



THE MONARCH

RALLY DAY—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

On **Sunday, September 17** we start a new year of Sunday School gathering at 9:30 a.m. in Bethany Hall to find out what God has in store for us as we live our lives following God's commandments. Our Theme this year: "The Ten Commandments".

LWR School Kits are due back! If you have already returned yours or contributed any items to be placed inside the backpacks, **many thanks** to you for helping us with our Summer Sunday School Project. If you have not yet brought back your supplies and/or backpacks, please remember to bring them by September 17th. We are still accepting monetary donations to purchase items needed to complete filling bags, should that need arise. Make your check payable to Salem Lutheran Church and put "School Kits" on the front of an envelope, placing it in the offering plate at worship.

We will be sorting and assembling the kits on Rally Day {September 17th} at 9:30 a.m. in Bethany Hall. Please plan to join us that morning as we will need "all hands on deck" during the Sunday School hour to assemble them! Rally Day is also a time for meet your child's Sunday School teacher. We hope to see you there!

Just a reminder too....if you have not already done so, please complete a Sunday School registration form for your child/children located in the Narthex, placing it in the clear box located there. All children are welcome regardless of registration; however, registration merely helps us be sure there are supplies for everyone ahead of time!



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VICAR'S LESSONS LEARNED

LESSON TWO

“To Fight, Work, Pray for the Wretched”
The Vicar’s To Do List



In 1519 Martin Luther wrote, *The Blessed Sacrament of the Holy and True Body of Christ, and the Brotherhoods* where he urged the recipients of communion to understand the meal as an amazing exchange, the very “commerce” of God’s kingdom. In the Holy Communion, Christ and all of his holy ones take our wretchedness and, in exchange, give us their blessedness. In turn, we are to pour ourselves toward our neighbors in need, continuing this holy exchange. Luther writes,

“When you have partaken of this sacrament, therefore, or desire to partake of it, you must in turn share the misfortunes of the fellowship, as has been said....Here your heart must go out in love and learn that this is a sacrament of love. As love and support are given to you, you in turn must render love and support to Christ in his needy ones. You must feel with sorrow all the dishonor done to Christ in his holy Word, all the misery of Christendom, all the unjust suffering of the innocent, with which the world is everywhere filled to overflowing. You must fight, work, pray, and—if you cannot do more—have heartfelt sympathy.” *The Blessed Sacrament of the Holy and True Body of Christ, and the Brotherhoods*

When asked, “What do you plan to do during your time on internship?” my mind races with all the activities that entice participation. The worship and community life, committee work, developing partnerships in the neighborhood, plays and musicals, teaching and preaching...you name the passion and there is probably a ministry at Salem who is working on it. And so what is a vicar to do?!? Well much like when I am at a buffet, I have loosed my belt, taken a breath, and prepared myself to sample a bit of everything. Ambitious? Perhaps. But as Luther reminds me, I am among the sent. And so I will join with you and others working out ways to bring expression in common life the things we have experienced in the worship event. What we have experienced about God, the world, and one another. So, in short, my “to do list” in broad terms is to do what we are called to do. To do what Salem strives to do. To fight, work, and pray for those in need.

If you would like to have further discussion on this amazing exchange, please join me and other Salemites to see ***Uncertain Times: Martin Luther’s Remedies for the Soul, an art exhibit at Walter’s Museum***. This exhibit provides insights into Luther’s world and how he comforted the distressed souls of his contemporaries. A Salem group will attend this exhibition on **October 15th meeting after the 11 o’clock service**. Before departing, I will lead a brief discussion about Luther, his ministry of grace, and its implications for us over a bagged lunch before carpooling to the museum. Please note that lunch will not be provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via phone or email.

Grace and Peace,

Vicar Jay

500TH JUBELFEST OF THE REFORMATION: MARTIN LUTHER....SAINT AND SINNER



German Lutheran Pastor and Martyr, 1906-45,
Leader in the Confessing Church

Our Presiding Bishop once wrote of Luther's "Proclivity for Paradox". As Luther sought to understand the ways of God active within the ways of the world, as he wrestled with the tangle of God's persistent and benevolent grace and the free will of every human mind and heart, Luther found himself confronted with the blessed truth of paradox.

Perhaps the most famous is, in Latin, "*Simul Justus et Peccator.*" A Christian is at the same time altogether a saint, and also altogether a sinner. By the grace of God we are fully God's saints; but, body, mind and spirit we are also mired in sin.

This was true, of course, of Luther as well. These monthly accounts have told of his extraordinary courage and wisdom, and his passion for God's grace. He was also very human. That could be illustrated with a number of tales, heartbreaking and humorous alike. But the one most painful is the bitterness he felt toward the Jews in his last years, angry that they did not embrace the gospel of grace.

The vile hatred toward Jews and blacks exhibited at Charlottesville, I believe, necessitates our addressing that reality now. It is important that Lutherans know this so we understand both the depth and drive of the history of anti-Semitism, and its contemporary threat (as well as own this regret). The following is the statement adopted by our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1994.

—Pastor Whetstone

Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the Jewish Community

"In the long history of Christianity there exists no more tragic development than the treatment accorded the Jewish people on the part of Christian believers. Very few Christian communities of faith were able to escape the contagion of anti-Judaism and its modern successor, anti-Semitism. Lutherans belonging to the Lutheran World Federation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America feel a special burden in this regard because of certain elements in the legacy of the reformer Martin Luther and the catastrophes, including the Holocaust of the twentieth century, suffered by Jews in places where the Lutheran churches were strongly represented.

"The Lutheran communion of faith is linked by name and heritage to the memory of Martin Luther, teacher and reformer. Honoring his name in our own, we recall his bold stand for truth, his earthy and sublime words of wisdom, and above all his witness to God's saving Word. Luther proclaimed a gospel for people as we really are, bidding us to trust a grace sufficient to reach our deepest shames and address the most tragic truths.

"In the spirit of that truth-telling, we who bear his name and heritage must with pain acknowledge also Luther's anti-Judaic diatribes and the violent recommendations of his later writings against the Jews. As did many of Luther's own companions in the sixteenth century, we reject this violent invective, and yet more do we express our deep and abiding sorrow over its tragic effects on subsequent generations. In concert with the Lutheran World Federation, we particularly deplore the appropriation of Luther's

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words by modern anti-Semites for the teaching of hatred toward Judaism or toward the Jewish people in our day.

“Grieving the complicity of our own tradition within this history of hatred, moreover, we express our urgent desire to live out our faith in Jesus Christ with love and respect for the Jewish people. We recognize in anti-Semitism a contradiction and an affront to the Gospel, a violation of our hope and calling, and we pledge this church to oppose the deadly working of such bigotry, both within our own circles and in the society around us. Finally, we pray for the continued blessing of the Blessed One upon the increasing cooperation and understanding between Lutheran Christians and the Jewish community.”

SALEM YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (LYO)

During the weekend of August 19th, the Delaware-Maryland synod's high school leadership development program, the Lutheran Youth Organization, gathered at Mar-Lu-Ridge for their annual Organizing Retreat. The LYO has a record number of members this year, with 67 high school students from across our synod and 15 adult mentors who help support them in their leadership development. Salem has six LYO members, the most allowed from one church. High School Seniors David Paton and Victoria Shepherd have worked their way up in the ranks to leadership positions. This year from Salem, new LYO members Awel Mabil, Marleigh Toscano, Dawson Shepard, and Olivia Shepherd have joined the organization.

At the Mar-Lu-Ridge Retreat, LYO members learned about having hard conversations, the Small Catechism, and prayer, and were able to put their learning into practice right away by participating in service projects in downtown Frederick. David Paton serves in the Leadership position for Fellowship & Hospitality. Dave reflected on what the LYO experience has given him; “In my mind, we all need a place that brings us back to center when we stray from our righteous path, and this place can be different for everyone. For me, the LYO is that center place. When I lose hope, trust, or belief, I reflect on my lessons learned in the LYO and apply it to challenges in my life. That, along with many other lessons, is what I've gained from participating in the LYO and being the leader of the Fellowship and Hospitality team.”

Victoria Shepherd, who serves in the Leadership position for Worship also spoke of what she has gained from her participation in LYO; “LYO has given me so much. I have gained so many friends and learned so much by leading and working with others. The experience has been irreplaceable and I wouldn't be at the place I am now if it weren't for my involvement with the LYO.”

Throughout the year, the LYO puts their leadership learnings into action at our annual youth events. The next event coming up is FreeRide, held October 20-22 at NorthBay Adventure Camp in North East, Maryland, for middle school students. At FreeRide, participants will experience large group gatherings filled with music and speakers, small groups to connect with their peers and dig into the theme, time to explore outdoor adventure activities, the chance to meet and worship with fellow young Lutherans from across our synod, and more.

WELCOMING LAWN SIGNS OFFERED BY REFUGEE COMMITTEE

with the Help of Thrivent Financial

Cost- \$6, Donations Welcome

In the narthex each Saturday and Sunday, lawn signs are available for purchase to announce to the community, in the spirit of our Lord, our welcome to all.

“But the stranger who dwells with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.” Leviticus 19:34

Soon after God’s command to “Love your neighbor as yourself,” is this further amplification that the command includes those foreign-born. God reminds the Hebrews that they were once strangers in Egypt. Just as our ancestors were once strangers in this land.

Thanks to Thrivent, we will be able 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 welcome. The signs speak welcome in Spanish, English and Arabic.



These signs were first the inspiration of Immanuel Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia. They’ve made the PDF available and signs are springing up all over America.

Since our first Sunday’s offering the number of signs in Catonsville has already begun to increase. Perhaps at your house too?

Peace,

Pastor Whetstone

Church Council Nominations - September 2 and 3 and Congregational Meeting to Elect Church Council Members - September 9 and 10

On Saturday, September 2 and Sunday, September 3, Church Council President Mary Kay Willing will present the slate of names for new members of the Salem Church Council to replace the outgoing members. Then on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10, a congregational meeting will be called to vote on the slate of members.

Council members serve a three year term. The Church Council meets monthly on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm.

STEWARDSHIP FEATURE: FORWARD IN FAITH

On the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, the Salem congregation will be taking a special offering to help support our Delaware-Maryland Synod's **Forward in Faith** campaign. Here is information from the Synod website that helps explain the campaign:



We have an outstanding opportunity to move **Forward in Faith** on the initiatives outline in our synod's strategic mission plan, **Vision 2018**. However, for us to transformationally advance the Good News, we need your support and the participation of every one of our more than 170 congregations and related ministries and our 62,000 members.

Vision 2018: Discerning God's Plan outlines four distinct yet connected WAYS in which we believe the Holy Spirit is leading us, ways that will serve to strengthen our work together:

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 gives 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?

Our synod's capital campaign, **Forward in Faith**, will provide the financial resources to bring our vision to life. \$2.5 million will provide \$500,000 in new money to our congregations and related ministries as they live out this vision. \$2 million will support the ELCA's **Always Being Made New Campaign**, funding new and renewing congregations nationwide; programs to combat hunger and poverty at home and abroad; and leadership development and global mission initiatives.

We hope the people of Salem will generously respond to the *Forward in Faith Campaign* in order to advance the work of the Gospel among the communities where we live and serve. You will find a special offering envelope in your pad of envelopes. Or, you can use any envelope to make a contribution and indicate "Forward in Faith".



MARKETPLACE IS COMING

Mark your calendars for **Salem Marketplace on November 4!!**

Cooler nights have finally arrived, and that means Salem Marketplace is coming before you know it. So start sorting through your jewelry, scarves and purses, household items, and books to donate in the end of October! We would also welcome some new crafters, so it's time to get into production mode! It's also time for all of Salem's great groups and committees to start thinking about their creative baskets for the silent auction!

Salem Marketplace is a huge undertaking, so please consider helping out. Last year we raised over \$7600 for our 3 charities! This year's charities will be: Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Lutheran Mission Society, and Doctors Without Borders.

We need new leaders to head up (previous leaders have "retired"!):

- the Kitchen (preparing and serving all those yummy lunch items),
- White Elephant (organizing and selling donations, and packing up leftovers)
- Marketplace +1 (on Sunday)
- Clean-up on Saturday and Sunday.

These activities all have willing workers with valuable experience to help "train" a new leader! **Won't you step up to the plate?!**

We also need an additional person to solicit community business donations for the Silent Auction and help Pat Krenzke and Mike Hall that day with the auction. We are also looking for a couple of strong backs to help with moving the book boxes on Friday and moving White Elephant leftovers out for pick up by Goodwill.

Please contact Julia Graham or Pastor Dave to volunteer. Thank you for helping to make the Marketplace a success again this year!

Julia Graham, Marketplace Chair jig58@verizon.net.



FAIR TRADE WEEKEND IS SEPTEMBER 9th and 10th

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.

“God’s work. Our hands.”

Saturday, September 9, 2017

The date for the 2017 “**God’s work. Our hands.**” **Saturday is September 9.** As we observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we are reminded of the gospel’s promise that we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbors.

In “The Freedom of a Christian,” Martin Luther wrote: “A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all.”

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work! Whether we serve meals to those who are food insecure, knit hats and scarves for seafarers, share the gift of song, or clean up a stream, we are using our hands to do God’s work to reconcile and restore communities in Jesus’ name throughout the world.

The “God’s work. Our hands.” weekend is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Our work every day to make our community a better place. Let’s do this work together!

Grace and Peace,
Vicar Jay W. Eckman

REMINDERS

SALEM ARTS FESTIVAL ROAD CLOSURE

The Catonsville Arts and Crafts Fair will be on **September 10.** Frederick Road will be closed. Access to Salem will be via Newburg Avenue only.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES

Regular Worship Schedule returns on **September 17,**
Rally Day:
Saturday Evening
Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion – 5 p.m.
Sunday Morning
(Early) with Holy Communion – 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:35 a.m.
Adult Forum – 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning (Late) with Holy Communion – 11:00 a.m.
Nursery with Approved Adults at 11:00 a.m. worship.

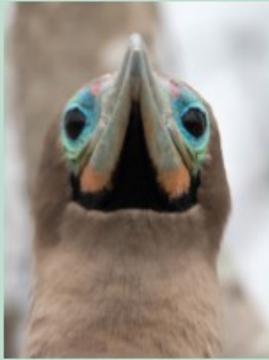
Martin Luther Exhibit

The Walter's Art Museum in Baltimore has an exhibit on display from now through the end of October titled, "Uncertain Times: Martin Luther's Remedies for the Soul." The exhibit focuses 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. You can learn more online at thewalters.org.



The Agape Gallery is open - Galapagos!

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



"Red-footed Booby"
by Guy Davis

the *Agape Gallery* presents:

Galapagos!!! Aug 27- Nov 5, 2017

Salem Lutheran Church
(2nd floor)
905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228

Opening with refreshments:

Sunday, Aug 27, 11:30 am

The gallery is open Sundays,
8:15 am-12 noon, Saturdays 5pm-6pm &
by appointment: charsart@gmail.com



"Sea Lion" by Larry Kohlenstein



"Motherly Love" by Karen Amy



"Marine Iguana" by Ann Dentry

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.

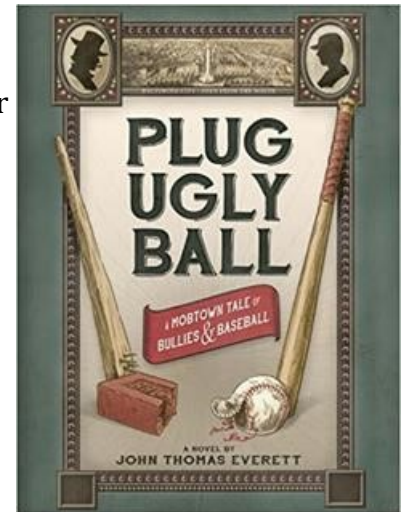


SALEM'S BOOK GROUP

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

Plug Ugly Ball: A Mobtown Tale of Bullies and Baseball, September 11 .

In his first release author John Thomas Everett immerses us inside the inner workings of one of Baltimore's most infamous mid-nineteenth century street gangs. Amid the compelling backdrop of America's pastime a story of politics, society, and violence emerges. In one of America's most historic and industrious cities the story unfolds as members of the Plug Uglies gang struggle over territory, pride, and political power. The struggle deepens as gang members confront their humanity in an ever-changing landscape. This conflict would leave its mark on the city known to many as 'Mobtown'. The interior artwork and cover was illustrated by Stephanie Smith.



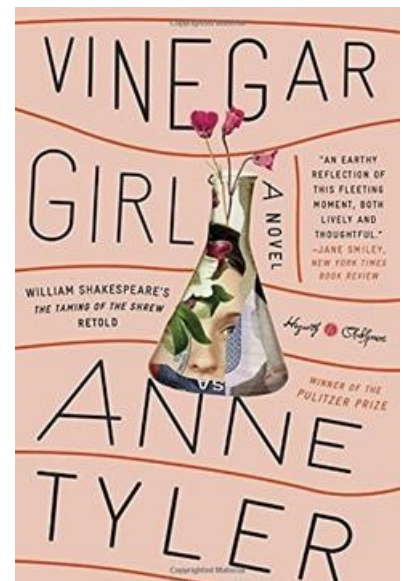
Vinegar Girl: A Novel (Hogarth Shakespeare), October 9

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

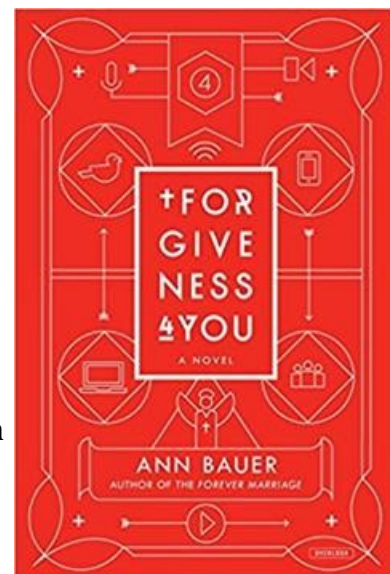
At once a brilliant satire set in the world of advertising and a serious reckoning with religion, the remarkable new novel by the author of *The Forever Marriage*, *Forgiveness 4 You*, is a startlingly contemporary novel about faith and religion in an America addicted to quick fixes and instant gratification.

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 mediation on faith in the twenty-first century.



Get Your Tickets NOW!

Friday, September 15, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Lazarus Caucus Gala and Silent Auction at Rolling Road Golf Club

Come sit at one of the Salem tables and enjoy great food, live music, raffle prizes and a silent auction all to support the Lazarus Caucus and the men of the Westside Shelter.

This fundraiser accounts for a majority of the annual budget that covers transportation, clothing and other supplemental support for the men.

Tickets are \$75 and are available NOW from Pat Krenzke, 410-227-9438, pat@lazaruscaucus.org or Leslie Kruger, lesliekruger@gmail.com or on the website www.lazaruscaucus.org.

Please also contact Pat or Leslie if you have items to donate for the silent auction or if you would like to place an ad in the program for your business.

\$80 per ticket
(Includes 2 drinks ~ beer or wine)
Table of 10 \$750

14TH ANNUAL
**HARVEST GALA
& SILENT AUCTION**
SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS IN BALTIMORE COUNTY

Cash Bar
Dinner Buffet
Homemade Desserts

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 ~ 6:30PM ~ ROLLING ROAD GOLF CLUB
814 Hilltop Road - Catonsville, MD 21228



LAZARUS CAUCUS INC.
Providing a "hand up not a hand out" to the homeless of Baltimore County.

P.O. Box 21274 Catonsville, MD 21228 410.707.3433 info@lazaruscaucus.org
www.lazaruscaucus.org

* A portion of the ticket price may be tax deductible as allowed by law.

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 The Sacrament of Holy Communion.

As the head of the family should teach them in the simplest way to those in his household.

THE INSTITUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

First: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the Apostle Paul tell us: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

THE BLESSINGS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Second: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

THE POWER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Third: How can eating and drinking do such great things?

It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fourth: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.

Salem Players Announces 40th Season Lineup!

“Leading Ladies”, a comedy by Ken Ludwig

Auditions for Salem Players’ fall performance, “Leading Ladies,” will be held on **Saturday, September 9th at 2PM, and Monday, September 11th at 7 PM.**

Directed by Scott Graham. Performance dates are: November 10, 11, 17 & 18th at 8 PM and November 12 and 19th at 2 PM.

Roles available are:

Meg (early 30’s)

Leo (30’s) must be willing to dress in drag

Jack (30’s) must be willing to dress in drag

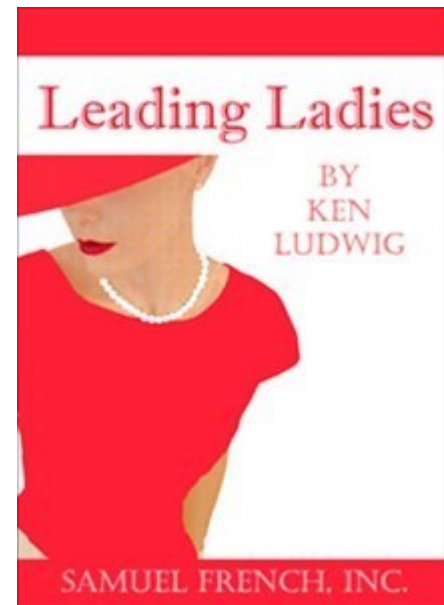
Audrey (20-ish) must be able to rollerskate

Duncan (50-ish)

Florence (60 – 70)

Doc (50-60)

Butch/Frank (30-40)



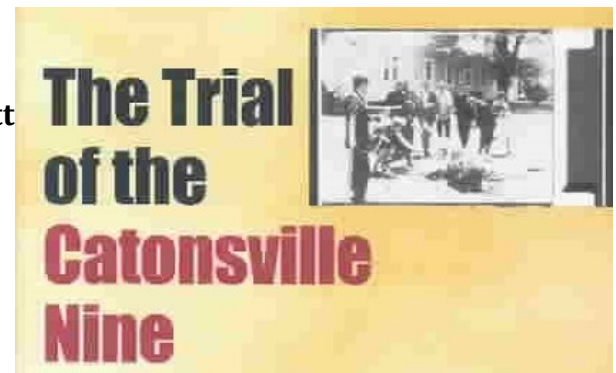
Save the dates for 2018

The Trial of the Catonsville Nine Adapted by Saul Levitt

Directed by Tim VanSant . Opening night will be the 50th

Anniversary of the event, May 17, 2018.

Additional performances May 18 – 27.



Annie

Directed by Don Schwartz.

August 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19!!!

GUARDIANS OF EDEN DENIM DRIVE

The GOE is again holding a denim drive starting in August. Please place your washed not wanted denims in the box in the Narthex. Again, they will be sent and recycled for insulation for Habitat for Humanity. We had an awesome response in the spring: over 183 lbs. collected and sent on. Thank you, again Salem church. We thought this would be a good time as parents go out again to buy jeans for their children for the upcoming school year.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee will be hosting a table here at Salem during the annual Catonsville Arts and Crafts Festival held on Sunday, September 10th following the 10:30 a.m. service. If you would like to volunteer to help staff the table and/or greet our visitors for that afternoon {even if you can give a ½ hour to cover}, please contact Darla Sando {410-744-0241} or Pam Wilsey {410-719-1542}, Co-Chairs of the Committee. Your help is needed! Thank you.



HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

Mark your calendars for our Annual Members' and Friends' Open House, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 17th. We will host Mrs. Sally Riley, from the Historical Society of Baltimore County, who will present "**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 event is open to EVERYONE! Please plan to attend – it's quite a fascinating presentation, one that you will enjoy!

The Fall Foliage trip on Wednesday, October 18th for the Western Maryland Steam Ride from Cumberland to Frostburg {and return} with deli lunch on board is full. If you have expressed an interest in going on this trip and have not already done so, please contact Mary Krebs, Old Salem Board Member, 410-788-6580, as soon as possible to confirm your spot. If you are interested in going and have not previously contacted Mary, you can call to be added to the waiting list. Sometimes we do have cancellations and are able to fill the vacancy with names from the waiting list. Cost \$105 per person – includes bus, lunch, train ride, taxes, gratuities, due by September 15th. Checks should be made payable to Historic Old Salem, Inc. and given to Mary Krebs {if you are confirmed to go on the trip} or contact her for her mailing address.





CHILDRENS' MINISTRY NEWS



On SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 we will kick off our new year of praise and learning! This year, aside from our lessons, we will be learning the 10 commandments. This year, perhaps with many different wordings, we will be learning how to, "...love God and each other," by keeping these 10 Commandments. We follow them without even knowing, so let's learn them well! Come join us!

Our first way to learn about loving will occur on RALLY DAY. On September 17 at 9:30 AM, during the Sunday School hour, we will re-check, sort and pack school kits for LWR. Families should escort students for this project!

SALEM CONGREGATION – WE NEED YOUR HELP ON RALLY DAY WITH THESE KITS ! PLEASE JOIN US AT 9:30 AM in Bethany Hall. Coffee provided!

Adult Forum

Adult Forum will resume on Rally Day, Sunday, September 17th, at 9:45a.m., in the Katie Luther Room on the second floor of the Christian Education wing. We will kick off the 2017-2018 Sunday School year with a study of 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, pray-ers, 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.

See you on Sunday, September 17th.



THANK
YOU

Many Thanks to the Salem Youth!

On August 2 a group of young people and a few adults came to my house to help me with a book donation process. This would have taken me weeks. This group knocked it out in less than an hour. There were 25 boxes of books. I am enormously grateful to the following:

Ryan and Molly Browning and their friend Adele
 Stephen and Cynthia Browning
 Jackson and Noah Reichardt
 Kelly Reichert
 And of course Anita Lane for setting it up and Amy
 Porter for asking.

I am grateful for your help!
 Karen Amy

September Activity Dates:

Houston Trip (June 2018) deposits and registrations due September 5th.

Please sign up for **God's Work Our Hands** September 9th.

Drop-In Friday September 15th. 7:00-10:00 PM

Rally Day. Grades 7-12 in Reformation Hall September 17th at 9:35 AM

FREE RIDE (October 20-22) **registration** and \$100 deposit **due September 17th.**

Lock-In Friday September 29th. 7:00 PM. Guests welcome 7:00-10:00 PM not overnight.

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

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

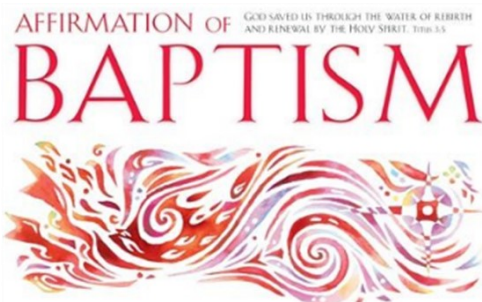
FREE RIDE October 20-22

No drop in October 27th.

NOTIFICATION: The Youth Committee looking for new members including two youth.

For more information on any of these activities, contact Anita Lane at phrogdiva@verizon.net.

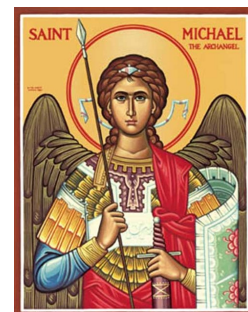
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th



We will celebrate with our eleven {11} confirmands as they affirm the baptismal vows made on their behalf as infants on Sunday, September 24 at the 11 a.m. service. 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. A reception following the service will be held in Reformation Hall to meet and greet them. May God bless them as they continue on their faith journey.

SALEM SHOWCASE

Look for *Mary Krebs and her beautiful collection of Angels* in the showcase starting September 17, coinciding with the Feast of St. Michaels and All Angels which is Confirmation Sunday, September 24.



STITCHCRAFTERS "YARN-IN"

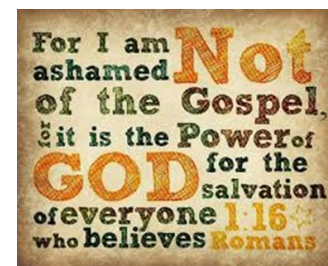


Many thanks to *Carole Rau and the Salem Stitchcrafters* for their lovely showcase, highlighting their beautiful work. Save the date to join them on Saturday, September 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at their "Yarn-In". Knit or crochet a hat or scarf in one morning! Help keep a seafarer warm this winter. Yarn, needle and patterns will be provided free of charge OR bring your own. Come, bring a friend or meet a new one! Contact Carole Rau at carolerau54@gmail.com or barbarambeem@gmail.com for more information!

FOURTH MONDAY BIBLE STUDY—ON THE THIRD MONDAY!!

Join Pastor Dave on Monday on September 18 at 1pm or 7pm as he opens a study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. This is the book of the Bible that transformed Martin Luther's theology. Come beginning in September and hear about the book that helped spark the Reformation.

Meeting on the third Monday is a temporary date change to accommodate the trip to Europe that Pastor Dave and Pastor Ed are leading as part of the Reformation events. The 'fourth Monday' date returns in October.



WHERE'S MY FINANCIAL STATEMENT?

Now that summer is over and people may be wanting to catch up on their offerings for Sundays missed, this is a good time to remind everyone of our schedule for financial statements. At one time they were printed and disbursed every quarter. However, in recent years, because of rising postal costs and to save a lot of paper, we moved to only printing them after the 3rd quarter and, of course, the end of the year.

So the first scheduled date for everyone to get their statements each year is mid-October. They will be current as of September 30th. Then in mid-January you'll receive your final statement through December 31st.

However, should you need an up-to-date statement at ANY time throughout the year, I am able to create one easily and would be happy to accommodate these requests. Just give me a call or send email.

Beth Massey
Financial Secretary



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Dear Friends at Salem Ev. Lutheran,

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.

Last year, LWR and partners Children's Gift Ministry (CGM) and OLAM were busy distributing School Kits in Honduras, to children whose families are vulnerable due to lack of access to the most basic necessities. Parents of these families often have to choose between feeding their children and sending them to school. School Kits were distributed to more than 28,000 Honduran children to help them get back to or stay in school, increasing their chances of breaking the chains of chronic poverty and avoiding the very real risk of gang involvement. In addition to being practical, these kits provide a source of comfort, security and hope to those who receive them.

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
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

PS: We'd love to get to know you better! Please share some of your best tips yourself at lwr.org/qk-survey.



Thank you



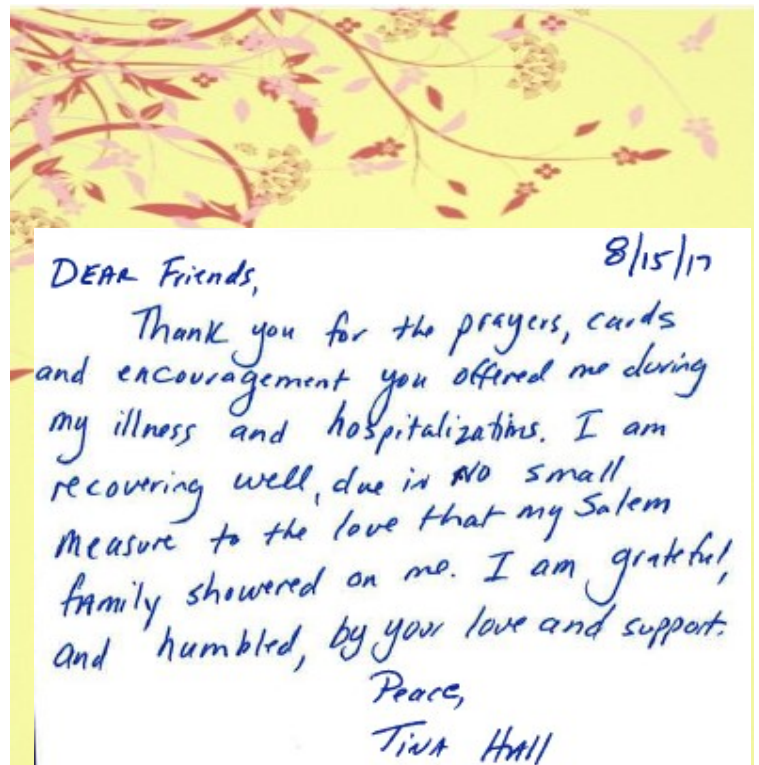
6 August 2017

Dear Pastor Pete, Anita Lane and members of Salem Youth Group, I am writing on behalf of my client and my company to express our appreciation and gratitude for the volunteer support of several members of the Youth Group: Jackson and Noah Reichardt, and Ryan and Molly Brauming, along with their parents and another young friend helped package over 200 books in 26 cases for donation to The Maryland Book Bank. This incredible team accomplished this task in less than 25 minutes! It would have taken considerable time and effort and financial cost to my client if we would have attempted to accomplish this task without help. My client's life was made easier and joy was felt through the smiles and positive energy the youth brought to the task. I pray that God will continue to bless the lives of each of these youth as well as their ministry efforts within the church. I also encourage the church to support the youth in their service efforts.

God's Peace,
Amy Porter,
President,
Janet Goetz Merry



August 14, 2017
Dear Salem Members,
Thank you all so much for the lovely flowers I received a few days ago. It is a joy to see their bright presence each day!
Denise Starco and I had such a nice visit - many fond memories. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. God bless you all.
Betty Ruff



DEAR Friends, 8/15/17
Thank you for the prayers, cards and encouragement you offered me during my illness and hospitalizations. I am recovering well, due in no small measure to the love that my Salem family showered on me. I am grateful, and humbled, by your love and support.
Peace,
Tina Hall



Catonsville
Emergency
Assistance

July 31, 2017

Dear Congregation,

The CEA Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers would like to thank you for your 7/11/2017 & 7/16/2017 donation(s) totaling \$1,978.00. We greatly appreciate your support of our efforts to sustain our neighbors in crisis during these trying times.

Thank you again for your support of CEA.

Sincerely,


Eugene C. Cashour, Board Member

United Lutheran Seminary

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8/11/2017

Amount received: \$1,000.00 (DE-MD Synod Check #104265)
Gift purpose: United Lutheran Seminary Fund

"For all that has been — thanks. For all that will be — yes!"
— Dag Hammarskjöld

Dear Friends:

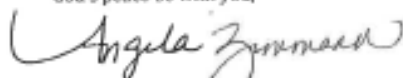
It is a time of transition in the story of Lutheran Theological Education in the Northeastern United States. After 153 years of operating just hours apart, the seminaries at Philadelphia and Gettysburg are bringing their very best gifts to the table in order to form a dynamic, innovative, and diverse educational experience for students of theology in the 21st Century.

That you have shared a portion of God's visible grace with us through your gift goes far beyond the dollar amount. Your gift signifies with gratitude all that has been here at Gettysburg Seminary for the past 191 years, and it also says "yes!" to the future work of United Lutheran Seminary. I believe the Holy Spirit is doing *something new* through the creation of this school, and *now you are now a part of this story*.

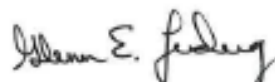
Many of the pieces have already fallen into place and there are still some details to be clarified. Your support is one of many that bring the vision of United Lutheran Seminary into sharper focus, and for that, we are very grateful.

I invite you to *learn more about what God is doing through your support on the Gettysburg campus* by visiting www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu or by coming to our campus to join us for worship, a meal, and a visit to our award-winning museum. You have a home here on Seminary Ridge!

God's peace be with you,



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*We are deeply grateful
for your faithful &
generous
support!*

*Such a wonderful
blessing!
-Mush Olla Zimmerman
Thank you for
your strong partnership!
Glenn E. Ludwig*

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SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Worship-8:30/10:30 am 9:30 Rehearsal Brass, Organ, Percussion 9:30 Child Protection class	28 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus	29 5pm Chair Yoga	30 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	31 10am Stitchcrafters	1 SEPT	2 6am Floor Cleaning 1st floor West Side Blessing Back to School Backpacks 5pm Worship
FALL ART SHOW						
3 Worship-8:30/10:30 am 9:30 Choir Blessing Back to School Backpacks	4 LABOR DAY Office Closed	5 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Bells 7pm Lazarus Caucus	6 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	7 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir	8	9 GOD'S WORK— OUR HANDS 6am S. School room and Hallway floor cleaning 10-2 AABQ 2pm Auditions COUNCIL ELECTION FAIR TRADE 5pm Worship
FALL ART SHOW						
10 FAIR TRADE SUNDAY COUNCIL ELECTION CATONSVILLE FESTIVAL Worship-8:30/10:30 am 9:30 Choir, Brass, Percussion, Organ	11 4pm Yoga 6pm Luther Rehearsal 7pm Auditions Salem Players 7:30pm Salem Book Group	12 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology Committee 7pm Bell Choir	13 CHARLESTOWN 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6pm Luther Rehearsal	14 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir 7pm Salem Players	15 7pm Youth Drop-In	16 5pm Worship
FALL ART SHOW						
17 RALLY DAY Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 2pm Luther Rehearsal	18 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 6pm Luther Rehearsal 7pm Arts Committee 7pm Communication Committee 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study	19 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Council 7pm Bell Choir	20 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6pm Luther Rehearsal	21 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir	22 5pm Sanctuary/ Narthex Floor Cleaning	23 6am Bethany Hall, Kitchen, M/M room Floor cleaning 5pm Worship
FALL ART SHOW						
24 Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 2pm Luther Rehearsal	25 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus	26 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Synod Youth 7pm Bell Choir 7pm Intern Committee	27 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6pm Luther Rehearsal	28 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7pm Salem Choir	29 7pm Youth Lock In begins	30 9am Youth Lock In ends 5pm Worship
Italy/Germany Trip						
FALL ART SHOW						

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**September 2017**

- Sept 2 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Sept 3 Thirteenth Sunday after the Pentecost
8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m, Holy Communion
Blessing Back to School Backpacks
- Sept 9 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
Council Elections
- Sept 10 Fourteenth Sunday after the Pentecost
8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m, Holy Communion
Council Elections
CATONSVILLE FESTIVAL
USE NEWBURG ROAD!
- Sept 16 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Sept 17 Fifteenth Sunday after the Pentecost
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
9:35 Sunday School
RALLY DAY
- Sept 23 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Sept 24 Sixteenth Sunday after the Pentecost
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 6pm

Sunday, October 29 9:30am

(selected scenes, between services)

Sunday, October 29 6pm

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****September 13 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**

11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Gail Wilson, OSSD

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

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2017

	Saturday	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
	Evening	First	Second			
Week of Aug 5/6	19	76	126			221
Week of Aug 12/13	16	84	122			222
Week of Aug 19/20	13	52	143	15	LYO@MarLuRidge	223
Week of Aug 26/27	23	81	134			238
August subtotal	71	293	525	15		904

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR JULY 2017

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$293,237.00
Beginning Balance	\$22,705.41
Expenses to Date	(\$260,010.90)
<u>Receipts to Date</u>	\$310,047.92
Ending Balance	\$72,742.43
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$86,481.30
Receipts to Date	\$25,478.00
<u>Disbursements to Date</u>	(\$51,092.34)
Balance in Fund	60,866.96

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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

O God, we are one with you.
You have made us one with you.
You have taught us that
if we are open to one another,
you dwell in us.

Help us to preserve this openness
and to fight for it
with all our hearts.
- Thomas Merton



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.



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