



**SALEM
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



God gathers us by Christ's love & grace into a diverse community!



God nourishes us with faith & joy through holy word and holy meal!



God sends us to plant seeds of hope & healing in our world!

There is a place for you here

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 11 am - 1 pm

Thursday 10 am - 4 pm

Stop in and visit!!

**For all other times please call
Brenda, Parish Administrator, at
724-422-5256.**

ZOOM & IN PERSON WORSHIP @ 9:30 am!

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT
THERE HAVE BEEN ISSUES
WITH CONNECTIVITY ON ZOOM.
We are doing our best to make Zoom
available. Thank you!**

You can join any of the following ways:

Go to [saemdelmont.org/zoom](https://zoom.us/j/7244684189).

Click on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/7244684189>

Dial in to 1-646-558-8656. Meeting ID
7244684189.



**JOIN US FOR OUR
NEW COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION
TIME!!**

**EVERY SUNDAY 9 AM.
BRING YOUR OWN CUP (TO
LEAVE HERE).**

New Additional Office Hours for Pastor Mondays 3-7pm

During our special congregation meeting on May 5, Pastor Kara and those attending spoke of adding some additional office hours. This is in recognition that the current office hours are often taken up with the more pastoral administration tasks and with study and planning for teaching and preaching, so people may decide not to come in and talk, if they need. The new office hours are specifically for the congregation and anyone in need of spiritual care and prayer. Or, if you just want to chat, come on in! If you need to schedule another time for spiritual care and prayer at the church or in your home, due to your work and life schedules, please be in touch with Pastor. Thank you!



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER

Youth Sunday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
11:00-11:45AM

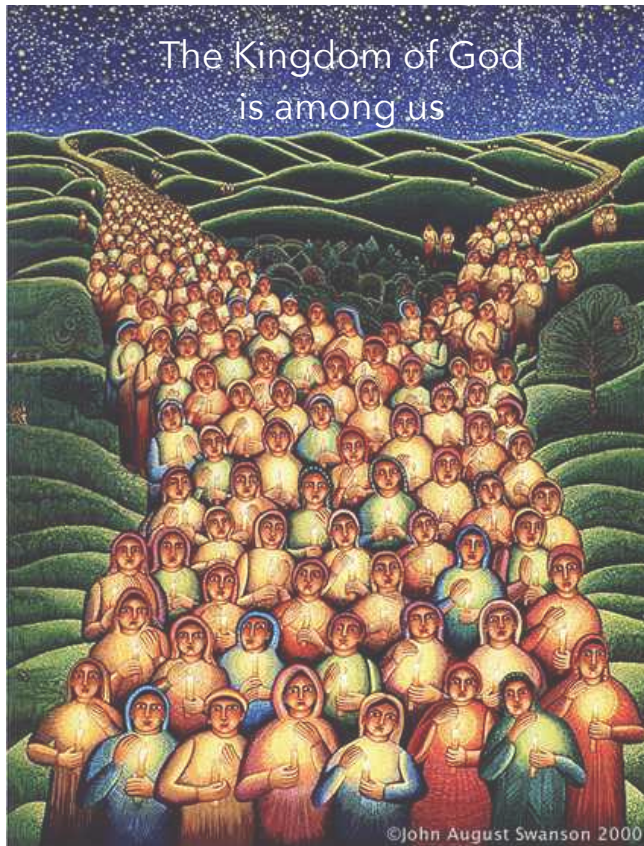
***THIS MONTH, THE YOUTH WILL PLACE THE
PILGRIMAGE LUMINARIES AROUND THE CHURCH
& PLAN FOR A FUTURE SERVICE PROJECT!***

**SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025
EPHIPHANY CELEBRATION!**

*contact Cassidy Ayers with
any questions! 724.771.8125*



Anyone wishing to sing in the choir for the Thanksgiving Worship please attend rehearsal Wednesday November 20 @ 7pm or Thursday November 21 @10 am.



Delmont Community Thanksgiving Worship

Join us for the annual Delmont tradition of honoring Thanksgiving in community together, through song, prayer and Scripture! Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for fellowship hour!

Date: Sunday, November 24, 7pm
Location: Salem Lutheran Church
301 E Pittsburgh St, Delmont, PA 15626

Let us give thanks to God!

Sponsored by the Delmont Ministerial Association

Children's Messages in Worship

FROM THE
MANGER 

Dec 1: Hope Grows – Luke 2:1-7

Dec 8: Peace Grows: – Luke 2:8-16

Dec 15: Joy Grows – Luke 2:8-20

Dec 22 Love Grows – Luke 2:25-35



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Salem's Meals On Wheels desserts for December 2024.....

Please consider donating desserts for Meals On Wheels in December. Thank you in advance for signing up. I know everyone receiving meals appreciates your generosity!

*Currently we need 52 regular desserts and 8 diabetic desserts.

*Please deliver your wrapped desserts to our Newhouse kitchen by 9AM on your chosen day.

*Please call Lori Harr at 724-468-6676 and pick a day.

*Also, a monetary donation can be made & desserts will be purchased for you.

*Only 12 slots to fill!

Many thanks!



PILGRIMAGE TEAM @ SALEM REQUESTING VOLUNTEERS

The Pilgrimage team is asking for volunteers. We always have a great time together & promise you will, too! Please consider helping in anyway you can.

*Decorating on Saturday, November 30th at 10am & lunch will be provided!

*Kitchen help both Saturday and Sunday, December 7th & 8th.

*Dining room help both days, December 7th & 8th.

*Bus greeters both days, December 7th & 8th.

* Donations of cookies, soft drinks, & water.

Thank you in advance, we are looking forward to working together! Please contact Lori Harr at 724-468-6676 or 724-787-6220 to volunteer or if you have any questions.



Salem will be celebrating our 175th Anniversary, as a congregation, in **September 2025**.

The next meeting of the 175th Anniversary Team will be held in the social hall Wednesday **December 11th @ 1 pm**.

Fall Holy Communion Classes

These classes are for any child who would like to start taking communion in worship.
All classes meet in the social hall.

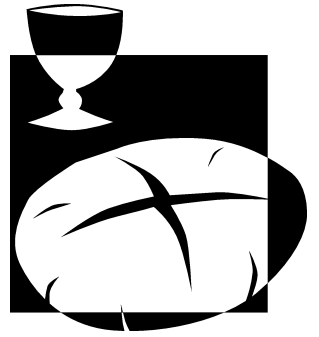
November 26, 4pm

Session 3 In Holy Communion, we are fed and sent to invite other people.

December 10, 4pm

Activity 3 A Meal Together

Sunday December 15th Worship and First Holy Communion



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEE YOU IN WORSHIP

*First Sunday of the Month,
Salem Youth will sit together for worship!*

ENJOY FELLOWSHIP HOUR
TOGETHER AFTER SERVICE
WITH OUR CONGREGATION

Youth Group will meet on
the first Sunday every
month from 11-11:45am

time may change based on activity planned!



NEW AT SALEM: Senior Stretch Exercise Program

Do you feel like you
need to loosen up?

Lois Bowman is leading a low impact
exercise class **every Wednesday 9:30
- 10:30 am** in the social hall of the
church. Join us as we use elastic bands
and dumbbells for exercises. (Bring
your own if you have them.)

You are invited to

DELMONT HOLIDAZE

Events Include:

- Live Music
- Food Trucks
- Craft Vendors
- Kids Activity Zone
- K9 Officer Dirk
- Santa & The Elf Squad parade through town at 3pm



**DEC 15
2024**

3:00 - 7:00 PM

Rose Wigfield
Parklet

12 New Bikes to give away!

**EACH CHILD WILL
RECEIVE A NEW TOY
FROM SANTA!**

Hope you can join us!



BELL RINGERS NEEDED

**Starting Saturday,
November 16 until
Friday, December 20**

**9 am to 9 pm
at Delmont Walmart**

**Ring, sing and greet your friends
for a 1 hour shift**

email: sadelmont13@gmail.com



Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. With your help, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to be there to support people affected by Milton, Helene and any other storms that may strike this season.

The situation:

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a deadly storm, leaving devastation throughout the southeastern United States. The storm caused shocking, dangerous flooding, especially in western North Carolina and Tennessee, washing away whole towns and roads, leaving millions of people without power, and driving thousands from their homes.

Hurricane Milton hit Florida as a powerful Category 3 hurricane, bringing storm surge, heavy rains, winds and tornadoes. Milton is one of the strongest hurricanes to hit the area in decades. At least four people have died, and millions are without electricity. This storm is particularly devastating because many communities are only beginning to recover from Hurricane Helene, which hit the Southeast just two weeks ago.

Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response works with its partners to provide immediate relief, such as water, food, clothing, gift cards, tarps and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, attention to unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

What you can do:

Pray

Please pray for the safety of communities impacted by hurricanes, including people in their paths and any emergency services personnel who are responding. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to rescue survivors.

Give

Your gifts will support disaster-impacted communities. Gifts to [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "[Hurricane Response](#)" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

To give by phone, call 800-638-3522. Checks or money orders can be mailed to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Connect

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

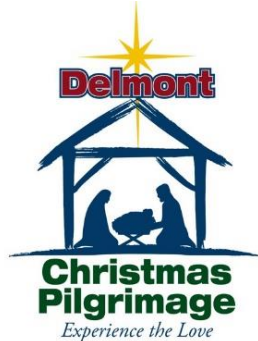
- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response [alerts](#).
- Check the Lutheran Disaster Response [blog](#).
- Read the Lutheran Disaster Response [FAQ page](#).
- "Like" Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#), follow @ELCALDR on [X](#) (formerly Twitter) and follow @ELCA_LDR on [Instagram](#).

2024-2025 Sunday School Year!

Salem kicks off a new year of Sunday school for children and youth, ages PreK to 12th Grade.
Sunday's from 11am-12pm! (Except the first Sunday of the month)

We look forward to welcoming you to Salem!

Christian Ed committee is seeking a substitute teacher for the Kindergarten - 4th grade class for 2024-2025 school year. If you are willing to fill in occasionally, please contact Pastor Kara ASAP!



The Delmont Christmas Pilgrimage needs your help this holiday season!

When: 3-hour shifts on Saturday, December 7 (4:30-9:30 PM) & Sunday, December 8 (1:30-7:30 PM).



Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Speaking & non-speaking Actors** to portray Christmas-story characters in our live, walk-through nativity.
- **Bus Guides** to ride on shuttle buses, greet guests, answer questions, & sing Christmas carols.
- **Path Guides** to lead visitors on the outdoor live nativity walk-through at Shields Farm in Delmont.
- Help is also needed with **costume prep, baking cookies, assisting those in wheelchairs**, & more.

[I want to help. How do I volunteer?](#)

► Scan the QR code to submit your contact information online. We will follow up with you!

[I want to learn more before I commit.](#)

► That's okay too! Please scan the QR code, enter your inquiry & info, & we will follow up!



Call (724) 454-1535 with questions.

www.delmontpilgrimage.com

Nov. Happy Birthday

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Edward Mikesell | 20 Abigail (Gillis) Slater |
| 1 Albert (Butch) Vaia | 21 Michele Mc Nerney |
| 2 Austin Thompson | 24 Roger Zimmerman |
| 3 Christopher Labik, Jr. | 27 Rick Lasser |
| 4 Doug Rosensteel | 28 Ian Lichok |
| 12 Keegan McIntyre | 29 Chad Fong |
| 15 Henry Paulich | 29 Regis Farrell |
| 17 Michael Sullivan | |
| 18 Timothy Cipullo | |
| 18 Bill Fong | |

Nov. Happy Anniversary

- 3. Daniel & Kelly (Yeager) Bumbalough
- 22 Brian & Lisa McGill
- 29 Paul & Tracy Baker



**SOUTHWESTERN
PENNSYLVANIA
SYNOD** EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN AMERICA

If you would like to join in receiving the SWPA Synod Tuesday announcements or to receive the Synod Newsletter the Wayfarer go to www.swpasynod.org/wayfarer and fill out your information.

Social Ministry is looking for those willing to pray, on their own time, for our prayer chain requests in emergency situations.

Everyone can pray. This is a meaningful ministry in our congregation, and meaningful to those who are being prayed for and their loved ones.

Please considering joining this ministry. To add your name to the prayer chain contact Linda DelBaggio at 724-327-4161.

First Communion Classes

If you feel your child is ready to begin exploring the meaning of First Communion and receiving this sacrament of the church, please be in touch with Pastor Kara. She offers First Communion Classes on as needed basis, according to the schedules of those who are interested. The time and dates will be planned with those students and families who sign up.

Calling All Techies!!

Worship and Music is looking for any Tech person to help out with opening up the zoom on Sundays and operating the camera.

Anyone interested please contact Rebecca Wallace at 724-244-6405.

CURRENT GIVING FINANCIAL UPDATE

(Average needed weekly \$4260.31. This number is the total of "Annual Budget This Year" 249,136.33 less \$27,600 in Head Start Rent divided by 52 weeks)

October 27, 2024 \$1680.00
November 10, 2024 \$1275.00

November 3, 2024 \$3230.00
November 17, 2024 \$1745.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

October 27, 2024 42
November 3, 2024 64
November 10, 2024 42
November 17, 2024 47

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Salem Lutheran will print offering envelopes in house. You will have the flexibility to customize your envelopes to fill your giving schedule. Please complete the order form

2025 GIVING ENVELOPE ORDER FORM

Name _____

Envelope Number _____

Please check each envelope that you would like in your order. Please fill out this form and return it to the church office or email to office@salemdeilmont.org no later than **November 24th** to insure your order will be available by the end of the year.

Initial Offering \$5.00

Weekly Envelopes (52) _____

Monthly Envelopes (12) _____

Monthly Development (12) _____

Lenten Offering
(Enter Amount) _____

Maunder Thursday _____

Good Friday _____

Thanksgiving Offering _____

Advent Offering _____

Christmas Offering _____



ON LINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Did you know that Salem Lutheran offers an online giving option for your convenience?

We use OnRealm. It is simple and easy! Use this link <https://onrealm.org/SalemLutheranCh51793/give>.

As with many conveniences, there is a minimal cost to offer this option. Salem is charged a 1% fee for donations taken directly from a checking or savings account, 2.65% when using a debit or credit card, and 3.5% for using an American Express card.

When giving online, Salem has set up an option to defray the processing costs (3% fee), by asking the giver to "contribute an extra fee to help offset processing costs". If you would like to provide this you must check the box.