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*From Pastor Steve*



## Epiphany: GOD IS HERE!

Epiphany is just a fancy Greek word that means appearance.

The birth of Jesus means that, in the words of Scripture, “The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all.” (Titus 2:11). Epiphany is the name that Christians in ancient times gave to the story of the Wise Men, who worshipped the infant Jesus and signified that God’s glory was manifested in him. Between now and Ash Wednesday our theme will be the ways that Jesus makes God known.

The Epiphany celebration is traditionally on January 6, but many Christians observe it on the first Sunday in January. This year, because of how the calendar falls, we chose instead to celebrate the January 1 festival of the Holy Name of Jesus.

On the second Sunday of January we will commemorate Jesus’ baptism, and see how that act reveals him to be God’s Son.

Advent was all about waiting, longing, expecting. Christmas and Epiphany are about promises fulfilled, and finding the peace and love humankind is seeking. When we know Jesus, we know God. When we follow Jesus, he leads us to God.

In this season of Epiphany I hope that we will renew our covenant with God as we remember his Son’s baptism on January 8. I hope that we all are praying about Salem’s future, and envisioning what great things this church may yet accomplish.

Yes, there are many uncertainties facing us in this new year. When will we get a full time pastor? Will COVID continue to be a threat? How should we respond to hunger, poverty, violence and war? What is God asking of us in 2023? Despite all that vexes and troubles us, I don’t think it is too much to expect that our Lord will manifest himself to us in new and wonderful ways in the days to come.

We are no longer waiting. He is here. Thanks be to God!

*- Steve Mindrup*

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*In our church family. . .*

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

*Please hold the families and friends of Marge Meyer and Virginia Grimes in your prayers.*

*Long-time Salem member, Marge Meyer died on December 23, just weeks prior to her 90th birthday. Her funeral was held at Salem on December 29.*

*We have received word of the passing of another long-time member, Virginia Grimes. Virginia died on December 28 at the age of 93 in Chicago where she had resided for the past several years. There are no immediate plans for a service.*

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

**CURRENT**—Raelynn Diggle\*, Eileen Negley\*, Janet Klotz\*, Muriel Scott, Dan Jackson

**CONTINUING**—Jane Burkett\*, Carolyn Wyant\*, Tom Glover\*, Lila Mattson\*, Janet Klotz\*, Shirley Hines\*, Pat Clason\*, Ruth Erickson\*, Steve Guyer\*, Ben Burkett\*, Jackie Cline\*, Mick Kimmey\*, Newborn William Lein, Augie Frietsch, Debi Clausen, Grace Pearson, Jim Kee, Darwin Classon, Mike Clayton, Mary Gliszczynski, Martha Poggi, Candy Gomes, Jeanne McNish, Sylvia and Cesar Hurtago, Max Garland, Larry Peppers, Laverne Schober, Linda McVicker, 7-year-old Tinley, Kate Gage, Marci Bluestone, Bridget Yaeger, Ava Hawbaker, Tyler Mall, Jim Martin, Nick Morgan, Sarah Flanigan, Scott Evans, Joanne Sumner, John Mason, Suzi Diab, Sally Ferko, Jacob Kenyon, Nadine Vehe, Steven Johnson, Bobby E., Brian DeFalco, Brian Porter, Wesley Calkins, Brad Engle, Colleen McMahon, Pearl Undesser, Jeff Shulkin, Julie Cook, Carol Peisker, Darlene Comiskey, Breanna Mann, Erin Stiver, Jerry Burd, Carol Wilhelm, James McMahan, Shandol Dulin, Tanya Kimmey, Tom Wysoglad, Joe Petit, Mike Guzzardo, Mandy W. & children

**MILITARY**—All people serving in the military, especially: Kaden Brennan, Danny Cassidy, Charlie Golowacz, Nathan Hunt, Brandon Jakubiec, Shawn Jakubiec, Joseph Kimmey, Ross Magee, Garrett O'Dell, Jared Usey, and Kevin Zaleski



**\*Indicates Salem member.**

**Please help us keep this list up to date by checking on any persons you may have referred.**



**JANUARY 2023**

## **SALEM CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Salem's Congregation Council met at Salem on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, starting at approximately 6:30 p.m. Council members Jacqueline Beverage, Alan Deaton, Patricia Farley, Walter Farley, Donna Fraley, Bonnie Guyer, Durk Hellinga, Pastor Steve Mindrup, and Nancy Rex attended this meeting.

Minutes of the December 6, 2022, Congregation Council meeting as prepared by Secretary Alan Deaton were accepted.

Council members studied the financial reports for November 2022. Treasurer Bonnie Guyer reported that all bills are currently paid and reported balances in the following accounts as of January 3, 2023.

General Fund: \$15,691.40

Designated Fund: \$28,808.60

Capital Fund: \$27,637.87

The treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Bonnie Guyer was accepted.

Monthly reports were presented by Pastor Steve Mindrup and representatives of Salem's committees.

The proposed budget for 2023 as prepared by the Finance Committee was approved for presentation to the congregation upon completion of some details.

The remainder of the meeting time was spent with some council organization for 2023, and with preparing for the Annual Meeting of Salem Congregation on Sunday January 29, 2023, starting at 10:15 a.m



**A LOOK  
at the  
BUDGET**

Prior to the vote to approve the 2023 budget at the Annual Congregational Meeting, there will be a hearing on the proposed budget on Sunday, January 22 at 10:15 a.m. Copies of the budget will be available to pick up on Sunday, January 15. All members are invited to review the budget and come prepared to ask any questions they may have.



## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY, JANUARY, 29, 2023 10:15 AM**

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ON THIS DATE.  
A POTLUCK BRUNCH WILL FOLLOW THE MEETING.  
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS.**

Copies of the Annual Bulletin of Reports will be available in the narthex by January 15.

If you pick up a copy prior to January 29, please bring it with you to the meeting.

All voting members of the congregation, confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record during the past calendar year, are encouraged to be present to help conduct the business of the congregation.

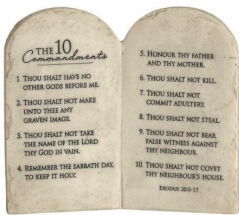
# Thank You

- for your generous support of holiday giving opportunities, especially Christmas offerings of \$1854 designated for Hesus House, and for your continued faithful financial support of the ministry of Salem Lutheran Church.
- for providing poinsettia plants to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season.
- to the faithful helpers who decorated the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.
- to all of our talented musicians and worship personnel who went the extra mile to provide inspirational worship services.
- to Pastor Steve Mindrup for his faithful and patient leadership in all we do.



**DIAMOND PLUS (75th +) BIRTHDAYS**—We are working on a new format for our monthly calendar which will not lend itself to adding birthdays. Therefore, we will be noting these significant birthdays for the month here in the Salem *LIFE*. Birthdays for January are:

Jan 8—Nancy Shehorn; Jan 9—Eileen Negley;  
Jan 22—Verdell Hanson; Jan 25—Betty Scofield



**MONTHLY MEMORY VERSES**—During 2023, Salem's memory verses for the year begin with a review of the Ten Commandments and Martin Luther's brief explanations of them. For an overview, read Exodus 20.

**JANUARY—THE FIRST COMMANDMENT:** You shall have no other gods.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?** We are to fear, love and trust God above all things.



**IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT WINTER WEATHER:** If you have concerns about cancellation of worship services or meetings, please check your email or tune in to WSPY 107.1 FM radio for cancellation announcements. The health and safety of our members is our primary concern; so please use your judgement about whether or not to venture out in severe weather.

# January at Salem

**JANUARY 8**—Sunday School classes and Adult Bible Study will resume.

**JANUARY 8**—3N1 Youth Group will meet at Salem at 5:00 pm for pizza and quilt tying.

## **JANUARY 9 & 10—SALEM QUILT GROUP**

The January work days for Salem's Quilters will be Monday, January 9 and Tuesday, January 10 from 9:00 am to noon. They would welcome any willing workers to do a variety of tasks; -no experience is needed. There are also quilt top kits pre-cut and ready for anyone to pick up in the narthex and take home to sew together. Please speak to Patty Farley or Cheryl Carls if you have questions.

## **JANUARY 15—GAME NIGHT**

Friends of all ages are invited to join members of the Fellowship Committee for a few hours of fun and games and a light hot dog supper on Sunday, January 15, beginning at 4:00 pm. If you plan to attend, please sign-up in the narthex to help with meal plans.

## **JANUARY 17—NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK**

Registration has been submitted for our January 17th volunteer shift at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The next volunteer opportunity will be February 21st. NIFB is now requiring registration two weeks in advance, so please sign up no later than February 7 if you plan to go in February. New volunteers are always welcome. The group meets in Salem's parking lot at 8:00 am to share rides as needed. The shift is from 9:00 to 11:30 am, and the group stops for lunch on the way home.

## **JANUARY 26—LUNCH BUNCH**

Salem's Lunch Bunch gathering for January will be on Thursday, January 26. The group will meet at Bull Moose in downtown Sandwich at 11:30 am. Please sign-up in the narthex to reserve your spot.

## **CHRIST IN OUR HOME**

The January, February, March 2023 devotional books are now available in the narthex. Please help yourself.



## **Women's Retreat**

**Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center**

**April 14-15, 2023 - Save the Date!**

If you have questions you may ask Sandy Martens, Kelly Clason or Sharon Wallis for more details.

# DECEMBER AT SALEM



**Left: RUTH UNIT  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
ON DECEMBER 14**

**Right: LUNCH  
BUNCH ON  
DECEMBER 15**



**Left: MEMBER  
SUPPORT COMMITTEE  
PREPARING COOKIE  
PLATES FOR OUR  
SHUT-INS  
ON DECEMBER 17**



**CAROLING & COOKIE DELIVERING  
ON DECEMBER 18**



**VOLUNTEER GROUP AT  
NORTHERN ILLINOS FOOD BANK  
ON DECEMBER 20**

Right:  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
CHILDREN  
LEARNED  
ABOUT  
SANTA LUCIA  
ON  
DECEMBER 11.



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SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
"BIRTHDAY  
PARTY FOR  
JESUS"  
ON  
DECEMBER 18

