

Salem Witness

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
Marion, PA

The Rev. Denise B. Horn
November/December 2021



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Worship w/Communion
at 10:15 am
"All Saints Sunday"
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- Nov. 11th Veterans Day
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Worship w/Communion
At 10:15 am
"Christ the King Sunday"
- Nov. 25th Thanksgiving
- Nov. 26th Office Closed
- Nov. 28th Sunday School at 9:15 am
Worship w/Communion at
10:15 am "1st Advent"
- Dec. 5th Sunday School at 9:15 am
Worship w/Communion at
10:15 am "2nd Advent"
- Dec. 12th Sunday School at 9:15 am
Worship w/Communion at
10:15 am "3rd Advent"
- Dec. 19th Sunday School at 9:15 am
Worship w/Communion at
10:15 am "4th Advent"
- Dec. 24th Candlelight & Communion
Service
- Dec. 26th Sunday School at 9:15 am
Worship at 10:15 am



Family in Christ,

We live in a world of hurry-hurry, faster-faster chaos. We pile too many things into too few hours in the day and evening and we spend more and more time glued to the television watching too much news, too many reality shows and too much sports programming. Our faces are glued to our smart phones, and we spend way too many hours on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tic Toc and the rest. We live more self-isolated lives and Covid-19 certainly didn't help.

Sometimes it is good to disconnect from everything. That was one positive to come out of the pandemic. We all were forced to slow down. We all were forced to take meals together as a family. To sit down together and engage. People everywhere had to slow down. Slowing down and disconnecting for awhile helps us to focus on what is truly important. It helps us to focus on life, and that life with God, and with one another. We are not alone in life, and we live in community with one another. That means that we cannot think and act like we are the only ones that matter, because we are not.

Advent is a good time to reconnect with God. It is a time to consider our part in the sin that made it necessary for God to send Jesus into the world to save us. It is a season to make the time and to take the time to quietly sit in the presence of God and to dwell in the Spirit. It is a time to think less of self and more of others. It is a time to focus on the many blessings that God has given us, especially the gift of the tiny savior born in a manger, the baby sent to save us all, to save the world from its sin. Advent is the time of patient, expectant waiting for the fulfillment of all things in Christ Jesus, and it is a good time for us to take stock of our lives. How have we measured up? How can we do better? How *will* we do better?

Advent is a time to draw closer and to dwell in the presence of God. May we take the time to do just that, and to prepare our hearts for the coming King. Let us pray:

Loving God, quiet our hearts and bring peace to our souls, drawing us near to you. Help us to feel your presence and to be your presence for others. Touch our lives with your spirit and bring us joy in the coming Savior. Amen.

In Christ,

November	Service	Bible Readings	December	Service	Bible Readings
1		Deuteronomy 6:10-25	1		Isaiah 1:24-31
2		Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1	2		Malachi 3:5-12
3		Micah 6:1-8	3		Malachi 3:13-18
4		Numbers 36:1-13	4		Malachi 4:1-6
5		Deuteronomy 15:1-11	5	Worship w/Communion	Malachi 3:1-4
6		Deuteronomy 24:17-22		2 nd Sunday in Advent	
7	Worship w/Communion	Isaiah 25:6-9	6		Isaiah 40:1-11
	All Saints Sunday		7		Isaiah 19:18-25
8		Ruth 1:1-22	8		Isaiah 35:3-7
9		Ruth 3:14-4:6	9		Amos 6:1-8
10		Ruth 4:7-22	10		Amos 8:4-12
11		Daniel 4:4-18	11		Amos 9:8-15
12		Daniel 4:19-27	12	Worship w/Communion	Zephaniah 3:14-20
13		Daniel 4:28-37		3 rd Sunday in Advent	
14	Worship	Daniel 12:1-3	13		Numbers 16:20-35
15		Daniel 8:1-14	14		Numbers 16:20-35
16		Daniel 8:15-27	15		Micah 4:8-13
17		Zechariah 12:1-13:1	16		Jeremiah 31:31-34
18		Ezekiel 28:1-10	17		Isaiah 42:10-18
19		Ezekiel 28:20-26	18		Isaiah 66:7-11
20		Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18	19	Worship w/Communion	Micah 5:2-5a
21	Worship w/Communion	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14		4 th Sunday in Advent	
	Christ the King Sunday		20		Genesis 25:19-28
22		Daniel 7:19-27	21		Genesis 30:1-24
23		Ezekiel 19:1-12	22		Micah 4:1-5
24		Ezekiel 30:20-26	23		Micah 4:6-8
25		Nehemiah 9:6-15	24	Worship w/Communion	Isaiah 9:2-7
26		Nehemiah 9:16-25		Candlelight Christmas Eve	
27		Nehemiah 9:26-31	25	Christmas (Christ's birthday)	Isaiah 52:7-10
28	Worship w/Communion	Jeremiah 33:14-16	26	Worship	Samuel 2:18-20, 26
	1 st Sunday in Advent		27		Proverbs 8:32-36
29		Numbers 17:1-11	28		Isaiah 54:1-13
30		2 Samuel 7:18-29	29		1 Chronicles 28:1-10
			30		2 Chronicles 1:7-13
			31		1 Kings 3:5-14



Dear Members and Friends of Salem,

November: What is the word you think of after someone says the word: Thanksgiving? Dinner? Turkey? Pumpkin Pie? Family? Football? ...To God?

As we thank God for our many blessings, let's not forget to thank him for our health...the ability to think, move, smell, see, hear, touch, taste and so many other things. So much what the body does is automatic and so often the body is taken for granted by each of us. Each person's lifestyle contributes to the ability of his/her body to function in an optimal way. So what we choose to eat, how we choose to exercise, when we choose to sleep or rest, who we choose to be with (God included) and what we choose to risk are all part of our health.

Think of events coming up that relate to the choices we make about our physical and spiritual health.

December Greetings: Have you ever felt you were missing something, but could not pinpoint what it was? Have you ever found yourself thinking about special people---people you have felt close to in the past? People, who are not part of your life now due to death or divorce or a move out of the area, suddenly come to mind during the holidays and they are missed in different ways.

Have you ever found yourself missing things that you used to do when your health was better than it is now? Has recent illness in your family changed your holiday plans?

We may need to switch our thinking from what we were doing and thinking to what God has done. When we think about ourselves, we will always be missing something. The joy of Christmas is God coming to fill up that place in each of us that is missing something.

Some people experience sadness this time of year. As Christians we are alert for and reach out to people who are having a tough time. Sometimes a hug is helpful. Sometimes a phone call. Sometimes an invitation to have coffee. Our message is simple: I care and God cares. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Your Parish Nurse,

Helen

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

PREPARER

BREAD

FLOWERS

November - Virginia Mullen
December - Lorraine Yeager

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 7th - Linda Shade
November 14th - Shirley Crawford
November 21st - Linda Shade
November 28th - Yeager

December 5th - Sherry Tresler
December 12th - Barry Boyer
December 19th
December 26th - Barry Boyer

GREETERS

LECTORS

Nov. 7th Barry Boyer
Nov. 14th Ann Schnabel
Nov. 21st
Nov. 28th

Dec. 5th
Dec. 12th
Dec. 19th
Dec. 24th
Dec. 26th

MONEY COUNTERS

November – Ann Schnabel / Vicky Yeager
December – Richard McDonald / Vicky Yeager

**CHURCH NEWS AROUND THE
CONGREGATION**



Our Prayers for the Following

Alice Davis, Mary Louise Harshman, Ronald Harshman, Mary Ellen Bower, Sherry Tresler, David Tresler, Harold Gomer, Nancy Snider, Esther McCulloh, Bill Schnabel, Mamie Martin, Cathy Boyer-Kurshan, Julie Funk, Virginia Horn, Judy Crawford, Quentin Mills, Melissa Warner, Susie Wilkins, Lisa Torino, Sandy Hissong, and our nation and the world.



Happy Birthday to:

November 1st Jennifer Bump
November 3rd Kevin Bartholomew
November 6th Wyatt Boyer
November 10th Shirley Crawford
November 14th Irene Schmehl
November 20th Harold Gomer / Michael Hildabridle
November 23rd Liam Alexander Sites (1 year old)
November 29th Mike Shade
November 30th Ann Schnabel / Lincoln C. Gomer(1)



Happy Birthday to:

December 5th Jane Rife
December 7th Vicky Yeager
December 9th Carly Tresler / Julia Funk
December 14th Erica Hildabridle
December 16th Tammy Zook
December 18th Joshua Rife
December 22nd Mary Louise Harshman
December 28th Judy Crawford
December 30th Pat Snider



November 5th Linda & Mike Shade

Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2021
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 7, 2021
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2021
- Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021
- First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021
- *Second Sunday of Advent, December 5, 2021
- *Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021
- *Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19, 2021
- *First Day of Winter, December 21, 2021
- *Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021
- *Christmas Day, December 25, 2021
- *First Sunday of Christmas, December 26, 2021
- *New Year's Eve, December 31, 2021



Parish Round of Prayer

Kevin, Tracy, & Logan Bartholomew; Cathy Bowen, Mary Ellen Bower; Barry & Wyatt Boyer; Milt & Judy Crawford; Shirley Crawford, Ben & Alice Davis; Lynn & Joyce Dietrich; John, Katie, Isaiah & Grace Enterline; Susan Etter & Bob Knuff, Greg Funk, Sr.



Prayers of Thanksgiving

For those who contribute to the Pat Armstrong Fund for Music; For those who contribute to emergency repairs for the church; For those who contribute their time to this congregation; For those who contribute their talents to this congregation; For those who give their voices in song; For those who greet before worship service; For our lectors; For our communion assistants.



Conference Round of Prayer:

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synodical Bishop Jim Dunlop, Bishop of the Konde Diocese Edward Johnson Mwaikali; Synod deployed staff – Pastor Beth Schlegel, Pastor Beth Martini, Pastor Dana Blouch-Hanson, Pastor Richard Jorgenson-DEM, Deacon Marsha Roscoe, Mr. Charlie Roberts, and all Synod staff, and Synod Council; Partner ministries in the Chambersburg Conference – Thrivent Financial and Doug Hess, Brown Bag Food Program, Power Pack Meal Program, Furniture Ministry; Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waynesboro – Pastors Dennis Beaver & Drahus Oslik; Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greencastle – Pastor Martin Horn; Memorial Lutheran Church, Shippensburg; Salem Lutheran Church, Marion – Pastor Denise Horn; Salem Lutheran Church, Pleasant Hall – Pastor Ruth Smith.



Rachael Weeps Grief Support Group

Grief is sometimes hard for us to work through. We all grieve in different ways. Some get angry and others just get very sad. It is good to talk to one another about how we are feeling, and about the grief we are experiencing.

Salem has a grief support group, Rachael Weeps, that meets on the fourth Sunday of each month following the 10:15 am worship service in the Fellowship room. All who are interested are welcome to attend. Light refreshments are being served.



SpiriTrust Lutheran Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers opportunities at SpiriTrust. They need **off-site escorts** for independent living residents. These volunteers provide an essential service by accompanying independent living residents along with

team members on off-campus outings, such as group trips to concerts, restaurants, theatre productions, and other local events. This is a great way to spend time with residents while helping to provide a safe outing. Volunteer meals and ticket costs are covered on these trips. Also needed are **life enrichment** volunteers at the personal care and skilled care levels. These volunteers assist by leading or helping residents to participate in games, crafts, or other activities. If you are a “crafty” person or enjoy playing cards or other games, this could be for you. Bingo is also very popular so we also have a particular need for bingo callers.



Offering

Your financial support means a great deal. Please continue sending your offering contributions into the church via the USPS (snail mail) or by giving at the indoor worship services. It will be counted and deposited, and you will continue to receive credit for it. The church still has financial obligations during this pandemic.



Worship Services Indoors or Online

We request that even if you are fully vaccinated, you wear a mask, and keep a safe distance away from non-family members. Sunday School will be held at 9:15 am with worship following at 10:15 am.

Sunday services are still available at www.salemmarion.org and Facebook at “Salem Lutheran Church of Marion”.



Homeless Connection Donation List

Accepting:

- *Kitchen Furnishings:
 - Dishes, Bowls, Plates, Silverware, Glasses
 - Storage Containers
 - Pots & Pans
 - Small Appliances (Toasters, Can Openers)
- *Cleaning Supplies
 - Brooms, Dustpans
 - Rags, Garbage Bags, Dusters
 - Waste Baskets
- *Bedroom Furnishings
 - Sheets, Blankets, Pillows
 - Mattresses/Box Springs (Queen size or Smaller)
 - Nightstands & Lamps
 - Small Chest or Dresser for Clothes
 - Hangers & Hampers
- *Living Room Furnishings
 - Small Chairs (Rockers/Recliners) or Lounge Chairs
 - Floor Lamps
 - Small Flat Screen TV's
 - Shelving Units
- *Dining Room Furnishings
 - Table/Chairs

Not Accepting:

- *Old Analog TV's
- *King Size Mattresses/Box Springs
- *Rusted Items or Items with Major Damage
- *Oversized Items (due to the limited space available for clients)

If you have any questions or concerns about possible donations, feel free to contact Floss Sterner at (717)264-7366.



Family in Christ,

Thanksgiving isn't just another holiday. It is an opportunity to consider the many and various blessings that we have received from God. It is a time to give thanks to God and to share our bounty with those less fortunate than ourselves. Wishing you a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

My family and I would also like to take the opportunity to wish you all an Advent blessed with God's peace, as well as a happy and joyous Christmas, firm in the knowledge of God's love, grace and forgiveness. Christ is born for us all, for the sake whole of the world.

God's peace be with you all.

Love,

Pastor Denise and Pastor Martin
and Family



Layton Asher Tolbert

Layton Asher Tolbert was born on August 8th, 2021 at 11:57 am to Justin & Carly Tolbert and weighed in at 9 lb. 2 oz.. His brother is Talon and his sister is Tenlee with Harold II and Dione Gomer being his grandparents, Harold Gomer is his great grandfather, and Jaron Gomer is his uncle. There are a lot of Salem members related to Layton. Congratulations to the Tolbert & Gomer families.



Synod Weekly News

"W.E. Are Synod!" is the new weekly e-news publication from our Lower Susquehanna Synod. It is mobile friendly and contains a great deal of information. Sign up by going to www.elca-lss.org and scrolling down to the bottom left side. Click where it says e communications and fill out the information.



Richard "Rick" E. Gomer

Richard "Rick" E. Gomer, 65, transferred his membership from Salem to the Church Triumphant on October 15th, 2021. He was born on November 27, 1955 and would have been 66 on his birthday. Rick was the middle son of the late George R. and Patricia A. (Glass) Gomer. He is survived by two brothers George Michael Gomer (wife Arlene) and Benjamin J. Gomer (wife Stephanie); a niece Jessie Ruth (husband John) and a nephew Brian Gomer (wife Danielle); a great niece and two great nephews, an aunt, Helen McDonald and an Uncle Harold Gomer and a number of cousins

He had been employed at HJ Heinz and then at Brechbill & Helman before he became disabled. Rick was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Squad 612 Saint Thomas. He was an active member of Salem Lutheran Church (Marion) where he served as usher and greeter and helping out with anything he was asked to do. He loved helping at the church from helping in the office, watering plants, and helping Pastor Denise with anything she could think of for him to do. He also helped Alice hang the banners since she is petite and he was tall, it was a great help. He also enjoyed farming, hunting, outdoor activities, and spending time with his family and friends and his last loving canine companion "Raspberry".

Rick's funeral was held on Thursday, October 21st at Geisel with Pastor Denise Horn officiating. Interment was at Lincoln Cemetery with his parents. There was a reception at his church following the services.

The family also wants to thank everyone for sending Rick cards and gifts and visits while he was in Manor Care. They also want to thank the nursing staff for the excellent care that they provided Rick over the years that he was a resident there.

Go in peace to your heavenly home Rick. God bless you.



Please Remember our Shut-ins

Here is a list of shut-in members who would either love to have a visit from you or receive a card from you. They are interesting people who can be an asset to our Christian lives, and they have some great stories to tell. Please don't forget these wonderful members of our Christian family and go see them or send them a cheery card.

Mrs. Esther McCulloh
3794 Etter Road
Chambersburg, PA 17202

Mrs. Mamie Martin
931 Swamp Fox Road
Chambersburg, PA 17202

Mrs. Nancy Snider
Shook Home
55 S. Second St., Room 102
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Brookview Health Care Center
Attn: Mary Ellen Bower
1000 Northfield Drive, Room 100
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Ms. Virginia Horn
Providence Place Senior Living
2085 Wayne Road, Apt. 10
Chambersburg, PA 17202

Brookview Health Care Center
Attn: Mrs. Judy Crawford
1000 N. Field Drive, Room 105
Chambersburg, PA 17201





The Gift that Changed the World



Please Save These Items

- 1. TABS:** Budd & Mary Jane Lindsey are still taking tabs from soda or beer cans to Hershey, so please save them and drop them in the little church box or container on the landing in the Narthex. **The tabs are used for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey for children with Cancer.**
- 2. BOX TOPS:** The church secretary is collecting box tops for her granddaughter. So, if you bring them to the church, you can either give them to Sandy or put them in her inbox. The other choice you have is to mail them or drop them off at the church. **The box tops go to Kendolynn Heckman to give to her school.**
- 3. STAMPS:** Joanne Ott is still saving used stamps, so please take a moment and either turn in the envelope with the stamp on it, tear the envelope in half and turn in the part with the stamp on, or turn in a large area around the stamp on into the church office or put it in Sandy's box in the Narthex. **The stamps are used to benefit Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community and those who live there.**
- 4. OLD CARDS:** Joanne Ott is still collecting used card fronts (such as any Holiday or Get-Well cards) with no handwriting on the front cover for St. Jude's. You may bring any old card fronts to the church and put them in Sandy's inbox or turn them in at the church office.

Please try to help with these causes. It only takes a second to remove the item from wherever and save them up. They are then used to help others.



The middle of October has been very busy at Salem. Rodney B. Smith's crew came to install the two new heat and air conditioning units and the new boiler. They first had to remove all three units and then climb the ladder to the upper part of the church to install the heat pumps. The most exciting day was when they lowered the 1200+ pound boiler into the pit of the church. It was hooked by chain to a truck, with 7 or more men helping to lower the boiler. Two of them were below to help get it to the proper place and when the chain went taut everyone breathed a sigh of relief because it was aligned perfectly between the tombstones and no tombstones were damaged. We had to call ATA and have the fire alarms shut down when they fired up the boiler as there is a smoke detector right above the boiler and it would be burning off protective material because it was new. We got new keys for the Myers electricians came in to do all the new wiring required for the heat pumps. While the electrician was here he replaced 8 light tubes in the social room. He finished up the end of the 2nd full week of October and Smith's team came in to finish-up on Monday October 25th and got the last of the furnaces up and functioning.

The church now has heat and three new heating systems are up and running but we still need to work together as a church to finish paying for them. In the office records we have had \$13,582.32 given to the church for the new heating systems. This was given through members working together on projects or by donating in their church offering or by other means. We appreciate all the help we have received so far but we still need to work together and make some more money to complete the "Heating Fund". God bless you for your help in this project.

HOW CAN WE
Thank
God
ENOUGH FOR YOU?
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV -

Food for Thought & The Lighter Side

Where do you live?



A man who resided near the border of two states had been told for years his house was in Minnesota. But when a new survey revealed that he actually lived in Wisconsin, he proclaimed, "Thank goodness! I never could bear those cold Minnesota winters." Defining where we live certainly affects our attitude. Followers of Jesus, or saints, consider their true home to be in God's dynamic presence. St. Paul was so connected to God through prayer that mystical experiences left him not knowing whether he was in or out of his body (see 2 Corinthians 12:1-10). Living with one foot in heaven and the other on the way there, Paul could know peace. "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's," he concludes (Romans 14:8). Christian saints who are still living on earth can rest assured: Our true home is always with the Lord.

If only ...

LOVE
YOUR neighbor
AS YOURSELF.
Mark 12:31

There are many of you ... who think to yourselves: "If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the Baby! I would have washed his linen. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!" Yes, you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time, you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. ... Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself. —Martin Luther

"All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ." —David Jeremiah

Motorcycle

Two men were traveling on a motorcycle on a windy winter day. When it became too breezy for one, he stopped and put his overcoat on backwards to keep the wind from ballooning it away from him. A few miles further on, the motorcycle hit a tree, killing the driver and stunning the fellow with the reversed coat. Later, when the coroner visited the scene, he asked a rookie policeman standing nearby: "What happened?"

"Well," the officer replied, "one of them was dead when I got here, and by the time I got the head of the other one straightened around, he was dead, too."



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	<i>Vicky Yeager</i>	717-593-0035
Secretary of Council		
	<i>Joyce Dietrich</i>	717-375-2451
Treasurer		
	<i>Victoria Yeager</i>	717-593-0035
Organist/Choir Director		
	<i>Linda Shade</i>	717-369-4776
Cemetery		
	<i>Ben Davis.....</i>	717-375-4296

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