

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

December 15, 2019

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

3:00pm Cantata at Pleasant View Church

6:30pm Christmas Program

MONDAY: 2:00pm Eve and Lydia Circles

TUESDAY: 4:00pm Food Pantry Volunteers

7:00pm Bible Study

WEDNESDAY: 12:30pm XYZer's Annual christmas Lunch at Salem

5:30pm Bell choir

7:30pm Choir

THURSDAY: 12:00pm Eleanor circle

FRIDAY: 9:00am Christmas Caroling meet at church

SATURDAY: 12:00pm Christmas at Valley mission

NEXT SUNDAY: December 22, 2019

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

3:00pm Cantata at Pleasant View Church

Quotes from the "Church Mouse":

"Faith is "holding on."

Today is the last day to order poinsettias!

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

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

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.

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

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

TODAY - 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.

TODAY - 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 17th at 7 pm.** we'll be in the Imagine Center.

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 be 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.



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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Signed by one ordering

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