

Unlock the Joy and Rediscover the True Meaning of Christmas as the Children of Salem Church present A Living Advent Calendar at 10am on

Sunday, December 13th

(Pre-recorded and viewed on the big screen and live on Facebook)

Each door of our Advent Calendar will be opened to reveal a character in the Christmas Story. What will we discover?

A person, an animal, a star? (Or maybe even something silly?) Who knows what we will find?

This year's play will require minimal effort on your part, but will reap huge amounts of much-needed joy and encouragement for the whole congregation. All parts will be prerecorded on your smartphone and sent to me to be assembled into the final production. If you don't have a way to record your child, I can meet you at the church and we can record there. *No stage fright! No pressure! No masks!*

Call or text Sue Peterson if your child is interested.

The deadline to let me know your child will participate is November 15th.

Thank you,
Sue Peterson



SALEM CHURCH

this week's Announcements

November 8, 2020



Prayer of Preparation

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee, that Thou hast so bountifully blessed our country and nation, and dost continue to enrich us with the gifts of Thy merciful goodness. Give us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may penitently, humbly and gratefully acknowledge Thy lovingkindness. Not unto us, Jehovah, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory for ever And ever. Amen.

Evangelical Book of Worship, Eden Publishing House, 1916

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE—Is this your first time at Salem? If so, welcome. We're so glad to have you with us. If you'd like for us to get to know you better you can use a connection card located in the seat pocket in front of you and drop it in the offering plate in the Narthex. Also, be sure to stop at the Narthex on your way out for a gift from us. Thank you for coming!

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, November 9th at 6:00pm.

ECHO ARTICLES ARE DUE on Wednesday, November 18th.

THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST will be held **at the church** on Saturday, November 21st at 7:30am. They will meet in the new Conference Room and will have snacks and coffee. They request that everyone bring a mask to ensure everyone is safe. All gentlemen (no matter what age) are invited.

THERE WILL BE NO SENIOR CENTER OR WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS are available in the Narthex for the families who ordered them.

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING— Salem's annual budget meeting is planned for Sunday, December 6th following the 10:00am service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no 8:00am service or 11:30am service that Sunday to encourage member attendance at the meeting. In order to have a quorum, we will be broadcasting the meeting over our radio station 87.9FM if you would like to drive-in and participate (submit questions and vote) from the parking lot. **Please join us for this meeting on 12/6 so we will have a quorum. Copies of the budget will be mailed out in the December Echo and will also be available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.**



OUR DAILY BREAD regular print for December, January, and February is available in the Narthex, along with the large print for November and December.

NEW LISTENING OPTION FOR OUR INDOOR/OUTDOOR SERVICE at 8:00am on Sunday mornings. If you would like to park your car at the far end of the lot by the cemetery, you can tune your radio to 87.9FM and listen to the service. Or you can still bring your lawn chair to the west end of the Fellowship Hall by the cemetery and sit apart outside. The Fellowship Hall is also open for those who feel comfortable sitting inside. Pastor David conducts the service in the doorway between the two groups.

THE SALEM YOUTUBE CHANNEL is a quick and easy way to view all of our recent 10am worship services, as well as Pastor David's Thursday night Bible studies. The web address is <https://www.youtube.com/user/salemdarmstadt>, and if you click on the Videos link, you can access all recent service and Bible study videos.

THE PRAYER GROUP is meeting at church in the new Conference Room at 6:30pm on Wednesdays (in the old Jr Church room). Social distancing is practiced and wearing a face mask is encouraged. The prayer group welcomes anyone who would like to join us in prayer. They will also be continuing the Messenger Rooms group as well for those who are not comfortable meeting in person. If you would like to be added to the group meeting online, please email Pastor David at salempastor@gmail.com.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE-STREAM BIBLE STUDY is held on Thursdays at 6:30pm. The study is over the lectionary passage for that Sunday. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/SalemChurchDarmstadt/>.

WAYS TO GIVE THIS SEASON

(Next Sunday is the final collection day for both)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - It is that time of year again and I would ask that each and every one of you would pray about putting a shoebox together for a needy child. This is a wonderful mission and it is easy and fun to do! **NEW THIS YEAR:** You can go online to samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline and build your shoebox for \$25.00. It's very easy to do, only takes a few minutes, & is a great option for those who don't want to

go shopping in stores. If you would like to put together a traditional shoebox, there are **brochures in the narthex** for you to pick up, which give detailed instructions on how to pack your shoebox, and don't forget to also pick up your **FREE** box to put your items in. Please include \$9.00 for shipping costs for each box you do (or you can pay the postage online and track your shoebox). Please leave your shoebox on the table by the choir room. The last Sunday for collection of the shoeboxes will be **Sunday, November 15th**. If you have any questions, call or email Kathy Day.



EVANSVILLE RESCUE MISSION- We are collecting boxed stuffing mix (like Stove Top) for ERM's Thanksgiving baskets. Please drop your donations off on the table located in the Fellowship Hall foyer by **Sunday, November 15th**. It is their 98th Annual Gobbler Gathering Thanksgiving food giveaway. **We are in need of 200 boxes.** Thank you!

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

The Women's Guild is giving you the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia to be placed at the front of the church during the advent season in honor, in memory, or in celebration of a loved one. Forms may be either mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate.



Poinsettia Order Form

Salem Church of Darmstadt
14134 Darmstadt Road
Evansville, Indiana 47725-9135

IN MEMORY - HONOR - IN CELEBRATION OF:
(circle one)

Presented By:

COST PER PLANT: \$10.00

Please make checks payable to:

Salem Women's Guild

Mark the memo: **"Poinsettia"**

Drop in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the church. If you mail the form, please clearly mark the envelope "Poinsettia".

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

(Poinsettia plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service.)