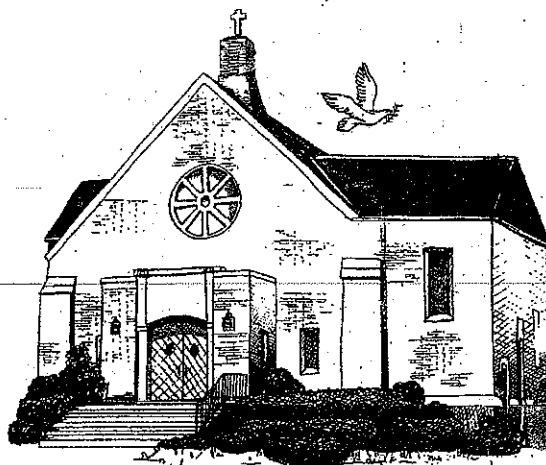


# The Salem Dove



## OCTOBER 2010

### PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends in Christ,

I bid you peace in the Name of our Lord and Savior! I would be remiss if I did not start out by saying, on behalf of myself, my wife Diane and my sons Bryan and Timothy a heartfelt "thank you" for all the kindnesses shown to us over the past several weeks! Salem congregation has truly been blessed with a spirit of hospitality! Your warm welcome has truly touched our hearts.

As I attend a first round of meetings and meet with individuals and families, I am very excited about what is already going on at Salem and our future together! There are many wonderful existing ministries already in place. These ministries can be expanded and built upon in coming weeks, months and years. I want to thank you, on behalf of the Church, for what you are already doing for the sake of the Body of Christ and the cause of the Gospel. Remember that your efforts are never in vain, because Christ lives. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

As I walk around and examine the area where Salem is located, I am reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 9:37 "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest field." That prayer is answered, at least in part, in each of us as we offer ourselves in service to the great cause of spreading the Gospel! May many hurting hearts in our vicinity in need of the Good News be reached. May God bless us as we apply ourselves to the task, out of thanksgiving, for all he has done for us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. *Cordially in Christ, Pastor John Pingel*

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*Vision: Preach - Teach - Heal - doing what Jesus does*

Ms. Catherine Nagel  
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August 21, 2010

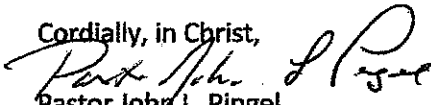
Dear Catherine,

It is with great joy that I accept the call to become pastor of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Buffalo, New York.

The people have been exceptionally kind to me and my family, and I greatly appreciate that. I am convinced that there is a spirit of servant hood among the people and a desire to reach the lost for Christ. I also believe there is great potential given this attitude and openness, and the setting and community in which the congregation is located.

I thank you for your patience with me during this time of prayer and reflection. I am excited about the coming days and look forward to becoming part of that family of faith which is Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. I truly believe that God has brought us together and that a bright future awaits. God bless you and thanks to you and other members of the Call Committee for your diligence, hospitality, and encouraging words.

Cordially, in Christ,




Pastor John L. Pingel

cc: The Rev. Dr. Chris Wischer  
President, Eastern District, LC-MS

The Rev. Fred Poeppel, Circuit Counselor  
Pittsburgh Northwest Circuit

# WORSHIP

The Worship Committee has developed a page for the DOVE that will communicate to the congregation the themes, liturgies, sermon texts and titles and other points of worship. (LW = Lutheran Worship TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal WOV = With One Voice SH = Supplemental Hymnal) Hymns and liturgy are being chosen by Pastor, the Music Director, and the Worship Committee. Comments are invited for future growth.

SUNDAY	LITURGY	1 <sup>st</sup> Hymn	Sermon Hymn	Communion Hymns	Last Hymn	Text and Title - Special Considerations for this Day
Oct. 3 - 19th Sunday of Pentecost (green) Communion	LWML Sunday Pre-printed program	LW 339 "Speak Oh Lord, Your Servant Listens"	"Faith & Truth & Life Bestowing"	LW 342 "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast" LW 312 "Jesus Shall Reign"	"Serve the Lord with Gladness"	Hymn of Praise: LW 321 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" Agnus Dei: LW 208 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"
Oct. 10 - 20th Sunday of Pentecost (green)	LW 158	LW 398 "God of Grace and God of Glory"	LBW 389 "May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"		LW 276 "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" v. 1,2,3,4,6	Hymn for Congregation and Sunday School: "This Is The Day"
Oct. 17 - 21st Sunday of Pentecost (green) Communion	LW 158 Holy Communion	LW 394 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"	LW 381 "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" v. 1,2,3,4	LW 359 "Just As I Am" "Have Thine Own Way" SH 33 "Rain Down"	SH 77 "Brothers and Sisters"	
Oct. 24 - 22nd Sunday of Pentecost (green)	LW 158	LW 203 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"	LW 328 "Thy Strong Word" v. 1,2,3,4		LW 334 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast"	
Oct. 31 - Reformation Sunday (red) Communion	LW 158 Holy Communion	LW 297 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"	LW 362 "Jesus Your Blood and Righteousness" v. 1,2,3,6	LW 296 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" SH 113 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" SH 41 "As the Deer"	LW 289 "The Church's One Foundation"	Hymn for Congregation and Sunday School: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

## Lutheran '3 - 0'

### Broadcast Schedule!

#### 39th YEAR - 2010

*Each Sunday at 9:00 am on WXRL (1300 AM)*

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Immanuel, Tonawanda

October 10<sup>th</sup> - Pilgrim, Kenmore

October 17<sup>th</sup> - St. John, North Tonawanda

October 24<sup>th</sup> - Redeemer, North Tonawanda

October 31<sup>st</sup> - Trinity, West Seneca

**Radio Ministry**

**Listen to THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays, 9:30 a.m. on WXRL radio (1300 AM)  
Invite others to listen too!**

## MEETINGS



LWML Sunday will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### BUFFALO ZONE FALL RALLY

Sunday, October 3, 2010

1 pm - Light Lunch      2 pm - Program

St. Paul Lutheran Church,

3487 N. Boston Rd. & Sisson Hwy. (Rt. 75), Eden

**Ann Werk, Author & Educator**

**Topic: "The Joy of the Call"**

There will also be a brief business meeting, election of officers and devotions. Registration Fee \$3.00

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 6:30 pm.

### RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES, etc.



In 2013, Eastern District LWML along with five other districts will be hosting the National LWML Convention in Pittsburgh. Fundraising is underway for this event.

Please save your empty ink printer cartridges. The inkjet cartridges must have a metal print head. Laser Jet and Inkjet cartridges - Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Compaq, Apple, Dell, most Canon, IBM, Opra, Brother, Panasonic, Samsung, Pitney Bowes, Sharp and Toshiba are accepted.

Epson, Copier toner tubes, fax printing film, printing ribbons and remanufactured or refilled cartridges are NOT accepted.

Cell Phones, Pagers, PDAs, DVD Players, I-Pods, MP3 Players, Digital Cameras, Laptop Computers, and GPS Systems are also accepted. Please place in a plastic bag. Include all cords, accessories and batteries if you have them. These aren't required, but are useful. These items do not have to be in working order.

Please give to Claire Carlson or put in the designated containers in the upper parish hall. THANK YOU to the many that have already donated.

### PLEASE SAVE YOUR CANCELED STAMPS.

1 lb. of stamps = 1 Bible

Clip leaving 1/4" paper around entire stamp.

DO NOT remove stamp from paper

Please give to Julie Diehl or leave in the boxes in the upper parish hall or narthex.

*Claire Carlson, Secretary*

### LIBRARY NEWS

The forty-volume set of House of Winslow series has been added to the Salem Library.

The Launch of the Mayflower brought the first Winslow to American soil in the Honorable Imposter. Follow the Winslow family from earliest colonies to the Salem witch trials; from the American Revolution to the Civil War; World War I and the beginning of World War II. See how this grand saga of the Winslow family shows how faith and history intersect.

*Gretchen Putzman*

### WORD ON THE CHRISTMAS BOOKLETS

For many years, the members at Salem have donated their used Christmas cards for this project for the Lutheran Service Society. The Society's Ladies Auxiliary has disbanded and we will no longer be making these booklets.

I want to thank all those who have helped in this mission through the years with the donation of cards and their work in assembling booklets.

If anyone has use of these Christmas cards, please let me know. I have boxes and boxes of them.

*Gretchen Putzman*



### MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group Breakfast will be Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 at 8:30 am. All men of Salem are invited to attend.



### SCRAPBOOKING CLUB

The next Scrapbooking club meeting will be Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2010. Please join us for fun and fellowship while working on our scrapbooks. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Kushka or Claire Carlson.



# Sunday School News

Sunday School is, at its heart, about teaching God's WORD -> that is our greatest asset. Where can God's children get to know Him better than in His house? Jesus acknowledged this in His youth when He told His earthly parents that He had to be in His Father's house, about His Father's business (Luke 2:49).

Reminder: Sunday School begins at 10:45 a.m.

## Calendar

October 12	Sunday School Teacher's Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
October 17	Salem Youth to serve lunch at City Mission - 11 a.m.
October 20	Roast Beef Dinner
October 31	Reformation Sunday
October 31	Trunk or Treating Youth Event - 11:30 a.m.

## Rally Day

Rally Day was celebrated on Sunday, September 26th. We had a family breakfast during Sunday School time. Our special guest was Pastor Pingel.

### Our Sunday School Staff for 2010-2011

Superintendent: Monica Thomas

Treasurer: Paul Yox

Secretary: Beth Radtke

Financial Secretary: Dawn Miller

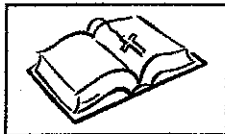
Primary Department Leader: Judy Hoffmann

Primary Teachers: Judy Hoffmann and Daylina Houck  
Primary Helpers: Eric Radtke, Arlene Ball, Ashley Hoffmann

Junior Teachers: Judy Carr, Lois Doll & Monica Thomas

Special Event Helpers: Barb Bartholomew, Claire Carlson and Jennifer Carr

Anyone interested in volunteering their time at Sunday School should contact Monica Thomas.



Congratulations to Amy Houck, Timothy Pingel and Bryan Pingel. They received a "Faith Alive" Bible from Sunday School on Rally Day,

## Upcoming Events:

**October 17<sup>th</sup> - 11 a.m.** Students from the Junior Department are encouraged to attend Youth service event at the City Mission. Mrs. LaPenna (Salem Youth Group Leader) is taking the group and will be serving lunch at the City Mission. Those who attend will be given a tour of the facility and will assist with serving lunch. Tote bags with toiletries will be donated as well.

**October 20<sup>th</sup> -** In support of the Roast Beef Dinner the Youth and Sunday School will again be holding a theme basket raffle to help raise funds for the youth. Anyone who wishes to donate a basket or gift card please bring it to Sunday School by October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**October 31<sup>st</sup> -** Reformation Sunday - wear "red" to church and Sunday School. We will have a presentation about Martin Luther during Sunday School. We will be ending a little early at 11:15 so our children can get ready for the Trunk or Treating Event.

**October 31<sup>st</sup> -** Trunk or Treating Event 11:30 a.m. - Salem Parking Lot - rain or shine. Children dressed in their costumes will trunk or treat to get candy. We will have cider and donuts. This will be open to our neighbors to attend as well.



## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR!**

Pastor John Pingel was born in Freeport, Long Island, June 5, 1958, the child of Doris and Ernie Pingel. He was baptized and confirmed at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Valley Stream, New York, by The Rev. William F. Donahue. Pastor's father drove a truck for the Borden Milk Company in the New York Metropolitan Avenue for many years, and his mother, Doris, worked in various capacities on Long Island. The family home was in Valley Stream.

Pastor Pingel decided to become a pastor during confirmation classes and following graduation from Hewlett High School, he attended Concordia College in Bronxville, graduating with a B. A. in English and then on to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating with an M. Div. in 1983 following a vicarage in Lakewood, Colorado, under the Rev. Donald Paul.

Pastor Pingel's first call was to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Beaver Falls, PA, where he remained for 27 years. He married Diane M. Giddens, a member of First Lutheran Church in Sharpsburg, PA, in 1992. The marriage has been blessed with two children, Bryan Christopher, who is now 14 years old, and Timothy James, who just turned 12.

Pastor Pingel received an M.A. in Psychology from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA in 1996. He has held a number of counseling positions in addition to his full time work at the church. Most recently he worked for Northwest Human Services, the largest provider of mental health services on the east coast, as a Mobile Therapist, working largely with children with various disorders. Many programs were developed at Mt. Olive during his tenure there, including a large preschool, Stephen Ministry and Mothers of Preschoolers. Pastor Pingel successfully led the congregation through two building programs.

## **VOTERS' MEETING**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2010**

## **TRUNK AND TREATING**

An event is being planned for the children. Please bring donations of candy to share. Cider and donuts will be furnished after worship on Sunday, October 31<sup>ST</sup>. The children will dress in costumes and then we will all proceed to the parking lot. This is a safe alternative for the children. This will be open to the neighborhood children as well. Thank you for your support.

*Darlene LaPenna, Youth Chair*

## **B A N S Published**

"Tracy Schutt and Matthew Skuse wish to enter the holy estate of matrimony according to God's ordinance and desire the prayers of the Christian congregation on their behalf so they may begin it in God's name and have it turn out well. Now should anyone have anything to say against this, let him or her speak at this time or hereafter remain silent. God grant them His blessing. Amen." (*From Martin Luther's Wedding Booklet*)

## **CHRISTCARE DANCE CLASSES**

Mondays at Salem

5:15 - 6 pm - ages 3-5

6:15 - 7 pm - ages 6-9

7:15 - 8 pm - ages 10 & up

\$5 donation per class

*If interested, contact*

*Darlene LaPenna at 822-4435*

*Classes are open to members of the community.*

## **CHURCH RECORDS**

FUNERAL - Alma Briggs died June 3, 2010 at the age of 103 years old. Private cremation service for family.

TRANSFER OUT - James Pace to St. Mary's of Lake Roman Catholic Church.

TRANSFER IN - Tracy, David and Ava Jablonski from St. John Lutheran Church (ELCA), West Seneca.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - Florence Daberkow died August 29, 2010 at the age of 95 years, 8 months, 15 days. Memorial Service at Salem on September 25, 2010 by Vicar Domenick Lettieri.

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## **JR. & SR. HIGH RETREAT**

October 22<sup>ND</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup> 2010

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center

Please contact Youth Chair Darlene LaPenna if you are interested in attending.

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**THANK YOU** to Bob Wolf for making the personalized wooden carved sign for Pastor Pingel's office.

**Thank you to Pastor David Belasic at his last service as a vacancy pastor, September 19, 2010 as presented by Paul Thomas, Congregational President and David Carlson, Vice-President**

On behalf of the Salem Congregation, we want to thank Pastor Belasic for his time, talents and support over the past four months. When he started, he told us he would assist us in "directing the ship" keeping us on course if we went astray.

Well he did more than that. His wisdom and enthusiasm has allowed our congregation to grow and continue to flourish. He used his years of experience to impress new ideas. He made us look at ourselves differently than we had before (Do you remember the "evaluation" in the Christ Care Ministry office?) We will forever remember him for this guidance in the Call process. He started in an oversight capacity, but when the process slowed down he "kicked us in the proverbial butts" to get back on pace. He pushed us along to ensure we did not lose out on the opportunity to Call the future pastor the Lord meant for us.

Together, Pastor and his wife Joy shared their love of the Lord and their care of other people. He stated at the beginning that he never had to conduct a funeral during a vacancy. Unfortunately, we had several of our church members called to the Lord during his stay. Though unplanned, he brought forth the introduction of Vicar Domenick. This provided the "family" of Salem an opportunity to learn from the "well experienced" as well as the "new kid on the block".

We also feel Salem has forever made an impression on Pastor Belasic. He was amazed by what different activities we engage in. Where else could he attend 3-4 different Bible Studies per week, participate in the monthly Men's Group (where nothing "leaves the room"), assist in a Wine Tasting fundraiser for Camp Pioneer or sit on small group ministry meetings to start?

Salem would be remiss if we did not remember and thank Pastor Ron Sprehe for his role as a vacancy pastor. Pastor Ron went beyond the call of duty supporting two congregations on a week-to-week basis. While he could not be here today, we all know his "heart" is with us, as our prayers have been with him.

Lastly, as token of our appreciation, Deann Sheppard presented a gift of appreciation to Pastor "B" from the Salem Lutheran Church congregation, South Buffalo. *Paul Thomas*

*Dear Paul, Church Council members and all the people of Salem!*

***THANK YOU!... all of you... for the card, the gift to Roycroft Inn, the journal, the encouraging words... and the privilege of serving our Lord together over the past months! THANK YOU ALL!***

*God Bless you and Pastor Pingel and the new chapter in mission and ministry that is beginning at Salem!*  
*"Pastor B"*



### **Salem Scholarships Awards**

On Sunday, September 26, Scholarships were presented to three of Salem's outstanding students, all beginning their college careers this September! The three students, their colleges and majors are:

1. Ryan Carr, attending Westminster College in Pennsylvania, majoring in biochemistry
2. Ashley Hoffmann, attending Buffalo State College, majoring in education
3. Kelly Webster, attending St. Bonaventure University, majoring in chemistry

Some of their thoughts and visions are highlighted below:

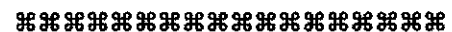
"I have learned that most things can be accomplished through hard work and prayer. I plan to enter college as a young woman with morals and a strong faith. I plan to leave college with stronger morals, faith, and a better sense of self."

"As a new freshman in College, I will take my books and God, knowing that's all I need to succeed."

"Since I have the talent of working with children, I will make sure that I play an active role with the youth in the church. I was granted this gift and I will use it to the best of my ability!"

We wish them God's blessings as they begin this next phase in their young lives. As a congregation we are extremely proud of them!

*Deann Sheppard, Board of Christian Education Chair*



### **DIRECTORY CHANGES**

Joyce Freeland, 1790 Seneca St., Lower, Buffalo, NY  
14210-1825

Tracy, David and Ava Jablonski, 3424 McKinley Pkwy.  
Apt. 1, Blasdell, NY 14219 (new members)

Janice Kingsland, 22 Cushing Pl. Lower, Buffalo, NY  
14220-2408

Daniel Krzywick, 1260 Center Rd., Apt. 1, West Seneca, NY  
14224-2339

A steward is a manager of another's belongings; a caretaker, custodian, trustee; a chosen servant; an important person in a privileged, responsible position. "... it is required of stewards that they be found faithful (1 Cor. 4:2)." The steward, Shebna, was the manager of the household (Isaiah 22:15). An irresponsible steward can lose the privilege and position. (Luke 16:2)

A steward has a sense of accountability, belonging, dignity, identification, and a close relationship with the Master. (Rom 12:1-2)... Stewards also have that relationship *with one another* as part of the larger "body of Christ," His Church... on His mission. (Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12; 2 Cor. 8 & 9)

A steward cannot forget her/his "place", position, in the relationship with the Master, the Owner. Stewards follow the instruction of the Master (Gen. 43:16). As a governor Joseph was a steward (Gen. 41:41 & 42:6) and had a steward who was responsible to him (Gen. 43:19). Stewards are called to responsive faith, to a living trust, and to a great honor ... personally *and collectively*!

A steward cannot forget his/her position & relationship with others in the body of Christ – because of our common relationship with/thru the Lord. "They had everything in common." Acts 2:44

A steward is NOT the Owner (Ps. 24:1), the ruler, the director, nor is the Steward merely "one of the others" or like the "hired help." A steward is NOT an unthinking puppet, nor a robot-like slave! In Romans 16:23 the city Treasurer is called "steward of the city." Stewards are on God's mission.

A steward is NOT irresponsible, slothful, lazy, nor merely looking out for her / himself. "As each person has received a gift from God, EMPLOY IT FOR ONE ANOTHER, as good stewards of God's varied gifts." (1 Pet 4:10) As "the body of Christ" (Rom 12) we do this together!

A steward is created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-31), redeemed by the grace of God, forgiven by Jesus Christ and given the position of overseer of God's gifts of life, relationships, time, ability, creation and even the Gospel (Eph. 3:2-10)! The steward's blessings and responsibilities increase. "... to whomever much is given, much is required." (Luke 12:48) ... *individually and corporately*. (John 20:21)

God's stewards see all of life as the time and place for serving the Savior, not just part of life or some of the time of life. Stewards live in relationship with the rest of the people, property and potential owned by the Creator. Stewards are instrument of blessing for the sake of the Ultimate Owner of everything and everyone ... *individually and corporately*. (Ps. 24:1; 1 Cor. 12:4-27)

A steward considers the long-range plan of the Master as well as the immediate needs of the Masters friends. "His steward was overseeing the laborers..." (Matt. 20:8). Stewards do not make decisions by-themselves. Stewards consult the Lord. God has chosen us and given us all of life to manage in service to all people. It is an honor to be God's stewards... *individually and together*.

Our mission as stewards is to be *personal and corporate agents of blessing*; equipping, giving, encouraging, reconciling, preserving, relieving, bringing hope and help from the Owner to all whose lives we can touch (1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12; Eph. 4; Gal, 6). Stewardship involves all of life lived for God's purposes in response to the present and eternal mercies of God -- given thru Jesus Our Savior! (Rom. 12:1-2)

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Council Corner**

*"Circuit Counselor (Michael) Blackwell: We, of Salem Lutheran Church, after prayerful deliberation, have elected the Reverend John Pingel to be our pastor. I present him for installation."* For those who were not present on September 19th at 3 pm, these were the words I cited during the installation. Please know in my heart, those were not my words, but the words of the entire congregation! That's how I felt when I was standing up there. Our collection efforts, meetings, discussion, decisions and prayers brought us to another chapter in Salem's history! As with any good book (or Bible chapter), one good chapter leads to another. It is not just an ending or just a beginning, but a transition: the epitome of change for our church family.

In my first lengthy meeting with Pastor Pingel, he stated that in general he wants to listen and learn from our congregation. We need to remember to do the same. We need to listen and learn from him. Some activities will start out slow, while others may be jumped right into. There is much each all of us may want, individually, but let's work together to grow bigger and better, collectively. Remember the phrase I suggested back in June:

**CHANGE - Christ Helps All Neighbors** (your church family) and **Groups in Every**way

Our prayers helped call our next leader. Our prayers helped bring Pastor Sprehe to the improving health and move back to his own home in Western New York. My short-term prayer is to allow Pastor Pingel and his family to be together full time as soon as reasonably possible. My long-term prayers include realizing some of the goals we planned for, but only as soon as reasonably possible, *"with prayerful deliberation"*.

*Paul Thomas, Church Council President*

IN MEMORIAM



**OUR SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS TO** the families of Florence Daberkow (mother of Maureen Wilke) who passed away August 29, 2010; Janet Brown (mother of Janilyn Kogut) who passed away September 8, 2010, Wilson Baker (husband of late Doris) who passed away September 12, 2010 and Sallie Langner (mother of Suzanne and John) who passed away September 13, 2010.

Our sympathies and prayers also go to Cheryl Blemaster and her family on the passing of her sister in California in September.

*Please note addresses of Wilson Baker's daughter: Debra Kelly, 442 Hughes Rd., Hempstead, NC 28443 and Sallie Langner's daughter: Sue Sager, 28 Burbank Dr., Orchard Park, NY 14127.*

**WELCOME PACKAGE for PASTOR JOHN PINGEL and FAMILY PRODUCTS ASSOC. WITH BUFFALO AND WESTERN NEW YORK FROM the SALEM CONGREGATION Presented September 19, 2010**

**FOOD ITEMS:**

- CHEERIOS Cereal
- WEBER'S Mustard
- WEBER'S Piccalilli Relish
- ILIO DiPAOLO's Spaghetti Sauce
- ILIO DiPAOLO's Italian Dressing
- BUFFALO WING Hot Sauce
- SAHLENS Hot Dogs
- SORRENTO Mozzarella Cheese
- CHEF'S Pasta Sauce
- HORSERADISH (from Broadway Market)
- ANCHOR BAR BUFFALO WING Sauce-BBQ
- ANCHOR BAR BUFFALO WING Sauce-Medium
- LA NOVA (Pizzeria) BBQ Sauce
- "DEB'S DELIGHTS" Raspberry Jam
- BATTISTONI Pepperoni
- BISON Cottage Cheese
- MAYER BROTHER'S Apple Cider
- ROSINO Meatballs
- MINEO and SAPIO Italian Sausage
- PELLICANO Chili Mix
- PELLICANO Chili Dog Sauce Mix
- LOGANBERRY Juice
- GENESEE Beer
- CHIAVETTA'S BBQ Marinade
- CHIAVETTA'S French Dressing
- "Thurman Thomas" BUFFALO WING Dip
- BUFFALO WING Nuts

**NON-FOOD ITEMS:**

- Buffalo/Niagara Restaurant Guide
- Assorted postcards of Buffalo and WNY
- Variety of pamphlets of local interests (including the Chautauqua Institute)
- Buffalo Bison figurine
- Buffalo Bison "stress reliever"
- Buffalo, NY bumper sticker
- Buffalo, NY magnet
- Two Buffalo theme coffee mugs
- Buffalo Sabres shot glass
- Buffalo Bills shot glass
- Buffalo "CITY of GOOD NEIGHBORS" sweatshirt
- Set of Buffalo theme pens



**EMAILS NEEDED**

Please give your email to Church Secretary Ernelle Ponivas at [salemoncircle@yahoo.com](mailto:salemoncircle@yahoo.com). Please put church email in the subject line. We are establishing a congregational database. You may get important church news and prayer requests. Thank you.

**OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH. THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF OUR PASTOR.**

**CHERYL BAK BENEFIT**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2010

5-9 PM

LAKE ERIE ITALIAN CLUB

3200 SOUTH PARK AVE.

LACKAWANNA

*Cheryl is battling cancer.*

*She is the mother of Pam Bell.*

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Justin and Susan LeBlanc on the birth of their son, Trent Arthur on June 20, 2010.

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**YOUTH TO CITY MISSION**

Salem Youth is serving a meal to the residents at City Mission on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting donations to bring with us. We are filling totes with donated items. Please pick up at a tote in the upper parish hall and fill with any of the following suggested donations and return by Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Items needed are: men's or women's deodorant; new adult and children hats, gloves or socks; new dish towels, hand towels, wash cloths or pot holders; batteries; tissues (large box); baby wipes; diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, 6) or pull ups. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene LaPenna, Youth Chair.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Renewal or new subscriptions are due into the church office or to the secretary by Sunday, October 24, 2010 - \$9.75 per year. This Lutheran magazine will be mailed to your home. You may use the envelope provided in your box of offering envelopes. Make check payable to "Salem Lutheran Church" with Lutheran Witness and your envelope number on the check line. Thank you. *Ernelle Ponivas*

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**BUFFALO CITY MISSION URGENT NEED**

Buffalo City Mission is in urgent need of used clothing. For more information contact Jessica Pollack at [jpollack@buffalocitymission.org](mailto:jpollack@buffalocitymission.org).

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**BOOK SALE**

Saturday, October 9, 2010

9 am - 3 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

Clinton St. & Union Rd., W. Seneca

To benefit St. John's Building Fund

Wide variety of books, media, baked goods and more!

*For more information, contact Sandy Haase at 668-3584.*

**POTLUCK CORNER**

**Orange Jello Torte**

- 1 loaf Angel Food cake
  - 2-11 oz. cans Mandarin oranges (well drained)
  - 1-3 oz. box orange Jello    1 c. boiling water
  - 1 pint orange sherbet    1-8 oz. Cool Whip
- Cut angel food cake into 4 lengthwise slices and place in a 9"x13" cake pan. Arrange well drained, paper towel dried, orange slices on top of cake. Dissolve orange Jello in a cup of boiling water. Let stand 2 minutes. Stir in 1 pint of orange sherbet, stir until melted, and then fold in Cool Whip. Pour over orange slices and refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving. Cut into squares. Freezes well.

*Joy Belasic*

**Niagara Lutheran Health System (NLHS)**

**GUILD FALL FUN FAIR**

Thursday, October 21, 2010

9 am - 3 pm

Niagara Lutheran Home, 64 Hager St., Buffalo  
Baked Goods, Plants, Crafts, Jewelry, Auntie Em's Collectibles

*For details, contact Florence Doran at 836-6803*



## Stephen Ministry in Action

# Yearning for Forgiveness

*Read how one Stephen Minister experienced the joys and sorrows of Christian care giving as she helped her care receiver work through a very difficult time.*

When our caring relationship began, we frequently met in a hospital waiting area. My care receiver described this time of her life as if she were "being tossed roughly in a boat in the middle of a raging storm" and was yearning to see and be heard by a friendly representative of Christ. So I responded by ministering with quiet compassion and hope. When she felt like she was barely treading water, I comforted her with a hand to hold, arms to enfold her, and a shoulder to lean on. In the midst of hospital confusion and the intense ups and downs of her husband's struggle to survive, our relationship developed as a sort of harbor of hope where my care receiver knew she could turn and be comforted, where she could rest and be restored.

Then her husband died, and our relationship went through a very dark and heavy period that weighed us both down emotionally and spiritually. We usually met in her kitchen during the evenings, and no matter how long or short the visit was, it seemed endlessly long, dreary, and bleak. Keeping my senses open to her searing pain and grief was excruciating, particularly at the end of our visits, when her children had gone to bed and she would sob. I felt helpless. What face of Christ was I supposed to reflect to her now? Nothing resonated. I felt uncomfortable dispensing joy. Therefore, I tried to be an angel of presence, to be with her, listen to her, and care for and encourage her.

When I look back on this phase of our relationship, I believe I missed the clues that my care receiver was yearning for the face of forgiveness. She was so vulnerable about her mothering abilities, and it was all too easy to feel guilty. Was she doing too much or not enough? Was she too strict or too permissive? She was yearning for peace of mind through forgiveness.

Gradually, our relationship was able to accept both joy and sorrow in the same visit. I heard her go from saying "my pain" to "the pain," and she began to adopt a wonderful attitude of perseverance. Moreover she blessed everything and everyone, especially her

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family and friends. I continued to minister to her – trying to illuminate the goodness and wisdom inside her – and care for her spiritual needs. For although she benefited from attending worship every Sunday, she would still wilt if her spirituality were not watered on a daily basis.

One small prayer, a short meditation, the sharing of a song on the radio or a spontaneous burst of gratitude – these little acts revived her spirit and mine. More importantly, her connection with God was flourishing again. I've heard it said that simply saying "thank you" can be the most powerful prayer that a person can utter. I witnessed the truth of this and saw it sanctify my care receiver.

Now our caring relationship has grown far less formal, but we remain joyfully connected to each other and eternally connected to God. Silliness and successes are shared as readily as secrets and embarrassments. We love and delight in one another's everyday experiences. More often, we get together when we are simply starved for one another's company and want to talk.

I can't point to a specific turning point in our relationship or in my care receiver's healing. Somewhere along this journey, she gathered the wisdom and the courage to trust both God and herself. She has taken that leap into new selfhood and now feels free to love and live more abundantly than before.

Recently she shared with me these verses from Colossians 1:11-12, which she says so accurately describe her life these days.

"May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from His glorious power; and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has strengthened you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light."

To that I can only say, "Amen!"

Are you or someone you know hurting or experiencing difficulties in their life? Then contact Rich Landseadel at 822-9695 regarding Salem's Stephen Ministry.

Pastor Ron Sprehe is now recovering from his heart transplant surgery. He is now home. It has been requested that he have NO visitors when he is home. With the recent surgery, his immune system will be suppressed and more susceptible to infection. Please continue to keep Pastor and his family in your prayers

**REMINDER**

When a member of the family is in the hospital, or in need of pastoral counsel or care, PLEASE phone Ernelle at the Salem church office, 824-2787 or contact Pastor Pingel at 825-3253 (parsonage) or 1-724-494-9486 (cell) or Vicar Domenick Lettieri at 525-1044 (home) or 392-1148 (cell). Family members are asked to please inform the church office and/or Pastor when a member of Salem is released from the hospital and/or goes to a rehab center. Thank you!

**THANK YOU**

THANK YOU to the Call Committee for a job well done: small committee: Paul Thomas Jr., Barbara Bartholomew, Fred Bartz Jr., Jim Carr, Ashley Hoffmann, Monica Thomas; alternates: Sally McAlpine, Claire Carlson, Norrine Nagel: whole committee: Shirley Banas, Dave Bartholomew, Dennis Croston, Sharon Croston, Lois Doll, Judy Hoffmann, Steve Jarmusz Sr., Elinor Jentsch, Sheree Krol, Joanne Kushka, Ken Kushka, Rich Landseadel, Shirley Landseadel, Gladys Matson, Deann Sheppard, Roy Sheppard, Karen Thomas, Mark Thomas and Nancy Thomas. "How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?"

1 Thessalonians 3:9 NIV  
We sincerely also appreciated Pastor Belasic and Circuit Counselor Pastor Mike Blackwell for their guidance and prayers.  
*Dave Carlson, Catherine Nagel, Call Committee Co-Chairman*



**THANK YOU** to Barbara Bartholomew for helping in the church office during Church Secretary Ernelle Ponivas' vacation.



**Thanks to All...  
from The ChristCare Group Leaders**

A special thank you to our Salem congregation members and friends for their support of the spaghetti dinner. It was a great turn out!

- We are thankful for:
- All donations of money and food items, which were given by the ChristCare leaders and members.
  - All donations of cakes, brownies and desserts
  - The homemade meatballs and sauce
  - Those who helped with the clean-up effort and washed the dishes

I would like to thank the Chairman and committee members of the ChristCare Groups who worked so hard to make this dinner a huge success! Just over \$1000 was raised to continue building the resources of the ChristCare room and to fulfill the obligation of the Lutheran Extension Society grant.  
*Roy A. Sheppard, ChristCare Equipper*

**LEADERSHIP CHRISTCARE GROUP**  
The Leadership/ Spiritual Growth Group will be meeting on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2010 at 6:30 pm. This group is led by Jim Carr.



*"Who provides food for the raven when its young cry out to God and wander about for lack of food?" asks Job (38:41).*

*Reply: "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"<sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? (Matthew 6:25-26)*

*Good stewards are those who generously share what God has provided to them (talents and gifts) and through their service they have served and loved God.*

*Have you assessed your talents and gifts?  
Submitted by Monica Thomas*



**NEW COMMUNICATION POLICY**

If any organization or group is planning an event, they must first have it approved by Pastor Pingel and the Council President prior to publication in the "Dove." Thank you.

## MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

CHRISTCARE FUND-----In memory of: Florence Daberkow by: Ruth Kray

Gifts: Shirley Banas

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In memory of: Florence Daberkow & Sallie Langner by: David & Claire Carlson

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In memory of: Robert Wiedemann by: Sue Gifford

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In memory of: Sallie Langner by: Fred Bartz Jr., Ruth Carr

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### MEMORIALS & GIFTS PUBLICATION POLICY

The following is the policy for the publication of the memorials and gifts in the "Dove." Memorials and Gifts are published based on information from the control sheets compiled by the counters each Sunday. Please note Memorials and Gifts may not be published in the Dove in the same month in which they are donated. Your name will only be published once under each fund whether or not a memorial and/or gift are both given. Your name will be published for each memorialized person. Your name will only be published once under each fund per month even though multiple contributions may be given. The only time donations to the Maintenance Fund are published is for Memorials. This has been the past practice for many years. *For any questions or clarification, please contact the "Dove" editor Claire Carlson*

### *Bible Classes*

Sunday Mornings at 10:45 am

Bible Class led by Pastor or Vicar Dom

Tuesday Afternoons at 1 pm

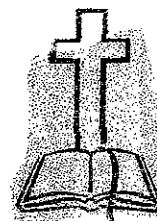
Leader: Sally McAlpine

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm on The Psalms

Leader: Dave Carlson

Thursday Mornings at 9:30 am

Leader: Ruth Carr



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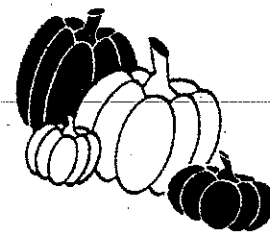
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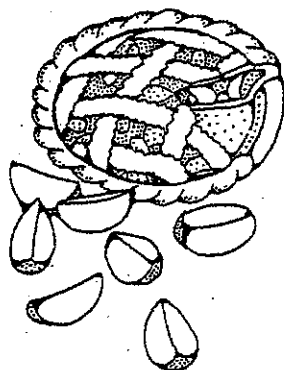
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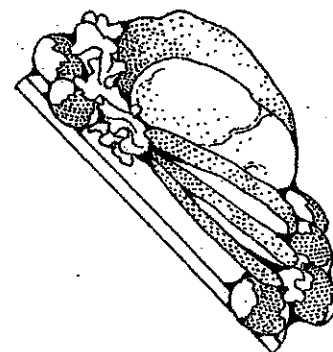
**Wednesday, October 20 , 2010**

**4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

(Doors open at 3:30 p.m.)



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Buffalo, New York 14220  
824-2787



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