



THE MONARCH

Your Generosity Makes All the Difference

The theme for Salem's 2017 Stewardship Campaign is "Your Generosity Makes All the Difference". Throughout the year we will be exploring how your faithful giving makes a powerful and positive difference in the life of the Salem congregation, the Catonsville community and in the larger world.

Our generosity in giving is always in response to our loving God who is so gracious to us. Our generosity is in response to God's grace. We don't give to meet the church budget. We don't give to make ourselves right with God. We don't give out of a sense of guilt. We give in response to God's amazing grace shown to us in Christ Jesus. Our giving is one way we say thank you to God.

The Apostle Paul gave instructions to the Corinthians about how they should give in I Corinthians 16: 1-4:

Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

Paul teaches us that:

our generosity is directly connected to worship;
 our generosity is sharing from our God-given abundance;
 our generosity is intentional.

In the coming year we'll continue to unpack how your generosity makes a difference. We pray God's blessings on you and our beloved congregation in the year ahead.

Pastor Dave, Jim Icardi and the Stewardship Committee

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SALEM CELEBRATES REFORMATION 500

A schedule listing Salem's observance of Reformation 500 is being prepared and will be distributed shortly. This guide will include specific events that will occur in 2017 as well as information about ongoing activities and programs. Watch for it on the table in the Narthex where The Monarch is distributed.

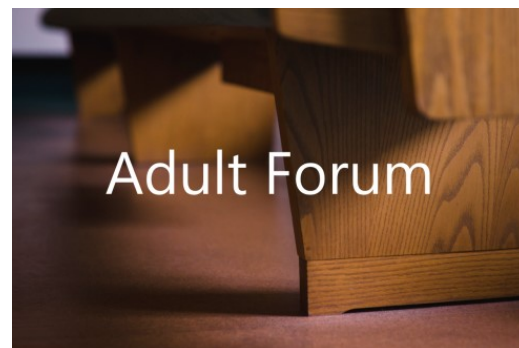
The first Reformation 500 event of 2017 occurs on Sunday, February 19. "Dinner and a Video" will begin at 5 PM with a pot luck supper followed by a showing of the Lutherland Tour program produced for PBS by Rick Steves, renowned travel writer and travel show host. This was a particularly meaningful project for Steves since he is a Lutheran. Put this date on your calendar and watch for the sign-up sheet in February.

MONARCH HAS A NEW SCHEDULE

This edition of the Monarch will cover both January and February. Beginning in March we will publish at the beginning of the month as opposed to mid-month. Hopefully this will assist in keeping the calendars coordinated and making our news more timely. Thank you for your patience in this transition period.

ADULT FORUM IN JANUARY (AND PART OF FEBRUARY)

As part of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Adult Forum is taking a look at Catharina Luther, Martin's wife. To assist us, we are reading and discussing *Daughter of the Reformation: a Historical Perspective of the Life and Times of the Wife of Martin Luther* by Mary Rasmussen Jackson. The paragraph below is the publisher's description of the book. Please come and join us for discussions on this book at 9:45am on Sunday in the Catharina Luther room.



Many books have been written about the great Reformer Martin Luther, but we know considerably less about his wife Catharina von Bora, the primary relationship in his life. Mary Rasmussen Jackson tells Catharina's dramatic story with authenticity and compassion, deftly reporting what we know about von Bora and filling in the missing content with imagination, clarity, and compelling dialog. The reader is invited to walk beside Catharina, listen to her thoughts, and feel her emotions as she enters and eventually flees from the Nimschen Convent, meets and marries Martin Luther, and brings stability and grace to the Luther household even as the Reformation storm rages around them. The author writes with an intelligible style that is sometimes descriptive and other times evocative. She brings to the project the authenticity of one who grew up in a parsonage and experienced firsthand the rhythms of the parish that shape the flow of family life and relationships. For all of these reasons, this book will be helpful in deepening our understanding of the role of Catharina von Bora, "the Morningstar of Wittenberg," in the momentous life of her beloved Martin and the history shaping events of the Reformation.

The Council Corner**CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

From the Church Council meeting on December 20, 2016:

- Jim Kempton and David Rau made a presentation regarding a security alarm and camera system. The Church Council unanimously passed the Property Committee proposal to spend \$33,000 from RSVP funds to purchase a security system for the church building.
- The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th. A potluck lunch will be held right after the 11 am worship with the meeting following.
- Received a request from St. Peter's Ocean City for support for a community food pantry. Requested a business plan from St. Peter's.
- Received information from Pastor Asendorf regarding the Associate Pastor's position and discussed next steps. No decision at this time. Will continue discussion at the January meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK—JANUARY 29

Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting following the 11am service. We'll first enjoy the fellowship of a potluck lunch and then hold the meeting. See you there!

SALEM BLOOD DRIVE

Save the date

January 28, 2017

Start the New Year by helping to save lives.



THE ARTS COMMITTEE

We are pleased to report how much everyone has been enjoying the "**Stitch in Time**" show by the Stitchcrafters and friends which has graced our halls in the Agape Gallery since November 6. Now, due to a shift in the schedule for our next art opening, there will be continued opportunities to view the current show in the main hallway of the gallery through the last week of January. If you haven't yet seen these beautiful examples of handwork, now is your chance!

We look forward to the February 5th opening of our next show, "**Come with me...Field, Forest and Flashing Sea**" a painting show by Pastor Ann's father, Charles Gordon Dentry, who had a career as a professional art restorer for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC and whose avocation was painting in his spare time. The opening will include an illustrated talk by Pastor Ann about his work and career and a Q & A session, from 12:30-1pm on Feb 5. The opening, including refreshments is from 12noon-2pm. This is a not-to-be missed opportunity to hear stories of the fascinating career of an art restoration expert!

Be sure to stop downstairs to Bethany Hall, to view the progress on the mosaic mural which is entering its final phase of construction. If you wish to lend a hand, please contact leader, Tricia Morgan (timpany44@hotmail.com), for work session dates (usually every Saturday morning except the last Saturday of the month from 9am-12 noon.) She and the team will train all newcomers! Please remember: Youth under 18 must have parent permission.

Finally, we are gathering forces to construct giant puppet heads, costumes and dove models (an improved one of what was shown to the congregation in October) for this year's 4th of July parade. We would like to start on Saturday, Jan 28 at 10 am.-12 noon weather permitting! This activity is open to all ages!

THE AGAPE GALLERY IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

"Come with me...Field, Forest and Flashing Sea"

A retrospective of the paintings of Charles Gordon Dentry, restorer of 3-D objects at the Smithsonian Institution.

Feb 5 - March 26, 2017 at Salem Lutheran Church, 905 Frederick Rd, 21228, 2nd floor.

Reception & presentation: Feb 5 at 12 noon.



The gallery is open: Sun 8am - 12:30 pm, Sat 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm and by appointment: charsart@gmail.com

PHOTOS FROM CHRISTMAS WORSHIP 2016



SATURDAY MUSICIANS WANTED!

Our Saturday worship service enters its fourth year. We would like to embellish our worship music with some additional musical instruments. In particular our Saturday Musician, Alex Tragert is looking for:

- Percussionists to play the congas
- Guitar players
- Female vocalists



A BRIEF SURVEY OF CHRISTIANS PODCASTS

In November at the Adult Forum, Jim Kempton presented a brief survey of Podcasts and Mobile Apps for Christians, The article below is a summary of the podcast portion of the presentation.

Podcasts are a digital audio or visual file, usually which can be downloaded from a website to a media Player (e.g., smartphone, MP3 player) or computer. Novels, video (which are also known as vodcasts), and informational/entertainment programs are the primary types of podcasts. The latter are similar to a radio show and are usually available as a free subscription from the websites, iTunes, or a podcast app. Examples of podcast apps include Google play, Podcast Attic, and Podcast Republic. Many of the podcasts have an associated web site that contains additional material.

The Daily Audio Bible Podcast reads the Bible to listeners over the course of the year. Every day there are Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverb readings along with a commentary. The podcast is 30 minutes in duration and is hosted by Bryan Hardin, who is an Episcopal priest. The podcast is also available as an app, the associated website for the podcast is <http://www.dailyaudiobible.com>. The Moonshine Jesus podcast focuses on theological perspectives in pop-culture, politics, and Christian culture, The podcasts are typically 30 minutes long and are hosted by Mark Sandlin, a Presbyterian pastor and David Henson, an episcopal priest. The publication of new episodes is intermittent. The associated website for the podcast is <http://moonshinejesus.podbean.com>.

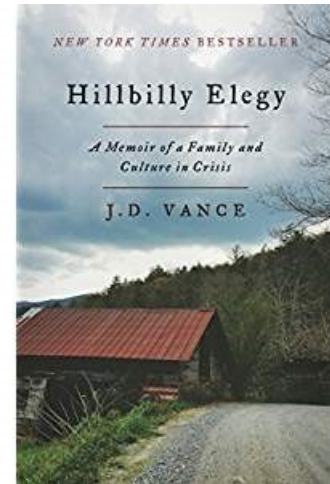
The pulpit fiction podcast, one of Jim's favorites, reviews and discusses the readings in the continuous lectionary and also has monthly interviews with Christian authors. The podcasts are typically 60 minutes in duration and are typically published on the prior Sunday. They are hosted by Robb McCoy, a Methodist pastor, and Eric Fistler, a United Church of Christ pastor. The podcast focuses on helping pastors prepare sermons, but it includes good information for the lay person. Each episode typically has commentary on the second lesson by a guest pastor, a song, reading and commentary on the Psalm by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, reading and commentary on the first lesson and Gospel by Rob and Eric, and scriptural nuggets. The podcast is in its fourth year. the associated website for the podcast is <http://www.pulpitfiction.us>.

The Sermon Brainwave podcast discusses the readings in the Thematic and Continuous Lectionaries. Both lectionaries have the same Gospel and second lessons, but the first lesson and Psalm are different during the season of Pentecost; the ELCA follows the Thematic Lectionary. This weekly podcast is sponsored by Luther Seminary. Three professors from the seminary, Rolf Jacobson, Karoline Lewis, and Matt Skinner, spend 30 minutes discussing the text. This is a great resource, especially during the season of Pentecost, but the hosts do not read the Bible passages and assume the readers have already done so. The associated website for the podcast is <http://workingpreacher.org/brainwave.aspx>.

The Liturgist podcast focuses on providing a bridge between art, science, and Christianity. The Liturgists are a collective of artists and creators who create sacred art and experiences for the spiritually homeless and frustrated. Their work includes live events, conferences, downloadable worship experiences, and a popular podcast. The Liturgists have an unwavering commitment to creating safe spaces and conversations that explore reality from the perspectives of art, faith and science. The associated website for the podcast is <http://www.theliturgists.com>

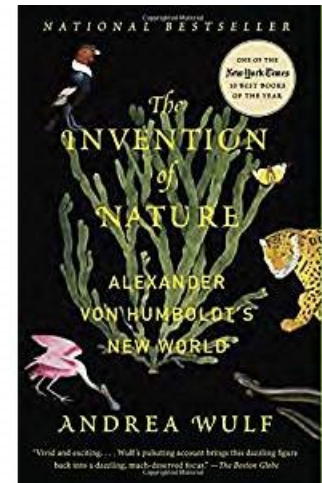
SALEM BOOK GROUP

The Salem Book Group met on January 9th to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel* by Amor Towles. They will meet on February 13th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *A Hillbilly Elegy* a memoir of A family and culture in crisis by J. D. Vance.



On March 13th we will discuss *The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World* by Andrea Wulf. Alexander von Humboldt (1769–1859) was an intrepid explorer and the most famous scientist of his age. His restless life was packed with adventure and discovery, whether he was climbing the highest volcanoes in the world or racing through anthrax-infected Siberia or translating his research into bestselling publications that changed science and thinking. Among Humboldt's most revolutionary ideas was a radical vision of nature, that it is a complex and interconnected global force that does not exist for the use of humankind alone.

Now Andrea Wulf brings the man and his achievements back into focus: his daring expeditions and investigation of wild environments around the world and his discoveries of similarities between climate and vegetation zones on different continents. She also discusses his prediction of human-induced climate change, his remarkable ability to fashion poetic narrative out of scientific observation, and his relationships with iconic figures such as Simón Bolívar and Thomas Jefferson. Wulf examines how Humboldt's writings inspired other naturalists and poets such as Darwin, Wordsworth, and Goethe, and she makes the compelling case that it was Humboldt's influence that led John Muir to his ideas of natural preservation and that shaped Thoreau's *Walden*.



With this brilliantly researched and compellingly written book, Andrea Wulf shows the myriad fundamental ways in which Humboldt created our understanding of the natural world, and she champions a renewed interest in this vital and lost player in environmental history and science.

4TH MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

The group will begin a study of the book of Ecclesiastes in January. This book of the Bible can be categorized as a wisdom text as it reflects on the nature of the world and the God who created it, and on the place of humans in this divine creation.

To Everything
there is a Season,
and a time
to every Purpose
under Heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Dear Salem,

Merry Christmas, and Happy 2017 to you all! I was so glad to be able to spend the Christmas holiday in Catonsville with family and friends, and best of all: to worship at Salem! During my time at home, I was given the opportunity to lead a worship service with some residents of Paradise Assisted Living along with amazing co-leaders Vicky Whetstone and Linda Fleischer. It was a peaceful time of celebration and preparation for the Christ Child. As we embark into this new year, I'd like to share some reflections on the past semester in seminary.



This fall, I took 3 traditional academic courses in addition to one field education course. "Pentateuch and Wisdom Literature" was a Bible course which focused on the Hebrew scriptures and the wisdom in Proverbs and Job. This course, while quite rigorous, was intensely interesting, allowing me to uncover the good news and plentiful occasions of grace throughout the Old Testament as well as to explore early Hebrew scripture through a feminist lens.

"Ethics and Politics in the African-American Community" was especially formative during this election cycle, giving us first-hand accounts of the intersections between theology and policy in the African-American community as well as pushing us toward field work. I chose to attend a demonstration downtown for full-funding of public higher education in the state of Illinois as part of this hands-on work.

My favorite course this semester was definitely my plenary and lab groups of "Intro to Preaching: Encountering the Living Word." This course, as you can imagine, was a chance to try on various preaching styles and methods and begin to find our own sense of voice. I leaned into the art of celebrative design and even experimented with movement in the preaching space.

For my field education work this semester, called "Ministry in Context," I have been serving at Grace Church in Elmwood Park along with my classmate, Molly Eversoll. I have been able to preach twice at Grace, lead Adult Forum, and help administrate the annual fall festival. Each week, Molly and I met with LSTC-alum Pastor Kevin Baker to unpack our learning and receive intensive didactics. I'm looking forward to leading a project in the spring semester as well as to continue preaching and begin working with the youth group.

As if classes were not enough on their own, I once again tutored ESL-learners through our school's writing and language center, served as the Spirituality Mentor for the Chicago chapter of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps, sang with our school's Gospel Choir, performed in Chapel with our liturgical dance group, and led the newly-formed international French-speaking club! I was happy to only be taking 3.5 credits in order to have the time and energy to focus on these other forms of ministry that I so love.

Thank you all so much for your continued prayers, encouragement, and financial support! This semester will be particularly nerve-racking as I am in the midst of applying to Internship sites for next school year. Please keep this important decision in your prayers. I am very blessed by your generosity, Salemites! Now, it's back to the Arctic!

God's Peace,
Amy Asendorf

BLUE JEANS GO GREEN

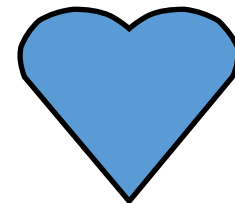
The Guardians of Eden are starting a brand new project. We are asking members of the congregation to save their old, ripped, stained, and/or sequined jeans that they may be cleaning out after Christmas. We are requesting that these jeans be dropped off here at Salem during the month of March. They will be shipped to Blue Jeans Go Green to be made into insulation for homes built by Habitat for Humanity. We are very excited about this project and hope that you are too. Our only request is that they be washed before being dropped off. Many thanks and we will be giving you an update as we progress towards the March drop off dates.



FAIR TRADE SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 5TH

February 18th. In his Small Catechism, Luther reminds us that *"We should so fear and love God that we ... help our neighbor to improve and protect his property and business."* One excellent way in which we can do that is in our purchase of Fair Trade products.

This month we have chocolates for Valentine's Day along with an array of fine teas, and coffees. Show some love for your dear ones and your distant neighbors with a fair trade purchase!



In this year of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we also commemorate Martin Luther on Feb-

SALEM PLAYERS ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR



Sunday February 12, 2017 2:00-5:00

Monday February 13, 2017 7:00-9:00

Salem Lutheran Church 905 Frederick Rd, Catonsville 21228

Please prepare a short song 16-24 measures, accompanist will be available

There will be cold reading from the script and some dance requirements,

Feel free to bring resume and headshots.

Three performance weekends May 5th -21st

Friday and Saturday Evenings and two Sunday matinees

no performance on Mothers Day

PETER PAN CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Wendy Darling

The eldest Darling child. Wendy is compassionate, incredibly loving, and very protective of her younger brothers. She is the child every parent wishes they had. Gender: Female Age: 13 to 16

John Napoleon Darling

The middle Darling child. A sly smile is always at home on John's face. He has a mischievous twinkle in his eye and is always ready for an adventure. Gender: Male Age: 11 to 14

Michael Darling

The youngest Darling child. Never far from his favorite Teddy, Michael is sweet and innocent. He is ever so lovable and very huggable. Gender: Male Age: 6 to 9

Mrs. Darling

The Darling matriarch. Mrs. Darling glides about gently but swiftly from task to task with motherly precision. She has a pleasant strength to her demeanor. Gender: Female Age: 25 to 45

Mr. Darling

A bit of grouch, Mr. Darling is a professional who happens to be a father. Though sparkles of his love peak through from time to time, he often has places to go and people to see. He may be of imposing size. Gender: Male Age: 30 to 50

Peter Pan

Childhood and boyishness personified, Peter is athletic and not shy about taking to flight when the moment suits him. His reflexes are catlike and his presence exhilarating. A creature of constant motion. Gender: Male or female Age: 14 to? keeping our options open

Captain Hook

The one-handed captain of the Jolly-Roger. Relentless and restless in his pursuit of Pan, Hook is short-fused and ridiculous. He is a larger than life villain. Gender: Male Age: 30 to 50

Smee

Captain Hook's knockabout lackey. An archetypical evil side-kick, Smee might be a bit rotund and is definitely dwarfed by Hook. Should be portrayed by an actor with physical comedy chops. Gender: Male Age: 28 to 48

Tiger Lily

A striking Native American princess, Tiger Lily is a tough girl and an excellent dancer. She should command the stage when taking it and move about it as would mist. Gender: Female Age: 14 to 17

Ensemble

Liza the house maid, Nana the dog, Indians; The Lost Boys and Girls; Pirates; Various Animals

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S

Salem hosted over 600 worshipers at the four Christmas Eve services and the Christmas Morning serve. Many thanks to all those who worked long and hard to make our celebration of Christ's birth such a joyous occasion.

We are grateful to:

Our hard working Altar Guild, led by Mary Krebs, who prepared the Altar for Holy Communion. And thanks to Nan Vetter who along with Mary took care of putting up and taking down the beautiful pew torches. For all the delicious bread we enjoyed at the Eucharist – thank you bread bakers and providers!

All the willing hands who decorated and undecorated especially Duane Linsenbardt, Don Schwartz and Ed Stephens. And thanks to all those who generously contributed money to buy the poinsettias, cyclamen and greens.

Mary Miller and Louise Rau and Alex Tragert who led our wonderful musicians – St. David's Choir, Salem Ringers and the Salem Choir. Our music was glorious! Thank you Ringers and Singers!

Amy Pflug and the inspiring music of the Salem Brass

Liz Rickel who organized and directed an outstanding Children's Pageant. And for Sharon Stanton and the Christian Education folk and parents who helped make it so delightful. And thanks to all the children – readers, angels, sheep, shepherds and the Glander family, too.

For greeters and ushers who worked hard to make our worship experience welcoming

For Beth and Scott Massey and the dedicated tellers

For Robin Schaefer and her able assistant Louise Rau who put together lots and lots and lots of bulletins and took care of so many details.

Sue Gdovin for delivering the Christmas Presents to Catonsville Children's Home

For our pastors who led us in worship of the New Born King!

And finally, thanks to all who worshipped. You enriched our worship with your gifts of prayer, praise and joyous song.



500TH JUBELFEST OF THE REFORMATION

Luther's presentation of the 95 Theses to his bishop, and likely also his posting of them on the door of the Castle Church, was soon followed by the increasing rumble of the newly invented printing presses. Within two weeks the theses spread across Germany, and by two months the theses could be found across Europe.

They soon came to the attention of Pope Leo X. Indulgences were common practice and a useful instrument in the Church's fundraising. Pope Leo summoned Luther to Rome for questioning and discipline. Before Prince Frederick sent Luther on this journey, he asked Luther for an explanation of his views and was satisfied by Luther's response, trusting in his sincerity and the strength of his position. He requested that the meeting be held on German soil.

In October 1518 Luther met with the papal delegate Cardinal Thomas Cajetan in Augsburg, who demanded he disavow his 95 theses. Luther refused, stating he could not do so unless convinced by scripture of his error. More directly, he stated that the papacy did not possess the final authority to interpret scripture. The meeting closed in a fury, without a solution.

He returned to Wittenberg, continuing to teach and write, and made public his declaration that the Bible did not sanction the pope's exclusive authority over scriptural interpretation. In the summer of 1519 he debated the great Dr. Eck on that subject in Leipzig. Again there was a heated debate with no resolution.

Back in Wittenberg, his followers braced themselves for the powers in Rome to strike. It came on June 15 in 1520. In a papal decree, Pope Leo commanded Luther to abandon his writings and declarations or face excommunication. Luther refused and in early December of that year, in the center of town burned the papal bull. His followers added to the fire pamphlets and books by his enemies. On that spot in 1830 was planted the "Luther Oak" which still stands today. On January 3, 1531 Pope Leo excommunicated Luther.

The next confrontation would take place at the regional Imperial Diet, a legislative event presided over by Charles V, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. It would be held at the German city of Worms on the Upper Rhine.

Pastor Whetstone



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT LAUNCHED!

With the permission of the Church Council and encouragement of Salem's pastors, a group of members has been exploring and preparing to apply to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service to sponsor a new refugee family. In December we made our application and this past Sunday a representative for Lutheran Social Services- National Capital Area, the local agency handling the resettlements for LIRS, provided us with our orientation.

We will now begin in earnest our preparations. We do not know just when our family will arrive. That will depend on the progress of our preparations and the availability of a family. We'll now proceed to locate possibilities for apartments, employment, and furnishings. We are also now inviting contributions from members of the congregation to support this effort. There is a special Refugee Resettlement Fund for the new family; no funds from the church budget will be used.

We do not know the place from which the new family will come. We have requested a family from Syria or the Middle East, but have indicated our willingness to serve as most needed. At present our group of twenty-five or so members has divided into a number of sub-groups to oversee various responsibilities of this process. In this Monarch you begin to see their appeals for help.

It has been our joy across the last 40 years to sponsor three families from Vietnam, one from Kosovo and one from South Sudan. Now we begin to envision a new family somewhere, waiting for us. No other entrants to the United States are so thoroughly vetted as refugees. And no others are so desperate.

We welcome your prayers for our effort. Pray too for the world's 95 million refugees and displaced persons. Together we have the opportunity to positively address a major world crisis. Together we have the chance to hear Jesus say to each of us, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."

Pastor Whetstone



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Cleaning out the Old to make way for the New?

Please keep Salem's Refugee Resettlement Committee in mind as you clean out gently used clothing, furniture, small appliances, and housewares (bedding, dishes, kitchen supplies, etc.) for donations this winter and spring. We are hoping to help resettle a refugee family later this year and will need to furnish an apartment and provide clothing for them. We are just starting to put our list of needs together but we plan to have an initial list of needed items and contact information for donations in the March Monarch. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP at 5:00 p.m. was a joyful celebration. Thank you to all of the children who participated and did their best to tell THE story. Thank you to teachers, parents, and those behind the scenes who made it so wonderful. May we all remember the messages of hope, peace, and promise.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be ringing in the new year with lessons from the Old and the New Testaments. Come down to Opening some Sunday morning at 9:35 a.m. and join in our jubilant praise! There are classes for students from age 3 through High School.

DISCIPLES IN DIAPERS continues to meet every Sunday in the Nursery from 9:30-10:30 am. Disciples under age 3 and their parents are welcome for fun and fellowship. Please come as often as you can, which we know can be a challenge with winter weather and the little ones. We hope to see you on Sunday!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE will be meeting on Saturday, February 4th at the home of Ms. Liz, at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who would like to help plan ONE children's/family event this coming year is urged to attend. New and fresh ideas are always appreciated!!

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION will be held on three Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: March 25th, April 1st and April 8th. The class is open to children, especially those in the Second grade. Students and one family member will attend these sessions to help children better explore God's powerful presence in this Sacrament. Please see Ms. Liz for more information. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 13th.

VBS! VBS!! VBS!!! Mark your calendars for the week of June 26th to the 30th. This will be an **EVENING VBS!!!** Yes indeed, we will begin at 6:00 p.m. with pizza. Have our **SPECIAL** program from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., then off to home and bed! Watch for more details in the coming months.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! FEBRUARY IS A MONTH OF "UNDIES SUNDAYS"

Join us in supporting the men's shelter by donating underwear for the West Side Men's Shelter. They need:

New briefs (NO BOXERS)
New long underwear, tops and bottoms
New socks

Sizes Med, Large and XLarge are most in demand.
Basket will be in Narthex for your donations.
Thank you for supporting the Lazarus Caucus and the men residing in the shelter.





YOUTH NEWS

The following events are planned for January through February 2017 (subject to change).

Contact Ms. Anita for more information at phrogdiva@verizon.net.

*Parents/Approved Adults are needed to help supervise and/or drive to events.

Date	Time	Event
1/20-22/17	4:00 PM	Road Trip for High School Students
1/29/17	Contact Ms. Anita	RSVP's for Blast Soccer game
2/3-4/17	7:00 PM - 9:00 AM	Lock-in to prepare for Youth Sunday
2/4/17	5:00 PM	Youth Saturday Service
2/5/17	8:00 & 11:00 AM	Salem Youth Sunday Services
2/17/17	6:00 PM	Blast Game Drop In
2/20/17	TBD (no school)	Possible Snow Tubing Day at Ski Resort
2/28/17	5:00 PM -6:30 PM	Shrove Tuesday dinner (cooking and serving)



SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 January Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 7pm Salem Brass	16 4pm Yoga	17 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Council 7pm Salem Ringers	18 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6:30pm Old Salem	19 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	20 High School Road Trip	21 9am Art Mosaic Work Day 5pm Worship
22 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 5pm Confirmation 7pm Salem Brass	23 1pm 4 th Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm 4 th Monday Bible Study	24 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	25 Men's Prayer Breakfast-7am LWR Quilting-1pm	26 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	27	28 7am BLOOD DRIVE 10am Puppets 5pm Worship

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FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 January Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 12noon— Annual Meeting	30 4pm Yoga 7pm Arts Committee	31 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	1 February 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	2 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	3 ———Youth	4 FAIR TRADE 9am Art Mosaic Work Day 5pm Worship Lock In————
5 FAIR TRADE YOUTH SUNDAY Winter Art Show Opens! Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 12noon Art Show Opens with a program	6 Prayer Shawl	7 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	8 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	9 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	10	11 9am Art Mosaic Work Day 10am Children's Ministries@LizHouse 5pm Worship
12 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 2pm Peter Pan Auditions	13 4pm Yoga 7pm Peter Pan Auditions	14 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology 7pm Salem Ringers	15 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Old Salem Board	16 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	17	18 9am Art Mosaic Work Day 5pm Worship
19 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 5pm Martin Luther Program—page 2 7pm Salem Brass	20 4pm Yoga 7:30 pm Communications	21 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers 7pm Council	22 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	23 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	24	25 5pm Worship
26 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 7pm Salem Brass	23 1pm 4 th Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm 4 th Monday Bible Study	28 5pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7pm Salem Ringers	1 March Ash Wednesday 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 2pm Worship 7:30pm Worship	2 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	3	4 9am Art Mosaic Work Day 5pm Worship

We have a number of community support groups and scout troops who use our church facilities. In order to accommodate all groups, please contact the church office at (410) 747-0720, **before** planning any events or meetings at the church.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE
January 15,2017 - March 4, 2017**

Jan 14	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Jan15	Second Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
Jan 21	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Jan 22	Third Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
Jan 28	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Jan 29	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
Feb 4	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Feb 5	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
Feb 11	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Feb 12	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
Feb 18	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Feb 19	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion

Feb 25	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Feb 26	The Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
Mar 1	Ash Wednesday 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Holy Communion
Mar 5	First Sunday in Lent 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion

**SPECIAL EVENTS
January 15,2017 - March 4, 2017**

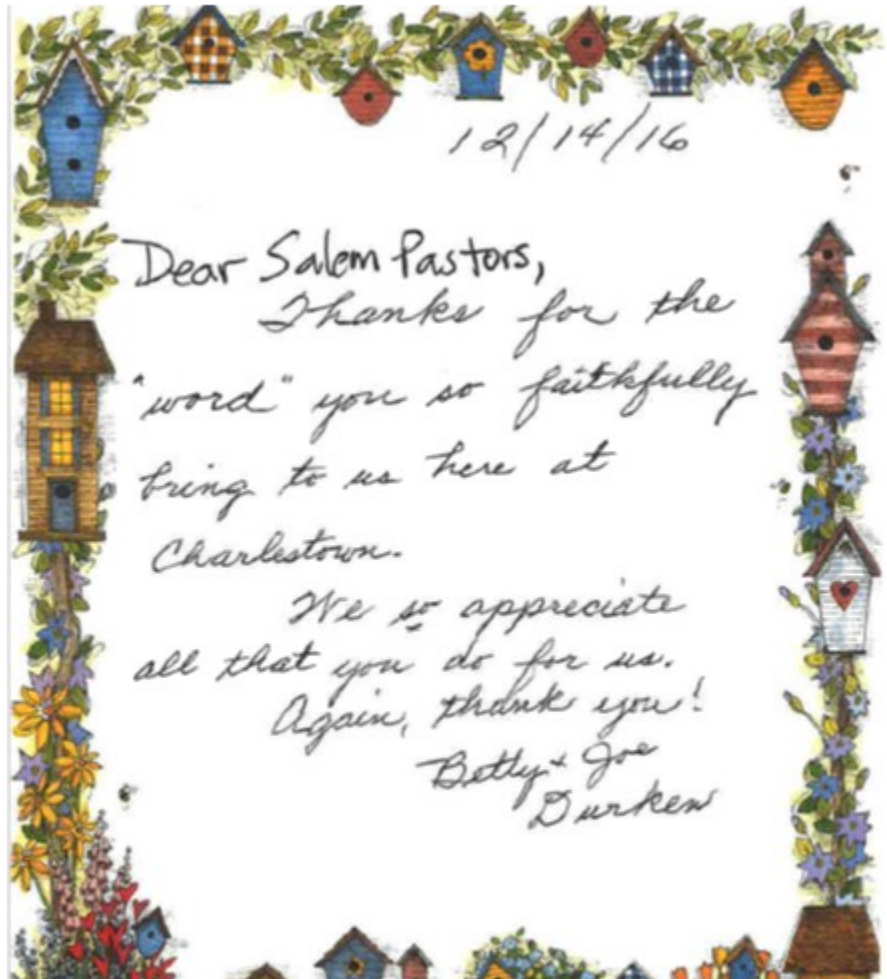
January23	4 th Monday Bible Study
January 28	Salem Blood Drive
January 29	Pot Luck and Annual Meeting
February 5	Youth Sunday Art Show Opens Fair Trade Sunday
February 12&12	Peter Pan Auditions
February 19	'Lutherland' Dinner and Movie 5pm
February 23	4 th Monday Bible Study

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY - 2017

Feb	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Dentry
Mar	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Schmitt
Apr	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Asendorf

Thank You

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Thank you very much for your support of LVC. As a current LVCer, I can tell you that your support is invaluable. God's blessings to your congregation in the coming year.
Katharina Ganyer
Baltimore LVC



Dear Senior Pastor, Pastor, staff, and congregants, Lighthouse, Inc. thanks you for your generous donation of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00.) Your continuing support means the world to us here at Lighthouse. That you share the same commitment and passion for our community and its mental health stability is rewarding to us.

Lighthouse is a community-based counseling service that serves youths, families, veterans, and individuals who can benefit from our therapeutic treatment. Your gift enables Lighthouse to reach more citizens of Maryland who may need our assistance.

Thank you for remembering us and for you and your congregation's longstanding support. We wish you a blessed and productive new year and will hold this gift and your kind prayers close to our heart.

Kindest regards,

Drew

Drew Carberry
Executive Director

Men - Thanks!



Thank You

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS



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December 23, 2016

On behalf of the Ellicott City Partnership and the entire Old Ellicott City community, I would like to thank you for your donation to our Flood Recovery fund which was established to provide much needed assistance throughout the community. We are aware how thoughtfully charitable giving decisions are made and truly appreciate your willingness to support Old Ellicott City's recovery.

The flood which struck the evening of Saturday, July 30 2016 affected 90 businesses and more than 190 residents in 107 households - many losing absolutely everything. Your generous interest and commitment to our historic town helped get residents back in their homes and assisted our independent small businesses to rebuild their dreams.

We hope you will continue to be an active member of our community. Please visit our website at VisitEllicottCity.com for announcements on future community events as our town recovers from this tragedy.

Sincerely,

Karen Besson, President
Ellicott City Partnership

Donation Amount: \$4365

December 8, 2016

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Dear Congregation,

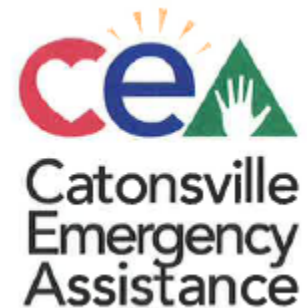
The CEA Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers would like to thank you for your 10/23/2016 donation(s) totaling \$1463.00. We greatly appreciate your support of our efforts to sustain our neighbors in crisis during these trying times.

Contributions to CEA are tax deductible within the limits of current federal and state laws. CEA attests that it provided no goods or services in return for this donation. Please keep this letter for your income tax records.

Thank you again for your support of CEA.

Sincerely,

Eugene C. Cashour, Board Member



ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
		First	Second			
Week of 12/3-12/9	15	89	120	15	Advent Midweek	239
Week of 12/10-12/16	21	115	112	9	Advent Midweek	257
Week of 12/17-12/23	50	84	156	13	Advent Midweek	303
Week of 12/24-12/30	65					610
Christmas Eve	2pm 60	5pm 257	7:30pm 133	10pm 95		
Monthly Totals	631	353	388	37		1409

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$542,032.00
Beginning Balance	\$32,521.57
Expenses to Date	(\$484,226.42)
Receipts to Date	\$540,740.71
Ending Balance	\$59,035.86
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$64,687.58
Receipts to Date	\$48,192.96
Disbursements to Date	(\$34,649.96)
Balance in Fund	\$78,229.78

SMART PHONE QR CODE AVAILABLE FOR GIVING



Salem allows offerings via your smart phone. Image Salem's QR code and you will be taken to the mobile-friendly version of Salem's giving page where you can make your gift via your bank account or credit card.

WIFI AT SALEM

The Technology Committee has installed WiFi access throughout the church. This free internet access is available to members and guests. Users may access either of our two networks connections:



SalemBethanyHall
SalemReformationHall

The password for both connections is **SalemChurch**.

If you have any questions about our network please contact Technology Committee Chairperson, Amy Pflug at amy.pflug@verizon.net.

PRAYERS

Dear Lord our God,
 Help us to see Christ
 In others,
 Help us to receive Christ
 From others,
 Help us to share, Christ
 With others,
 Help us to be Christ
 To others,
 Help us to bring Christ
 To others.
 Help us to see that
 In him we live and move
 And have our being,
 That we dwell in him,
 And he dwells in us.
 - David Adam



SALEM PRAYER TREE

“Intercessory prayer can penetrate the hearts of those we cannot open and shield those we cannot guard and teach where we cannot speak and comfort where our hearts have no power to soothe. Prayer with its unseen hand, can enter where we may not.” If you would like to join the Salem Prayer Tree, please contact Sue O’Connor via telephone at (410) 869-0242, or via email at ssusie770@verizon.net.

OFFICIAL ACTS



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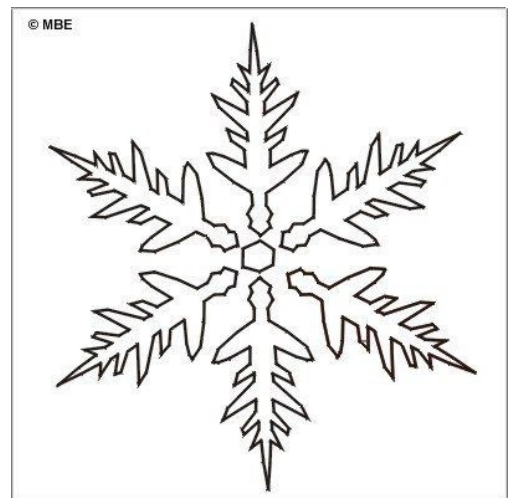
“We pray you...keep our children in the covenant of their baptism and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and godliness.”

Kamber Grey Heil- December 17, 2016

SNOW POLICY

The weekday snow policy is, if Baltimore County Schools close then we are closed. If the bad weather is later in the day and Baltimore County closes for after school or evening activities, we close for evening activities.

The weekend snow policy is go to our website. In all cases, opened or closed, please use common sense and have a realistic view of the severity of the weather and use caution!



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