



# Salem Lutheran Church Bell

December 2024

*Rooted in Christ to  
love, grow & serve*

## O Holy Night

**Christmas Eve Worship  
December 24th | 6pm**

Celebrate the Good News of Jesus' birth in word, song, candlelight and holy communion!



## Lessons & Carols

**Sunday December 29 | 9:00am**

Join us for a joy-filled service of story and song as we celebrate Jesus' birth.



## Children & Youth Christmas Worship

**Sunday, December 22 | 9am**

Give the gift of your presence and join us as our Sunday school children and youth lead us in 'pre' Christmas worship.

## Children & Youth Christmas Worship Practice

**Sunday December 8th | 11:00am - 1:30pm &  
Saturday December 21st | 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Final rehearsal for Children & Youth Christmas Worship.

*Please let Pastor Trish know who and how many can join us so we can plan accordingly.*

## Xmas Cookie Tray Ministry

**Thursday December 12 | 9:30am**

Please bring Christmas cookies or treats to be made into plates of "cheer" for those in our community who we remember need extra love this holiday season. Help is also needed to create the plates of goodies and deliver them if you are able.



## Youth Christmas Party

**Wednesday December 18 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

All 7th - 12th grade students and friends are invited to a fun and festive Christmas Party. There will be food, games and prizes all while celebrating the reason for the season - Jesus!

Call/text Pastor Trish to let her know who and how many are coming by Wednesday December 11th!



Longville Area Community Choir  
Presents 2024 Christmas Concert

## As Long as There's Christmas

**Sunday, December 8th | 4pm | at Salem**

Songs include favorites like "Joy to the World," "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth" among a few more sure to become new holiday favorites.

(Open seating - Freewill donations appreciated)

# DECEMBER

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 11am - 1:30pm Sunday School 4pm LACC Xmas Concert	2 1pm Busy Needles	3 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	4 10:30am Learning Ministry Team 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation Class	5	6 9am Bone Builders	7 8am Bread Ministry Baking 2pm E. Foss Prayer Service & Refreshments	
8 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 11am - 1:30pm Sunday School 4pm LACC Xmas Concert	9 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Turtle Town Cafe) 9:30am Men's Bible Sharing 1pm Busy Needles	10 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	11 5pm Community Meal 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation Class	12 9:30am Worship Ministry Team (WMT) 9:30am X-Mas Cookie Packing 3pm Finance Team 5pm Exec. Mang. Team (EMT)	13 9am Bone Builders 10:15am Resource Development Ministry Team (RDMT)	14	
15 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	16 1pm Busy Needles	17 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	18 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6pm - 8pm Confirmation Xmas Party	19 4pm Servant Leadership Council (SLC)	20 9am Bone Builders	21 10am Sunday School & Youth X-mas Worship Practice	
22 9am Worship 10am Fellowship <i>Children &amp; Youth Christmas Worship</i>	23 9:30am Men's Bible Sharing 1pm Busy Needles	24 8am - 12pm Office Hours 9am Bone Builders 6pm Worship <i>Christmas Eve Worship</i>	25 OFFICE CLOSED <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27 9am Bone Builders	28	
29 9am Worship 10am Fellowship Lessons & Carols Worship <i>Pastor Trish Vacation 12/26/2024 - 12/31/2024</i>	30 1pm Busy Needles	31 8am - 12pm Office Hours 9am Bone Builders <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<i>Pastor Trish Vacation 12/26/2024 - 12/31/2024</i>				

# December Worship Volunteers

## December 1 - First Sunday in Advent

Ushers/Greeters: Laura Flohaug, Beth Tobiason  
 Lay Reader: Mike Carlson  
 Bread Servers: Pastor Graul, Mike Carlson  
 Wine/Grape Juice: Barb Anderson, Linda Bechtold  
 Communion Care: Linda Bechtold  
 Sound Technician: Egon Overgaard  
 Video Technicians: Mike & Hope Olson  
 Money Counters: Judy Saxerud, Jim Fladmoe  
 Fellowship Servers & Treats: Don & Joan Falls

## December 8 - Second Sunday in Advent

Ushers/Greeters: Mark & Pat Wrucke  
 Lay Reader: Linda Ferwerda  
 Bread Servers: Pastor Trish, Barb Anderson  
 Wine/Grape Juice: Jo Gaffey, Beth Tobiason  
 Communion Care: Jo Gaffey  
 Sound Technician: Craig Anderson  
 Video Technicians: Bob & Nan Ladehoff  
 Money Counters: Bob Ladehoff, Don Falls  
 Fellowship Servers & Treats: Egon Overgaard & Friends

## December 15 - Third Sunday in Advent

Ushers/Greeters: Dave & Judy Saxerud  
 Lay Reader: Jan Stadtherr  
 Bread Servers: Pastor Trish, Fred Smith  
 Wine/Grape Juice: Cris Smith, Jan Stadtherr  
 Communion Care: Laura Flohaug  
 Sound Technician: Jim Fladmoe  
 Video Technicians: Mitch Jorgenson, Doug Williams  
 Money Counters: Mike Meagher, Jenny Schock  
 Fellowship Servers & Treats: Men's Fellowship

## December 22 - Fourth Sunday in Advent

### Children & Youth Christmas Worship

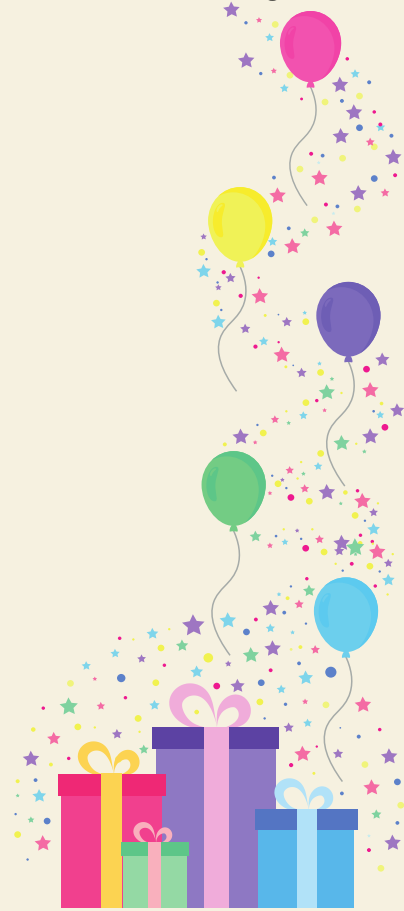
Ushers/Greeters: Children and Youth  
 Lay Readers: Children and Youth  
 Bread Servers: Pastor Trish, Youth  
 Wine/Grape Juice: Youth  
 Communion Care: Laura Flohaug  
 Sound Technician: Pat Wrucke  
 Video Technicians: Ron Stadtherr, Mark Wrucke  
 Money Counters: Dave Saxerud, Randy Swanson  
 Fellowship Servers & Treats: Flohaug Team

## December 24 - Christmas Eve | 6:00pm

Ushers/Greeters: Scott & Allison Magnus  
 Lay Reader: Jim Fladmoe  
 Bread Servers: Pastor Trish, Fred Smith  
 Wine/Grape Juice: Cris Smith, Mitch Jorgenson  
 Communion Care: Mitch Jorgenson  
 Sound Technician: Egon Overgaard  
 Video Technicians: TBD  
 Money Counters: *Offering to be counted 12/29/24*

# December Birthdays

2 Harriet Mouw  
 2 Brad Ferris  
 4 Travis Wheeler  
 5 Sandy Elison  
 6 Colleen Moravek  
 8 Lauren Hardinger  
 10 Terry Daudt  
 10 Alice Bruhjell  
 11 Nan Ladehoff  
 12 Randy Swanson  
 13 Craig Anderson  
 15 Shari Pretzer  
 16 Gail Hanson  
 17 Sandy Boring  
 18 Sam Nordstrom  
 18 Brent Weaver  
 19 Curtis Haflund  
 19 Doug Longnecker  
 24 Tom Dollins  
 24 Judy Bogard  
 24 Trish Jorgenson  
 24 Geri Staley  
 29 Terry Rosen  
 30 Dylan Daudt



# December Anniversaries

1 Craig & Jamie Riendeau  
 17 Tim and Jan Marr  
 18 Ed and Judith Olson  
 28 Ron and Jan Stadtherr  
 31 Denny and Diane Ploeger



# December Worship Volunteers

*Continued*

## December 29 - Lessons and Carols

Ushers/Greeters: Laura Flohaug, Beth Tobiason  
 Lay Readers: Gamy Gaffey, Linda Bechtold  
 Sound Technician: Craig Anderson  
 Video Technicians: TBD  
 Money Counters: Gamy Gaffey, Roger Bechtold  
 Fellowship Servers & Treats: **Help Needed**

# Men's Fellowship

**Monday December 9th | 8:00am**  
 Breakfast at Turtle Town Cafe  
**Monday December 23rd | 9:30am**  
 Bible Study & Fellowship  
**All men are welcome!**



# ELCA GOOD GIFTS



## 1. CHOOSE YOUR GIFT

See display at Salem and follow directions there, or go to [www.goodgifts.elca.org](http://www.goodgifts.elca.org) Give the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of someone special.

## 2. GET A CARD OR ORNAMENT from

display at church. Mail, print or email a card (from display at church or [www.goodgifts.elca.org](http://www.goodgifts.elca.org) to share the news of your gift with friends and loved ones.

## 3. GIFTS THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Your gifts support the ministries of the ELCA in nearly 80 countries around the world.



## 2nd Annual Sock-Drive

*For people who are homeless*  
**WAYS TO GIVE**

1. Purchase socks & bring to Salem.
2. Donate money to Salem (memo: Sock-Drive) & deliver or send to Salem & we will purchase socks for you.
3. Purchase socks online & have them shipped to Salem.

**GOAL IS 200 PAIRS OF SOCKS** to give be delivered to area shelters before Christmas.

**Deadline is December 10th**

## AARP TAX AID FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE



at Salem  
for Longville area residents  
**Thursdays beginning  
February 6th**  
**Hours 8:30am - 1pm**  
By appointment only -  
NO walk-ins.  
For appointments call Ron  
at 218-675-6532



## COMMUNITY MEAL

Wednesday December 11th

5pm - 6pm

Menu: Danish Dinner

*All  
are  
welcome*



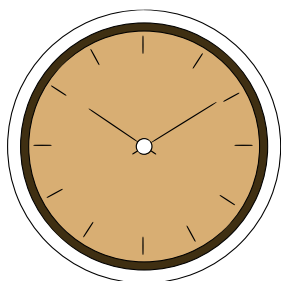
## 2025 Office Hours Change

As was approved at our September 2024 Annual Meeting Budget, our Office Administrator's weekly hours are being cut from 38 to 32 hours per week.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS Beginning January 2, 2025 will be:**

**Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 3:00pm**

**Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm**



## Pastor's Schedule Change



In an effort to have a healthier emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing, Pastor Trish will also be changing a bit of her schedule as well. In stead of one day off a week and working well over 40 hours a week, whenever possible Pastor Trish will be taking two days off in a row per week and trying when possible to work 40 hours per week. She will not take the same two days off each week but will plan them out and put them in the calendar in each newsletter.

As always if there is an emergency, please call her on her cell phone #320-248-9479.

If you have any questions or concerns please first address them with Pastor Trish and if needed, any of the Executive Management Team (Garry G. Colleen M. Bob V. or Linda B.)