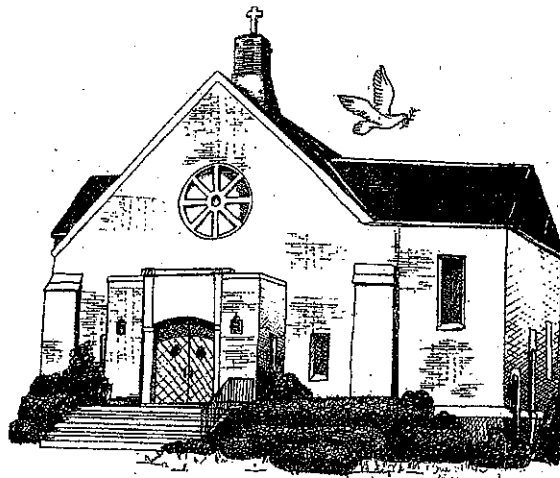


The Salem Dove



FEBRUARY 2011

From the Pastor...

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16

It is said that King James V of Scotland would occasionally lay aside the royal robe of king and put on the simple robe of a peasant. In such a disguise, he was able to move freely about his realm, making friends with ordinary folk, entering into their difficulties, appreciating their handicaps, sympathizing with them in their time of sorrow. When the king again sat upon the throne, he was better able to rule over them with fatherly compassion and mercy.

This short illustration from history captures the essence of this text. The writer to the Hebrews describes Jesus as our "Great High Priest." A priest is one who offers sacrifice, who stands before God on behalf of the people. This great high priest, Jesus, unlike the priests of the Old Testament, does not offer animal sacrifices in the temple courts. This high priest offers himself as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of humanity as he dies on the cross one Good Friday afternoon. Having done that, he ascends into heaven where he offers intercession for us before the Father's throne.

It would almost be enough that Christ did that for us. But the writer goes on and he offers--let's call it for what it is--an "emotional" dimension to this scene. This is not just some "priest" doing what he is required to do, mumbling the words of some celestial liturgy. This priest actually CARES for those he serves. He's a high priest FILLED with SYMPATHY for us, who remain back here on earth.

The writer captures an important facet of what we call the INCARNATION. The word "incarnation" comes from the Latin word "carnus" meaning meat or flesh. It has been the confession of the Church for over 2,000 years that God became INCARNATE in Christ that God the Son took on human nature, including the full range of human emotions. God in effect "walked in our moccasins" for a time.

The end result is that he knows what we go through as we make our way through this world. He is not some (con't. on page 2)

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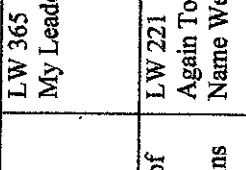
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† † † **Mission: SALEM/Peace - As the Father sent me I send you.** † † †
Vision: Preach - Teach - Heal - doing what Jesus does

W O R S H I P

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 WOY = 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 st Hymn	Sermon Hymn	Communion Hymns	Last Hymn	Text and Title
Feb. 6 - 5 th Sunday after Epiphany (green)	LW 158 Holy Communion	LW 203 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"	LW 394 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"	SH 90 "I'd Rather Have Jesus" SH 102 "My Jesus I Love Thee" SH 1 "Alleluia"	LW 392 "O That The Lord Would Guide My Ways"	"Salt & Light"
Feb. 13 - 6 th Sunday after Epiphany (green)	LW 158	LW 207 "To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"	LW 359 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"		LW 365 "Christ Be My Leader"	"Salvation"
Feb. 20 - 7 th Sunday after Epiphany (green)	LW 158 Holy Communion	LW 398 "God of Grace and God of Glory"	SH 77 "Brothers and Sisters in Christ"	"Come To The Table of Mercy" (Insert) LW 366 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" SH 57 "Let Us Break Bread Together"	LW 221 "Savior Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise"	"Loving our Enemies"
Feb. 27 - 8 th Sunday after Epiphany (green)	LW 158	LW 444 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"	LW 408 "I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus"		LW 419 "Evening and Morning"	"Anxiety"

Lutheran '3 - 0' Broadcast Schedule: 40th YEAR - 2011

Radio Ministry

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

February 6th - St. John, North Tonawanda
February 13th - Redeemer, Colden
February 20th - Trinity, West Seneca

February 27th - Salem, Buffalo

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

MEETINGS (con't.)

GOLDEN AGERS

Please join us Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 12 Noon. Please bring your lunch. Dessert and coffee will be provided by the committee.

Jean Ponivas, Secretary

LEADERSHIP CHRISTCARE GROUP

The Leadership/ Spiritual Growth Group will be meeting on Thursday, February 3rd 2011 at 6:30 pm. We will try to meet the first Thursday of each month. This group is led by Jim Carr.

SCRAPBOOKING CLUB

The next Scrapbooking club meeting will be Thursday, February 17th 2011 beginning at 6 pm. Please join us for fun and fellowship while working on our scrapbooks. We will try to meet the third Thursday of each month. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Kushka or Claire Carlson.

Please remember the deadline for the March issue of the Dove and for the March calendar will be February 20th 2011. Articles for the Dove may be placed in my basket in the church secretary's office or email to patchtroop546@aol.com. Thank you. *Claire Carlson*

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 771-1328 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!

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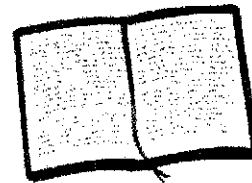
SPRING CLEANING ALERT

When you are cleaning this spring, please consider a donation of furniture or kitchen supplies for use in the parsonage. Please see Dave Bartholomew regarding any items you might consider donating. Thank you.

MS CHALLENGE WALK

Our church secretary, Ernelle Ponivas' daughter, Sarah has had MS for about six years and is currently in remission. Sarah will again be participating in the MS Challenge Walk in Charleston, South Carolina from March 4-6, 2011 and donations to support this cause are gladly accepted. Ernelle's daughter Anne will not be walking with her sister this year. Any donations received will go to sponsor Sarah. Ernelle will still be going to Charleston to support Sarah. Thanks to those of you who have already given a donation to this cause. Donations may be given to Ernelle Ponivas and call her at the church office at 824-2787 with any questions. *Ernelle Ponivas, Church Secretary*

Bible Classes



Sunday Mornings at 10:45 am
Bible Class led by Pastor or Vicar Dom

Tuesday Afternoons at 1 pm
Leader: Sally McAlpine

Thursday Mornings at 9:30 am
Leader: Ruth Carr

CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERAL: Norbert Bialo, died December 3, 2010 at the age of 82 years, 3 months, 19 days; funeral: St. Bernadette's Catholic Church; Burial: Hillcrest Cemetery.

BAPTISMS: Arianna Ruthann Anticola, born June 24, 2010; baptized November 21, 2010 at Salem by Pastor Pingel, Parents: James and Marlene Anticola; sponsors: Robert Parry and Rachel Sibiga.

Donovan William Dederichs, born July 28, 2010; baptized December 26, 2010 at Salem by Pastor Pingel, Parents: Eric and Amy Dederichs: sponsors: Alexandra Boswell and Joelle Delgatti.

Lillian Elaine Houseknecht, born August 16, 2010: baptized December 26, 2010 at Salem by Pastor Pingel, Parents: Jeffrey Jr. and Carolyn Houseknecht; sponsors: Steven Lane and Sandra Boryczka.

Sunday School News

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

February 13 celebrate Valentine's Day

Special Event - children will be making something (Feb 6) to share with the congregation during service on Feb 13! Our children will also be singing a song during children's message.

Special Event for the month of February



Sunday School is asking everyone to help us with this!

During the month of February please bring in any loose coins/change you may have to help fill a coin container we will have in Primary Department Sunday School room. Pastor and/or Vicar will stop by Sunday School hopefully every Sunday in February to see if they can lift the container... so we want to fill the container quickly so we can make this a little challenge. If they can't lift the container by the end of the month Sunday School will have a special surprise on Sunday, March 6th.

The money we collect will be given to charity.

Kids Corner jcplayzone.com (Lutheran Hour Ministries)



Brushing your teeth is a great habit. Most people do it at least every morning and every night before they go to bed. Do you know what's even more important than brushing your teeth at the



beginning and end of every day? The Bible tells us that talking with God and thinking about His word is a great way to start and end every day. We can start by asking God to help us use the day to share His love, and we can thank Him when the day is over, for all the things He helped us do. It will help us remember that each day is a special gift He has given to us. (And don't forget to brush your teeth!)



Thank you to those who offered to help with sewing some new pageant costumes. We will meet in the Spring to divide and conquer this task. It's not too late - anyone wishing to help is welcome - please just let one of the Sunday School Staff know.

NOTE: The next Sunday School Teacher's Meeting is Tuesday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m.



Vacation Bible School - Yes - VBS.. please watch the bulletin for the date and time of a kick-off meeting in February... we want to get a head start on this year's planning and make this our best VBS ever.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Cynthia Anticola, 61 Charles St., Cheektowaga, NY
14206-2401

Grace Belter, Autumnview HCC, Room 203, 4650
Southwestern Blvd. Hamburg, NY 14075

Carolyn Callea, #822-4392 (correction from the last
issue)

Carol Engelbert, Elderwood at Maplewood, 255
Bennett Rd. Room 138, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Jim & Nicole Krol, 711 Abbott Rd. Lower, Buffalo,
NY 14220

Molly Overhoff, 158 Jackson Ave., Sloan, NY
14212-2366

Rev. John, Diane, Bryan & Timothy Pingel, 135
Liberty Ln., West Seneca, NY 14224, #771-1328

Karen Stachowski, 275 Ludel Terr., Lackawanna,
NY 14218-3222

POTLUCK CORNER

LAYER SALAD

Layer in bowl:

- 1 head of lettuce, shredded
- 1 cup of diced green pepper
- 1 cup of diced celery
- 1 cup thin sliced red onion
- 1 package peas, thawed

Dressing

- cheese (I use 1 8oz. bag of sharp shredded)
- bacon 1 lb, cooked and crumbled
- Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours (can be
overnight).

Dressing:

- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon seasoned salt
- pepper
- ¾ cup mayo
- ¾ cup sour cream

Sheree Krol

**Travel and Learn with Concordia College – New
York –HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY –** Join Dr. Viji
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May 9-20, 2011 - \$3,189 from New York For more
information call Rev. Greg Dwyer at 914-337-9300 ext. 2198.



Stephen Ministers Help Those in Need – By Listening



What if all you had to do to make a difference in someone's life – such as helping them through a serious illness, unemployment, or even death of a loved one – was to just listen? Not only would you be helping someone who is hurting but you would also be helping your pastor at the same time. If this sounds appealing to you please consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministries began in 1975 in St. Louis, Missouri. It was designed to give clergy much-needed support while revolutionizing the concept of pastoral care.

Named for the Acts 6 account where St. Stephen was commissioned by the apostles to care for church members, Stephen Ministry provides lay people with training to become one-on-one caregivers in their church and community. This ministry has grown to include more than 500,000 lay ministers from 150 Christian denominations.

Stephen Leaders take a one-week course and then return home to train other church members as Stephen Ministers, matching them with hurting individuals in their church and community.

Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and then to stand back and allow God to work in the individual's life in His time. Stephen Ministers have to trust God for the "cure-giving" while they do the "care-giving." Care receivers aren't the only ones who benefit. Stephen Ministers often find the listening skills they learned are often transferred to their own relationships with family, friends, and co-workers. As they encourage and pray for individuals, their own faith grows stronger. They also enjoy the camaraderie and support they share with other Stephen Ministers.

If you feel a call to help those who are experiencing difficult times, consider getting involved in this caring ministry. You will grow in compassion and your church will grow in strength as you walk alongside someone who needs your emotional and spiritual support.

For more information about Salem's Stephen Ministry contact Rich Landseadel at 822-9695.



ChristCare
Group Ministry

What is ChristCare Group Ministry?

ChristCare Is:

- * a way to get to know God and others better through ChristCare Groups;*
- * a ministry that is set up and directed by Equippers-members of our congregation who have been specially trained to lead our ChristCare Ministry;*
- * a ministry that is lead by ChristCare Group Leaders, members of our Congregation who have been selected and equipped to lead ChristCare Groups;*
- * small groups where you can grow as a Christian;*
- * a way to respond to God's call to all Christians to reach out to others with God's care and saving love;*
- * a place to share, to laugh, to cry, to pray, to learn, and to serve with other Christians.*

How Can I Get Involved?

*You can support ChristCare Group Ministry through your prayers.
You can join a ChristCare Group, or explore becoming a ChristCare Leader.*

Contact the church office 824-2787

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – **Council Corner**

Year one is in the books (for this Council leader)! The honeymoon is over! Now let's get down to business! The first few months of 2011 will be moving rapidly. This year will be the first full calendar year for Pastor Pingel. We just got the church freshly painted. New members were introduced to the congregation. (We had cake and it wasn't even Jesus' birthday!) Classes are in session for future new members by mid-year. Arrangements are being made for transfer to and use of the parsonage by various groups. The confirmands and youth activities are underway. Sunday School is flourishing and continuing to grow. By Easter, we plan to have our new permanent sign installed. Whoa slow down...do you need to catch your breath?

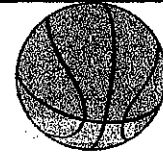
Pastor's office is being remodeled. The secretary's office has seen change. Sifting through the church records has started with the goal of imaging historical documents. The Website has seen some updates. The Sunday Bible Study attendance is growing. The pews are fuller. Planning for the 2011 Vacation Bible Study (VBS) program is already underway. The "All Committee's Leaders" meeting was conducted in January, with plans to meet at Camp Pioneer in late April (after Easter).

Now, as the ad states, what is the 800-pound gorilla in the "car"? What are going to do about the use of the church facility in regards to start times for (1) church service, (2) Sunday School and (3) Sunday Bible classes? At the recent "All Committee's Leaders" meeting, we briefly discussed concerns and options, pros and cons, for various start times. The principal decision is whether Sunday School will be before or after Sunday Service, and the start time for both? The intent of these leaders and your Church Council is to take the dialogue to the various groups, bring back composite recommendations to the Council and then make a final decision by April. The spring Voters Meeting is already scheduled for Sunday, April 10. At this meeting, we plan to have the final recommendation. By doing it at this time, the Sunday School and other groups can plan accordingly for the Fall (September) when programs will be back in full service following the summer break.

One thing to keep in mind is we do not want to keep changing the times yearly. We need to consider the message long term to our current members, interested visitors and non-members at our church so that on any given Sunday they know what time to arrive. So please review the topic with your various committees, prayerfully considering the current and future needs of the church and church family. *Paul Thomas, Church Council President*

**GOD +
IS LOVE**

BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAMS



February 5, 2011 at HUB
1 pm Salem / St. John's Lutheran B v O.P. Wesleyan B1
2 pm Youth Advantage A v Salem / St. John's Lutheran A

February 12, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran – Wildcard Games
February 19, 2011 at HUB – Playoffs
February 26, 2011 at HUB – Playoffs
March 5, 2011 at HUB – Coach's week

Please come and support our teams!

Jim Carr

A report on the WNY Christian Basketball **League and the Salem/St John's / Grace** **basketball teams.**

This has been a very exciting season so far.

The A team has a record of 1 and 4 where we have worked hard to be competitive and leave all of our efforts on the floor. We have 2 games left and have a good chance to finish in third place. The first round of playoffs will be on February 12 and will be at Trinity Lutheran in West Seneca. We are carrying 12 players on the A team and while only Ryan Carr is from Salem we encourage all to read the Sunday bulletin for the game times and come out to support your team. The A team is coached by Jim Krol and Matt Hoffmann.

The B team has a record of 0 and 5. Even though we have not won a game yet we are improving every game and every practice. We are the smallest and youngest team in the B division. But do not discount our size and youth for our heart and our hard work excel in each and every game. We are carrying 12 players on the B team and 6 are from Salem. They are Tom LaPenna, Aaron Sylvia, Anthony (AJ) Kowalski, Kyle LaPenna, Zack Kowalski and Tim Pingel. If you cannot attend a game please feel free to talk to these young men and ask them how the games are going. The B team has one game left on February 5th at 2 PM at the Hub. In fact make it a double header as the A team plays right before at 1 PM. The B team is coached by Dan Strain and Jim Carr.

This year's banquet will be held again at Salem and is March 5th at 2 PM. All are invited but we ask you to please see Jim Carr if you are planning to attend.

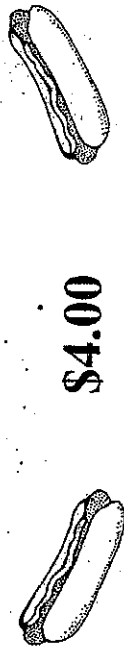
Jim Carr

Sunday, February 13, 2011

HOT DOG LUNCH

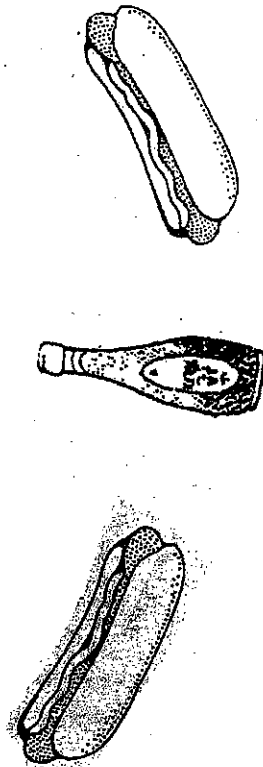
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“Come have a summer treat on a winter’s
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Includes hot dog, chips, beverage and
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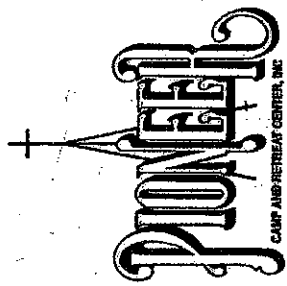
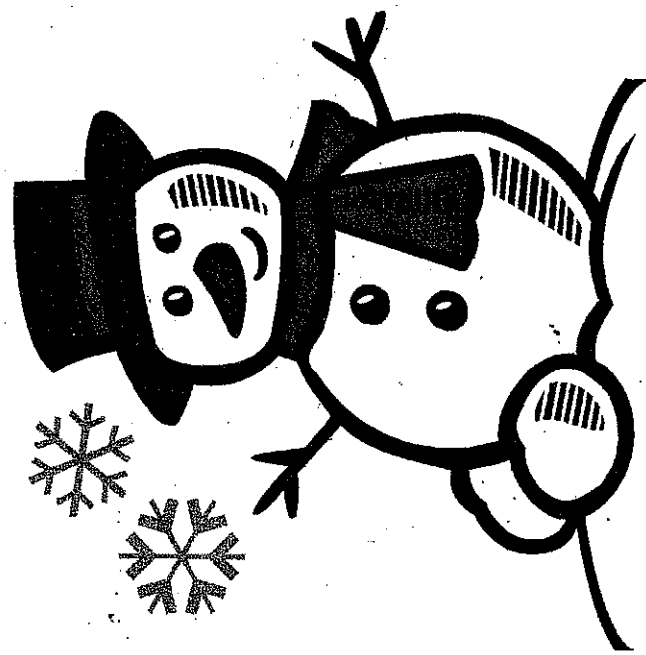
Winter Family Fun Days!

Bundle up your family and join us
at Pioneer for a little winter fun!

February 12, 2011; February 26, 2011, and March 12, 2011
Come and Go as you please; Activities will run from 1-4 pm

Activities include: ice skating (bring your skates), snowshoe-
ing, snacks, crafts, snowman and snow castle building, snow
art, devotion time and more.

Suggested donation of \$5.00 per family
Please call to register!



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BUS TRIPS AVAILABLE

Pastor Mike Blackwell from St. John's, Depew is hosting two bus trips in 2011. April 28-30 we will be traveling to the Lancaster, PA area to see the Biblical spectacular "Joseph" at the Millennium Theater. Also included will be a backstage tour of the theater and a tour of the Amish region. August 29-September 2, we will visit Maine and stop at Lake George on the return for a cruise on the lake. *For more information, see the flyers in the church office or contact Pastor Blackwell at 683-3295.*

*Important
DATE!*

MARCH 9TH 2011- ASH WEDNESDAY
APRIL 24TH 2011 - EASTER SUNDAY

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

The secretary is keeping a file in her computer for Emergency Contact phone numbers for members of Salem.

Elinor Jentsch suggested this idea after her recent fall in the church parking lot. If anyone is injured and we need to contact his or her family/ friend, we would have the contact information on the church computer.

If you are interested in sharing contact information with us, please call Ernelle at the office - 824-2787 or give her the written information.

Special Note for Worship or meeting cancellations:

If the worship service or any other meetings or activities are cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons, please contact Dave Bartholomew, Property Maintenance Chairman at 822-2909 or (cell) 913-1120 as soon as the cancellation decision is made. He will contact various media outlets so the notice of the cancellation is available on Channel 2 or 7 and on WBEN Radio 930 am. Thanks for your cooperation.

SHARE THE WARMTH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Girl Scout troops that meet at Salem participated in a community service project to collect new pajamas, robes, etc. These donations of warm clothing were given to women and children in homeless shelters, battered shelters or transitional housing units. Thank you to all the members of Salem who donated to this project. 65 items were donated from our troops. Thank you for helping us to help the community.

Dawn Thomas, Troop 103, 470, 536, 1054, 1478

SAVE THE DATE



EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD 2011

Our own Jim Carr has been appointed a member of the Eastern District LCMS Futures Task Force. God's blessings on this task force.

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OUR SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILIES OF: Norbert Bialo who passed away December 3rd 2010; John Neill (father of Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher) who passed away December 4th 2010; Duane Nerber (brother of the late Doris Smith and Alma Stecher) who passed away December 29, 2010; Richard Bundt (member of Salem Golden Agers) who passed away January 14, 2011; Rowena Kroidart (cousin of Delores Landwehr) who passed away January 18, 2011 and Arlene Forbach (wife of Walter) who passed away January 26, 2011.

"SOUPER BOWL" DOOR OFFERING will be held Sunday, February 6th at the conclusion of the worship service to benefit City Mission.



To all who contributed to my **Christmas Food Project**: Thank you very much. This year we provided food for 7 families (28 people). Each family received several bags of food filled to the top. This is a great way for Salem to reach out to the community. I hope to be able to do this for many years, with your help. Thanks again to my three 'elves' for all their help. Thank you again and God Bless you. *Joanne Kushka*



To Fred Bartz, Members of Salem and Thrivent, Thank you so much for the very generous gift brought about by the Roast Beef Dinner fundraiser. It is greatly appreciated. Again, thank you. Brian Leahy and the Leahy Family.

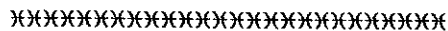


Dear fellow Salemites:
Kim and I were overwhelmed with your love and generosity as demonstrated with the Roast Beef Dinner fundraiser for those of us suffering with cancer. Your love will never be forgotten. Through the grace of our Lord and all of your prayers I am doing well and on my way to recovery.

Love Always, Russ and Kim Alessi



To the people of Salem,
I can't express the love and compassion I felt through the generosity and hard work that seems to come so natural to all of you. I'm sure the Lord is smiling down on all of you. *God bless you all, Mark Beyers*



My sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the **FAMILY** of Salem for the many gestures of kindness you have shown me. To **GOD** be the glory for caring Friends. Truly this was **GOD'S** love in action.

IN CHRIST, Cheryl Bak



Dear Pastor Pingel and Ernelle,
God bless and have a Happy New Year! Thank you for all you do and being there for us. Grace is so fortunate to have such a wonderful, caring Church Family. *Fondly, Judy Farmer (cousin of Grace Belter)*

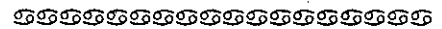
Dear Pastor Pingel and members of Salem Lutheran Church, Thank you very much for sharing the profit from the Roast Beef Dinner with me.

The dinner was excellent and I know the hard work that many members contributed to it.

I also appreciate the generous contribution from Thrivent Insurance.

I look forward, health permitting, and God willing, to continue in friendship with all of you.

God's blessings to you! Sincerely, Dorothy Roger



THANK YOU to Dave & Barb Bartholomew, Jim & Judy Carr, Dennis Croston, Paul Thomas and Sam Zawada for their help in putting up the Christmas church decorations.

Thank you to the following for their help in taking down the Christmas church decorations: Dave Bartholomew, Dennis Croston, Dave Carlson, Ken Kushka and Mark Johnson. *Fred Bartz Jr.*



Thank you to Maureen Wilke, Ernelle Ponivas, Lorraine Ross and Ashley Hoffmann for their help with the poinsettias and to all who placed orders. *Judy Hoffmann*



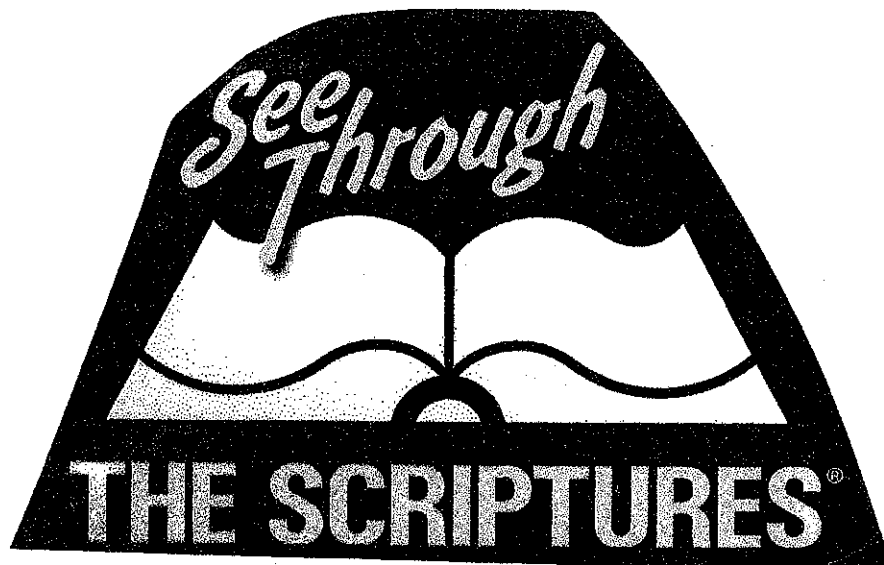
Dear members of Salem, I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and praying for me. I also want to thank the Sunday School for the Christmas plant. *God bless all, Arlene Ball*



Dear Vicar Domenick, I would like to thank you for the taking the time to come and visit me and for bringing the beautiful poinsettia. I really appreciate the effort you make to visit the shut-ins, and the time you have spent with me. You are truly serving and glorifying God when you visit those who can no longer come to church. I would also like to thank the Sunday School class for the card. Again, I thank you. Your visits have meant so much to me. *Sincerely, Gerald R. Monk*



Thank you from church secretary Ernelle Ponivas for all the Christmas greeting cards and monetary gift.



Come and journey through the key themes of Scripture with Pastor...part of the CROSSWAYS curriculum. 12 weeks on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (except the first Tuesday of the month)

Among the items we will cover....

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| --Creation | --Jesus, the Messiah |
| --The Fall into sin | --Divisions within Judaism |
| --The call of Abraham | --Jesus' ministry |
| --God's covenant people | --His life, death and resurrection |
| --The prophets and their message | --The fledgling church |
| --The Exodus | --The witness of the Church |
| --Messianic Expectations | --Numerous other topics as we consider the broad sweep of Scripture |
| --Judaic culture | |
| --A divided Kingdom | |

TEXTBOOKS cost \$13.95. Please don't refrain from taking the course if you cannot afford the book. A limited number of loaners will be available. Please speak to Pastor.

**Even though this class has begun you are welcome!
Any questions, see Pastor Pingel.**

Thank you

Dear Friends at Salem Lutheran, Thank you for thinking of us. Thanks to your help many students hear the message that their worth is not defined by their performance on exams, but by Christ's love for them. As a reliable and dependable friend of Lutheran Campus Ministries, your mission gift supports the commitment made by Lutherans of the Niagara Frontier to maintain a Christian community, in a Lutheran tradition on our college campuses.

In mission with you, Rev. Galen Purpura Jr., Campus Pastor



To Salem Lutheran Church: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior! On behalf of Christian Life Ministries, Buffalo (CLiMB), I would like to thank you for your donation for Hananiah Lutheran Church. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. *May God bless your generosity, Joanne Kushka, Administrative Assistant*



Dear Friends in Christ, Thank you for including Lutheran Hour Ministries in your financial giving. Your kindness will help support The Lutheran Hour in its 80th year on the radio. We believe your generosity makes a statement: You value Gospel proclamation. You care about the eternal destinies of lost souls – and desire that they know the Savior in whom you and I trust. So, once again, please accept my gratitude for your faithful support. May the Lord bless you and keep you in the months and year ahead. *In Christ I remain His servant and yours, Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour*



Dear Pastor, Thank you for your gift to the VALPOfund. Your gift to the VALPOfund is a gift of opportunity to students whose potential far outweighs their financial resources, many of whom simply couldn't attend without assistance. So allow me to express my appreciation for what you have given in support of the University. Thank you for your gift. *Sincerely, Michelle Janssen, Executive Director of Development, Valparaiso University*

Dear Friends, I'm writing to say thank you for your church's recent generous gift to help provide meals and life-transforming services for the men, women and children we serve at Buffalo City Mission! Your partnership in ministry is such a blessing. We're so grateful to be able to serve God with you as we join together to help the hungry and homeless people in our community in Jesus' name. Your friendship is a gift from God. Thank you again! *In His Name, Stuart Harper, Executive Director, Buffalo City Mission*



Dear Members, On behalf of the staff and individuals served by the Lutheran Service Society of New York, I would like to acknowledge your generous donation. It would be impossible to continue serving those in need without your support. Our prayer is that you are bestowed with blessings as you have bestowed blessings on us. Again thank you for your support. *Sincerely, Susan Lichtenthal, Executive Director*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: On behalf of the students, faculty and staff at Concordia College, we wish you and the members of your congregation every blessing – through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord! We thank you for your continued financial support. Thank you for your faithfulness to the mission! *In Christ, Rev. Gregory Dwyer, Director of Church Relations, Concordia College, New York*



Dear Friends in Christ, Greetings to you from all of us at Pioneer in the name of Christ...who continues to work through and among us each day. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your donation to Pioneer Ministries. We, too, rejoice in you and give thanks to God for your generous support, valued input, Kingdom vision and loving kindness. We appreciate you and are honored to have you serving beside us as a valued partner and friend. *Thank you for this special gift and for your partnership in the Gospel, Linda Gage, Executive Director, Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center*



Dear Members of the Salem Lutheran Church Congregation: On behalf of the Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center and the CPE Advisory Committee, I would like to thank Salem Lutheran Church for your gift to the Congregation-Based Clinical Pastoral Education program. Your gift helps make it possible to continue providing this much-needed educational program to clergy and lay ministers in Western New York. *Yours truly, Joe Hughes, Chairperson, CPE Advisory Committee*



WEBSITE UPDATED

Please check out our newly updated website at www.salembuffalo.com. We are also on Facebook. (Facebook: Salem Lutheran Church) We thank Tracy and Matthew Skuse, Fred Bartz Jr. and Monica Thomas for all their help. We thank Roy S. Sheppard for his years of service on our website in the past.



KAROAKE NIGHT

Thanks for all the donations to make this event a success. Thanks especially to Kevin Lauck from Sensational Sounds for the music. We hope to plan more future events. *Darlene LaPenna*



ChristCare Single Serving – It's your church, let's all help to keep it clean. A special thank you to our most excellent cleaning crew – Dave Bartholomew, Ethel Berkhoudt, Judy Carr, Rich & Shirley Landseadel, Gladys Matson, Lois Mudie, Marie Willett, Paul Yox – for the great job on November 29th. *Joyce Vassallo & Emelle Ponivas, ChristCare Leaders*

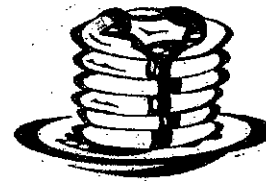
Dear Salem friends:

Thank you for your condolences in the passing of Henry Bogdan (father of Judy).

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or spoke the kindest words,

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you. *Judy & Jim Carr & family*



PANCAKE BRUNCH REPORT

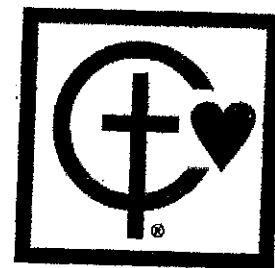
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Great food! Great turnout! Great fundraiser for Thrivent Financial! Thanks to: Fred Bartz for cooking sausage and bacon; Ken & Joanne Kushka, Tom LaPenna and Norrine Nagel for flipping pancakes (both buttermilk and German potato); Elinor Jentsch and Gloria Pfohl for cutting fruit and setting tables; Shirley Banas and Darlene LaPenna for helping in the kitchen; and the wonderful dishwashing crew of Paul Yox, Ruth Kray and Tom Jindra! Danke schoen to everyone who had a hand in cleaning up also.

Our profit was about \$340, which will be used for future projects at Salem.

Norrine Nagel

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DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011

TIME: 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

DONATION: \$5:00

FOOD FOR SALE:

CHILI

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

SLOPPY JOE'S

PIZZA

COLD DRINKS

FREE: COFFEE AND DESSERTS

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