



The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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January – February 2020 - Thoughts from Pastor

What are you looking for? (John 1:38)

Jesus asked this question of two disciples of John following him. This question is one for us to ponder as well.

We're more than halfway through January. The New Year Resolutions are either in full swing or waning. The seasonal weather has us shoveling or it's triggering an itch for springtime. Most Christmas decorations are put away and most of us are back to some form of routine at work and school. Yet the question Jesus asks lingers...*What are you looking for?*

I think it is safe to suggest we are beginning to plan for what's next. The next vacation, the next season's garden plants, home projects, and at churches we are making plans for Lent. Hard to believe baby Jesus and the Nativity have been tucked away till next Christmas and we are already looking for ashes, ordering palms and scheduling soup and bread meals for the weeks of Lent.

The two disciples following Jesus ask where he is staying. Might the two want a place to simply rest, to lean into what Jesus has to say, maybe a place and person to abide in and with.

Maybe that is what we are looking for too. As of this writing there are six weeks before Ash Wednesday. What if we look for ways to simply abide with Jesus?

Could we set aside a few minutes each evening to reflect on the day, where we saw Jesus' presence, and the way Jesus touched us with special moments and through people whether friends or strangers. Might Jesus be leading us to abide with one another?

In the weeks ahead let's attempt to connect and learn more about what we have in common and set aside time to really get to know more about each other. Let's find out what we are each looking for... at work, at home, for leisure time, in church and life in general.

Faith is the thread that weaves us together creating a beautiful tapestry in this world. Wouldn't it be nice to ponder the ways God is fitting our needs, our longings and hopes together and the place in which we can abide, enjoy, and grow more deeply aware of the grace and love of God for everyone. May God's presence and peace be with us as we share and abide together.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Betty Lou



Sunday Worship Assistants January/February, 2020

Sunday, January 5th, 2020 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler, Frank Altenburg

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Richard Kiesling

Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler, Carol Temple

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Sunday January 12th Baptism of our Lord

Ushers: Mike Whitacre, Judy Newsome

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Mark Hoefler

Communion Assistants: Ruth Phoebus, Doris Karoll

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday January 19th 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Ushers: Sharon Lukens, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector Glenn Deuchler

Communion Assistants: Sharon Lukens, Jean Weimer

Tellers: Whitacre, Lukens

Sunday, January 26th 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Ushers: Frank Altenburg, Glenn Deuchler

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Ruth Phoebus

Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler, Carol Temple

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Sunday February 2nd 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Ushers: Mike Whitacre, Judy Newsome

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Diane Grove

Communion Assistants: Ruth Phoebus, Doris Karoll

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Sunday, February 9th 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Ushers: Sharon Lukens, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Carol Temple

Communion Assistants: Sharon Lukens, Jean Weimer

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday, February 16th 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Ushers: Frank Altenburg, Glenn Deuchler

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Richard Kiesling

Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler, Carol Temple

Tellers: Whitacre, Lukens

Sunday, February 23rd Last Sunday after Epiphany

Ushers: Judy Newsome, Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Communion Assistants: Ruth Phoebus, Doris Karoll

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Wednesday, February 26th Ash Wednesday

Ecumenical Service Hosted by Ebenezer UMC

- Bread and Soup dinner 6:00 PM
- Service 7:00 PM

Wednesday Lenten Services beginning March 4th

Hosted by Ayres Chapel

- Bread and Soup dinner 6:00 PM
- Service 6:45 PM

Worship, Special Events January/February, 2020

Sunday, January 5th

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

Monday, January 6th - 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, January 9th

- 9:00 AM – Stickers
- 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 12th

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

Monday, January 13th - 10:00 AM – Bible Study

Tuesday, January 14th

- 7:00PM Council Meeting

Thursday, January 16th

- 9:00 AM – Stickers
- 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19th

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

Monday, January 20th **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, January 23rd

- 9:00 AM – Stickers
- 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 26 SMYLE Winter Games

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

Monday, January 27th -10:00AM Bible Study

Sunday, February 2nd SUPER BOWL 6:30 PM

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

Monday, February 3rd 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, February 6th

- 9:00 AM – Stickers
- 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 9th I Love you Sunday

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- **Brunch to Follow**

Monday, February 10th

10:00AM Bible Study

February 12th **Lincoln's Birthday**

Thursday, February 13th

- 9:00 AM – Stickers
- 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 16th

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

Monday, February 17th **Presidents Day**

10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, February 20th

- 9:00 AM – Stickers
- 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 22nd **Washington's Birthday**

Sunday, February 23rd

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

Monday, February 24th - 10:00AM Bible Study

Wednesday, February 26th Ash Wednesday

Ebenezer UMC – dinner 6:00 PM, Service 7:00 PM

SALEM OUTREACH - 2019 GOALS WELL MET!



Our Daily Bread

We prepared 200 Casseroles in 2019 – including 21 in December – enough to serve 168 people!

SMYLE youth will make casseroles for January!

WELCOME ONE appreciated receiving donated items.

We exceeded our goal of 100 mens' deodorants by donating 123.

-We donated \$250 proceeds from our Mothers' Day Tea.

-\$500 was donated in Loving Memory of Sam Keller.

Mason-Dixon Community Center

We gave over 200 **School Supply** items for Back-to-school backpacks.

On "**Souper Bowl Sunday**" we were able to bring a Trunk-full of soups for the food bank.

Thanksgiving Baskets

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

Christmas Gift Giving Tree

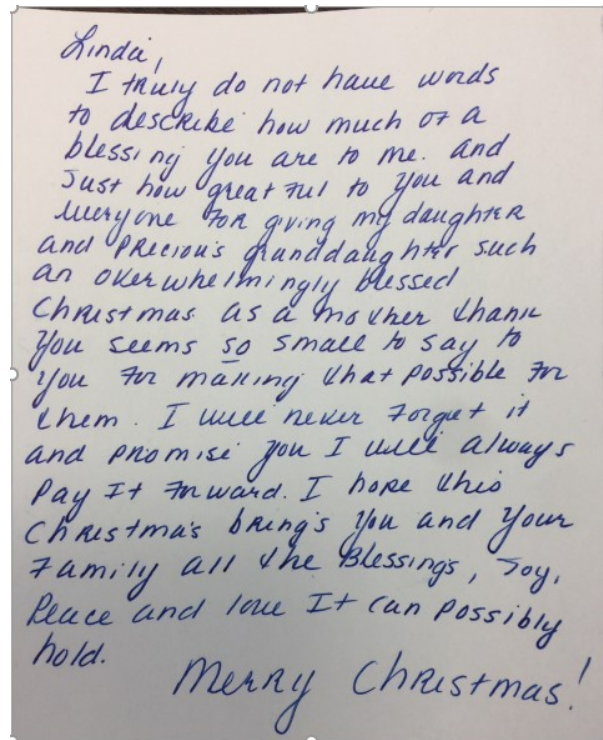
Gifts and gift cards were donated by Salem members to four families. On the right is a copy of a Thank You from one of the families. It reminds us that we are getting the ones getting a gift when we choose a tag from our gift tree!

The following are excerpts from a note from Linda Brannan, our Christmas Gift Drive Chair.

"... A couple of years ago, I was asked to help with the Holiday giving campaign. I happily obliged and found myself making gift tags for several families.

The task wasn't difficult, and I had fun making the tags. It wasn't until this past year when I was asked to take Ownership of the campaign that I found out just how gratifying the experience would be.

Mason Dixon Community Services put me in direct Contact with the families, and we quickly formed a bond – a shared purpose. Each family was deeply appreciative of our help and shared their situations. I was humbled by the experience and had a new perspective on what it really meant to put names on tags. I look forward to the 2020 Campaign!"



LOOKING AHEAD

- **SMYLE** - Meets January 26th for Winter Games And making casseroles!
- **Healthy Life Style**
Starts Monday January 27th at 6:30 PM
Please let Glenn Deuchler know if you wish to attend. 410-218-8335, or gdeuchler@hotmail.com
- **"SOUPER Bowl" SUNDAY**
Please start bringing your soup and canned goods now!



LOOKING AHEAD (continued)

- **I Love You Sunday February 9th**
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- Come join us for our special “I Love You” Service
- and sign up for Brunch to follow



- **February 23rd SMYLE “Movie Time”**



LOOKING WAY AHEAD



- **Easter April 12th**
- **In May, our “Ladies” Tea Party**
This years’ Theme is **“Grease.”**
So, get your poodle skirts, and saddle shoes out of the attic!



Help Wanted

Our Coffee Hour is an enjoyable way to chat and socialize together. Please sign up in the narthex to bring goodies to share, or supplies to keep the coffee coming!

Flowers beautify our altar each week. Remember special family occasions – birthdays, anniversaries or memorials - by donating to the flower fund. Just place \$20 in an envelope marked flowers, and a note to identify your person or special occasion. You may take the flowers home to enjoy after the service.

Altar Care: Altar Guild Chairperson

Please see Ruth Phoebus if you are able to assist. The job entails keeping the altar clean, changing candles as needed, changing and ironing the altar cloth as needed or when the altar parament colors change.

Also, with this position is communion set up/clean up schedule. You will be responsible for notifying the person responsible for communion that month and helping them if needed. You will also order the wine, candles & communion cups and launder and iron the communion linens.

If anyone is interested see me or Lynn Cox or Pastor Betty Lou. Needless to say, I will help you in any way that I can.

Thanks,
Ruth Phoebus

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 Brannan, SLCC Liaison

Committees:

Ned Cockey,
Mike Whitacre,
Trustees

Deacons:

Darla Lynch
Jennifer Everett
Mark Hoefler
Dennis Lukens

SLCC Corner



Salem Lutheran Children's Center along with Salem Lutheran Church was able to sponsor five families in our area for this Christmas holiday. Through the generosity of our parents and the church community, we were able to provide the families with an enormous amount of presents and gift cards. It truly means a lot to be a part of such a generous community.

Registration is now open to our current students and their siblings for our 2020-2021 school year Preschool Programs, Daycare Programs, and Before & After Care Programs. We are also opening registration to church members who would like to sign up for a program. Please remember that church members are waived from paying our \$60 registration fee. We would love to have you join the SLCC community!

We have an upcoming Two and You class "Colors and Shapes" for two-year-old children accompanied by an adult. The 10-week class will meet starting January 30th on Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:45 am. Your child will learn shapes and colors while participating in a variety of activities that encourage the development of language, large and fine motor skills, basic art skills, math concepts, and socialization. If you are interested in registering for any program please contact the office at 410-557-6612.

Cherie Johnson
Director

WE PREPARED FOR CHRISTMAS WITH AN ADVENT WORKSHOP.....



WE MADE ADVENT WREATHS.....



WE CHOSE TAGS FROM OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE FOR FOUR FAMILIES.....



THEN AN ANGEL CAME TO MARY.....



SHEPHERDS WERE TOLD TO COME AND SEE.....



WISE MEN (AND THEIR CAMELS) FOLLOWED THE STAR.....



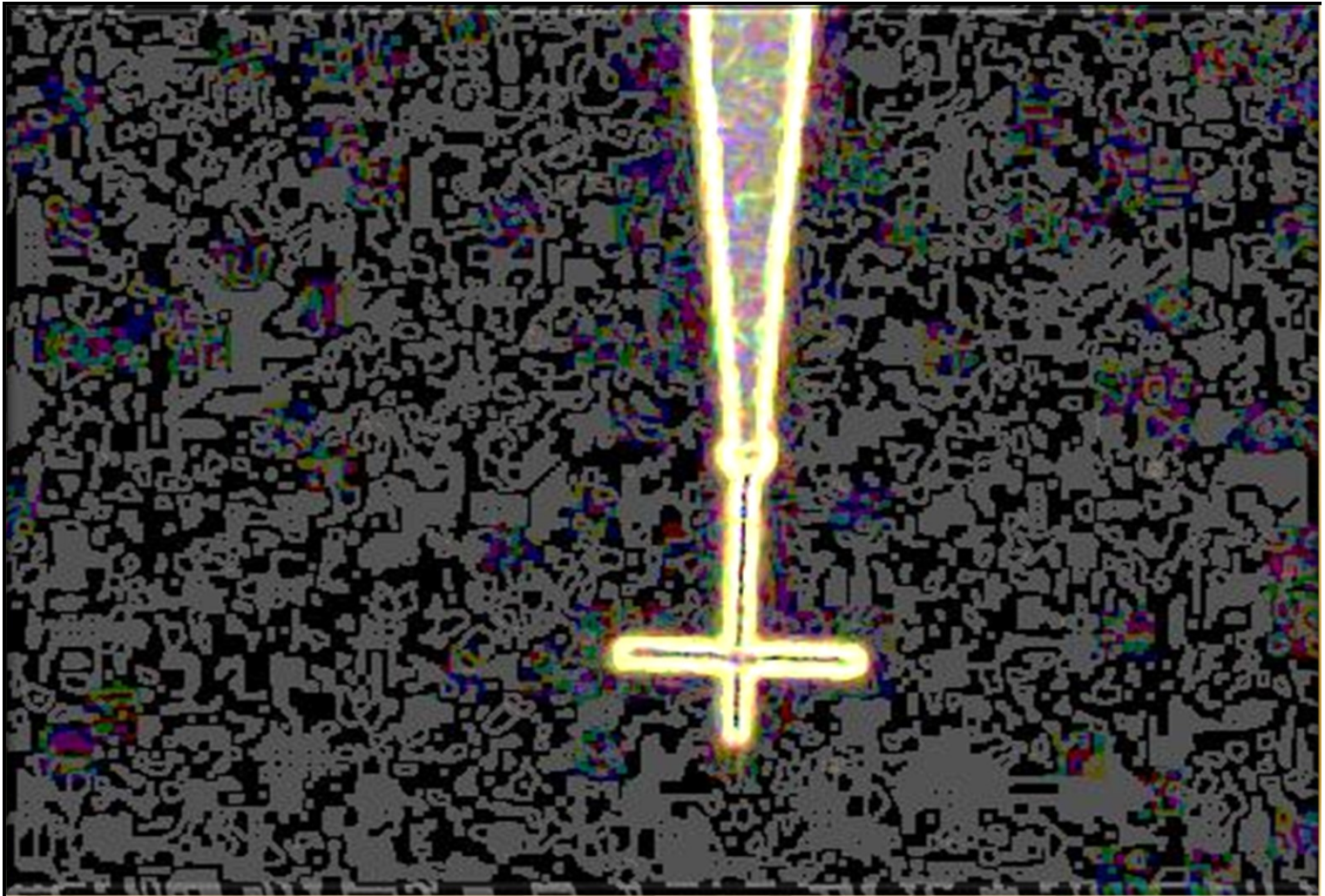
ANGELS WATCHED OVER THEM.....



THEY ALL CAME TO BETHLEHEM.....

AND WE KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY!

HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!



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