



# The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Pastor's Thoughts...

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Psalm 16:11 (ESV)*

Epiphany and the season after Epiphany is a continuation of the joy of Christmas. The Season after Epiphany is a small liturgical time when we will see green color adorn the sanctuary while the Northern Hemisphere experiences somewhat colorless, cold and wintry mix of elements. This season is filled with light, and bright mornings (even though there have been a few more grey clouds and sprinkles of rain recently)! It is a season where we are looking forward to the sun's warmth and longer daylight hours. We may even find a bit of joy with the first sign of those early blooming crocuses in January and February.

What is on my mind is the joy I felt being with you on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>. Not only were we able to worship the actual assigned day of the Epiphany of Our Lord on Sunday, we were able to worship together for the first time. Your welcoming smiles warmed my heart and through you Christ's light glowed in the worship space. Certainly, you must know that feeling that settles over you when you know you are home. Most wonderful of all, God's presence is indeed in this place.

A favorite song of mine is, *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*, written by David Evans in the late 1980's. I share the meaningful lyrics with you below as I give thanks for you, for your ministries, and for the joy of God's presence in this place we call home.

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The holy one is here  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear

In him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The holy one is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour he is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant king of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister his grace  
No work too hard for him  
In faith receive from him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

God's blessings to you through this season of the Love  
and Light of Jesus!

*Yours in Christ, Pastor Betty Lou*



**Sunday Worship Assistants  
January – February, 2019**

**Sunday, January 6      Epiphany of our Lord**

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre  
Acolyte: Tessa Grove  
Lector: Richard Kiesling  
Communion Assistants: Doris Karoll, Carol Temple  
Tellers: Stearns, Whitacre

**Sunday January 13      Baptism of our Lord**

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Brian Nottingham  
Acolyte: Skylar Dishon  
Lector: Carol Temple  
Tellers: Wilson, Regan

**Sunday January 20      2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

Ushers: Sharon Lukens - Dennis Lukens  
Acolyte: Judy Newsome  
Lector: Carol Temple  
Communion Assistants: Carol Temple, Ned Cockey  
Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

**January 27<sup>th</sup>      3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler – Frank Altenburg  
Acolyte: Sharon Lukens  
Lector: Carol Temple  
Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

**February 3      4th Sunday after Epiphany**

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre  
Acolyte: Tessa Grove  
Lector: Mike Whitacre  
Communion Assistants: Doris Karoll, Mark Hoefler  
Tellers: Stearns, Whitacre

**February 10      I Love You Sunday**

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Brian Nottingham  
Acolyte: Skylar Dishon  
Lector: Ruth Phoebus  
Tellers: Wilson, Regan

**February 17      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Ushers: Sharon Lukens - Dennis Lukens  
Acolyte: Skylar Dishon  
Lector: Mark Hoefler  
Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey – Carol Temple  
Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

**February 24      7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler – Frank Altenburg  
Acolyte: Sharon Lukens  
Lector: Brian Nottingham  
Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

**Worship and Special Upcoming Events  
January – February 2019**

**Sunday, January 6      Epiphany of our Lord**

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Tuesday, January 8

- 7:00 PM – Council Meeting

Thursday, January 10

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

**Sunday, January 13      Baptism of our Lord**

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, January 14

- 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, January 17

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

**Sunday, January 20      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20 Sunday School

Monday, January 21

- 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, January 24

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>      3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, February 4

- 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, February 7

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

**Sunday, February 10      I Love You Sunday**

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Special Program
- 10:00 AM “I Love You Brunch”

**Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, February 18

- 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, February 21

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

**Sunday, February 24 7th Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

**Reminder: Please send Ruth Phoebe your birthday and anniversary dates, and email addresses to add to our directory. Ruth's email is [raphoebe@zoominternet.net](mailto:raphoebe@zoominternet.net)**

**Salem Church Council  
Executive Committee:**

Lynn Cox, President  
Ned Cockey, Vice President  
Ruth Phoebe, Treasurer  
Diane Grove, Secretary

**Committees:**

Ned Cockey, Mike Whitacre, Trustees  
Lynn Cox, Elders  
Linda Bannan, SLCC Liaison

**Deacons**

Darla Lynch  
Jennifer Everett

Mark Hoefler

**Member at Large:**

Sam Keller

friendly competition this year to see whose favorite team collects the most soup!.



**Casseroles for Daily Bread**

Salem donated 210 Casseroles to Our Daily Bread in 2018! Thanks to Tom and Mary Regan for deliveries. We have started off 2019 with a bang by donating 18 casseroles in January – even right after Christmas!



**SALEM OUTREACH**

HOW DID WE DO IN 2018?

LET'S SET OUR GOALS FOR 2019 NOW!

**Mason- Dixon Community Services**

Salem members donated Thanksgiving baskets to four families, and filled Christmas wish lists for four families in 2018. During 2018 we donated 312 items, including school supplies, and toiletries. SPECIAL THANKS to Paige Garner for her support of this outreach, and to Sam and Sara Keller who have stepped up to take over this worthwhile cause FOR 2019.

**Souper Sunday**

We donated a grand tower of soup for "Souper Sunday" in 2018, and it's time to once again start gathering soups to donate on behalf of our favorite team. Let's have a

**FCCA, Welcome One**

23 Salem members and friends attended the 2018 annual basket bingo, and Lynn Cox decorated a beautiful basket from Salem.

We supported "Adopt a Bed" fund raiser which provided a bed, shower, clothes and three good meals. Salem donated enough to support this effort for 72 people! We're looking forward to Bingo again this year.

**Furnace Fund**

Thanks to all who donated \$16,929 as of 3/18, to our Furnace Fund.

**Our Call Committee and Council**

Thanks to our Call committee chaired by Mike Whitacre for their important work, and especially for finding our new pastor, Betty Lou Deuchler. Pastor Betty Lou started the off the New Year with us on January 6<sup>th</sup>!



## Worship Notes from Pastor Dick:

### God's Gift of Time

We live in time – in the past, present, and future. To forget any one of them can cause us problems. God has enriched our lives by enabling us to remember the past, live in the present, and look forward to the future.

God also blesses special moments in time – birthdays, anniversaries, celebrating a special memory, etc. Here at Salem recently celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Congregation. Special moments are exactly what they are; special.

So, the people of Salem have every right and privilege to celebrate the past fifty years of Salem's existence, to remember people and places and the special moments down through those 50 years; and we do this in the present, taking time to rejoice in God's special gifts of remembrance – and at the same time to look forward to the future confident that God will continue to bless us.

And in all of these moments of remembering an anniversary, to learn from the past, find joy in the present moment, and trust in God for the future.

Remember God's gift of time. And then take time to thanks, praise, and honor the grace, love, and mercy which God has so generously blessed us with.

*Pastor Dick*



## SLCC Corner



My name is Cherie Johnson and I am excited to introduce myself as the new director of Salem Lutheran Children's Center. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Towson University. While in college I actually worked here at SLCC as a teacher for four years. After college, I taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Baltimore County Public Schools and then worked with children aged 3-10 in a preschool and childcare center in York County, PA. I have a passion for working with and teaching children. I am so happy to be back at Salem and to be a part of such a caring and supportive environment.

Preschool registration for the 2019-2020 school year has started at SLCC. We currently have openings in the 2 day AM and PM three-year-old classes, the 3 day PM four-year-old class, and the 5 day AM four-year-old class. There is a \$60 non-refundable registration fee that is usually required when registering. However, please remember that church members do not need to pay this registration fee. If you are interested in registering for the preschool program please contact us at **410-557-6612**.

We also have an upcoming Two and You class for 2-year-old children accompanied by an adult. The program begins January 31st and continues for 10 weeks until Thursday, April 4th. The class will meet on Thursdays from 9:30-10:45. The kids will participate in a variety of activities that encourage the development of language, large and fine motor skills, basic art skills, math concepts and socialization while learning colors and shapes. If you know someone that would be interested, please contact us.

Finally, we are very thankful that Pastor Betty Lou has become a part of our program. She spends her Wednesdays and Thursdays teaching our preschool children. I have had many teachers, parents, and children come to tell me how wonderful Pastor Betty Lou's lessons are. We look forward to working with her this year!

Cherie Johnson, Director

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**Reminder: Mark your calendars for February 10<sup>th</sup> for "I Love You Sunday" service and after-church brunch! Sign up in the narthex to bring food and goodies to share.**





## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

### We sprang into May with our annual Tea Party.

This year's theme was Peter Pan! We sang, laughed and enjoyed tea party treats and fellowship to spring into spring!



We Celebrated our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with fellowship, remembering our Salem history, and a special anniversary choir. We were delighted to see former pastors, members, and choir members.

We had a special anniversary service with our Bishop Bill Gohl, followed by a delicious Salem brunch!

Our offerings enabled us to donate \$500 to **Welcome One Emergency Shelter** giving 33 residents an opportunity for success.



**Salem Fall Craft Fair**



### And Flea Market

**2018** saw another successful **Craft Fair**. We had a lot of people through the church this year, so Jarrettsville still knows we're alive and active. We sold out of everything on our bake table. The music, hayrides, and moon bounce were big hits. Once again Salem was a welcome place.

We made \$3,279 and the **Flea market** again did a super job making over \$1,000.





We thanked our interim Pastor Barry Laird for serving Salem for 17 Months. We said goodbye with an extended coffee and lots of goodies.

We wish him Godspeed, as he attempts once again to retire!





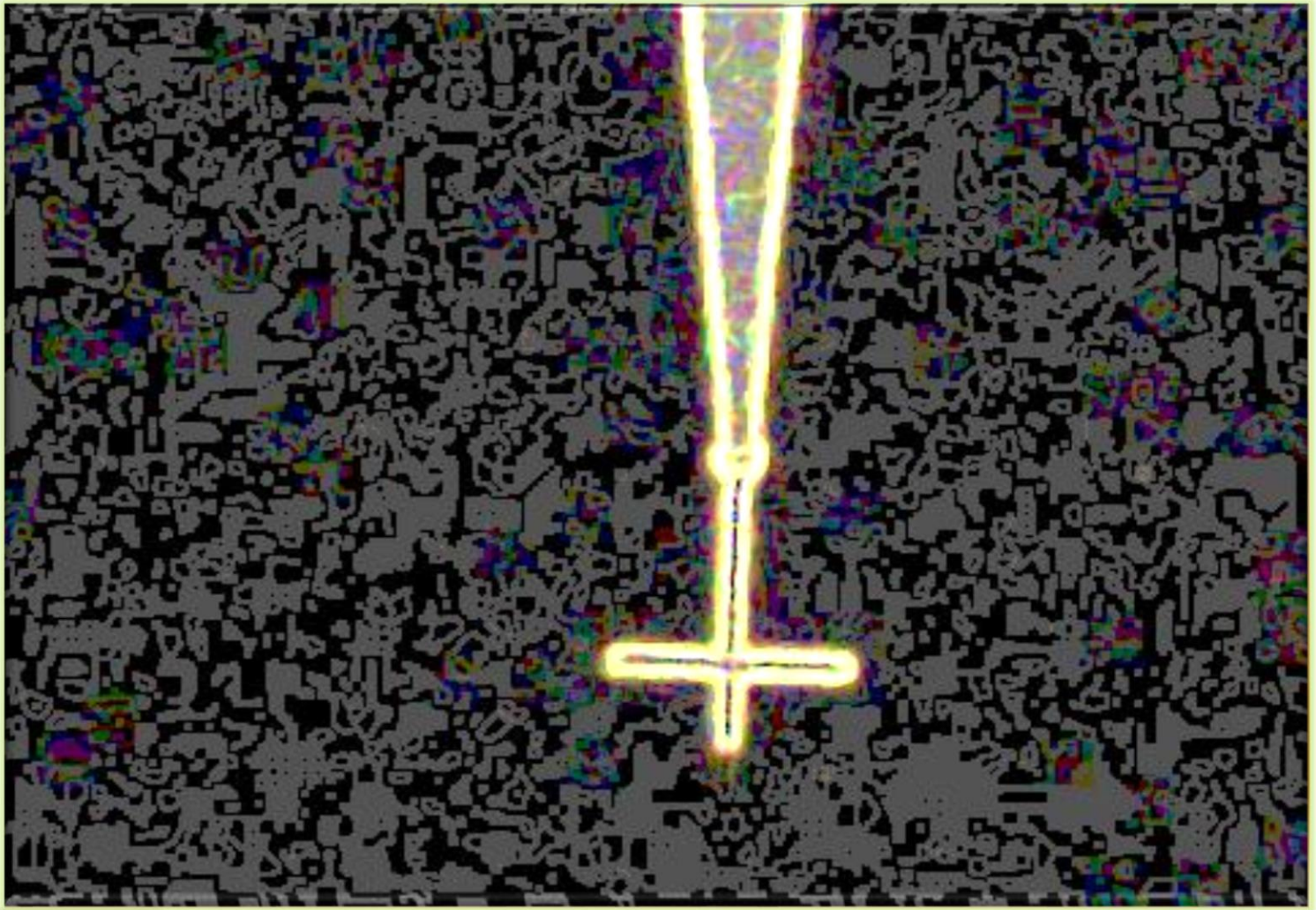


WE closed 2018, giving gifts to four Mason – Dixon area families, singing a cantata, and celebrating the nativity with our homegrown angels and shepherds.

We begin 2019 with a new pastor and look forward to singing and worshipping with her during the coming year.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**





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