

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

JANUARY 2019

Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters. - Colossians 3:23 NRSV

Dear friends in Christ,

The end of the year is upon us! In some ways 2018 has been one for the record books. I'm thankful beyond words for the opportunity to walk with you through these changes. You have helped me to learn and grow, and I hope and pray that I have also helped you to learn and grow.

As I reflect upon this year for each of us, I want to share with you some questions which can help you to reflect upon your year as well. May these thoughts draw you closer to God as you see God's faithfulness and presence in the ordinary places throughout the year.

- * What is something you did this year that you think you will remember for the rest of your life?
- * What is something you accomplished this year of which you are proud?
- * What was the nicest thing someone did for you this year?
- * What were the three biggest challenges or obstacles you faced this year? How did you overcome them? Who did you become as a result?
- * What are three things you did this year to help others?
- * What are the three most important things you learned this year?
- * What person has made the biggest impact in your life this year? Why?
- * What were you truly grateful for this year?
- * How have you developed or changed as a person?
- * Is everything you have done this year in alignment with your faith and values?
- * What have you done in a new way this year? What new people have you met or new experiences have you had?
- * How much fun have you had this year?

May the Lord continue to richly bless your life with a keen awareness of God's presence, faithfulness, and grace during the year to come. Amen

To God be the Glory,



Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, M.Div.



*Preaching and
Presiding in
January
Vicar Shari
Schwedhelm*

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Report from Salem Lutheran Church Council

COUNCIL

Salem's Church Council has been working with Pastor Juliet Hampton, Assistant to the Bishop, as we go through this time of transition and Call Process. The Call Process Overview that we were presented on January 1, 2017, has eight steps and we are currently on step 3 - the Call Committee has been formed and a Chair has been identified.

As the Call Committee works through the process, the Ministry Site Profile has been completed and submitted to the ELCA. During the process of compiling the information for the MSP, the Top Five Ministry Tasks (most critical tasks required for our called position) were identified. Those critical tasks are: Administration, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Preaching/Worship, Spiritual Formation/Direction and Youth and Family Ministry.

Along this line, the Gifts for Ministry (essential) were identified as: help people develop their spiritual life; be active in visitation of members and non-members; be an effective communicator; be effective in working with youth and appreciate cultural diversity in language and customs.

Rostered leaders who are submitting their names as candidates to the Nebraska Synod also identify their ministry gifts. Pastor Juliet along with the other Assistants plus the Bishop review all possible candidates and make every effort to match these identified gifts and provide a list of names to be considered by the Call Committee. At this point, Salem Lutheran Church is still exploring the possibility of sharing a Pastor with St. Timothy Lutheran Church. As we look ahead to 2019, the pledges we have received to date do not indicate that there are enough funds available to consider a full-time Pastor. The Council will continue to work towards what is best for Salem Lutheran Church.

Sandy Terry
Council President

SALEM LITTLE SAINTS

Happy New Year!

We have a few new staff members here at Salem Little Saints. Please welcome Miss Rose, she will be the new Bear teacher. She has over 15 years' experience in childcare and we are very excited to have her. We also have Miss Sarah that will be our other Ducky room teacher. With two Miss Sarah's in the center we are sure to get a little confused but we are so happy she is part of our Salem family.

Starting January 1st of this year, Nebraska will put into effect a new Child Safety Restraint Law. With this, children ride rear-facing until up to age two or until they reach the upper weight or height limit allowed by the car seat's manufacturer. Also, all children up to age eight must ride correctly secured in a federally-approved child safety seat (booster seat.) This may affect some school kids that have before or after school pick up or if we are having a field trip. There are a few other changes as well that you can find at dot.nebraska.gov/safety/driving/cps/.

With the holiday season winding down, we are excited to say there is not too much going on in January. This will give us the chance to reflect on the year and appreciate all we have!

Important Dates to Remember
January 1-New Year's Day, Center Closed
January 1 through 4-No School
January 21-Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School

Miss Sarah

Sarah Pearson
Assistant Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare



ETERNAL FATHER,
YOU GAVE YOUR
INCARNATE SON THE
HOLY NAME OF JESUS
TO BE A SIGN OF OUR
SALVATION. PLANT IN
EVERY HEART THE
LOVE OF THE SAVIOR
OF THE WORLD,
JESUS CHRIST OUR
LORD, WHO LIVES
AND REIGNS WITH YOU
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,
ONE GOD, NOW AND
FOREVER.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
JANUARY 1, 2019

WORSHIP & MUSIC

January 2019

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music. In 1878 the Royal Cornwall Gazette reported that the choir of Truro Cathedral would sing a service of carols at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The Choir of the Cathedral will sing a number of carols in the Cathedral on Christmas Eve, the service commencing at 10pm. We understand that this is at the wish of many of the leading parishioners and others. A like service has been instituted in other cathedral and large towns, and has been much appreciated. It is the intention of the choir to no longer continue the custom of singing carols at the residences of members of the congregation.[1] Two years later, Edward White Benson, at that time Bishop of Truro in Cornwall but later Archbishop of Canterbury, formalized the service with Nine Lessons for use on Christmas Eve (24 December) 1880. The first service took place at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the temporary wooden structure serving as his cathedral whilst the new cathedral was being built. Over 400 people attended this first service. There is an oft-repeated myth that the purpose of the service was to keep men out of the pubs.

The service has subsequently been in continuous use (with modifications) in Truro since 1880, and followed Bishop Benson in his new appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1883. The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world.

This service of Lessons and Carols we will celebrate at Salem is intended for use on the Sunday closest to Name of Jesus (January 1). It could also be adapted for other times during the Christmas season. The service takes its theme from the Gospel of Luke (2:10-11), focusing on the ways God comes to us in Jesus as Savior (first set of lessons), Christ (second set of lessons), and Lord (third set of lessons).

May your whole life sing!



Jeff Hoffman
Coordinator of Worship & Music



O GOD, ON THIS DAY
YOU REVEALED YOUR
SON TO THE NATIONS
BY THE LEADING OF A
STAR. LEAD US NOW BY
FAITH TO KNOW YOUR
PRESENCE IN OUR
LIVES, AND BRING US AT
LAST TO THE FULL
VISION OF YOUR GLORY,
THROUGH YOUR SON,
JESUS CHRIST OUR
LORD, WHO LIVES AND
REIGNS WITH YOU AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE
GOD, NOW AND
FOREVER.
AMEN.

*May God be with you through the New Year,
and fill your life with Comfort, Love and Cheer.*

*May this day and the days ahead,
hold many Blessings for you all.*

Happy New Year!

PRAYER OF THE DAY
JANUARY 6, 2019



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU
 ANOINTED JESUS AT
 HIS BAPTISM WITH THE
 HOLY SPIRIT AND
 REVEALED HIM AS YOUR
 BELOVED SON. KEEP
 ALL WHO ARE BORN OF
 WATER AND THE SPIRIT
 FAITHFUL IN YOUR
 SERVICE, THAT WE MAY
 REJOICE TO BE CALLED
 CHILDREN OF GOD,
 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
 JANUARY 13, 2019

January 1
 Terry Knapp
 Leroy Lidberg
 Marilyn Hammang
 Douglas Hartmann
 Glorian Wickham

January 3
 Grant Brimmerman
 Dale Stahlecker, Jr.
 Desirae Leonard

January 4
 Mark Remington

January 7
 Beverly Brei

January 8
 Korri Hendrickson

January 10
 Maverick Peterson

January 12
 Lauren Baker
 Michael Minter II

January 13
 Gavin Baker
 Andrew Peters

January 14
 Terry Manzel
 Gina Shaw

January 15
 Griffin Neubert

January 18
 Carrie Stenger

January 19
 Taylor Knipp

January 20
 Cindy Sandeen

January 21
 Emily Miller

January 25
 Logan Boyles
 DeAnn Reese
 Zackery Vogt

January 26
 Christopher Dowd
 Emma Reker

January 27
 Dolores Dunker
 Leola Miller

January 30
 Charles Miller

January 31
 Cheryl Baines

BIRTHDAYS

January 1
Kathy Bartels
Rob Bishop
Dallas Holverson
Dennis Knudsen
Jacque Remington

January 2
Emma Reker
Michael Remington

January 3
Cindy Sandeen

January 4
Rhiannon Vanosdel

January 9
Rodney Frost
Mary Lou Olsen

January 10
Angie Foster
Deborah Minter

January 11
Sherri Johannesen

January 12
Ruth Miller
Audrey Spahr

January 13
Aspen Fernau
Kathy Hoschiet

January 14
Debra Baker

January 15
John Schauer

January 16
Jolene Schauer

January 17
Kari Thompson

January 18
Jeremiah Leeding

January 19
Jacob Johannesen
Kathy Miller
Teleri Stamper

January 22
Terry McClain
Joel Schuett
Beverly Vance

January 23
Peggy Hansen

January 24
Lynn Albright
Desirae Leonard

January 25
Elaine Grothusen

January 27
Paxton Remington

January 28
Danielle Crough
Delores Doty

January 29
Kirstyn Dunn
Melissa Godfrey
Lester Parde
Ted Schaferman

January 30
Gary Kremlacek
Robert L. Olson
Neil Schilke
Millie Tank

January 31
Don Godfrey
Nancy Wright



LORD GOD, SOURCE
OF EVERY BLESSING,
YOU SHOWED FORTH
YOUR GLORY AND LED
MANY TO FAITH BY THE
WORKS OF YOUR
SON, WHO BROUGHT
GLADNESS AND
SALVATION TO HIS
PEOPLE. TRANSFORM
US BY THE SPIRIT OF
HIS LOVE, THAT WE
MAY FIND OUR LIFE
TOGETHER IN HIM,
JESUS CHRIST, OUR
SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
JANUARY 20, 2019



O GOD, BY THE
PREACHING OF YOUR
APOSTLE PAUL YOU
HAVE CAUSED THE
LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL
TO SHINE THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD. GRANT
THAT WE MAY FOLLOW
HIS EXAMPLE AND BE
WITNESSES TO THE
TRUTH OF YOUR SON,
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
JANUARY 25, 2019

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jon and Debra Tank
January 10, 1987-32 years

Jeff and Sheryl Kuhr
January 11, 1997-22 years

Ronald and Sharon Mueller
January 28, 1995-24 years

Derwin and Patricia Anderson
January 29, 2000-19 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 December

Baptism

Cecilia Hope Morris
December 9, 2018

Funeral

Mary "Chris" C. Pearson
December 13, 2018

GRATITUDE

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Thank you Salem family, for all the prayers, cards, and kind thoughts in November. The altar flowers provided by Jennie Franke and delivered by Bernitta Wheelock brightened my recovery days which lasted longer than expected.

Janet Kletke

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A heartfelt thank you for all the beautiful cards, flowers and visits during my stay at Nye Legacy.

Fran Steinert

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Thank you Salem for the beautiful altar flowers. I enjoy the very much. I thank Bernitta Wheelock for delivering them. I always enjoy her visits very much.

Virgene Muller

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Many, many thanks to the person who found my diamond earring on Sunday morning, December 23rd. I am so grateful.

Anita Kentopp

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Salem Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 27th

immediately following

Worship Service

NEWS

Council Reports
are due by noon on
January 9th.

Newsletter articles
are due by
January 16th.

Life House Meal (*formerly called Care Corps Meal*) for December was served by Jaki H., Janet K., and Verna K. Thank you to Anita K., Shirley S., and Bev W. for financial help. Also thanks to Jaki H., Cookie H., Janet K., Carol O., Shirley S., Cindy G., Karin H., and Verna K. for providing food. Dessert was provided by The Table.

Janet Kletke is looking for people to provide a salad, milk, juice, or a hot vegetable for the January 8, 2019 meal. Items can be dropped off at the Life House front desk any time from 1:00 to 5:00 on January 8.

Signup Sheets for 2019 are up on the bulletin board by the stairway to the office. Please check the sign-up sheet if you have a special date every year to make sure your name is on that date or close to it. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes for 2019 are now available in the Fellowship Hall on the table against the wall. They are all alphabetized. Please pick up yours today. Some of your numbers for the envelopes have changed from last year, you may not have the same number. If you do not see your name and would like offering envelopes please let the office know.

**Friday morning Bible Study,
Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today"**

Join us on Friday mornings at 11:30 a.m. in the lounge for the next study, Making Sense of the Bible, by one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, Adam Hamilton, beginning on January 4, 2019. In this study Pastor Hamilton addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike. For example, "Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church?" Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong?" This Study addresses these often-misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving. Books will be available for purchase from Sandy Terry or Rosie Parde.

STSW Retreat- Listening for God's Invitations—Guided Retreat offered by Seeking the Spirit Within on Saturday, February 2, 2019, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Cost is \$40.00. Registration deadline is January 18, 2019. This guided retreat will offer you experiences to enhance your capacity to listen to God, to Self, and to Others. As a community of people who desire to follow Christ, we will practice becoming more intentional in listening and following the One who is the way, and the truth, and the life.

We welcome everyone who desires to participate in this day of experiential learning and spiritual renewal! We encourage you to share this information with your friends, family, congregational members, and neighbors . . . and invite them to register and come with you. (Participants do not need to be members of Nebraska Synod ELCA congregations.) All are welcome!

For more information you can go here:

<https://nebraskasynod.org.presencehost.net/events/event/2019/02/02/stsw-retreat-listening-for-god-s-invitations/225924> or call Connie Stover (308) 440-4450 at or email at conniestover@nebraskasynod.org



BLESSED LORD GOD,

YOU HAVE CAUSED THE

HOLY SCRIPTURES TO

BE WRITTEN FOR THE

NOURISHMENT OF YOUR

PEOPLE. GRANT THAT

WE MAY HEAR THEM,

READ, MARK, LEARN,

AND INWARDLY DIGEST

THEM, THAT,

COMFORTED BY YOUR

PROMISES, WE MAY

EMBRACE AND

FOREVER HOLD FAST

TO THE HOPE OF

ETERNAL LIFE,

THROUGH YOUR SON,

JESUS CHRIST OUR

LORD.

AMEN.

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Salem Lutheran Church

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
Sundays 8:30

BROADCASTS

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.—**Sundays**
Intergenerational
Education Time

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

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

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Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, MDiv.

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Children's Message

Communion Set Up

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Greeters

TBD

Ushers

Don Godfrey 402-720-6491

Adult Choir

Rehearsals on Wednesday
at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
Please let Rosie Parde or 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 ministry
opportunities that are happening. Contact the
church office at 402-721-6158 or
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