

**Weekly News Bulletin**  
**Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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<b>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b>	<b>JANUARY 12, 2020</b>
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- \*GATHERING SONG:**  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*     **834**
- \*HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Know That Christ Is Raised***     **449**
- \*SENDING SONG: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***     **836**

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  
 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  
 Anne King –pneumonia

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:**

Jesse Hartman died –friend to Sara Fultz  
 Lucas Burns died Jan 8. Son to Cheryl and Tom Burns

**ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING**

January 5	90	\$0,000.00
Reimagine		\$0,000.00

**TODAY'S WORSHIP HELPERS**

USHERS: Captain: Captain- Frank Smith  
 Allen Bouknight, Noel Thomas, Theresa Thomas  
 Alternate: Trent Robertson  
 ASSISTING MINISTER: Lynn Rogers  
 GREETERS: Becky and Charlie Munse  
 READER: Melissa Hower  
 ACOLYTE: Beverley Wise     CRUCIFER: Lucy Smith  
 NURSERY:  
 SOUND: Albert Ullrich     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: Terry Perotti, alternate

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### **January 12, 2020**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
WELCA Quarterly meeting in Imagine  
Center bring a bag lunch

WEDNESDAY: 12:30pm XYZer's Lunch at Lebanon  
6:45pm Worship/Music  
5:30pm Bell choir  
7:30pm Choir

### **NEXT SUNDAY: January 19, 2020**

9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
Called congregational meeting

### Quotes from the "Church Mouse":

"Be Kind and Forgiving."

**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.

### 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.

**Knitter & Crocheters** - Please consider making some Prayer Shawls these winter months so that our Prayer Ministry can continue. Contact Carolyn Bouknight for patterns or information. There is still some yarn in the storage room by the downstairs kitchen. Thank you, Carolyn

### **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

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

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

### **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