



# THE MONARCH

## SEMINARIANS IN BLOOM

May 18<sup>th</sup>—a warm sunny day in both Chicago and Philadelphia. While it was another ordinary weekend for most of us, God had an exceptional weekend planned for three individuals who are dear to our Salem hearts.

Sarah Garrett Krey, Mathew Berger, and Amy Asendorf Berger all became Masters of Divinity after four years of hard, yet spiritually fulfilling studies.

Sarah was awarded the Buechner Excellence in Preaching Award and was nominated by her class to speak at commencement. She spoke on the sustenance and nourishment that God provides us.

“In this Easter season, we are reminded that the risen Christ appeared to the disciples and he fed them, just like he’d fed them countless times before. He nourished them. And he sent them out to feed and to nourish others.

“That is why we’re here today. That is what we worked so hard toward. To feed as we have been fed by the risen Christ. To liberate as we have been liberated by God’s grace. To move as we have been moved by that sneaky Holy Spirit. To love as we have been loved by our creator.

“So today, let’s celebrate, let’s give thanks and have a joyous meal. Let’s maybe even take a well deserved nap. And then, believing firmly in that future where hope lives, let’s go out strengthened to proclaim the Good News.”



“WE DID IT! Graduated today from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago with our Master of Divinity! I’m feeling so overwhelmed with love and gratitude for everyone who has supported us along the way.” - Amy Asendorf Berger

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## CALLED TO GREAT PLACES

Our former vicar, Jay Eckman, has shared some wonderful news with us. If you haven't heard, Jay has been recently called to be an associate pastor at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gettysburg.

We at Salem are thrilled for Jay as he begins this ministry and know that the members at his new church are blessed to receive such a talented pastor. May the future bring great things for Pastor Jay, the church leaders, and members at Christ ELC.

Jay will be ordained Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

### RE-NEW INTERGENERATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come for our THREE fun-filled Intergenerational VBS Summer Sundays! We had an awesome time last summer with the Guardians of Eden, and we are sure to have an even better one this year!



Come join in the fellowship and stewardship activities to help us all do our bit to preserve our planet.

*These events are for the whole Salem Congregation. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex Prior to each monthly event.*

Check your calendar:

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.

Bethany Hall. For information contact Ms. Liz, Sharon Schuler or Sharon Stanton.



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## SALEM WELCOMES NEW DISCIPLES



### DOTTIE BOBART

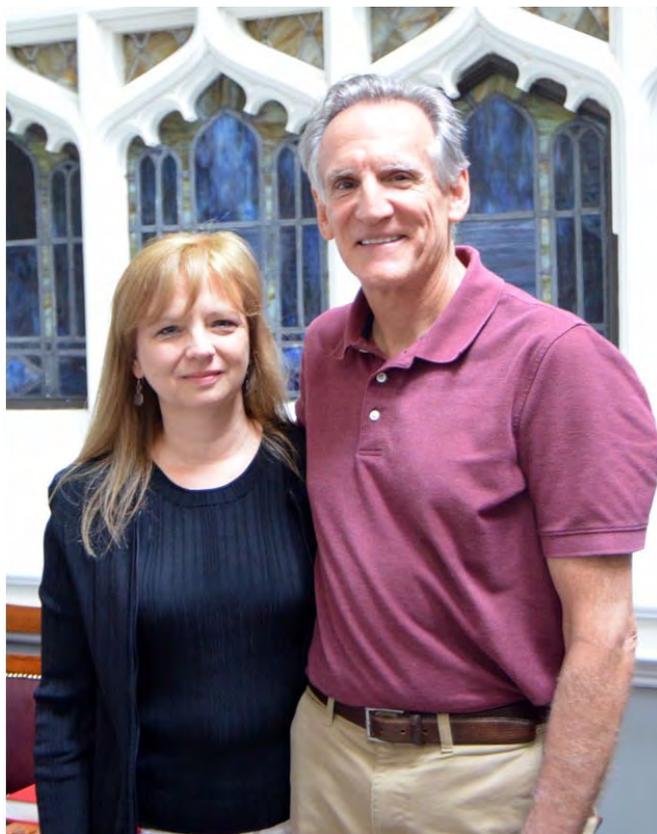
Dottie grew up in West Virginia, her home until she married Frank Bobart and moved to Maryland in 1966, living in Ellicott City and Elkridge. Her husband Frank was from the Essex area of Baltimore County. Dottie has been widowed since February 2001. She has been blessed by God with two wonderful children. Her daughter Michelle lives in Chicago, and her son David lives in Baltimore City. Recently, she has moved and now lives at Charlestown, a community with many Salem members.

Dottie attended West Virginia University where she obtained a Master's Degree in Education. Her teaching career started in WV but after 5 years, she moved to Maryland and began teaching in Baltimore County and then Howard County, with a teaching career extending over 35 years. Her retirement came in 2001.

Due to her unhappiness with her home church, she began to seek a new Church Home. She had previously attended Salem on two other occasions. Because her faith is so important to her, she and with two friends, Frank Heber and Margaret Walker, began attending Salem regularly. (She first met Pastor Dave at the funeral for Margaret's brother.) Immediately, they felt welcomed and have continued to do so. As for Pastor Dave, she sings his praises, saying "What compassion this man has for mankind."

### FRED AND LORRAINE CICH

Fred and Lorraine are originally from Cortland Manor, New York, but moved to Catonsville to be closer to their grandson, Owen D'Avella, son of Dan and Emily D'Avella. Lorraine is a retired elementary school music teacher, having taught for over 30 years. She has her own business "Stamp It Up", doing home show demonstrations and selling her products. Lorraine shared her talent/business with us at the Old Salem Craft Fair/Flea Market in March. Fred is a retired chiropractor, now enjoying golfing. Both Lorraine and Fred enjoy being outdoors hiking and still travel back to their hometown in New York, on occasion.



## NEW DISCIPLES (cont.)

### ANNE DESANDO (KALE & REKI)

Anne has lived in the Catonsville area for 30 years. She, along with her grandchildren Kale (8) and Reki (5), started attending Salem in January. Kale and Reki were baptized in March and Kale received his first communion in April so they have had a busy time since coming to Salem. Anne has been looking off and on for a church home for the past fifteen years and found Salem on the internet. She initially visited Salem because she was interested in the flexibility that a Saturday evening service gave the family. She said that Salem feels like home with its openness and everyone being so welcoming. You will find Anne, Kale and Reki at the 8:15 service sitting up front, but you may see them more at the Saturday evening service next fall once school and sports start up again. Anne is an inventory control specialist, but also is the owner of Awesome Annie's Gourmet Sauces. She, Kale and Reki also can be found on Facebook at #Kookingwithkids.



### KATHERINE "KATHY" ECCLESTON

Kathy came to Salem from a 40 acre farm outside Salisbury, Maryland, where she lived for a long time with her husband and six children. She attended Bethany Lutheran Church in Salisbury. She grew up in the Washington, D.C. area attending a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. When her husband passed away, she decided to move to the Catonsville area as her oldest daughter lives in Elkridge and wanted to be closer to her. Kathy has her own apartment at Brightview and rides to church with Virginia Krenzke, Patricia Krenzke and Mike Hall on Sundays, as she no longer drives. She graduated from nursing school in 1954 and worked as a nurse until she became a stay-at-home mom with her children—two girls and four boys, two boys who now live on the military base in Cuba {but not as military enlisted}. Her hobbies include gardening, which she did extensively on the farm and she loves to walk as much as she can. You may see her sometimes heading down S. Rolling Road when the weather permits.

## HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS—UPCOMING BUS TRIPS:

On Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, we again leave from the Southwest Park & Ride Lot at 9:30 a.m. to arrive at the Kentmorr Restaurant in Stevensville, MD for a delicious two hour all you can eat crab feast. The meal includes steamed crabs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, a bowl of Maryland crab soup, cole slaw, potato salad, iced tea/soda/coffee, Bud Light draft beer and vanilla ice cream. We return at approximately 4:00 p.m. to the Park & Ride Lot.

Cost \$65 per person

Contact: Sharon Stanton [410-744-8724](tel:410-744-8724) before [June 24th](#)

*Price of the trip includes transportation, tax and gratuities.*



### Martin Falls

Martin Falls (also Marty) is a native of Morrell Park in Baltimore City and grew up in Elkridge, Maryland. After many addresses in the Baltimore/Howard County area and a few years in Cleveland, Ohio, he now resides in his childhood home in Elkridge, with a (Howard County) Rockburn Branch Park trailhead opposite his driveway and the Avalon area of Patapsco Valley State Park five minutes from his back yard. He has been an avid hiker.

Marty “doesn’t come from Lutheran.” He was raised in a Methodist church by his parents, who then joined a Christian fundamentalist church while he was still young. This changed his life, but not ultimately for the better, as he was born transgender, which took some time to figure out back then. By age 17, he was in “Christian counseling” for “conversion therapy.” By age 19, he was disowned by his parents, excommunicated from the church, and homeless. For some time after, he had a severe “church allergy” and wandered far from the God and the faith of his youth, exploring Buddhism, Hinduism, and Celtic Paganism, and attending churches

of the Metropolitan Community Church, Unitarian Universalist Association, and United Church of Christ denominations.

In 2001, Marty returned to Maryland to care for his mother until her death in 2010. During that time his dog, Alley, a rescue pit bull mix from Baltimore, rescued him and saw him through many challenges. She was his constant companion until he helped her leave her broken body in 2014, 13 years to the day they met.

In January 2019, after much personal loss and deeply depressed, Marty sought a new church home. He remembered the “castle” Salem seemed to him as a child when he went grocery shopping in Catonsville with his mother and saw it again and again. He Googled local churches; Salem was still there!. He emailed Salem’s office to ask about the inclusion statement. Within hours, Pr. Dave Asendorf answered and invited him to breakfast at Atwater’s for discussion and a tour of the church. Marty has been a part of Salem’s family ever since. At Pr. Dave’s request, he edited the inclusion statement on Salem’s homepage. Marty describes himself as a huge fan/supporter of Pr. Dave, soon-to-be Pr. Sarah, and Pr. Ann, and as “that guy up front who cries.”

Marty is a Professional technical writer and editor, currently between jobs. His interests/ background include theater, film, photography, vocal/choral music, animal rescue, environmentalism, and LGBTQ rights. He has sung second tenor in Salem’s Psalm 98.

Until he is listed in the roster, Marty welcomes you to contact him at [martinfalls24@gmail.com](mailto:martinfalls24@gmail.com).

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## NEW DISCIPLES (cont.)

### Margaret Walker

Margaret Walker was born and raised in Howard County, MD and currently lives in Columbia. She was married fifty-seven (57) years to Carven Walker, who died this past January 2019. She has three grown children, eight grandchildren, and even two great grandchildren! Her children reside in Florida, West Virginia, and Ocean City, MD.

For thirty-five years of her married life, Margaret worked for Safeway stores in the Laurel area. Now retired, she enjoys bowling, gardening, and reading.

Margaret first met Pastor Dave when her brother passed away in April 2017. Her brother being unchurched and she being dissatisfied and unhappy with her home church for various reasons, she reached out to Pastor Dave in her time of need. Pastor Dave answered her call; and from this first interaction, she just knew he was going to be her Pastor.

And the first Sunday she attended Salem Lutheran, she left feeling great warmth and very welcome. She is happy to call Salem her church home.




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## DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church is looking for a motivated and passionate individual to help mold the Christian faith with our 3-year-old through 6th grade children and their families. The ideal candidate is innovative, resourceful, and collaborates well with lay volunteers of children's ministry and other staff.

The Director is responsible for:

- Delivering the Children's Message at 2 Sunday worship services
- Supervising the Sunday School
- Providing First Communion Training during Lent
- Directing the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant
- Managing the Cradle Roll

Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Résumés may be sent to Pastor Dave Asendorf [pastordave@salem-catonsville.org](mailto:pastordave@salem-catonsville.org)

For questions, please call Pastor Dave at 410-747-0720.

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## REFUGEE TASK FORCE NOTES

The Salem Refugee Task Force would like to thank our Salem family for their contributions to our Mother's Day Diaper drive for our refugee family, the al Fahads. We will get the items to the family, who we know will appreciate the gift of diapers, wipes, and food. Please continue to keep the al Fahad family and all refugees in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to acclimate to their new homes.

## NEW DISCIPLES (cont.)

### Frank Heber

Frank Heber became a child of God at his baptism in July 1941. God has led him on a strange and wonderful journey since that time. Previously, he was a member of a Lutheran Church near Ellicott City, MD. His father's parents were charter members of that congregation which started in 1885 and Frank was a member there for 78 years. He has lived in the Ellicott City area all his life. He graduated from Howard High School in 1959.

Shortly after his graduation, Frank went to work for the US Army as a civilian at Ft. Meade, MD. He worked for several US Government agencies over his 38 year career including DOD, NASA and SSA. He finished his government career in 1998 at the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, MD where he was a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) when he retired.

Frank has four awesome children and 11 grandchildren! He believes that is the single most important part of his life. He is gay and came out to his family and friends after his divorce in 2007. Like he said above, "God has led me on a strange and wonderful journey." He is now married to a wonderful man in Mogi Das Cruzes, San Paulo, Brasil, spending approximately 6 months each year with him in Brasil. He was a Professor of Philosophy and Languages. Frank thanks God that they have been loved and cherished by his family and friends. "As a child of God, he has followed where he has led me."



Frank came to Salem with his dear friends, Dottie Bobart and Margaret Walker, approximately a year ago. They had become dissatisfied with the direction of the ministry at their church. It was an extremely difficult decision to leave a congregation where he had been a member for 78 years but he believes the Holy Spirit led him and his friends to Salem. After their first visit, they just knew that this was going to be their new church home. Frank has found the people of Salem to be open and accepting of him. Pastor Dave, Sarah, and the congregation have been truly amazing and have strengthened his faith and welcomed him into the fold.

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Upon receiving news that the Call Committee unanimously recommends the congregation call Sarah Garrett Krey as our full time Associate Pastor, the Council will vote at its June meeting whether to recommend her to the congregation. (Tentative call vote will be on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30.)
- The Church Council voted to hire Terminix to treat the building for a new termite infestation. The price tag is not quite \$5,000. {The work has been completed.]
- Voted to provide \$2,000 to Sarah Garrett Krey for moving expenses predicated on her being called to Salem as the Associate Pastor.
- Voted to spend approximately \$7,600 to restore and clean the chancel mosaic tiles. [The work has begun.]
- Referred back to Property a proposal by the Property Committee regarding replacing failing connectors in overhead heating system water pipes. The Council requests a more precise estimate from the contractor, A. J. Michaels.

## NEW DISCIPLES (cont.)

Janet Lister

Talk about your “cradle Lutheran”: She was baptized as an infant by Pastor Newby, confirmed by Pastor Lottich, and served on Pastor Whetstone’s call committee. She attended Sunday School during the “golden days” when baby boomers regularly filled every room in Salem’s new wing. She sang in the Junior Choir under the leadership of Elsie Rau and studied every Sunday under the tutelage of devoted teachers that included Miss Elizabeth Heinmuller, (who regularly led opening services with the 23rd psalm, complete with hand motions). She attended three years of confirmation class, trudging every Thursday from Catonsville Junior High (now the new Catonsville Elementary) to Salem, snacking on two cookies and a cup of juice, and, under the pastor’s eye, studying Luther’s Small Catechism, with, among others, David Rau. Oh, and she was a member of the youth group known as “Luther League” in its last year.



After four years at the University of Delaware and an internship in her field, she returned to Salem and served as a leader of the youth group, even though she was often mistaken for a high schooler. And then she transferred to Christ Lutheran downtown.

But now she’s back. Just a few weeks ago, Janet Lister once again found herself standing at Salem’s rail, this time as a member of the Spring 2019 class of new disciples.

A registered dietician, Janet was most recently responsible for making certain that patients at St. Agnes Hospital had healthy and tasty meals. Today, she serves in a part-time capacity as the dietician at Lutheran Village at Miller’s Grant in Ellicott City. She is anything but retired.

The mother of two, Janet is responsible for the wellbeing of her handicapped daughter and sister-in-law. She takes “hands-on Grandmom” to another level with incredible devotion to her three grandsons. According to her little sister, Carole Rau (married to the aforementioned David), she is a “Professional” shopper. And she regularly shows up to Salem Stitchcrafters with a handful of crocheted hats for St. Agnes Hospital’s NICU.

Janet attends late service and is usually found towards the back of the nave, often seated behind Ida Smith.

Welcome home, Janet!

## NEW DISCIPLES (cont.)

### Ricky Scheidegger



Ricky Scheidegger has been living in the Catonsville area for six years. He first attended Salem about a year ago at the invitation of Megan Simmons. Ricky currently works with Maryland Tree Services and is currently working on trimming a maple tree. Ricky is an outside person enjoying fishing, camping, and hiking. He also enjoys baseball and watching the Ravens play on Sunday afternoons. For a time, Ricky volunteered at Ft. McHenry as a living history interpreter portraying a Baltimore Fencible (Civilian Solider). You can usually find Ricky at the 8:15 service with Megan and even though he used to worship on the right side for the past few months he's moved over to the left side, so keep an eye out for him on either side.

### Brent Tolbert-Smith

Brent Tolbert-Smith has lived in the Catonsville area for approximately 25+ years. He came to Catonsville as a Graduate student at UMBC. He has worked in the Baltimore and DC area and is now retired after a career in Law, Education, and Behavior. Brent heard of Salem through a lawn sign on Penny and Ray Giuliani's lawn and started talking to them and found out about the refugee committee. He became a member of the committee then joined the Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast. He started attending Salem about a year ago and joined due to our commitment to activism and the nice people.

In his spare time, Brent enjoys reading, painting, music, and gardening. He and his wife spend part of each week at their working farm in Cumberland. Brent has a varied religious background having spent time during his life attending Presbyterian, Unitarian, Quaker and Methodist churches. If you would like to meet Brent and discuss his interesting background look for him at 11:00 on the left side of the church.



## PASTOR DAVID ASENDORF WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Pastor David Asendorf was presented with the Dr. Richard Lee Peterman Good Steward Award at the Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly. This national award was established in 1984 to honor the parish pastor who demonstrates leadership in stewardship ministry by using innovative programs or new resources to make significant gains in stewardship. Rev. Dr. Amsalu Geleta, Executive Assistant to Bishop William Gohl and Director for Evangelical Mission and a member of Salem, nominated Pr. Dave for this award. Pr. Dave modestly stated that this award should go to Salem. While some of the contributions noted below were provided by the congregation with the urging of Pr. Dave, most were solely his own. CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR DAVE!

In his nomination, Dr. Amsalu wrote:

I believe Pastor **David Asendorf** should receive the **GOOD STEWARD AWARD** because: Pastor Asendorf lives, serves, and leads as a good steward of God's resources. He not only inspires his congregation to support the ministry at the congregation but enables them to support planting churches, support struggling congregations, the synod and the larger church.



He was called December 2006 to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Catonsville, MD and began his call as Associate Pastor at Salem on January 1, 2007 and ordained January 13, 2007. The congregation voted to change his call to Pastor on August 24, 2008.

Pastor Asendorf serves and encourages the congregation to be partners with local, synodical and ecumenical partners. He uses God's given resources to experiment new outreach ministries, shared his gifts, talents and treasure with his local church and community, with the synod, and beyond. Each year the congregation gives to a new and renewing congregation a substantial amount of money to start new and fund the ongoing ministries.

Many of us are already aware of Pr. Dave's many contributions to our Synod and to the Catonsville community. To give few examples of how he leads the life of steward, Dr. Amsalu listed a few of Pr. Dave's contributions

### Synod Service

- 2007 - Served on the Synod Assembly Worship Planning Team
- 2007-2015 - Served as a Synod representative on the Directing Committee of the Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Maryland
- 2007 to present - Works to help organize and lead the annual Synod Summer Confirmation Camp, a week-long retreat for confirmands held at Mar-Lu-Ridge
- 2009 - 2010 - Served as Intern Cluster Leader, LTSG
- 2010 - Helped to create a Synod Green Team to encourage Synod congregations to support environmental education and action. Hosted a one-day Green Event at Salem Church in the Fall of 2010 that addressed greening church buildings, organic gardening and being proactive in various water issues. This effort laid the groundwork for the Synod's present Creation Care ministry.
- 2011- present - Works closely with the pastor of Community of St. Dymas, the Synod's Prison congregation, on a variety of issues. Salem provides free office space for St. Dymas, in addition to other material and financial support.
- 2012 to present - Serves on the Synod Candidacy Committee; appointed Chairperson of

the committee in May 2015

- 2009-2013 – Worked with the Synod to help launch Oasis of Grace, a SAWC [Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community] in the Owings Mills. The Salem congregation served as the fiscal agent and provided financial support, and counsel and support provided to the mission developer, Pastor Hambisa Belina.
- 2013-2015 – Actively supported the Synod’s effort to establish a mission congregation, now called Church on the Square, in the Canton neighborhood of Baltimore City. The Salem congregation provided \$60,000 over three years in addition to other logistical and spiritual support
- 2013-2015 – Co-chaired the Synod’s Malaria Campaign Task Force (Note: Salem Church, a congregation of 600, raised over \$33,000 for the campaign, the 8<sup>th</sup> largest giving congregation in the ELCA as reported by *The Lutheran*).
- 2016-2018 – served on the Synod’s *Forward in Faith* Capital Campaign. The campaign reached and surpassed the goal of raising three million dollar and reached 3.5 Million Dollar. This successful campaign also enabled the synod to contribute to the ELCA Always New campaign
- August 2016 – April 2017 – served as Vice-Pastor of St. Andrew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Parkville, MD
- Ongoing –Offers meeting space at Salem for most of synodical committees, boards, teams, workshops and trainings. Pastor Dave and his staff are always open to synodical ministries and actively participate in them.



#### Catonsville Community Service

- 2012 – 2013 Launched a community organizing initiative to address homelessness in our community, in response to homeless people coming to Salem. Gathered Baltimore County government representatives, elected State and Baltimore County leaders, other congregations, and community organizations to develop a three-prong effort to combat homelessness through an education program at the local men’s homeless shelter, to recruit interns from local colleges to volunteer at the shelter, and to improve health services for homeless men.
- 2012 to present Serves on the Catonsville Emergency Food Ministry (now named Catonsville Emergency Assistance), the local food pantry. The organization also assists with eviction prevention and utility assistance. Secretary 2013 -2015, Vice Pr.esident 2015-2017, President 2017-2019
- 2016 – Present - Organized a Catonsville Ministerium, local Catonsville clergy that meet monthly to network and interact with the community on various issues like safety of our congregations and combating political hate
- 2018 - led the congregation to send \$15,000 to Salem Lutheran in Baltimore City and \$16,000 to Faith Lutheran in Salisbury, Maryland to help them with ministry expenses.
- 2018 – Led the congregation to provide a financial gift to St John’s, Brooklyn, which was struggling to fix their old boiler so that they can continue an excellent ministry of feeding the poor in the neighborhood.

In celebration of Salem's 170th Anniversary, we were asked to re-run a poem originally written by Pastor Ed Whetstone for our 150th anniversary and updated in our 165th anniversary year.

## In Honor of Salem's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Listen, beloved, and you will hear

Salem's story from its very first year

till now, year one hundred sixty-five,  
and how the church continues to thrive,  
all by grace in this time and sphere.

With immigrant ships our story began

crossing the sea from German lands,

fleeing hardship and hunger, revolution and strife,  
to find in this new world new hope, new life,  
these refugees from their *Vaterland*.

They built a fieldstone church on a country lane,  
a home midst their homes to worship again,

where they'd pray and sing when the bell was rung  
in liturgy accustomed to their ear and tongue,  
giving thanks in familiar refrain.

To the church they streamed on the Sabbath day,  
by horse or carriage or walking their way.

"*Ein feste Berg*" were the words they sang  
when the organ pipes from the balcony rang,  
and "*Unser Vater*" were the words they'd pray.

All 'round the church God's Acre lay,  
waiting generations passing away.

For children a schoolhouse was built on the lot;  
in German and English the lessons were taught.  
Both in life and death, church held sway.

At the close of the first half century's duration,  
still faithful to their baptismal vocation,

they dared together a courageous decision;  
for the gospel they embraced a stirring vision,  
mindful too of the next generation.

It must be counted Salem's boldest feat  
that they left country lane to build on Main Street,

leaving German behind for a wider grace,  
here poised the community to embrace,  
their metamorphosis to native complete.

In the heart of the village they laid the foundation;  
then in 1903 was the dedication,

a magnificent building of cut granite stone  
with a spacious nave like they'd never known,  
and their dream began its realization.

The parish flourished in this visible place,

and soon they adorned their cherished space  
with a pipe organ, mosaic tiles, marble and brass,  
a masterful painting and brilliant stained glass,  
a sanctuary of uncommon grace.

Parish life abounded with new ministries,  
new organizations, numerous activities:

Men's Brotherhood, church picnics out on the Bay,  
a Sunday School orchestra and the Ladies' Aid.  
Soon they needed to expand the facilities.

They dug out a basement, added a stage to the hall.  
By mid-century the classrooms had grown too small.  
In '54 they erected a Sunday School wing  
with a hall for church suppers and gatherings,  
later a parking lot, and filled it full.

Conflict in the city 'tween races and generations  
affected the church as well as the nation--

civil rights, blockbusting, anti-war Protests,  
war on poverty, many people distressed,  
and Salem suffering reverberations.

Community service became the central vision  
launching these and more with faithful ambition:

a Pre-school for children, for seniors, Lunch Plus,  
rotating folk liturgies for worship use,  
but not without stress and division.

Affirmation and healing were God's work to be done,  
while building on all the outreach begun:

food pantry and refugee sponsorships,  
global work and urban church partnerships,  
through service making Christ known.

Through the years of the last quarter century,  
for many of us vivid, living memory,  
an increased staff brought innovations.

We undertook a major renovation,  
Prizing still healthy harmony.

In '49 we'll be two hundred years old.  
What will these coming several decades hold?  
When they gather for that anniversary,  
what will they say of the likes of you and me?  
Will they say we were faithful and bold?

Let's hope that for all that we hold dear,  
for all those things that we cherish here--  
the altar and painting, the tiles and stained glass,  
the strains of the organ, the marble and brass,  
liturgies, plays, our groups and dinners--

Let's Pray that for the gospel we could set it all aside,  
like our forebears long ago, whatever betide,  
give up our surroundings, the beautiful art,  
verbage and hymnals and make a new start--  
if love, faith and hope would abide.

It's God's Story here through the years that we  
trace.

We're a royal Priesthood, God's chosen race,  
and the needs of the world wear God's own face.  
A church of *living* stones is the *real* place.

Salem means the people in whom God dwells.  
It is, above all, God's tale we tell.

All shall be well, and all things shall be well,  
yes, all manner of things shall be well.

For we've been given grace upon grace.  
We celebrate grace upon grace.

G. Edward Whetstone



A 1950's view of Salem from the model in the Narthex.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am happy to announce that I have officially graduated from seminary! Thanks in large part to your prayers and financial support, I have attained my Master of Divinity, and Mathew and I are now preparing for the next phase of our life and ministry. Our four years at LSTC were filled with beautiful surprises, deep friendships, and immense growth. I've engaged in the arts of ministry everywhere from the prairies of rural Minnesota to a Level 1 Trauma Center in Chicago. It's hard to believe I'm already an alum!

One of the lasting impacts our MDiv class hopes to have left at LSTC is our Senior Gift: a stipend fund for students completing Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), starting this summer. (Yes, this includes our very own Reverend Seminarian, Daniel Collins!) Our senior class, recognizing the critical role that Chaplains of all faith traditions play in the holistic care of patients and their families, has raised over \$7,000 in stipends for students serving as Chaplains in CPE programs! We know first-hand that the programs themselves can be very expensive, especially when you're working full-time, often without any pay or scholarship money. We hope that these stipends will help alleviate the financial burden of the CPE experience so that Chaplains like Daniel can live fully into their roles of accompanying people and exercising their ministerial gifts without having to worry as much about affording meals and housing. Our class is proud to have supported the work of Chaplain seminarians in this way and hopes that the fund will live on well past 2019!

As for Mathew and me, we have each been interviewing with congregations in central Illinois, (where we have been assigned for first call), at two separate congregations. As soon as we have more official information about call and ordination, we will be sure to share that with you. For now, we deeply covet your prayers as we move forward with this process.

Thank you for accompanying me through this incredible journey, dear Salemites. I feel so blessed to have such an incredibly supportive home congregation!

God's Peace,  
Amy Asendorf Berger



*Congratulations!*

*To all Salem's Graduates!*

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## THANK YOU FROM THE LAZARUS CAUCUS

Dear Salem Family:

We are writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support of these fundraising efforts benefiting Lazarus Caucus, Providing help and hope to Baltimore County's homeless:

The Crab Raffle, launched in early March

The Craft Beer and Wine Series hosted by BricknFire Pizza Company-Mobile and The Breadery, held April 27

The musical benefit at Fish Head Cantina featuring Rob Fahey and The Pieces, held May 18.

With much assistance from Salem members, it appears that we will meet our goal of \$7,000, which represents 15 percent of the Lazarus Caucus budget and helps to Provide supplemental assistance to the residents of the Westside Men's Shelter, located in Catonsville.

Salem is a generous congregation, and we are Proud to be a part of it.

Finally, did you hear who won the Crab Raffle? Salem's own Mary Krebs! Congratulations, Mary!

On behalf of Lazarus Caucus and the guests of the Westside Men's Shelter, thank you for your support!

Kind regards,  
Leslie and Jim Kruger

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## YOUNG ADULT HIKE



## 2019 SALEM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Three Salem members have been selected for Salem Scholarships, with plans to begin their college studies this fall: Abigail (Abbey) Sullivan, William (Will) Sullivan, and Tyler Judd. Salem Scholarships recognize academic achievement as well as Christian character, service, and citizenship.

Abbey Sullivan will graduate from Catholic High School and enter Pennsylvania's Millersville University this fall, where plans to pursue her science studies with a career goal to become a veterinarian. In high school she has excelled both in academics and athletics and been commended for her leadership qualities. A regular worshipper at Salem, she has participated in Salem youth and service activities. In the community, she has been active in 4H and served as a volunteer at BARCS.

Will Sullivan will graduate from Mt. Saint Joseph and enter Howard Community College this fall, with plans to transfer to a 4-year college following his studies there. Will has compiled a very strong academic record and demonstrated leadership and commitment in his Boy Scout accomplishments, expecting to complete his Project for recognition as an Eagle. A regular worshipper at Salem, he has participated in youth activities, including synod and national gatherings, as well as service Projects.

Tyler Judd will graduate from Catonsville High School and plans to attend Salisbury University this fall, with interests in both history and sports management. At Catonsville he participated in a four-year engineering Project Program. For the past two years he has balanced his study with work at Charlestown Retirement Community. Tyler's involvement at Salem includes the confirmation Program and youth activities.

Salem Scholarships are renewable for up to four years with demonstration of satisfactory progress. The congregation sends this year's awardees congratulations and best wishes as they enter this next important stage in their educational journey.

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## STITCHCRAFTERS

Summertime, and the living is easy. . . what better time to knit and crochet?

Year around, the Salem Stitchcrafters welcome all to share in our Projects and fellowship. And now that school's out, we extend a special invitation to new retirees, teachers, and students of all ages.

Whether you're a beginner (we can get you going!) or an experienced needle-worker, join us on Thursday mornings, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Wittenberg Room. Bring your own supplies, or tap into our closet full of needles, yarn, and patterns. Consider contributing to our numerous ongoing charitable endeavors, as we continue to work on handmade items for, among others, chemo patients and newborn babies, nursing home residents and seafarers.

No dues, no admissions interviews, no hazing rituals!

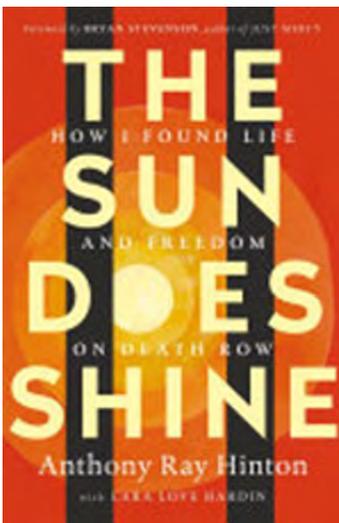


## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

The Christian Fellowship committee will host “Celebrate Summer” on **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** after each service. Great way to “kick off” your summertime here at Salem! Look for other summer events throughout the summer!



## BOOK GROUP



The Book Group will end its season on June 10 with *The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Ray Hinton. In 1985, Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. Stunned, confused, and only twenty-nine years old, Hinton knew that it was a case of mistaken identity and believed that the truth would prove his innocence and ultimately set him free.

But with no money and a different system of justice for a poor black man in the South, Hinton was sentenced to death by electrocution. He spent his first three years on Death Row at Holman State prison in agonizing silence—full of despair and anger toward all those who had sent an innocent man to his death. But as Hinton realized and accepted his fate, he resolved not only to survive, but find a way to live on Death Row. For the next twenty-seven years he was a beacon—transforming not only his own spirit, but those of his fellow inmates, fifty-four of whom were executed mere feet from his cell. With the help of civil rights attorney and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*, Bryan Ste-

venson, Hinton won his release in 2015.

With a foreword by Stevenson, *The Sun Does Shine* is an extraordinary testament to the power of hope sustained through the darkest times. Destined to be a classic memoir of wrongful imprisonment and freedom won, Hinton’s memoir tells his dramatic thirty-year journey and shows how you can take away a man’s freedom, but you can’t take away his imagination, humor, or joy.

## AROUND THE PARISH

- Pastor Emeritus Ed Whetstone will be working at St John’s Linthicum as Interim Pastor into September 2019.
- Sarah Garrett Krey graduated from United Lutheran Seminary with a Masters of Divinity on May 18, 2019.
- Former Salem vicar, Jay Eckman will be ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament at the Lower Susquehanna Synod on Friday, June 7.
- Salem member, Amy Asendorf Berger and her husband Mathew Berger graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago on Sunday, May 19. Amy and Mathew have been assigned to the Central/Southern Illinois Synod.

## BLESSING OF THE QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

On May 25 and 26, Salem blessed 110 quilts. Already this year, Salem's quilters have completed as many quilts as in all of 2016. Our team has grown to include Mary Miller, Judy LeGath, Debbie Brohawn, Trish Kilduff, Rene Stiebing, Jane Stolte, Barb Myers, Karen Freiberg, Susan Goodhand, Sally Kopp, Bambi Straw, Susan Kolesar, and honorary member Dave Trump. After the services, the quilts were taken to the Lutheran World Relief distribution site in New Windsor. We are thankful to Thrivent for their support of this ministry.



### 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."*

<i>Kale Robert Schoepfer</i>	<i>April 7, 2019</i>
<i>Reki Marie Schoepfer</i>	<i>April 7, 2019</i>
<i>Gwyneth Kathleen Armstrong</i>	<i>May 4, 2019</i>
<i>Karoliina Jane Antar-Hines</i>	<i>May 26, 2019</i>
<i>Cieran Michael Tress</i>	<i>June 2, 2019</i>



Cieran Michael Tress and his family



Karoliina, with her big sister, Lilja, watching.

**Drama Camp**

Summer Drama Camp Registration

**Salem Lutheran Church Ages 6-13**

**July 8 – August 2, 2019 8:30AM- 1:30 PM**

**Participants Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardians name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **additional phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Emergency Contact**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Persons allowed to pick up youth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies or medical conditions that may affect participant’s involvement in activities**

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**AFTER CARE Option 1:30-4:30 \$3.00 an hour**

\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you plan to use our After Care on a regular basis.

Camp is \$90 a week per camper. This includes supervision, tee shirt, daily snack and good theatrical fun. There will be evening performance at 7:00 PM on August 1st and August 2nd. Families with multiple youth attending will receive a 15% discount.

**Drama Camp**

### SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2 JUNE</b> Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 2pm Piano Recital	<b>3</b> 4pm NO Yoga	<b>4</b> 5pm NO Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	<b>5</b> 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6:30 p.m. Patapsco Heritage	<b>6</b> 10m Stitchcrafters 6:30p.m. Wedding rehearsal and Set-up	<b>7</b> 6p.m. Wedding	<b>8</b> 9am Stop the Bleed 12pm Stop the Bleed 5pm Worship
						
<b>9 PENTECOST ART SHOW CLOSES</b> Woship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 2pm Piano Recital 3pm Tanzania Task Force	<b>10</b> 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7:30pm Book Group	<b>11</b> 5pm Chair Yoga	<b>12</b> 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	<b>13</b> 10am Stitchcrafters 7pm St Dymas Council 7:30pm CEA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5pm Worship
<b>16 SALEM CELEBRATES SUMMER</b> Worship-8:15/11 am	<b>17</b> 4pm Yoga 7pm Communication Committee 7pm Prayer Shawl	<b>18</b> 7pm Council	<b>19</b> 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	<b>20</b> 10am Stitchcrafters	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9am Set-up Intergenerational Event 5pm Worship
<b>23</b> Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Intergenerational Event 5pm Confirmation	<b>24</b> 4pm Yoga 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study	<b>25</b> 5pm Chair Yoga	<b>26</b> 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	<b>27</b> 10am Stitchcrafters	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5pm Worship
<b>30</b> Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday	<b>1 JULY</b> 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Shawl	<b>2</b> 5pm Chair Yoga	<b>3</b> 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	<b>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 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.

### ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MAY 2019

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
May 4/5	45	70	117			232
May 11/12	15	96	124			235
May 18/19	23	58	107			188
May 25/26	23	87	166			276
May Total	106	311	514			931

\*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

### TREASURER REPORT FOR APRIL 2019

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$173,323.33
Beginning Balance	\$39,444.43
Expenses to Date	(\$169,779.05)
Receipts to Date	\$183,499.68
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$53,165.06</b>
<b>R.S.V.P.</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$58,457.28
Receipts to Date	\$12,996.50
Disbursements to Date	(\$11,203.99)
<b>Balance in Fund</b>	<b>\$60,249.79</b>

**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 any of our four networks connections:

- SalemBethanyHall
- SalemReformationHall
- SalemUpperRoom
- SalemYouthRoom



The password for all 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).

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
JUNE 2019**

June 1 Saturday Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

June 2 Third Sunday of Easter  
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages

June 9 Saturday Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

June 10 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages

June 16 Saturday Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

June 17 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion

June 22 Saturday Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

June 23 Sixth Sunday of Easter  
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion

June 29 Saturday Evening Worship  
5:00 p.m., Holy Communion

June 30 Sixth Sunday of Easter  
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY**

**June 12, 2019** Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom  
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Sarah Garrett Krey

**July 10, 2019** Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom  
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Bob Schmidt

**August 14, 2019** Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom  
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor David Asendorf

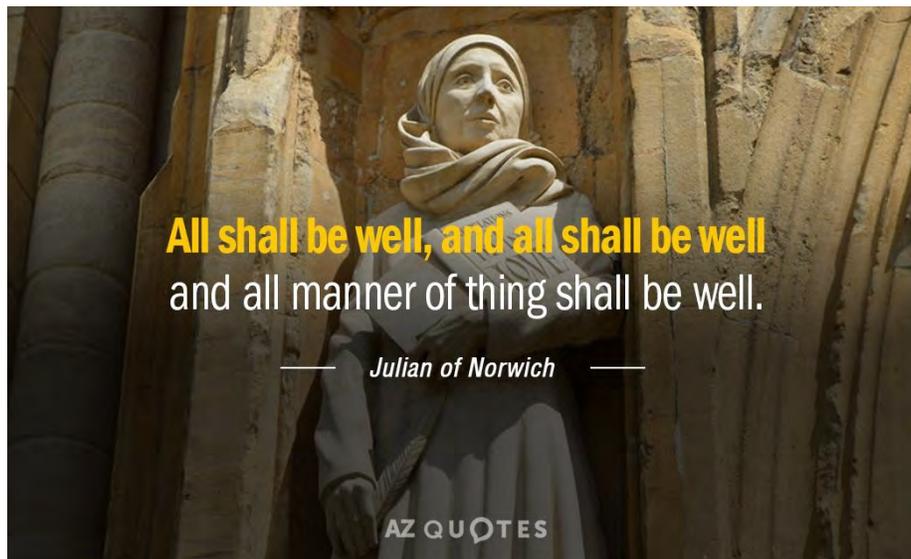
## PRAYERS

Come Holy Spirit,  
come as the robin of the morning,  
awakening our hearts  
with your song.

Come as the dove at evening,  
bringing blessing and peace.  
Come as the blackbird at noonday,  
gladdening your world with joy.

Come to us  
as we come to worship,  
that we may  
sing to the Creator,  
grapple with the wounds of creation  
and find peace  
through active prayer.

- From 'The Green Heart of the Snowdrop'



# Thank you!

## With Appreciation

Dear Salem,

We want to thank you  
for all the nice gifts  
you send to us  
also for the visits of  
Pastor Dane, and the  
little gifts of the Children

Love

Russell & Rachel White

Dearest Salem family,

My heartfelt thanks for all the support, prayers,  
cards and comfort you have lovingly sent my  
way over the past several weeks. My recovery  
is proceeding day by day! Praise the Lord! I  
look forward to worshipping with you again  
soon!

Your sister in Christ's Love,

Char Brooks

Dearest Salem family -  
Thank you. Thank you.  
Thank you - for all your  
kindness, prayers, flowers,  
cards and rides.  
You truly do God's work.  
I'm doing well and my  
heart is full.

God's peace -  
Karen Amy



# Thank You

May 21, 2019

Rev David K Asendorf  
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Baltimore, MD 21228

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your gift of \$1,536.00 on May 11, 2019 paid with check number 1262.

The LMS Compassion Ministries exist only because you care about helping those in need, in Jesus' name. Your support makes all the difference. Your gift will be used to share life's necessities -- both physical and spiritual -- with people who are struggling. On behalf of those who will be helped, we say, "Thank you."

God bless you for your compassion and your commitment to the Lord's work.

Together in Mission,

Rev. Dr. David R. Maack  
Executive Director  
(Matthew 25:40)

*Note:  
This contribution  
was directed to  
Lutheran Partnerships-  
Lutheran Disaster Response.*



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### 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 Barbara Beem or Karen Amy via telephone at 410 382-4379 [Barbara] or 410 215-4279 [Karen] or via email at [Prayertree@salem-catonsville.org](mailto:Prayertree@salem-catonsville.org)

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