

# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our mission is to reach out to others, proclaim God's word, share our faith and celebrate His love.

## DECEMBER 2018

***Proverbs 3:5-6 (NRSV) - <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.***

I am at the core of my personality a planner. I prefer to prepare and design exactly how any course of events might go, prepare for contingencies, and create a plan B, plan C, and even an occasional plan D. In light of this part of my nature, these verses create a bit of a rub. Perhaps I rely too much on my own insight, and this is a good reminder for me to trust God first.

One particular word here makes a big difference – “rely.” We are not being directed to ignore our own insights. We most certainly ought to use our best skills in any situation in order to honor God with our gifts. The command here is to trust God *first*, and to rely upon God *first*, using our insights in a secondary, advisory role. Heartaches and challenges come when we get those two roles reversed.

How often in life do we face a challenge that seems like a winding mountain path? These challenges can take the form of illness, job loss or insecurity, broken relationships, or financial struggles. In these times of struggle, we find it easy to seek the advice of the experts, research the best strategy or treatment, and to rely upon our own senses to inform our decisions. The word here gives a clear direction that we are to acknowledge God at the fork in the road and to seek God’s direction.

These verses have become a powerful reminder for me during the past several months. Every day has been filled with new adventures taking me on new paths. These paths, while busy and at times challenging, have been good paths. Our time together will no doubt be an adventure. Trust in the LORD. We can do that.

These truths speak to the path of this new time in the life of Salem as well. As we travel together along this path, may we also hear the reminders of these verses to trust in the LORD.

To God be the Glory,



Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, M.Div.



*Preaching and  
Presiding in  
December  
Vicar Shari  
Schwedhelm*

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STIR UP YOUR POWER,  
 LORD CHRIST, AND  
 COME. BY YOUR  
 MERCIFUL  
 PROTECTION ALERT  
 US TO THE  
 THREATENING  
 DANGERS OF OUR  
 SINS, AND REDEEM US  
 FOR YOUR LIFE OF  
 JUSTICE, FOR YOU  
 LIVE AND REIGN WITH  
 THE FATHER AND THE  
 HOLY SPIRIT, ONE  
 GOD, NOW AND  
 FOREVER.  
**AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
 DECEMBER 2, 2018

### The Anatomy of Peace – Part 3 Collusion and the Pattern of Conflict

A third core message from the book *"The Anatomy of Peace"* is the concept that our perceptions and the way we respond to them can actually cause us to draw out of others the conflict and behaviors we claim to dislike.

Collusion is a conflict where the parties are inviting the very things they are fighting against. This happens because every person brings a lifetime of experiences and perspectives to every situation. They see the actions of another person from this

perspective, and, right or wrong, their feelings are influenced by their perception. They respond to the other person based on these feelings. This can cause the original person to respond in kind, which reinforces the opinion of the first person, and so the cycle continues.

Breaking the cycle is not easy, but it starts with one person seeing the other person as a person. When one person can desire a positive relationship, and care more about the other person than about the specific task or action, the cycle can stop.

However, at times, even if the second person does not respond to negativity with a negative response, the person who was anticipating a negative response often finds it difficult to respond positively in a situation like this. They may continue to comment negatively, leaving the positive person feeling rejected or frustrated. "Impossible to please" is a comment that bubbles up in situations like this.

The warning the book highlights is that we need to be keenly aware of our anticipations. Are we judging people based on their previous actions, or on the present situation we are encountering at this moment? As our congregations look toward the future, it is especially important that we remember to evaluate each situation based on its present value, and that we do our absolute best to value every person and every relationship.

Together we can make peace a stronger reality – one thought, one heart and one interaction at a time!

*Shari Schwedhelm, M.Div.*

Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, M.Div.

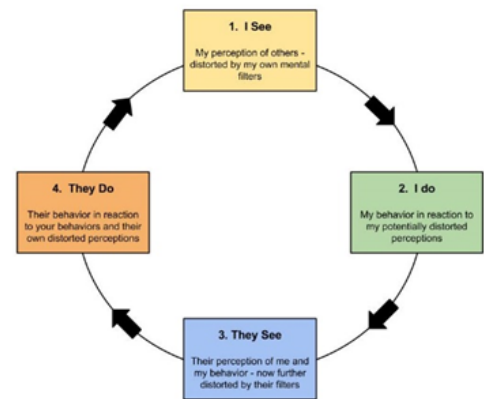
Advent is a time of beginnings. New things are exciting, aren't they? A new car, a new outfit, a new laptop, can bring a sense of joy.

A new job, a new way of doing things, or even changes in the layout of the grocery store, are changes that might cause us anxiety. Thankfully, the season of Advent provides us the opportunity to reflect on change, and adapt to it. After all, the birth of Christ is one of the biggest changes in the history of the world.

We all are busy, and time is precious. Lengthy devotions and study groups just aren't possible, especially with all that need to be done to prepare for the arrival of Christ.

The following prayers are from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship *Lighting the Candles: A Simple Form for Household Prayer in the Seasons of Advent and Christmas*. Rather than an entire Advent Wreath lighting ceremony in your home, may I suggest that you simply pray daily the prayer for each week of Advent, and the words of the ancient and beautiful Advent hymn, "Creator of the Stars of Night."

#### VICAR'S MESSAGE



#### WORSHIP & MUSIC

**Week 1**

Lord Jesus, we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait for your coming. Keep us awake and help us use our gifts to serve those who look for the dawn of your justice and mercy. Amen.

**Week 2**

God our shepherd, gather us as lambs in your arms. Forgive our sins so that we may rejoice in your coming. Amen.

**Week 3**

Lord Jesus, you continue to do great things for us. Give us your gift of peace as we await your coming. Amen.

**Week 4**

God our Savior, nothing is impossible for you. Prepare our hearts to rejoice in your glorious advent. Amen.

**Christmas 1 through Epiphany of Our Lord**

Lord God, may your Word become flesh through our lives so that we may see him in the fullness of his glory. Amen.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC****Creator of the Stars of Night**

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
 O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.  
 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,  
 not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blessed mother mild.  
 At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
 all things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
 Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
 defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.  
 To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
 praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

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May your whole life sing!

Jeff Hoffman

**SALEM LITTLE SAINTS**

The holiday season is here, more importantly, the giving season! We are having the Lutheran Family Services provide gift tags with names of children and items that they want for Christmas. This will be our 6th year participating in it and we're happy to donate almost 70 presents last year. There will be a Christmas tree downstairs in the child care center and everyone is welcome to take a tag and help a local child.

The Salem Little Saints Christmas program is December 13th at 7pm. The children are singing their hearts out practicing and having a lot of fun with it! After the program, come visit with Santa and have a cookie or two. The holiday dance recital put on by Dance Express will be happening on a separate day.

Winter break for the school kids is this month, going into January. During this break we are eager to have Miss Maddie join us, as well as school kids we don't get to see very often. The children will get to enjoy a few field trips in this time as well!

Salem Little Saints would like to thank Salem Lutheran Church and all of the families of the center and church. We strive to give the best to the little ones in our care and truly appreciate all of the trust and support given to us.

Sarah Pearson  
 Assistant Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare

STIR UP OUR HEARTS,  
 LORD GOD, TO PREPARE  
 THE WAY OF YOUR ONLY  
 SON. BY HIS COMING  
 GIVE TO ALL THE  
 PEOPLE OF THE WORLD  
 KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR  
 SALVATION; THROUGH  
 JESUS CHRIST, OUR  
 SAVIOR AND LORD,  
 WHO LIVES AND REIGNS  
 WITH YOU AND THE  
 HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD,  
 NOW AND FOREVER.  
**AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

DECEMBER 9, 2018

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES



STIR UP THE WILLS OF  
YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE,  
LORD GOD, AND  
OPEN OUR EARS TO THE  
PREACHING OF JOHN,  
THAT, REJOICING IN  
YOUR SALVATION, WE  
MAY BRING FORTH THE  
FRUITS OF REPENT-  
ANCE; THROUGH JESUS  
CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR  
AND LORD, WHO LIVES  
AND REIGNS WITH YOU  
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
ONE GOD, NOW AND  
FOREVER.

**AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
DECEMBER 16, 2018

### December 1

Kylie Leland  
Angela Schlieker  
Gene Schultz  
Dennis Heinrich

### December 2

Gina Brant

### December 3

Barbara Brimmerman

### December 4

Scott Johannesen

### December 5

Jean Kinport

### December 6

Mikala Arps  
John Jugler

### December 7

Rosella Brei  
Chloe Davies

### December 9

Shelley Schiessler  
Deborah Fisher

### December 10

Kathy Satorie  
Marin Phelps

### December 11

Becky Smith  
Sherri Johannesen  
Austin Stenger  
Mary Magstadt

### December 12

Benjamin Barnhart

### December 14

Bradley Hartmann  
Marisa Kuhr

### December 16

Fred Bengston

### December 17

Janet Thurman  
Brielle Mangum

### December 19

Lisa Novak

### December 21

Kashtin Wavrin

### December 23

Sharon Limbach  
Sharon Vance

### December 25

Olivia Sims  
Lawrence Asare-Danquah

### December 26

Barb Morrison  
Annette Vance  
Stephanie Vance

### December 28

Izik Tunick

## BIRTHDAYS

### December 5

Shana Clapper

### December 7

Carter Neubert

### December 8

Mark Remington

Alan Reeh

### December 10

Nathan Siems

Harvey Ladehoff

Jayne Neal

### December 11

Randy Bartunek

Douglas Hartmann

Craig Siems

Trenton Tank

### December 12

Nicholas Leland

Patricia Anderson

James Carlson

### December 13

Pat Ludeke

### December 14

James

Messerschmidt

### December 15

Shaun Hoschiet

### December 16

Raymond Snodgrass

### December 17

Rod Hespen

Jill Phelps

### December 18

Zachery Vogt

### December 19

Christine Johannesen

Beverly Brei

### December 20

Holly Hendrickson

### December 21

Miranda Miller

### December 22

Katie Bishop

### December 23

Dawson Holverson

Sheryl Kuhr

Emily Miller

Ron Mueller

Rowan Vanosdel

### December 26

Nicholas Novak

Todd Wheelock

### December 28

Dolores Dunker

Kloey Wheelock

### December 31

Vivian Lubker



STIR UP YOUR POWER,  
LORD CHRIST, AND  
COME. WITH YOUR  
ABUNDANT GRACE  
AND MIGHT, FREE US  
FROM THE SIN THAT  
BINDS US, THAT WE  
MAY RECEIVE YOU IN  
JOY AND SERVE YOU  
ALWAYS, FOR YOU  
LIVE AND REIGN WITH  
THE FATHER AND THE  
HOLY SPIRIT, ONE  
GOD, NOW AND FOR-  
EVER.  
**AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

DECEMBER 23, 2018



ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU  
MADE THIS HOLY NIGHT  
SHINE WITH THE  
BRIGHTNESS OF THE  
TRUE LIGHT. GRANT  
THAT HERE ON EARTH  
WE MAY WALK IN THE  
LIGHT OF JESUS' PRESENCE  
AND IN THE LAST  
DAY WAKE TO THE  
BRIGHTNESS OF HIS  
GLORY; THROUGH YOUR  
SON, JESUS CHRIST  
OUR LORD, WHO LIVES  
AND REIGNS WITH YOU  
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
ONE GOD, NOW AND  
FOREVER.  
**AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
DECEMBER 30, 2018

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ted and Colleen Osterloh  
December 2, 1977-41 years

Leo and Betty Drews  
December 11, 1955-62 years

Donald and Vivian Tank  
December 14, 2000-18 years

Ernest and Jean Nick  
December 16, 1961-57 years

Gary and Sharon Carlson  
December 22, 1979-39 years

Gary and Karin Henken  
December 27, 1966-52 years

*If we accidentally missed your  
anniversary this month, please let us  
know (402-721-6158)  
so that we can correct/update our  
computer records.*

## Pastoral Acts in November

### Funeral

November 12, 2018  
*Betty E. Drews*

## GRATITUDE

Thank you to Clarence & Rosella Brei for the altar flowers and delivering them. Also to Vicar Shari for coming to the hospital in Omaha and for giving me communion in September. Thank you to Glorian (Mick) Wickham for the beautiful yellow roses delivered by Cindy Sandeen at Dunklau Gardens. Also for the visits from Paul & Marilyn Harms, Clarence & Resella Brei while I was at Dunklau. Thanks to all Salem members and friends for your prayers, cards, and phone calls.

Much appreciated,  
Bruce Krueger

## GRATITUDE

Thank you to the members of Salem who gave me money, gifts, and cards for my confirmation day. Specifically to Barbara Fanning-my mentor, Sandy Terry, Les and Rosie Parde, Bob and Carol Olson and Thrivent Financial.

Sincerely,  
Jay Dunn

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Thank you to Cindy Gustafson for the flowers. They really brightened my day and made me feel appreciated.

God Bless you,  
Verna Kimball

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Naomi Circle met in the home of Jean Kinport on November 8, 2018 to celebrate her 90th birthday. Attending were two special guests her daughters Diane and Peggy. We all enjoyed visiting and having cake and coffee. Naomi presented Jean with a pretty bouquet, while passing around all the beautiful cards she received. God bless Jean on her special day!

Bev Weitzenkamp, Secretary

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Thanks so much to Cindy Gustafson for the beautiful altar flowers from November 4th and to Bernitta Wheelock for delivering them. It's always nice to have a visit with her. Thanks to Naomi Circle for the very nice birthday party on November 8th. The cake was delicious and was so good seeing and visiting with everyone. Made by 90th special.

In God's Love,  
Jean Kinport

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Thank you so very much for the lovely lap quilts. Our residents are thrilled that you took time to make these beautiful, warm pieces of art for them. They are getting used a lot with this early "winter" weather and they are certainly being loved. God Bless-You are Angels

With lots of love,  
Your friends at Fremont Edgewood



**NEWS**

**Council Reports**  
are due by noon on  
December 12th.

**Newsletter articles**  
are due by  
December 19th.

**Salem Lutheran Church Candlelight Christmas Eve service will be, Monday, December 24th, 7:30 p.m.**

**Life House Meal** (*formerly called Care Corps Meal*) in November was provided and served by Salem's Council. We are looking for volunteers to help make food or help serve on Tuesday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to help please call Janet Kletke 402-727-5542

**Salvation Army White Gift Sunday**—Salem Lutheran Church Congregation is invited to participate in the White Gift Sunday, December 9th. We are collecting new toys and gifts for families in need from now until December 9th. There is a table set up in the Narthex to place the toys or gifts on. Thank you so much for helping our families in need have a happier Christmas season. God bless you!

**Open House**—The family of Delores Dunker invites you to an Open House to celebrate her 90th Birthday on December 29, 2018 from 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m. at Immanuel Retirement Village Community Room, 6803 N. 68th Plaza, Omaha, NE. No gifts please. We wanted to include you in this celebration whether it is in person, with a card or simply fond memories and kind thoughts.

**Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes**—Tickets available in advance at Interiors Plus in the Kollmeyer Passageway 408 N. Main Street \$20.00 each. On December 6, 2018 come and tour the homes of:

- 1) Terry & Norma Bokowski—2835 Belvedere
- 2) Jim & Lori Lathrop—320 Peterson Avenue
- 3) Colleen Dilley—234 West 10th Street
- 4) Ronda Hollendieck—132 East 10th Street
- 5) Jeff Hoffman—1049 North Main Street

**Tickets include:** *Reception in the J's Steakhouse and Winebar Party Room beginning at 7:30 p.m., a decorating tips publication, and a holiday recipe collection containing 100 holiday favorites. Proceeds benefit the Heartland Family Service Jefferson House.*

**Join us at the Historic Boys Town Dowd Chapel** at 13943 Dowd Drive, Boys Town, Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. for a service of Lessons and Carols, by the Omaha Chamber Singers (David Batter, Conductor), Omaha Academy Choir (Kat Doebl, Director), Davis Middle School Select Choir (Philip Schorg, Director) and Jeff Hoffman, Organ. Free will offering accepted at the door.

**Salem High School Youth Group**— Sunday, December 2nd we will be going to Omaha for lunch and fellowship at Dave and Busters. We will leave at 12:00 and be back at 4:00. We will provide lunch please bring money if you want to do any activities after lunch.

**Salem High School Youth- Chicago Mission trip** will be July 7-12. Early bird registration is December 14th. If you are going I will need your registration form by the 14th. The cost is \$100 due by February 1st. I sent registration forms home with the youth on Wednesday November 14th. Please contact Troy or Deann Berry if you have any questions. Scholarships available please contact Troy or Deann, or the church office.

**SAVE THE DATE Salem High School Youth Group** - We are planning on participating in Urban Plunge in Lincoln. It will be May 24th—May 26th. More information will come as the time gets closer.

**Donate Blood in honor of Marilyn Hammang**—Help celebrate Marilyn Hammang's contributions to the Fremont community and the American Red Cross! Marilyn has coordinated the community blood drive for over 25 years, rounding up hundreds of volunteers and recruiting countless blood donors along the way. To honor her hard work and commitment to Fremont and the Red Cross, Marilyn's family and friends are dedicating the upcoming blood drive to her. ***Blood Drive Fremont Community City Auditorium 925 N. Broad St. Monday, December 3, 2018, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 10:30 Am to 4:30 PM. For an appointment call Marilyn at 402-721-6354 or Kyle at 402-910-0681 Or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter FremontAuditorium***

**What do cookies, Christmas, and Young Adult Global Missionary have common?** A Special Christmas Program as the WELCA Circles join together on Saturday, December 8, 2018, 1:00 p.m. in the Common Grounds. All Salem members and guests are invited to attend. You are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies for a cookie exchange, hear from Chelsey Johnson who served as an ELCA Young Adult Missionary in Cambodia. It is rumored that there just might be songs, Christmas Story and maybe even a few gifts. Come and enjoy the afternoon as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with each other.

**Holiday Service of Memories**—On December 2nd, 1:00 p.m. at Dugan Funeral Chapel, 751 North Lincoln Ave. Come and share with others in celebration of the memories of those who are not with us this holiday season. We welcome anyone who has experienced a loss, regardless of where or when. A candle will be lit, and you will receive a keepsake in memory of your loved one. Refreshments will be served. Call 402-721-2880 for more information.

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## OFFICE HOURS

### Monday—Thursday

8:00 a.m.—Noon  
1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

### Friday

8:00 a.m.—Noon  
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

## WORSHIP

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

Holy Communion on the  
first, third and fifth Sundays  
of the month

Fifth Sunday is a joint  
service with St. Timothy  
Lutheran Church

## BROADCASTS

Sundays 8:30

Radio: Big Dog 98.9 FM  
KHUB-1340 AM

Cable: Spectrum  
Channel 1304  
Wednesdays  
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Thursdays  
12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

## EDUCATION

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

7:00 a.m. **Fridays**  
Men's Bible Study/CG

11:30 a.m. **Fridays**  
Bible Study/CG

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### Greeters

TBD

### Ushers

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## Adult Choir

Rehearsals on Wednesday  
at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft.  
Please let Rosie Parde of Jeff Hoffman  
know if you would like to sing!

## Salem Feast for All

A lite dinner is provided for a free will offering  
each Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.  
Please join us, and bring a friend!

## Sunday School

Sundays 9:45 a.m. following the worship  
service. The format will be different this year.  
All ages are welcome to come to the lounge  
and learn about our faith together.

## Piano and Organ Lessons

Piano and organ lessons are available from our  
Coordinator of Worship and Music. Please contact  
Jeff Hoffman for more information.

## Email Updates

Please contact the church office if you have an  
email address and are not receiving the weekly  
email news. Especially this fall, there will be  
many things to communicate, and this email  
will help you stay up to date on the the ministry  
opportunities that are happening. Contact the  
church office at 402-721-6158 or  
email slutheran6386@msn.com

*Have a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.*

**From the Staff at Salem Lutheran Church**

