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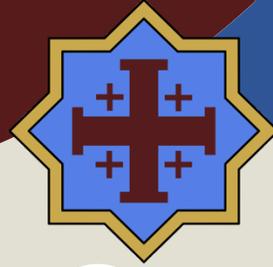
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The Spirit

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

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Wow. There really is no way to explain the way this Easter feels, and I'm sure clergy and laity alike would agree. No sunrise gathering, no Easter breakfast fellowship, and empty churches on the holiest of days have made us all feel uneasy about this Easter season.

Each day, we are finding new ways to continue to stay connected and be a congregation of faithful witnesses to that Resurrection. Online viewing of the Mass is certainly bridging the gap for many, but there is so much more that we long for right now. We've begun regular Wednesday evening Vespers (Evening Prayer) with fellowship and discussion. Confirmation class has moved to Zoom. Sunday School (adult and youth) is at a standstill, and yet when we gather 'digitally' everyone seems to of good spirits.

Right now, we know nothing about lifted restrictions for larger gatherings. Rest assured, that when we do, the news will be spread far and wide! When we resume, hopefully while still in this Easter season of Sundays, we'll have our Easter breakfast fellowship and a grand celebration of our Lord's victory over death. For now, keep in contact with your friends and neighbors, and let the parish staff know if anyone is in need.

We're planning to help our neighborhood with free food bags. On Saturday, May 9th from 12 noon-2pm we will distribute these bags from the parking lot here at Salem. Keep an eye on details on Facebook and our Website.

Deacon Ken will be receiving names by text/email for inclusion in the weekly prayers at Mass. Please send them along to be included as you normally do when here at worship. Until restrictions are lifted we will keep streaming the Mass on Sundays at 9am. Please assist me in thanking Deacon Ken, Wanda, and Jane for lending support to make this happen! I look forward to looking out from the pulpit and actually seeing faces soon!

Your support financially (and digitally) is noticed by the church council. Your regular giving by mail (and our new Tithe.ly app) is truly an amazing testament to the strength of our congregation and its future. That being said, we ARE in the same position as always to help others! Spread the word for our food bag pickup on the 9th, and share with us your ideas for helping those around YOU!

For the summer...we're exploring new options for our summer congregational picnic. Stay tuned for news and updates for this important summer fellowship event!



Finally, as you participate in worship online, we've been emailing the weekly bulletin. If you don't get it send the office an email now! Also, if you don't have an LBW at home to sing along with hymns, just let us know. We can sit one at the sacristy door for you to pick up, or drop one off in your door! Look on this bright side, you can practice your hymn singing at home, and not have to worry about being in tune! ☺ Stay safe!

Christ is Risen...He is risen indeed!



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? In 2019, Salem received \$1114.00!

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



From The Reverend Deacon Kenneth E. Campbell, Jr.

Please continue to check on one another using the phone, social media, texting and instant messaging. Check on the elderly and shut-ins. Remember – the church is NOT closed, ONLY the building. Get outside when you can and enjoy the warming temperatures.

We will continue to gather digitally using Zoom from the comfort of our homes to see one another, chat, laugh and see how everyone is doing. Please consider joining us! We will continue to gather on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. I will include the information at the end of this letter. Be sure to make yourself some coffee, too!

You can access ZOOM by downloading the app to your phone or tablet (check the App store or Google Play), or by clicking the invitation link on your computer (using your browser) when I advertise a session. You will have to grant it access to your camera and microphone. But you don't need to create an account – the info below is all you need.

Yes...I too miss seeing our people, enjoying the peace of our wonderfully quiet space, and receiving the body and blood of our Lord. How wonderful it will be when we finally return! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this Sunday. Stay safe and stay healthy. If you need me, Sharyn, or Pr. Nate, let us know!

Mid-week Digital Vespers Prayer & Digital Fellowship

Time: Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/2255053137?pwd=dURDV3p6d3F3OXRiZk5UODAoZmJmZzo9>

Meeting ID: 225 505 3137

Password: 874495

As you may remember, I wrote that in 2020, I plan to use this section in our newsletter to briefly review books that I'm reading in hopes that you too may find interest in them – perhaps even inspiring some healthy and much needed discussion about the future of our parish, parenting (or grandparenting), and the many challenges we face as faithful Christians living in this ever-changing, modern world. I have not forgotten. I appreciate that some of you have read my recommendations, and shared books that you think I should read. Keep them coming. Now that I have some extra time on my hands, I plan to do just that. In our next newsletter we'll get back on track. Brothers and Sisters, serving as your deacon continues to be a true blessing in my life. Peace be with you. +

Brothers and Sisters in Christ – In this time of uncertainty and unprecedented change to our daily lives, we are reminded of the one true constant in this world – the love, grace and peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I know it has been disappointing and frustrating to not gather for weekly Mass nor gather at the table in Holy Communion. These steps are very important in order to honor the request of our commonwealth, and to keep us all as healthy as possible. But, we have been brainstorming some ideas in moving forward, should the ever-changing situation require them. Pastor Nathan and I will share that information in time.

We see your Facebook posts, and as we continue to practice social distancing, we are all getting a little stir-crazy.

HEALTH MINISTRY



Coronavirus



With so much misinformation out there, I thought it would be good to give you some facts and information with regards to the Coronavirus outbreak occurring in many countries, USA included. First, let's start with WHO, who is WHO? *The World Health Organization*-WHO is a specialized agency of the United Nations that is concerned with world public health. The World Health Organization was established in 1948 signed by 61 countries that has played a leading role in the eradication of many diseases.

So why did they declare the Coronavirus a "global health emergency?" The three criteria for such a declaration are an "extraordinary event," that it "constitutes a public health risk to other States through the international spread of disease" requiring a coordinated international response to eradicate. The last time this occurred was in 2019 with the Ebola outbreak in Congo, 2016 with the Zika virus, 2014 with the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

The Coronavirus is not new, as this virus has been around since 1960 and the name comes from the virus having a crown-like shape. It is a virus that is spread by people coughing, sneezing, touching an infected person's hand or face, touching doorknobs from infected people. Almost everyone gets a coronavirus at some point in their life which is most common in the fall and winter. The symptoms can show up anywhere from 2 to 14 days after exposure and they mimic that of a cold with fever, cough, shortness of breath.

So how do you know if it's the common cold or the coronavirus? You don't, unless you're tested with nose and throat cultures and blood work. The treatment remains the same as a virus; with plenty of rest, fluids and over the counter medicines to treat fever. The reason so many people have died from this virus is because it spreads to the lower respiratory tract creating an infection. People are developing pneumonia that is not responding to the antibiotics and there's a shortage of antibiotics. People with heart disease along with those that are immunocompromised are at higher risk of demise.

What can you do? If you are sick, not feeling well do NOT expose yourself to other persons. Keep your hands and fingers away from your eyes, nose and mouth as this is your highest bacteria containing area on your body. Wash your hands! Good rule of thumb when washing your hands thoroughly is keep washing until you have been able to go through and sing "Happy Birthday" before rinsing and drying your hands. Otherwise your hands are NOT clean!

Medication Education Naproxen



Naproxen is a non-steroidal inflammatory (NSAID) medication used to treat a variety of diagnosis. This medication may be used for treatment of inflammation caused by an injury, treatment for headaches, fevers, bursitis, gout, joint stiffness. This medication works by blocking your body's production of natural substances that cause inflammation. The dosage of this medication should not be increased beyond the dosage prescribed by your physician or the dosage prescribed on the medication bottle.

Increasing the dosage may lead to serious side effects which can and will kill vital organs over time of continued over usage and abuse.

With the continued use of higher than prescribed dosages, a person will develop liver disease with elevated liver function test, yellowing of the eyes and skin, nausea/vomiting that doesn't stop, loss of appetite with significant weight loss, stomach/abdominal pain, difficulty voiding or dark urine. Kidney problems can also develop with the overdosing of this medication.

If you are taking prescription medications such as ACE inhibitors-lisinopril, angiotensin II receptor blockers-losartan, valsartan, corticosteroids such as prednisone, diuretics such as furosemide/Lasix the use of Naproxen may decrease the efficacy of your prescription medication. Always discuss with your physician current medications you are taking and the use of Naproxen before taking this medication. NEVER take more naproxen than prescribed!!

Biggest Loser Weight Loss Contest



As is tradition, we will begin the Biggest Loser Weight Loss contest on Sunday March 1st with the first weigh-in after church and before Sunday School class. The cost is \$5.00 to join, weekly weigh-in, conclusion of contest will be on Easter Sunday, April 12th with final weigh-in before breakfast brunch. Rule is that each week you weigh in if you gain 1 lb. = owe \$1.00, if you gain lbs. you owe \$5.00. If you lose weight or stay the same, no money is owed. Winner receives a \$100.00 gift card!!!

Health Ministry Meeting:
Cancelled until further
notice, due to COVID-19

SOCIAL MINISTRY



Monthly Meeting Dates:

**ALL MEETINGS CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

*WNALC, Shawl Ministry,
Health Ministry, Council,
Staff, Property Committee*

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, once services resume.



“Switch Sunday” at Salem: Eric Campbell, one of Salem’s youth, suggested a Switch Sunday. The youth worship assistants will switch roles with the adult worship assistants. It was well received and will occur more often! Great idea Eric! Thank you to all who participated, especially our youth who showed us that they pay more attention to our Sunday services than we realize!



Aidan Campbell: Usher



Gracie & Tristan
Zimmerman: Usher



Paul Ely: Communion
Assistant



Eric Campbell:
Communion Assistant



Eric Campbell: Lector



Eric Campbell: Leading the Children’s Sermon, with adults joining in.



Worship Assistants: Natalie Lyter
and Mike Lohenitz



Harold Daub: Acolyte



Natalie Lyter:
Sanctus Bells



Worship Assistants: Michael Paul, Deb Scheib, Mike Lohenitz

**Be
part!
of it.**

Pr. Nate congratulating the youth for doing such a great job. They impressed us all at how knowledgeable they all are when it comes to “doing their part” - even the ADULT parts during mass. THANK YOU!





Pr. Nate using Michael Paul and Eric Campbell during his sermon about "Turning the other cheek."

Pr. Nate congratulated Eric on a job WELL DONE! He not only participated in Switch Sunday, but organized all those participating – adults included, made sure everyone knew their part, answered any questions and then lead the Children's Sermon! ...definitely a leader in progress!

Thank you Eric, from all of Salem!



The ladies of Salem have another "Women's Retreat" in the books! They had deep discussions about Sarah, wife of Abraham. For instance, did you know the name Isaac means "laughter?" Both Sarah and Abraham laughed when Sarah was told she would give birth at 93 yrs. of age! And Sarah died of "extreme joy." ...when she found out that Abraham did not sacrifice Isaac, the spirit left her.



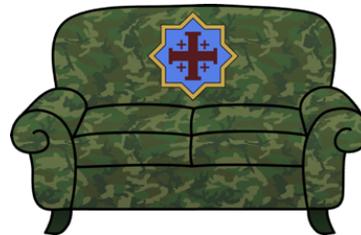
Burse & Veil

Presented by Robert Schreffler and daughters Barbara & Kathy Schreffler and Dorothy Hoffman

In loving memory of Margaret Schreffler; wife, mother & sister - and her infant baby "Little Mary."

SOFA

Stay tuned! As the weather warms, SOFA will be planning many FUN outdoor activities!



Join us on the first Wednesday of every month @ 9:30 am to clean the church. There are all kinds of cleaning to be done, from light dusting and organizing pews (hymnals) to vacuuming, scrubbing and mopping. Cleaning will continue unless we are ordered not to do so. Inquire by calling the church office 717-362-9222

Correspondence:

From Believe in Blessings Thrift Shop - "Your donation from the Clothing Swap was greatly appreciated. Because of your generosity, we will be able to help so many of our neighbors. Thank you so much for thinking of us. Stop by and say "HI" anytime."





PRAYERS

Polk Personal Care: Betty Sultzbaugh

Messiah Village: Mary Schade

At home: Carol Singley, Sandy Miller, Dennis Morgan & Family, Arlynn & Debbie Smucker (Chris Paul), Galen & Parker Lentz, (Brenda Leitzel), Carl Mattis (Dave Paul), Shannon Stadheim (Ann Scatena), Peg Troutman (Brenda Leitzel), Janet Denlinger (Jan Ayers), Denny Reitz, Jean Moyer (Irene Lehman), Amanda Rummel, Teresa Webster, Sarah White, Roy Strohecker (Dorothy Hoffman), Ron Heim, Sheila Reed, Ellen Johnston (Sheena Erdman), Bill Custer (Kasey Campbell), Dave & Jill Fetter, Hannah Grubb (Dcn. Ken), Paul Bucher, Terry Noll (Irene Lehman), Nancy Spacek, Elaine Spotts (Arleah Buehler), Dave Farner, Sr., Kate Kellit (Peg Massari's sister), Gabriel Latshaw, Greg Klock, Robin Ward, Rick Snyder, Keith Latshaw, Brent Forney (Wanda Latshaw), Beverly Schoffstall, Ted Weaver, Tina Schell, Peg (Massari) Taylor, Jimmie & Gerry Schader (Karl's parents), Diane Murray (Peg Massari), Haley Snyder, Shirley Buffington, Marija Zorkic, Adele Nangle, Charles Wright (Ann Scatena), Sharon & Walter Lehman, Deb Miller, Heather Deitrich, Terry King (Janice Gransbury), Aleen Minnich, Dale Snyder (Tracey & Aleen Minnich), Andrea Bixler (Marie Daub), Jessica Ingbritsen, Joan Sanborn (Jessica Spacek's paternal grandmother), Heather Hildebrand (granddaughter of Sarah Challenger)

If there are any additions or deletions, please call the office and leave a

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

SYMPATHY

Rena Wert

(Mother of Deb Scheib)

Jayden Shadle

(Friend of Jim, Sue & Dana Slemmer)

Brenda Erwin

(Sister of Greg Evans)



SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS



MARCH

Large Altar Vases

- 1 Conrad & Rose Fortney – In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Reed, Emma & Helen Reed.
 - 8 Judy Paul – In memory of loved ones.
 - 8 Andy & Brenda Leitzel – In loving memory of Derl & Hilda Rebeck.
 - 15 Mike & Linda Lohenitz – In memory of loved ones. *(No svc's, COVID-19)*
- 22, 29: NO SVC'S as of this publication*

Small Altar Vases

- 1 *No Sponsor*
 - 8 (ASH WED) Ann Scatena – In memory of loved ones.
 - 15 Stan & Arleah Buehler – In loving memory of deceased family members.
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APRIL

Large Altar Vases

**Dependent on church services resuming:*

- 5 Bev Brooks – In memory of loved ones.
- 12 Sarah Challenger – In loving memory of Jim Challenger, and John & Elsie Kratzer.
- 12 Melva Reinhard – In loving memory of her husband, Jack.
- 19 Lois Kratzer – In memory of loved ones.
- 26 Jason & Angela Heim – In honor of family.
- 26 Henry & Mary Ellen Paul – In memory of loved ones.

Small Altar Vases

- 5 Judy Paul – In honor of Jarrett Reigner's birthday. *Happy Birthday!*
- 9 (Maundy Thurs.) *No sponsor*
- 12 EASTER SUNDAY Jason & Angela Heim – In honor of family.
- 19 Janice Gransbury – In honor of her great-granddaughter, Chloe's birthday. *Happy Birthday!*
- 26 Judy Paul – In honor of Camden Koppenhaver's birthday. *Happy Birthday!*

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

March 8 – Potluck Fellowship
April 12 – EASTER SUNDAY

SANCTUARY LAMP

March – Greg & Helen Evans: In loving memory of deceased family.
April – Fred Renn: In loving memory of his wife, Marian.
May – Mike & Linda Lohenitz: In loving memory of their parents,
Mike & Lorraine, Jim & Colleen.

NEWSLETTER

March/April: Don & Linda Deibler – In honor of our Savior, Christ, the Lord.
May/June: Stan & Arleah Buehler – In loving memory of Salem's passing members.



BULLETINS

MARCH

- 1 Jason & Angela Heim – In loving memory of deceased family members.
- 8 Greg & Helen Evans – In loving memory of Greg's sister, Brenda Erwin.
- 15 Stan & Arleah – In celebration of the Lenten Service.

(No svc's, COVID-19)

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APRIL

*Dependent on church services resuming:

- 5 NO SPONSOR
- 9 Maundy Thurs. – NO SPONSOR
- 10 Good Friday – NO SPONSOR
- 11 Holy Saturday – NO SPONSOR
- 12 EASTER SUNDAY – Jason & Angela Heim
- 19 NO SPONSOR



March

- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Martz

April

- 7th Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ramer
- 27th Mr. & Mrs. Denny Reitz

May

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lohenitz
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. David Farner, Sr.
Happy 40th!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March

- 4 Leona Miller
- 6 Linda Lohenitz
- 6 Denny Reitz
- 6 Mary Jane Witmer *Happy 80th!*
- 8 Brian Ingbritsen
- 9 Kim Bower
- 13 Jaxon Lehman
- 13 Ben Margerum
- 13 Judy Paul
- 15 Fred Renn *Happy 81st!*
- 17 Melva Jane Reinhard *Happy 92nd!*
- 21 Ron Heim *Happy 60th!*
- 21 Nora Michael *Happy 5th!*
- 22 Kasarah Liles
- 25 Cindy Ayers *Happy 65th!*
- 27 McKenna Dunlop
- 31 Chris Paul

April

- 7 Pam Ramer
- 11 Aleen Minnich
- 11 Mary Paul
- 17 Lori Paul
- 19 Bob Ramer
- 28 Aidan Campbell

May

- 6 Eric Campbell
- 7 Don Deibler *Happy 79th!*
- 8 Grace Zimmerman
- 10 Tyler Miller
- 11 Marie Daub *Happy 60th!*
- 11 Josh Heim
- 13 Heather Barge *Happy 50th!*
- 14 Sheena Erdman
- 27 David Farner, Sr.
- 28 Erik Ingbritsen

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Peace be with you! During these unprecedented times, the use of our weekly livestream for Mass is now more important than ever. We invite you to tune in every Sunday at 9 a.m. to view and participate in worship. Each week, the bulletin will be sent as a PDF file in your email so you can follow along.



Visit our Facebook Page. If you don't have Facebook, you can still attend virtual worship by visiting our church website and clicking the LIVESTREAM tab.

www.salemlutheranelizabethville.com/livestream



Time to mark your calendars for the annual spring Western Mission District Convocation! This year we will be gathering at St. Paul's ELC (324 North Street), Millersburg, PA on Saturday, June 6, 2020.

The day will begin at 9:00 AM with registration and fellowship. The meeting will start promptly at 9:30 AM. During our gathering we will hear from the Renewal & Discipleship Ministry Team. We are looking into having Pr. Brad Hales lead us in a Bible study on senior ministry. Of course there will be brief business, but are endeavoring to keep that important bit short. We will conclude our time together with lunch at noon.

Visitors are encouraged to attend as well! Registration materials will be sent out in the coming weeks, so please watch your mailbox and your inbox. Registration fee will be \$10 per person (to cover the food & printing costs).



Did you know that you can now offer your weekly or monthly tithe online? Salem Lutheran now offers online giving using tithe.ly. You can access the information by visiting our website and clicking the GIVING tab in the main toolbar. It's quick, easy and convenient. There are many options such as recurring giving, use of credit card, check routing, and paying the service fees so the church doesn't incur the charge. You will receive an email receipt for each transaction. A great tool during this time of separation, and for when we travel and wish to continue our commitment to faithful giving. Check it out today!

<https://salemlutheranelizabethville.org/giving/>

Of course, you are still welcome to drop your envelope in the mail each week!



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