

September 2026

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH PIPELINE

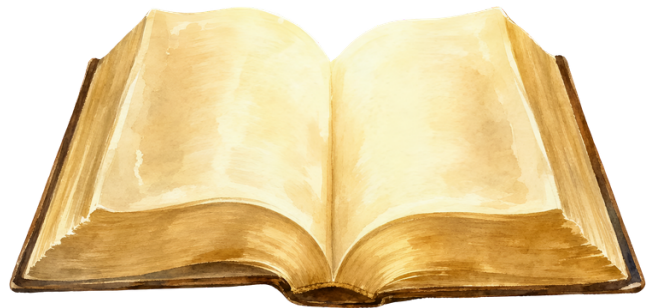
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Bible Study

Sunday morning, 9 AM in the Chapel

6 September 2026 No Class
13 September 2026 Revelation Chapter 9
20 September 2026 Revelation Chapter 10-11
27 September 2026 Revelation Chapter 12
4 October 2026 Revelation Chapter 13-14
11 October 2026 Revelation Chapter 15
18 October 2026 Revelation Chapter 16-17
25 October 2026 Revelation Chapter 18



Harvest Home September 27

Harvest Home will be commemorated on Sunday 27
September 2026 at 10:00 AM.

Each year for Harvest Home we collect food for our
neighbors at Community Hive (EASS). We will again this
year have a table set up in the choir loft to place the food.



Women's Luncheon

We will be meeting at Udder Choice, 1812 West Main St., Ephrata on Tuesday, September 15th at noon.

As before, each person is responsible for the cost of their meal.

A sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex until Sunday, September 13th. Please join us for this fellowship!



Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Sunday, October 4

On this day the comforters will be displayed and blessed. They will then be taken to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church in Ephrata. LWR is sending a truck for the comforters from churches in the Lancaster, Lebanon and North Lancaster Conferences which will be taken directly to the warehouse in Minnesota from Bergstrasse. There will be special offering envelopes located in the narthex for the Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund if you wish to donate.

Thank you to all who helped make this project possible.



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Worship - 10 AM Sunday
7 PM Thursday

The Rev. Jeffrey H. Goodman
Pastor
(717) 725-0717 (cell)

The Day and Liturgy	The Lessons
September 6 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
September 13 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:(1-7) 8-13 Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
September 20 17th Sunday after Pentecost	Jonah 3:10 - 4:11; Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16
September 27 Harvest Sunday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 65 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



September 7:00 PM in the chapel
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10
17
24



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Worship Participants

September	6 Pentecost 15	13 Pentecost 16	20 Pentecost 20	27 Harvest Sunday
Greeter		Chris and Scott Tryon	Hansell Family	
Acolyte	Evan Goodman	Chuck Rapp	Dan Kiskaddon	Noah Keller
Usher	John Keller	Rod Orth	Evan Goodman	Dan Kiskaddon
Lector	Stephanie Frymyer	Faith Shiffer	Miriam Moore	Miriam Moore
Communion Assistant	Zach Fetter	Dennis Kluck	Jerry Ulrich	Peter Shiffer
Altar Care Set up	Suzanne Liggett Judy McQuate	Suzanne Liggett Judy McQuate	Suzanne Liggett Judy McQuate	Suzanne Liggett Judy McQuate
Altar Care Clean up	Suzanne Liggett Judy McQuate	Suzanne Liggett Judy McQuate	Suzanne Liggett Judy McQuate	Suzanne Liggett Judy McQuate

Salem Chili Cook off Sunday, October 4



Salem's annual Chili Cookoff! October 4th, following the worship service. HOT or mild, meaty or vegetarian, all chefs are welcomed and encouraged to participate! Additional menu includes salad, corn bread, drinks, and cookies. Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex starting Sept 6th, Questions? See any Fellowship Committee member.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

	24 Deb Hansell
1 Kim Martin	
	25 Eddie Adams
3 Chris Tryon	
	25 Nicholas Lombard
11 Shirley Wise	
	27 Michael Flaud
15 Samantha Borry	
	29 Nathan Hansell
19 John Wilson	

Anniversaries

20 Andrea Richard	5 Sonnie and Wilma Eberly
22 Reg Doster	7 Richard and Ginni DelPiano
	18 Jerry and Ruth Ulrich

Prayer List

Diane Morris, Jerry Fleischmann, Paul Wechter, Marcia Spitler, Earl Wise, Tom Smith, Sheri Kiefer (Nadine Carpenter's Niece), Paul Houchin (relative of Judy Kauffman), Jim Morris, George and Aggie Miller (friends of Paul and Donna Miller), Tim Moore (Miriam Moore's son), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger's brother)

Salem Bus Trip to Bethlehem, PA

Bus trip to Bethlehem, PA, "The Christmas City," Thursday, December 3, 2026.

The day includes:

Christkindlmarkt, lunch at Edge Restaurant, free time to shop main street Bethlehem, and a guided bus trip through historic Bethlehem. The cost is \$159.00 per person. More details on attached flyer.

Questions, see Laurel or Stephanie.

Pastor's Message

Dear Salem Church,

Grace, mercy, and peace be unto you in the holy Name of Jesus.

The Atlantic is one of America's premier publications on current events in our world. Its headline for its August edition was "The End of Reading is Here" by staff writer Rose Horowitz. In the article, Ms. Horowitz chronicles the decline in reading in North America. Quoted in that story was data from the National Endowment for the Arts that showed that fewer than half of American adults read a book of any kind in 2022. The article goes on to further demonstrate that this decline in reading will have broad consequences for our society going forward: we will collectively lose connection to the literature of previous ages, as well as the cognitive abilities to think long term and through complex ideas.

So what's my concern about this? Reading is the product of the Reformation. It was Martin Luther who translated the Bible into the vernacular in 1522. It was Lucas Cranach and other printers who sold Luther's works that expanded the Reformation and brought the clear truth of God's Word to households. The Small Catechism was written in 1529 in order to bring faith instruction into the home, as well as to encourage Christian piety in the home.

As Christians, we must be concerned about this trend, because we are a people of the book, the Bible. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God that delivers to us Jesus, the Word made flesh for us. To not be in the Bible regularly, or not have it in your ears or upon your eyes regularly, is to invite falling off the path of faithfulness. What does that look like? St. Paul in Ephesians 4 writes this under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit: "so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes."

To not have the Word is to be "tossed to and fro by the waves" and "carried about by every wind of doctrine." People who are not in the Word fall for what the world tells them. If a person spends more time watching CNN or Fox or whatever than reading the Bible, whose word is primary in their life? If a person spends more time scrolling on social media and not in the Bible, whose word is upon their heart?

It's not just reading the Bible, but faithful devotional writing. C.S. Lewis once advised something like this: "for every new book you read, you should be reading four old books." Instead of the latest devotional books that everyone is pushing, pick up some of Martin Luther's sermons, the works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, or the early church fathers like St. Augustine of Hippo.

Christians are called to be a peculiar people. Instead of being people with iPhones and always hunched over them, carry a book with you—carry a hardback Bible, old school edition. My young friend Noah loves the King James Version, and so do I. Let's be more like that. Keep at it, Noah; I am so proud of you. Instead of having the TV on all the time, turn it off and be disciplined about it. Read a book, read Father Luther, read your Bible. When you are reading your Bible, take a notebook and hand write the verses that deliver Christ to you. By handwriting them, you will start to memorize them. Read your Small Catechism and pray with it daily.

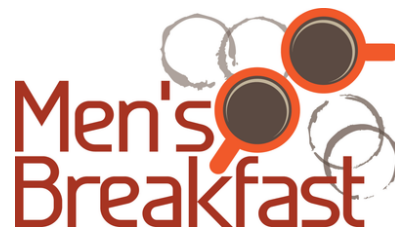
Finally, I have a confession to you all: I have a book problem. I love reading. When I was a young boy, my father gave me for Christmas a copy of Samuel Eliot Morison's history of the US Navy in World War II entitled *The Two-Ocean War*, and I devoured it, dreaming of ships, battles, and the vastness of the ocean. I still have that book and look at my notations all the way back from the 1980s. As an adult, I tend to buy a lot of books. My wife used to have a policy of "one book in, one book out," but that policy was abandoned a long time ago.

All this to say, be readers, Salem Church. Be people of the Bible, and be people of the book. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Pastor Goodman

Salem Men's Breakfast

The next **Quarterly Men's Breakfast** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 12 at 8:30 AM**. We will be meeting at the New Cloister Restaurant, 607 W. Main St, Ephrata. All men are welcome to join us for a time of food and fellowship. Please add your name to the signup sheet on the table in the narthex or contact Paul Miller **no later than September 9**.



B.R.A.N.C.H. Women's Bible Study

Please join us for the next B.R.A.N.C.H. Women's Bible Study!

Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 3pm
Salem Lutheran Church, "Living Room #7"

We will begin studying women of the Bible.
Can't make it? Our next meeting will be October 18, 2026.

John 15:5 states: I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.



At Salem Lutheran Church, we are growing fruitful branches!

B.- Blossoming
R.- Relationships
A.- Always
N. -Nurturing
C.-Christian
H.- Hope

Together we will bear fruit in discipleship, service, and love.
See you there!

Managing Motherhood

Managing Motherhood needs:

- Diapers size 2, 3, 4, 5
- Pull ups size 4T-5T, 5T-6T, boys and girls
- Baby wash/shampoo, baby wipes
- Conditioner, deodorant, bar soap
- Sanitary pads, super
- Tampons, regular



Thank You

We were blessed by the cards! Thank you so much.

We enjoyed receiving and reading them. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

In Christ Blessings to you

Charlie and Ruth Winters

Thank you for your recent gift to Ephrata Area Social Services dba Community Hive. Over the past several years, Community Hive has experienced remarkable program growth, and support like yours has made that possible.

Casey Ellis

Thank you to the Hansell Family for sending me postcards when they are on vacation or on a trip. They always help to make my mundane life more tolerable.

Diane Morris

I want to thank you for the bag of cards, and for Ruth delivering them. Also, thank you to Pastor Goodman for his prayers and visits, and to the Salem Church Family for your prayers. I had seven breaks in my left leg, from my hip to my toe, necessitating two surgeries, two leg rods, a plate and four screws. I spent six months in rehab, and I'm now home learning to stand, and eventually walk. I ask for your continued prayers as I finish my healing from this ordeal.

Tom Smith

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Bible Study 10:00am Holy Communion 6:00pm Young Adult Group Rm. 7	31 5:00pm TOPS FH	1 7:00pm Church Council MP	2 9:00am Comforter Knitting MP	3 7:00pm Holy Communion	4 11:00am Membership Care MP	5
6 10:00am Holy Communion 6:00pm Young Adult Group Rm. 7	7 5:00pm TOPS FH	8 7:00pm Worship Committee MP	9 9:00am Preschool	10 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Communion	11 9:00am Preschool	12 8:30am Salem Men's Breakfast
13 9:00am Bible Study 10:00am Holy Communion 11:15am Fellowship Time MP 6:00pm Young Adult Group Rm. 7	14 9:00am Preschool 1:00pm Social Ministry Rm. 6 5:00pm TOPS FH 7:00pm Fellowship Rm. 6	15 9:00am Comforter Knitting MP 9:00am Preschool 12:00pm Ladies Day Out 6:30pm Building Oversight MP	16 9:00am Preschool	17 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Communion	18 9:00am Preschool	19 9:00am Managing Motherhood
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Christmas in Bethlehem

Bethlehem, PA

Thursday, December 3, 2026

\$159.00 per person

Welcome to "The Christmas City" – Bethlehem, PA where the Spirit of Christmas abounds! We start our day with two hours of shopping at **Christkindlmarkt**, a one-of-a-kind holiday event featuring handcrafted goods by some of the Nation's finest artisans, festive food and drinks and the sound of live music from strolling carolers.

Enjoy lunch at **Edge Restaurant** where you will experience a gourmet meal in a casual upscale atmosphere. Edge was voted Reader's Choice "Best Dining" by The Morning Call four years in a row. Meals, listed below, will be ordered upon seating at the Restaurant. Free time on Main Street in Bethlehem to shop the charming stores and boutiques follows lunch.

For the afternoon, we meet up with a certified step-on guide from **Historic Bethlehem**. Dressed in 1700's-era Moravian costume, our guide will share the stories of the resilience of a community built on universal human ideals and the Moravian traditions that helped shape the city.

What's Included: Christkindlmarkt Admission, Lunch, Step-On Guide, Guide Gratuity, Motorcoach Transportation, (Inclusive of Taxes, Fees & Gratuities)

Depart: 8:00 AM Elite Coach Parking Lot

Return: 6:45 PM Elite Coach Parking Lot, Approximately

Deadline for Payment & Registration: October 29, 2026

For More Information: Call or Text Laurel Kluck at 717-701-0266

Make Checks Payable To: Salem Lutheran Church

Mail Payment & Registration To: Laurel Kluck at 3 Harvest Drive, Ephrata PA 17522

Salem Lutheran Church ~ Christmas in Bethlehem ~ Thursday, December 3, 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please Note I Am Traveling With: _____

Meal Choices: ☐ Penne Pasta w/Chicken (Vegetarian Upon Request)
☐ Herb Porcini Crusted Pork Tenderloin
☐ Sauteed Chicken Breast

All Meals Include: Salad, Apple Tart, Soda, Iced Tea, Coffee, Hot Tea

Salem Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

August 4, 2026

Present: Pastor Goodman, S. Frymyer, M. Herr, J. Keller, B. Kimmel, D. Kluck, L. Kluck, D. Millhouse, C. Rapp, P. Shiffer, J. Sutton, P. Wechter

Absent: P. Miller, N. Lombard

Guests: Zach Fetter, Noah Keller, Evan Goodman, Austin

Devotions: J. Sutton

Motion to accept the minutes for the June 2 council meeting by S. Frymyer seconded by M. Herr. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by M. Herr, seconded by P. Shiffer. Motion carried.

Pastor's report on file.

Committee reports on file.

Unfinished Business

- Membership role update: Paul and Nikky Feight transferred to Bergstrasse Church.
- AED grant was submitted.

New Business

- Working on a formal resolution for a pastoral assistant to replace children and youth missionary role.
- Motion made for the resolution to withdraw from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Second, by L. Kluck. Motion carried.
- Motion made for the resolution to affiliate with the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and support its North American Lutheran Seminary. Second, J. Sutton. Motion carried.
- Tuesday, August 25, Bishop Stephen Herr will come from ELCA for anyone to talk to him about the ELCA.
- Sunday, August 16 congregation information after the service.
- Sunday, August 30 voting.
- A committee of Council members and Congregation members will be formed to administer the Jackie Roth Trust.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Millhouse, Secretary