

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019



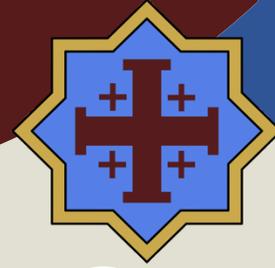
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The Spirit

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

Grace and Peace be unto you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Can you believe it? The end is so near! Given that so many of you have heard the little apocalypse narratives this time of the year places in our lectionary, you may be thinking that I'm actually proclaiming the end...THE END! Or, perhaps there are those of you who immediately thought I was writing about the end of 2019, as we quickly see November come (and go) it would be appropriate to think such. Even more astutely, some of you may have remembered the very intense focus of the Advent Season which is nearly upon us, once again calling to mind the nearness of the coming of Jesus Christ (in power and glory...not as a child of Bethlehem).

Yes, in some ways all three are correct! We are indeed in that time, the last days, when waiting for Christ Jesus to come again places us in the same mindset as those who eagerly awaited his coming again, even as they stood watching him ascend. Being in these last days, our hope is in his promise of return to complete what was begun at the resurrection, the ushering in of the new creation, the sanctification of all creation through his merit alone! We are also in that time of the year when we look to changing the calendar, hoping, wishing, and resolving for 2020 to be better than 2019. Yes, the end of this calendar year is also upon us.

However, it is most important for our liturgical community of faithful believers here at Salem to celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical year with Advent, while at the same time preach, speak, and teach about our true hope in the end...and in that END, the real beginning. Start anew, no matter what you have had weigh upon you in the past year, years, or even decades. Make the decision to put an exercise on you agenda each day! This may just be the easiest exercise program out there...EXERCISE YOUR FAITH!

How, you ask? Pray daily, even if for just a minute. Read scripture, commentary, prayer books, etc. daily, and learn so much more than you could imagine about your faith. Be present at the liturgical worship of your faith community. The best evangelism, I think, is simply getting up, getting ready, and getting SEEN going to church. In this place you will stand with others whose hope is like yours. If we really believe the end is coming, why not jump into your new beginning now, before the year is over, before the liturgical year is over, before it is all over! There are a few important things this season to note here so that you can be involved. We're forming a 5/10 year planning committee. If you are interested please let me know. This committee will form recommendations for our future. So, if you plan on Salem being here in 5 years, and 10 years...



then your insights are what we need. Our ChristMass celebration this year is going to be wonderful! Make sure your family plans are formed around this most Holy Occasion, marking the true reason we celebrate...the birth of Jesus Christ! Our 7:30 PM ChristMass will include the annual music, readings, and beauty of the season and if an excellent opportunity to pause the busy...and reverently know that Christ Jesus took on flesh from the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary to give it up on the sacrificial cross for you! Come, stand before the altar of the Lord and receive the greatest gift of all, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, given and shed...for you!

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.



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 Reverend Deacon Kenneth E. Campbell, Jr.

Reflection and anticipation. They are complimentary, really. The world says that as a new year begins, we should make “resolutions” to better ourselves, perhaps by breaking a bad habit, eating better, exercising more, getting more sleep, drinking or smoking less, and the list goes on. But, one of the exciting things about being a Christian is that we don’t need to wait until the first of January to begin anew. Our fresh start awaits us each and every morning when our eyes open and we take our first conscious breath of the day. Through the power of Jesus’ saving grace, we live with anticipation of what is to come, knowing that our eternal lives have been purchased for us by a love that we cannot possibly comprehend.

As Thanksgiving occurs and quickly passes to memory and we find ourselves again in the hopeful anticipation of Advent, I invite and encourage you to spend time in quiet reflection. Always give thanks to God for your blessings, those you can identify, and those perhaps hidden from you. Hold your loved ones close and occasionally pause to store up in your minds and hearts the memories being made with those in your life. I also encourage you to anticipate the needs of others. As I shared from the pulpit in October, we must continually seek to identify those among us who may not have a voice in this world and could benefit from our compassion, assistance, attention, and prayer.

Brothers and Sisters, I pray that we humbly *reflect* and continue to gather in joyful *anticipation* of all that is to come for our congregation, community, and the whole church; through which we find true peace that is offered to us through Christ, Jesus. I continue to appreciate your prayers. Serving as your deacon and continues to be a true blessing in my life. Peace be with you. +

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Reflection.* As an educator and a minister of word and service, this concept is something that I have learned to embrace. It’s actually become daily practice. I would hope that many of us find ourselves at the end of each year taking time to reflect on what we’ve accomplished in the past year, and how our lives have changed over the course of twelve months which seem to pass more quickly as we grow older. With the anticipation of the Advent season which will soon begin, we Christians find ourselves in a pattern of reflection, and anticipation. While the memory of moments-past are still fresh, we must seek to learn how to use our skills, gifts, time, and effort better to reflect our calling in this world. We anticipate once again the joy of a newborn baby who came into this world to save us all.



HEALTH MINISTRY

It's Flu Season



Time to get your Flu Vaccine. The flu vaccine is safe, does not cause the flu and can protect the ones you love. The flu is a serious illness which can lead to you getting pneumonia or exposing a loved one to getting pneumonia which can lead to death.

When should I get the flu vaccine? NOW!! Get the vaccine before flu season begins. It takes about two weeks after receiving the vaccine for the antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against the flu. For more information visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>

Advent Calendar

Food Drive for Food Bank

As Advent Season approaches, the Health Ministry Team has chosen to collect perishable food items to be donated to the food bank located at the Northern Dauphin Human Services. There will be a list of items to be collected each week. The collection of food will begin November 30th and conclude December 22nd. The items requested each week will be listed in the church bulletin for that week.

Due Dec. 1st: Box cereal, peanut butter, stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit.

Due Dec. 8th: Canned tomatoes, canned tuna, dessert mix, jar of applesauce, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce.

Due Dec. 15th: Canned beans, box of crackers, package of rice, package of oatmeal, package pasta, spaghetti sauce.

Due Dec. 22nd: Chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, can corn, can mixed vegetables, can carrots, can green beans.

Medication Education

Amoxicillin

Amoxicillin is an antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections. This medication is a penicillin-type antibiotic. Amoxicillin is also used to treat stomach ulcers caused by the bacteria *H. pylori*.

Take this medication by mouth with or without food as directed by your doctor, usually every 8 or 12 hours. The dosage is based on your medical condition and response to treatment. Drink plenty of fluids unless your doctor tells you otherwise.

Continue to take this medication until the prescribed amount is completed. Stopping the medication before completion of the prescription may result in the return of the infection and the infection being much worse. Some people may experience nausea or diarrhea. If any of these worsen notify your doctor. Use of this medication for prolonged or repeated periods may result in oral thrush or a new vaginal yeast infection. Contact your doctor if you notice white patches in your mouth, a change in vaginal discharge or other new symptoms.

Before taking amoxicillin notify your doctor of any allergies. If you are taking any herbal products or other drugs, please notify your doctor as these may interfere with the effects of the amoxicillin.

While using this medication, do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any other medicines you are using without your doctor's approval.

Daycare Christmas Project



We will once again be collecting gifts for the children of Kiddiegarden Daycare for each child to receive during their Christmas Party. As in the past, tags with a number will be placed on the Christmas Tree along with gift ideas for that child. Please take a tag, wrap the gifts and place on the front pew or around the tree with the number attached to the gift. Gifts must be wrapped and ready for Santa Claus by Sunday, December 15th.

Health Ministry Meeting:

Tuesday,

November 12th, 2019 at

7 PM.

Please join us
with your ideas.



Need a Ride to Church?

We have people for that!
Call the office and arrangements
will be made for you to
join us for worship!

SOCIAL MINISTRY



Monthly Meeting Dates:

WNALC – Sunday, Nov. 17 @ 6:30 pm

Shawl Ministry – Tuesday, Nov. 12, Dec. 10 @ 1 pm

Health Ministry – Tuesday, Nov. 12 @ 7 pm

Council – Thursday, Nov. 21, Dec. 19 @ 6:30 pm

Salem Staff Meeting – Tuesday, Dec. 17 @ 6:30 pm

Property Committee – Thursday, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 @ 7 pm



WNALC Annual Soup Sale

Chicken Noodle and Ham Bean

November 2nd

Prep. Time: 9:00 am

Order pick up

3-5 pm



WNALC Christmas Cookie Exchange

December 14

10 am -12 noon

It's that time of year again!

What to bring:

- ❖ 4 or more dozen Christmas cookies to "exchange."
- ❖ An empty container to put your exchanged cookies in.
- ❖ A finger food to share.

(Recipes for both are appreciated, but not necessary)

We'll be making another
CHRISTMAS CRAFT with Kasey!



SALEM'S ANNUAL

Christmas Brunch

A holiday brunch with
friends and family!

**DECEMBER 22ND
FOLLOWING THE 9 AM SERVICE**

Bring A Brunch -Type Dish

Be part! of it!

Shawl Ministry

We're looking for MORE members to join us on the 2nd Tues. of the month @ 1:00 pm to crochet prayer shawls. You DO NOT have to be a member of Salem to join this ministry. (Supplies are provided) Bring a friend(s) or family member!



Attention All Salem Women!

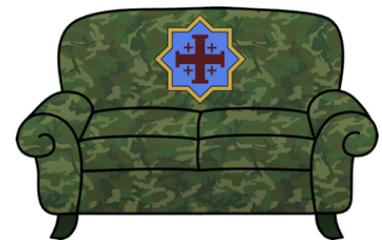
January 31 - February 1, 2020
Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius
Danville, Pa

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED AND
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

\$45/PERSON
More details to follow



SOFA



SOFA hosted a Wobble Shoot at Martz's Game Farm along with a Fellowship Picnic.

Living Advent Wreath

Make your own living advent wreath!

Sat., Nov. 30th Time: 2 pm

Items Needed: Clippers, floral WET block, decorations, a container for your arrangement, and a snack to share – if you wish. Greens and candles will be provided, unless you have your own. Cost for the advent candles: \$8.00/set 3 blue, 1 pink





PRAYERS

Polk Personal Care: Mary Schade, Betty Sultzbaugh
At home: Ellen Johnston (*Sheena Erdman*), Emily Schell, Braxton Heim (*Chris Paul*), Kristal Dressler, Elaine Spotts (*Arleah Buehler*), Dave Farner, Sr., Kate Kellit (*Peg Massari's sister*), Colleen Ross (*Dave Paul*), Leah Snyder, Pr. Paul Lorentzen (*Staten Island, NY NALC*) Martha Jane Fulkrod, Amanda Rummel, Teresa Webster (*Dorothy Hoffman*), Amy & Rose Dulley (*Sheena Erdman*), Jason Heim, Denny Reitz, Paul Latshaw, Brent Forney (*Wanda Latshaw*), Fay Weaver, Beverly Schoffstall, Leslie Oxenrider (*Leah Snyder*), Ted Weaver, Tina Schell, Peg (Massari) Taylor, Lucy Wertz (*Harold & Marie Daub*), Jimmie & Gerry Schader (*Karl's parents*), Keith Latshaw (*Wanda Latshaw*), Dave & Jill Fetter (*Ken Campbell*), Diane Murray (*Peg Massari*), Haley Snyder, Shirley Buffington, Ethel Oxenrider, Marija Zorkic, Henry Reinsburrow (*Leah Snyder*), Adele Nangle, Charles Wright (*Ann Scatena*), Sharon & Walter Lehman, Deb Miller, Heather Deitrich, Terry King (*Janice Gransbury*), Nancy Harris, Aleen Minnich, Dale Snyder (*Tracey & Aleen Minnich*), Andrea Bixler (*Marie Daub*), 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

Tim Schell
Hilda Collier
Annabelle Shutt
Ralph McAllister
Chris Cook



SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS



NOVEMBER

Large Altar Vases

- 3 Dennis & Carol Reitz – In celebration of the Harvest Season.
- 10 American Legion Post 404 – In memory of all veterans.
- 17 Dave & Chris Paul – In honor of their 35th wedding anniversary. *Happy Anniversary!*
- 17 Michael Hoffner – In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Hoffner
- 24 Janice Gransbury – In memory of loved ones.

Small Altar Vases

- 3 *Sponsor needed*
- 10 *Sponsor needed*
- 17 *Sponsor needed*
- 24 *Sponsor needed*

DECEMBER

Large Altar Vases

- 1 Ron & Diane Heim – In loving memory of Ron's mother Mary Jane Heim.
- 1 Harold & Marie Daub – In memory of loved ones.
- 8 Tom & Deb Scheib – In loving memory of his parents Arland & Gertrude Scheib.
- 15 Barbara Dockey – In loving memory of her husband Linwood Dockey,
Mr. & Mrs. Eston Dockey and Mr. & Mrs. William Laudermilch.
- 22 Mike & Linda Lohenitz – In memory of loved ones.
- 24 Dorothy and Robin Hoffman – In loving memory of husband & father Gerald
Hoffman and sister & aunt Rosemary Welker.
- 24 Dave & Chris Paul – In honor of our church family.
- 29 Don & Linda Deibler – In loving memory of their parents.

Small Altar Vases

- 1 Jason & Angela Heim
- 8 Ron & Diane Heim – In honor of Sarah's birthday. *Happy Birthday!*
- 15 Natalie Lyter – In loving memory of Paul.
- 22 Rachel Zimmerman – In honor of Tristan's 9th birthday. *Happy Birthday!*
- 24 Stan & Arleah Buehler – In honor of daughter Julie's Christmas birthday. *Happy Birthday!*
- 29 *Sponsor needed*

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!*



FELLOWSHIP

November 10th – Mike & Linda Lohenitz
December 14th – WNALC: *Christmas Cookies*

SANCTUARY LAMP

November: Ann Scatena – In loving memory of Nevins Wilburn
December: Ron & Diane Heim –
In loving memory of the Heim & Hechler Family members no longer with us.



NEWSLETTER

Rachel Zimmerman – In honor of Tristan's birthday. *Happy 9th Birthday!*

BULLETINS

NOVEMBER

3 Karl & Jane Schader

10 Dave & Chris Paul – In honor of their 35th Anniversary. *Happy Anniversary!*

17 *Sponsor needed*

24 *Sponsor needed*

DECEMBER

1 Jason & Angela Heim – In honor of loved ones.

8 *Sponsor needed*

15 *Sponsor needed*

22 *Sponsor needed*

24 Rachel Zimmerman – In honor of family & friends. 29 *Sponsor needed*

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November

2 Mr. & Mrs. David Yates

10 Mr. & Mrs. David Paul, Sr. *Happy 35th!*

December

20 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Witmer *Happy 61st!*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November

8 Kasey Campbell *Happy 40th!*

8 Tom Scheib

11 Wanda Latshaw

13 Mary Ellen Oxenrider

14 Janice Gransbury *Happy 72nd!*

18 Vicki Yates

19 Diane Heim

21 Jean Hoke *Happy 95th!*

21 Lois Kratzer *Happy 84th!*

22 Donna Portzline *Happy 72nd!*

22 Deb Scheib

December

4 Helen Evans

11 Jan Ayers

12 Carl Snyder *Happy 89th!*

14 Sarah Heim

15 Leah Snyder *Happy 90th!*

22 Nancy Spacek *Happy 55th!*

22 Tristan Zimmerman

26 Natasha Heim

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

NOVEMBER

	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24
Lector	Jane Schader	Tom Scheib	Sharyn Farner	Kasey Campbell
Prayer/Church	Michael Paul	Kasey Campbell	Tom Scheib	Mark Ingbritsen
Head Usher	Angie Heim	Tom Scheib	Helen Evans	Kasey Campbell
Com. Assist.	Helen Evans	David Yates	Gerri Deppen	David Yates
Com. Assist.	Ann Scatena	Mark Ingbritsen	Harold Daub	Vicki Yates
Greeter	Sheena Erdman	Janice Gransbury		
Greeter				
Worship Assistants	Eric Campbell	Micah Lynch	Aidan Campbell	Paul Ely
	Kristen Heim	Eric Campbell	Micah Lynch	Aidan Campbell
	Austin Heim	Kristen Heim	Eric Campbell	Micah Lynch
	Paul Ely	Austin Heim	Kristn Heim	Eric Campbell
	Aidan Campbell	Paul Ely	Austin Heim	Kristen Heim

November Altar Guild: Marie Daub and Ann Scatena

DECEMBER

	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Christmas Eve Dec. 24	Dec. 29
Lector	Chuck Liles	Ann Scatena	Vicki Yates	Harold Daub	Jim Prince	Michael Paul
Prayer/Church	Shary Farner	Vicki Yates	Carol Reitz	Jim Prince	Michael Paul	Kasey Campbell
Head Usher	Chris Paul	Harold Daub	Dave Reiner	Ron Heim	Angie Heim + 3	Chris Paul
Com. Assist.	Gerri Deppen	Chris Paul	Tom Scheib	Ann Scatena	David Yates	Helen Evans
Com. Assist.	Helen Evans	Sharyn Farner	Kasey Campbell	Harold Daub	Vicki Yates	Gerri Deppen
Greeter	Chris Paul	Chris Paul	Janice Gransbury		David Yates	Chris Paul
Greeter						
Worship Assistants	Austin Heim	Kristen Heim	Eric Campbell	Micah Lynch	Aidan Campbell	Aidan Campbell
	Paul Ely	Austin Heim	Kristen Heim	Eric Campbell	Micah Lynch	Micah Lynch
	Aidan Campbell	Paul Ely	Austin Heim	Kristen Heim	Eric Campbell	Eric Campbell
	Micah Lynch	Aidan Campbell	Paul Ely	Austin Heim	Kristen Heim	Kristen Heim
	Eric Campbell	Micah Lynch	Aidan Campbell	Paul Ely	Austin Heim	Austin Heim
					Paul Ely	

December 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.



MUSIC MINISTRY

We are seeking to add voices to the choir. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us. We rehearse for an hour each week on Wednesday evenings, and perform 3 Sundays a month from September through Pentecost. Please consider joining us in leading liturgical worship. Speak with Deacon Ken or a choir member today!



CLOTHING SWAP & DONATE

Stay tuned.

Our Fall event has been postponed due to a lot of use of our fellowship hall! That's a great thing!

We're currently planning a date early in the new year. Keep sorting your closets and making a pile of things to donate.





Pastor Nathan and Deacon Ken on a stroll at the University of St. Mary by the Lake, Mundelein Seminary in Chicago this past September while attending the General Retreat of The Society of the Holy Trinity.

VISITATION MINISTRY OF SALEM LUTHERAN ELIZABETHVILLE

From St. Matthew, Chapter 25: Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 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.'

Over this past summer, the staff gathered to discuss the ministry of visitation here at Salem. Under the direction of the Deacon, whose ministry is firmly rooted in visitation, the pastor and staff have decided to be intentional in the visitation of our members, visitors, and those around us in the community. In this first phase of visitation ministry we will work to improve the visitation of the sick, homebound, and those in need. The following brief statement will serve as our guiding document, so that we can be uniform in our attempt and responsive to the needs of those among us.

VISITATION POLICY

We seek to provide the best level of visitation available, based on need and available time. Please keep in mind that our congregation recently voted to make changes in our pastoral ministry, limiting the pastor's time and availability. Because of this reality, and the addition of a Deacon to the staff, our goal is to best align visitors with requests depending on their situation. We seek to ensure every visitation request will be met by at least one lay-person visit, one parish nurse visit, and one ordained clergy visit with the distribution of Holy Communion in a calendar month.

What to expect from each visit:

- Lay person:** conversation, communication to the church staff on behalf of those being visited, and prayer. These visits may include a meal, prayer shawl, or other form of physical comfort as available.
- Parish Nurse:** conversation, communication to the rest of the church staff on behalf of those being visited, assessment of medical situation and advice as requested, a spiritual needs assessment to better advise the clergy, and prayer.
- Deacon:** prayer and conversation, communication to the rest of the staff on behalf of those being visited, a spiritual needs assessment to better advise the Pastor, and the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Pastor:** prayer and the Celebration of Holy Communion in special circumstances, communication to the rest of the staff on behalf of those being visited, the anointing of the sick, and commendation of the dying.

Situations in which to request a visit:

Request by means of communication that can be checked regularly and responded to appropriately.

- Non-emergency requests should be made with the office by phone or email. 717-362-9222 or email salemelizabethville@gmail.com
- Sickness and hospitalization requests can be made with the office or by directly contacting the Parish Nurse, Deacon, or Pastor by phone, text, or email.
- Death and serious situations arising in the moment of crises requests should be made to the Deacon or Pastor by phone call only.

Please **DO NOT** use social media, such as Facebook Messenger.

The pastor and the staff do not use this method of communication, and such requests are lost and go unanswered.

We can only respond to requests that are received first-hand.

Do not rely on others to pass on this vital information. Speak to your church staff directly!




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 Mr. Harold Daub - Council President - 717-648-1835
 Mrs. Kasey Campbell - Sunday School Superintendent
 Mrs. Wanda Latshaw - Organist
 Mrs. Jane Hassinger-Schader - Choir Pianist

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