



THE MONARCH

The Lenten Season at Salem

**Ash Wednesday
March 1, 2017**

Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

2:00 pm

7:30 pm

Wednesdays During Lent, March 8 – April 5

6:30 pm Soup Supper in Bethany Hall

7:30 pm Worship in the Nave

The theme for this Lent: *What do you hunger for?*

Reflections concerning healing, forgiveness, peace, repentance and justice

Brush Off Your Small Catechism – Adult Forum During Lent

Pastor Asendorf will be leading our Adult Forum during Lent, beginning Sunday March 5. The Adult Forum meets in the Katie Luther Room from 9:45am to 10:30am. Bring your copy of Luther’s Small Catechism and come prepared to reflect on the basics of the Christian faith. You don’t have a copy? Not to worry as Pastor Dave will have copies available. He promises there will be no homework, quizzes or papers. Come for an action-packed forty-five minutes of theology!

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Your Generosity Makes a Difference.....for the General Fund

Salem's General Fund pays most of the budgeted expenses for operating the congregation, and engaging in mission for the sake of the world. The three largest budget categories – Staff Salaries and Benefits, Benevolence, and Church Property – all are fueled by the General Fund. There would be no Saturday and Sunday worship, no Sunday School, no Youth Group, and literally no Salem without the monies provided by the General Fund. We depend on your generosity to power our ministry. So how can you best support the General Fund? Please consider the following:

Be intentional in your giving. Don't treat your support of the congregation as you would going to the movies. Don't contribute just when you show up for worship. But instead decide how much money you will donate for the year from your income and contribute that amount on a regular basis – weekly, monthly, quarterly – whatever works best for your situation. Submit a yearly pledge. And know that your pledge can always be changed if your financial circumstances change. (Check out I Corinthians 16: 1-4)

Consider tithing, giving 10% of your income which is the standard percentage set forth by Holy Scripture. You may not be giving that amount today but set the tithe as a goal to work toward.

Be generous. How does your support of Salem stack up against your spending for entertainment and vacations? How does your giving compare to the money you spend for hobbies and eating out?

Consider electronic giving which makes it easy not to fall behind in your contributions and also makes less work for our tellers who count the money on Sunday morning.



**American
Red Cross**

Many thanks to all who participated in the Blood Drive. Forty-six units of blood were obtained which will help 138 individuals. —The Parish Nurses

January 28, 2017, Blood Drive

Jeans Go Green

During 2017 the Guardians of Eden will have an ongoing project: 'bluejeansgogreen'. GOE will sponsor collection drives for used, worn and washed denim periodically throughout 2017. The first collection runs through the month of March.

A collection box labeled 'bluejeansgogreen' will be placed in the Narthex. Any worn and washed denim item--shirts, jackets, jeans, skirts, etc. can be donated. Even decorated denim items can be donated!! Items will be taken by volunteers to local Madewell stores participating in this campaign. Madewell then ships the collected denim.



These denim items are upcycled into cotton based housing insulation installed by groups such as Habitat for Humanity. Our hope is that Salem's denim ends up used in local Habitat For Humanity projects

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 29th following the late service. A bountiful potluck luncheon was provided and the Business meeting was conducted by council president Mary Kay Willing.

The annual report was distributed and the committee reports referenced. We received the Annual Report – including the Treasurer’s Report was approved. Vince Happel provided musical accompaniment and Pastor Asendorf thanked everyone for their contributions to a successful year.



Church Council Highlights

- Received Pastor Asendorf’s counsel regarding planning for an Associate Pastor. We will pursue an intern for the next year and begin the call process in the fall of 2017 or if we do not receive an intern we’ll begin the call process in March 2017.
- Decided to request a special one-time offering to support the Synod’s “Forward in Faith” campaign on Reformation Day 2017.
- Approved new worship assistants: Guy Davis, Molly McNair, Jules Shepherd, and Mary Kay Willing.
- Approved a contribution of \$5,000 from the Mission Fund to the ELCA’s Capital Campaign, “Always Being Made New.”
- Will recruit 4 delegates to the 2017 Synod Assembly in Ocean City, MD. Vicky Whetstone and Christy Davis volunteered to be two of the delegates.

Arts Committee Update

We have all been enjoying our **winter show of Gordon Dentry's inspiring paintings**. Gordon was Pastor Ann's Dad. Thanks to everyone who helped make our hanging and opening of the show go so smoothly a few weeks ago! Please be sure to stop up to the Agape Gallery to see Gordon's original work in watercolor and oils and appreciate his keen eye.



Our **next opening at the Agape Gallery will be April 2** and will feature the work of artists from the Charlestown Fireside Artist group. We look forward to a burst of color and visions of spring.

Saturday, **April 15 (Holy Saturday) at noon we'll have a dedication for the completed mosaic mural project** that has been the loving work of a number of our indefatigable parishioners under the leadership of Tricia Morgan. Some members of the group have been working for four (4!) years on this project, while others are recent devotees. Please mark your calendars for this congregational event which will include a pot-luck lunch and celebratory dessert.

Please also consider volunteering to add your energy to our upcoming **Reformation 500 workshops** which will prepare doves, banners, puppets and costumes for the **4th of July parade** this year. Workshops will be held on Saturday mornings 9-12 noon until the work is finished. No previous experience needed. Youth and adults are welcome!

Book Group – March

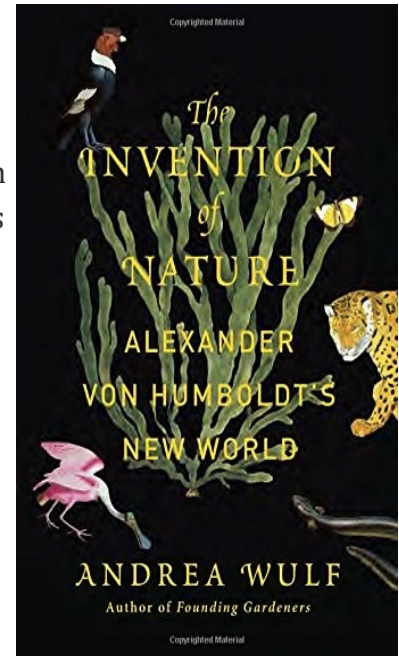
Salem's Book Group met on February 13th to discuss *A Hillbilly Elegy* a memoir of A family and culture in crisis by J. D. Vance.

On March 13th in the Upper Room, the group 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. 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.

On April 10th, the group will discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.



Salem Congregational Wellness Day March 11, 2017 from 10 am - 2 pm

Come and experience various modalities to expand your health, wellness and spirituality with the Salem Congregational Wellness Day. There will be **chair massage, acupuncture, yoga, Reiki** and **Lectio Divina**. Experience walking the **Labyrinth**.

Lunch is available for purchase at the Old Salem Bazaar held downstairs. Join us to experience a day of focus and relaxations.

Social Ministry Annual Potluck
March 26, 2017
5:00 PM

Join us on Sunday, March 26th at 5PM for the annual potluck. Share great food, fellowship and hear from Robin Stocksdales of Gilchrist Hospice Care about their partnership with a hospice in Tanzania Nkoaranga Lutheran hospital's palliative CARE PROGRAM.

Through a program sponsored by Global Partners in Care, a division of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Program, Gilchrist began their partnership in 2009. Gilchrist Hospice Care has pledged to provide financial, technical and educational support in order to assist them as they struggle to provide care in the villages surrounding Arusha, Tanzania with limited resources. Consider this:

- The average life expectancy in Tanzania is 50 years
- Over 1.5 million people are living with AIDS/HIV
- One million children have been orphaned due to AIDS

The hospice serves over 900 terminally-ill patients in the villages with five staff members and 40 volunteers.

They travel many miles over mountainous terrain and rutted roads trying to reach their poverty-stricken patients.

You will hear stories of great need, committed caregiving by the hospice team, the role of faith and the local diocese, and great hope for the future.



New Physical Security at Salem

Due to recent break-ins (vandalism) at other local church buildings, including our own Historical Old Salem, and due to the theft of equipment from our building, the Property and Technology Committees and the Pastors determined that we should improve physical security at Salem. A Physical Security Task Force has worked on ideas and the planning of a solution for the past 10 months

The new security system will consist of cameras, door locks, and access cards. The new system will be installed and implemented along with the new doors that have been ordered. It is expected that all will be installed and functional sometime in April.

Access Cards will replace all the keys for entry into the Salem building. No keys will be used for entry. The office will also have card readers for access, however, all other internal doors (but not the office) will still use keys for access. Those internal doors include closets, music room, storage rooms, etc. Access cards will be issued to those who need (not want) access to the church. Committee chairpersons and their committee members can all have access cards.

The church will automatically unlock/relock doors at specific days/times for the doors on Frederick Rd and parking lot side of church. All other doors will remain locked at all times and external door handles will be removed so no one tries to use those doors from the outside. All doors can be used for exit purposes, especially during emergencies. Automatic unlock/relock example; the Frederick Rd and Parking Lot doors will likely open at 7:15AM on Sunday mornings and relock at 12:15PM at the end of the second service. The hours, when the doors open/lock, will be adjusted for the summer schedule. Special events can also be programmed into the system for other times the doors need to be unlocked (pot luck dinners, weddings, funerals, etc.).

There will be cameras throughout the church. Images/video will be recorded and preserved for a yet to be determined amount of time. The Church Office Administrator will have a TV screen with views from the cameras to monitor activity throughout the church during office hours. The Church Office and Music room will be able to release the one door on the parking lot side from their desks (same as it works today). The same rules apply, the intercom should be used to verify the identity of the person before releasing the door and allowing access.

Everyone with a key that only works on the exterior doors will have to turn it in when they receive an access card, if needed, from the security system team.

Access Cards will be issued by Robin or a member of the new Security Team during specific days/times.

Each card id number will be recorded in the database with day/times of allowed access.

Church Staff, Property Committee and Tech Support Committee will have 24/7 access.

There will be no access, except for those with the 24/7 access cards, between the hours of 11pm and 6am, 7 days a week.

People/groups that normally access the church through side doors will now have to use the door on the parking lot side of church. No exceptions.

All Committee Chairs will get an access card for their use. Committee Chairs will have the option to request cards for their committee members (but the cost for those extra cards will come out of the committee's budget). When someone is no longer a member of the committee, they need to turn in their card.

When cards are lost, the church office must be notified immediately so the card access can be turned off. A replacement card can then be requested, for a yet-to-be-determined fee.

The cameras are always ON. All motion is recorded. The Network Video Recorder (NVR) should record approximately 1 months' worth of video.

A forced open door (break-in) will send an alarm to the monitoring company who will then call certain members of Salem and the Baltimore County Police. **(Continued Page 12)**

Food, Fun, Mix and Mingle

Benefits Lazarus Caucus!!

Tuesday, March 7 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm



9150 Baltimore National Pike 21042

Ellicott City

Bring friends! A portion of your dining check will be donated to help support the supplemental needs of the guests of the Westside Homeless Shelter.

Salem Supper Club

Save the date: June 10, 2017, 6:30 PM
[June 17 rain date]

Plan to join us for a special evening of fun, food,
fellowship and entertainment.



Salem Scholarship Time

Salem's high school seniors--and their families--have many concerns about college plans at the beginning of the new year, not the least of which is the cost of higher education. Do keep in mind the ministry of Salem's Scholarship program, which for over 20 years has assisted Salem members as they undertake the next step in their academic preparation.

Stipends of up to \$750 per year for a total of four years cover only a modest part of the total higher education bill, but they can make an important difference. This past year, four students completed their college programs with the support of Salem Scholarships, and five will continue their studies with renewed scholarships.

Salem scholarships recognize accomplishments in any of the following categories: academic achievement; Christian character, service, and citizenship; educational and career goals; and financial need.

They also take into account the differing ways in which students have applied their talents and interests, and recognize the variety of post-high school educational experiences that may be the best fit for students.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the deadline for applications is April 15. Salem's high school seniors have received a personal letter inviting them to consider applying for the program. For more information, a printed brochure and application form are available from the church office.



REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

My apologies, but events of the last several weeks as well as the progress of our sponsorship effort require a longer article than usual. Please give it your attention.

Several months ago, with the permission of the Church Council, a growing group of Salem members began considering the sponsorship of a new refugee family. Having decided to move forward, we made our request to the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in early January. Later that month, about 25 of our group received our orientation from Lutheran Social Services-National Capital Area, which is handling resettlement in this region for LIRS.

Since then, the disruption of our country's openness to refugees decreed in the new administration's executive order, the stay ordered by the court, and the administration's intention to craft a new order has obviously brought great uncertainty to the mission of LIRS and our hopes.

Two weeks ago Mary Kay Willing, Dave Merriman and I attended a Town Meeting at Reformation Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill in DC sponsored by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. It was very helpful in better understanding the current situation in the US, in appreciating the advocacy and determination of LIRS and the other eight agencies who handle refugee sponsorship in our country, and in recommitting ourselves to keeping this welcoming tenet of our Christian faith. The two meetings they sponsored were attended by nearly 300 people.

We were encouraged to continue our preparations for receiving a refugee family. LIRS has continued to resettle a lot of Special Immigrant Visa holders from Afghanistan who were not impacted by the Executive Order, so they are still working with congregations who have already applied. If there be a change in this, they will contact us.



How can you help?

- As you have basic household goods which could help supply an apartment for the family (set of dishes or silverware, small appliances) and notify Carl Kreps (410.869.1803 thekreps@verizon.net).
- Be alert to employment possibilities for a refugee. Of course, we can't move forward till we know our refugee's special experience, skills and language capabilities. Notify Barbara Beem (410.382.4379) with your thoughts.
- Contribute funds for our sponsorship—to help with the early months' rent and utilities, perishable foods, for special needs and fees. Mail to the church or use a pew envelope and mark your donation "Refugee Fund".
- Keep our hopes and efforts in your prayers.
- Pray for the world's 65.3 million refugees and forcibly displaced persons, and for a far greater openness to providing safe haven here and across the world.

Please also seek opportunity to support LIRS and the other eight resettlement agencies in advocating for the US to continue to serve the world's record number of refugees. We should all be aware that refugees are already the most highly vetted people admitted to our country. This too: No person accepted to the United States as a refugee, Syrian or otherwise, has ever been implicated in a major fatal terrorist attack since the Refugee Act of 1980 set up systematic procedures for accepting refugees into the US, according to an analysis of terrorism immigration risks by the Cato Institute.

So still we hope for the opportunity to play our part in alleviating the world's record refugee crisis, in continuing our nation's **welcome for those who seek safe harbor here** from war, poverty and oppression, and in being faithful to our Lord's specific invitation to meet him as we welcome the stranger.

God's Peace, Pastor Whetstone

500TH JUBELFEST OF THE REFORMATION

The Diet of Worms

By Pastor Whetstone

For those who were confirmed in a Lutheran Church, one of the enduring and endearing rites of passage is giggling the first time the pastor mentions the Diet of Worms. No wonder! But in 16th century Europe, a diet (from Latin) meant a deliberative assembly. And this Diet was held at Worms (pronounced *Vorms*), a German city on the Upper Rhine.

This particular Diet was called by Charles V, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. Charles V was trying to defuse the increasing conflict between the powers of Rome and the protests in Germany. Pope Leo X had excommunicated Luther for his teachings, and in December of 1520 Luther publically burned the Papal Bull declaring his excommunication. Luther was summoned to the Imperial Diet to answer for his apostasy. Luther appeared there in April.



On April 17 he was challenged by the papal representative Johann Eck to reject his own writings. After much prayer and long deliberation with friends and mediators, he returned to the court the next day. Again challenged he gave his famous response: "Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen." By tradition Luther declared, "Here I stand, I can

do no other," before concluding with "God help me. Amen."

Within a month Charles V issued an edict which declared Luther a heretic and outlaw and banned his writings, promising punishment for those who read or professed them. Court officials began deliberation on his fate. Before matters could be decided, Luther fled the city. Enroute home, he and his companions were overtaken and Luther kidnapped. Soon they discovered it had been arranged by Prince Frederick, who hid Luther in the Wartburg Castle, high above Eisenach.

Hats Off to the Salem Stitchcrafters!

On February 9th, the Stitchcrafters delivered hats to St Agnes Hospital.

In all: 33 little hats to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and 44 chemo hats to the Cancer Center.





Christmas Decorator Needed

Christmas seems far, far away but **it is not too early to recruit a Chief Christmas Decorator** who can oversee the decoration of the church and the subsequent clean up. Pastor Asendorf has compiled the list of tasks and there is already a group of willing helpers like Ed Stephens to decorate the chancel and Duane Linsenhardt and Don Schwartz and others. But we need someone to coordinate the decoration. So if you are interested in volunteering for this job please contact Pastor Dave.

Chesapeake Bay Trip

Put aside **May 6th** for a trip on the Chesapeake Bay for **4th and 5th Grade Sunday School students**. Leaving from the Inner Harbor, we will take a four hour trip into the bay to learn more about improving the waters, as well as the animals and fish that live in the Bay. We will also dredge for oysters!



Students' families will soon receive a letter inviting them to a pizza party to hear more details. Mark your calendars for an exciting day.

New Physical Security (continued from Page 7)

Attention all Committee Chairpersons or Leaders of groups that meet at Salem, and other interested persons. As we get closer to implementing the new access card system on the doors to church, the Security System Committee is seeking information from you. Although the new system will be more restrictive, the Security System Committee will work with everyone to make the new system work as well as possible within the new restrictions of the system. The new restrictions are to protect the Salem building (in the past doors have been left unlocked, for example) as well as protect those people inside the Salem building. Safety is of great importance to everyone.

Groups that meet on a regular basis (once a month, once a week, etc.) will have their cards programmed to allow access at those times. Committee Chairperson will have access Monday through Friday approximately 10AM to 5PM in addition to those times when their committees have meetings. Groups with irregular days/hours will have to request changes to their normal schedule when needed.

Access card valid days/times can be changed without the person coming to the church during hours. Just email SalemSecurity@salem-catonsville.org and one of us will update the access allowed for the user. In addition, use the email to report lost cards and request replacement cards.

A spreadsheet is being developed with all the groups, chairpersons, members and days/times for access so, committee chairpersons, please send your access door needs to SalemSecurity@salem-catonsville.org

Any questions on how the security system will work can be sent to SalemSecurity@salem-catonsville.org

Altar Guild

There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild between services on April 2, 2107. Please join us as we plan and prepare for Holy week and the Easter season.





Youth Sunday!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education

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 at 7:30 p.m. during our worship service.



VBS! VBS! VBS! {Vacation Bible School} Our theme is "Visiting in the Global Community: Peru". Mark your calendars for the week of Sunday, June 25th through Thursday, June 29th. This will be an **EVENING** VBS! Feel free to come to dinner at 6 p.m. Pizza will be available at a minimal cost **OR** you may bring your own dinner. The event will run 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!

Children's Ministries Lenten Project Each Sunday in Lent the Sunday school will be collecting items for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits in conjunction with other Baltimore area Lutheran churches. The {group} goal is 500 kits for the Reformation 500 anniversary. Each Sunday a different object will be collected. All items should be new, in good condition, no military {including camo} references or group names or religious symbols or messages or country flags.

The following schedule indicates on which Sunday a specific item should be brought in. However, all donations are greatly appreciated throughout Lent.

- March 5 – Light-weight bath-sized towels {not fluffy} {between 20" X 40" and 27" X 52"}; dark colors are recommended
- March 12 – bars of soap, any brand, in the original wrapping
- March 19 – adult sized toothbrush in the original packaging {multipacks are okay}
- March 26 – sturdy comb
- April 2 – metal nail clipper, the attached file is optional

There will be boxes near the elevator on the lower level {near the Sunday school office} to deposit your donations and other information about the project will be posted there also. Please know if you would rather make a monetary donation instead of bringing in the weekly specified items, make your check payable to Salem Lutheran Church; marked LWR Personal Care Kits. Thank you for your support of this wonderful project to help others outside our own congregation.

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

Hosting again on Saturday, March 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., HOS will again hold our annual Craft Fair and Flea Market. Of you are interested in “purchasing” a table space - \$20 per table {3' X 8'} in size. The Event will be held in Bethany Hall. Seeking baked goods for the bake table sales which can be brought to church on Friday evening 3/10 from 6 to 8 p.m. Any donations to the Old Salem White Elephant table should be brought to the church the week of March 5th through the 10th and placed in the Mary/Martha room {next beside the kitchen in the lower level}. Come join us to have lunch on Saturday – wonderful food, wonderful treasures and help support a wonderful cause. We are putting Old Salem “back together again” after the vandalism to the old church in August 2016. Thank you for your support. Please contact Sharon Stanton 410-744-8724 to purchase a table.

Join us as we travel on **our first bus trip of 2017**; we are heading to Monticello to tour Thomas Jefferson’s home. It’s a beautiful mansion atop a mountain; gardens will be in full bloom {we’re hoping} and it’s fascinating to see Thomas Jefferson’s many inventions. Lunch first at Michie Tavern, where we will enjoy a delicious colonial meal of fried chicken and hearty side dishes. **Only 40 seats available so don’t wait, make your reservations NOW. Cost: \$85 per person {includes transportation, lunch, admission to the mansion, taxes and gratuities} and as always we’ll depart from the Southwest Park & Ride lot on South Rolling Road at 7:45 a.m. with an approximate return time of 8:00 p.m. Please contact Sharon Stanton at 410-744-8724 BEFORE March 11th to make your reservation {payment is due then also}.**

P.S. Hold the dates: July 27th – Crab Feast aboard the Dorothy Megan Choptank Riverboat – Suicide Bridge – Hurlock Maryland

October 18th – Western Maryland Scenic Railroad ride with lunch on board traveling from Cumberland to Frostburg and return.

INTERESTED IN DOING A SHOWCASE?

Committee chairs wishing to share information about their respective group’s activities and/or plans for the upcoming year OR any individual interested in sharing their private collections should complete a request form contained on the kiosk and place it in the Historic Old Salem mailbox across from the Nurses’ Office. Showcases normally run about three weeks in duration and have been enjoyed by all the congregation and our weekly visitors. Please consider doing a showcase. Questions? Please contact Sharon Stanton {home 410-744-8724}.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Christian Fellowship Committee invites you to join them for their Annual Mother, Daughter, Friends Luncheon being held on Saturday, April 29th at 11:30 a.m. in Bethany Hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to join them for an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon. More details to follow!

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 February Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 5pm Confirmation 7pm Salem Brass	27 1pm 4 th Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7pm 4 th Monday Bible Study	28 5pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 7pm Salem Ringers	1 March 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 2pm Ash Wednesday Worship 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship	2 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	3	4 FAIR TRADE 9am Art Mosaic Work Day 5pm Worship
5 FAIR TRADE Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers	6 4pm Yoga 6:30pm Guardians/Eden 7pm Prayer Shawl	7 5pm Chair Yoga 6:30pm Social Ministry 7pm Salem Ringers	8 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7:30pm Lenten Worship	9 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm Old Salem 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	10 6pm Old Salem Prep	11 9am Old Salem Craft Fair and Flea Market 10 Wellness Day 5pm Worship
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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
March, 2017**

**SPECIAL EVENTS
March, 2017**

Mar 1 Ash Wednesday
7:30pm

Mar 4 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion

Mar 5 First Sunday in Lent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion

Mar 8 Lenten Worship
7:30pm

Mar 11 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion

Mar 12 Second Sunday in Lent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion

Mar 15 Lenten Worship
7:30pm

Mar 18 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion

Mar 19 Third Sunday in Lent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion

Mar 22 Lenten Worship
7:30pm

Mar 25 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion

Mar 26 Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion

Mar 29 Lenten Worship
7:30pm

March 11 Old Salem Craft Show and Flea Market
9-1pm (Bethany Hall)

March 11 Wellness Day 10-2pm (Reformation
Hall, Katie Luther Room, Upper room)

March 25 First Communion Instruction Begins
9am (2nd grade room)

March 26 Social Ministry Dinner 5pm

1/21/17

Dear Salem Family,
What a wonderful
surprise to come home to see
a beautiful white poinsettia
sitting on my shelf!! Thank
you very much for the lovely
gesture as well as bringing
my weekly envelopes.

Sincerely,
Regina M. Ovin

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY - 2017

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

May Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Arch Deacon Gail Wilson



Friends of Tent of Nations North America

People Building Bridges

January 10, 2017

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your wonderful, faith-filled support for the Nassar family and their work at **Tent of Nations (TON)**. This very generous gift of \$2,791.00 from your Marketplace will support a variety of projects that enables the family to maintain this small oasis of peaceful resistance as it works towards self-sufficiency. We move forward slowly but surely, and the family is always very appreciative of the spiritual support as well as the financial donations from friends like you.

With a grateful heart,



Kay Plitt
Director of Finance



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2016 Holiday Giving Program

January 9, 2017

Dear Pastor Asendorf:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, residents, and staff of The Children's Home, thank you for the generous donation to our 2016 Holiday Giving Program. We are inspired by the many contributions from Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Every year the generosity of the community is confirmed by the gifts and donations of many individuals, families, organizations, and businesses. The joy of the season is experienced by everyone at the Home.

Thank you again for brightening the lives of the children and youth in our care.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year!



Gail L. Lee
Director of Development

Thank You

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS



Lutheran World Relief

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Dear Friends at Salem Ev Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of quilts and kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world.

Your quilts and kits provide important necessities to our neighbors around the world, and serve as reminders that they are not alone or forgotten. In the second part of 2016, we also shipped quilts and kits to Georgia, Angola, Thailand, Pakistan, Mali and Burkina Faso. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work!

In Christ,

Melanie W. Gibbons

DONATION RECEIPT

110	Mission Quilts
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Baltimore Lutheran Campus Ministry

serving Towson, Morgan State, and UMBC

Dear people of Salem:

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,100 to support the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry. What a joy it is to know that there are so many folks who believe in the value of what we do on campus and who are eager to support the work that God is doing in and through our students!

This is work that you help to make possible. It is vital and joyful work in God's kingdom and I am grateful for your support in it.

In Christ,

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
		First	Second			
Week of 12/31-1/6	13	87				100
Week of 1/7-1/13	16	78	124			218
Week of 1/14-1/20	13	73	100			186
Week of 1/21-1/22	21	87	141	14	Free Ride	263
Week of 1/28-1/29	12	60	152			224
Monthly Totals	75	385	517	14		991

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$41,891.00
Beginning Balance	\$22,705.41
Expenses to Date	(\$29,616.94)
Receipts to Date	\$57,020.64
Ending Balance	\$50,109.11
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$86,481.30
Receipts to Date	\$4,887.50
Disbursements to Date	\$ 0.00
Balance in Fund	\$91,368.80

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

Give us words that speak of love
 Give us hands that work for peace
 Give us feet that will not tire
 Give us hearts that show your grace.
 - John Birch

O God, grant me your sense of timing.
 In this season of short days and long nights,
 of grey and white and cold,
 teach me the lessons of beginnings:
 that such waitings and endings
 may be a starting place,
 of planting seeds
 which bring to birth
 what is ready to be born—
 something right and just and different,
 a new song,
 a deeper relationship,
 a fuller lover—
 in the fullness of your time.
 O God, grant me your sense of timing.
 - Ted Loder



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



AT THE GRAVE

“For the assurance and hope of our faith and for the saints whom you have received into your eternal joy, we thank you heavenly Father.”

Eva Amelia Granger*— January 18, 2017

* not a member of Salem

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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