



THE MONARCH



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – April 9, 2017

8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. -- Worship Service with Holy Communion
Distribution of Palms

Maundy Thursday – April 13, 2017

12 noon -- Luncheon in Bethany Hall

2 p.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion

7:30 p.m. -- Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday – April 14, 2017

7:30 p.m. – Worship Service of Darkness

Holy Saturday -- April 15, 2017

8:45 p.m. – Easter Vigil followed by candlelight breakfast
(no 5 p.m. Worship Service)

The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 16, 2017

8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. -- Festival Services with Holy Communion
Breakfast sponsored by the Youth between services. Tickets are available between services April 2nd and 9th
No Sunday school or Adult Forum.



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MAUNDY THURSDAY LUNCHEON

The Maundy Thursday Luncheon will be held April 13, 2017 at noon, in Bethany Hall. The luncheon precedes the two o'clock service. There is no cost for attendees. Therefore, if planning to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. An accurate count is needed to ensure that enough food is prepared.

Also, volunteers are needed to set up and/or clean up. Please contact Roberta McNamara at [410-654-4466](tel:410-654-4466). Thank you.

MOSAIC DEDICATION

The mosaic mural dedication on Saturday, April 15th at 12 noon will be held in Bethany Hall, accompanied by a pot-luck luncheon (see sign-up sheet in the narthex). **Tricia Morgan**, who designed and led the project from start to finish, will speak on the process of making and completing the mural. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this extraordinary mosaic possible. It took almost 4 years and many hours of dedicated work and inspiration. Join us in celebrating its completion and honoring those who made this vision a reality.

JEANS GO GREEN

During 2017 the Guardians of Eden will have an ongoing project: 'bluejeansgogreen'. GOE will sponsor collection drives for used, worn and washed denim periodically throughout 2017. The first collection runs through the month of March.

A collection chest labeled 'bluejeansgogreen' is now in the Narthex. Any worn and washed denim items—shirts, jackets, jeans, skirts, etc. can be placed there. Even decorated denim items can be donated!! Items will be taken by volunteers to local Madewell stores participating in this campaign. Madewell then ships the collected denim.

These denim items are upcycled into cotton based housing insulation installed by groups such as Habitat for Humanity. Our hope is that Salem's denim ends up used in local Habitat For Humanity projects.

LET'S REVIVE HELPING HANDS

For many years Salem had an organization called Helping Hands that provided assistance to Salem members. It mostly centered on providing transportation or running errands like picking up prescriptions or groceries. The Kroft family and later Ida Smith were the coordinators of Helping Hands.

It would be a blessing for the congregation to have an organization like Helping Hands so that Salem members would know who to ask for assistance. Right now requests are coming in to the pastors who have no where to turn but to try on an ad hoc basis to find help. Would you be willing to lead and help reimagine such a ministry? If so then please talk to Pastor Dave.

PERU FLOODING AND MUDSLIDES



At the end of January, a local El Niño weather pattern formed in Peru due to an abrupt increase in the surface temperature of the ocean and is expected to continue until at least April. Torrential rains have generated floods and mudslides in 24 out of the 25 regions in the country. States of Emergency have been declared in 12 regions due to the flooding risk, while seven regions have declared a State of Emergency due to sanitation risks. There has been significant damage to infrastructure and homes. The drainage system in Chiclayo and Piura have collapsed due to the

intensity of the rain. Sanitation is also a huge concern as are vector-borne illnesses, especially Zika. Access to potable water, even in Lima, has become scarce. According to the latest National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI) report, 11,519 houses have collapsed and 12,440 houses are uninhabitable.

Lutheran World Relief, in coordination with the ACT Alliance and CEDEPAS Norte, is helping those affected by the flooding and landslides by providing humanitarian assistance in three districts and seven communities in the province of Trujillo, in the region of La Libertad, and in the north of Peru (Quirihuac, Plazapampa, Santa Victoria and San Pachuzco in Laredo, Guayabito and Dos de Mayo in Poroto and Simbal in the district of the same name). LWR is procuring and distributing tents, inflatable mattresses and mosquito nets, as well as conducting trainings on sanitation and hygiene and offering food assistance. We will reach more than 1,400 families identified as the most affected, giving priority to households headed by women, households with large families, and people with disabilities.

BY THE NUMBERS

643,216 people affected

101,104 people injured

78 people dead

141,149 houses affected

Source: Instituto Nacional de Defensa Civil – Rainy Season Executive Summary (March 20, 2017)

If you would like to contribute, use the green pew envelopes and mark them LWR-Peru.

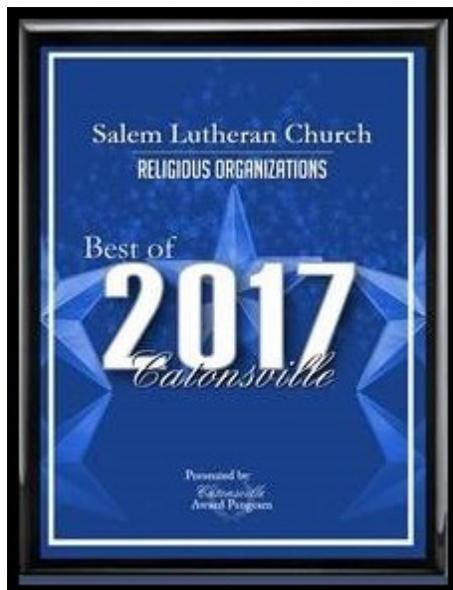
CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- For 2018 the Bulletin contribution recipient will be changed from CEA to Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service (LIRS).
- Approved the encouragement of Salem disciples to support CEA moving into the former Catonsville Elementary School on Frederick Road.
- Discussed the next steps regarding our student intern. Vicar Jay Eckman will report sometime in June. We will need to form an Intern Committee that will meet monthly and serve to guide and support his year of learning and work here at Salem.

MOTHER, DAUGHTER, AND FRIENDS LUNCHEON

The Christian Fellowship Committee invites you to join them on Saturday, April 29th at 11:30 a.m. in Bethany Hall for their Annual Mother, Daughter & Friends' Luncheon. We will enjoy a pot-luck luncheon and then hear the stories behind, as well as sing a few verses of "*Hymns Our Mothers Sang*". Leading the program will be Val Ponsini with Louise Rau accompanying us with the music. A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex for you to indicate the dish you will be bringing. Also indicate the number of guests attending with you including yourself. Beverages and dessert will be provided. We look forward to sharing this special time of fellowship and music. Please plan to join us for this wonderful afternoon. If you would like more information or have any questions about the event, please contact either Pam Wilsey at 410-719-1542 or Darla Sando at 410-744-0241.

Photos below show last year's Mothers, Daughters and Friends' Luncheon, featuring Mary Ann Jung as Amelia Earhart.



Congratulations to Salem Lutheran Church Catonsville, which has been selected for the 2017 Best of Catonsville Award in the Religious Organizations category by the Catonsville Award Program!

MONTH OF UNDIES / UNDIES SUNDAYS

Salem donated, collected, and delivered the following clothing donations to the Lazarus Caucus:

109 pairs of new underwear

115 pairs of new socks

25 new undershirts

2 new thermal tops

2 new thermal bottoms

3 coats

1 outerwear vest

1 shopping bag used clothes

1 pair used sneakers

Thanks for your generous support!

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT ALWAYS NEEDED

The Salem Parish Nurses appreciate your donation of durable medical equipment like canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs and other assistance devices for the disabled. Just drop off your donation to the Parish Nurse's Office on Sunday morning. Or you can bring donations during the week from 9 am to 3 pm., Monday through Friday. Your donations help Salem folks avoid the expense of buying this equipment during times of illness.

INTERESTED IN DOING A SHOWCASE?

Committee chairs wishing to share information about their respective group's activities and/or plans for the upcoming year OR any individual interested in sharing their private collections should complete a request form contained on the kiosk and place it in the Historic Old Salem mailbox across from the Nurses' Office. Showcases normally run about three weeks in duration and have been enjoyed by all the congregation and our weekly visitors. Please consider doing a showcase. Questions? Please contact Sharon Stanton {home 410-744-8724}.

INTRODUCTION TO ADULT FORUM'S STUDY OF LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

Under the leadership of Pastor Asendorf, Sunday mornings find members of the congregation in the Katie Luther Room during Sunday school time studying Luther's Small Catechism. The Small Catechism invites us to engage in studying the Bible, to discover ways of how we should share and build our relationships with God and our community, to find meaning in our daily lives and to make a witness to Christ in God's world.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

As part of our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Pastor Dave has been reviewing Martin Luther's Small Catechism in Adult Forum. For the next several issues of The Monarch, we will reprint Luther's explanations of The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and The Sacrament of the Altar (Communion).

I. The Ten Commandments

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

The First Commandment.

Thou shalt have no other gods.

What does this mean?--Answer.

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.

What does this mean?--Answer.

We should fear and love God that we may not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment.

Thou shalt sanctify the holy-day.

What does this mean?--Answer.

We should fear and love God that we may not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment.

Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother [that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long upon the earth].

What does this mean?--Answer.

We should fear and love God that we may not despise nor anger our parents and masters, but give them honor, serve, obey, and hold them in love and esteem.

The Fifth Commandment.

Thou shalt not murder.

What does this mean?--Answer.

We should fear and love God that we may not hurt nor harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need [in every need and danger of life and body].

The Sixth Commandment.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

What does this mean?--Answer.

We should fear and love God that we may lead a chaste and decent life in words and deeds, and each love and honor his spouse.

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The Seventh Commandment.

Thou shalt not steal.

What does this mean?--Answer.

We should fear and love God that we may not take our neighbor's money or property, nor get them by false ware or dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business [that his means are preserved and his condition is improved].

The Eighth Commandment.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

What does this mean?--Answer.

We should fear and love God that we may not deceitfully belie, betray, slander, or defame our neighbor, but defend him, [think and] speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

The Ninth Commandment.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

What does this mean?--Answer.

We should fear and love God that we may not craftily seek to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, and obtain it by a show of [justice and] right, etc., but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is his.

What does this mean?--Answer.

We should fear and love God that we may not estrange, force, or entice away our neighbor's wife, servants, or cattle, but urge them to stay and [diligently] do their duty.

What Does God Say of All These Commandments?

Answer.

He says thus (Exod. 20:5f): I the Lord, thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

What does this mean?--Answer.

God threatens to punish all that transgress these commandments. Therefore we should dread His wrath and not act contrary to these commandments. But He promises grace and every blessing to all that keep these commandments. Therefore we should also love and trust in Him, and gladly do [zealously and diligently order our whole life] according to His commandments.



COMING SOON FROM THE ARTS COMMITTEE

The Arts Committee is delighted to share "**Senior Spring**" with the Salem Family and friends in the community. Senior citizen artists from Charlestown's Fireside Art Committee and Baltimore City will share their oil paintings, watercolors and photos April 2- June 4 in the Agape Gallery.



"Spring Light" by Laddie Waters

THE AGAPE GALLERY PRESENTS:
SENIOR SPRING

APRIL 2-JUNE 4, 2017

RECEPTION: SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 12 NOON

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
905 FREDERICK ROAD (2ND FL.)
CATONSVILLE, MD 21228

THE GALLERY IS OPEN SUNDAYS 8AM-12:30PM,
SATURDAYS 4:30PM - 6:00PM AND BY
APPOINTMENT: CHARSART@GMAIL.COM



"Casey" by Maxine Guentler



"On the Lookout" by Fran Chasse



"Flamenco Dancer"
by Donald E. Lee

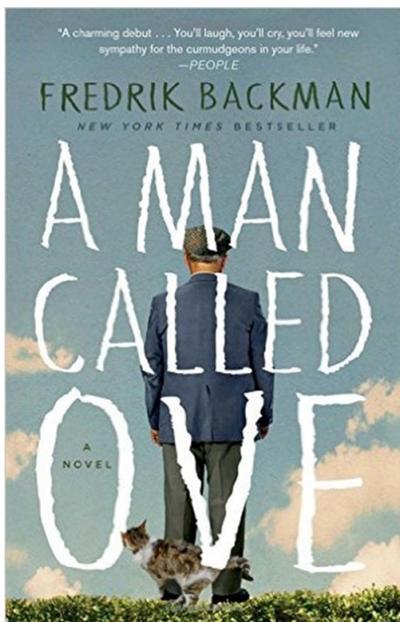


"Capital Reflections" by Nathaniel K. Gibbs

Fourth of July!

Volunteers are needed to create props for our 4th of July entry to the Catonsville Parade. We will be making two giant puppets (8 ft. tall), representing Martin and Katie Luther, as well as some "walking doors" of Paper Mache and fabric. Twelve (12) doves made from Styrofoam and paper will also be made to help tell the story of the Reformation. A schedule of work days will be posted soon in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed to walk in the parade and be trained in how to manipulate the puppets and "fly" the doves.

BOOK GROUP – APRIL



Salem's Book Group met on March 13th to discuss *The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World* by Andrea Wulf.

On April 10th, the group will discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?

Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

A feel-good story in the spirit of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. “If there was an award for ‘Most Charming Book of the Year,’ this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down” (*Booklist*, starred review).

The Book Group will close it's 2016-17 season with *The Shack* by Wm. Paul Young on May 8th and *American On Purpose* by Craig Ferguson on June 12th.

REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION

A tour of the United Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg is our next event in our Reformation 500 celebration year. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017. The Seminary, founded in 1826, is the ELCA's oldest and most historic seminary. Its heritage includes service as a hospital after the Civil War battle in July 1863.

We should plan to be at Gettysburg by mid morning so we will need to leave Catonsville at about 8:30 AM. In order to plan possible transportation options, we need to know how many people are interested in participating. If there is enough interest, we might try to arrange bus service but will also explore car pools. Watch for a signup sheet in the Narthex in April to indicate your interest and whether or not you would be able to drive.

SOCIAL MINISTRY POTLUCK



Robin Stockwell from Gilchrist Hospice gave a presentation about Gilchrist's partnership with Ngoranga Lutheran Hospital Hospice on March 26, 2017 at the annual Social Ministry Potluck. We learned about the many challenges in the Tanzania countryside, and the journey of faith in trying to care for the 900+ patients in the area with 5 paid staff members and 40 volunteers. The partnership between Gilchrist and Evangelical Lutheran Church Tanzania is committed to providing both operational

funding as well as special projects like the recent purchase of an ambulance for use in transporting patients to the hospital for care. Robin shared stories of hope and allowing Tanzanians to live and die with dignity.

We raised \$2,581 at the Potluck and there was a \$50 contribution on Sunday morning for a total of \$2,631. If you are interested in donating you may write checks out to Salem and indicate they are intended for Tanzania Hospice.



GOSPEL PROCESSION TEAM

Zoe Dell is organizing confirmands and high school youth to serve on a Gospel Procession Team for festival worship services. The team consists of a Crucifer, two torch bearers and a Bible bearer. If interested, please contact Zoe at zdell325@gmail.com



OUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.....SALEM'S BENEVOLENCES

Your generosity makes a positive difference in the life of those in need, and in support of the wider Church. Each year Salem gives 13% of its income to the Delaware-Maryland Synod. Our Synod in turn shares 50% of its contributions with the Evangelical Church in America. This money is used not only to help pay for the infrastructure of the wider church but fuels various ministries, missionaries and outreach endeavors. In addition Salem supports the following eleven charities every year with a designated offering of between \$600 and \$1,500:

Gettysburg Seminary
 Augsburg Lutheran Home
 CEA – Catonsville Emergency Assistance
 Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Conference Center
 Baltimore Lutheran Campus Ministry
 Lighthouse (a Catonsville non-profit counseling center)
 Meals on Wheels
 Lutheran Volunteer Corps
 Lazarus Caucus (a coalition of Christians working to support the men's homeless shelter in Catonsville)
 St Dismus Prison Ministry
 College Park – Lutheran Campus Ministry

And then there is the ad hoc fund raising we do like the Social Ministry fundraiser on March 26 that provided much needed monies for the hospice connected with the Lutheran hospital in Arusha, Tanzania. Our annual Marketplace and Thanksgiving-Christmas Appeal provide significant funds for non-profits including Lutheran World Relief and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

We also help those in need within our own congregation through financial gifts to the Second Coat Fund which was started in 2006. This fund helps our own sisters and brothers who face financial stress usually because of unemployment or health issues.

So for a typical year the Salem Congregation gives away approximately 20-24% of all the money that we receive. For most congregations that is an eye-popping figure.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous giving to others. Without being immodest, it's important to know that your generosity is known throughout the Synod and in our Catonsville community. The Salem congregation is recognized for its generous spirit. Your generous giving changes lives for the better. How fitting that we close this brief article with an excerpt from the Apostle Paul's letter to the congregation at Corinth:

"We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking." 2 Corinthians 8: 1-7



For the second year in a row Maryland Music Icon Rob Fahey, with his band The Pieces, is performing live to benefit Lazarus Caucus – providing a “hand up not a hand out” to the homeless of Baltimore County.

WHEN: Sunday, May 21, 2-6 p.m.

WHERE : Fish Head Cantina, 4802 Benson Avenue, Halethorpe, MD 21227

TICKETS

\$10 per person; cash and checks accepted; checks made payable to Lazarus Caucus.

Early worshipers can purchase tickets from **Jim and Leslie Kruger**.

Late worshipers can purchase tickets from **Pat Krenzke and Mike Hall**.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

This event is generously sponsored by Candle Light Funeral Home and Fish Head Cantina. Raffle items and door prizes provided by Heavy Seas Brewery and The Home Depot.

PASTOR ASENDORF FINISHES HIS WORK AS VICE-PASTOR AT ST. ANDREW

Since last August Pastor Asendorf has served as the Vice-Pastor at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Parkville. A bridge interim pastor, Rev. Dr. James Cobb, has been appointed by Bishop Gohl. Pastor Cobb begins his ministry immediately and will help prepare St. Andrew to call their next pastor.

SALEM SUPPER CLUB MUSIC AND DANCE: THEN AND NOW

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

6:30 PM

109 Hilton Avenue

Catonsville, MD

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

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



SALEM SCHOLARSHIP TIME

Salem's high school seniors--and their families--have many concerns about college plans at the beginning of the new year, not the least of which is the cost of higher education. Do keep in mind the ministry of Salem's Scholarship program, which for over 20 years has assisted Salem members as they undertake the next step in their academic preparation.

Stipends of up to \$750 per year for a total of four years cover only a modest part of the total higher education bill, but they can make an important difference. This past year, four students completed their college programs with the support of Salem Scholarships, and five will continue their studies with renewed scholarships.

Salem scholarships recognize accomplishments in any of the following categories: academic achievement; Christian character, service, and citizenship; educational and career goals; and financial need.

They also take into account the differing ways in which students have applied their talents and interests, and recognize the variety of post-high school educational experiences that may be the best fit for students.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the deadline for applications is April 15. Salem's high school seniors have received a personal letter inviting them to consider applying for the program. For more information, a printed brochure and application form are available from the church office.



REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Our group of about thirty has continued the work of preparing to sponsor a refugee family. Though the present fate of our country's long commitment to welcome refugees remains unclear, we are eager still for the chance to address the needs of this, the world's most vulnerable population, in any way we are able. "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

We hope you will consider joining us in this work, that the labor and reward not be ours alone. You can pray for our efforts. You surely want to pray for the record number of refugees and displaced persons worldwide! (Refugees are those who've escaped their country; displaced persons are those homeless within their country.) You can contribute funds; mark your contributions "Refugee Funds".



You can be thinking what you might contribute when we furnish an apartment—all those myriad things besides furniture which can make a couple rooms a home. You can also be giving thought to possible and appropriate apartments.

Below are the names of contact people for those needs:

Furnishings and Housing: Carl Kreps thekreps@verizon.net or

David Merriman vtwheels@yahoo.com

Lindsay Fitch, Dave Merriman, Mary Kay Willing and Ed Whetstone attended a Town Meeting given by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in February. We were encouraged to continue our preparations as LIRS continues its resettling persons from Afghanistan who hold a Special Immigrant Visa, and who have not yet been affected by the bans.

We have been gathering furniture, scouting apartments, receiving offerings, and now undergoing background checks (for those responsibilities require it).

We are praying for the family we hope to help make this life changing rescue. And we are praying for our faithfulness to this task, and for your support.

The 46th Psalm, the inspiration for Luther's greatest hymn, begins "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." We pray for the opportunity, as a channel of God's grace, to help provide a refuge for those desperately seeking safety, and a home.

Peace,
Pastor Whetstone

500TH JUBELFEST OF THE REFORMATION – THE WARTBURG CASTLE

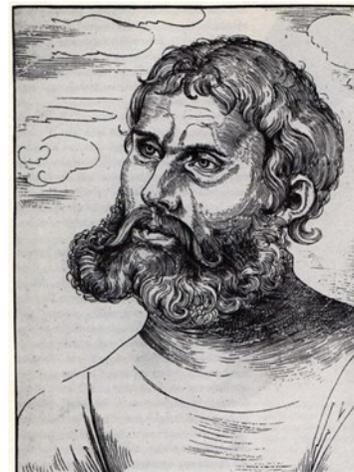


Perhaps the most iconic image of the Reformation is the Wartburg Castle, built in 1067 on a precipice high above the town of Eisenach in Thuringia. Surely, that is in no small part because the imposing castle serves so well to represent the Reformation's iconic hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".

But it would be just as fitting because during Luther's year at Wartburg occurred one of Luther's most significant accomplishments: in eleven weeks' time, he translated the New Testament from Hebrew into German. It was a tremendous achievement, and also a great gift to God's people.

You recall that last we left Luther heading home in May, 1521 from the Diet of Worms where he had been denounced a heretic and outlaw, with few trusting the safe passage home he had been promised. On the road he was kidnapped, a ruse of Prince Frederick who then hid him away in the Wartburg Castle.

There he adopted the guise of Junker Jörg, or Knight George, shunning his monastic appearance and growing a beard and hair and wearing common garb. But he did not abandon his passion to the cause of the Reformation. He poured his days, heart, genius and faith into the immense task of translating the New Testament so it could be read by common folk. The result, in an amazing eleven weeks' time, was a translation from the Hebrew which employed a scholarship yet admired today.



By his translation, he is also credited with being the primary force in establishing a common language among the many dialects of the German language. It serves as one of the earliest instances of the power of a mass medium upon a population. His order of the books of scripture, hitherto varying widely, became normative and remains so today in all languages. His translation prompted and influenced translations into other language and strongly influenced Tyndale's translation into English and the King James Bible soon after.

This is remembered as the September Bible, published after his return to Wittenberg the next year and adorned with woodcuts by Lucas Cranach. Afterward began work on the Old Testament which was published in 1524.

That greatest of Luther's hymns drew from the 46th Psalm which begins, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Such was his experience at the Wartburg.

Pastor Whetstone

NEW DISCIPLES CLASS

On Saturday, April 8, from 9 am to 12 noon we will have a New Disciple's Class to be held in the Wittenberg Room on the first floor. The class will explore some basic Christian theology and include a tour of the church building. If you have not let Pastor Dave or Pastor Ann know that you are coming please check in. Our new disciples will be received into membership on Sunday, April 23 at the 11am worship service.

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRIP

Put aside **May 6th** for a trip on the Chesapeake Bay for **4th and 5th Grade Sunday School students**. Leaving from the Inner Harbor, we will take a four hour trip into the bay to learn more about improving the waters, as well as the animals and fish that live in the Bay. We will also dredge for oysters!



NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

At worship do you ever wish you could remember the name of that person who usually sits two pews in front of you? If you do, you're like most of us. One helpful way to address that need is for our congregation to make a new photo directory.

It's been 5 years since Salem's last photo directory and we've welcomed lots of new members since then, so it's time to refresh and update!

All members are encouraged to have their pictures taken for the directory. We've contracted with Color Craft Studios for photo sessions starting June 7 through June 14. There is no cost. From the photos taken, you will choose one to be included in the directory. You will also have an opportunity to purchase photos for your own use, but there is no obligation.

Shortly after Easter, we'll have a table set up in the narthex for you to reserve your photography date and time. Sign-up will be available for several weeks so there will be ample opportunity to make a reservation. A free directory will be provided to everyone photographed in the directory.

Help us to make this a very useful, successful project!



Drop in Friday, April 21st from 7-10 pm.

The Youth Group will be serving Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 15th. Tickets will be available between services March 26, April 2 and April 9.

All eighth graders interested in becoming an LYO for next year come speak with Miss Anita during Sunday School class.



FULL DISCLOSURE: WHEN WE PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER WE ARE RISKING A LOT

When I pray OUR, I am contradicting my own words if I fail to understand God as the lover of this whole world and all its people.

When I pray FATHER IN HEAVEN, I am thwarting my prayer if I am not placing my confidence in God's loving care for me and trusting that he is guiding me and all to be his faithful children.

When I pray HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME, I am praying such grace that all I think, say and do will reflect the sacred goodness of God and not the easy and self-serving ways of the world.

When I pray YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN, I had better know that I am submitting myself to God's rule over my life and promising to strive for God's justice, kindness and goodness in the world around me.

When I pray GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD, I would be ignoring my own prayer were I not to realize that the abundance God has given is meant for all, and not for me and mine alone.

When I pray FORGIVE US OUR SINS, I am promising no less than to do the needful work of repentance and seeking God's grace to achieve a greater faithfulness..

When I pray AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US, I am vowing to let go my grudges and anger for those who have hurt or wronged me, and offering them the same generous pardon that I have sought for myself.

When I pray SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL, I am admitting my weakness and promising God that I will really strive to let my Lord lead me from all that would compromise my obedience.

When I pray DELIVER US FROM EVIL, I would be offering an empty prayer if I were not seeking God's strength to struggle against the evil within and around me, even as I pray that at the last God would gather me and all into the Kingdom.

When I pray FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS, NOW AND FOREVER, I am rejoicing that Love's triumph does not depend upon me or any of us, but rests in the supreme and loving will of God.

And when I pray AMEN, it's all Yes, Yes, Yes. This is how it will be!

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

First Communion Instruction has already had its first class. The next two classes will be held on Saturday, April 1st and 8th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Students and one family member will explore God's powerful presence in this Sacrament. Please see Ms. Liz for more information: lizrickel@salem-catonsville.org 410-747-0720. Reception of First Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m. during our Worship.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! OUR LENTEN LWR

PERSONAL CARE KITS PROJECT has been a major success! We appreciate all the donations made by the Salem family. We soon will tally up our gleanings and see what we have. We will still take monetary donations to help, "fill in the holes". Make your check payable to Salem Lutheran Church and mark it *LWR Personal Care Kits*. The committee invites the whole congregation, at a near future date, to help process and pack the kits. More information will follow.

SUNDAY MORNINGS you will find us singing our way to Sunday school at 9:35 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. Students from age 3 through grade 6 are invited to join us for an awesome time.

2nd NOISY CHANGE OFFERING

(In support of the ELCA World Hunger program)

May 7th, May 14nd, and May 21th

All of Salem's coins will be donated on
June 1-3, 2017 Delaware Maryland Synod Assembly.

50% for the ELCA World Hunger Program/50% for 5
separate Food Pantries / Hunger Ministries in the Synod
territory

*"Come and inherit the Kingdom of God,
for I was hungry and you gave me food."*

MATTHEW 25:34-35.



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

The Board of Directors of Old Salem thank all of you who donated white elephant items, baked delicious treats, and attended our annual event on Saturday, March 11th. Your support of our successful event truly helps us to restore Old Salem after the break-in in August and now again just a few weeks ago {fortunately at that time no interior damage was done, but the outside sacristy door and frame will need extensive repair work}. We continue to maintain the surrounding cemetery, which will soon require pruning of several of the large shrubs around the tombstones. Plan to join us as we host the "Heart of Maryland" chorus at our Annual Founders' Day Open House on Sunday, June 4th at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Also looking forward to our upcoming April 19th bus trip to Monticello {Thomas Jefferson's home} with a colonial lunch at Michie Tavern, near Charlottesville, Virginia. Next bus trip to place on your calendar is Thursday, July 27th to Hurlock, Maryland for a crab feast cruise on the Choptank River Paddlewheel boat, "Dorothy Megan". Contact Sharon Stanton 410-744-8724 to reserve your spot; cost \$90 pp.



SALEM PLAYERS ANNOUNCES THE CAST OF PETER PAN

Salem Players held auditions for their upcoming musical Peter Pan on February 12th and 13th. We are looking forward to a great show! Performances will run three weekends May 5th – 21st, Friday and Saturday evenings and two Sunday matinees.

No performance on Mothers Day.

Wendy Darling.....Emily Lambert

John Darling.....Peter Knepper/
understudy Zach Pollignone

Michael Darling.....Finn Smith/
understudy Lizzy Schwenk

Mrs. Darling.....Mary Margaret McClurg

Nana and Slightly.....Gavrielle Cohen

Liza.....Caroline Stavrou

Mr. Darling/Pirate.....Micheal Fitch

Peter Pan.....Ashley Gerhardt

Tinkerbell effects.....Sara Toscano

Kangaroo.....Caleb Stavrou

Lion.....Abigail Nelson

Ostrich.....Reeve Nyland

Tiger Lilly.....Hallie Shepard/
understudy Sara Baunoch

Curley.....Adedle Smith

Nibs.....Elinor Bower

Twin 1.....Max Madrid

Twin 2.....Matthew Fitch

Lost Boy.....Zoe Walchak

Tootles.....Georgia Kelley

Capt. Hook.....John Dignam

Mr. Smee.....Damien Gibbons

Indians..... Clara Brocious,

Madelyn Nelson, Morgan Winkfield

Molly Browning, Tatum Hager

Maggie Franks

Pirates.....Isaiah Davis, Lizzy

Fitch, Zach Zappardino, Kathleen

Prince

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 March Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 2pm Salem Players Rehearsal 5pm Social Ministry Potluck 7pm Salem Brass	27 1pm 4 th Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7pm 4 th Monday Bible Study	28 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	29 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6:30 Soup Supper 7:30 Worship 8:30 Salem Players Rehearsal	30 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	31	1 FAIR TRADE 9am Art Mosaic Work Day 9am First Communion Instruction 5pm Worship
2 FAIR TRADE Spring Art Show Opens Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 12n Chesapeake Trip Party 2pm Salem Players Rehearsal	3 NO Yoga 6:30pm Guardians/Eden 7pm Prayer Shawl	4 NO Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	5 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6:30PM Soup Supper 7:30pm Lenten Worship 8:30pm Salem Players	6 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	7	8 9am Art Mosaic Work Day 9am First Communion Instruction 9am New Disciple's Class 5pm Worship
9 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 2pm Salem Players Rehearsal	10 4pm Yoga 7:30pm Book Group	11 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology 7pm Salem Ringers	12 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	13 10am Stitchcrafters 12pm Luncheon 2pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship	14 7:30pm Good Friday Worship	15 9am Art Mosaic Dedication 8:30pm Easter Vigil
16 EASTER Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers	17 4pm Yoga 7:30pm Communications	18 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers 7pm Council	19 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players Rehearsal	20 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	21	22 5pm Worship
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We have a number of community support groups and scout troops who use our church facilities. In order to accommodate all groups, please contact the church office at (410) 747-0720, **before** planning any events or meetings at the church.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE
April, 2017**

- Apr 1 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Apr 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
- April 5 6:30pm Soup Supper
7:30pm Midweek Lenten Worship
- Apr 8 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Apr 9 Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
- Apr 13 Maundy Thursday
12pm Luncheon
2pm Worship
7:30pm Worship
- Apr 14 Good Friday
7:30pm Worship Service of Darkness
- Apr 15 Easter Vigil
(NO Saturday 5pm Worship)
- Apr 16 The Resurrection of Our Lord
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion

- Apr 22 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Apr 23 Second Sunday of Easter
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
- Apr 29 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Apr 30 Third Sunday of Easter
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion

**SPECIAL EVENTS
April, 2017**

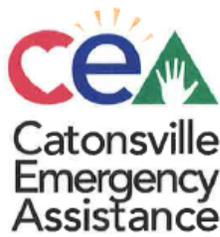
- April 2 Fair Trade Sunday
- April 2 Spring Art Show Opens
- April 15 Mural Dedication 10am
- April 23 New Disciples Reception at 12noon
- April 24 4th Monday Bible Study 1pm and 7pm
(Katie Luther Room)
- April 29 Mother, Daughter, Friends Luncheon

*Salem Stitchcrafters,
We just received your bundle of premie and newborn hats! They are so adorable. I just finished letting the parents choose their favorite for their babies. They were so excited and very grateful to the ladies who made them. It really added a little happiness to their stay with us. Your kindness is very appreciated.
St Agnes Nica*

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN
COMMUNITY - 2017**

- Apr Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Asendorf
- May Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Arch Deacon Gail Wilson
- June Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Schmitt

Thank You



Dear Congregation,

The CEA Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers would like to thank you for your 12/31/2016 donation(s) totaling \$3016.00. We greatly appreciate your support of our efforts to sustain our neighbors in crisis during these trying times.

Thank you again for your support of CEA.

Sincerely,

Eugene C. Cashour
Eugene C. Cashour, Board Member

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

February 3, 2017

Thank You

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$5,000.00 and for your support of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

In February 2014, we launched this five-year effort with the goal to do more, together. Already, through the campaign, we are growing our communities of faith, forming new leaders, welcoming our neighbors, overcoming malaria, confronting hunger and poverty, accompanying our global churches and expanding ministries with youth, young adults and people with disabilities. The generosity of ELCA members, like you, is bringing new life to the church here at home and around the world.

As we enter the last two years of the campaign, I want to thank you for your continued investment in the future of this church and in the ministry we share. This work – God's work – just wouldn't be possible without your generous support.

In Christ,

The Rev. Ron Glusenkamp
Director, *The Campaign for the ELCA*

Dear Pastor David & Pastor Ann,
Please convey our
very deep appreciation and
gratitude for this
Amazing gift.
In Christ.
Pastor [Signature]

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your official receipt.



THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Thank You

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

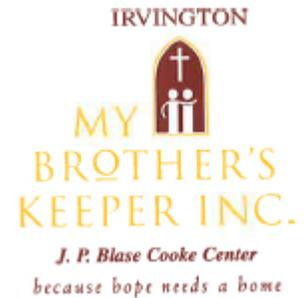
The cold weather is beginning to break and Spring will soon return to Irvington! From all of us at My Brother's Keeper, I want to thank you for your very generous donation of \$2,626.00 on 12/31/2016. We rely on the generosity and support of our friends to keep our community-based ministry thriving and we could not do what we do, day in and day out, without you. Your friendship and support of our ministry is a true blessing to all of us and to our guests.

Because of donations like yours, My Brother's Keeper continues to establish a community identity that will empower its members and cause change within, for, and by the Irvington community. Thank you for your generosity and be assured of our prayers for you.

Peace,

Father Mike

Father Mike Murphy
Chair - Board of Directors



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Dear Salem Family,

Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes. Thank you Penne for delivering altar flowers that truly cheered my day. Thank you Pastor Dave for your visit at the hospital and prayers for healing. I am truly blessed to be a part of the Salem family.
Denise Morris

Jan. 7, 2017

Dear Members of Salem,
Thank you all for the lovely poinsettia Sue O'Conner brought me, as well as her homemade brownies. I can tell you the plant will last a lot longer than the brownies did!
I appreciate the thoughtfulness and wish everyone a happy and most blessed New Year.

Love to all,
Betty Rieff

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
		First	Second			
Week of 2/4-2/5	30	83	149			262
Week of 2/11-2/12	12	98	123			233
Week of 2/18-2/19	12	85	136			233
Week of 2/25-2/26	24	76	152			252
Monthly Totals	78	342	560			980

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$83,782.00
Beginning Balance	\$22,705.41
Expenses to Date	(\$73,962.15)
Receipts to Date	\$96,026.20
Ending Balance	\$44,769.46
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$86,481.30
Receipts to Date	\$7,943.50
Disbursements to Date	\$0.00
Balance in Fund	\$94,424.80

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

WIFI AT SALEM

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



SalemBethanyHall
SalemReformationHall

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

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

PRAYERS

May God,
 who is present in sunrise and nightfall,
 and in the crossing of the sea,
 guide our feet as we go.
 May God,
 who is with us when we sit
 and when we stand,
 encompass us with love
 and lead us by the hand.
 May God,
 who knows our paths,
 and the places where we rest,
 be with us in our waiting,
 be our good news for sharing
 and lead us in the way that is everlasting. Amen.
 - Prayer from the Iona Community



SALEM PRAYER TREE

“Intercessory prayer can penetrate the hearts of those we cannot open and shield those we cannot guard and teach where we cannot speak and comfort where our hearts have no power to soothe. Prayer with its unseen hand, can enter where we may not.” If you would like to join the Salem Prayer Tree, please contact Sue O’Connor via telephone at (410) 869-0242, or via email at ssusie770@verizon.net.

OFFICIAL ACTS



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.”

Susan Carol Harrison Huot — February 27, 2017

Carolyn B. DeHoff* — March 3, 2017

John Lerch, Sr* — March 17, 2017

Virginia L. Triplett — March 21, 2017

* not a member of Salem

*Thank
you*



I have been so blessed by the outpouring of cards and expressions of concern from our Salem family during my recent heart surgery and recovery. Coming home to such a testimony, plus visits from Salem's pastors, I have been truly touched and so appreciative. Good news is that the surgery went well, my recovery is proceeding nicely, and I'm so fortunate to have a wonderful caregiver, Jo.

Ed Orser

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