



YOUR MONTHLY Lamplighter

Adirondack Mountains and Lake Placid, NY



Two of my loves in life are family and traveling. When I get to put them together, I am in heaven on earth. I thought I would share with you some of my travels this year.

In August, I went on a weekend vacation trip with my brother and his family to the Lake Placid area of the Adirondack mountains. It was gorgeous there. Lake Placid hosted the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics. We enjoyed seeing the Olympic museum and rink where the famous "Miracle on Ice" hockey

game took place. We spent one day in the river, with my brother and nephew fishing, while my sister-in-law and I waded in the water.



My nephew fishing.

Torrey Pines Natural Reserve, San Diego, CA



association who gathers annually for a reunion. San Diego is pure fun in the sun!! My sister and I saw sunsets and surfers! I toured the Midway Aircraft Carrier and Museum which is docked in San Diego. We visited the bar where they filmed "Top Gun," one of my and my sister's favorite movies. I met my brother-in-law's Navy buddies and their wives. It was a great time!

As we head into the fall, I am grateful for vacation time to travel and explore new places. I am grateful for the sun, the mountains, the beach, and all the diversity of God's creation. I am most grateful to spend quality time with my family and to meet and make new friends!

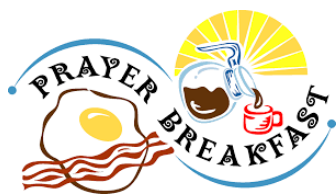
Peace,
Pastor Kara

In September, I went on a week long vacation trip to San Diego with my sister and brother-in-law, who is a Navy Veteran. He served on the USS Missouri and belongs to an



My sister and brother-in-Law
at the banquet for the USS Missouri Reunion

WE ARE GATHERED into the joy of community!



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!!



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.

Save the Date: October 4 @ 1pm Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**TRUNK
-OR-
TREAT
& FUNHOUSE**

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!



Church Staff & Leadership Appreciation Fellowship

On Sunday October 11th, immediately following Worship, we will celebrate with the church staff and leadership in a fellowship hour. (There will NOT be fellowship hour October 4th due to the Arts & Apple festival) Please make plans to say and show your appreciation for those in our church who take on leadership roles. Please bring a dish to share.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
6-8 PM

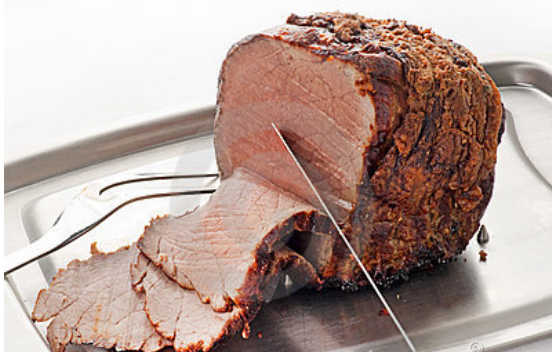
SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH Newhouse Hall

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

FEATURING THE SPOOKY SOUNDS OF THE INFAMOUS BAND



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



Annual Roast Beef Dinner

**Saturday November 7, 2026
4:30 - 7:00 pm**

at

Salem Lutheran Church
301 E. Pittsburgh Street
Delmont, PA 15626
724-468-4189

Adults \$20.00 Age 6 - 12 \$7.00 Under 5 - Free

Tickets are available on Sunday mornings, or can be purchased in the church office Monday 11-1 pm or Thursday 10 - 4 pm.

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial and Social Ministry/WELCA.

**Youth Visit to the Pumpkin Patch
Sunday October 18th @ 10:30 am
at Gillis's Farm**

Any child, grandchild or friend that would like to join us for an afternoon of pumpkin painting and/or try the corn maze! Please meet us at the Gillis Farm's pumpkin patch!

Look forward to
seeing you there!!

**address:
2021 Route 819, Greensburg, PA.**

PUMPKIN PATCH

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

Reformation Sunday, October 25

Wear red as we celebrate and reflect on Jesus' words,
"Continue in my word and you will know the truth."

John 8:31-36



Remembering the Saints

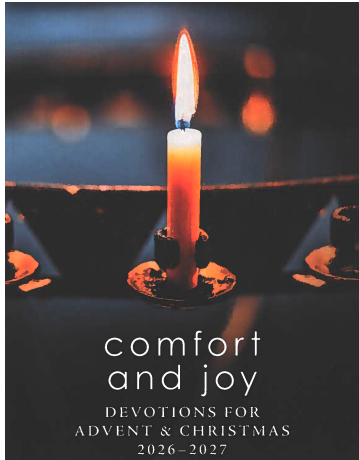
All Saints Sunday

November 1, 8:30am worship

Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Psalm 149:1

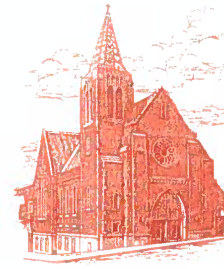
A candle will be lit for each member who has passed in the last year. If you have a family member that has passed in the last year and would like to add a candle please contact the church office at 724-468-4189 or office@salemdelmont.org.



Comfort and Joy: Devotions for Advent & Christmas by [Lisa Smith](#) (Contributor) ...

Jesus is coming; Jesus comes to us at Christmas and in each day; and Jesus will come again. These are the "tidings of comfort and joy"

("God rest ye merry, gentlemen") that we proclaim throughout Advent and Christmas. Drawing on centuries of Christian tradition, Comfort and Joy draws attention to God's surprising presence and action as we prepare for Jesus' birth during Advent, rejoice at his arrival throughout the twelve days of Christmas and the day of Epiphany, and anticipate his future return. Cost for pocket size \$3.50 or large print \$7. Sign up in the social hall or call 724-468-4189 or



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.

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



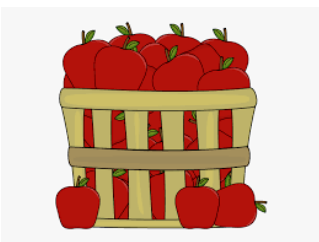
Salem youth with a plus 1 are invited to walk through the Delmont Pilgrimage. Time TBD.

December 18



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

WE ARE SENT to serve our neighbor and steward creation!



Apple & Arts Festival

Saturday & Sunday October 3 & 4

PARKING VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

People are needed to help with parking cars in the lot during festival hours. You can volunteer for all day or a few hour shift. This is sponsored by Youth and Family and this is their main fund raiser for the year!

The time slots still available Saturday 12pm - 3pm & 3pm - 6pm. Sunday 12pm - 3pm & 3pm - clean up.

If you can volunteer please call the church office at 724-468-4189 or email office@salemdeilmont.org with times that you are willing to help.



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 Christmas 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.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes will be here soon!

Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. Pick up your box in the church social hall. Boxes must be returned **November 15th** to be blessed during Worship.



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

Dear Salem Lutheran Member,

On Sunday, November 22, 2026 please plan to attend our annual Salem Lutheran Church Congregational meeting. The meeting will be an in person meeting and will begin following the 8:30 AM abbreviated Worship service, in Newhouse hall with breakfast fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. To be eligible to vote, our constitution states that in the past 2 years you must have communed and given a donation of record.

We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

The Council of Salem Lutheran Church
301 East Pittsburgh Street
Delmont, PA 15626
(724) 468-4189

The combined bands of Westmoreland County performed at the Flight 93 memorial on September 12th to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of 911.



October 2026 Head Usher Laura Wilson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Hours 10 - 4 Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship/Music 11 Pastor Hours 12 - 4 Delmont Band	2 Meals on Wheels	3 Property 9 Youth Group — Apple/ Arts Parking Fundraiser 9 - 6
4 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 <i>Assistant Tracy Baker</i> Acolyte NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR Youth Group — Apple/Arts Parking Fundraiser 10 - 5 Bells Rehearsal 11	5 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Staff Mtg 11-1 Finance 7 Scouts	6 Bible Study @ GS 6pm	7 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Social Ministry 12:30 Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band	8 Office Hours 10 - 4 Choir Rehearsal 10 Pastor Hours 12 - 4 In Person Council 7 Delmont Band	9 Meals on Wheels	10 Prayer Breakfast 9
11 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 <i>Assistant Rebecca Wallace</i> Acolyte Sunday school 9:30 Staff & Leadership App. Hour 11 Bells Rehearsal 11 William Penn Worship 3	12 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Staff Mtg 11-1 Scouts	13 Bible Study @ Salem 6pm	14 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band	15 Office Hours 10 - 4 Choir Rehearsal 10 Pastor Hours 12 - 4 Delmont Band	16 Meals on Wheels Trunk or Treat @ GS	17
18 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 <i>Assistant Bob Linden</i> Acolyte Sunday school 9:30 Bells Rehearsal 11	19 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Staff Mtg 11-1 Scouts	20 Bible Study @ GS 6pm	21 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band	22 Office Hours 10 - 4 Choir Rehearsal 10 Pastor Hours 12 - 4 Delmont Band	23 Meals on Wheels	24
25 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Reformation Sunday <i>Assistant Bob Lasser</i> Acolyte Sunday school 9:30 Bells Rehearsal 11	26 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Staff Mtg 11-1 Pastoral Care Hours 1-4 Scouts	27 Bible Study @ Salem 6pm	28 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band	29 Office Hours 10-4 Lampighter Info Due Choir Rehearsal 10 Delmont Band	30 Meals on Wheels All Hallow's Eve Party 6 - 8	31 Pastor Worship @ GS 5:30



Delmont, PA
A Valley in the Hills



RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

2026

HOW TO NOMINATE?

- Paper forms available at the Delmont Borough Office
- Online forms available on the Delmont Borough & Delmont Holiday Facebook pages
- Scan the QR code!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Current Delmont Borough resident for full 12 months of nominated year
- Not an elected official or borough employee
- Improved Delmont borough through selfless acts of service without personal gain or compensation



Winners announced at Delmont Borough's Light Up the Parklet event on November 21!

If you have questions, please email
Delmontholiday@gmail.com

Nominations Due by November 7

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
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
Vayda DeFrances

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.

We Celebrate!

Happy Birthday

4 Nora McGill
3 Candice Cipullo
6 Bill Evans
6 Matthew Slater
10 April Evans
10 Tenley Gonder
11 Matthew Paulich
13 Jason Fisher
15 Carol Buckwalter
15 Susan DeJaiffe
16 Richard Gonder

17 Gracey (Evans) Yonko
17 Sadie Steuernagel
22 Rachael Lasser
23 Carol Britz
23 Donna Carney
24 George Jobe
24 Timothy Yeager
25 Andrew Arrigo
25 Sandra Sullivan
26 Michael Hoch
28 Eleanor Jo McAdoo
28 Mary Piper

Happy Anniversary

4 Ken & Darla McClain
5 Matthew & Kaylee (Fong) McAdoo
6 Scott & Mary Logan
8 Larry & LaVerne Rupnik
9 Tom & Kareen Neumann
10 Matthew & Abigail (Gillis) Slater
11 Doug & Brenda Rosensteel
12 Travis & Erica Latshaw
20 Scott & Sue Deutsch



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!!

Council Highlights September 10, 2026

- * Looking for volunteers to help with Apple & Art's Parking.
- * Parish Council met on September 9th and discussed and recommended Pastor Kara's compensation package for 2027. Council unanimously approved. Would increase Salem's portion by \$212 per month.
- * Church garage sale will be September 26th, 8 - 12.
- * Salem Facebook Page is up and running.
- * Council elections will take place at the November 22 annual meeting. Nicole DeFrances, Andy Brown & Martha Koval, Mark Piper, Mike Sullivan & Debbie Durstine have agreed to have their names on the ballot.
- * Finance needs all committee budget proposals by October 5th.
- * Audit committee is working on 2025 audit.
- * Roast beef dinner will be November 7th.
- * Christmas Eve worship at Salem will be by 4:30 pm and at Good Shepherd @ 7pm.
- * Have not heard anything on the grant proposal for the backup generator.

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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