

**Weekly News Bulletin**  
**Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**                      **JANUARY 5, 2020**

- \*GATHERING SONG: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*    275  
\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*    295  
\*SENDING SONG: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*    288

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 memory of  
Robert L Simmons January 2nd Birthday,  
Nancy Simmons placed the flowers upon the altar.

**Please keep in your prayers today and this week:**

Madeline Joiner, Janice Converse, Ruthanne Logue, Sharon Alexander, Ellen Huffman, & Melvin, Joyce McDonald, Parker Fix, Bill Chafin, Jane Nesselrodt, Margie Moore,  
Bill Power-surgery a success- Nancy Simmons's neighbor  
Betty Myers –hospitalized  
Pam Trumbo –liver cancer- sister-in-law to Lynn Rogers  
Jesse Hartman-final stages of life –friend to Sara Fultz  
Dee Price –shoulder replacement –neighbor to Julie Maxwell  
Barry Turner –heart surgery-brother-in-law to Beverley Wise  
Bryson Joiner newborn in UVA breathing problems - son to Brooke and Justin Joiner

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:**

Elaine Clemmer died Dec. 17. She was mother to Kevin Clemmer  
Ellen Keiter died she was mother to Lise Keiter

**ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING**

December 29	95	\$14,601.11
Reimagined		\$2,015.00

**TODAY'S WORSHIP HELPERS**

USHERS: Captain: Captain- Frank Smith  
Allen Bouknight, Noel Thomas, Theresa Thomas  
Alternate: Trent Robertson  
ASSISTING MINISTER: Brooke Campbell  
GREETERS: Melissa and Seth Hower  
READER: Rebecca Munse  
ACOLYTE: Conner Campbell    CRUCIFER: Abby Campbell  
NURSERY:  
SOUND: Bill Chafin                      FLOWERS: Sandy Switzer  
BREAD: Brooke Campbell              LINENS: Lucy Dennison  
COMMUNION PREPARERS: Charlie and Lucy Dennison  
SERVER: Tim Behler                      ASSISTANT: Megan O'Gorek  
ALTERNATES: Lucy Smith – Sherry Ocheltree  
ATTENDANTS: Leigh Anne Sorrells, alternate

## **THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

### **January 5, 2020**

9:45am Sunday School ~ Noisy offering

11:00am Worship Service

Installation of Council and WELCA  
officers after worship lunch

WEDNESDAY:

6:45pm Worship/Music

5:30pm Bell choir

7:30pm Choir

FRIDAY:

6:00pm Dessert Theater at Pleasant View

6:30pm Epiphany Bonfire

SATURDAY:

2:00pm Dessert Theater at Pleasaant View

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

### **January 12, 2020**

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

WELCA Quarterly meeting in Imagine  
Center bring a bag lunch

Council President – Lucy Dennison

Vice President – Brett Chafin

Secretary – Louise Harris

Treasurer – Jared Mapstone

Donna Alexander; Tim Behler; Seth Hower; Anne King;

Sherry Ocheltree; Megan O’Gorek; Grant Richardson; Lucy Smith;

Noel Thomas; Bev Wise; and Pastor Derek Boggs

Committee Chairpersons: Cemetery – Brett Chafin and Doug Ocheltree

Christian Education – Lucy Dennison – until May; Fellowship – Leigh

Anne Sorrells; Finance – Warren Wise; Memorials – Sandy Switzer

Mutual Ministry – Melanie Smith; Nominating – Linda Ellis; Property –

Dianne Chafin and Brett Chafin; Social Ministry – Patsy Cruz;

Stewardship of Life – Allan and Carolyn Bouknight; Worship and Music

/ Altar – Meta Baker, Brooke Campbell and Shannon Chafin; Youth

Ministry – Allison and Albert Ullrich

WELCA. 2020 officers, Nicole Ocheltree, President; Dianne Chafin, Vice-

President; Sherry Ocheltree, Treasurer; and Theresa Thomas,

### **Quotes from the “Church Mouse”:**

“New Year, New beginnings.”

**NOTICE** - "After careful consideration, Church Council members approved a proposal from Hawk Security for an upgrade to Salem's Security system extending fire alarm coverage into older parts of the church at a cost of \$4,248.40. Council scheduled a **Congregational Meeting for January 19th after morning worship** for the Congregation to consider the proposal and to approve funding for the project from Special Projects. Please plan to attend".

**WELCA January 12<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting will be held after the worship service.** Plan to attend and bring a bag lunch. This is an important planning meeting for the rest of the year at which time you will sign up to help with the different activities and programs during the year. It is also important as the Virginia Synodical Women’s Organization will hold its annual convention at Salem this year July 31 to August 1, and the planning process needs to begin.

### **Epiphany Bonfire**

On January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm we will gather outside at Salem for an Epiphany Bonfire. This will be a time to usher in the New Year. Feel free to bring items of your choosing to roast such as hot dogs, marshmallows, etc.... Hot chocolate will be provided. You may also want to bring your Christmas tree to burn if you have taken it down. Other items to bring are a flashlight and a lawn chair.

### **Dessert Theater to be presented at Pleasant View Church**

Friday, December 10 at 6:00pm and Saturday, December 11 at 2:00pm. Tickets \$12.00. See Linda Ellis to purchase tickets.

### **Winter Celebration**

Winter Celebration for our senior high youth is January 24-26.

Please contact Allison Ullrich or Pastor Derek if you’re interested in going.

### **XYZer’s Luncheon, Wednesday, January 15 – 12:30pm at Lebanon.**

All seniors are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship, food catered by Beth Michael –Cost - \$8.00, and Program by Stephanie Crawford – Comfort Care in Woman’s Health. Signup sheet in hallway –Deadline – Wednesday January 8

**Many thanks** for the cards, food, visits and prayers during our time of loss. Having such a caring church family helps a sad time be a little lighter. A special thanks to Pastor Derek for his visits and support. Also we so appreciate the delicious meal our ladies prepared.

Janet Lee Gibson and Family

**I would like to thank** Pastor for his visits and phone calls as well as the congregation for their prayers, cards and phone calls while I was recuperating from foot surgery.

Thanks again Judi Kowalla

**The Clemmer family** very much appreciates the prayers, cards, and calls extending sympathy for Elaine Clemmer's passing (Kevin's Mom). We have been blessed to have our Salem family over all the years.

Thanks to everyone. Kevin and Judy

**I received a request** from Valley Supportive Housing for paper products with a thank you for our previous donations. I will be gathering rolls of paper products until mid-January. Any donations of paper towels and toilet paper, individual and bulk packs are welcome.

Thank you. Linda Ellis.

### **2020 Men's Group officers**

President: Charles Leach; Vice president: Hank Kowalla; Treasurer: Keith Robertson; Prayer Ministry Loo Noordzy

### **Announcing a new baby boy.**

Justin and Brooke Joiner are pleased to announce the birth of their baby boy. Bryson Lane was born December 30, 2019. He was 6lbs 8oz and was 20"long. Grandmother Lucy Smith was filled with joy. May God watch over this family and give them peace and joy.

### **Missed my deadline for January Newsletter so here is your Jan email version :)**

Happy New Year's Eve. As I sit on my couch with not 1, not 2 but 3 babies vomiting babies I find myself in that time of reflection that we often find ourselves in at the end of an era.

In the last two weeks my littles have delt with strep, pink eye of some sort , UTI, and now the stomach flu. More of our Christmas season has been spent at home and sick than out and about and healthy.

As I sit with three sick babies I thought about how easy it would be to complain in a moment such as this. With one child on either side simultaneously puking in trash cans I still find myself full of joy.

Right now just in my small circle of life I can name countless people suffering from sickness or loss. I have an uncle losing his battle with cancer, Jared's aunt lost her lost her battle just yesterday. I have a friend in ICU with complications from pneumonia and the flu. I have a friend with a new baby in the NICU. I have clients and family crippled with back pain and no end in sight. I heard of a complete stranger but another

momma just like me who lost her baby with no warning just a few days after Christmas. I will stop there because you are probably feeling so saddened at this point why would you go on?

But that's where the joy comes in. It has too. That's where the spirit of Christmas must push on. The spirit of that baby laying in a manger for all the world to love is sometimes the only hope we have left. With the end of the Christmas season and that new year of 2020 ahead we often reflect on the past and set goals for the future. With each new year our dreams and focuses may change and that's the great part of a free will and a free country but each CHRISTmas stays the same. It will always remain about that baby born in a manger sent to be the King of our hearts. The one who fills our hearts in times of pain and sorrow and the one who gives a love and understanding at times beyond measure.

As 2020 comes I have a goal for you that I saw another momma say the other day. She said if you change your out look on life and you view each moment, each breath as a true miracle then life will change right in front of you. Today this momma is covered in puke -literally-but I am so full of joy for the chance to love on these three miracles and so grateful for a healthy temple and body to heal. Everyday I have a chance to love and to forgive and to serve others is another day of CHRISTmas. Another day God has given to me to serve his purpose.

In 2020 as we are faced with ups and downs as this life brings so often remember that each day, each healthy movement, each drop of water, each plant grown to feed our temple, each hug, each smile from a stranger, each chance to serve is an opportunity to bring Him glory and see the miracles that He was born for. The miracle He created - the miracle of You!

Happy New Year and above all else  
Merry CHRISTmas. In CHRIST love, Amen. JR