Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
301 E. Pittsburgh Street
Delmont, PA 15626
724-468-4189
office@salemdelmont.org

ZOOM & IN PERSON WORSHIP @ 8:30 am

You can join any of the following ways:
Go to salemdelmont.org/zoom.
Click on this link: **https://zoom.us/j/7244684189**
Dial in to 1-646-558-8656. Meeting ID 7244684189.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 11 am - 1 pm
Thursday 10 am - 4 pm

Call or text Brenda @ 724-422-5256 if you need anything during other times.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS

Thursday 12 - 4 pm

For Pastoral Care at anytime call Pastor Kara @ 304-668-9890.

SAVE THE DATE:

* Pilgrimage Decorating of Newhouse hall November 14th @ 10am
* Delmont Pilgrimage December 5th & 6th
* Last day to return Poinsettia card December 6th
* Christmas Eve Worship @ Salem 4:30pm

LOST AND FOUND

There was a women's ring found in the church social hall. If you are missing it please call the church office at 724-468-4189.

Poinsettia Orders now being taken.

Cost for red or white poinsettia is $12. If you would like to purchase poinsettias please fill out the card that was sent in the November Lamplighter or pick up a card in the social hall. **Deadline is Sunday December 6th!**



The Pilgrimage team thanks Social Ministry for donating the left over roast beef from the dinner. It is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Special Occasion Choir

Beginning Wednesday November 4th @ 7pm (also, Thursday morning @ 10am), the special occasion choir will begin practicing for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day worship. You can volunteer for both or just one. Please join us at practice! If you have any questions please contact Ronna @ 724-972-2266.

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. Thank you in advance, we are looking forward to working together!

Volunteer opportunities…..

*Kitchen help both Saturday and Sunday, 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.

Please look for sign up sheet in the Social room or call or email the office to volunteer.



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.







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 30TH!!



Find your Christmas spirit at Trinity United Church of Christ in Delmont as we host Ken Serfass for his presentation of "A Christmas Carol". Ken will be appearing as a Victorian gentleman reading the classic story as Charles Dickens read to audiences in the 1800s.

Ken will bring the voices of the characters and the spirits to life as though their own voices from Victorian England leaps from the pages and comes to life in Delmont.

Date: December 12, 2026

Time: 1pm

Address: 39 East Pittsburgh Street

In the spirit of the season, please consider bringing a non perishable food item for the Westmoreland Food Bank, a new toy for Toys For Tots, or a new cat or dog toy for Action For Animals Shelter in Latrobe.

Light refreshments to be served during the 15 minute intermission.

No registration is necessary to attend this free holiday program.

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DEAR FRIENDS AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH,

The ELCA Federal Credit Union (ELCA FCU) helps members manage their finances in ways that reflect their faith. As a member-owned financial cooperative and financial ministry of the ELCA, we offer competitive rates, low fees and personal service grounded in the mission and realities of the church.

The enclosed brochure shares more about the benefits of membership and how we can support your everyday financial needs and future plans.

ELCA FCU membership is open to your congregation as an organization, as well as to you, your staff and your congregation's members and volunteers. That's why we'd like to ask a favor: please spread the word throughout your congregation. We want more people to know that this credit union is here for them, too.

For resources to help you do that, visit:
www.elcafcu.org/spread-the-word

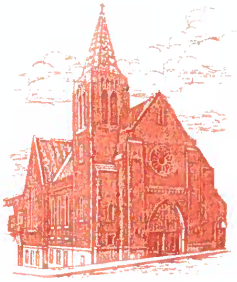
As our membership grows, so does our opportunity to serve our members and live out our mission. *And we can all play a part.*

Sincerely,

Your friends at the ELCA FCU

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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.



Senior Stretch



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!!

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Westmoreland Community Action

If your Family or Friends are interested in the program, please share this flyer

FREE Diapers

EARLY HEAD START

Home-based program offering services to pregnant women and families with children under the age of 3 in Westmoreland County.

HEAD START

Center or home-based program serving children ages 3-5 in Westmoreland County. Provides high quality pre-kindergarten learning experiences and FREE Breakfast & Lunch to prepare children for kindergarten

PRE-K COUNTS

Similar to Head Start center-based program but with different income qualifications.



Connect with us:

Apply Online:

Call us at (724) 834-1260 ext. 4168

headstart.westmorelandca.org

headstart@westmorelandca.org

www.westmorelandca.org

Head Start center programs are financed by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services and by special funds allocated by Pennsylvania Legislators through the PA Department of Education.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Angels of Westmoreland Honor Guard



The Angels of Westmoreland Honor Guard is a volunteer organization of active and retired nurses (LPNs, RNs, Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Anesthetists). When a colleague passes away, whether retired or active in the nursing field, the Honor Guard will provide an Honor Guard presentation that lasts less than 10 minutes at the location of the service. Donations are accepted to offset the cost of supplies. If interested in joining the Honor Guard or in having a service provided for a loved one, contact Melanie L. Pantalone, President at melanie@pantalone.com.

The Pilgrimage Team again thanks our Salem congregation for their generosity and support. On Sunday June 8th Dr. Green shared the villages that will be the recipients of our bore holes. He will return with video from these villages once they have been installed. Much Love, Lori

Hope for Ghana

Thank You

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
for your gift to bring Clean Water
to these Villages

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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



Dear Parents and Grandparents,

If your child is ready to begin exploring the meaning of Holy Communion and receiving this sacrament of the church, please be in touch with Pastor Kara ASAP

She will offer Holy Communion Classes this fall for those who are interested. The time and dates will be planned according to the availability of the children who sign up.

October 2026 Budget Report

	October	Actual YTD	2026 Budget
Tithes @ Contributions	$ 7,960.10	$117,307.66	
Other Income (includes Use of Building, Headstart Rent, Hags Endow)	$ 8,396.44	111,755.83	
Total Revenue	$16,356.54	$229,063.49	
Administration	$ 474.91	$ 6,617.72	$ 11,870.00
Christian Education	$ 221.57	$ 1,246.91	$ 2,400.00
Facilities	$ 2,197.49	$ 35,890.35	$ 45,410.00
Personnel	$13,543.62	$135,524.30	$168,215.05
Property	$ 618.30	$ 16,513.58	$ 26,200.00
Social Ministry	$ 236.38	$ 1,863.76	$ 3,000.00
Stewardship/Evangelism	$ 00.00	$ 00.00	$ 200.00
Worship & Music	$ 129.00	$ 733.03	$ 2,750.00
Pilgrimage	$ 00.00	$ 224.97	$ 2,000.00
Synod Mission	$ 500.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 8,000.00
Hags Distribution	$ 00.00	$ 00.00	$ 9,675.00
Total Expenses	$17,921.27	$ 203,614.62	$279,720.05
Net Total	**($1,564.73)**	**$25,448.87**	

CURRENT GIVING FINANCIAL UPDATE

(Average needed weekly $4301.56. *This number is the total of "Annual Budget This Year" 224,149.25 less $27,600 in Head Start Rent divided by 52 weeks)*

November 1, 2026	$3816.40	November 8, 2026	$2085.00
November 15, 2026	$2179.00	November 22, 2026	$2935.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

November 1, 2026	74
November 8, 2026	40
November 15, 2026	47
November 22, 2026	48

On Line Giving is available

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It's really easy

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.

2027 Offering Envelopes

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

2027 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@salemdelmont.org no later than **November 22nd** 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)	_____
Maundy Thursday	_____
Good Friday	_____
Thanksgiving Offering	_____
Advent Offering	_____
Christmas Offering	_____