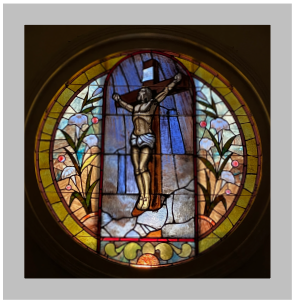
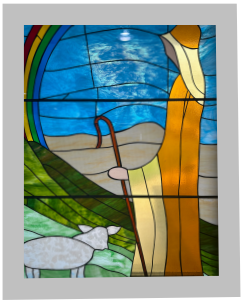
September 2026

YOUR MONTHLY
# Lamplighter

## PASTORS COLUMN



*HOPE Evangelical Lutheran Parish*



**Good Shepherd and Salem Lutheran Churches have identified a new parish name for our partnership in ministry. We believe the parish name chosen speaks to *our hope* that both congregations may experience financial stability and revived faith life and mission through this partnership.**

I hope you take advantage of the many opportunities throughout the year to participate in parish and faith life at both Salem and Good Shepherd. We will make every effort in our monthly newsletters to inform you of all worship, education, service and fellowship activities in both congregations. We are excited about this partnership in ministry and meeting new friends in Christ today and moving forward!

If it's been a while since you've been active in church and faith life, now is the time to recommit as we seek to share the good news of Jesus and to love God and love neighbor in service of Christ and in gratitude for the love we first receive from God. You are also warmly welcomed to attend any worship service in the parish that works for your family.

**Saturday Worship**
5:30PM at Good Shepherd only

**Sunday Worship**
8:30AM at Salem
11:00AM at Good Shepherd

Remember, when you are in need of spiritual care for you and for your family, please be in touch by text or call! I hope to see you in worship!
+ With you in Christ, Pastor Kara (cell: 304-668-9890)

**September 2026** Usher - Debbie Durstine

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **1** | **2**<br>Meals on Wheels<br>Senior Stretch 9:30<br>Social Ministry 12:30<br><br>Delmont Band | **3**<br>Office Hours 10-4<br>Pastor Hours 12-4<br>Worship & Music 11<br><br>Delmont Band | **4**<br>Meals on Wheels | **5**<br>Property 9 |
| **6 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 @ Salem**<br>**Blessing of Graduates**<br>**Good Shepherd 11**<br>Assistant Bob Linden | **7**<br>Meals on Wheels<br>**Office Closed**<br><br>Scouts | **8**<br><br>Finance 7 pm | **9**<br>Meals on Wheels<br>Senior Stretch 9:30<br><br>Parish Council 6:30 pm @ Good Shepherd<br>Delmont Band | **10**<br>Office Hours 10-4<br>Pastor Hours 12-4<br><br>Zoom Council Mtg 7<br>Delmont Band | **11**<br>Meals on Wheels | **12**<br>GS BBQ Chicken Dinner 11am-1pm<br><br>Pastor Kara<br>Worship @ GS<br>5:30 pm |
| **13 16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 @ Salem**<br>**Good Shepherd 11**<br>Assistant Bob Lasser<br><br>**Rally Day 9:30 am**<br><br>Wm Penn Worship 3 pm | **14**<br>Meals on Wheels<br>Office Hours 11-1<br><br>Scouts | **15** | **16**<br>Meals on Wheels<br>Senior Stretch 9:30<br><br>Delmont Band | **17**<br>Office Hours 10-4<br>Pastor Hours 12-4<br><br>Delmont Band | **18**<br>Meals on Wheels | **19**<br>Benefit Bike Run 11:30am & Spag Dinner 2-6 pm for Christian Steuernagel |
| **20 17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 @ Salem**<br>**W/Pastor Clement**<br>**Good Shepherd 11**<br>Assistant Marsha Lore<br>Sunday School 9:15<br>. | **21**<br>Meals on Wheels<br>Office Hours 11-1<br><br>Scouts | **22**<br><br>Adult Bible Study @ 6pm GS | **23**<br>Meals on Wheels<br>Senior Stretch 9:30<br><br>Delmont Band | **24**<br>Office Hours 10-4<br>Pastor Hours 12-4<br><br>Delmont Band | **25**<br>Meals on Wheels | **26**<br>Church Garage Sale 8 am - 12 pm |
| **27 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 @ Salem**<br>**Good Shepherd 11**<br>Assistant Scott Deutsch<br>Sunday School 9:15 | **28**<br>Meals on Wheels<br>Office Hours 11-1<br><br>Scouts | **29**<br><br>Adult Bible Study @ 6pm Salem | **30** | | | |

*WE ARE GATHERED into the joy of community!*

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

# Chicken BAR-B-QUE

## EAT IN -OR- TAKE OUT

## & BAKE SALE

SAT. SEPT. 12
11AM-1PM

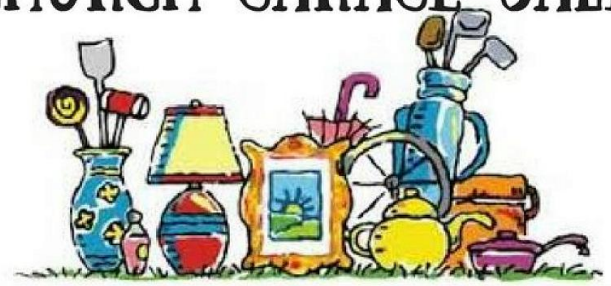
PROCEEDS BENEFIT FUTURE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**Half Chicken, BB Sauce, Cornbread Muffin, Baked Beans, & Coleslaw**

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 724-834-1940 OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET YOURS TODAY!

TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED BY AUGUST 31

# CHURCH GARAGE SALE



## Saturday September 26, 2026
## 8 am - Noon

Salem Lutheran Church
301 E Pittsburgh Street
Delmont, PA 15626

**Incredible bargains of treasurers & Bake Sale.**
**Rain (will be indoors) or Shine!**

**Tables available $20.**
**Call 724-468-4189 or email**
**office@salemdelmont.org to register.**

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Ministry & WELCA invites EVERYONE to a
**Prayer Breakfast**
Saturday October 10
@ 9 am

Join us for breakfast, prayer and fellowship in the Newhouse hall. We will be doing a service project, making no sew fleece blankets. We look forward to seeing everyone, young & old, male or female!!




**Save the Date: October 4 @ 1pm Good Shepherd**

Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church




**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 | 6:30PM-8:30PM**

Join us for a Spooky Evening of **Tricks & Treats!**
Grab some coffee at the **Coffin Bean & Co.** or something tasty from **Chick-fil-A!**

**FREE** Trunk or Treating, Funhouse, Bonfire, S'mores & more!





All hallows Eve

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
6-8 PM

SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH Newhouse Hall

Join our youth for an evening of food and fun!
Costumes are encouraged for ALL!

FEATURING THE SPOOKY SOUNDS OF THE INFAMOUS BAND

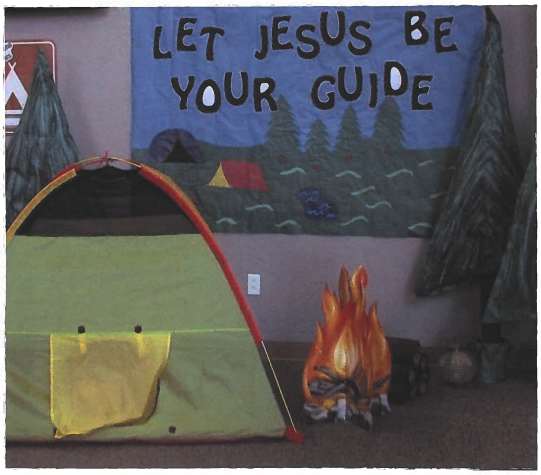
MONSTER MASH

Questions please call 724-468-4189 or email office@salemdelmont.org.

*WE ARE NOURISHED by the Word of God in worship & faith formation!*

SEPTEMBER
**13**

**Faith**
**+**
**Food & Games**
**+**
**Friends**




# RALLY DAY
## BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

### @ Salem Lutheran Church
### 9:30AM, following 8:30AM Worship

At Salem, we give thanks for God's love in Jesus Christ for all people and all creation. We teach the love of God and love to neighbor to the youth and create a faith filled community that can become a second family for all.

We invite you to Sunday School Rally Day at Salem Lutheran Church (301 E Pittsburgh Street, Delmont, PA 15626) immediately following service to meet our teachers, to play games, and share a picnic with other youth and our congregation!

*Sunday School is for youth 4 years old and older.*
We meet at 9:15AM and begin our class by sharing holy communion with the congregation. Immediately following communion, class starts and ends at 10:15AM.
We meet all Sundays of the month except the first Sunday of every month.

**We look forward to meeting you!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER YOUR YOUTH FOR RALLY DAY EMAIL YOUR NAME AND CONTACT TO: PRSALEMDELMONT@GMAIL.COM**

A Blessing for Teachers & Students

Let us pray for all who are beginning a new school year, that both students and teachers
will be blessed in their academic endeavors.

Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge.
Grant teachers the gift of joy and insight,
and students the gift of diligence and openness,
that all may grow in what is good and honest and true.
Support all who teach and all who learn,
that together we may know and follow your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday School classes this fall will focus on WORSHIP**

- Session 1: What Is Worship
- Session 2: Elements of Worship
- Session 3: The Church Year
- Session 4: Holy Baptism
- Session 5: Holy Communion
- Session 6: The Lord's Prayer
- Session 7: Prayers in Worship
- Session 8: The Apostles' Creed
- Session 9: The Colors of Worship

**Mark your calendars for upcoming youth (and family) activities:**

**October 3/4** Salem youth are asked to help with Apple & Art Festival parking at the church! Please contact Pastor Kara if interested in helping with this youth fundraiser.

**October 30** Halloween Party! Join us in Newhouse Hall in the evening for a night of music & dancing, fireworks and fun! Wear your favorite costume! Time TBD

**November 22** Thanksgiving Youth Service Project: shop and deliver Thanksgiving meals for families in need with Pastor Kara. Time TBD (afternoon)

**December 5** Salem youth with a plus 1 are invited to walk through the Delmont Pilgrimage. Time TBD.

**December 18** Christmas Play and Party featuring the youth of Salem Lutheran. Time TBD

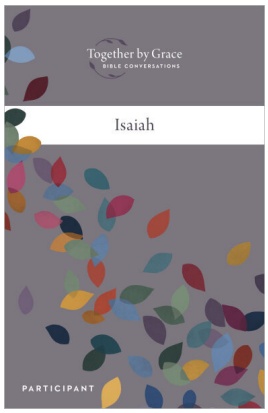
**New Parish Adult Bible Study on the book of ISAIAH starting September 22, 2026!!**

**WHAT IF BIBLE STUDY COULD . . .**

- Build community and relationships
- Invite questions, conversation, and introspection
- Connect the Bible to daily life
- Encourage personal connections to people in the Bible
- Welcome participants at any point during the study

Study guide $12.
First session at Good Shepherd.

**About Isaiah: Written over hundreds of years as God's people navigated war, exile, and homecoming, the Book of Isaiah intertwines grief and hope, inviting readers and hearers across the centuries to join in God's lament over a broken world, to receive God's abundant love and overflowing grace, and to respond with joy to God's call to the work of justice and peace.**

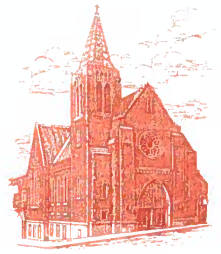



Written by Michael Chan, Vice President for Mission and Inclusion at Concordia College, the study offers tailored participant Bible study guides for adults looking to study Isaiah in community. This conversation-based study is for groups of all shapes and sizes.

**The participant guide includes** images, activities, prayers, recaps, and questions to spur thinking, deepen reflection, and keep the conversation flowing.

**Join us as we read Isaiah in community, receive God's word of hope, and share the good news with a world that needs it!**

**To sign up and get a participant book, please use the form at the church or text Pastor Kara @ 304-668-9890.**



**FALL FIRST THURSDAY NOON WORSHIP & LUNCHEON SCHEDULE**

**Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**140 S. Pennsylvania Avenue**

**Greensburg, PA 15601**

**12:05 p.m.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Thursday, September 3 | Hot Dogs, Baked Bean Casserole, Macaroni Salad, and Fruit Cobbler |
| Thursday, October 1 | Pizzaburgers, Tossed Salad, Chips and Apple Pie |
| Thursday, November 5 | Turkey Tetrazzini Casserole, Cranberry Salad, Rolls and Pumpkin Desserts |
| Thursday, December 3 | Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread, and Cookies |

There will not be a First Thursday Service in January.

The next service and luncheon will be on

Thursday, February 11, 2027, which

begins the Lenten Thursday services.

**Information:** Price is suggested at a $5.00 donation

You are invited to come and join
Zion's Evangelical Church in worship
and lunch, bring a friend or two.

**Devotion for the Care of Creation**

But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.
*(Job 12:7-10)*



**Prayer**

God, creator of all living things, you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe. Bless those who work the soil and who manage animals. Uphold their towns and villages. Nurture bees and other pollinators. Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood. Free children from forced labor in the fields. Grant an economy that can sustain those families who treasure a rural life. Teach us how to share with everyone the benefits of each harvest, and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**
*(Creation, the Earth, ACS, p. 47)*

*WE ARE SENT to serve our neighbor and steward creation!*



## Who is your favorite Christmas Character?



Is it Ralphie, Scrooge or Aunt Bethany from Christmas Vacation? Maybe its Charlie Brown or Rudolph and Hermie the Elf. Whoever it is, now is your chance to become your favorite Christmas Character.

Come and participate during the Pilgrimage at Salem this year dressed as your favorite Chirstmas character and who knows...you could win a major award, (like Ralphie's father).

More information to come, so stay tuned and in the meantime, start thinking of who you will be and get creative. If you have any questions, contact Tracy Baker at (724) 757-6231.








## Salem has a NEW Facebook page!

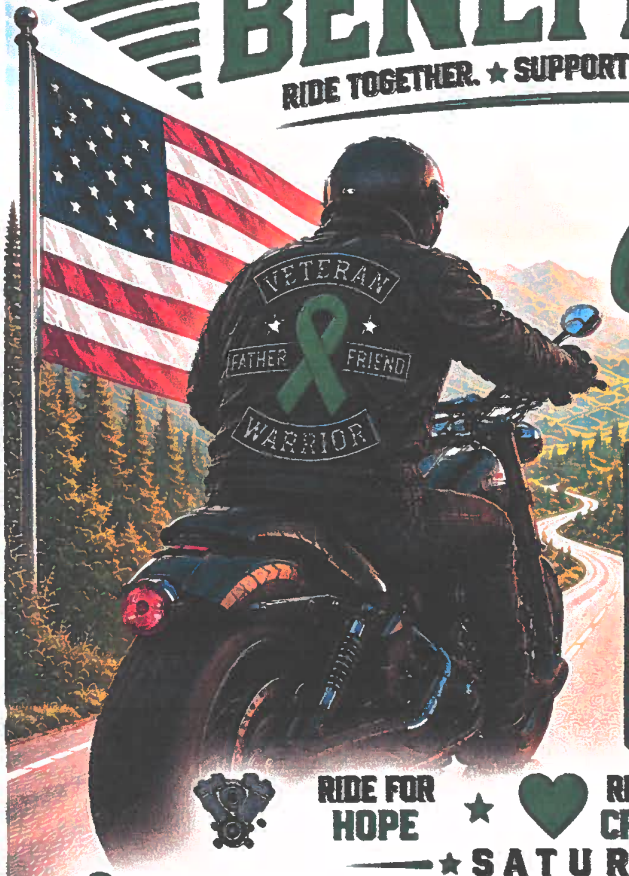
Please follow and like us!!

We are very grateful to our sister in Christ, Nicole DeFrances, who designed and will administrate the new Facebook page. She will vet and add all postings. If you want to add a church activity, send it to the office email, and we will forward it to her.

*Also note: in regard to any pictures, you will need the permission of the people pictured before we can post it on our page. Thank you!!*

# MOTORCYCLE BENEFIT RIDE

RIDE TOGETHER. ★ SUPPORT TOGETHER. ★ HOPE TOGETHER.




## HELPING *Cristian Steuernagel*

CRISTIAN IS A LOCAL VETERAN, FATHER, AND A FRIEND

★

SUFFERING FROM KIDNEY DISEASE AND NEEDS A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT.



RIDE FOR HOPE ★ RIDE FOR CRISTIAN ★ RIDE FOR A CURE

## ★ SATURDAY ★ SEPTEMBER 19

REGISTRATION STARTS 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

KICK STANDS UP AT 11:30 AM

ALL VEHICLES AND RIDERS WELCOME!

★ 50/50 ★ RAFFLE BASKETS

★ ALL RIDERS & VEHICLES WELCOME! ★

$20 3 RIDERS | $10 PASSENGER



## Spaghetti DINNER

★ TO FOLLOW RIDE ★

OPEN TO PUBLIC

2PM - 6PM

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE!

$15 PP

LOCATION:

SALAM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

301 E. PITTSBURGH ST

BELMONT, PA

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Please place any donations in the bin in the social hall.

Thank you to all who shared their talent with us during Summer Worship.












Our summer hymn sing was enjoyed by both congregations and community!

## *We Celebrate!*



On Sunday July 5th, Eleanor Jo McAdoo was baptized by Pastor Clement. She is the daughter of Matthew & Kaylee McAdoo, sister of Thomas. Grandson of Bill & Amy Fong. Let us welcome her into the body of Christ and the mission we share.



On Sunday July 13th, we celebrated with Gavin Lichok, his graduation from high school. He is the son on Dan & Jen Lichok and grandson of Jim & Marsha Lore.

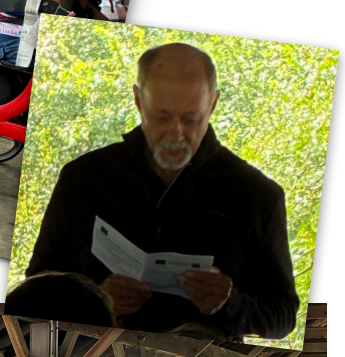
**HOPE Parish Worship & Picnic**

On Sunday August 23 Salem & Good Shepherd congregations for our 1st annual parish worship & picnic. Fun was had by all!















***We pray, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.***

*Please keep these people in prayer and send them a card to let them know their church family is thinking of them.*

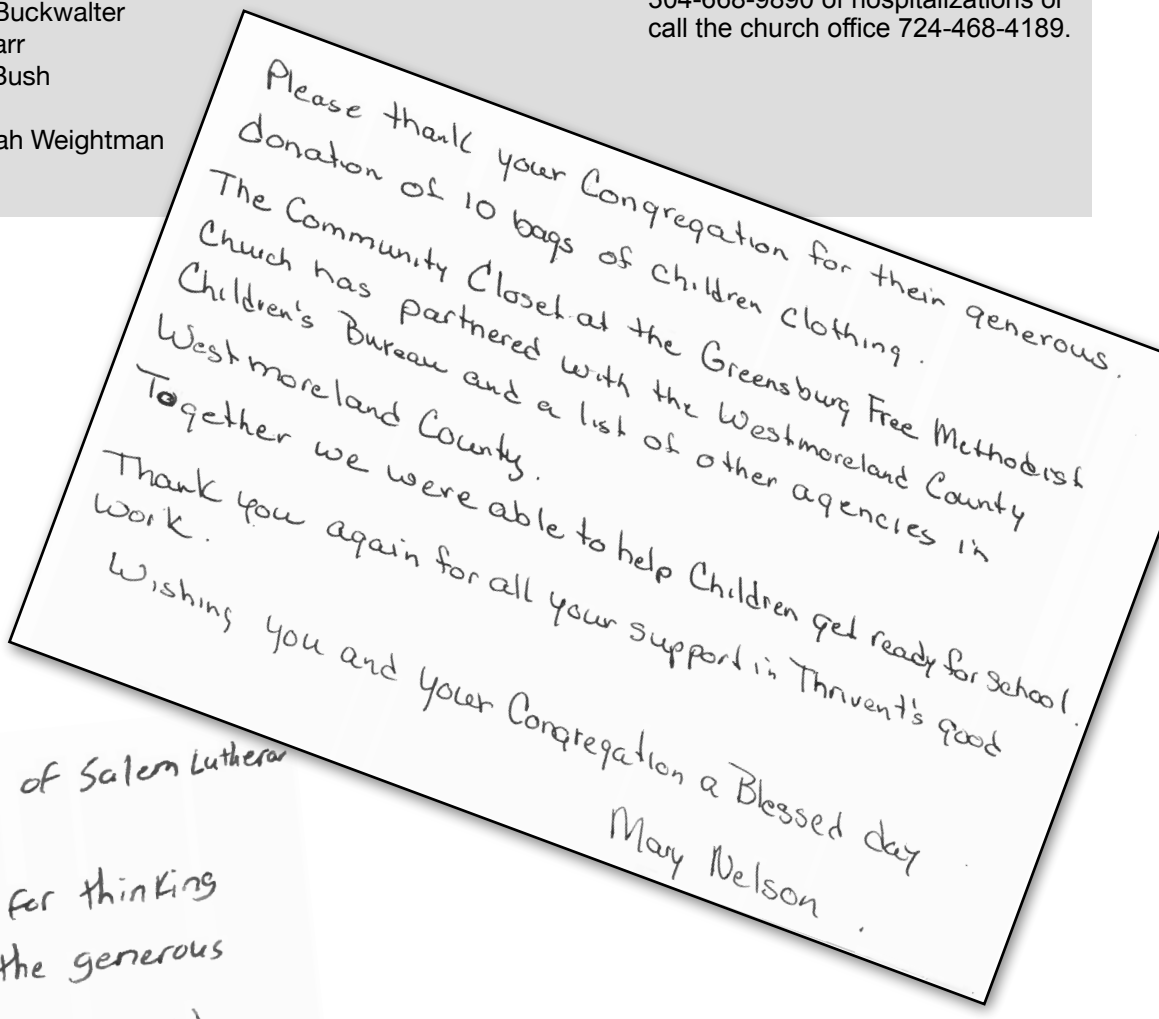
**Continued Care:**
Susan Franke
Joe Shaffer
Gloria Wellhofer
RR Schmitt
George Jobe
Helen Sparkenbaugh
Good Shepherd

**Healing & Recovery:**
Addison Altman
Dani Herman
Mark Piper
Jim McPeake
Cathy Piper
Ronna Yeager
Terry Zeek
Kristin Buckwalter
Rick Cipullo
Nate Doty
Lois Grudowski
Donna Carney
Amanda Floy
Suzanne Zeek
Jack Susick
Sherry McQuaide
Lilly
Sharon Thompson
Carol Hartman
Carol Logan
Tom
Bill
Martha Koval
Lisa Barker
Colleen
Bill Kline
Jesse
Kenny Garris
Bev
Tom Woodring
Village of Tsiadakope
Village of Zemugah
Carol Buckwalter
Lori Harr
Dave Bush
Kayla
Deborah Weightman
Ray
Barbara Olivo
Jeff Kirkman
Cheryl Gergely
Tony Sciotti
Randy Barker
Linda Moore
Ginny Hayes
Christian Steuernagel
Nancy Deutsch
Angelica Cipullo
Sonia Hermann
Bob Silvis
Nancy Hunter
Mary Piper
Diana Mooney
Heather Shearer
Deacon Amy Santarillo
Mary Kay Dubetz
Victoria Hayes

**Sympathy to the family of:**
Barbara Collins
Ron DiClaudio

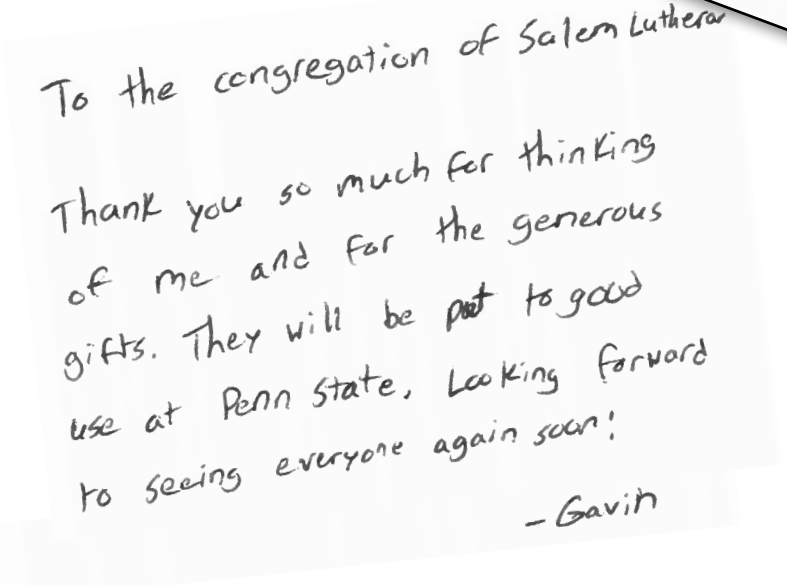
**Military or Foreign Service:**
Michael & Chris Broker
Dr. Paul Oliver

** **Please Note!** Privacy laws prevent hospitals from automatically notifying churches of member's admissions.
Please notify Pastor Kara at 304-668-9890 of hospitalizations or call the church office 724-468-4189.


Please thank your Congregation for their generous donation of 10 bags of children clothing. The Community Closet at the Greensburg Free Methodist Church has partnered with the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau and a list of other agencies in Westmoreland County. Together we were able to help Children get ready for school. Thank you again for all your support in Thrivent's good work.

Wishing you and your Congregation a Blessed day

Mary Nelson.


To the congregation of Salem Lutheran

Thank you so much for thinking of me and for the generous gifts. They will be put to good use at Penn State. Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon!

-Gavin

## Happy Birthday

3 Rex Setaro
4 Hannah Neumann
6 Raymond Masuku
7 James Shuster
10 Lauren Gray
10 Patricia Vaia
12 Christopher Fisher
13 Jeffrey Kowalski
13 Ray McIntyre
14 Brantley Dixon
15 Mia Dunn
16 Dee Radomski
17 Jael Masuku
18 Robin Evans
19 Dave Bush
19 Lydia Sullivan
22 Daniel Bumbalough
22 Ginny Hayes
28 Kathy Leonard
28 Maddie Miller
30 Paul Britz Sr.

## Happy Anniversary

7 Eric & Jessica (Feather) Bowman
13 Dave Bush & Jim Caffrey
14 Thomas & Beth Kepple
19 Sage & Nicol DeFrances
24. Timothy & Kennedy Yeager
26 Paul & Roanne Bush
27 Jeffrey & Kelly Otto

## SAVE THE DATE:

* Annual Roast Beef Dinner
  Saturday November 7, 2026

*Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday November 22, 2026 in
Newhouse Hall

**Pastor Kara will be on vacation. September 14th through September 21st, for any pastoral care needs call Brenda @ 724-422-5256 or Tracy Baker @ 724-757-6231.**

**Council Minutes August 13, 2026**

* Annual meeting has been set for Sunday November 22, 2026. Worship & the meeting will be combined with breakfast pastries and coffee in Newhouse hall.
* The nominating committee, Tracy Baker, Dan Lichok & Linda DelBaggio, is looking for members to consider being put on the ballot to serve on council. This would be a 2 year term. Looking for 4 to 5 people to serve.
* Proposal brought before council for youth leadership scholarship program. More discussion in later meetings.
* Salem has a NEW Facebook page. Nicole DeFrances will manage it.
* Church Yard Sale was moved to Saturday September 26th.
* Parish Picnic will be held Sunday August 23rd at Mt. Odin Park in the Lund Pavilion. There have been 121 tickets distributed.
* Property is working to secure a generator for the education building, through a grant. More details in following months.
* Salem Pilgrimage team gave a donation of $300 to Delmont Pilgrimage Board so they may invite Head Start kids and families to the Children's Pilgrimage.
* Doug Rosensteel has resigned as chair of the Mutual Ministry Committee. Pastor Kara & Tracy will appoint a replacement.
* Audit committee is reviewing the 2025 financial records.

Dear Reader, if you would prefer to receive the revived monthly Lamplighter by email, please contact the church office. One bonus of receiving it electronically is that you can see it in color! Another is you can easily click on and follow any of the embedded links! Take care!!

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