



The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Psalm 66:1

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

It's that time of year. Yes, I heard this song on the radio this week. As much as I am one who waits until after Black Friday to begin cracking open Christmas songs, seems there are more who are all ready to begin the holidays. Guess they are ready to shout for joy and plan Thanksgiving!

November and December hold many celebrations and times to enjoy family and friends. Special occasions to think of others, plan surprises, eat way too much, and patiently wait for Advent to unfold. There too, the whole earth shouts for joy because God sends love and invites us to look to the manger. What's in your heart? What songs are you humming, what blessings are you thinking and give thanks for? Whatever they are and wherever you catch yourself in joy and thanksgiving, remember, you are not alone...across the earth many are spreading joy at the same moment!

The calendar gets filled, so, here are a few activities to pencil in. We can sing and praise and shout for joy to God *Salem* style.

- Gather Together Sunday – a service of thanksgiving is celebrated on **Nov. 17th**.
- **SMYLE, (Salem's Mighty Youth League Encounter)** group meets. **November 17th** meet after worship for brunch, and to sort and prepare the Thanksgiving Baskets. **December 1st** Salem's Advent Wreath Workshop is for all Salem's families
- **November 24th** Clyde Spangler will be baptized
- Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical worship service. Hosted at William Waters

Methodist Church with Pr. Betty Lou preaching **Nov. 27th at 7pm.**

- **Advent Wreath Workshop December 1st** – begins after worship. It is for all Salem's folks. We'll build advent wreaths, make ornaments, decorate cookies, make cards, and more. Soup and Bread will close the event as we prepare and enter the advent of Christ.
- **December 8th** Advent 2
- **December 15th** Advent 3 – The Christmas Program during Sunday Worship with Breakfast Brunch to follow.
- **December 22nd** Advent 4
- **December 24th** Christmas Eve Service at 7:00p
- **December 25th** Christmas Day Service at 9:00a
- **December 29th** Healing Service

Gracious and holy God, bless family life everywhere and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Grant us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. O God, fill our hearts with wonder, joy and thanksgiving for Your Son, our Savior, a babe in a manger, the Messiah. Spirit of Christ, come, breathe newness into each day. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**



Sunday Worship Assistants November/December 2019

Sunday, November 3rd All Saints Sunday

Ushers: Ned Cockey, Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler, Carol Temple

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Sunday November 10th 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Sharon Lukens, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Ruth Phoebus

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday November 17th 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler, Frank Altenburg

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Mark Hoefler

Communion Assistants: Ruth Phoebus, Doris Karol

Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

Sunday, November 24th Christ the King Sunday

Ushers: Scott McAllister, Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Glenn Deuchler

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Wednesday, November 27th – 7:00PM

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship

William Waters Methodist Church

Sunday, December 1st First Sunday Advent

Ushers, Ned Cockey, Glenn Deuchler

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Diane Grove

Communion Assistants: Sharon Lukens, Jean Weimer

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Sunday, December 8th Second Sunday in Advent

Ushers: Sharon Lukens, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Glenn Deuchler

Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler, Carol Temple

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday, December 15th Third Sunday in Advent

Ushers: Frank Altenburg, Glenn Deuchler

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Richard Kiesling

Communion Assistants: Sharon Lukens, Jean Weimer

Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

Sunday, December 22nd Fourth Sunday in Advent

Ushers: Scott McAllister, Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Carol Temple

Communion Assistants: Ruth Phoebus, Doris Karol

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Tuesday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

Ushers: Ned Cockey, Glenn Deuchler

Acolytes: Tessa Grove, Timothy Lukens

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Wine Assistant: Dennis Lukens

Christmas Day - 9:00AM

Sunday, December 29th

Ushers: Sharon Lukens, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Timothy Lukens

Lector: Ruth Phoebus

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Worship, Special Events November/December, 2019

Sunday, November 3rd

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, November 4th - 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, November 7th

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday November 10th

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship

- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, November 11th – Bible Study

Tuesday, November 12th

- 7:00PM Council Meeting

Thursday, November 14th

- 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday November 17th

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, November 18th - 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, November 21st

- 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 24th

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship

- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, November 25th -10:00AM Bible Study

Wednesday November 27th - 7pm Thanksgiving Eve

Ecumenical worship service. Hosted at William Waters

Methodist Church with Pr. Betty Lou preaching.

Sunday, December 1st

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

- 9:20AM Sunday Schoo

- **Advent Wreath Workshop – all invited**

Monday, December 2nd 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, December 5th

- 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 8th

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship

- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, December 9th - 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, December 12th

- 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15th

- 9:00AM Christmas Program

- Breakfast/Brunch to follow

Monday, December 16th - 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, December 19th

- 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 22nd

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship

- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, December 23rd - 10:00AM Bible Study

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service 7:00PM

Wednesday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY service – 9:00 AM

Sunday, December 29th Healing Service



SALEM OUTREACH - 2019 GOALS WELL MET!

Our Daily Bread

We averaged 20+ monthly for a total of 178 Casseroles thru October again this year – Lets keep up our good cooking for 2020.

WELCOME ONE really appreciated receiving donated items as they provide toiletry “kits” for the emergency Harford homeless population that pass through their doors. We received thanks from WO for donating enough to give 33 residents beds and hope. Please continue to support WO drives and place these articles in the basket provided in the narthex.



In addition, we exceeded our goal to provide 100 men’s deodorants by donating 123 - for the Welcome On patrons. We donated \$250 proceeds from our Mothers’ Day Tea. \$500 was donated in Loving Memory of Sam Keller.

Mason-Dixon Community Center



Salem is blessed to have such giving members. In just a few weeks, we were able to collect and donate over 200 **school supply** items. The staff at Mason Dixon was grateful for Salem’s selfless giving. On “**Souper Bowl Sunday**” we were able to donate a whole car trunk full of soups, too many to count. We certainly lived up to our motto of being small, but mighty! Thank you so much for your generosity to those in the North Harford community who are in need.

Thanksgiving Baskets

SLCC and Salem members donated turkeys and trimmings to four **Mason – Dixon** families.

Christmas Gift Giving Tree

Gifts and gift cards were donated by Salem members to four families.

Once again we thank **THRIVENT** and local businesses for SEED money and all the volunteers from Salem’s congregation for another successful **Craft Fair and Flea Market in October**- we’ll continue to share our time and talents as we sell the crafts we’ve made, the food we’ve prepared, and the flea-market items we have brought from our homes next year!.

We gave \$8,437.50 to support **ELCA Benevolence** including World Disaster Relief, Local Community Requests, Noisy Change Drive. Our special Lenten **World Hunger Drive** raised \$1,325.00 to provide orange trees for developing communities to grow life sustaining orchards and gardens!

Other Outreach included FCCAUBingo attended by 26 Salem members, and Lynn Cox once again decorated a beautiful basket.

We made a donation to the Baccalaureate fund for North Harford High School.

The Salem Church Council is here to represent you, and support outreach to our community. Feel free to ask questions or make suggestions to Council Members. We meet the second Tuesday of each month.

**Salem Church Council
Executive Committee**

Elders:

Lynn Cox, President
Ned Cockey, Vice President
Ruth Phoebus, Treasurer
Diane Grove, Secretary
Linda Bannan, SLCC Liaison

Committees:

Ned Cockey, Mike
Whitacre, Trustees

Deacons:

Darla Lynch
Jennifer Everett
Mark Hoefler

SLCC Corner



SLCC is off to a great start this school year! We just celebrated with our annual Fall Festival where the children made their own piñatas, enjoyed face painting, jumped in a moon bounce, watched a magic show, decorated pumpkins, and played lots of fun Fall-themed games.

Our preschool classes were able to take field trips this Fall to Shaw's Orchards and Indian Steps Museum. We have a new music class that just started this school year called "Can't Wait to Create". This is a high quality music program that creatively teaches children through dance and song.

We are lucky to have Pastor Betty Lou visit our classes each week to share Bible Stories. The children love to spend time with her and look forward to seeing her every week.

We have an upcoming Two and You Program called "Holiday Fun".

This is a two-week class taking place on December 5th and 12th from 9:30-11:00 am for two-year-olds accompanied by an adult. They will learn about holiday traditions, make an ornament, and build a gingerbread house. Please contact the office to register.

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A September Salem Tradition – Pie Sunday - We baked great pies for the coffee hour we all look forward to.

September 27th - Jarrettsville Sunflower Fest
Pastor held a sunrise service, and Mike Whitacre provided music for this popular Jarrettsville Community Event. We joined other local churches and organizations and donated 100 bags of cookies or brownies for visitors to enjoy.



We earned a grand total of \$3,538.16 at our **Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market**.

Thanks for "giving us Fleas!"

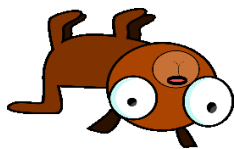
A special thank you to all those who did the pricing for the flea market. We had another great year thanks to your dedication.

Thanks, Doris Karoll

Craft fair: Our **Salem Stitches** once again created wonderful, unique, original craft items for our Fall Festival – Please join us when we begin again in February.

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!

- November 17th – Last date for Thanksgiving Basket donations
- December 15th – Christmas Program with children and choir
- December 20th – Last day to bring Christmas gifts for Families
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM
- February 2nd – “Souper” Bowl Sunday
- February 8th - I love You Sunday
- February 26th – Ash Wednesday – Share Bread and Soup
- April 5th – Palm Sunday
- April 10th – Good Friday - Share Fish Fry
- April 12th – Easter! He is Risen – Extended Coffee Hour
- May 3rd – Mothers’ Day Tea Party



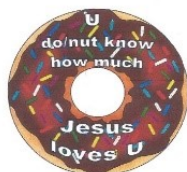
Looking Back at 2019

September 1st, ICE CREAM SUNDAY!



September 8th, We held a Salem “Rally Sunday” to kick-off Sunday School Season. We cheered our donut Olympians on. Fun for all - congregation families!

*Come To
Sunday School*
Join in on
donut Olympics
Sunday Sept 8th



GOOD NEWS AND GRAND MEMORIES IN 2019



PASTOR INSTALLED BY BISHOP GOHL



CONGRATULATIONS, OUR PROUD GRADUATE

PASTOR BETTY LOU BLESSED OUR CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL!



OUR MEMBERS HELPED SERVE CHICKEN DINNER AT NORRISVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR HARFORD COUNTY ROTATING HOMELESS SHELTER



OUR KIDS FISHED FOR DONUTS AT OLYMPICS



WE CELEBRATED OUR VETERANS AND THANKED THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE



WE SHOWED OFF OUR BAKING (AND EATING) SKILLS AT OUR ANNUAL "SELLOUT" CRAFT FAIR BAKE TABLE



WE ATTENDED THE ASCOT RACES (SORTA!) WITH "MY FAIR LADY, AND ENJOYED A REAL ENGLISH TEA PARTY



ICE CREAM SUNDAE SUNDAY – OH WHAT A TREAT!



WE LOVED "I LOVE YOU SUNDAY"



WE PLAYED BINGO TO SUPPORT FCCAU

KUDOS TO OUR OWN SHIRLEY BORTMES FOR BEING A "HARFORD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE" WINNER



Shirley Bortmes is a member of the Belles of St. Mary's, a group of women who help the homeless and less fortunate in the Harford County community and beyond. As members of St. Mary's Church in Pylesville, the Belles hold fundraisers to support local charities, donate to the homeless, and add to St. Mary's food pantry. As a Belle, Shirley is also a part of the Sewing Bee Ladies, a sewing circle of women who make blankets for the homeless and pillowcase-style dresses for the needy in Harford County and on missions to Haiti. Shirley creates sewing kits to expedite the sewing process. She cuts material, pockets, trim, and elastic so that the other women in the sewing circle can easily sew the items at home. She has made thousands of kits since the group's inception in 2012.

Shirley's commitment to helping the less fortunate has been felt by many over the years. Her acts of kindness make her one of Harford's most beautiful people.



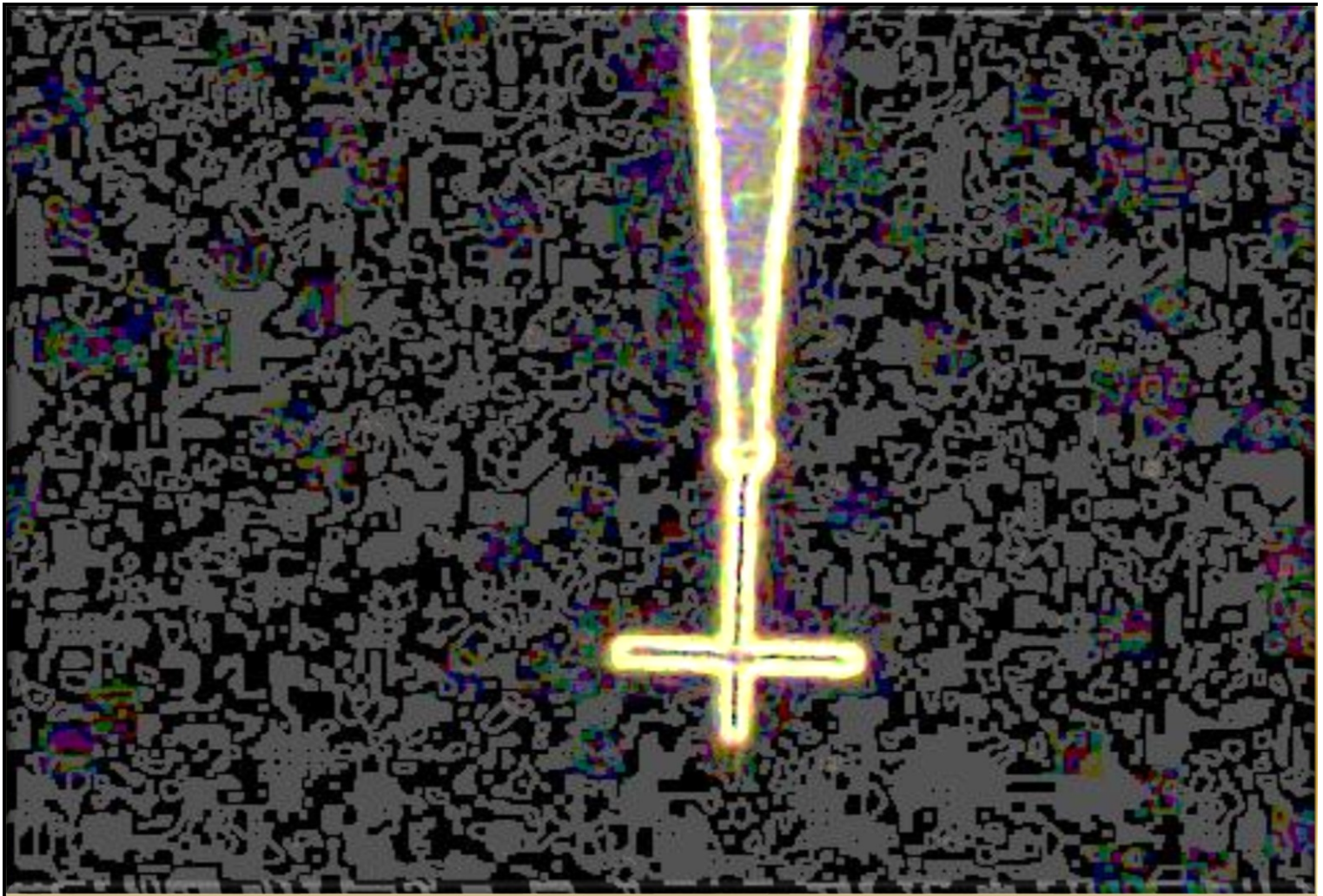
SALEM CELEBRATED JARRETTSVILLE'S SUNFLOWERS

HELP WANTED Please volunteer now for the coming year!

- We welcome new acolytes, ushers, lectors, and communion assistants. Please see Sharon Lukens
- We need new Altar Care Helpers – Please see Ruth Phoebus
- Sign up in the narthex to bring coffee hour supplies and goodies – please see Lynn Cox
- Please sign up to bring items for our special event brunches and extended coffee hours. Join the fun and show off some of your favorite cooking and baking!
- Think about joining the choir and/or "Stitchers." In February, we begin making our craft fair items. Everyone is welcome – (no experience necessary) don't be shy - a little work but lots of fellowship and fun!



THANKS, SALEM'S FAMOUS APPLE BUTTER STIRRERS



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