

Parish Pipeline

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2026

Bible study is Sunday morning at 9 AM in the multi-purpose room.
Class concludes by 9:45 AM.

1 November 2026 Revelation Chapter 19-20

8 November 2026 Fall Break

15 November 2026 Fall Break

22 November 2026 Revelation Chapter 21-22 Conclusions



**Sunday Morning
Bible Study**

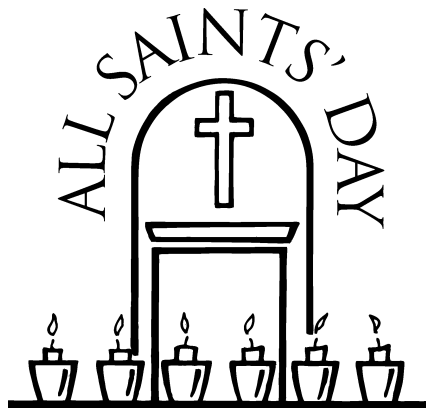
Salem Open House December 20, 3:00 PM



Here at Salem, we once again are anticipating and preparing for the birth of Christ. Be a part of this Christmas Spirit by joining us on Sunday afternoon, December 20, at 3:00 p.m. for our annual Open House.

Seasonal musical selections will be performed in the sanctuary featuring vocals, instrumental, Salem's Bell Choir and Choir and Carol singing.

Following the program, there will be light refreshments and fellowship. Invite your family and friends. All are welcome!



**Sunday, November 1
10:00 AM**

**Sieg Dreer
Norine Myer
Joyce Seiverling
Gail Glatfelter
Lynn Plantholt
Jackie Roth
Pat Dagen
Cleo Frymyer**

Men's Monthly Bible Study

All men of the congregation are invited to join our new **Men's Monthly Bible Study** on the **first Friday of every month** from **8:00 to 9:00 AM** in the new **Katie's Corner** for a time of fellowship and discussion.



We are currently looking at **Twelve Ordinary Men** by **John MacArthur**, a study of **Jesus' Disciples**, with each monthly session serving as a standalone study—making it easy to jump in at any time.

Upcoming sessions will be held on **November 6 and December 4**. Come early at **7:45 AM** for hot coffee and informal conversation before the study begins. Neighbors and friends are welcome to join as well.

For more details, please reach out to Paul Miller. If you are interested in attending but at a different day and time, please let Paul know.

Salem Men's Breakfast

The next **Quarterly Men's Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, December 12** from **8:00 to 9:30 AM** in **Fellowship Hall** here at **Salem Lutheran Church**.

A special Guest Speaker, Rev. Christopher Seifferlein of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Lititz, will be joining us to share an inspiring Biblical message.

If you can join us for a time of food, fellowship and inspiration, please add your name to the signup sheet on the table in the narthex **no later than Sunday, December 6**. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Miller.

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7:00 PM Thursday

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Due date for the **December** newsletter
is **November 15**.



Dear Saints,

What are you grateful for at Salem Church? We have so much to be thankful for, for indeed God has blessed us immensely. Our building itself, now nearly 127 years old, is in remarkably good shape—kept that way by our faithful Building Oversight Committee, and stands as a witness to the timeless beauty of God's love in Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for each and every soul that comes to us throughout the year, as well as for each soul that departs for the Church Triumphant in the fear and faith of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All Saints' Sunday

We will remember our departed loved ones at our annual **All Saints' Sunday Divine Service on November 1, 2026, at 10:00 AM.**

In recent years, we have placed photos of our brothers and sisters in Christ in front of the pulpit and lectern. As we approach the Lord's Supper and kneel or stand, there is a profound sense that we are joining our beloved saints at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (*Revelation 19*). Please feel free to bring photos of your loved ones to place around the church on window sills and flat spaces as we remember all who have died in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection.

"Where, O Death, is your sting?" One thing is for certain: it is not at Salem Church. We believe, teach, and confess that Jesus is risen and alive! **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Christ the King & Advent

Christ the King Sunday on November 22, 2026 marks the conclusion of the church year and the eve of Advent. Because Christ is alive, we proclaim Him as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" titles once claimed by the Roman Emperor, but belonging truly to Jesus alone. Christ Jesus is the head of the church, and He leads us always, especially in the darkest times.

We begin the new church year with the **First Sunday of Advent on November 29, 2026.** Each week in Advent, we will host an **Advent Bible Study from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM in the Chapel.** Together, we will examine the four candles of the Advent Wreath and their biblical themes: *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.* I hope you will join us as we dive deeper into the season. As Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer thoughtfully wrote:

"The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come."

This sums it up for all of us who struggle daily against our old selves and strive to live lives of repentance. See Romans 7 on this.

Looking to the Horizon

At this stage of ministry at Salem Church, I am excited, and I pray you are as well. Recently, the Church Council created a new part-time position: **Pastoral Assistant**. This stipend-supported position offers a hands-on taste of ministry—visitation, service assistance, and administration—serving as an apprenticeship for those considering service as pastors, deacons, or church workers. Over time, this position may allow seminary students to train right here at Salem Church and help extend the Gospel across Central Pennsylvania.

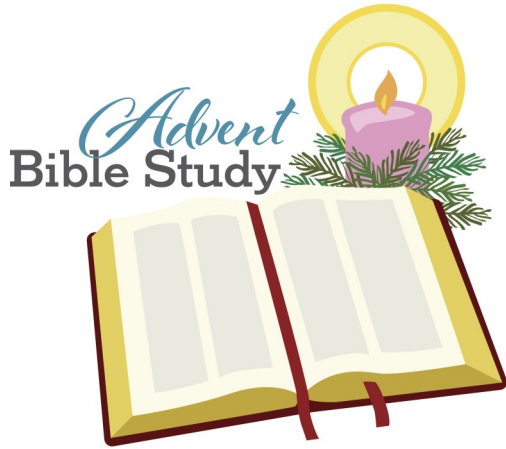
Seventeen years ago, when Bishop Hoover sent my name to Salem's call committee, some doubted our parish would survive beyond three years. Who could have imagined that today we would have the opportunity to help train future pastors? God has blessed us!

We have the Lord's ministry to carry out here on the west end of Ephrata. We have future generations to reach with the Gospel. The time is short; the urgency is great. We cannot afford to look backward and rest on the past. Instead, we are bidden to look ahead to the horizon our Lord Christ has set before us—the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeffrey H. Goodman

Salem Church Bible Study Schedule Advent 2026-Winter 2027



This season of Advent 2026 our Sunday Bible Study will examine the four candles of the Advent Wreath and the Biblical meanings behind each candle. We begin at 9:00 AM in the Chapel and conclude by 9:45.

After a winter break our Sunday Bible Study will examine the First-Generation Church: Acts of the Apostles. Each week we will look at the growth and movement of the early church as it carries the Gospel forward into the world. We begin at 9:00 AM in the Chapel and conclude by 9:45 AM.

The Four Candles of Advent

29 November 2026 Advent Study: The Hope Candle
6 December 2026 Advent Study: The Peace Candle
13 December 2026 Advent Study: The Joy Candle
20 December 2026 Advent Study: The Love Candle
27 December 2026 Break
3 January 2027 Break
10 January 2027 TBD
17 January 2027 TBD

The First-Generation Church: Acts of the Apostles

24 January 2027 The First-Generation Church: Acts of the Apostles Introduction
31 January 2027 Acts Chapter 1 and 2

Worship Participants

November	1	8	15	22	29
Greeter					
Acolyte	Evan Goodman	Noah Keller	John Keller	Ruth Ulrich	Madison Kimmel
Usher	Dennis Kluck	Bill Young	Chuck Rapp	Paul Miller	John Keller
Lector	Lisa or Sam Borry	Lisa or Sam Borry	Lisa or Sam Borry	Lisa or Sam Borry	Lisa or Sam Borry
Communion Assistant	Jim Kimmel	Stephen Shiffer	Kristi Lech	Faith Shiffer	Dennis Kluck
Altar Care Set up	Suzanne Liggett Judy McQuate	Suzanne Liggett Judy McQuate	Donna Miller	Donna Miller	
Altar Care Clean up	Hansell Family	Hansell Family	Hansell Family	Hansell Family	Hansell Family
Parament Color	White	Green	Green	White	Blue
Parament Changer	Cindy and Jim Sutton	Cindy and Jim Sutton	Cindy and Jim Sutton	Cindy and Jim Sutton	Cindy and Jim Sutton



Thursday, December 24, 2026
 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Divine Service
 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Divine Service

Friday, December 25, 2026
 10:00 AM Christmas Day Divine Service

Altar Care

Please consider assisting with Altar Care in the month of December. Slots have been added for Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. All members of Salem Church if they are able are asked to assist with this vital ministry. Training is available and so are folks to help you.

Come Worship the Lord

10:00 AM Holy Communion

The Day and Liturgy	The Lessons
November 1 All Saints Sunday	Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
November 8 Pentecost 24	Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
November 15 Pentecost 25	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
November 22 Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
November 29 Advent 1	Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37



Thursdays 7:00 PM Holy Communion
November 5
November 12
November 19
November 26 Thanksgiving NO SERVICE



2026 Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Report

This year we were able to send 56 comforters to LWR. Four have been reserved for local needs.

Thank you to everyone who graciously donated their time, talent and material to make our LWR project a success.

Thanks also to Dale Martin for delivering our boxes to the collection point at Bergstrasse Church.

The Social Ministry Committee

Give Your Heart This Christmas

Once again, Salem's Social Ministry Committee is partnering with the Community Hive Holiday Exchange Program to adopt local families this Christmas.

We need your help to fulfill children's wish lists!



Beginning **Sunday, November 22**, a small Christmas tree will be set up outside the secretary's office. The tree will be decorated with paper hearts, each featuring a child's first name, age, and Christmas wish.

To participate:

1. **Choose a heart** from the tree.
2. **Sign your name** on the sign-up sheet next to the tree alongside the child's name. This helps us keep accurate records so no child is missed.
3. **Purchase and wrap** the requested gift.
4. **Attach the paper heart** to the top of the wrapped gift (with the child's name visible).
5. **Return the gift** under the tree no later than **Sunday, December 13**.

Please help us brighten a family's holiday season this year by sharing your blessings. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Kauffman.

Christmas Cards



The Membership Care Committee will be having a Christmas card shower for members unable to worship with us. This will begin on Sunday, November 29 and continue until Sunday, December 20.

A table will be set up in the lobby with bags for the cards.

Please do not seal the envelopes as this is difficult for some of our members to open.

Please watch for more information in the November bulletins.

Any members who would like to help deliver the cards, please call Margie Orth.

Thank you

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000 in September 2026. Here at St. Jude, we believe that every child deserves a chance to live their best life and celebrate every moment. And support like yours can help make cures possible for kids with cancer. Together, we can save more lives.

Martin Hand, Chief Development Officer
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Cleo Frymyer died
October 7

Growing Cornerstone Kids: A Place for Children at Salem



There is no sweeter sound than the laughter and energy of children in church. Every child who joins us brings joy to our worship and hope for Salem's future. We want every parent, grandparent, and visitor to know that Salem is a place where children and families are not simply accommodated—they are joyfully welcomed.

Over the past **four months**, we have been thoughtfully preparing an environment where young families can feel at home. Our **Cornerstone Kids** area in the narthex is ready to welcome children and support their families. Whether you bring your own children, invite your grandchildren to worship, or greet a visiting family at the door, here is what Cornerstone Kids offers:

- **A Welcoming Narthex Play Area:** A child-friendly space where little ones can move and play safely while their families remain close to worship.
- **Worship "Busy Bags":** Convenient bags filled with books and quiet activities that children can enjoy in the pews during worship.
- **15-Minute Post-Service Lessons:** When children join us, volunteers are prepared to offer a brief, faith-building lesson after the morning service using children's Bible materials.

Our prayer is that these resources help children participate comfortably and send a clear message to every family: *children belong here*. Each of us can help this ministry grow in a simple way. Invite a child or family you know, bring your grandchildren, show visiting families the play area and busy bags, donate children's materials, or volunteer for an occasional lesson. Together, we can nurture a warm church home where children experience God's love and know they are part of the Salem family.

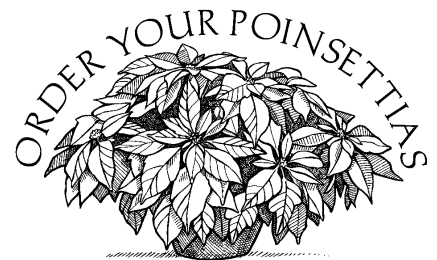
We are grateful to everyone who has helped prepare and support Cornerstone Kids. The ministry is guided by our **Christian Education Committee**. For more information, to volunteer for a 15-minute lesson, or to help welcome new families, please contact Dina Keller, Paul Miller, or Pastor Goodman. Thank you for helping Salem grow as a joyful and welcoming church for every generation.

Presented by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

_____ Poinsettias @ \$8.50 \$_____



If you would like to place a poinsettia in church in celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, please fill out this form by Sunday, December 6. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. Place the form and payment in an envelope and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints' Day 8:30am Choir 9:00am Bible Study 10:00am Holy Communion 11:30am Young Adult Group KC	2 9:00am Preschool 5:00pm TOPS FH	3 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Church Council MP	4 9:00am Comforter Knitting MP 9:00am Preschool	5 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Communion	6 8:00am Men's Bible Study KC 9:00am Preschool	7 3:00pm Joshua at Sight and Sound
8 8:30am Choir 10:00am Holy Communion 11:30am Young Adult Group KC	9 9:00am Preschool 1:00pm Social Ministry Rm. 6 1:00pm Fellowship KC 5:00pm TOPS FH	10 9:00am Preschool 6:30pm Preschool Board Rm. 6	11 9:00am Preschool 6:30pm Christian Ed KC	12 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Communion	13 9:00am Preschool 11:00am Membership Care MP	14
15 8:30am Choir 10:00am Holy Communion 11:30am Young Adult Group KC 3:00pm BRANCH Women's Bible Study KC Pipeline Articles Due	16 9:00am Preschool 5:00pm TOPS FH	17 9:00am Comforter Knitting MP 9:00am Preschool 6:30pm Building Oversight MP	18 9:00am Preschool	19 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Communion	20 9:00am Preschool 11:00am Pipeline Assembly Rm. 6	21 9:00am Managing Motherhood
22 8:30am Choir 9:00am Bible Study 10:00am Holy Communion 11:30am Young Adult Group KC	23 9:00am Preschool 5:00pm TOPS FH	24 9:00am Preschool 6:00pm Bridge Youth Center meal	25	26	27	28
29 Advent Sunday 8:30am Choir 10:00am Holy Communion 11:30am Young Adult Group KC	30 5:00pm TOPS FH	1 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Church Council MP	2 9:00am Comforter Knitting MP 9:00am Preschool	3 9:00am Preschool 7:00pm Holy Communion	4 8:00am Men's Bible Study KC 9:00am Preschool	5

Birthdays

- 2 Charles Kreutzberger
- 2 Beth Kimmel
- 9 Ted Fritz
- 12 Pat Miller
- 14 Judy Kreutzberger
- 16 Barb Bowser
- 17 Annie Flaud
- 19 Jerry Fleischmann
- 19 Faith Shiffer
- 21 Al Kurz
- 22 Del Gentzler
- 25 Beth Wanner
- 26 Mary Binder
- 28 Madison Kimmel



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

Anniversaries

- 3 Del and Dora Gentzler
- 7 John and Dina Keller
- 23 Jeff and Sharon Goodman
- 25 Jim and Beth Kimmel



Reg Doster, Diane Morris, Jerry Fleischmann, Paul Wechter, Earl Wise, Tom Smith, Sheri Kiefer (Nadine Carpenter's Niece), Paul Houchin (relative of Judy Kauffman), Jim Morris, Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger's brother), Richie DelPiano (Dina Keller's father), Jeff Kratz (family of Hansells)



WE HONOR OUR VETERANS *Updated 10/2026*

Following is a list of Salem's veterans. Thank you to them and to those who supported them during their time of service to our country. Please help to complete this list by passing along any corrections or additions to the Church Office.

Name

Branch

Binder, Brooke	Army
Boyer, Jay R.	Army
Doster, Reginald	Army
Eberly, Lamar	Army
Gentzler, Delmas	Navy
Goodman, Jeffrey	Navy
Herr, Mike	Army
Kurz, Albert R.	Army
Maxwell, Jr., George (Ted)	Navy
Metzger, Jeff	Army
Orth, Rod	Army
Stober, John	Air Force
Ulrich, Jerry W.	Army
Winters, Charles	Army

**Salem Lutheran Church
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
October 6, 2026**

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

Guests: Ruth Ulrich, Dale Martin, Kim Martin, Connie Kirby

Pastor Goodman had devotions.

Motion to accept minutes from September 1 Council meeting by S. Frymyer, second: P. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion to accept September Treasurer's report by L. Kluck, second: P. Shiffer. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report on file.

Unfinished Business

*The Adele R. Schram Revocable Living Trust discussion will be continued.

*Motion to pass the resolution to create the position of Pastoral Assistant by M. Herr, second: L. Kluck. Motion carried.

*The ELCA/NALC discussion continued with input from Council guests. Evan Goodman, Zach Fetter and Noah Keller had a Zoom meeting with a NALC representative. Pastor Goodman interviewed NALC Representative Jeffrey Morlock; that interview will be emailed to Salem members. The goal is for the ELCA Bishop to visit Salem before the holidays and to have a Congregational Meeting early in the new year.

New Business

*Dennis Kluck presented the proposed 2027 Budget. Be prepared to vote on the Budget at the November Council meeting.

After the Lord's Prayer the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Millhouse
Secretary