - MS



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