

Parish Pipeline

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2020

worship WITH US

The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament will be held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

It is recognized that not everyone will be able to attend these services, either because they are in a high-risk category or they are not ready. Because of this, we will continue with the **teleconference Divine Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.** each and every Sunday.

Our conference number is **717.510.9819**. When you get an answer, enter this conference code **820676**.

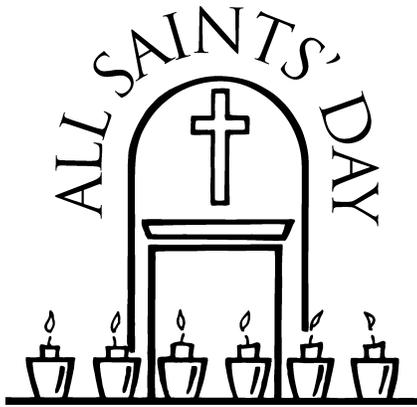
Our Worship Committee has taken the time to discuss and think through how to have these services in a way that ensures the safety of our parishioners. The following measures will be in place for the Divine Services until our Church Council deems we are ready to return to our previous operations.

- ◆ We will meet for the Divine Service in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Pews will be cleaned after each use and seating will be properly spaced.
- ◆ Masks will be required initially until Church Council determines we may relax this requirement.
- ◆ Congregational singing will be suspended until Church Council determines we may relax this suspension.
- ◆ The Holy Communion will be distributed in a way that will eliminate physical contact

In order to maintain our attendance levels, please call the church 717.733.6646 or email (Office@salemephrata.org) to let us know when you will be coming to the Divine Service.

For those who are attending regularly, there is no need to register any more.





**Sunday, November 1
9:30 AM**

**John Horst
Roberta Schuler
Lois Fleischmann
Janet Fisher
Lorraine Leisey
Shirley Wechter**

Managing Motherhood

Thank you to everyone who supports our Managing Motherhood Ministry. We served 15 families on October 17th and we did not run out of any items, thanks to generous donations of supplies and funds from our members and friends of Salem.

This is what is needed this month:

- diapers: size 6
- pull-ups: 3T-4T
- baby wash
- body wash
- shampoo
- conditioner
- sanitary napkins: light and medium
- deodorant

Advent Event At-Home Kit

Because of the risk of spreading COVID-19, the Christian Education Committee at Salem Lutheran Church has decided not to do our annual in-person Advent Event this year, but rather, will offer an at-home kit of Advent activities for ages 3-10.



**THE GREAT
ADVENTURE**

To reserve a kit, send the mailing address of the family to Salem and we will send a kit reservation form with pick-up/delivery information. We need mailing addresses by the first week of November.

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Worship - 9:30 AM

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Jean Wilhelm, newsletter editor

Due date for the **December** newsletter
is **November 15**.

Flower Coordinator

The Worship and Music Committee is in need of a flower coordinator. We would like to thank Sally Steffy for her work in this area. Unfortunately for us, she has moved to Florida. We wish her and her husband all the best as they move forward.

Anyone wishing to fill this vacancy should contact Jay Boyer.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints of Salem Church,

God's peace be with you! As I am writing this the United States Federal election is a little more than two weeks away. There is no escaping this as it seems nearly every commercial or every billboard around us invades our eyes and our ears. This entire election cycle, along with our current pandemic and the various other ills that plague us as a nation and a world, has made for a challenging time for us as a church. Difficult challenges can do one of two things to us: it can bring out our best or it can reveal our worst selves. In either case, our character is revealed to the world. As a church, we cannot give into fear. This is why we need each other. A unit cannot move forward and fight if it does not move together with common purpose and fearlessness.

I saw this first hand in our church this past May. Back then church council was trying to figure out a way to reopen our church safely for the Divine Service. A member of church council spoke up at the right moment (given the Holy Spirit was using this member of church council I have no doubt) and encouraged us to move forward, urging us to not be afraid. This was the momentum change we needed and we opened the next month. We are maintaining the safety precautions we first put into place with some modifications. We are still asking for registration to keep track of our attendance (though if you plan to be regular this has been suspended), we are still wearing masks, we are still not singing, and I am using gloves for the distribution of the Holy Communion, remembering the sterile glove technique I first learned in Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes Naval Hospital). Consequently, things have gone as well as possible in these difficult circumstances. Salem Church is still carrying out the ministry we have been given by our good Lord at 1331 West Main Street. This all speaks to the character of this parish. We could have packed it all up and cowered in fear, but this is not what our Lord Christ has called us to be as that one church council member reminded us on that evening in May. The mission continues.

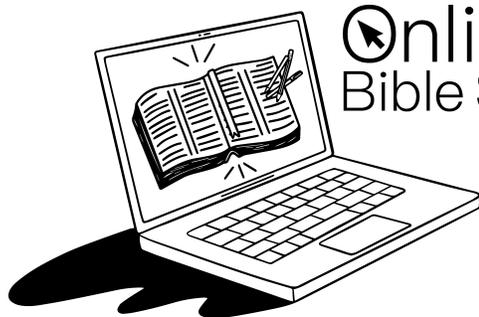
The mission continues no matter who wins the election as well. Our mission to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, to preach, to teach, to serve will continue no matter who holds elected office. We will still preach and teach Jesus and him crucified and risen. It is the Word and Holy Spirit that has called us together from all sorts of different backgrounds to be one in Christ as his church on West Main Street. Christ is the head of this church. The church has often been portrayed in art and in stained glass as a boat on rough seas. There is sanctuary in this boat with Christ at the helm.

This church is to be the place of respite from the ravages of the world; the place of hope where the unconditional Gospel is delivered. It's the only place I know of where the only qualification for membership is that you and I are not qualified to be members. Consequently, then, it is Christ who opens that door for us and qualifies each of us by his holy, precious blood. This is who we are and we will continue as a church and in the mission given to us by our Lord Christ no matter the world or national situation. One of the benefits of being an older church is that we have a history to draw upon. Our church has lived and continued in mission through a US Civil War, a global pandemic that makes this one look mild, a World War, an economic depression, a second World War, Korea, the cultural revolution of the 1960s and 1970s and so much more. **We will** navigate this current challenge too with faith and courage just as our forebears did so. This is our time and we dare not look away from our Saviour's guiding. He leads. We follow. The mission continues. Pray for your nation. Pray for your church. Do not give into fear.

Jeffrey Goodman
Parish Pastor



Psalms of Lament and Consolation: A Bible Study



Online Bible Study

Course Description:

Learn how the psalms cry out to God for mercy and how God in Christ answers our cries.

The Psalms have been the "go to" place in the Bible for Christians when in trouble, trial and sadness. This Bible study will look at six psalms (6, 51, 77, 90, 94, 118) that are traditionally considered psalms of lament. We will learn the structures of these psalms, how they may be used devotionally by us

today and how those in church before us learned from them and utilized them in the church of previous generations. We will also discuss the question of lament and the life of a Christian.

Meeting:

The class will be posted each week on our YouTube channel, church website, and Facebook.

Books:

The Bible-preferred translation English Standard Version.

Optional books:

Ngien, Dennis, *The Fruit for the Soul: Luther on the Lament Psalms*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2015.

Pless, John, *Martin Luther: Preacher of the Cross: A Study of Luther's Pastoral Theology*. St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2013.

Schedule:

Sunday 18 October 2020-An overview of the Psalms, their use and lament

Sunday 25 October 2020-Psalm 6 Consolation hidden in the opposite

Sunday 1 November 2020-Psalm 51 No other theme but this...

Sunday 8 November 2020-Psalm 77 Meditation on all of God's Works

Sunday 15 November 2020-Psalm 90 Moses and the law

Sunday 22 November 2020-Psalm 94 Praying against enemies

Sunday 29 November 2020-No Class

Sunday 6 December 2020-Psalm 118 Soaring above distress

Sunday 13 December 2020-Devotional uses of the Psalms (class conclusion)

Saturday 19 December 2020-No class

Saturday 26 December 2020-No class

Come Worship the Lord

9:30 AM Holy Communion

The Day and Liturgy	The Lessons
November 1 All Saints Sunday	Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
November 8 Pentecost 23	Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
November 15 Pentecost 24	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
November 22 Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
November 29 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37



Thursdays 7:00 PM Holy Communion
November 5
November 12
November 19
November 26 Thanksgiving NO SERVICE



We will have the following services on Christmas Eve.

4:00 PM Service of the Word
7:00 PM Service of the Word teleconference
10:30 PM Candlelight Holy Communion

Christmas Day
9:30 AM Holy Communion

January 3, 2021 Service of Lessons and Carols

Give Your Heart This Christmas

Once again, Salem's Social Ministry Committee is helping to share God's love during the holiday season by participating in the EASS Holiday Exchange Program. As in the past, we will be adopting either two small families or one large family. The committee is asking for your help and generosity by choosing a child and purchasing a gift on that child's wish list.



Beginning on **Sunday, November 22**, a table will be set up outside the secretary's office with a small Christmas tree on it. There will be numerous paper hearts on the tree depicting the child's first name, his/her age, and the gift he/she is wishing for this Christmas. Please choose a heart, purchase the requested present, wrap it, attach the paper heart on the top of the wrapped gift (**with the child's name showing**), and place it under the tree no later than **Sunday, December 20th**.

If you are unable to attend church, gifts may be brought to Salem mornings between 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Please place the gift under the tree.

If any member would like to purchase a gift but cannot shop or order online, please call Judy Kauffman for assistance.

Please note: Next to the tree, there will be a list of the children's names followed by blank lines. Upon selecting your heart, **PLEASE** also write your name on a line next to the name of the child you have chosen. This will help us to keep accurate records and thus ensure that all of the gifts will be received by the deadline.

In addition to the presents from Salem members, our adopted families will receive comforters made by Salem members and gift certificates to Martin's Country Markets for their holiday dinners.

Please help us to brighten up a family's holiday season this year. Give a gift as God has shared so many gifts with us. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Betty Zimmerman or Judy Kauffman.

Christmas Cards



The Social Ministry Committee will again be having a Christmas card shower for members unable to worship with us. This will begin on Sunday, November 22 and continue until Sunday, December 13.

If you are unable to attend church and cannot bring the cards, please consider mailing Christmas cards to our members on the list included in bulletins. Contact the office if you need a list of the names.

Please do not seal the envelopes as this is difficult for some of our members to open.

Please watch for more information in the November bulletins.

Any members who would like to help deliver the cards, please call Carol Landis.

Thank You!

Dear Salem Family

Thank you so much for your prayers, thoughts, cards, meals and offers to help during my surgery and recovery.

Thanks to Pastor Jeff for home visits and communion. It sure is a blessing to be part of the Salem Family.

Thanks again,
Jeff Donahue

Thank you to Edie Sweigart for providing disinfecting wipes for our clipboards and pens at our drive-through Managing Motherhood event! Our guests filled out their request forms safely, and we were able to keep more accurate records of contact information.

Thank you to Judy Kauffman for addressing more than 50 letters to the parents of current and former pre-school students announcing registration for our take-home Advent Event kits.



Presented by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

_____ Poinsettias @ \$7.00 \$_____



If you would like to place a poinsettia in church in celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, please fill out this form by Sunday, December 6. The cost is \$7 per plant. Place the form and payment in an envelope and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

You are asked to take your poinsettias with you after the 10:30 PM service on Christmas Eve, any time during Christmas Week or after the service on Sunday the 27th.

Hello to all my Brothers and Sisters at Salem,

We arrived safely at our new home on 10/15 in the afternoon.

Hopefully, I will hear from you occasionally and if you are ever in the area, please stop and say Hello!

My deep thanks to all of you for the years of encouragement and support.

God Bless you all,
Sally Steffy



LWR Quilt Update

A letter received from LWR dated 10/07/20 contained exciting news. Against all odds, the three containers with Salem's quilts and other humanitarian aid kits were found to be intact! They were not destroyed in the devastating explosion on August 4th in Lebanon.

"From the ashes rises a beautiful ray of hope" Thanks be to God!

Cancelled

With much thought and consideration, we are informing you that the Denver and Ephrata Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner will not be held this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The safety of all volunteers and drivers is the main reason, plus we would not be able to follow the rules and regulations set up in a manner that would ensure the safety of all those involved.

God willing that we would be able to hold this event for 2021. If you have served or contributed in any way in the past, thank you so very much and God bless!

Barry and Carol Haller

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Teleconference service	2 9:00am Preschool	3 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Church Council	4 9:00am Preschool	5 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Communion	6	7
8 9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Teleconference service	9 9:00am Preschool 1:00pm Social Ministry	10 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Worship and Music	11 9:00am Preschool	12 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Communion	13	14
15 9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Teleconference service Pipeline Articles Due	16 9:00am Preschool	17 9:00am Preschool	18 9:00am Preschool	19 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Communion	20 12:30pm Pipeline Assembly	21 9:00am Managing Motherhood
22 9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Teleconference service	23 9:00am Preschool	24 9:00am Preschool	25	26	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent 9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Teleconference service	30	1 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Church Council Rm. 7	2 9:00am Preschool	3 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Communion	4	5

Birthdays

- 2 Charles Kreutzberger
- 2 Mike Morris
- 9 Ted Fritz
- 12 Ruth Rudy
- 12 Pat Miller
- 14 Judy Kreutzberger
- 15 Jeff Donahue
- 15 Lynn Plantholt
- 17 Annie Flaud
- 19 Jerry Fleischmann
- 19 Faith Shiffer
- 21 Al Kurz
- 22 Del Gentzler
- 25 Beth Wanner
- 26 Mary Binder
- 28 Jackie Roth

Anniversaries

- 3 Del and Dora Gentzler
- 23 Jeff and Sharon Goodman
- 27 Jack and Jean Miller



Birthdays &
Anniversaries
This Month!



Say a
prayer
for...

Betty Alexander, Jeff Donahue, Sieg Dreer, Jerry Fleischmann, Diane Morris, Norine Myer, Mae Maxwell, John and Pat Newcomer (friends of Betty Stemplinger), John Royer (Connie Kirby's uncle), Frederick (Laura Griffith's sister), Grason (friend of Connie Ditzler)

Blood Bank

The local donation center is located at Ephrata Diagnostic Center, 446 North Reading Rd., Ephrata. Call 717-733-3200 for an appointment.

The hours are as follows:

Monday: 8 AM—5 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:
12:15 PM—8:45 PM

Saturday: 8 AM—12 PM

Friday and Sunday: CLOSED



Please consider helping in this extremely important endeavor.



**WE
HONOR
OUR VETERANS**

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, the day when a peace agreement was signed with Germany ending World War I. Armistice Day was established with a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson which reads in part: "Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." On June 1, 1954, Armistice Day was re-named Veterans Day to honor all U. S. veterans. On Veterans Day this year, let us remember and honor those men and women who gave of themselves, and let us continue to pray for our men and women currently serving in the military.

Following is a list of Salem's veterans. Thank you to them and to those who supported them during their time of service to our country. Please help to complete this list by passing along any corrections or additions to the Church Office.

Updated 10/2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Binder, Brooke	Army
Boyer, Jay R.	Army
Donahue, Jeffrey	Air Force
Doster, Reginald	Army
Dreer, Sieg	Army
Eberly, Lamar	Army
Gentzler, Delmas	Navy
Goodman, Jeffrey	Navy
Herr, Mike	Army
Kurz, Albert R.	Army
Leader, Guy	Air Force
Maxwell, Jr., George (Ted)	Navy
Metzger, Jeff	Army
Miller, Jackson	Air Force
Stahl, Dale	Army
Stober, John	Air Force
Ulrich, Jerry W.	Army
Winters, Charles	Army

VA Approves "Luther Rose" for National Cemetery Use

It recently came to my attention that a number of members from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod petitioned the Veteran's Affairs Department to have the Luther Rose as an approved (Emblem #51) "emblem of belief for placement on government headstones." There are other options for Lutherans as well. There is a Latin Cross with a Luther symbol on the cross (Emblem #06); as well as the logo of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which is a globe with a cross (#72). To request the Luther Rose on a new tombstone or any of the other emblems go to www.cem.va.gov click on "Headstones, Markers and Medallions" then complete VA Form 40-1330 "Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker."



**Salem Lutheran Church
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
October 6, 2020**

Present: D. Martin, J. Ulrich, M. Ditzler, D. Kluck, J. Roth, D. Dreer, J. Kauffman,
Pastor Goodman
L. Ravegum joined the meeting remotely by cell phone.

Excused: B. Lauderman, P. Shiffer, S. Borry

Dee Dreer had devotions.

Motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting: D. Dreer; second: D. Kluck.
Motion carried.

Motion to accept the August and September financial reports: J. Roth; second: J. Ulrich.
Motion carried.

Pastor's report: attached.

NEW BUSINESS: It was decided it is not feasible to partner with Christ Church in
Stouchsburg, PA.

There was little interest in any discussion to consider partnering with Brickerville and/or
Swamp at this time.

The congregational meeting will be held on December 13. Twenty-eight members are needed
for a quorum. Agenda items are to elect up to 4 council members and approve the 2021
budget.

The time of the telephone church service will change to 10:45. The congregation will be
notified of the change by mail.

Brad Lauderman and Dennis Kluck will run for a second term on Council. We would be looking
for 2 additional candidates.

Dennis Kluck and Dale Martin looked at insurance policies from several different insurance
companies. Motion to change the church insurance package to Brotherhood Mutual: D. Kluck;
second: D. Dreer. Motion carried.

There being no other business Council members prayed the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was
adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Kauffman, secretary