



YOUR MONTHLY Lamplighter

PASTORS COLUMN

On November 1, we will celebrate All Saints Day in worship. On this day, we give thanks to God for all the saints and all the beloved departed in the last year. We give thanks for the redeemed sinners, aka saints, of God who are still among us. We give thanks for the saints of God still to come.

In chapter one of Ephesians, Paul prays that the faith community might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ. He writes:

"15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all." (Ephesians 1:15-23)

Reflecting on Paul's words, we might ponder upon the communion of saints, past, present, and future who sought, seek, and will seek to understand how to navigate this gift of life and faith with the wisdom, hope, and power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Even more, Even more, we might ponder how our understanding of these things has been influenced by people of God past and present who helped to form our understanding of the gospel. Here are some saints of God whose lives, stories and writings have influenced my faith and my understanding of the gospel of Christ.

St. Maria of Paris – I saw an icon of her recently at Antiochian Village with a quote, "Love to the end and without exception." This hit my soul because it's the type of faith active in love I want to live in my daily life, but it's sometimes difficult. In those cases, I have to pray and ask Jesus to help me love who seems unlovable. I'm going to be studying more about St. Maria to see how she came to this conclusion of faith.

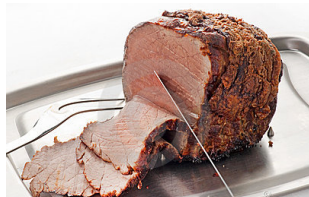
St. Katherine von Bora, the wife of Martin Luther. Katie was a powerhouse and the right helpmate for Luther. She was a support for him, but we must remember that she stood on her own. A former nun, she ran the household and kept everyone fed and clothed, including all the students and guests Luther would show up with. She had a home-based business of brewing beer to support the household. My favorite quote of faith from her is, "I will cling to my Lord Christ as a burr on a coat." Her love for Jesus was wide and deep and it influenced her whole life.

St. Mildred of Salem – I have given her this name. She was a member of Salem who was a shut-in that I used to visit before her death. She told me a story of her life about how once she had to choose between holding onto a principle at the cost of a beloved relationship or holding onto a relationship with her beloved one at the cost of a principle. This was certainly not easy. Yet, she said, and I will never forget, "I chose my daughter over my principle, and I have no regrets. To have a loving relationship with her was the most important thing."

This month, I invite you to ponder: Who helps you to know Jesus? Whose faith active in daily living helps you to navigate the stuff stuff? Whose stories help you to grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit? Who are the saints of God influencing your life and faith? If you don't have any, I encourage you to study and get some. It is tremendously helpful to consider and understand how the saints of God navigated life with the wisdom, hope, and power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I invite you to share with someone what you're pondering. Finally, I invite you to reflect how you – a redeemed sinner and saint of God – are influencing the lives and faith of those around you. Rise up, O saints of God! Proclaim the good news of Jesus!

Blessings,
Pastor Kara

WE ARE GATHERED into the joy of community!



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.

ROAST BEEF DINNER HELP NEEDED

Pies are needed, plus if you can help set up tables, work in the kitchen or dining room please see the sign up sheet in the social room or email or call the office.



**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@salemdelemon.org.



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!

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

Volunteer Opportunities

EVENING PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY
12/05/26
5:00PM TO 9:00PM

SUNDAY
12/06/26
5:00PM TO 8:00PM

*A dramatic presentation
of the Christmas Story
geared for ages 13 and up*

Delmont



Christmas Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE JUNIOR

SUNDAY
12/06/26
2:00PM TO 4:30PM

*Interactive telling of
the Christmas Story
for ages 12 and under*

*Experience the Love
at Shields Farm*

DelmontPilgrimage.com | **DelmontPilgrimage@gmail.com**

A graphic for a 'Light Up' event. The background is dark with a glowing Christmas tree on the left. The text 'Light Up' is in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, 'Save the Date!' is in a white, bold, sans-serif font with 'the' in red. To the right, 'West Point & Wendover' is in a red, serif font, with '&' in green. Below that, 'Friday, December 4 • 6-8:30PM' is in a yellow, sans-serif font, and 'Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 501 Fairfield Drive' is in a yellow, sans-serif font.

Light Up
Save the Date!
West Point & Wendover
Friday, December 4 • 6-8:30PM
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
501 Fairfield Drive

It's our 5th anniversary and we are celebrating BIG! Join us as we celebrate this special milestone with some Whoville magic!

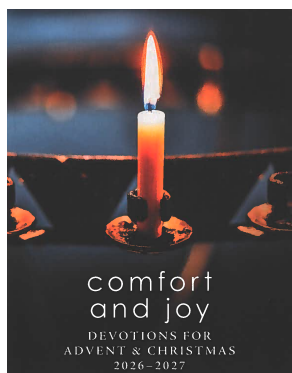
This year's festivities include:

Craft Vendors, Raffle Baskets
Food Trucks (Poulitch Pit,
Kickin Korn Dogs,
Funky Funnels)
Free Hot Cocoa,
Caricatures by Ray
Goodie Bags,
Scavenger Hunt
DJ, Horse & Carriage Rides
Santa, the Grinch, and so
much more!!!



We are having a pre-holiday Trivia Night **November 14th at 6:30**. This event is so popular the Church Fellowship Committee decided to have a second one in 2026. It is a fun time of socializing and eating while you and your team attempt to answer questions about all sorts of trivia ranging from history to pop culture. If you can't bring your own team we will put teams together. Winners in January, 2026, were Dave Wolfe and Jim Mathers from Good Shepherd and Doug and Brenda Rosensteel from Salem Lutheran. If you can answer the question "What fictional character fell asleep in the Catskill Mountains for twenty years?" you can play, and if you can't, you can still play! A signup sheet is posted in the commons. Our fellow parish church, Salem Lutheran, is being invited as well. You are encouraged to bring finger food but it is not necessary. Sliders will be provided by the committee.

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



**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 office@salemdeimont.org.

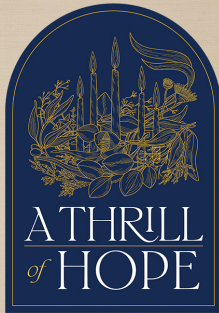


***Remembering the Saints
All Saints Sunday
November 1, 8:30am worship***

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@salemdeimont.org.

YOU'RE INVITED



JOIN US

this Advent

We live in a weary world,
fractured by division and despair.
Yet, the **thrill of hope** persists.

First Sunday in Advent, November 29

KEEP AWAKE – MARK 13:24-37

How do we recognize God's saving work?

The season of Advent begins with hope. Jesus speaks about a world that's changing, not ending, as God's saving work is already drawing near. Salvation is not a chance to escape from this world; it's an invitation to recognize and actively participate in the work God has done, is doing, and will continue to do.

Second Sunday in Advent, December 6

PREPARE THE WAY – MARK 1:1-8

How do we prepare the way for God's saving work?

The Messiah is coming, and John prepares the way with a call to repentance. Only, this repentance expands beyond just changing your mind; it's an invitation to work together and make room for God's peace. God's salvation is already drawing near, and we are invited to help prepare the way.

Third Sunday in Advent, December 13

AMONG YOU STANDS ONE – JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

How do we recognize signs of God's presence among us?

Everyone wonders if John is the Messiah, but John points beyond himself to the One who is already present among them. The joy of salvation emerges when we testify to God's presence in the world. God's saving work is already among us, waiting to be recognized and shared.

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 20

LET IT BE WITH ME – LUKE 1:26-38

How do we participate in God's story of salvation?

As Advent draws to a close, the focus shifts from recognizing and preparing for God's saving work to participating in it. Though Mary cannot know everything that lies ahead, she chooses to trust God and become part of something larger than herself. God's ongoing story of salvation includes us all, and we're invited to help bring God's love to the world.

Good Shepherd warmly invites Salem to their Advent Dinner Celebration!!



Advent Wreath Coloring Page



ATHRILL

of HOPE

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 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.



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.

Volunteer opportunities.....

- *Decorating on Saturday, November 14th @ 10am & lunch will be provided!
- *Kitchen help both days, December 5th & 6th.
- * Dining room help both days, December 5th & 6th.
- *Bus greeters both days, December 5th & 6th.
- * Donations of cookies, pies, cakes, soft drinks & water.

Thank you in advance, we are looking forward to working together! Please look for sign up sheets in the Social room or contact Lori Harr at 724-468-6676.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes ARE HERE!

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.



Underwear & Socks Drive for Children's Bureau

The past twenty years Thrivent, along with your help, has supported the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau through a collection campaign for new children's socks, underwear and new toys. We are seeking support again this year.

In family emergencies, Westmoreland County Children's Bureau is contacted to make arrangements for children birth to 18 years old. These children are often removed from their homes with only the clothes they are wearing and little if any personal belongings, such as a toy or favorite stuffed animal.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution, please make checks payable to Westmoreland Children First or go to westmorelandchildrenfirst.org.

- Any size for girls and boys ages new born to young adult. Adult sizes are also good.
- Your donations can be dropped off in the Social Hall on Sunday mornings or in the office on Monday or Thursdays.

ALL DONATIONS DUE BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER

DELMONT HOLIDAZE

Light up the Parklet

FOOD AND DRINK
MAYOR PROCLAMATION
RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5:30PM

Tree Lighting at 6:00pm

ROSE WIGFIELD PARKLET

DELMONT HOLIDAZE TOY DRIVE

**Now accepting new unwrapped toys as gifts
for children ages 8+ in our community**



DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

ACE HARDWARE DELMONT BORO OFFICE
JOHN'S BARBERSHOP REDBARN WINERY

DEADLINE TO DONATE IS DECEMBER 4, 2026

November 2026

Usher Mike Sullivan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Sunday 8:30 @ Salem 11 @ Good Shepherd Assistant Marsha Lore Fellowship 9:30	2 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11 -1 Scouts	3 Bible Study @ Good Shepherd 6	4 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Social Ministry 10:30 Milestone 12 - 1 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Delmont Band	5 Office Hours 10-4 Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship & Music 11 Pastor Hours 12 - 4 Delmont Band	6 Meals on Wheels	7 Property 9 Roast Beef Dinner 4:30-7
8 24th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 @ Salem 11 @ Good Shepherd Assistant Scott Deutsch Sunday School 9:15 William Penn Worship 3	9 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11 -1 Finance 7 Scouts	10 Bible Study @ Salem 6	11 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Milestone 12 - 1 Parish Council @ Salem 6 Delmont Band	12 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12 -4 Council Mtg. 7 Delmont Band	13 Meals on Wheels	14 Pilgrimage Decorating 10 Trivia Night @ Good Shep 6:30
15 25th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 @ Salem 11 @ Good Shepherd Assistant Rebecca Wallace Sunday school 9:15	16 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11 -1 Scouts	17 Bible Study @ Good Shepherd 6	18 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Milestone 12 - 1 Delmont Band	19 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12-4 Delmont Band	20 Meals on Wheels	21
22 Christ the King Sunday 8:30 @ Salem 11 @ Good Shepherd Assistant Rebecca Wallace Sunday school 9:15 Annual Meeting 9:15	23 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11 -1 Scouts	24 Bible Study @ Salem 6	25 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Milestone 12 - 1 Delmont Band	26 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12 - 4 Delmont Band	27 Meals on Wheels	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30 @ Salem 11 @ Good Shepherd Assistant Bob Linden Sunday school 9:15 Advent Dinner @ Good Shepherd 5	30 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11 -1 Scouts	Bible Study @ Salem 6	Delmont Band	Delmont Band		

2027 GIVING ENVELOPE ORDER FORM

Salem Lutheran prints offering envelopes in house. You have the flexibility to customize your envelopes to fill your giving schedule. Please complete the order form below and return ASAP.

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@salemnelmont.org no later than **November 22nd** to insure your order will be available by the end of the year.

Initial Offering \$5.00

Maundy Thursday _____

Weekly Envelopes (52) _____

Good Friday _____

Monthly Envelopes (12) _____

Thanksgiving Offering _____

Monthly Development (12) _____

Advent Offering _____

Lenten Offering
(Enter Amount) _____

Christmas Offering _____

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

Jack Susick
Sherry McQuaide
Lilly
Sharon Thompson
Carol Hartman
Carol Logan
Tom
Bill
Kristin Buckwalter
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
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
Larry Egnot
Luca
Chris Merritt
Tim Brown

Sympathy to the family of:

Nelda Walker
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.

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

We Celebrate!

Happy Birthday

- 1 Albert (Butch) Vaia
- 2 Austin Thompson
- 3 Christopher Labik, Jr.
- 4 Doug Rosensteel
- 12 Keegan McIntyre
- 15 Henry Paulich
- 17 Michael Sullivan
- 18 Timothy Cipullo
- 18 Bill Fong
- 20 Abigail (Gillis) Slater
- 21 Michele McNerney

- 24 Roger Zimmerman
- 27 Rick Lasser
- 28 Ian Lichok
- 29 Chad Fong
- 29 Regis Farrell

Happy Anniversary

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



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 October 8, 2026

- * Salem has received a grant from Scott Electric for \$42,530 to install a back up generator. Work will begin soon.
- * It was voted that the Parish Administrator title be changed to Congregation Administrator to avoid any confusion since we are now a parish.
- * The proposed 2027 budget was approved to be presented to the congregation at the congregational meeting.
- * A new Salem Delmont Pilgrimage banner has been paid for from an anonymous donor.
- * Andrew King presented RC Management System to council. This is similar to OnRealm that we currently use. Andrew will be sending more information to council.
- * Mike Sullivan presented a proposal for new air conditioning for the church building. One of the current units is not working and the other unit has been patched by Tim Jobe to get us by for this year. The quote is \$24,800 for new units and installation. Mike will look into possible grants and will present at the November council meeting.
- * Nicole DeFrances, Debbie Durstine, Martha Koval, Mark Piper, Mike Sullivan have agreed to have their name on the ballot for the Congregational Meeting.
- * Yard Sale feedback was good. Discussed possible dates for 2027. Bake sale profit was \$321, donated to current fund.
- * Arts & Apple parking went well, proceeds of over \$5200 were put into Youth & Family.

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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