

Weekly News Bulletin
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	DECEMBER 8, 2019
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- *GATHERING SONG:**
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry **249**
- *HYMN OF THE DAY:** *People, Look East* **248**
- *COMMUNION HYMN:** *What Child Is this* **296**
- *SENDING SONG:** *The King Shall Come* **260**

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 in honor of Loved Ones and in memory of all my grandparents, Terry Perotti placed the flowers upon the altar.

Please keep in your prayers today and this week:

Madeline Joiner, Janice Converse, Ruthanne Logue, Junior Hosaflook, Ronnie Noordzy, Helen Wright, Patty and Bill Botkin, Aubriana Jahnke, Mike Blosser, Dave Vandevander, Barbara Petry, Sharon Alexander, Ellen Huffman, Melvin, Joyce McDonald, Parker Fix –broken leg
 Kelley Owens grandmother fell hit her head not regained consciousness
 Bill Chafin – pain and shingles
 Jane Nesselrodt – pneumonia
 Fred Gibson - hospitalized
 Margie Moore – shoulder surgery

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.

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Nayeli Cruz (2) died from cancer. A cousin to Christine and Cielo Cruz
 Ronnie Dove, passed away November 30. Father to Amy Dove and Laura Calise, daughters of Janice Converse.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

December 1	111	\$4,332.89
Reimagine		\$1,007.00

TODAY'S WORSHIP HELPERS

USHERS: Captain: Captain- Noel Thomas
 Lucy Dennison, Brooke Campbell, Beverley Wise
 Alternate: Keith Robertson
 Assisting Minister: Doris Grant
 GREETERS: Spencer and Jess Arey
 READER: Mabel Anna Foley
 ACOLYTE: Judi Kowalla CRUCIFER: Hank Kowalla 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: Theresa Thomas, alternate

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

December 8, 2019

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

The Susan Arey Memorial Christmas
Ornament Workshop

Youth Shopping for Christmas families and
Having a Christmas party

MONDAY: 2:00pm Esther Circle at Salem

TUESDAY: 7:00pm Bible Study

WEDNESDAY: 5:30pm Bell choir

7:30pm Choir

THURSDAY:

NEXT SUNDAY: December 15, 2019

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

6:30pm Christmas Program

Quotes from the "Church Mouse":

"Those who have everything in God's hand will eventually see God's hand in everything."

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

TODAY -The Susan Arey Memorial Christ Ornament Workshop

will be held after Church service on December 8, 2019

277 pounds of food was delivered to the Verona Food Pantry by Leon and Barbara Sheets. Thank you to all who donated.

Announcing a new baby boy. Meredith and I appreciate all of your prayers today as we welcomed Owen Sinclair into God's beautiful creation. He was born December 3 and weighed in at 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19" long. Zach and Sydney are glowing with joy, along with these two new grandparents.

P Derek

May God watch over this family and give them peace and joy.

If you are planning to donate money to Operation Christmas Child

through the church treasury, please do so by Sunday, December 15th. Thanks! FYI, 20,377 boxes were brought to the Harrisoburg collection center. Way to go Shenandoah Valley and way to go Salem!

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 10th, and 17th at 7 pm. On 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.

Comfort knotting will be held this Wednesday, Dec 11 from 9 to 2 AND Thursday, Dec 12 from 9 to 12. Come either or both days. We need lots of help !!

Join us for: Christmas Caroling, Saturday, December 14 at 2:00pm And Our Cantata, "Seekers of the Light" featuring the choirs of Pleasant View and Salem Lutheran Church on Sunday December 22 at 3:00pm at Pleasant View Lutheran church

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.

The Eve circle and the Lydia circle will meet together on Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nicole Ocheltree.

Carolyn Bouknight will be storyteller. There will an ornament gift exchange. Everyone bring a snack to share.

XYZER's Luncheon at Salem Wednesday, December 18 – 12:30pm.

All seniors are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship, lunch – turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes by Linda Ellis. Bring a salad, vegetable dish or desert to share. Christmas program by Linda Ellis.

Caroling to Seniors shut-ins Friday, December 20 – 9:00am meet at the church.

Staunton, Mt. Sidney, and Bridgewater. Coordinated by Charles and Helen Marie Leach.

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.

Walk to the Manger – FREE – Saturday December 14, 2019 – 6-8pm near Keezletown Interactive live Christmas Outdoors. For ages 2-92 Call Hugh Landes for more details @ 828-6758 or walk to Manger on internet.

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>
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
	<u>In Honor of</u>	
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	TOTAL	\$ _____

Signed by one ordering

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