

Weekly News Bulletin
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 1, 2019**

- *GATHERING SONG:**
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn 242
- *HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Savior of the Nations, Come* 263
- *SENDING SONG:** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* 244

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We're glad you are here!

Children – Activity bags are available from the ushers.

Everyone – please sign a red Attendance Folder so that we may have a record of your presence.

Visitors – may also sign a Welcome Card, found in the pew racks, and place it in the offering plate during the offering, you are also invited to sign our guest register by the entrance.

Prayer Requests – Please use the Welcome Card to make any prayer requests, and place it in the offering plate.

***FEEL FREE TO TAKE THIS NEWS BOOKLET WITH YOU, BUT PLEASE LEAVE THE WORSHIP BULLETIN AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

To the glory of God and for all the special occasions in December

Birthdays: Adam, Eliza, Hampton, Albert III, and Chris

Anniversary: Hampton and Mabel

Ernie and Mary Reeves placed the flowers upon the altar.

Please keep in your prayers today and this week:

Madeline Joiner, Janice Converse, Ruthanne Logue, Al and Betty Fogleman, Loo Noordzy, Pam Trumbo, Larry Hinebaugh, Claude and Marilyn Baldwin, Ariel –lost her baby at 6 months into her pregnancy, Nancy McCray, Barbara Vaught, Lee Carey, Judi Kowalla, Kaelyn Shifflett, Brooklyn Williamson, David Daughtry, Junior Hosaflook, Ronnie Noordzy, Helen Wright, Patty and Bill Botkin, Aubriana Jahnke
Mike Blosser –surgery on Nov. 13
Dave Vandevander – back surgery
Barbara Petry –broken hip- sister to Ruth Mezzoni
Sharon Alexander –serious heart issues
Ellen Huffman – fell, pelvic fracture - Please pray for strength and healing for Ellen. Prayers for Melvin also.
Joyce McDonald – congestive heart failure

Those suffering with loneliness and depression
Pray for our military and our leaders
Pray for all people caught up in Human Trafficking
Pray for the safety and wisdom for all our law enforcement.
Victims of terrorism, violence, earthquakes, floods and fire.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

November 24	133	\$3,476.80
Reimagine		\$952.00
November Noisy Offering		\$205

TODAY'S WORSHIP HELPERS

USHERS: Captain: Captain- Noel Thomas

Lucy Dennison, Brooke Campbell, Beverley Wise

Alternate: Keith Robertson

Worship Leader: Hank Kowalla

Children's Sermon: Megan O'Gorek

GREETERS: Nelson & Cathy Terry

READER: Doris Grant

ACOLYTE: Alivia O'Gorek

CRUCIFER: Leigh Anne Sorrells

NURSERY:

SOUND: Leon Sheets

FLOWERS: Brooke Campbell

BREAD: Helen Wright

LINENS: Dianne Chafin

COMMUNION PREPARERS: Shannon Chafin & Brooke Campbell

SERVER: Charlie Dennison ASSISTANT: Keith Robertson

ALTERNATES: Donna Alexander – Tim Behler

ATTENDANTS: Dianne Chafin, alternate

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

December 1, 2019

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service ~ Noisy Offering

Thank you to Hank Kowalla for leading the service. Also thank you to Megan O'Gorek for leading the children's service.

WEDNESDAY: 5:30pm Bell choir
7:30pm Choir

THURSDAY: Happy Thanksgiving

Pastor Derek away from Tue., Nov. 26 – Sun., Dec. 1

NEXT SUNDAY: December 8, 2019

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
The Susan Arey Memorial Christmas
Ornament Workshop

Quotes from the "Church Mouse":

"Of all the blessings you have, God is #1."

The Noisy Offering today will be given to the Minnick School.

The 2020 offering envelopes will be available for pick up this Sunday. Since we have a new Financial Secretary I have changed the Envelope number series to 400 to align the numbers without gaps. I will prepare the statements after December 31. Teresa Richardson will be recording donations starting Jan 1 using an updated version of our software. This version will accept information downloaded from VANCO.

Leon S. Sheets

Youth Activities to look forward to:

December 8th- Christmas Shopping and Party

Beginning Dec 29th Meredith Boggs will need a substitute for her Sunday School class. (1st-3rd graders) For February thru May, she would like to share the class with another teacher. Please let her know if you are interested.

There are several corporals/purificators missing. If you have seen them, please let someone on the Altar Guild Know

The Susan Arey Memorial Christ Ornament Workshop will be held after Church service on December 8, 2019. The date has been changed due to Thanksgiving plans changing. As always we would love for anyone who would like to bring a craft to make with the children to participate. Gail Foley and Meta Baker will coordinate the social Hall and crafters. Come have some early Christmas fun making decorations with our wonderful children here at Salem

Donations of refreshments would be appreciated also.
Call Gail Foley at 383-2594 or Meta Baker at 421-6361 Thank you.

Children need school supplies to help them learn.

Crayons, Notebooks, etc. get used quickly and by December most of what they received at the beginning of school has been used up.

During Advent the Stewardship Committee is going to sponsor "fill a school bag for World Relief." Our own Mabel has sewed many bags - all we need to do is fill them with simple school supplies. Starting December 1st you will be able to pick up one or more bags and shop for the supplies. A list of those supplies will be included in each bag.

The last day for gathering bags will be Sunday December 22nd.
Thank you, Allen and Carolyn Bouknight

Please "Come to the Manger" on Sunday, December 15th at

6:30. Our children will be practicing music during Sunday School and upon arriving that evening will be able to decide which character (star, angel, shepherd or magi) that they want to be and will come to the stage to help us tell the story of Jesus' birth. Our youth, starting with the 5th grade will lead our characters to the manger at the appropriate time in the story. There will be bells, choir music, solos, trios and congregational singing. Please join us as we celebrate together the Christmas Story.

Our Christmas program is Dec. 15 at 6:30pm. The list for items needed is posted by the office. Please sign up, the show will be lots of fun. Thank you for your generosity. Any questions call meta Baker 540-421-6361.

The Gospel of John

This year for our Advent Bible study we will be looking at the Gospel of John. We will spend 3 evenings discussing this unique Gospel. **We'll meet on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 7 pm.** **On the 3rd and 17th** we'll be in the Imagine Center, on the 10th we'll be in the Social Hall.

Esther Circle Monday December 9 – 2pm in the Social Hall.

Devotions – Karen Patanio – Everyone bring a treat. Program – a story by Carolyn Bouknight.

Breakfast with Santa Saturday December 14, 2019 7:30am –

10:00am. Hosted by the Weyers Cave Ruritan Club. Join Santa and his helpers for breakfast. Bring your camera to take pictures with Santa. There will be a bouncy house, face painting, free balloons, Quin Houff signing autographs, as well as Augusta County Sheriff Donald Smith, a firetruck and a reading corner.

Free Will offering will be appreciated. Menu includes: sausage, pancakes, sausage gravy, biscuits and white or chocolate milk.

Christian Benefit Concert SACRA Monday December 9- 7:00pm doors open at 6:30pm

Memorial Baptist Church -224 Taylor Street, Staunton VA 24401
Featuring Local Musical artists. Refreshments will follow the concert. See bulletin board for more information.

The THEOS Sunday School Class invites you to join with us each Sunday in the library at 9:45am. We continue our Augsburg Adult Bible Study – theme this quarter – “Honoring Our God.” Scripture from 4 Old Testament books, plus Matthew and Luke.



We/I would like to help decorate for Christmas in our church by providing a poinsettia this year

The price is \$10.50 and the cut-off date is December 15.

Please make checks payable to Salem Lutheran Church and put them in the offering plate along with the order form.

If you are interested in providing a poinsettia, please fill out the information below and return to the church.

We have Red

<u>Number of flowers</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Cost</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____
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	<u>In Honor of</u>	
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_____	TOTAL	\$ _____

Signed by one ordering

Name (s) of donor as you want it in the bulletin: