

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

JANUARY 2020

And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown... When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ~ Luke 4:24, 28-29

Mount Precipice in Nazareth was perhaps the most impressive vista of our entire journey. From this point, we could see everywhere we were about to travel. We knew the stories. We could appreciate the history and importance. We wanted to go. Standing on that windy peak, we knew that our position was precarious. Our journey depended upon our guide. We had already seen so much, but we were excited about what would come in the days ahead.

Here we read the story from Luke when Jesus was led from Nazareth to this peak to this point, to be hurled from this cliff by the villagers. These were the people who had watched Jesus grow from a toddler to a teen to an adult. These people knew him better than anyone else. Here, among those who could and should have loved him most and supported him the most, his message was rejected. Everything about his past was stripped away. He had nowhere to look but forward.

From this high point, we could see the whole Jezreel Valley, Mount Tabor, and the entire village of Nazareth. We recalled the story of Deborah and Barak from Judges 4. Our guide pointed out the site of Gideon's battle, and the valley of tears. He pointed to several places we would see in the coming days, and our minds shifted from the past to the future.

As our year comes to a close, we could focus on a year our community will never forget. Each of us can list the changes this year has brought, and how we will go into 2020 as a human different than we were entering 2019. God has been with us on this journey.



*Preaching and
Presiding in
January
Pastor Shari
Schwedhelm
&
Deacon
Timothy Siburg*

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Just as we looked out from Mount Precipice and could see the places where God walked with the people through history, may we each look back on 2019 and see the areas where God has walked with us this year. And like the wind-blown olive tree atop that point, may we remember that the forces that challenged us this year have helped our roots to hold tight in the soil of our faith.

The very next story in Luke's Gospel tells of Jesus traveling to Capernaum to preach in the synagogue and heal on the Sabbath. He left his place of challenge, stopped looking back, and went on to do the work he was called to do.

May we also move on from the challenges we have faced this year, stronger, wiser, closer to one another. May we use what we have learned to fulfill our vocation as children of God, serving where we are called, doing what we know we are meant to do.

To God be the Glory!

Rev. Shari Schwedhelm

Rev. Shari L. Schwedhelm

O LORD GOD, YOU
KNOW THAT WE
CANNOT PLACE OUR
TRUST IN OUR OWN
POWERS. AS YOU
PROTECTED THE
INFANT JESUS, SO
DEFEND US AND ALL
THE NEEDY FROM
HARM AND ADVERSITY,
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 29, 2019



"Winter Retreat 2020

"What Does this Mean"

Saturday, January 18, 2020

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

1515 South Harrison, Grand Island

Speakers on horticulture, a visit to Poland, praying, laughing, and much more. Nebraska Synod Bishop Brian will be joining us. Plus a few surprises.

Registration 8:30 a.m. —

Program 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 13, 2020

Registration Form available on:

tinyurl.com/nebraskawelca

Send form and \$18.00 payment to:

Gwen Edwards, NSWO Treasurer

Check payable to: NSWO

3402 Castile Drive, Bellevue, NE 68123-1327

nswow.treasurer@gmail.com

Registration fee is transferable, not refundable



Spring Gatherings 2020

Mark your calendar for "Creation and Praise" reminding us "For everything God

created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer" 1Timothy 4:4-5 NIV

Mar 7—Central, Stromsburg
 Mar 14—Midlands, Fremont
 Mar 21—Southeast, DeWitt
 Mar 28—So. Prairie, Hastings
 Apr 4—High Plains, No. Platte
 Apr 18—Metro East, Omaha
 Apr 25—Northeast, Dakota City

Registration fee remains \$18.00.

The registration form will be available on the NSWO website, tinyurl.com/nebraskawelca, February 1, 2020.

SALEM LITTLE SAINTS

Thank you to everyone that has helped make our Lutheran Family Services Giving Tree a success again this year! The kids greatly enjoy loading up the bus so that the gifts can be received all at once.

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! The center staff will be enjoying some free during their Christmas Party on Saturday the 11th.

Important Dates to Remember

January 1-New Year's Day, Center Closed
 January 1 through 3 - No School
 January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School/
 Preschool

Miss Lily

Lily Bowman
 Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare



ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU
 HAVE FILLED ALL THE
 EARTH WITH THE
 LIGHT OF YOUR
 INCARNATE WORD.
 BY YOUR GRACE
 EMPOWER US TO
 REFLECT YOUR LIGHT
 IN ALL THAT WE DO,
 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 5, 2019

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES



O GOD OUR FATHER, AT
THE BAPTISM OF JESUS
YOU PROCLAIMED HIM
YOUR BELOVED SON
AND ANOINTED HIM WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT. MAKE
ALL WHO ARE BAPTIZED
INTO CHRIST FAITHFUL
TO THEIR CALLING TO BE
YOUR DAUGHTERS AND
SONS, AND EMPOWER
US ALL WITH YOUR SPIR-
IT, 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 12, 2019

January 1

Leroy Lidberg
Marilyn Hammang
Douglas Hartmann
Glorian Wickham

January 3

Grant Brimmerman
Dale Stahlecker, Jr.
Desirae Leonard

January 4

Mark Remington
Alaina Schwedhelm

January 6

Rich Ronnenkamp

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 20

Cindy Sandeen

January 21

Emily Miller

January 25

Logan Boyles
DeAnn Reese
Zackery Vogt

January 26

Emma Reker

January 27

Dolores Dunker
Leola Miller
Lacy Siems

January 30

Charles Miller



BIRTHDAYS

January 1

Kathy Bartels
Rob Bishop
Dallas Holverson
Jacque Remington
Gary Trumbo

January 2

Emma Reker
Michael Remington

January 3

Cindy Sandeen

January 4

Rhiannon Vanosdel

January 6

Cheyenne Kruse

January 9

Rodney Frost
Mary Lou Olsen

January 10

Angie Foster
Deborah Minter

January 11

Sherri Johannesen

January 12

Ruth Miller
Audrey Spahr
Jerry Jennings

January 13

Aspen Fernau
Kathy Hoschiet
Falyn Walkenhorst

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 20

Delilah Morris

January 22

Shelly Hansen
Leola Miller
Joel Schuett
Beverly Vance

January 23

Peggy Hansen

January 24

Lynn Albright
Desirae Leonard

January 25

Elaine Grothusen

January 27

Payton Remington

January 28

Danielle Crough
Delores Doty

January 29

Kirstyn Dunn
Melissa Godfrey
Lester Parde
Ted Schafersman

January 30

Gary Kremlacek
Robert L. Olson
Neil Schilke
Millie Tank

January 31

Don Godfrey
Nancy Wright



HOLY GOD, OUR
STRENGTH AND OUR RE-
DEEMER, BY YOUR SPIRIT
HOLD US FOREVER, THAT
THROUGH YOUR GRACE
WE MAY WORSHIP YOU
AND FAITHFULLY SERVE
YOU, FOLLOW YOU AND
JOYFULLY FIND YOU,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,
OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

JANUARY 19, 2019

WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES

Jon and Debra Tank
January 10, 1987-33 years

Jeff and Sheryl Kuhr
January 11, 1997-23 years

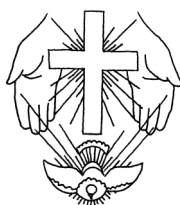
Ronald and Sharon Mueller
January 28, 1995-25 years

Derwin and Patricia Anderson
January 29, 2000-20 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.

LORD GOD, YOUR LOVE-
INGKINDNESS ALWAYS
GOES BEFORE US AND
FOLLOWS AFTER US.
SUMMON US INTO YOUR
LIGHT, AND DIRECT OUR
STEPS IN THE WAYS OF
GOODNESS THAT COME
THROUGH THE CROSS
OF YOUR SON, JESUS
CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR
AND LORD.
AMEN.



PRAYER OF THE DAY
JANUARY 26, 2019

GRATITUDE

+ + + +
We appreciate the beautiful quilted lap
blankets. We can't thank you enough.

God Bless,
Residents and Staff at Nye Pointe
+ + + +

Thank you to Naomi/Sarah Circle for the
delicious box of cookies I received.
I miss meeting with you.

God Bless you all,
Alberta Sick

+ + + +

Thank you to Ray Snodgrass for delivering
the soap and the quilts to Omaha for our
Lutheran World Relief projects. Thank
you also for taking the bus in for an oil
change.

God Bless you,
Janet Kletke, Quilters, Verna

Naomi Circle will be serving coffee in January.

January 5th—Bev Weitzenkamp & Karin Henkens

January 12th—Jeanne Shires & Marian Nott

January 19th—Shirley Severa & Marilyn Harms

January 26th—Jean Nick & Joyce Siems



*Thank you Ruth Circle for
serving coffee in December.*

NEWS

Council Reports
are due by noon on
January 8, 2020

Newsletter articles
are due by noon on
January 17, 2020

LIFEHOUSE MEAL was well received in December by 25 hungry men and 12 women and children. Thank you to Nan Baker for milk, Elaine Grothusen for juice, Jaki Heinrich and Cindy Sandeen and Bev Weitzenkamp for salads, and The Table for desserts. Ham, corn, and more salads were provided with financial donations from the Rix family, the Remington family, and the Asare-Danquah family.

Mission and Outreach team – Salem has been involved in a variety of mission and outreach activities in our community this year. Flood recovery support activities have grown into relationships of trust. This important work deserves our attention in an intentional, consistent way. If you would like to be part of the team that is regularly supporting people who are still recovering from flood losses, join us. If you would like to be part of the team who is delivering winter coats to children who don't have them, join us! There is plenty to do, and more hands are always welcome. Ideas are welcome, and to see how much people appreciate our help will warm your heart. To join the team, talk to Sandy Terry, Tammy Flittie, Pastor Shari, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes for 2020—Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2020 they are in the fellowship hall on the table against the wall. If you do not find one with your name on it and would like to get a box for 2020 please contact Jeanette Stinemates or call the church office and we can get you a box.

Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 9:30 AM following the Sunday morning service. All members of Salem Lutheran Church are invited to attend. **Annual reports need to be turned into the church office by Wednesday, January 8th.**

Circles Christmas Party— Tuesday, January 7th-11:30 AM at Keno, Naomi Circle regular meeting will be Thursday, January 9th- 9:30 AM-Lounge.

On behalf of the Luther's Lifesavers Relay For Life team, we cannot thank you enough for attending and donating to our Christmas/Holiday Tea. Because of your support, we were able to raise almost \$1300 to help in our fight against cancer. We thank everyone for their prayers and support and for helping us to continue to reach for our goal of a cancer free world. We will continue this fight until no one has to hear the words....you have cancer.

American Red Cross—We would like to thank everyone at Salem Lutheran Church that volunteered to help. We truly appreciate the support through the Fremont Community blood drives this month: Because of your time and volunteers, 103 productive units were collected which will potentially save up to 309 lives. Much needed during an urgent need for donations because of winter and the holidays! Enjoy the rest of the holiday season and look forward to partnering again. From Kyle Jensen at the American Red Cross.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	November	November YTD	Budget YTD
Income	\$20,826.27	\$266,289.58	\$244,426.00
Expenses	\$20,031.18	\$263,575.69	\$285,401.95
Net Income/Loss	\$795.09	\$2,713.89	-\$40,975.95

Designated Funds—
\$77,437.24

Member Contributions—
\$248,619.29

Matt Wilson, Finance

*Budget column was the predicted income and expense

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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 9:00 a.m.

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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Assisting Ministers

TBD

Acolytes

Melissa Godfrey & Tammy Flittie
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Musicians

Projection

Sound

Video

TBD

Children's Message

Communion Set Up

Readers

Barbara Anderson 402-727-4585

Greeters

TBD

Ushers

Don Godfrey 402-720-6491

Signup Sheets for 2020 Altar Flowers, Radio Broadcast, and Doughnuts

are up on the bulletin board by the
stairway to the office.

January Dates Available

Flowers: 19th, 26th

Doughnuts: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Radio Broadcast: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

February Dates Available

Flowers: 9th, 16th, 23rd

Doughnuts: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Radio Broadcast: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Cost for Flowers—\$30.00
Cost for Doughnuts—\$30.00
Cost for Radio Broadcast—\$150.00

Email Updates

Please contact the church office if you have an
email address and are not receiving the weekly
email news and opportunities that are
happening. Contact the church office at
402-721-6158 or email slutheran6386@msn.com

