



THE MONARCH

SALEM REMAINS OPEN

The Pandemic of 2020 has changed our lives drastically but our Salem Congregation continues to engage in mission for the sake of the world. We are physically separated but we remain spiritually connected through our online worship on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and a host of other online fellowship activities such as:

- Salem Prayer Tree
- Wednesday Fellowship Time via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. led by Pastor Sarah and Pastor Dave
- Small group time on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
- Fourth Monday Bible Study led by Pastor Dave
- Men's Prayer Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
- Stitchcrafters via email
- Confirmation Class is on Zoom
- Young Adult Group also continues to meet via Zoom
- Snail mail is sent monthly to households without internet access; these mailings include copies of the sermons and one of the quarterly devotionals
- We are in the process of setting up a Salem Phone Tree in an effort to keep better connected

Please see the weekly Salem email blasts for information about connecting to these groups. If you are not receiving the email blast please let our Office Manager Robin Schaefer know (robinschaefer@salem-catonsville.org).

Salem also continues our robust support of the Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA), our local community food pantry. On May 12 we gave CEA a check for \$2,741. The pandemic has forced CEA to discontinue giving food to its clients and instead CEA is providing Giant gift cards. In May, 160 households received gift cards to help combat food insecurity. Salem also continues to provide monthly meals to the Men's Shelter located in Catonsville. If you would like to help with this effort please watch for information on the weekly e mail blasts. Because of your faithful generosity we are able to continue to provide financial support to the DE-MD Synod and our various benevolences.

Please continue to pray for all those who have been infected by the COVID-19 virus, all those who have lost loved ones to this disease and those who are tirelessly working on the front lines to care for others especially our medical professionals and first responders. And please continue to pray, too, for our beloved Salem congregation.

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WORSHIP AT SALEM MAY BE PHYSICALLY DISTANT, BUT IT'S SPIRITUALLY CLOSE

When Gov. Hogan prohibited gatherings of more than 50 people on Thursday, March 12, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Salem cancelled in-person worship, meetings, events and activities. Pastors



Dave Asendorf and Sarah Garrett Krey immediately shifted gears and focused on remote worship and connection. An e-letter went out and Pr. Dave and Pr. Sarah posted a video the next day discussing the situation. By Sunday, March 15, Pr. Sarah and her husband, Pr. Micah Krey of Faith Lutheran Church in Cockeysville, posted a short worship video from their home.

Since then, Salem and Faith have shared a joint pre-recorded worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. on their respective YouTube, Facebook, and home page sites. Pastors Dave, Sarah, and Micah rotate preaching with each preaching from their home church. They are assisted by Mary Miller, Music Director at Salem, Sid

Meier, Director of Contemporary Music at Faith, and Greg Lauer, Director of Traditional Music at Faith. Video recording and editing is done by Salem's Joey Morgan, assisted by Guy Davis.

The recorded service has continued to evolve with the additions of parishioners giving prayers, readings, and children sermons. Virtual choirs provide additional opportunities for participation. Although the services are not available to those who do not have access to the Internet, they allow friends and former disciples to "gather" with Salem in worship. The services have been viewed in England, France, Finland, Florida, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania, among several other locations. "Attendance" has been very good, as shown in the table on page 23. For folks who are unable to attend worship online, hard copies of the sermons are provided by mail.

When will we go back to in-person worship and what will it look like? No one knows. Pastors Dave and Sarah, the Church Council, and the Worship Committee will be guided by Gov. Hogan's orders and guidance from the ELCA, the Delaware-Maryland Synod, and parishioners. It is likely that the on-line worship will continue because many will be unable to worship in person because of risk factors or just prefer not to for now.

At least we are blessed with the multiple ways to communicate and worship. During the 1918 Flu Pandemic, churches were closed with limited means of communication. Some churches sent copies of sermons via postal mail. In some communities, the local newspaper offered to print excerpts from sermons provided by pastors, but most people were left with only home devotions.





Here are a few “behind the scenes” pictures of recording worship at Salem.



SALEM WELCOMES NEW DISCIPLES

Cheryl Balassone

Cheryl is a native Marylander, growing up in Hydes, in northern Baltimore County, but hasn't always lived here. After college, her job required her to move out of state several times but she wound up moving to Howard County in 1995 and has lived there ever since.

Cheryl operates a marketing communications business, "CopyWrite Communications," which provides copy writing and editing services for web sites, blogs, newsletters, press releases, white papers, and other communications vehicles.

She has a wonderful husband, Bob, and a beautiful Siamese cat, Bailey (whom they absolutely consider to be part of the family). Bob is an active parishioner at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ellicott City but generally attends services at Salem with her, as well. They started attending Salem last August and usually attend the Saturday night service, sitting somewhere in the middle, close to the center aisle.

Cheryl was looking for a Lutheran church that really resonated with her. Her husband Bob, while taking some physical therapy sessions across the street from Salem, happened to see the sign advertising Saturday services. They decided to check it out and are so glad they did!

Cheryl loves to write, which is fortunate since it's also her career.

Also, she enjoys vegetarian cooking and dining out; attending concerts and comedy clubs; hiking; and yoga. Animal rights, the environment, and social justice issues are of particular interest to her. She has already joined the Communications Committee and the Guardians of Eden.

Cheryl was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran on Loch Raven Boulevard, attended St. John's Lutheran - Sweet Air as a child, and later became a member of Christ Lutheran - Inner Harbor. She and Bob were also married there. Although she is a lifelong Lutheran, she hasn't attended church on a regular basis and hasn't always given her faith the attention it deserves. There's often been a feeling that something was 'missing'. She believes this void can only be filled through spiritual growth and establishing a deeper relationship with Jesus. She says, "Salem has a unique, welcoming vibe about it. I'm very grateful to be a part of this amazing, inclusive Christ-centered community."



Joe and Betty Durken

Joe and Betty Durken come to Salem via the monthly Charlestown Lutheran Worship Service. They had been long-time members of Sts. Stephen and James Lutheran Church on Hanover Street in south Baltimore. Betty was raised at St. James Lutheran Church which merged with St. Stephen in the early 1960s. Joe was baptized and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church on Charles Street. He joined Betty's congregation when they married in October of 1950. Unfortunately Sts. Stephen and James closed last year and their church building was sold to a Coptic Christian congregation.

Joe and Betty had been very active members of their congregation especially in helping organize their food ministry for many years. After Joe retired from a career with the Federal Government, he and Betty moved from their long time home in Woodbridge Valley to the Charlestown Retirement Community in 2004. They have enjoyed their Charlestown home but are now finding themselves homebound due to a variety of medical challenges. They so appreciate having the monthly worship service experience that Salem helped start 15 years ago.

Joe and Betty (cont.)

Under the rubric of “it’s a small, small world”, Joe and Betty live a few doors away from Salem member Ione Wunderlich. And ... Betty grew up with Bill Smith, Ida’s husband. Bill used to walk Betty home from school. It is a small world. Welcome, Joe and Betty!

Diane Herpst

Imagine witnessing the lighting of the first candle on your church’s Advent wreath and knowing that, because this was the final service there, the other candles would never be lit. With the recent closing of Christ Lutheran, Diane Herpst found herself in this sad situation. But settling into her new church home at Salem has been made a bit easier because of the little things.

When she visited last December, she was pleased to see a wicker chest full of donations to CEA. “I want to be part of a church that is part of the community,” she noted.

Selecting a pew near the back, she sat on the right aisle and opened her bulletin. She was thrilled that the congregation would be singing one of her favorite hymns, “Awake, Awake, and Greet the Morn.” And when she was able to attend a multigenerational Christmas Eve service at 2 p.m., she was heartened by the multiple options for worship.

Diane grew up in Westowne and was baptized at her father’s church, Holy Trinity Episcopal. When he was drafted during World War II, the family car was sold, and Diane enrolled in Sunday School at nearby Christ Lutheran. Her younger brother followed in her footsteps, and then Mom (and Dad, upon his return home) joined as well. Diane continued to be an active member at Christ until what she called “the current predicament.”

A graduate of Catonsville High, Diane has a son, a daughter, and three grown granddaughters. Retired, she enjoys gardening and watching the History Channel and the National Geographic Channel. She likes worshipping in her zip code (Catonsville 21228) and is considering how best to get involved at Salem. She thanks Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah for their support. Look for Diane at the 11 a.m. service. The seat she selected on her first visit is now hers.



Heather and Autumn McKlveen

Heather lived in Catonsville until 3rd grade then moved to Ellicott City. She and Autumn now live in Halethorpe. Heather works for the University of Maryland School of Law and Autumn attends Halethorpe Elementary School.

Autumn introduced Heather to Salem after Holly Miller told her about the St. David’s Choir. They began attending Salem last summer and felt this was a church home for them.

Heather likes to crochet and is busy driving Autumn to her many activities’ - children choir at Salem, soccer practices, and piano lessons.

Heather is interested in getting back in touch with God and her beliefs. You can look for Heather and Autumn at the 8:15 a.m. services sitting in the middle of the left side of church to greet them as one of our new members.



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SALEM WELCOMES NEW DISCIPLES (CONT.)

Michael P. Esteve

Michael joined Salem in February 2020 after having attended worship services for several years with his friend, Dan Clements. He lives in Bowie, Maryland, having lived there all his life, and is employed with Arc of the Chesapeake, a nonprofit organization that works with children and adults who have intellectual disabilities. He enjoys seeing movies and has become a part of the Young Adult Group here at Salem. For right now, he is looking forward to being with the Salem community for years to come.

You can find Michael on Sunday mornings at the 11 a.m. service on the pulpit side of the Nave about three or four rows from the front (or you could have found him there before Covid-19). Welcome Michael and we'll see you when we are able to worship again together.



Tom Brzezinski

Tom Brzezinski is one of the newest members of Salem. And so Tom becomes the member of Salem whom I have known the longest. I'll explain after I've shared bit of the story of this talented new member.

Tom grew up in Catonsville and was an active member of Salem throughout his childhood and youth.

Employed to teach in the Howard County school system, he moved to Columbia and taught there 42 years. For nearly 40 years he was the Media Specialist at Clemens Crossing Elementary School. His creativity, energy, and rapport with the children made him a legendary teacher, meriting an article in the Baltimore Sun at his retirement. He still substitutes at several elementary schools teaching art, vocal music, and dramatic arts.

He's well known in the wider community of Columbia for his service as the coordinator of the Columbia Association Summer Lakefront Film Festival for 48 years. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Columbia Film Society. Tom's also been playing Santa for over 40 years at several Columbia Village Centers and also at Turf Valley for their Sunday Santa Brunches. He has two grown daughters, Kelly and Sarah, and two grandchildren, James and Amy.

In his days at Salem, he was very active in youth activities and in Luther League (the churchwide youth organization in those days). And that's how I came to know Tom. He was chair of the Baltimore District, and I, living in Hagerstown, chaired the Western District. We crossed paths occasionally over the years.

Tom decided it was a good time to return to his congregational childhood home and is glad to be back at Salem. He looks forward to being an active member of the parish, and sharing his gifts in our life together.

Pr. Ed Whetstone



Colin Pepenfuss

Collin has been in Catonsville for 3 years having come here from Virginia to attend UMBC where he will graduate in December. He has been attending Salem after church shopping for the better part of 2 years and never quite finding the right fit. Collin has two younger sisters and a cat. Professionally, he is an EMT and has been for the last decade. As far as Salem groups go, Collin is interested in and actively involved with the young adult folks but would love to get into youth ministry. He had been a VBS leader for years and really enjoys working with middle and high school students as they learn about Jesus in the Lutheran tradition. Collin shared that he is just shy of 26 years old and after graduation is looking to pursue a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant studies.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NEWS

MOTHER, DAUGHTER, FRIENDS LUNCHEON – SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020

Unfortunately, this wonderful event had to be **cancelled** because of COVID-19 and we are hoping to reschedule it for next year.

BOOK GROUP

Please note that Salem's Book Group has **cancelled all meetings until the fall**. The beginning of the 2020-21 schedule is:

September 14th – *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by Kate Moore

October 12th – *The House Next Door* by James Patterson

See the April *Monarch* for book descriptions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

After a wonderfully successful beginning to a new program and way of having Sunday School, it's been sad that we cannot all meet together at this time. We miss the children, and our wonderful teachers/volunteers too, that made this program so successful. We look forward to coming back together just as quickly as we are "allowed" and pray that all our children and their families are well and safe.

SALEM SHOWCASE

A BIG thank you to Pastor Dave who has filled in our showcase with lots of his wonderful "gifts" from the children of our congregation. Throughout the years, the children have shared their artistic talents and notes with him in all sorts of venues. He has graciously shared his collection with us via the showcase. I know you may have yet to see it because of not being able to worship together, but I know he is going to leave the wonderful display in the showcase until we all are back together again. Hope you will have an opportunity to see it when you return to church.



A LETTER FROM BISHOP EATON

May 13, 2020

Dear Church,

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

During the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am encouraged by your resilience and creativity in our witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am also inspired by your generosity. Through the ELCA COVID-19 Response Fund and our Daily Bread Grants, we are providing critical support to struggling yet vital ministries across this church. Through Lutheran Disaster Response International we have intensified our accompaniment of global partners. ***We are church together.***

This is a trying time for us all. At the same time, we know that a disproportionate burden of illness, death, discrimination, and harassment falls on communities of color. This pandemic has exacerbated racism and racial inequities deeply entrenched in society and across the church. We see this in the growing anti-Asian racism and the disproportionate number of deaths in black, American Indian, and Latino communities. I have been learning from the leaders of the ELCA's ethnic associations how the data we see on the news are experienced in real life. I have listened to leaders of color share the impact of this pandemic on their communities, on their lives, and on their ministries. These stories are difficult but important, so we are launching a special series on LivingLutheran.org to lift up these voices for us all to hear. We also seek to ensure that our COVID-19 response more effectively tends to the realities of racism and racial inequality. ***We are church together.***

Recently, in cities across this country, we have seen horrifying anti-Semitic and white supremacist messages displayed during public protests against government orders that are intended to protect lives. No matter our politics or opinions about our elected leaders and their policies, all of us must come together on the basis of our church's commitments to condemn racism against indigenous people and people of color, white supremacy, sexism, and anti-Semitism whenever they occur. Whether our churches and communities are racially diverse or predominantly white, our work for racial and economic justice for all people is work for all of us. ***We are church together.***

Just as God has joined us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in baptism, we are joined to each other. Paul helps us to understand this by speaking of the one body of Christ, with many members. While this is always true, perhaps we feel it more acutely in this time of physical distancing. In our longing to be a church together, let us be even more intentional in sharing with each other, easing each other's burdens, consoling each other in our fear and grief, condemning what is contrary to the gospel, and living out our baptismal covenant "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

In partnership,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

PRAYER TREE

It began years ago as a telephone chain. Upon learning of those in need of the congregation's prayers, Miss Elizabeth (as Elizabeth Heinmuller was affectionately known) would dial up several members with the news. They, in turn, called others, leaving messages on answering machines.

Times have changed. These days, prayer requests are sent to more than 100 email addresses with just one click on an electronic device. What hasn't changed, though, is that during these times of quarantine, Salem's "Prayer Tree" continues to bind together members of faith.

Included in our most recent supplications have been reports of members of the greater Salem congregation (and their friends and families) who have been diagnosed with COVID-19. We have prayed for comfort for those who have mourned the lost of loved ones at a time when the physical support of others has not been possible. And because everyday concerns continue, we have prayed for strength for a variety of needs unrelated to the pandemic but made all the more complicated because of it. Best of all is when we are blessed to give thanks for healing.

To request prayers, go to prayertree@salem-catonville.org.

To sign up so that you, too, might join others in prayer, contact Guy Davis at guyddavisphd@gmail.com.

SALEM AND THE 1918 SPANISH FLU

This is not the first time that Salem has weathered the storm of a worldwide health crisis. The 1918 flu pandemic lasted 12 months, infecting half a billion people (one-third of the world's population) and leaving tens of millions dead.

How the Lutheran church on Frederick Road in Catonsville fared during this time, though, is something of a mystery at this point in time. Despite the diligent research of Judy LeGath, there appears to be nothing notable in congregational records (at least in the ones that can be accessed during a time of self-isolation). A check of 1919 burials at the Historical Old Salem cemetery on Ingleside Avenue uncovered the death of one young woman and her two-year-old child, but no unexpected increases in funerals. By way of explanation, Judy spoke of the rural nature of the area at the time; because many members were farmers, they worked at home, (unwittingly) social distanced, and grew what they ate.

Although it is unclear if Salem's church services were cancelled, Guy Davis unearthed a 2016 thesis by Victoria L. Michalski of Pittsburg State University in Kansas, which stated that churches in rural Baltimore County were closed on two Sundays in 1918. Whether or not Salem was required to comply with this ruling is unknown. Members of affected congregations worked around the closings by meeting in non-church buildings and by setting up chairs in the streets. Evangelists, Michalski noted, "did their part to 'pray down' the epidemic."

And a search for old copies of *The Argus* (now *The Catonsville Times*) was fruitless. Decades of bound issues were lost in the 2018 flooding of the Catonsville Historical Society headquarters, where they had been housed. Back issues of the newspaper, dating from 1881 and stored on microfilm, have been discarded. Curator Lisa Vicari said she has no access at this time to materials in the Catonsville Room, located in the lower level of the Catonsville branch of the Baltimore County Public Library, which is closed.

But Vicari's parting thought was that we should be certain to document our day-to-day activities during the current pandemic for future historians. To which should be added that, learning from history, these records should be archived in a secure location, using a technology that will still be accessible decades (or centuries) from now.

Meanwhile, Salem's 1918 story remains uncovered. Those with information, perhaps from family oral histories, are encouraged to contact Barbara Beem at barbarambeem@gmail.com.

FAIR TRADE AVAILABLE

ANYONE DESPERATE TO RESUPPLY YOUR FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA OR CHOCOLATE?



We have a special offer just for you!

Email me to let me know what you'd like to purchase. I will then, within days, go to church and gather your order leaving it in the church office. I'll email you, letting you know that it's ready, and the cost. You can then pick it up in the church office on a Thursday or Friday morning between 9 a.m.-12 noon and give your cash or check to Robin in a clearly marked envelope. My email address is edward-victoria@verizon.net. If stopping at church those mornings does not work for you, let me know, and we will figure something out.

Since services are not being held I have not restocked, and for the near future, at least, will work with our present inventory. We do have a good variety of coffees, teas and chocolates. Prices remain the same:

Coffee-	\$7.00
Tea-	\$3.00
Large Chocolate Bars-	\$3.00
Small Chocolate Bars-	\$1.50

Of course, as always, be mindful that your purchase is quite significant for small scale farmers in developing countries, especially now as the COVID-19 pandemic presents immense challenges.

Pr. Ed Whetstone



QUILTING GROUP SHIFTS GEARS

Greeting Salem! Our quilting group is no longer making quilts, but we are making masks! We are using fabric from our own fabric stash as well as fabric that has been donated to the church. We are not selling these, we are giving them out to family, friends, hospitals, and nursing homes. If anyone needs a mask please email me at MaryMiller359@gmail.com or call the church office. We will make sure there is plenty for all. Stay safe and god bless!

Mary Miller



SAD NEWS FROM MAR-LU-RIDGE

Based upon recommendations of numerous organizations, i.e. the American Camp Association, the Maryland Health Department, and colleagues throughout the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, on May 18, the Mar-Lu-Ridge Board of Directors voted to suspend the 2020 summer camp session. The Board of Directors shared that they are very sad that children's laughter and songs won't be heard on the mountain this summer but feel this is in the best interest of everyone concerned as Covid-19 has changed our way of life. They ask that individuals watch their social media pages and/or emails for specific notes to camper families, where they will share information regarding refund options and offer materials for MLR at Home, which is an interactive way for families to enjoy Mar-Lu-Ridge this summer. This also means there will be no confirmation camp at Mar-Lu-Ridge this summer. However, at this time, Pastor Sarah and Pastor Micah are brainstorming on a virtual DE-MD Summer Confirmation Camp. Look for more details regarding this novel confirmation camp in the days to come.



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS AND TRIPS

Our annual Craft Fair/Flea Market was held on Saturday, March 7. Your support of this event was one of our major fundraisers for the preservation and maintenance of the Old Salem Church and Cemetery. We were so happy to host this event; it was the last major event held at Salem before the “confinement” began, with Sunday, March 8 sadly being the last time we were able to worship together within the Nave. We hosted 21 vendors with their wonderful crafts and/or their flea market “treasures”. Thanks to Don Schwartz, who arrived on Friday, March 6, from Hendersonville, NC, to cook the delicious food. Bake table items were wonderful and I thank all of our great Salem bakers for their generous donations. And thanks to every one of you who came, shopped, ate, purchased bake goods and just helped to support our event!

Sight and Sound Theater – “Queen Esther” Bus Trip on Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Unfortunately with the virus pandemic, this wonderful trip had to be **cancelled**. Sight and Sound has been contacted, but we have only been able to hear a recording that indicates shows are now cancelled through Monday, June 15. There is no indication that this show will be extended from its original show dates, but should it be, Sight and Sound states that rescheduling will take place sequentially in the order that the reservations had been originally made. SO more updated details to come.

Annual Founders’ Day Open House and Program Sunday, June 7, 2020 from 2-4 p.m.

The Annual Founder’s Day Open House at Old Salem, 701 Ingleside Avenue, is **POSTPONED**. Judy Legath has rescheduled the program with Mr. Monty Phair till Sunday, **September 20 at 2 p.m.** (praying we will be able to host this event at that time). Mr. Phair, a retiree from the Catonsville Library and who knows “everything” about Catonsville, will be presenting his “Catonsville Walking Tours” program about the history and current facts of the Catonsville Community.

Annual Crab Feast at the Kentmorr Restaurant Thursday, July 23, 2020

The crab feast at the Kentmorr Restaurant, Stevensville, MD, is still planned for **Thursday, July 23**. The cost is \$65 per person and includes bus, taxes, gratuities, and crab feast. Reservations/monies are due by **June 25**. Contact Sharon at 410-744-8724. As of Thursday, May 14, one of the reservation ladies stated that the Kentmorr is “just waiting to get the OK from Governor Hogan” regarding reopening of businesses and restaurants. When that happens, a decision will be made concerning our trip. Sharon will keep in touch with Kentmorr to determine if this bus trip will take place in July or if we will need to reschedule it. I surely hope Kentmorr does open for business – this is a wonderful, delicious trip and I imagine, like me, you are eager to eat crabs and their delicious fried chicken and salads!

Amish Market/North Central Railway Bus Trip on Thursday, October 22, 2020

If all goes well and we are allowed to travel, our next planned bus trip is an all day adventure on **Thursday, October 22**. We’ll travel up I-83 with a stop for lunch/shopping at the Amish Market located at Shrewsbury, PA. Then on to New Freedom, PA, to board the North Central Railway for a two hour train ride enjoying the fall foliage and fun ride. More details to come.

Old Salem Updates:

The hole in the belfry has now been repaired by Fick Brothers (the company that replaced the roof on the church several years ago). We had a furry friend living in there and I’m sure he/she was very upset that he/she was removed and sent out into the cold. But I’m glad we were finally able to get the belfry repaired; looks very nice!

Sharon Stanton

ELCA – A SANCTUARY DENOMINATION

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly passed a memorial for the ELCA to become a sanctuary denomination. The following article describes the purpose of ELCA memorials and what this particular memorial means and does not mean; the latter may be surprising to some. This article covers the material presented at an Adult Forum session in February 2020; the source for much of the information can be found at www.elca.org.

What is a Memorial?

Memorials and resolutions enable the ELCA to address broad policy issues or issues important to God's mission in the world. Memorials address broad policy issues; resolutions have a narrower focus, requesting consideration or action by individual offices or units, or the Church Council. (A resolution can be the preferred method when an issue requires a timely response.) Memorials and resolutions are usually approved by individual synods at their annual synod assembly and then submitted to consideration at a triannual ELCA churchwide assembly. Memorials and resolutions are one way the ELCA addresses broad policy issues or important issues for God's mission in the world.

Memorial CA19.03.11

- To receive with gratitude the memorial from the Metropolitan New York Synod concerning sanctuary;
- To reaffirm the long-term and growing commitment of this church to migrants and refugees and to the policy questions involved, as exemplified most recently in the comprehensive strategy "Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities" (AMMPARO);
- To recognize that the ELCA in congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization are already taking the actions requested by this memorial; and
- To request that appropriate staff on the AMMPARO team, LIRS, and the Domestic Mission, Global Mission, and Mission Advancement units review the existing strategies and practices by the five current sanctuary synods and develop a plan for additional tools that provide for education and discernment around sanctuary;
- To declare the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America a sanctuary church body; and
- To request the ELCA Church Council, in consultation with the appropriate churchwide units and offices, provide guidance for the three expressions of this church about what it means to be a sanctuary church body and provide a report to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

What Does the Memorial Mean?

In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.

Being a sanctuary denomination does **NOT** call for any person, congregation, or synod to engage in any illegal actions. It is acting within the law to help others. It does not mean opening the borders and letting everyone into the U.S.

The world has a broken system regarding immigration, refugees, and asylum-seekers. To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system.

Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors. While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith.

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SANCTUARY (CONT.)

Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts. It may mean providing space for people, providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system, or supporting other congregations and service providers. The ELCA cannot mandate or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.

While we don't yet know the full scope of the work that this declaration will open for the church, we do know that our faith communities are already doing sanctuary work. Sanctuary for a congregation may mean 1) hosting English as a second language (ESL) classes, 2) marching as people of faith against the detention of children and families, 3) providing housing for community members facing deportation, 4) having thoughtful conversations about what our faith says about immigration, or 5) supporting ministries that seek to resolve the issues facing people that cause them to consider migrating away from their home country. All of these are a step closer to sanctuary in our faith communities and sanctuary in our world for people who must leave their homes.

The ELCA is predominately an immigrant church. Exceptions to this include: members whose ancestors were here before European settlement and others who were forced to come to the U.S. against their will. Our decades' long work with immigrants and refugees is how we practice our faith in the world. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), one of the nine refugee resettlement agencies in the U.S.

The ELCA committed to walking alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities by passing the AMMPARO strategy at the 2016 churchwide assembly. Through the AMMPARO strategy, we are also working through our global partners in Central America to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate. We support organizations and faith communities that work with deported migrants in Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico. In the U.S., we have a network of 151 welcoming and sanctuary congregations that are committed to working on migration issues and a welcome for immigrant communities. The church also has six sanctuary synods that do work with immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers. The sanctuary synods include Metropolitan New York Synod, New England Synod, Oregon Synod, Sierra Pacific Synod, Southwest California Synod, and Rocky Mountain Synod (the latter is not one of the original five in the memorial).

In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity. We have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades. We have spoken out against family separation, sought a pathway to citizenship for community members who have lived in the U.S. for many years, and taken steps to address the root causes of migration in a way that honors the humanity in people who must flee.

Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work, having conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members, to discern future action and direction, and view the welcoming of people as a matter of faith and not a political issue.

What is Salem doing?

- Sponsoring refugee families
- Tutoring and helping the families learn English
- Providing transportation (e.g., rides, vehicles)
- Encouraging donations to LIRS
- What else are we doing?
- What else can we be doing?

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SANCTUARY (CONT.)

Next Steps for Salem, the Delaware-Maryland Synod, and the ELCA

Educate one another on the ELCA's efforts to be a Sanctuary Body, including AMMPARO

Look for ways locally to support sanctuary

Donate to organizations that support this

Educate one another on the violence and repression in other countries that cause people to want to migrate

Encourage our world and local leaders to support these efforts.

A RELATED MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ANDY TAYLOR

Bishop Andy Taylor, the bishop of the Pacifica Synod, has been an outspoken advocate of this memorial. The following are several statements by Bishop Taylor on the memorial and the work being done by the Pacifica Synod.

The memorial does NOT call for any congregation to do anything illegal. It does not call for congregations that do not wish to do so to house or shelter immigrants.

The memorial does call for our congregations to work for conditions that will enable immigrants to be safe, particularly as they legally apply for entry into the United States. We have seen the effects of family separations on news programs, and have read reports about unsanitary conditions in holding "camps" where immigrants who are legally applying for asylum are housed. Our church is asking us to remember that Jesus was an asylum seeker as a child, emigrating from Israel to Egypt with his parents who feared he would be killed by King Herod. We are asked to remember that, over and over again in the Old Testament, we are called to love the alien, and in the New Testament, Jesus calls us to love God by loving our neighbor. We are called to love immigrants by doing what we can to advocate for their safety and security.

The ELCA is also concerned about the safety of immigrants who are denied asylum. The ELCA and our ecumenical partners work in their countries of origin of the immigrants so that those who are deported can find safety and employment opportunities when they are returned. Those in Honduras who have utilized these services have a high rate (88-95%) of staying at home rather than seeking to return to the U.S.

Bishop Taylor urges us all to pray not only for immigrants, but also for Border Patrol Agents, Homeland Security workers, immigration attorneys, and immigration court judges. We are called to love all of our neighbors, and while our country is divided on many issues related to immigration, the just treatment of immigrants that secures their safety is often in the hands of those who work in the system, some of whom are ELCA members. We pray for them, that they may do what is just and provide safety to the most vulnerable in our immigration system.

ELECTRONIC GIVING UPDATE

In mid-February I gave a Temple Talk as part of a series of stewardship reflections about the different ways to make financial contributions to Salem. I talked about how the traditional method of bringing your envelopes to church and putting them in the offering plate as part of the service felt intentional and added to the act of worship. Who knew a month later we wouldn't be able to continue that practice?

While we can't worship together again yet, Salem has been blessed in the last two months with many people still faithfully and intentionally making their offerings, either by dropping them off in the church office, mailing them in, or contributing online. As you can imagine, the number of people giving electronically has greatly increased. At the beginning of the year, we had 42 member households giving electronically. We've gained an additional 33 since mid-March, bringing the total to 75!

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If you'd like to give it a try, please click on "Donate Now" near the top right of the Salem web page. You can contribute to the General Fund, RSVP, or any special appeal. If contributing to a special appeal, please be sure to designate which one (CEA, 2nd Coat, etc.) in the associated box. You may make a one-time payment or set up weekly or monthly recurring payments. The preferred and most common method for electronic giving is via a direct transfer from your bank account, because Salem pays less in fees, but there is also the option to use a credit card, if you prefer.

Next, the form will ask you if you want to save your profile. A profile is helpful because it will allow you to initiate new transactions, edit recurring transactions, and view a complete history of transactions initiated from your online profile. You can also create a new profile, or log in to an existing one, when you first reach the online donation page.

Once you've started giving electronically, the withdrawals will appear on your bank statement. Your Salem financial statement will be printed and distributed at the end of the 3rd quarter, and, of course, at the end of the year, but it can also be obtained any other time you'd like. Please give me a call at 410-379-8122 or email me at eamasse@gmail.com to request a statement or with any questions.

Beth Massey, Financial Secretary

AROUND THE PARISH

Accomplishments:

Congratulations to Daniel Salmon who has been promoted to Captain in the US Army and accepted into the prestigious Green Beret Training Program.

Kudos to Eric Loewner for receiving the Boy Scouts coveted Eagle Award. Eric's project was to provide business attire for the Helping Up Mission.

Congratulations to Jackson Reichardt, who won the Maryland History Day Special Prize in African American History for his documentary "From Franklin to T'Challa: How Race Barriers Were Broken Through Comics."

Church Council:

The Council approved a gift of \$5,000 to the Suburban Crossroads Counseling program. This pastoral counseling organization was founded by Catonsville Clergy nearly 50 years ago to help provide faith-based counseling to our community.

The Council approved an expenditure of \$4,500 from the Memorial Fund to purchase new and additional computer equipment.

Property Committee:

Activities since the annual congregational meeting (January 2020)

- The heating contractor completed the plumbing repairs in Bethany Hall. Investigating adding supplemental heating and air conditioning to make the room more comfortable and allow the room to be more usable.
- The lighting project spearheaded by Lowell Rau is completed. The mosaic mural is now visible even at night. Investigating replacing the door to the mural area with a glass door so the left end of the mural can be more easily viewed.
- Restroom repairs are completed. Investigating upgrading the vanities in the lower level restrooms.
- The elevator inspection took place in May. There were two items of concern that will be handled and the system re-inspected.

Continuing activities for 2020

- The committee is looking to schedule the sealing and repainting of the parking lot during the next three-day weekend bank holiday (Independence Day/Labor Day/Columbus Day). This needs to be coordinated with BB&T Bank or its successor.
- The fire suppression system received its inspection. The report indicates the five-year internal inspection of the system is due. We will have this inspection scheduled.
- Reformation Hall is due for cleaning, repainting and new carpeting. In addition, some woodwork needs repair/replacement on the right side of the stage.

Rusty Schaefer, Chair

SALEM SCHOLARSHIPS IN A TIME OF COVID-19

The Salem Scholarship program was established in 1992 with an initial endowment by longtime members and teachers Ethel and Carl Skidmore. Since then it has been sustained by contributions from church members and, most recently, as a recipient of a portion of proceedings from last fall's Bazaar and the Christmas Alternative Giving program. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

Five Salem students are the recipients of this year's Salem Scholarships as they complete their studies under the unusual circumstances occasioned by the coronavirus. The committee reviewed their applications, as usual, but conducted this year's personal interviews via Zoom. Receiving the scholarships are the following:

Jessica McDivitt graduates from Catonsville High School, with plans to enter Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, where she expects to major in Mathematics or Physics, STEM programs where she feels there should be more women. With an outstanding academic record in high school that earned her recognition as a Comet Scholar, she also served as Editor in Chief of the school's yearbook and excelled in track. Familiar to many at Salem for her continuing service as an usher, she has contributed to worship through the Youth Service and as a pianist for offertories.

Nick Grempler completes his studies at Catonsville High School, with plans to enter UMBC in the Sondheim Scholars program. At CHS Nick was active in the Model UN and successfully represented his school in "It's Academic" TV competition. At college he intends to major in Political Science or History in preparation for pursuit of a degree in international or constitutional law. Nick's outstanding Eagle Scout project made an important contribution to Old Salem, documenting and providing recognition for the unmarked graves of young children in the cemetery there.

Molly McNair completes her high school studies this spring at Mount de Sales Academy, where she has served as president of her class for the past two years and participated in athletics. With family ties in Alabama, she plans to enter the University of Alabama this fall and to continue her studies in Nursing, with the goal of becoming a certified RN pediatric anesthetist. At Salem, Molly participated in the Drama Camp and the Youth Group, especially enjoying the 9th grade Road Trip.

Charlie Morgan will graduate from Catonsville High School with plans to enter UMBC in the fall, where he will seek admission to the Mechanical Engineering program. With a fascination for how things work and helping others to master technical skills, he has served as captain of his school's robotics team and as a computer tech intern. A participant in Salem's Drama Camp and Youth Group, he also assisted with completion of the colorful mosaic visible from the windows of Bethany Hall and has provided percussion for Youth Group-led worship services.

Philip Isaiah graduated from UMBC in December with a major in Political Science and a minor in Anthropology and plans to enter the University of Maryland (College Park) to undertake a Master's program in Community Planning this fall. His career goal is to become an urban housing or transportation planner, interests spurred by internship experience in Baltimore with the city's Department of Planning. Philip is known to many at Salem for his recent term as President of the Church Council, which has included presiding at congregational meetings.

Salem Scholarship Committee:

Ed Orser, Chair
Milt Dorsch,
Susan Gdovin,
Jim Gundlach,
Janet Van Sant,
Bethann Snyder



SALEM SCHOLARSHIPS, 1992-2020

1992 Kelly Adolphi, Candace Maisel
1993 Erin Dorsch, Christina Teague, Micah Whetstone
1994 Ken Krabitz, Gina Giuliani, Danielle Rivera, Cindy Raesschert
1995 Brad Kohlenstein, Andy Dorsch, Sarah O'Connor, Karen McNamara
1996 Beth Dorsch
1997 Eric Gadsby
1998 Carrie Nethken, Steve Reich, Ann Stiebing, Tiana Sherman
1999 Doug McNamara, Josh Wilson, Lindsey Martindale
2000 Natalie Brooks, Tara Meyers
2001 Andrew Wilson, Michael Reich, Corey Fleischer, Rachel Moore, Beth Wise
2002 Adam Linsenbardt, Kati Kluckman-Alt, Katie Nethken, Matt Uhl
2003 Jessica Brooks, Michael Rivera, Katie O'Connor, Josh Wilson (seminary)
2004 Jennifer Yerkey, Chris Rotz, Luke Vasold
2005 Jeff Amoros
2006 Nate Linsenbardt, Lisa Krickbaum, Brian Capano, Mitch Amoros
2007 Amanda Yerkey, Andy O'Connor
2008 Holly Miller, Eric Amoros, Christy Hensler-Davis
2009 Scott Yerkey, Amy Asendorf, Megan Orth, Megan Capano, Max Dell
2010 Matthew Salmon, Heather Graham
2011 Natalie Van Sant (B=Burgemeister), Zoe Dell
2012 Katy Kreps (B), Brendan Graham, Daniel Salmon, Tyler Kerr, Danielle Preidt, Samantha Morgan
2013 [None]
2014 Jenna Kerr
2015 Katherine Kempton
2016 Ben Massey, Duncan McNair, Abby Timmel
2017 Lea Marshall, William Kreps
2018 David Paton, Victoria Shepherd
2019 Tyler Judd, Abby Sullivan, William Sullivan
2020 Jessica McDivitt, Nicholas Grempler, Molly McNair, Charlie Morgan, Philip Isaiah
1992-2020 TOTAL = 82

SALEM STITCHCRAFTERS GOING STRONG

The Salem Stitchcrafters have been busy at home. In addition to baking, scrapbooking, and reading, members of our community group have taken time to continue working on numerous outreach projects. Fortunately, we all have a few skeins of yarn in our personal stashes to keep us busy.

And then there are the 104 skeins we purchased with Thrivent Action Grant money the week before the shutdown. We had planned a springtime brown bag luncheon to make plans for upcoming projects; looks like, if we're lucky, we might be able to switch that to a masked summertime "wave-from-afar" outdoor celebration.

We miss seeing Robin and Louise, and we miss dropping in to the Wittenberg Room, for two hours or just a few minutes, every week. In the meantime, though, we continue to "meet" every Thursday, thanks to an email chain with nearly 30 recipients. Sometimes funny, sometimes poignant, our messages continue to offer us an opportunity to share joys and concerns, as well as family updates and words of encouragement.

New members are always welcome. Yarn crafts are a good way to pass the time, and summertime is a great time to learn or to revisit an old hobby. Although we can't help get you started in person, we can suggest patterns or answer questions. To sign up for our virtual meetings, please email Barbara Beem at barbarambeem@gmail.com.

Our latest accomplishments include:

84	Baby Hats	6	Lap Robes
27	Seafarers' Scarves	4	Baby Sweaters
27	Chemo Hats	3	Scarves for Marketplace
24	Seafarers' Hats	2	Small Afghans
7	Comfort Dolls	1	Prayer Shawl

LAZARUS CAUCUS & WESTSIDE MEN'S SHELTER UPDATES

Congratulations to Cor-Rae and Bruce Petri, who won the crab raffle benefiting Lazarus Caucus! This fundraiser, which faced unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulted in profit, albeit substantially less than is typical, due to the early March kickoff and the dedication of Salem members, many of whom pursued us for tickets during the stay-at-home order. Cor-Rae and Bruce, in fact, concluded their ticket purchase by mail.

The musical benefit at Fish Head Cantina (May 16) and the Craft Beer and Wine Series, hosted by The Breadery and BricknFire Pizza Company-Mobile (May 29), have both been canceled. The status of the gala, typically held in September, is unknown. Lazarus Caucus, along with countless other charities across the world, will be facing significant budget shortfalls that will not be easily overcome.

There are other challenges too. The resource center volunteers, mostly retired men, are no longer visiting the shelter to meet with residents. The Clothing Closet, which fulfills clothing requests, has not been operational since early March. Donations of food are mostly stalled.

The Westside Men's Shelter has relocated residents over 60 and residents with chronic health conditions to a satellite hotel. They have been advised by the Baltimore County Health Department to limit donations of food to pre-packaged, non-perishable (canned) food until the pandemic is over. Salem Social Ministry has been organizing donations of food by email. Kudos to the innovation and endurance of this Salem ministry.

We will be taking a less active role with Lazarus Caucus in the future. There is a season for every activity under the heavens. This season is nearing its end for us. We will continue to live our faith in the Salem and Catonsville communities ever mindful of the lesson of Maundy Thursday: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Leslie and Jim Kruger

VIRAL ADJUSTMENTS...A COMEDY

We have all had to make adjustments due to the virus. Some of us are a little more imaginative than others...

Like Tim Medicus, who writes:

We have all had to make adjustments to the Corona Virus. A friend of mine we'll call Athanasian is trying to drink more Corona Beer to get in the mood to react better to the virus restrictions. He is the same guy who buys Corona beer from the golf cart refreshment lady. She sells sodas, treats, and beers on the course in a cart on the course. The beer hasn't helped his golf game or his life.

I live at Charlestown Retirement Community, not Charlestown, West Virginia, near the racetrack where my multiple-problems friend Athanasian lives. He hasn't been any more successful with the gambling than the beer. There aren't enough 12 step programs for Athanasian - he needs a creed to live by.

At Charlestown it has been suggested people remain in their apartments until, well, whenever. We have been doing that, the good citizens we claim to be. Whenever we have a delivery, it is suggested we maintain a 6 foot distance and wear a mask. I have a nice Gorilla mask that gets some comments.

The 6-foot social distancing reminds me of when I was in high school and the girls that I tried to date seemed to have that policy.

The stay inside policy, while safe, can be quite boring. I have watched ALL 142 episodes of Law and Order.

I had a brainstorm (some might say nightmare) about practicing golf skills in the apartment. I asked my lovely wife Peggy and she said ok. Maybe seeing how things turned out, she might want to think next time before answering.

I have really admired Arnold Palmer and Tiger Woods and how they pound the ball. I did my best swing and with a big grunt, "BOOM" there it went. I yelled "fore" but it was more like 5 or 6 ricochets. I thought Peggy was screaming and delighted at the power of the shot but noticed her ducking and covering her head with her hands. We got over that but there were a few more tiny problems.

The hitting was wild. One shot took out 2 pictures of her family and the broken glass has made it difficult with showering, sleeping, and walking around bare-footed.

I miss my golf buddies because golf is a very social sport. I talked to the guys on canning the "locker room" talk and they cleaned it up. It was a little challenging to have a second gasoline golf cart so all of us could ride. Peggy had a tiny bit of trouble getting her refreshment cart around.

She says in the deposition that the smoke from the hot dog grill affected us. We both have a Little Asthma. He is such a cute little kitty. He loves to chase down the putts and reach out for the moving ball. His concussion isn't good and sending him on Uber to my son the Vet in Tennessee isn't cheap.

Our golf game was rained out when the smoke alarm went off from the grill. The place was soaked. I was fortunate however because when the fire marshal came, I wasn't recognized because of my heavy beard and long hair from not being able to visit the barber.

Things turned out pretty well - Peggy and Little Asthma are back from the hospital. The counseling is helping us (they can work miracles)

I got a nice structured settlement but I need help now. Who can I call?

PRAYERS

Jesus, come, fill my emptiness with your presence.
 Jesus, come, fill my loneliness with your love.
 Jesus, come, fill my troubles with your peace.
 Jesus, come, fill my sadness with your joy.
 Jesus, come: come,
 Bread of Life, refresh and restore me.

David Adam



May the little we can offer,
 that mustard seed of faith
 become, through you,
 a tree that can endure
 life's storms, stand firm,
 and in due course
 begin to blossom
 and bear fruit.

John Birch

OFFICIAL ACTS



AT THE ALTAR

Morrinah Suah Kwekeh and Taiwo Osagie Egharevba *May 23, 2020*

AT THE GRAVE

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

<i>Margaret Milleker</i>	<i>March 6, 2020</i>
<i>Karen S. Gorsche*</i>	<i>March 7, 2020</i>
<i>Helmut O. Guenschel*</i>	<i>March 9, 2020</i>
<i>Stewart V. Lerch, Sr.*</i>	<i>March 13, 2020</i>
<i>Nancy Mae Smith*</i>	<i>March 17, 2020</i>
<i>Nancy E. Taylor*</i>	<i>March 18, 2020</i>
<i>Margarite Freob*</i>	<i>April 9, 2020</i>
<i>Joseph B. Miller, Jr.*</i>	<i>April 18, 2020</i>
<i>Shirley Stiegler Lambert*</i>	<i>April 21, 2020</i>
<i>John William Rogers*</i>	<i>April 22, 2020</i>
<i>Thomas E. Pearre, Sr. *</i>	<i>April 24, 2020</i>
<i>Patricia Foster</i>	<i>April 29, 2020</i>
<i>Nancy Bloomer</i>	<i>May 5, 2020</i>

**not a Salem member*

Thank You
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 Gracias
 Grazie
 谢谢你
 Danke
 Thanks
 Merci beaucoup
 Danke
 Obrigado



February 26, 2020

Dear Salem Sunday School children

The "Happy Valentine's Day" card with the lovely verse from John 3:16 and all the signing of you all was so greatly appreciated.

Even the pink paper and hearts that were drawn were a sign of love from Salem!

Thank you all. God's love.

Betty Ruff

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for your kindness and compassion with the gifts you provided. The men are most grateful for supporting them in their recovery.

May God bless,
Barry

NOW IT'S UP TO US



ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SPRING 2020

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
Feb 29/March 1	23	102	123			
March 4				83	Wednesday Lenten Worship	
March 7/8	26	60	123			
March 11				66	Wednesday Lenten Worship	
	See video	Report	On facing	Page	—————→	

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR APRIL 2020

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$183,015.33
Beginning Balance	\$ 66,595.43
Expenses to Date	(\$176,075.56)
Receipts to Date	\$ 177,239.69
Ending Balance	\$ 67,759.56
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$ 77,226.69
Receipts to Date	\$ 12,187.87
Disbursements to Date	(\$ 8,016.76)
Balance in Fund	\$ 81,397.80

SMART PHONE QR CODE AVAILABLE FOR GIVING



Salem allows offerings via your smart phone. Image Salem's QR code and you will be taken to the mobile-friendly version of Salem's giving page where you can make your gift via your bank account or credit card.

WIFI AT SALEM

The Technology Committee has installed WiFi access throughout the church. This free internet access is available to members and guests. Users may access any of our five network connections:

- SalemBethanyHall
- SalemReformationHall
- SalemUpperRoom
- SalemYouthRoom
- SalemLibrary



The password for all connections is **SalemChurch**. If you have any questions about our network please contact Technology Committee Co-Chair, Steve Kopp at Salemtech@Salem-Catonsville.org

Date Video	Attendance
13-Mar Message	198
15-Mar The Peace	203
17-Mar PSA Prayer	145
22-Mar Service	259
29-Mar Service	256
30-Mar Micah Bible Study	40
4-Apr Palm Sunday Welcome	215
5-Apr Noon Prayer	71
5-Apr Palm Sunday	514
9-Apr Maundy Thursday	114
10-Apr Good Friday	182
12-Apr Easter	301
12-Apr Easter Music	65
19-Apr Service	267
26-Apr Service	241
27-Apr Corinth Bible Study	53
3-May Service	243
10-May Service	221
10-May Jesus Loves Me	101
17-May Service	178
17-May Gift of Love	87
17-May Postulde	61
24-May Service	219
24-May It is Well	55
24-May My Country	112

Dear Salem Church,
 Thank you for all
 the wonderful church
 services. I enjoyed
 each one every time.
 I have moved to
 Cedar Bluff VA. to
 better myself, please
 Pray for me?
 Your Friend
 Sean Kolb.

Sherry Krabitz thanks everyone for the flowers
 and good wishes!

"Thank you so much for the kind expressions of
 sympathy received upon my father's passing. It
 brought so much comfort to hear from my Salem
 church family. Hope to see everyone in person
 soon!"

Thank you, Karen. Hope you are doing well
 during these crazy times.

Linda Ziegler

THANK
 YOU

April 26, 2020

Dear Salem friends,
 We have so much to be grateful
 for in these challenging times - and
 having support from friends like you
 is one of those blessings. Thank you
 so very much for your generous gift -
 it enables us to keep bringing the
 Good News of God's love inside the
 prisons to people who are so very
 hungry to hear it.
 Salem has blessed us in so many ways!
 Special thanks for dealing with all our mail
 as we now do ministry via post office. ^{Peace} Prisoner/Prison

From Pastor Susan from St. Dysmas



NOW IT'S UP TO US

April 6, 2020



Dear Rev. Asendorf:

I want to thank you for your recent very generous gift of \$1,925.00. It arrived at a most critical time, as we respond to the Coronavirus pandemic with extra unbudgeted purchases of pallets of food, water, cleaning materials and other items needed to endure through the crisis.

We must do all we can to protect and serve the 540 men and women in our care, who are some of the most vulnerable in the crisis due to pre-existing health conditions and long-term drug or alcohol use and living in dorm-like rooms.

We cannot stop or lessen our programs or services for them, either. Your compassion and support make it possible for our programs and services to help them break the destructive grip of homelessness, poverty or addiction, saving their lives today and for the future.

By God's grace, and your gift, men and women, many who have spent decades in despair, trapped by addictions and bad decisions . . . gain a second chance at life.

May GOD Bless you and protect you,

Robert K. Gehman
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. Even as the coronavirus crisis progresses, the destructive impact of addiction and homelessness remain. We need your continuing prayers and gifts to continue – please stay with us. We will be grateful for any additional gift you are able to send in the enclosed envelope. Thank you again!

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To all our friends at Salem,
Thank you so much for all
the ways you support the
Community of St. Dismas. Your
generosity enables us to
continue to bring the Good News
of God's love where our siblings
in Christ are so hungry to hear
it - "inside the walls."

May God keep you safe, healthy
and at peace
Pastor Susan

Baltimore Lutheran Campus Ministry

servicing Towson, Morgan State, and UMBC

Dear people of Salem,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,200 to Baltimore Lutheran Campus Ministry and I apologize for the lateness of this thank you.

This last month has had its share of grief as we had to cancel our service trip and our Trivia Night fundraiser and have had to give up the hope of sending out seniors off in person. It's been hard. And yet, ministry has continued in absolutely beautiful ways.

One of the great joys that has happened as a result of this is that our Towson and UMBC students are getting to know each other. At our Tuesday Bible study on Zoom, students from both campuses join in the conversation together. At our Monday and Friday Zoom coffee hours, students from both campuses show up to connect with whoever else is on the call and be community with each other. This is work that you help to make happen! Thank you for being partners with us in the work of the gospel and prayers for you in these strange days.

In Christ,

Pastor Laura Sinche



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in January 2020.

"Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy; baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy" (ELW 328).

In Christ,

Robin Brown

The Rev. Robin Brown
Mission Funding Director, Congregations

*Dear People of Salem,
Through you God is
calling forth new hope,
new abundance,
an end to hunger.
Thank you!*



**SUBURBAN
CROSSROADS
COUNSELING**

Dear Salem Lutheran Church:

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your generous contribution to our current needs. On behalf of the Board, we want to thank you for your \$5,000 gift. While your support was, of course, an enormous gift to us that buoyed our ability to look down the road upon receipt; your support means even more to us now during the current conditions. Blessings,

Richard Powell
Richard Powell
Board Chair

Brian Edwards
Brian Edwards
Director

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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

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