



# THE MONARCH

## SALEM SECURITY AND THE NEW CARD ACCESS SYSTEM

You might have noticed that the new doors have been installed and painted. What you don't see is that the new Security System also unlocks the doors for services on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings and then relocks the doors automatically near the end of the service. In addition, the cameras are working and the DVR is recording all movement throughout the church hallways. Even though the door locking and unlocking is now automatic, all doors can be used for exiting the church, so in case of an emergency like a fire, use the closest door to exit the building as quickly as possible.

The next phase of implementing better security at Salem is to provide access cards to everyone who requires access to the church outside of the Saturday and Sunday service times. All the committee names and names of people who serve on the committees are being entered into the new Security System. Once that is completed, the access cards will be distributed. Everyone who receives an access card will be required to sign for it and agree to follow the rules for using the cards. Each person who receives an access card will be given a hand-out with the rules and the days/times the card will open the church doors. Distribution of the access cards is planned to start the middle of October.

Any questions? Email [SalemSecurity@salem-catonsville.org](mailto:SalemSecurity@salem-catonsville.org)



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## SEMINARIAN REPORT

"With class work ending in June, I was able to enjoy the summer working with the Operations team at the seminary in Chicago as well as traveling everywhere from Kansas City to Grand Rapids, Michigan; Spirit Lake, Iowa; and, of course, Catonsville, Maryland!

In July, I had the joy and honor of leading the marriage ceremony for my brother and sister-in-law while my father acted as the legal officiant. It was truly a family affair and wonderful practice for the weddings that I will lead in my future ministry.

The weekend of August 5th and 6th, I was humbled to have the opportunity to preach for all of you here at Salem. What a blessing to exercise my preaching skills in the presence of the community that has nurtured me for many years. Preaching at all 3 services was good preparation for all of the preaching that I will soon do on internship (I'll be preaching at 2 services every weekend!).

On September 4th, I started start my internship year in rural Wabasso, Minnesota at Redwood Central Lutheran Parish. Redwood Central is a 4-point parish that shares ministerial leadership, so my supervisor and I are sure to have our work cut out for us. I am living in an apartment just 4 blocks from the main church, and hopefully there will be some chickens nearby. I'm excited to see what the Spirit has in store for the people of Wabasso, and I'm particularly eager to learn about the joys and challenges unique to rural ministry.

Thank you all so much for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support. You are a rich blessing to me!

God's Peace,

Amy Asendorf"

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## SALEM WALKING GROUP

Get healthy!! Join the Walking group.

The Walking group meets at the Bell's home at 9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at 2:00 PM on Thursday. We have a beautiful walk through old Catonsville. Come and enjoy the fellowship and the benefits of walking.

For more information contact Lynda or Paul Bell.



## 500<sup>TH</sup> JUBELFEST OF THE REFORMATION.... A COMMEMORATION NOT FOR LUTHERANS ONLY

It's important now to remember that this anniversary year began with a joint ecumenical commemoration held in Lund, Sweden, on Oct. 31, 2016, co-hosted by The Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church. The official joint press release from the Vatican and the LWF stated: "The Lutheran World Federation and Roman Catholic Church joint event will highlight the 50 years of continuous ecumenical dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans and the joint gifts of this collaboration. The Catholic-Lutheran commemoration of 500 years of the Reformation is structured around the themes of thanksgiving, repentance and commitment to common witness. The aim is to express the gifts of the Reformation and ask forgiveness for division perpetuated by Christians from the two traditions."

At the heart of that service was this joint statement signed by Pope Francis and the president of the Lutheran World Federation, Rt. Rev. Dr. Munib Younan, who is also bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land: "In joyful gratitude to God, we are gathered today to encourage one another in the ministry of reconciliation to which Christ has called us ... we affirm that 'while the past itself is unalterable, the presence of the past in the present is alterable. In view of 2017, the point is not to tell a different history, but to tell that history differently.' So, while the past cannot be changed, we rejoice in the healing of memories we have already seen, and we ask God's guidance toward a transformed future, renewed in our relations to one another and in our witness to the world."



Bishop Younan and Pope Francis at Lund, Sweden

We give thanks that this commemoration will not be occasion for the parochial pride and for divisive entrenchment which generally characterized past celebrations, but rather a path toward further reconciliation and greater understanding.

My hopes are broader still. For too many people across the world, the atrocity of 9/11 has become a tool to foster nationalistic jingoism and religious hostilities. Strident and hateful fundamentalism among Christians, Muslims, Jews and others has made such religion the most dangerous force on earth.

Yet not for all. Among a growing and greater portion of people of all faiths there is also a determined striving for mutual understanding and cooperation than ever before. This can also be a fruit of the Reformation which radically insisted that the grace of God exceeds all religious practice or human deserving. To a degree impossible to imagine in an age when Turkish armies at the gates of Budapest, Genoa and Venice threatened to conquer the European world, many Christians, Muslims and Jews now strive to encounter one another through the love of God pledged for the whole world.

There is excellent cause to celebrate the courage, wisdom, tenderness and eloquence of Martin Luther. When virtually all of the wealth, all the armies, all the powers which then ruled the world were arrayed against him, Luther refused to recant his conviction that God's grace is freely given in love --thereby launching a reformation of the whole Church, and changing the course of history.

We have long held such a promise to be our hope for joy on this day and joy at our last. More than that, such a conviction also holds hope for the peace of the world.

Pastor Whetstone



## Celebrating 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

How does Salem congregation celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation? For starters, we began last October with a series of articles from Pastor Ed Whetstone under the title “500<sup>th</sup> Jubelfest of the Reformation.” These articles highlight the amazing story of the world-changing Reformation and continue as a monthly feature in the church bulletin.

“We are building to a crescendo as a lot of wonderful things are happening in a variety of ways to recognize the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation,” notes Judy LeGath. Judy heads Salem’s Reformation 500 Committee, gratefully noting that the committee has been so creative, so energized, and “I think that we have it covered in a way that Martin Luther could never have imagined!”

### ***Award for Entry in Catonsville Fourth of July Parade***

Char Brooks accepted “The Special Judge’s Award” for our “float” entry from the Catonsville Fourth Committee on September 19<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the special contribution that Salem’s Art Committee and team made in celebration of the Reformation. Puppets of Martin and Katie as well as doves highlighted the human-powered “float.” “Since we didn’t have a truck, I came up with a design that would allow a flow of movement throughout. We learned a lot and I’m grateful to the engineering and fabrication by our volunteers, including Lowell Rau, Don Schwartz, Marilyn Timmel, Treen Null, and Guy Davis, to name just a few!” (pictures on p 21)



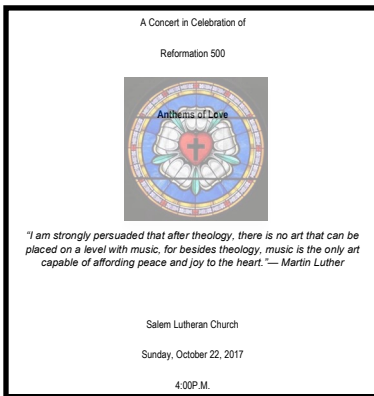
### ***European Tour September 25<sup>th</sup>-October 6<sup>th</sup>***

Forty-eight persons, hosted by Pastor Ed and Vicky Whetstone and by Pastor Dave and Nancy Asendorf, left on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> to tour Italy and Germany, tracing some of Luther’s footsteps in his life leading to the Reformation. “This is an opportunity to visit some of those places where the reformation began,” relates Pastor Ed. “From Luther’s birthplace in Eisleben to Erfurt, Germany, where he grew up, became a monk, and entered the monastery, to Wittenberg, where he taught, served as parish priest, and nailed the 95 thesis on the door of the church, to Wartburg Castle where he went into hiding: seeing those places helps it to come alive for us,” he notes. “We are not just looking at history but at growing more familiar with our heritage as we look to our future!” Nearly half of the group, which returns on October 6<sup>th</sup>, is a member of Salem. This picture is from the Rome Airport.



**Walters Art Gallery, Luther Exhibit, October 15th**

Meet Vicar Jay Eckman after the 11:00 a.m. service as he leads a brief discussion about Martin Luther's life and times before heading to The Walters (600 N Charles St) for the exhibit, "Uncertain Times: Martin Luther's Remedies for the Soul." Focusing on the ways in which Martin Luther comforted the distressed souls of his contemporaries by approaching them as a father, a husband, and a friend—rather than as a priest or theologian, there are approximated twenty works on view. Feel free to bring a bag lunch at the church OR to join the group at the Walters. The Walters is renowned for its diverse art collection and a very special treasure for Baltimore. Admission is free.

**"Anthems of Love," Concert Celebrating the Reformation, October 22, 4:00 p.m.**

Coordinated by Salem's Director of Music Mary Miller, selections will be performed by Salem's Hand Bell Choir, the Salem Brass, Psalm 98, and the Senior Choir, embellished with musician friends of Mary and of Salem. "I chose music that spoke to me in a way I think Luther would have done: to spread love in troubled times," adds Mary. The concert will feature musicians at the front of the church and will be fun to watch: including stringed instruments, vocal solos, and bells. Arrive early: this event promises to be an amazing concert with Mary's special coordination and touches.

**"Martin the Reformer": October 28<sup>th</sup> (7:30 p.m.), October 29<sup>th</sup> (9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m.)**

Come to see an original play written by Guy Davis (with Paul Bell), based upon the book "Here I Stand: The Life of Martin Luther" by Roland H. Bainton. The play centers from the time when Martin Luther decided to become a monk through his marriage to Katie von Bora. Directed by Paul Bell, the play has been casted almost entirely with members or friends of Salem, many of whom have never been on stage before. Nick Mason plays Martin and Paul Bell is the narrator. Of note is the performance of diabolical Pope Leo X, portrayed by Scott Graham. Guy says that it has been a moving experience for him to investigate Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. "I was raised a Methodist and knew very little about Martin, although I have impersonated him before!" notes Guy.

The 9:30 a.m. performance will be an abbreviated version for the Sunday School.

**Reformation Sunday Service: October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.**

For the culmination of the celebrations, Pastor Emeritus Ed Whetstone will preach. The service will include Holy Communion and special music by the choirs. Also, Liz Rickel, Director of Children's Ministry, will lead a special festival celebration during the Sunday School hour.

Judy LaGath recounts, "I've learned how marvelously Martin Luther made use of the high tech of his own time! "Brand Luther: How an unheralded monk turned his small town into a center of publishing" by Andrew Pettegree is a book I'm recommending these days. It's a wonderful guide to opening up things for all Protestants: needed in today's world in so many ways!"

Thanks to all for the amazing preparatory work for our shared festival celebration! There is truly something for everyone!



## **APARTMENT FURNISHED FOR NEWLY ARRIVING REFUGEE FAMILY FROM AFGHANISTAN**

As the Refugee Sponsorship Task Force continues to wait for the opportunity to serve as full sponsors for a refugee family, we took advantage of an opportunity to assist Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service with a relative— sponsored family.

In this instance our responsibility was to prepare an apartment with furniture, household goods, and foodstuffs. September 14-19, several teams drove to Riverdale, a near suburb of DC, to deliver the furniture and boxes, and then to unpack everything and make the beds and fill the cupboards and such. The family arrived in the United States and was taken to their new home on September 21.

The new family comes from Afghanistan—father and mother, with a four year old son and daughter, age two. We will have no contact or further responsibility, as now their relatives here, assisted by Lutheran Social Services will provide mentoring and financial assistance.

Our task force thanks all those who donated pieces of furniture, dishes, lamps and other household items, and monies which we used to purchase food and rent a truck. We were also assisted by Thrivent Financial, which gave us a grant for this effort.

Now we will work to replenish these items as we gratefully prepare to do this all over again. So be watching for our call for supplies, and continuing appeal for financial support!

Pastor Whetstone, chair

### **THE MEN'S SHELTER AT SPRING GROVE—SUNDAY DINNER**

The Men's Shelter on the grounds of Spring Grove feeds and houses about 100 homeless men each night. Most of the food comes from area churches and community. Salem provides a Sunday dinner on the first Sunday of each month. The dinner is prepared by the Shelter clients. We need your help! Please join our volunteers to provide food or deliver it to the Shelter once a month. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. If you have questions, please call Sue O'Connor. Thank you for opening your heart to those who have so little.





## WELCOMING LAWN SIGNS OFFERED BY REFUGEE COMMITTEE

with the help of Thrivent Financial

We have replenished our supply of lawn signs, again with a grant from Thrivent. This time, in addition to continuing to have them available at Salem, we are inviting other congregations to join in the effort. Two other congregations in Catonsville have already done so. If you know of another church or group which may

wish to make them available, please let me know. You may also have friends who would want to join your witness.

With the help of the grant, we continue to offer these lawn signs for \$6. (Our thanks to Matt and Liz Richardson and Indigo Ink for their help with this project, too.) Further donations to the Refugee Fund are always welcome. The signs speak welcome in Spanish, English and Arabic.

Most every week I spot a new sign somewhere. We hope by our effort to increase this witness of our community's hospitality. Such hospitality is in the best tradition of our immigrant nation. But even more, it is near the heart of our faith. "I was a stranger," our Lord told them, "and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25)

You can give voice to that welcome in your prayers, as you encounter immigrants in your daily life, and as you support a welcoming public policy. Perhaps by a message on your lawn as well?

Peace,

Pastor Whetstone

## NEWS FROM THE STITCHCRAFTERS

A few weeks ago, the Salem Stitchcrafters put down our needles long enough to distribute some of our completed projects. To the Cancer Institute at St. Agnes Hospital went 20 soft chemo hats; and 61 baby hats, each one cuter than the next, were given to the hospital's NICU. Additionally, we contributed nine hand-knitted toddler sweaters to layette kits assembled by our Lutheran sisters at Christ Lutheran Church, Catonsville.

Many of us are currently working on hats and scarves for "Christmas at Sea," which brings the spirit of the season to seafarers far from home. All are welcome to join us most every Thursday as we meet in the Wittenberg Room from 10 a.m. to noon. No experience necessary!

And in conjunction with "God's Work – Our Hands," we hosted our first (annual?) "Yarn-In". Needles, patterns and yarn were supplied for making a seafarer's hat or scarf in one morning. We met in Bethany Hall and had a good turn-out, hope to see you next time!



## LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

As part of Reformation 500, we are printing sections of Luther's Small Catechism. This month, we present Luther's discussion of Daily Prayers

How the head of the family should teach those in his household to pray morning and evening, to ask a blessing and to say grace at meals.

### MORNING PRAYER

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen

### EVENING PRAYER

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen

### TO ASK A BLESSING

The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us through these gifts which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### TO SAY GRACE

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for all your gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## FAIR TRADE WEEKEND IS OCTOBER 7 AND 8

Your fair trade purchases make a marvelous difference in the lives of children in developing countries. When the farmers are receiving a fair price, they are able to provide their children the opportunity to pursue education for a stronger future. It lifts the village as well and schools can be built and improved, and child labor and forced labor policies are more likely to be followed.

And you have the benefit of quality products besides! Look for the Fair Trade cart in the narthex on October 7th and 8th!



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## Church Council Highlights

### From the September Meeting

- Elected new officers: President: Christy Hensler Davis, Vice-President: Philip Isaiah, Secretary: Vicky Whetstone, Treasurer: Sally Kopp, Financial Secretary: Beth Massey
- Voted unanimously to end the summer worship schedule in 2018. The permanent Sunday worship schedule is 8:15 am and 11:00 am.
- Voted unanimously to begin the process of calling a full-time Associate Pastor for Salem.
- Voted unanimously to form a Confirmation Task Force to study Salem's Confirmation Program.

## Budget Process Begins in October

Calling all committees! Calling all committees! Please begin submitting your budget requests to Paul Timmel for the coming year. See Paul with any questions.

## Around the Parish

- Effective October 9, 2017, Bonnie Harry has been selected as Interim Executive Director of Catonsville Emergency Assistance.
- Nancy Parrish Asendorf will be appearing this October and November in Dundalk Community Theater's production of *The Bridges of Madison County, the Musical*. The show will be held on Friday, October 27 – Sunday October 29, and Friday November 3 – Sunday November 5 at CCBC in Dundalk. Nancy is playing the role of Francesca. See the CCBC Dundalk website for all the details.
- Big kudos to Mary Kay Willing for a great job serving as our Church Council President this past year!

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### Salem Supper Club

**December 2, 2017 at 6:30 PM**

**Enjoy an evening of delicious food, good fellowship and a special evening of entertainment by the Salem Players as they celebrate their 40th anniversary.**

# "God's work. Our hands." Saturday, September 9, 2017





## COME START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT SALEM MARKETPLACE!!

Another great Marketplace is shaping up for **Saturday, November 5, 2016**. The Marketplace opens at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. All of the proceeds will be given to these non-profit organizations:

Patapsco Heritage Greenway (organizes stream cleanups and tree plantings which Salem has participated in for several years, and works to preserve the history of the Patapsco Valley)

Lutheran Mission Society (works in Baltimore City providing food and clothing to the poorest of the poor), and

Doctors without Borders (provides medical care in areas of critical need around the world).

We can always use some new volunteers especially with the White Elephant sale, led this year by Edie Hahn (410-991-0736 [edith.hahn@gmail.com](mailto:edith.hahn@gmail.com)). If you are interested in helping with other activities, please contact Julia Graham ([jig58@verizon.net](mailto:jig58@verizon.net)).

You will have the opportunity to enjoy a great lunch prepared by our Salem cooks. There will be used books and jewelry. Our big White Elephant Sale in Reformation Hall this year will feature collections of teapots and birdhouses!! We hope to see some of Pastor Whetstone's wonderful stone Santa Clauses. You won't want to miss beautiful handmade items from our Salem Stitchcrafters. There will be Fair Trade chocolates, coffee and gifts for sale from around the world. This year we will also be featuring handmade jewelry and crafts from Gilchrist Hospice Care's sister hospice in Tanzania. Oh, and don't forget to get there early to buy some of the delicious baked good items. Get into a spirited bidding battle over the many baskets, gift certificates, a beautiful Oriental rug and other great deals in our Silent Auction. Or buy tickets for the Guardians of Eden's 50/50 raffle. There will be other crafts for purchase, too. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors for a great day of fellowship and to help support some very worthy charities.

Julia Graham, Marketplace Chair

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## HELP THROW SCOTT GRAHAM UNDER THE BUS!

Salem member Scott Graham will be "roasted" at a fundraiser benefiting the Catonsville Community Foundation. The event will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017, 6:30-10 p.m. at the Foundation Clubhouse, 10 St. Timothy Lane, Catonsville, MD 21228. Tickets are \$40 per person. Make your check payable to CCF, Inc. This is sure to be a fun affair honoring one of our own! Tickets can also be purchased from Julia Graham, Scott Graham, or Leslie Kruger.





## SALEM'S BOOK GROUP

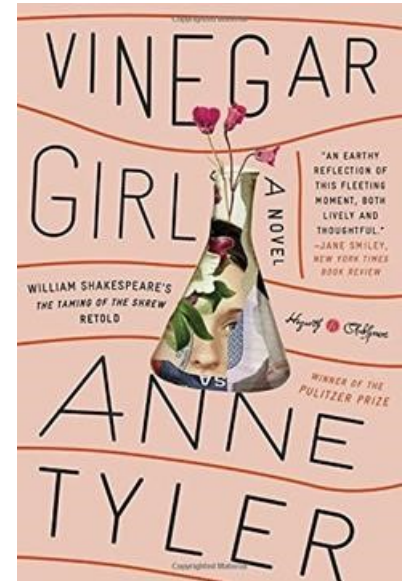
Salem's Book Group has completed its 2016-17 season and is pleased to announce the first three books for the 2017+18 season.

Salem's Book Group opened its season by discussion *Plug Ugly Ball: A Mobtown Tale of Bullies and Baseball* on September 11. Future books are:

*Vinegar Girl: A Novel* (Hogarth Shakespeare), October 9

Pulitzer Prize winner and American master Anne Tyler brings us an inspired, witty and irresistible contemporary take on one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies.

Kate Battista feels stuck. How did she end up running house and home for her eccentric scientist father and uppity, pretty younger sister Bunny? Plus, she's always in trouble at work – her pre-school charges adore her, but their parents don't always appreciate her unusual opinions and forthright manner.



Dr. Battista has other problems. After years out in the academic wilderness, he is on the verge of a breakthrough. His research could help millions. There's only one problem: his brilliant young lab assistant, Pyotr, is about to be deported. And without Pyotr, all would be lost.

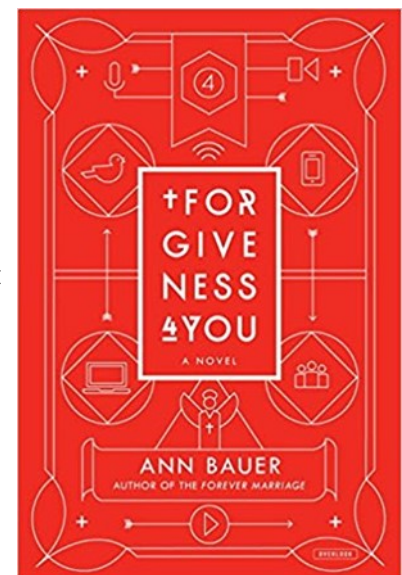
When Dr. Battista cooks up an outrageous plan that will enable Pyotr to stay in the country, he's relying – as usual – on Kate to help him. Kate is furious: this time he's really asking too much. But will she be able to resist the two men's touchingly ludicrous campaign to bring her around?

*Forgiveness 4 You: A Novel*, November 13

At once a brilliant satire set in the world of advertising and a serious reckoning with religion, the remarkable new novel by the author of *The Forever Marriage*, *Forgiveness 4 You*, is a startlingly contemporary novel about faith and religion in an America addicted to quick fixes and instant gratification.

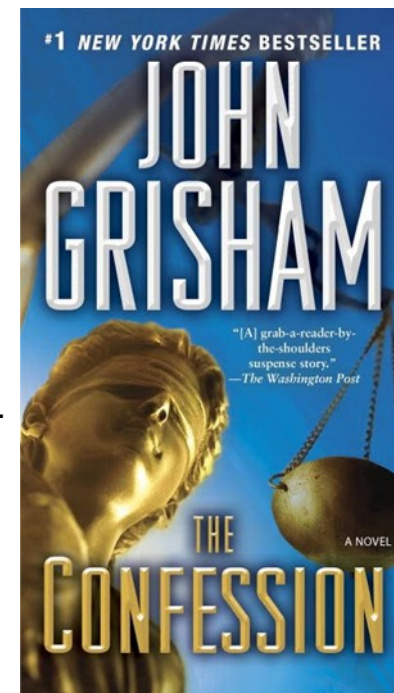
Gabriel McKenna is an ex-Catholic priest, and with his quiet job at a quiet bookstore, he is—slowly—rebuilding his life. But even at the bookstore, people from all walks of life find their way to him and feel compelled to share their stories and reveal to him their deepest, guiltiest secrets.

One of these people is Madeline Murray, a high-powered advertising executive, who, hours after her weepy confession, has a revelation: If she felt so comforted by this stranger, perhaps there's something remunerative to his consoling abilities. Madeline has a vision: a business that will offer a secular form of confession and forgiveness—the comforts of religion, without the



religion. Without knowing exactly how it happened (and whether any of it is morally sound) Gabriel is transformed by Madeline and her colleagues into the centerpiece of the forgiveness brand. And so a therapeutic revolution unleashes itself on America—or is about to, until a terrible secret threatens to torpedo the business and the man at the middle of it. Which would all be bad enough, were it not for temptation—in the form of Madeline herself.

In *Forgiveness 4 You*, Ann Bauer combines her gift for characterization with a broad American canvas to dazzling effect. Written with verve and confidence, *Forgiveness 4 You* is an unusually ambitious novel that blends cutting-edge satire with a serious meditation on faith in the twenty-first century.



*The Confession* by John Grisham, January 8<sup>th</sup>

For every innocent man sent to prison, there is a guilty one left on the outside. He doesn't understand how the police and prosecutors got the wrong man, and he certainly doesn't care. He just can't believe his good luck. Time passes and he realizes that the mistake will not be corrected: the authorities believe in their case and are determined to get a conviction. He may even watch the trial of the person wrongly accused of his crime. He is relieved when the verdict is guilty. He laughs when the police and prosecutors congratulate themselves. He is content to allow an innocent person to go to prison, to serve hard time, even to be executed.

Travis Boyette is such a man. In 1998, in the small East Texas city of Sloan, he abducted, raped, and strangled a popular high school cheerleader. He buried her body so that it would never be found, then watched in amazement as police and prosecutors arrested and convicted Donté Drumm, a local football star, and marched him off to death row.

Now nine years have passed. Travis has just been paroled in Kansas for a different crime; Donté is four days away from his execution. Travis suffers from an inoperable brain tumor. For the first time in his miserable life, he decides to do what's right and confess. But how can a guilty man convince lawyers, judges, and politicians that they're about to execute an innocent man?

## BAPTISM OF LILJA, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017





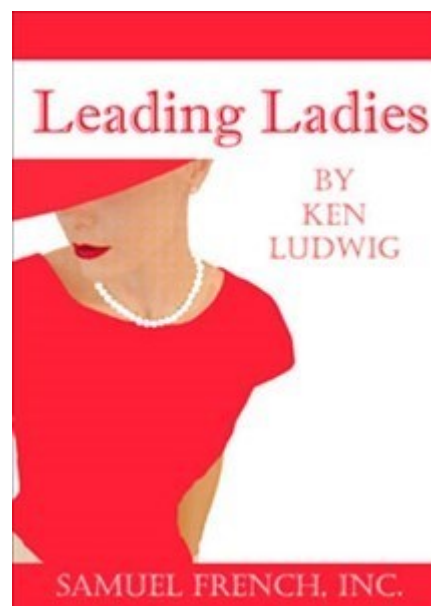
## Salem Players News

### “Leading Ladies”, a comedy by Ken Ludwig

Performance dates are: November 10, 11, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM and  
November 12 and 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

#### Cast List:

Meg .....Ashley Gerhardt  
Leo .....Jim Gerhardt  
Jack .....Lenny Taube  
Audrey .....Katie Frey  
Duncan .....Mike Levin  
Florence .....Marge Ricci  
Doc .....Tim Evans  
Butch/Frank .....Lou Applebaum



### HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

We hosted Mrs. Sally Riley from the Historical Society of Baltimore County at our Annual Members’ and Friends’ Open House on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. She presented “**Rumor or Fact: A Town Under Loch Raven Reservoir**” through a slide presentation of the town and telling us about its brief history which covers the time period from the early 1800’s until the 1920’s. The program is quite fascinating as there actually is a town – Warren – that was flooded by Baltimore City to provide the water supply to this area. Warren was a mill town that thrived in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s.

**The Fall Foliage trip on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for the Western Maryland Steam Ride** from Cumberland to Frostburg departs the Southwest Park & Ride lot on South Rolling Road at 7:30 a.m. Please provide your lunch choice, if you have not already done so to Mary Krebs. Please be prompt in arriving at the Park & Ride by 7:30 a.m. as we’ll need to get “on the road”. Our train departure time in Cumberland is 11:30 a.m. and we cannot be late in getting there. We’ll make a brief “pit stop” at Sideling Mountain {near Hancock, MD} on the way up and dependent upon time returning a brief stop at “Bennett’s Orchards”. We’ll hope to get back at the Southwest Park & Ride by approximately 8 p.m.



# The Agape Gallery is open! Galapagos! August 27—November 5, 2017

This photo show with pictures by Guy Davis, Larry Kohlenstein, Karen Amy and Pastor Ann Dentry will be on display until November 5.





## CHILDRENS' MINISTRY NEWS

### RALLY DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL



Rally Day was a wonderful success. The children, along with help from parents and Vicar Jay put together 40 school kits from the generous donations of our Salem congregation. Throughout the summer, school kits/backpacks were collected and altogether after Sunday's event, we have 128 completed kits. These will be delivered in October to New Windsor after being blessed. Any additional supplies will be given to our Youth group to take along to their Free Ride Weekend for the assembling of more kits there. Thank you so very much to our Salem family for your generous support of our Sunday school project.

We are off to another wonderful year of Sunday school; this year's theme is "The Ten Commandments". Teachers for our classes are as follows: 3, 4 & 5 year old children— Jennifer McDivitt and her daughter, Jessica McDivitt; 1st and 2nd grade children—Lisette Jones and Lisa Yerkey; 3rd and 4th grade children— Julie Kempton and Megan Kelbaugh. The 5th and 6th grade teachers are: Vicar Jay, Daniel Collins, Linda Fleischer, Sharon Schueler, Lori & Thad Shepherd; Becky Bass, Debbie Kourkoules and Don Schwartz. Each 5th/6th grade teacher will have a six week session with the students.

Looking ahead to Sunday October 29th Sunday school: we will host a Reformation Event, along with crafts and food during the Sunday school hour {9:30 am – 10:30 am}. Please plan to join us and volunteer your help that Sunday in Bethany Hall.

The Advent Wreath event will be December 3rd during the Sunday School hour, the congregation is invited, supplies provided for \$5 per wreath.

Just a heads up to mark your calendars now: The Christmas Pageant {even though months away} will be on December 24th. There will be no Sunday school on December 24th and December 31st. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7th when we will celebrate Epiphany.

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## CHARLESTOWN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY ART SHOW

The Fireside Artists at Charlestown Retirement Community in Catonsville invite you to the Fall Art Show reception from 3 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14 in the Gallery at Charlestown.

Ready for viewing and purchase will be a wide variety of original art: jaunty works by artists new to the craft, stunning realistic and impressionistic paintings by professional artists, a collection of abstracts on handmade paper, and exciting photography.

The art is produced in Charlestown's beautifully renovated art studio, itself worth a visit, as well as in artists' individual apartment studios.

Enjoy refreshments while you meet the artists in the impressive Charlestown gallery.

Contact: Joni Guhne,







**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

On Sunday, September 24th, we celebrated confirmation with 11 confirmands. The confirmands are: Ryan Browning, Daniel Furnary, Mariah Green, Samuel Gundlach, Madeline Krabitz, Emerson Krug, Kelly Meier, Charlie Morgan, Jacob Morgan, Olivia Shepherd, Sophia Thompson, and Marleigh Toscano. May God bless them as they continue on their faith journey.



**OCTOBER ACTIVITY DATES:**

**Crop Walk** Sunday October 1 Contact Miss Anita to join our team

**Drop-In** Friday October 13th  
7:00-10:00pm

**FREE RIDE** October 20-22

**No drop in October 27th.**

**Service/Activity day** Saturday  
October 28 from 10-1pm

For more information on any of these activities, contact Anita Lane .





## SALEM LEGACY CIRCLE

We are very blessed that several individuals and families have indicated that they have remembered Salem Church in their estate planning. To recognize those who have taken that step and to encourage others of us to consider doing that, too, we have begun the Salem Legacy Circle. The Circle is simply a list of our Salem sisters and brothers who have included Salem in their wills and advance planning. If you would like to be included in the list below please contact Pastor Dave.

Pastor David and Nancy Asendorf  
 Guy Davis and Norma Hensler Davis  
 Larry Kohlenstein  
 Pastor Edward and Victoria Whetstone



## FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN

Our Delaware-Maryland Synod is in the midst of a 3 year capital campaign that is related to the ELCA's *Always Being Made New* capital campaign to raise money for the work of the wider church. One-half of the funds raised will be shared with the ELCA and the other half is kept here in the Synod to help advance the four Synod goals:

**The Way of Discipleship** - How do we all become disciples for Jesus Christ in the rapidly changing world in which we live? How does each congregation discern and then live out its unique mission?

**The Way of Connectedness** - Our congregations sometimes function as islands, separated from other congregations and the strength of our synod. How do we use the strengths of each other to build up the whole?

**The Way of Communication** - How do we best communicate with each other and to those that don't know Jesus Christ? How can we cut through the "noise" that clutters our minds and give us all the strength of God's message?

**The Way of Leadership** - How do we best equip and train our pastors, rostered, and lay leaders to meet the changing demands of ministry in the world in which we live? How do we strengthen and encourage them?

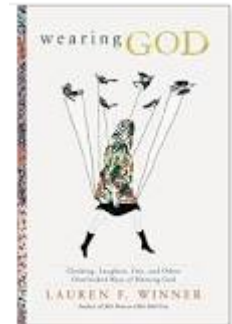
Some of the money already raised has been used to help congregations afford the LEAD program which is designed to help cultivate and improve leadership skills in our local congregations. Over 20 congregations are now involved.

You will find a special one-time offering envelope marked "Forward in Faith" in your pad of offering envelopes that will be used on Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please use these envelopes and be as generous as you can to help grow our church for the next 500 years!

# Adult Forum

Adult Forum meets in the Katie Luther Room on the second floor of the Christian Education wing. We are studying Lauren Winner's book, "Wearing God, Clothing, Laughter, Fire and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God."

The book explores several overlooked biblical idioms for God. The author looks at what the Bible itself suggests about these idioms, what our daily lives have to say about them, and what various preachers, prayers, and writers from earlier eras made of them. The author's aim is not to persuade readers to stop thinking about God as a shepherd and to start thinking about God as a cardigan sweater or One who weeps, but to provoke your curiosity, inspire your imagination, and invite you farther into a relationship with God.



## Synod-Wide Reformation 500 Event



The Lutheran Churches of Baltimore City  
invite you to a

## REFORMATION FESTIVAL

Come experience life 500 years ago

Zion Lutheran Church  
400 E. Lexington Street, Baltimore

Saturday, October 28  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Free admission • Food and craft sales • Fun for all ages  
Come dressed in period attire or borrow some from our closet!

Thank  
you 



Dear Pastor Dave,

Thanks to you and the wonderful congregation of Salem for sponsoring the Lazarus Caucus Harvest Gala and Silent Auction, held September 15. This event constitutes the primary fundraiser for Lazarus Caucus and is, therefore, extremely important to the mission and solvency of the group.

Salem's dedication to social ministry -- Jesus' calling to take care of those in need -- is a source of pride for my affiliation with Salem. Kudos to you and the Salem congregation for leading by example.

Blessings,  
Leslie Kruger



Dear Salem family

Grace and peace be with u all! My adventure here in palm coast Florida has been the best. I went to a restaurant called High Jackers which is by a small airport! As I do miss you all and, no, I have not yet found a church! Why? They are either three hours or an hour away and I can't get to them! But I'm still **persuing** my music career! As I think on how much Salem has done for me I **am** very blessed to know all of you! I got to see my Florida grand parents let me explain **that** my mom has been friends with Aunt Vicky for all her life and I think of Aunt Vicky's parents as my grandparents! They have a beautiful electric piano, kind of like the one in Bethany Hall, and they decided to give it to me! I can't wait to share more stories with you.

May God bless you all

Your brother in Christ

Vince

*Salem*  
Your kindness is  
greatly appreciated

Thanks to the  
Lazarus Altar Society,  
Flowers  
Rescue Squad

Thank you for the gift of Altar  
flowers from Regina Irwin.





## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS AND FRIENDS



On behalf of our Board of Trustees, the staff, and the people we serve, we thank you for your recent donation to the LCS Walk Run. It's wonderfully reassuring to know that there are caring people such as you in the world that we can count as our friends.

We receive support in all sizes and amounts from many different sources, but the gifts of concerned and involved people such as you are what inspire us most.

Sincerely,

Jean Warren, LCSW  
Executive Director

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## OUR AWARD WINNING FLOAT!



## SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship-8:15/11 am Sunday School 9:30am Luther Play Rehearsal 2p	2 4pm Yoga 6pm Luther Rehearsal 6:30p GuardiansEden 7pm Prayer Shawl	3 5pm Chair Yoga 6:30 Social Ministry 6:30 SalemRingers	4 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6pm Luther Rehearsal	5 10am Stitchcrafters 5pm Salem Players 6pm St Davids Choir 7:30p Salem Choir	6	7 Fair Trade Weekend  5pm Worship
<b>Italy/Germany Trip</b>						
<b>FALL ART SHOW</b>						
8 Fair Trade Weekend Worship-8:15/11 am Sunday School 9:30am Salem Brass 7pm	9 4pm Yoga 6pm Luther Rehearsal 7:30 Salem Book Group	10 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Synod Youth 6pm Technology 7pm Bells	11 CHARLESTOWN 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6pm Luther Rehearsal	12 10am Stitchcrafters 5pm Salem Players 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir	13 Youth Drop-In 7-10p	14 9am New Disciples Class 10am Choir Rehearsal 5pm Worship
<b>FALL ART SHOW</b>						
15 Worship-8:15/11 am Sunday School 9:30am Luther Play Rehearsal 2p Confirmation Class Salem Players 7pm	16 4pm Yoga 6pm Luther Rehearsal 7pm Communications	17 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Bell Choir 7pm Council	18 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6pm Luther Rehearsal	19 10am Stitchcrafters 5pm Salem Players 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir	20 Free Ride	21 5pm Worship  Middle School
<b>FALL ART SHOW</b>						
22 Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 Sunday School 2pm Luther Rehearsal 4pm ANTHEMS OF LOVE Concert and Reception	23 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 6pm Luther Rehearsal 7pm Arts Committee 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 7pm Lazarus Caucus	24 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Bell Choir 7pm Intern Committee	25 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9am Interim Pastors 1pm LWR Quilting 6pm Luther Rehearsal 6:30pm Synod Assembly Planning	26 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm Luther Rehearsal 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir	27	28 Reformation Festival— Zion 5pm Worship 7:30 Martin, the Reformer
<b>FALL ART SHOW</b>						
29 Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Martin, the Reformer 7:30pm Martin, the Reformer	30 4pm Yoga 7pm Salem Players	1 November 8am Interim Ministry 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Synod Youth 7pm Bell Choir 7pm Intern Committee	2 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Interim Ministry 1pm LWR Quilting 6pm Luther Rehearsal	3 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir	4	5 10am Market place  5pm Worship
<b>FALL ART SHOW—Last chance!</b>						

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

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE October 2017

Sept 30	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Oct 1	Thirteenth Sunday after the Pentecost 8:15 am and 11a.m, Holy Communion
Oct 7	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Oct 8	Fourteenth Sunday after the Pentecost 8:15 am and 11:00am, Holy Communion
Oct 14	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Oct 15	Fifteenth Sunday after the Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion 9:35 Sunday School
Oct 21	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Oct 22	Sixteenth Sunday after the Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion 9:35 Sunday School
Oct 28	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
Oct 29	Reformation Sunday 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion 9:35 Sunday School

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### UPCOMING DATES

**New Disciples Class** October 14 9am  
See Pastor Dave if you are interested.

### October Reformation Special Events Reformation Concert

Sunday, October 22 4pm  
Join the Salem Choir, Psalm 98, the Bell choir,  
and guest musicians as we hear and sing music  
of the Reformation and our Lutheran faith.

### Martin, the Reformer

Saturday, October 28 7:30pm

Sunday, October 29 9:30am

(selected scenes, between services)

Sunday, October 29 2pm

A play by Guy Davis with Paul Bell depicting Martin  
Luther and the events leading to the Reformation.

### Christmas Worship Schedule

(yes, it sounds early, but Christmas Eve is a Sunday!)

#### December 24

**10am!** Sunday Worship—Advent 4

5pm Christmas Eve Worship—Children's pageant

7:30pm Christmas Eve Worship

10pm Christmas Eve Worship

#### December 25

10am Christmas Day Worship

Lessons and Carols

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY - 2017

**October 11 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**

11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Bob Schmidt

**November 8 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**

11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Vicar Jay Eckman

**December 8 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**

11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor David Asendorf



## ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

	Saturday	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
	Evening	First	Second			
Week of Sept 2/3	18	63	128			209
Week of Sept 9/10	30	86	150			266
Week of Sept 16/17	28	65	127			220
Week of Sept 23-24	24	76	188			288
<b>September total</b>	100	290	593			983

\*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

### TREASURER REPORT FOR AUGUST 2017

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Budget to Date	\$335,128.00
Beginning Balance	\$22,705.41
Expenses to Date	(\$286,47.24)
<u>Receipts to Date</u>	\$347,394.06
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$83,692.23
<b>R.S.V.P.</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$86,481.30
Receipts to Date	\$28,335.25.00
<u>Disbursements to Date</u>	(\$53,392.34)
<b>Balance in Fund</b>	\$61,424.21

**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](mailto:amy.pflug@verizon.net).



## PRAYERS

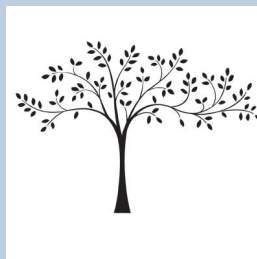
"Holy Wisdom, Soaring Power, encompass us with wings unfurled, and carry us, encircling all, above, below, and through the world."

- Hildegard of Bingen

Lord,  
 Whatever we build,  
 Give us a glimpse of your glory.  
 Whatever we make,  
 Give us a sense of wonder.  
 Wherever we travel,  
 Give us a sense of reverence.  
 Whoever we meet,  
 Give us a sense of awe.  
 Whatever we do,  
 Give us a sense of achievement.  
 Whatever our situation,  
 Give us knowledge of you.

(David Adam, 'Power Lines')

Rise up, Lord  
 when we are weary,  
 encourage us  
 when we are low;  
 speak to our hearts  
 by your sweet Spirit,  
 and lead us, Lord  
 where we should go  
 - John Birch



## 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](mailto:ssusie770@verizon.net).



## OFFICIAL ACTS



### AT THE FONT

*"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."*

Lilja Dorothy Antar-Hines

September 10, 2017

### 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."*

June Nelson Elliott

September 21, 2017

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