



THE MONARCH

PASTOR ANN SAYS A NOT SO FINAL GOODBYE

Do you have your own “little person” who perches on your shoulder and whispers, “This is taking longer than it should...”? (And that last sentence isn’t correctly punctuated, FYI.) If this sounds familiar, then perhaps also is the attempt to diagnose, “Why?” Lax-iness (a less-severe case of laziness); lack of eloquence; anger issues (think all correspondence with the IRS, BCBS, SSA and, in fact, any entity whose phone message begins, “We are experiencing unusual hold times, and this call may be recorded for “QAP” [Quality Assurance Purposes].”) Right here, you can observe how, “This is taking longer than it should...” manifests in my working life. I get interested, sincerely interested, in the inter-connections; in “Why?” and “Wherefrom?” ...and (as I write this to you, Salem, I still have reams of notes on ‘Follow-up with... ____ (insert your name, interest, or committee here). It has never ended and, frankly, leaving my part-time work here won’t change that. I remain lovingly and genuinely curious about you, as congregation-mates and, while I was a pastor with you, as “Sheep.” Being in your midst delighted/delights me, and – to return to the opening thought here – the reason this short paragraph has taken longer to commit to writing than it should: It’s sad to be saying, “Goodbye.” It’s not sad, however, to tell you that Salem, “One-and-All,” transformed my last year as a pastor. A prayer to ‘end well’ was answered, not at all because I could do that – (Note [*] reams of proof in the file marked, “Quality Assurance Purposes”) – but because one of the most natural ways for God to answer prayer is *through the sheep*. *God answered mine through you*.

Yours in ‘The Almighty Arms’,

Ann

P.S. of Gratitude... To the organizers who ‘cooked up’ both the lovely receptions on my last weekend of preaching and being with you: Special Oh’s and Ah’s to Fran and Chris and Berlyn; to Ray and Penne and Gary; and to Christy Hensler-Davis, with Timbers and Ibis assisting. I was taken aback in the most scrumptious and warm-hearted ways.

P-Ann

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PHOTOS FROM PASTOR ANN'S FAREWELL RECEPTION ON APRIL 30, 2017



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Pastor Ann returned to share with the Council her impressions and experiences of the Salem congregation during the past year of her tenure. She told the Council that one of the reasons for Salem's vibrant life together was the number of small groups that allowed newcomers to find a niche and that many of the groups and activities were organic in origin. That is, they came from the grassroots and not driven by the leaders at the top.
 - The Council passed a motion to make a \$500 gift to Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA) to pay for a marketing video. The \$500 will be taken from the Mission Fund.
 - Jim and Sherry Icardi will be moving in late June to Florida and we will need to replace their able leadership for the Stewardship and Social Ministry Committees. Jim and Sherry will recruit the new chairs.
 - Pastor Dave asked the Church Council to please begin thinking about forming a Confirmation Task Force to rethink our program. The last major change was done in 1979 and an overhaul of both curriculum and methodology is now needed.
 - The opportunity to begin a summer Door Knocking Initiative has presented itself. Pastor Dave briefed the Council on the plan to use existing Evangelism funds to begin this campaign. Look for more information in the coming months.
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CELEBRATING WITH PASTOR DAVE - SAVE THE DATE

How time has flown by. Pastor Dave is celebrating the 10th anniversary of his ordination.

We will be celebrating with him at a reception following all services. Saturday June 24th and both Sunday services on June 25th, 2017. There will be a basket for a free will donation, the proceeds of which will be donated in his honor to CEA (Catonsville Emergency Assistance). See any council member to volunteer to bring a dish to any of the receptions.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT OUR
EFFORT TO SPONSOR A NEW REFUGEE
FAMILY**

We've entered a new phase! Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has now approved the application of our group of Salem members to serve as sponsors and cleared us to be matched to a new family. We have requested a family of four to six, including children. There are a variety of factors which govern their matching process, so it is still uncertain when we may receive such a call.



However, when the call comes it is likely we will have only two or three weeks to be ready! So we have gathered basic furniture for a family of four, and have noted offerings by members of various household items. We've checked out several apartment complexes and identified likely choices. We're looking into schools with ESOL programs. We've begun plans for a congregational welcome event. We're exploring possibilities for employment. We've got an active task force of about thirty members and have the helpful support of many others. And, very importantly, we've been gathering funds.

We hope you'll be a part of this holy, happy and faithful task! As much will not be able to happen till we have a match and an arrival date, please be alert to the church's website and Facebook page for such an announcement! We will be posting information about any additional furniture or household items needed, clothing sizes, foodstuffs, and drop off information.

In the meantime, these are the persons serving as contacts for various needs:

furniture and household goods—Carl Kreps

clothing—Jennifer McDivitt

foodstuffs—Bethann Synder

welcome event—Susan Gundlach

housing—Dave Merriman

transportation—Barbara Beem

In the meantime, please be generous in your financial support! Many of our expenses will occur at the beginning, so it would be very helpful if you could be especially generous in your early giving.

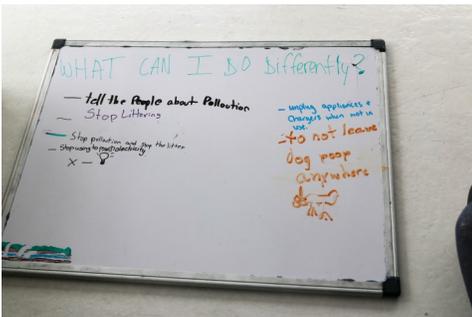
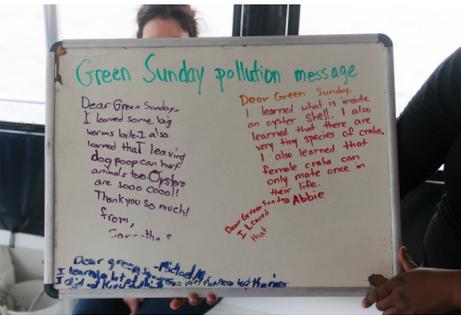
And please keep all the world's 65 million refugees and displaced persons in your prayers. Along with our little, but very necessary efforts here.

Peace,

Pastor Whetstone, chair

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRIP

On May 6th, Salem's 4th and 5th Grade Sunday School students took a trip on the Chesapeake Bay to learn more about improving the waters, as well as the animals and fish that live in the Bay. They also dredged for oysters! The trip was organized by the Guardians of Eden.



HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

We had a wonderful bus trip on April 19th to Monticello {Thomas Jefferson's home} with a colonial lunch at Michie Tavern, near Charlottesville, Virginia. Especially enjoyed the fried chicken at Michie Tavern. Wonderful tour guides took us through President Jefferson's home sharing not only his political life but some fascinating personal events. Our next bus trip is Thursday, July 27th to Hurlock, Maryland for a 3 hour crab feast cruise on board the Dorothy Megan Paddlewheel boat. Come enjoy "all you can eat" steamed crabs, crab soup, fried chicken, cole slaw, fried clam strips, corn on the cob, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Contact Beverly Schlenker, Old Salem Board Member, by June 15 to reserve your spot and pay for the trip; cost \$90 pp. This includes bus, crab feast, taxes and gratuities. {only 40 seats available}

Reserve Wednesday, October 18th for the Fall Foliage Western Maryland Steam Ride from Cumberland to Frostburg {and return} with deli lunch on board. Contact Mary Krebs, Old Salem Board Member, 410-788-6580, as soon as possible to reserve your spot {only 40 seats available}. Cost \$105 per person - includes bus, lunch, train ride, taxes, gratuities, due by September 15.

INTERESTED IN DOING A SHOWCASE?

Many thanks to the Salem Players who showcased "Peter Pan". Lynda Bell is currently showcasing the Salem Supper Club. Committee chairs who may wish to share information about their respective group's activities and/or plans for the upcoming year can display in the showcase. Also, any individual who may wish to in share their private collections are welcome. To display, you can 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}.

SALEM SUPPER CLUB

Music and Dance: Then and Now

Salem Supper Club

Saturday June 10, 2017 (Rain Date June 17th)

6:30 PM

109 Hilton Avenue

Catonsville, MD

All adults are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship.

A Dance Troupe will be performing and many talented singers will be singing songs from years of the past and present. Of course, we'll have the usual delicious meal from our fabulous Salem cooks.

AROUND THE PARISH

Congrats to Tim Birkmeyer! Tim graduated from The University of South Carolina on May 6th with a Bachelors Degree in Sports and Entertainment Management with a Business Administration Minor. He will be interning this summer with John Moag Associates in Baltimore.

Sarah Hines and Annie Antar are thrilled to share that their baby daughter, Lilja Dorothy Antar-Hines was born on May 24th at Johns Hopkins at 8:51am, 8 pounds 7 ounces and 20 inches long! Everyone is doing well. Blessings!



MEET VICAR JAY ECKMAN

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (LTSG) Seminarian Jay Eckman will be joining us at Salem beginning on June 18th, Father's Day. For a glimpse into his life, we asked him a few questions. Vicar Jay will be interning with us for the next year, so we look forward to getting to know him.

Where did you grow up?

Vicar Jay: *I grew up in Lancaster, PA. I went to Lampeter-Strasburg High School, then graduated from Millersville University.*

Tell us about your family.

VJ: *I am single and do not have kids. However, I do have two beautiful nieces, Emma (0) and Harper (8). I will be living in Halethorpe, MD. (So close).*

What are your extracurricular interests?

VJ: *I have to admit that I am a Philly Phanatic but am trying very hard to become an O's fan. As a book worm, I often go to used bookstores. While in college, I painted as well as sculpted. I hope to start doing those activities again during my internship. My guilty pleasure is the TV show **The Walking Dead**.*

What is your favorite part of worship?

VJ: *Confession and the Sermon.*

What is your favorite food?

VJ: *Bacon, egg, and cheese bagel.*

What is your favorite time of day?

VJ: *I love a good sunset, so evening into the night.*

We know that you will learn a lot from Pastor Dave. What are you hoping to learn from the Salem congregation?

VJ: *This is a tough question! Perhaps learning your expectations of me. What do you look for in a sermon or in Bible study? I would love to learn more about your community. Its history, culture, music venues, and of course, its restaurants. And... what draws you to Salem Lutheran Church?*

THE 500TH JUBELFEST OF THE REFORMATION—

A June Wedding

Born into poverty, and likely upon the death of her parents, Katherine von Bora was sent from home to a convent about age four. She remained there and took vows as a nun at age sixteen. As the fresh winds of the Reformation blew through Germany, and influenced by the writings of Luther, she and some of her sisters in the convent became restless to be freed from their vows and live their holy lives in the world outside. Early attempts to leave were thwarted as letters to their families were met with refusals. Hearing of their plight, Luther arranged for their rescue. The nine escaped at night, hidden among barrels of herring, and were taken to Wittenberg.



There she lived for two years, as all her companions married. In time, she developed a fondness for the Reformer himself. Having rejected the Church's insistence on celibacy of the clergy (which had become canon law in the 12th century), and though he encouraged marriage for his other local clergy, Luther had little interest in the institution for himself.

In the course of those couple years, however, this one particular former nun's attentiveness must have aroused his interest. His father, along with close friends, encouraged him to marry. When he heard an opponent's prediction that, "Should his monk marry, the whole world would burst into shouts of laughter, and everything he has built up would be destroyed," he decided it was time he marry. Taking three of his friends with him, he called on Katherine and asked for her hand in marriage. She agreed and in two weeks' time they were married in June of 1525.

"There is a lot to get used to in the first year of marriage," Luther wrote. "One wakes up in the morning and finds a pair of pigtales on the pillow which were not there before." What began as a more formal and practical relationship, soon grew into a loving and tender marriage, more so than was often common in that era. She was an excellent choice for the wife of a man so intent on the overwhelming tasks of leading this reformation of the Church. As a lecturer at the University of Wittenberg (and the principal cause for its success) the Elector gave them the Black Cloister of the Augustinian Monastery for their home. The cloister was home not only to their growing family—they had six children and adopted six more—but also frequent guests and refugees, as well as students (sometimes as many as thirty) whose room and board helped to pay expenses.

She managed the household expenses, kept a large garden, raised livestock, and most famously, brewed beer. Luther often referred to her as "My Lord Katie". To her he entrusted every household responsibility, and also cherished her as a companion in the faith, often consulting with her. Katie was devastated when Luther died in 1546. In his will, Luther declared Katie to be his sole heir, an action quite rare in that era, when estates were left to eldest sons. She died in 1552, fleeing the plague.

Perhaps Luther's greatest declaration of Katie as his cherished treasure is this: When reaching for words to describe Paul's letter to the Galatians as the scripture closest to his heart, he said "It is my very own epistle. It is my Katie von Bora."

Pastor Whetstone

GREEN JEANS

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the jeans and denim drive. We collected 140 pieces and 183 pounds of denim. This will go a long way in producing insulation for Habitat for Humanity homes. We plan to have another drive in late August, as many families plan to buy new jeans for the upcoming school year. Please save those old jeans! Again thank you from the Guardians of Eden.



MOTHER, DAUGHTER & FRIENDS' LUNCHEON

On Saturday, April 29th, we gathered for our Annual Mother, Daughter & Friends' Luncheon. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship and a delicious pot-luck luncheon.

Special thanks to.....

VAL PONSINI who presented "Hymns Our Mothers Sang". We listened as Val shared the stories and history behind some of our most well-loved hymns and some hymns new to us..... **LOUISE RAU** who accompanied us so beautifully on the piano as we sang a few verses of each hymn....

VINCE HAPPEL for serenading us on the piano while we enjoyed lunch....

ROBIN SCHAEFER for preparing our lovely program booklet....

PASTOR ED WHETSTONE for designing the beautiful and nostalgic cover for our booklet.....AND **ALL** those who joined us, prepared food, and shared a lovely afternoon.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. {Psalm 105:2}



WE NEED YOU IN OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

There's still time to sign up to have your photograph taken for the new Church Directory! The photography dates are June 7-14 and there is no fee. The day of your appointment you will be able to select the shot for our directory. You will also have the opportunity to purchase photographs, if you so choose, but no pressure. Please participate so we can have as complete a directory as possible. It's of particular help to newer members, of course, but we will all benefit. Everyone who has their picture taken will receive a free copy of the directory. To schedule your photo session, contact Vicky or Ed Whetstone at 410-788-5475.

ARTS COMMITTEE

The Arts Committee is calling all interested youth, adults and friends to help us showcase the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with a 4th of July float! We need hands-on help to build the giant puppets that will honor the role that Martin and Katy Luther played in responding to the average person's need for more direct contact with God. We are also looking for marchers, banner carriers and dove flyers! A small core of volunteers is already in place to meet in Bethany Hall on Saturday mornings 9-11am in June to work with paper mâché and costume construction. Please contact Char Brooks (charsart@gmail.com) to indicate your interest, or sign up to be contacted at the Stewardship Ministry Fair to be held on June 4th in the narthex."



SALEM SCHOLARSHIPS TO WILL KREPS AND LEAH MARSHALL

The Salem Scholarship Committee has awarded two new Salem Scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year. Recipients are Leah Marshall and Will Kreps, both of whom will graduate this month from Catonsville High School. Leah plans to attend Roanoke College to study biology, and Will plans to enroll in the University of Dayton to study finance. In addition to strong academic records, both have made important contributions through church and community service. Will has been active in the Salem youth group and a number of service activities; Leah has provided leadership in the Lutheran Youth Organization and served as a teaching assistant in Sunday School.

Receiving Salem Scholarship renewals this year were Jenna Kerr (Towson University) and Katherine Kempton (St. Mary's College). Completing the first year of their scholarships were Abigail Timmel (Northeastern University); Ben Massey (Roanoke College); and Duncan McNair (Community College of Baltimore County, transferring to Salisbury University in the fall). Salem Scholarship recipients are eligible for renewals in the amount of \$750 for up to four years of their college study.

Continuing members of the Scholarship Committee are Sue Gdovin, Ken Krabitz, Kelly Reichardt, Bethann Snyder, and Ed Orser; this spring the committee welcomed new member Jim Gundlach.

SALEM PLAYERS'

Salem Players' production of "Peter Pan" was a huge success!
Thank you everyone who came & supported cast & crew.



COMING THIS FALL

Auditions for "Leading Ladies" will be held in September. More information to come.

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

As part of Reformation 500, we are printing sections of Luther's Small Catechism. This month we highlight the Lord's Prayer

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.* Amen.

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

*These words were not in Luther's Small Catechism.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Rally Day for Sunday School

{mark your calendars now}

Sunday, September 17th we'll start a new year of Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. in Bethany Hall and find out what God has in store for us as we live our lives following His commandments. Join us!



DISCIPLES in DIAPERS meets each week in the Nursery during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30am) and between summer services when that schedule begins, regardless of how many families are able to be there. If you have children between the ages of newborn and 3, please join us for fellowship and parenting conversations while our little disciples play. Please come as often as you are able to do so. Please remember to help wipe all toys down with the provided Clorox wipes before your family leaves. Thank you! We look forward to seeing all of Salem's Disciples in Diapers in the Nursery throughout the spring and summer.

SALEM CELEBRATES SUMMER

We will welcome the start of summer with a time for fellowship and light refreshments on Sunday, June 18th. Please join us on the lawn following each of the morning worship services and enjoy cookies, lemonade, and lemon-peppermint sticks provided by the Christian Fellowship Committee. Hope to see you!



BOOK GROUP



Salem's Book Group met on May 8th to discuss *The Shack* by Wm. Paul Young.

The Book Group will close its 2016-17 season with *American On Purpose* by Craig Ferguson on June 12th. In his memoir *American on Purpose*, Craig Ferguson, host of *The Late, Late Show*, traces his journey from working-class Glasgow to the comedic limelight of Hollywood and American citizenship. Moving and achingly funny, *American on Purpose* moves from Ferguson's early life as an alcoholic to his stint on *The Drew Carey Show* to his decision to become a U.S. citizen in its unique and honest look at his version of the American dream.



DROP- IN DATES:

Summer Drop-In:

Wednesday, June 14th, 7-10pm

Wednesday June 28th, 7-10pm

This year, the Confirmation Picnic will be held Sunday, June 4th at 1:30 pm. We will meet at the Hilton Tire Park in Patapsco State Park. This picnic is for all Confirmands as well as upcoming 6th Graders. Contact Anita Lane for more details and to sign up to contribute to the picnic at phrogdiva@verizon.net.

2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING IN HOUSTON, TX

Parents Meeting for Youth members traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering next year in Houston, Texas will be held on Sunday June 18th at 9:30 AM in the Youth Room. All youth who just finished 7th through 11th grade are eligible for the trip. This meeting is intended for youth and parents to attend.

The ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston is June 27-July 1, 2018. Registration and deposit for the trip is due by September 10, 2017. For additional information about the event, view the website at <http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/about/overview>

SUMMER DRAMA CAMP

We are pleased to announce another season for the Salem Summer Drama Camp. The dates this year are Monday, July 10 though Friday, August 4, 8:30am to 1:30pm with an option to extended the day until 5pm. The camp is open for children ages 6 through 13 (previous campers who are 13 may serve as counselors in training in return for volunteer service hours.) Campers need not commit to all 4 weeks, however the final week when the children perform for parents and friends would be an important week to attend. Registration forms can be picked up on the kiosk in the entrance area or by email from the church office. **Mark your calendars for August 3 or August 4 and plan to attend this FREE performance!**



SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 May Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 8:45am Salem Choir	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30 5pm Chair Yoga	31 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	1 10am Stitchcrafters	2	3 5pm Worship
4 PENTECOST FAIR TRADE SUNDAY Worship-8:15/11 am Salem Choir 8:45am	5 4pm Yoga 6:30pm Guardians of Eden 7pm Prayer Shawl Group	6 5pm Chair Yoga	Photo Directory Pictures			10 12pm Wedding 5pm Worship 6:30pm Salem Supper Club
TRINITY SUNDAY	12	13	14	15	16	17
Photo Directory Pictures						
Worship-8:30/10:30 am Salem Choir 8:45am	4pm Yoga 7:30pm Book Group	5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Technology	7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Youth Drop In	10am Stitchcrafters		5pm Worship 6:30pm Salem Supper Club (rain date)
18 Worship-8:30/10:30 am Salem Choir 8:45am	19 4pm Yoga 7:30pm Communications	20 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Council	21 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	22 10am Stitchcrafters	23	24 5pm Worship
25 Worship-8:30/10:30 am Salem Choir 8:45am	26 1pm 4 th Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm 4 th Monday Bible Study 7pm Lazarus Caucus	27 5pm Chair Yoga	28 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Youth Drop In	29 10am Stitchcrafters	30	1 JULY 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**June, 2017**

- June 3 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- June 4 The Day of Pentecost
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
- June 10 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- June 11 Trinity Sunday **SUMMER SCHEDULE**
8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m, Holy Communion
- June 17 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- June 18 Second Sunday after the Pentecost
8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m, Holy Communion
- June 25 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- June 25 Third Sunday after the Pentecost
8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m, Holy Communion

SPECIAL EVENTS**June, 2017**

- Ministry Fair—June 4 after both services
- Photo Directory Photography—June 7-14
Call the office (410-747-0720) soon if you have not made an appointment!
- June 11— Summer Worship Schedule Begins!!**
- Youth Drop In—June 14
- Vicar Jay's first Sunday—June 18
Salem Celebrates Summer—June 18
- Anniversary Reception for Pastor Dave—June 24 and June 25
- Youth Drop In—June 28

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN
COMMUNITY - 2017**

- June** **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Schmitt
- July** **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Asendorf and Vicar Jay
- August** **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Vicar Jay

Thank
you 

To Pastor Dave & members of Salem

I want to thank all of you for the beautiful Easter gift that was delivered to me by a member of Salem. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Regina M. Levin

Dear Friends,
How lovely of you to bring flowers to me after my back surgery. There is nothing better to brighten my day than beautiful flowers.

Pastor Dave, thank you for your visit. I always appreciate a visit from my Pastor.

Kindly,
Cassie Harmon

"The Lord repay you for what you have done...."

RUTH 2:12 NIV

SALEM USES RENEWABLE ENERGY

This document was recently received from our electricity provider. We thought you would like to know that along with recycling, planting trees and having green space, using the coffee grounds in the gardens, recycling toner and printer ink jet cartridges, and using programmable thermostats though out the building, we also purchase electricity from a renewable source!

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-Wind	100%	National
TOTAL	100%	

1. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you before August 1 of next year in the form of a Historic Product Content Label the actual resource mix of the RECs you purchased during the preceding year.

2. New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation within the past 15 years.

For comparison, the average mix of energy sources in 2015 supplying the US includes: Coal (33%), Nuclear (20%), Oil (0%), Natural Gas (33%), Large Hydroelectric (6%), and Renewables (7%). (from U.S. Department of Energy/Energy Information Administration)

The average home in the United States uses 901 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EIA, 2015]

For specific information about this REC product, please contact Constellation NewEnergy, Inc., 866-237-7693, www.constellation.com.



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Thank You

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS AND FRIENDS



Guiding the way.

On behalf of Gilchrist Hospice Care, I would like to thank the members of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church for their generous donation of \$3,271 to support Gilchrist Hospice Care's partner hospice in Tanzania, Nkoaranga Lutheran Hospital's Hospice and Palliative Care Program. I am humbled by the generosity of your congregation and deeply grateful, as I am sure Nkoaranga's staff will be.

Nkoaranga's hospice program serves more than 1,000 patients with a small staff of five people, as well as about 30 volunteers, in a country where the life expectancy is just 50 years of age, a large number of residents are HIV-positive and nearly 1 million children have been orphaned as a result of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The gift by Salem will help fund care of patients in the villages, medication, inpatient stays at Nkoaranga Hospital for patients who cannot afford hospitalization when their disease symptoms require acute attention, scholarships for students, transportation costs, emergency housing or food for the poorest patients, support groups for adults and children afflicted with AIDS and other programs in development.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Robin L. Stocksdale, MSW, LCSW-C, CT
Project Coordinator, Tanzania Partnership



STITCHCRAFTERS YARN-IN!!!

SAVE THE DATE --- SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 9

9am to 12 noon

Come knit or crochet a hat or scarf in one morning!

Help keep a seafarer warm this winter!

Yarn, needle, and patterns provided free of charge or bring your own!

Bring a friend or meet a new one!

For more information contact:

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ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR APRIL/MAY 2017

	Saturday	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
	Evening	First	Second			
Week of 4/29—4/30	22	88	110			220
April total	70	544	727			1701
Week of 5/6-5/7	16	64	113			193
Week of 5/12-5/14	21	99	152			272
Week of 5/20-5/21	19	73	127			219
May to date	56	236	392			684

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR APRIL 2017

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$167,564.00
Beginning Balance	\$22,705.41
Expenses to Date	(\$155,781.47)
<u>Receipts to Date</u>	\$191,913.51
Ending Balance	\$58,837.45
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$86,481.30
Receipts to Date	\$15,301.00
<u>Disbursements to Date</u>	(\$13,022.89)
Balance in Fund	\$88,759.41

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:



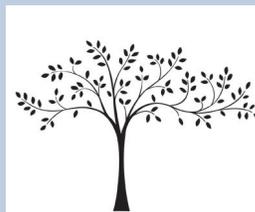
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The password for both connections is **SalemChurch**.

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

PRAYERS

Lord, it is night.
 The night is for stillness.
 Let us be still in the presence of God.
 It is night after a long day.
 What has been done has been done;
 what has not been done has not been done; let it
 be.
 The night is dark.
 Let our fears of the darkness of the world
 and of our own lives rest in you.
 The night is quiet.
 Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
 all who are dear to us,
 and all who have no peace.
 The night heralds the dawn.
 Let us look to a new day,
 new joys, new possibilities.
 The Lord Almighty
 grant us a peaceful night
 and a perfect end. Amen.
 - Evening prayer from the Celtic Eventide Compline

**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.

God our Mother and Father, be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes, hear one another with new hearts, and treat one another in a new way.

- Prayer from the Corrymeela Community, Ireland

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.”

Ava Cynthia Dell May 14, 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.”

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