



THE MONARCH



MOSAIC MURAL DEDICATION HELD APRIL 15TH

On Saturday, April 15th, 2017, a group of 60 people gathered to celebrate the completion of the Mosaic Mural in Bethany Hall. The group enjoyed a potluck luncheon and a Liturgy provided by Reverend Dr. Ann Dentry, followed by Patricia Morgan who detailed the process of building the mosaic. Finally, the group participated in a hands-on blessing of the mosaic on the wall itself.

The mosaic mural was the inspiration of Tricia Morgan who began planning and designing the mural back in 2012. The group of volunteers gathered to lay the first tiles on a Saturday morning in July 2014 and the last completed panel was hung on the wall on April 1, 2017. Memorial tiles were hand-made and sold as a fundraiser to cover the costs of the materials used to hang the panels.

The volunteers who worked on this project are too many to list. Many of the volunteers joined the project during various stages of the project and a few worked from the beginning to the end. Two volunteers who passed away that we want to remember are Janet Stollenmaier who enjoyed making the memorial tiles and Carl Milleker who accompanied his wife, Margaret on many Saturday mornings.

Over the three years of the work, the volunteers collected thousands of pieces of tile, ceramic plates, cups and bowls along with hundreds of empty wine and beer bottles. The process of building the mosaic was

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messy. Don Schwartz, Aaron Koos and Bob Stiebing cut the glass bottles on a wet saw to make the pieces that made up the mountains and hills. This meant getting splashed with water from the saw and also sprayed with glass dust (eye protection was necessary). The tiles and glass were set into the cement panels with grout (or “goop” as they called it) which dries onto clothes and anything it lands on.

Finally, they poured another layer of grout over each panel and then polished the panel. It usually took about thirty minutes to mop and clean the room at the end of every workday. Photos of the work in progress are on the Salem website.

Sandy McNair worked on the project from the beginning. “I stayed with the project until it was finished because, first of all, the volunteers became a family to me. Second, I really enjoyed the work. Having a creative “job” on the weekends made me energized to go to my real job, which is very analytical. It gave me a good feeling of balance.”

Margaret Milleker also worked on the project from the early days. “I stayed with the project because mosaic tile work was something that I was not familiar with and I have done a lot of different kinds of art. And to be a part of this project with this church, the BEST church, is something I am very happy about.”

“This wonderful work of art will serve as a reminder of what we can do together to reach out to the community of believers and non-believers in our midst. The vision, time and talent that came together over four years of planning and work is a testament to an underlying message of hope, perseverance and love,” says Char Brooks, Arts Committee Chairman. The committee plans to put a sealant on the mosaic next and possibly install lights so that it is visible after dark. The hope is that the mural stands for many years to inspire the Salem congregation and the many visitors to Bethany Hall. The Baltimore Sun published an article about the completion of the mosaic online at <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/catonville/ph-ca-mural-0412-20170410-story.html>.



Around the Parish

- Congratulations to David Paton for earning a Professional Doctorate. He was a member of the first graduating class in the brand new Doctor of Acupuncture program. David also completed a 12 month training and certification in Sports Medicine Acupuncture. Along with a partner he will be revving up a new practice, Achieve Sports Acupuncture, specializing in sports injuries and musculoskeletal conditions. David will continue offering acupuncture and health service at his Starting Point practice on 1603 Edmondson Ave in Catonsville.
- William Kreps will be headed to the University of Dayton in Ohio this fall. Go Dayton Flyers! Go William!

Church Council Highlights

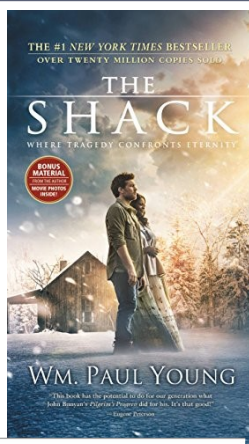
- Adopted a motion to contribute \$9,300 to Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service (LIRS). This money is a tithe from the \$93,000 received from Janet Stollenmaier's estate.

Leaving a Legacy—Your Generosity Makes A Difference

The Salem congregation is indebted to the generosity of Janet Stollenmaier who remembered Salem in her estate planning. Janet, who officially joined the congregation, in October 2015 included Salem in her will by not only directing \$93,000 from two annuities but also leaving 10% of her estate to Salem. Her careful planning and thoughtfulness is a model for all of us. Janet's generosity made a difference.

The gifts received from estates are placed in Salem's Bequest fund. One of the Continuing Resolutions directs the Church Council to tithe all bequests "for benevolence ministries beyond the congregation." Our bequest fund is not an endowment fund. And there are no restrictions on how this money is to be used. In the past we have made gifts to church wide endeavors and for significant capital projects. In 2008 and 2009 we used over \$180,000 to help replace the roof and to repoint the masonry. Our Bequest Fund also serves as a reserve fund for the congregation in times of financial stress.

Please consider including Salem in your estate planning. A good resource to help with your planning is our Synod's ELCA Regional Gift Planner, Alice Benson. Alice is a free resource to help you explore ways to support family and ministries through your planning. She doesn't sell anything, and is glad to answer any questions you have about ways to leave a gift.



Book Group

Salem's Book Group met on April 10th, to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. The Book Group will close its season with *The Shack* by Wm. Paul Young on May 8th and *American On Purpose* by Craig Ferguson on June 12th.

Mackenzie Allen Phillips's youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation, and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later, in this midst of his great sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change his life forever.

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

Meet Salem's New Disciples

On April 23, 2017, Salem welcomed seven new disciples. Nancy Bloomer, Kristin DeHoff, Sarah Ehrman, Beverly Hoerl, Philip Isaiah, Eileen Kavanagh, and Lyuba Thornton.

Nancy Bloomer was baptized and confirmed at Salem. When she married, she and her husband built a house in Howard County where their life centered around golfing. Nancy and her husband retired from the C&P Telephone Company where he supervised and she became an Administrative Assistant. An exciting part of life for Nancy was working for the C&P and having an office on a top floor of the World Trade Center in Baltimore, overlooking the harbor.

Nancy, now a widow, has moved to the Charlestown Retirement Community. She is the sister of Elsie Paddy.



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When Second English Lutheran Church closed its doors after 176 years of worship, longtime member Kristin DeHoff knew exactly where she would turn, Salem Lutheran. "My mother thought so highly of Pastor Dave and Pastor Ann," said DeHoff. Salem's pastors regularly held service for DeHoff's mother and other residents of the Charlestown retirement community. When her mother recently passed in February, Pastor Dave conducted her internment. "Our family was so grateful that Pastor Dave and Pastor Ann gave Mom so much comfort, support and fellowship toward the end of her life."

DeHoff fondly remembers Second English where she had attended since the 1950's. "I might be the first to join Salem from Second English since it closed but I suspect there will be others," said DeHoff. She is getting to know the Salem community and hopes to explore the many activities after she settles her mother's estate. She was always involved with Second Lutheran's Social Ministry Committee and also served for a period as the Secretary for the Church Council.

A resident of Catonsville, DeHoff is now retired from the state of Maryland where she had a career with the Maryland Insurance Administration. She holds a paralegal degree from Villa Julie College. She also spent 18 years with Equitable Bank. A self-described "quiet soul," DeHoff enjoys reading but is also "trying to learn football" so she can root for the Ravens. She also hopes to travel more and see more of the United States in the coming years.

"Dear God, give us the spirit which can enjoy life, and which can help others enjoy it." - William Barclay

Sarah Ehrman grew up in southwestern Ohio. She studied journalism and worked as a newspaper reporter, designer, and editor before attending Trinity Lutheran Seminary. She earned her degree in youth and family ministry and moved to Baltimore for a youth ministry position at St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church in Parkville. Sarah currently serves as the Director of Children's and Youth Ministries at St. Thomas' Church (Episcopal) in Owings Mills. She works with the DE-MD Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) as one of the Fellowship and Hospitality Mentors. In her free time, Sarah enjoys running, following the Orioles, and reading books from her local library. She lives in Eldersburg and is the "staff person" for two cats.



Sarah came to Salem for the Saturday service. Due to her position at St. Thomas', she cannot fully attend Sunday morning services. She has enjoyed meeting people in the congregation and felt warmly welcomed.

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Beverly Hoerl grew up in Catonsville and attended St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on Ingleside Avenue until it stopped having services there. Beverly has many family members {lots of cousins}, as her maiden name was Maisel. She and Nancy Bloomer were childhood friends growing up in the same Ingleside Avenue neighborhood. She knew of Salem Lutheran Church through those family members who did attend here and she always attended our Salem Sunday School picnics each year with family. She sends her thanks for the beautiful poinsettia and Easter lily delivered to her by Carolyn Vasold. "The poinsettia is still blooming." [No photo of Beverly is available at press time,]

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Philip Isaiah "found" Salem as he "was driving pass the church one day on Frederick Road" and decided to come to service. He has been attending worship for about 18 months and is "very happy to be a part of this congregation". He shares that he has found his spiritual home here, with friendly people and a good proclamation of the Word. Philip has been attending classes at CCBC – Catonsville and will graduate from there May 2017 with an Associate degree in Anthropology. He does plan to continue his studies in Anthropology at the University of Maryland – Baltimore County campus, in the fall 2017.

"In order for peace to come in our world, don't we have to come out from behind the walls we have created around our hearts and around the group we belong to, to discover the beauty and gifts of those who are different and, together, discover our common humanity?"

- Jean Vanier

"I suppose I've come full circle," notes Eileen Kavanagh on joining Salem this past Sunday. "I grew up at Salem; my parents were members, as were all of their seven children. I belonged to the Salem Choir with Elsie Rau—I love to sing!"

Eileen joined the Catholic Church after marrying and raised three children. She also worked as a nurse for forty years and recently retired, noting that nursing has been her passion. "I met Pastor Dave when he was ministering to my mom and we really connected."

She now spends her weekdays watching her two grandchildren, as well as caring for her home with her husband Jack and her daughters Megan and Amanda. She's scheduled to have a knee replacement soon. "I really want to get involved with activities at Salem following my surgery!"



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It was an easy choice for new Salem member Lyuba Thornton to make to join Salem...her parents Len and Sirpa Johnson are already members!! "I've lived in Catonsville all my life and have been coming to church at Salem for years," notes Lyuba. "I usually go to the 8:15 a.m. Sunday service—it's more peaceful with few distractions."

Lyuba's eight-year-old son Terrance goes to Westowne Elementary and just celebrated his First Communion on Maundy Thursday. Coincidentally, he'll be baptized at Salem on May 27th. Among Lyuba's hobbies is photography, particularly featuring nature.

REFUGEE FUND APPEAL



The Refugee Sponsorship Group seeks to be ready when called to welcome a new refugee family, we are eager to have funds on hand for initial expenses. Use a Pew Envelope and mark it "Refugee Fund" or mail your contributions to the church office, indicating your designation.

In our personal prayers, our homes are one of the first blessings on our lips. Our Lord calls us to enable the refugee to offer the same thanksgiving.

2nd Noisy Change Offering

In support of the ELCA World Hunger Program, we will collect coins at all services on May 7th, May 14th and May 21st.

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

The distribution will be :

50% for the ELCA World Hunger Program and

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.



Youth Mulch Sale

Thank you to all who supported the Youth Group Mulch Sale! We sold all 1,100 bags and made almost \$2,000 that will go toward future Youth Group activities.

Easter Breakfast

The Easter Breakfast served by the Youth Group was a wonderful experience. Thank you to those who joined us. Thank you for your contributions!

Confirmation Picnic June 4th

This year, the Confirmation Picnic will be held Sunday, June 4th at 1:30 pm. We will meet at the Hilton Tire Park in Patapsco State Park. This picnic is for all Confirmands as well as upcoming 6th Graders.

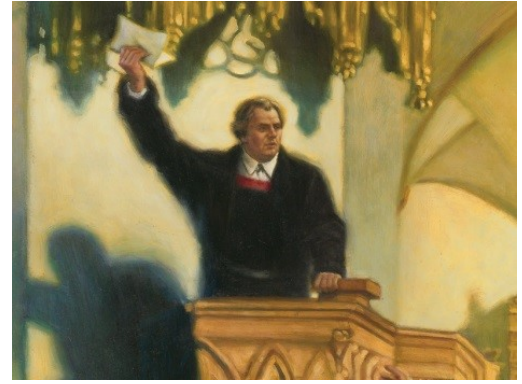
Contact Anita Lane for more details and to sign up to contribute to the picnic at phrogdiva@verizon.net.

There will be No Youth Drop-In for month of May due to Peter Pan performances.

Summer Drop-In begins Wednesday, June 14th and June 28th

500th Jubelfest of the Reformation—Back in Wittenberg

We last left Luther at the Wartburg, where his Prince had hidden him away from the Holy Roman Emperor who had declared him outlaw after the Diet of Worms. In addition to translating the New Testament into German, he continued to write pamphlets which were secretly delivered to printers in Wittenberg where they found a ready and grateful readership. He also kept an active correspondence with his friends and colleagues. From high in the Wartburg he posted his letters “from the regions of the air” or “from the midst of the birds, which ...praise God, night and day, with all their might”.



He received letters and messages from Wittenberg, too, and much of what he read caused him deep concern. There were forces in Wittenberg pushing reforms in a more radical direction. There were reports of liturgies and ceremonies of worship being banished. Some places organs and church art had been destroyed. He felt a need to return home and give direction to the reformation with his personal presence. A letter from his closest colleague Philip Melanchthon urging him to return was all he needed. Though Prince Frederick thought it still dangerous and unwise, he released him from hiding. Still in his disguise as “Junker George”, Luther returned home in 1522. There, Luther encouraged poets and musicians to write hymns for church worship, and expressed favor for the continued use of the church’s liturgies and art forms.

Much was shifting in Europe as the medieval world was giving way to the Renaissance. Only a handful of years earlier, Columbus had encountered North America, and shortly after Pizarro ventured into South America. World trade was growing at a rapid rate. New inventions such as the mariner’s compass, the telescope and the printing press opened the way for immense change.

The Reformation had awakened new leaders and strains for reform, many more radical than Luther and the reforms he sought in church worship and life. The most immediate and troublesome was surely that which exploded in the Peasant’s Revolt in 1524 and 1525. The causes of this tragic struggle and violence are far wider than Luther’s reforms and far more complex. But the Reformation’s wind of freedom from secular and ecclesiastic authority ranged much wider than matters of the liturgy and life of the Church.

Daily life for the vast numbers of peasants, the lowest members of the social order, were still mired in the injustices of loss of their lands to the nobility and the high taxes of Church and State. Riots broke out in many places. Early on, Luther expressed sympathies for the peasants and their cause. But as the violence grew, he spoke out against armed revolt and supported the nobility in suppressing the rebellion. Then as the aristocracy mounted a slaughter of the poorly armed peasant armies—an estimated 100,000 to 300,000 are reported to have died, Luther condemned the nobles. His was a middle course, never easily defensible and widely condemned. Surely it affected support for Luther. Nevertheless, the Reformation continued. And grew. Luther labored to shape the ongoing life of the Church. He wrote his German Mass so that the people could worship in their common tongue, and began work on the catechisms for teaching in home and parish. Changes were soon coming, too, that transformed Luther’s own home life.

Entering the Homestretch with Adult Forum

Adult Forum has had an exciting 2016-2017 year. We started the year with a study of the Martin Luther and the Reformation. We then followed it up with a review of podcasts and smart device applications for Christians and finished 2016 with a look at Advent imagery. In 2017, we started with a study of Katharina Luther and followed it with sessions on the songs of Tennessee Ernie Ford, Luther's Small Catechism, and reflections on the work of Richard Rohr.

Adult Forum is now entering the homestretch for this year. After the month of April, there are five more Sunday School sessions in Adult Forum. Four of the sessions will focus on the Book of Galatians.

In Galatians, we find a Paul at his most youthful, least understated, and most non-compromising. Martin Luther loved the book of Galatians and used it to form the basis of Lutheran, Reformed, and Evangelical theology. Come join us at 9:45am on Sunday mornings, as we explore one of the earliest New Testament writings.

FREE TRAINING – Learn how to prevent an opioid overdose death with this!

Target audience Anyone concerned about themselves or a loved one overdosing On fentanyl, heroin or prescription pain medication

Learning Objectives –

- . What is an opioid?
- . How to recognize, respond and prevent an overdose
- . How to administer intra-nasal naloxone to prevent an Overdose

Training Dates:

Tuesday May 9 – 6-8 pm Arbutus Library, 855 Sulphur Spring Road, Arbutus, MD 21227

Wednesday June 7 – 6-8 pm Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center, 323 Sollers Point RD, Dundalk, MD 21212

Register online: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/odresponse or call 410-887-3828

Space is limited. You must pre-register

HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN FOR THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

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

From the ARTS Committee: A hearty thanks to all who came to celebrate the completion of the mosaic mural, fed us and participated in our very own version of the "wailing wall" tradition. We are so grateful for all the supportive, creative and loving folks at Salem! And thanks again to Tricia for her vision, her family and her team for their participation and to Pastor Ann for the lovely dedication service.

Next up for the Arts Committee: **4th of July Parade Preparations:** Volunteers to work on doves on April 29, 9-11 am in the little room next to the kitchen of Bethany Hall. Some workshops to create the giant puppet heads will be announced in the weekly Sunday bulletin. And finally, we hope that there will be some hardy youth to walk in the parade and manage the puppets on the 4th of July! Sign up sheet to appear soon!

Children's Ministry

Blessings to our three newest young people as we welcome them to the Communion Table. On Maundy Thursday, Gentry Guard, Nate Koos and Terence Thornton took Holy Communion for the first time after attending several sessions that helped them better explore God's power presence in this Sacrament. Liz Rickel met with the children along with one of their family members on several Saturday mornings in Lent to prepare them for this very special time. Please wish them a welcome when you see them. (Please see a photo of the First Communicants on page 12.

The Sunday School children raised a glad "Hosanna" song to celebrate Palm Sunday. Heading to Pentecost, they will be learning lessons of Jesus' life.

Our sincere thanks to our Salem Family for participating so generously in giving to the Personal Care Kits drive that we completed throughout the Sundays in Lent. We have collected enough items for over 75 kits! Thank You! We will be working on assembling and bundling all the items into individual kits on Sunday, May 28th at 9:30 in Bethany Hall. YOU {Salem's congregation} are invited to help with this project, this will be the Sunday School Lesson that day.

MAKE A NOTE: Our last day of Children's Sunday School will be Sunday, June 4th. On Sunday, June 11th at 9:30 we will host a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast for our wonderful teachers who have so willingly and faithfully given of their time and talents to teach our children.

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

On April 19th, Old Salem Board of Directors sponsored a bus trip to Charlottesville, Virginia, where we had a delicious colonial buffet lunch, featuring fried chicken, at Michie Tavern, before traveling over to Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's Estate. Thirty-four people traveled with us and we had a wonderful time. Our next event will be celebrating Founders' Day on Sunday, June 4th at 2 p.m. at the old church, located at 701 Ingleside Avenue. We will host members from the "Heart of Maryland" Chorus.

INTERESTED IN DOING A SHOWCASE?

Many thanks to Patricia Krenzke and her mother for the beautiful needlepoint collection that they shared recently in the showcase. Salem Players will be showcasing "Peter Pan", then Lynda Bell is up next for the Salem Supper Club in June. 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}.

Salem Players Presents "Peter Pan"

May 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, & 20 at 7:30 pm

May 7 & 21 at 2:00 pm



Fly away to Neverland with Salem Players in their latest production "Peter Pan," a musical based on the play by JM Barrie. You will see dastardly pirates, some of the cutest Lost Children ever, Indians, sword fights and magic that will enchant the entire family.

Anita Lane directs a large and talented cast in this version of the classic tale of a boy who never grew up. Pan is played by Ashley Gerhardt, the tiny lady with the big voice, who was last seen here as Annie in "Annie Get your Gun." Returning Salem players John Dignam and Damien Gibbons are Hook and Schmee, respectively, and they are joined by a crew of pint-sized pirates. Mr. Darling is Michael Fitch (who is also a pirate) and newcomer Mary Margaret McClurg is Mrs. Darling. Hallie Shepard is a graceful Tiger Lily. You will see many other familiar faces and hear wonderful songs. This is fun for the whole family.

Be sure to mark your calendars. Tickets are available online at <http://salem-catonsville.org/fellowship/salem-players/> Some will also be available at the door. There will be no reserved seating, so purchase your tickets soon.

Music and Dance: Then and Now

Salem Supper Club

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

6:30 PM

109 Hilton Avenue

Catonsville, MD

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

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

Holy Week in Photographs



Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday Luncheon



First Communion 2017

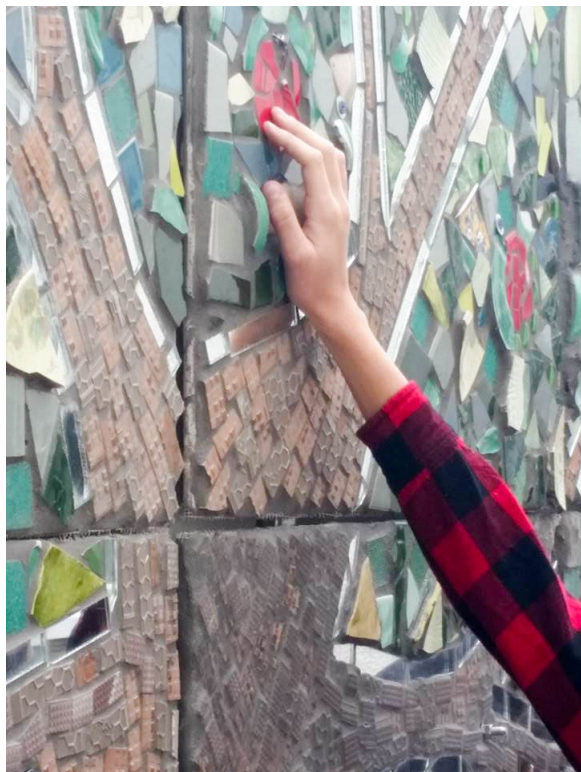
Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday—He is Risen—Alleluia!



More Photos from the Mosaic Mural Dedication



Luther's Small Catechism

We continue in this **Reformation 500** year to reprint sections of the Small Catechism

II. The Creed

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

The First Article.

Of Creation.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?--Answer.

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my limbs, my reason, and all my senses, and still preserves them; in addition thereto, clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and homestead, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He provides me richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life, protects me from all danger, and guards me and preserves me from all evil; and all this out of pure, fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I owe it to Him to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

The Second Article.

Of Redemption.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

What does this mean?--Answer.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won [delivered] me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, in order that I may be [wholly] His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; one holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?--Answer.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He forgives daily and richly all sins to me and all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will give to me and to all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.



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.



4/4/2017

Dear Pastor Dave, staff and congregation,

Thank you so much for the note and the literature. It was a blessing to attend a Healing Service last Sunday, as I continue my search for a new church. I was warmly welcomed and the service was spiritually enriching.

Blessings,

Marcia Bassham



Mary Krebs Thanks all
ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS and
"other" helping hands for your
dedicated services for
Easter week.

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR**MAY 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 April Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 2pm Salem Players Rehearsal	1 4pm Yoga 6:30pm Guardians of Eden 7pm Prayer Shawl Group	2 5pm Chair Yoga 6:30pm Social Ministry 7pm Salem Ringers	3 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6pm Audit Comm. 8:30 Salem Players Rehearsal	4 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	5 7:30 Peter Pan	6 Chesapeake Bay Trip 10 4th July Prep 5pm Worship 7:30 Peter Pan
7 FAIR TRADE Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 2pm Peter Pan	8 4pm Yoga 7:30pm Book Group	9 9am Candidacy 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology 7pm Salem Ringers	10 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	11 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	12 7:30 Peter Pan	13 5pm Worship 7:30 Peter Pan
14 Mother's Day Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers	15 4pm Yoga 7pm Arts Committee 7:30pm Communications	16 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Council	17 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Old Salem	18 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	19 7:30 Peter Pan	20 5pm Worship 7:30 Peter Pan
21 Music Sunday Confirmation Picnic Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers 2pm Peter Pan	22 1pm 4th Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7pm 4th Monday Bible Study	23 5pm Chair Yoga	24 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	25 Ascension Day 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	26	27 5pm Worship
28 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:35 Sunday School Adult Forum Disciples in Diapers	29 4pm Yoga	30 5pm Chair Yoga	31 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	1 JUNE 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	2	3 5pm Worship

We have a number of community support groups and scout troops who use our church facilities. In order to accommodate all groups, please contact the church office at (410) 747-0720, **before** planning any events or meetings at the church.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE**May, 2017****SPECIAL EVENTS****April, 2017**

May 6	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
May 7	Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
May 13	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
May 14	Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
May 20	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
May 21	Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
May 27	Saturday evening Worship 5p.m., Holy Communion
May 28	Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion

Peter Pan— May 5, 6, 12, 13,19, 20— 7:30pm
 Peter Pan— May 7, 21— 2pm

Chesapeake Bay Trip—May 5
 Tree Planting—May 5—9am

Photo Directory Photography—June 7-14
 Be sure to make a reservation on Sundays in May

**TREASURER REPORT
 FOR MARCH 2017**

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$125,673.00
Beginning Balance	\$22,705.41
Expenses to Date	(\$114,483.18)
<u>Receipts to Date</u>	\$133,901.92
Ending Balance	\$42,124.15
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$86,481.30
Receipts to Date	\$10,738.50
<u>Disbursements to Date</u>	(\$4,138.65)
Balance in Fund	\$93,081.15

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN**COMMUNITY - 2017**

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
July	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Asendorf

Thank you



Dear Salem Friends-

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, and expressions of concern during my recent difficulties with pain in my left leg. I also was cheered up by the altar flowers and the visit from Pastor Ann. I am feeling much better and hoping to resolve this pain problem soon. Your support has been very important to me and much appreciated by my husband and me.

Judy LeGath

Dear Pastor Dave, Pastor Ann, and the
Congregation of Salem,

I am so happy that I was welcomed
into membership at Salem yesterday.
Thank you, Pastor Dave and Pastor Ann
for your kindness and for sharing your
vast knowledge during the New Member
teaching sessions that I attended.

It was so nice of the congregation
to provide the lovely reception after the
service, and the food was delicious!
I enjoyed meeting a number of
Salem members who introduced
themselves to me.

I am so appreciative of all of this
and I am so grateful to our dear
Lord for leading me to join Salem
Evangelical Lutheran Church!

Sincerely and With Blessings

Kris McGoff

PASTOR DAVE

I JUST WANTED TO DROP
A FEW LINES TO THANK
YOU AND THE CHURCH
MEMBERS FOR THE
BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS
THAT YOU HAVE SENT MY
WAY. THEY HAVE TRULY
BRIGHTEN MY DAYS OF
RECOVERY!

THANK YOU +
GOD BLESS

Frank

P.S. I REALLY ENJOYED
OUR TALK

Camden

Good Friday

Dear Pastor Asendorf,

I want to thank you
and the members of Salem for
making Maundy Thursday a very
special day.

The luncheon was delicious,
especially for us Germans, and
the fellowship was delightful.

I really enjoyed the
service even though it was
very emotional for me this year.

Thank you again for your
hospitality.

Blessings

Charlotte Blum



18 April 2017

Dear Friends and Pastors Dave & Ann:

I love the Cross I received in the
mail today. It will be in a special
place in my room, one where I will
see it when I first wake up in the
morning. Thank you very much.

My daughter, Patty Scott, told me
how beautiful Salem looked on Easter
Sunday. I also thank you for one
of the plants that graced the Altar.
So thank you God and thank you
for Salem.

June Smith

Thank You

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April 13, 2017

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Quilters
905 Frederick Rd
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Dear Friends at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Quilters,

Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world.

In Christ,

Melanie W. Gibbons
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

DONATION RECEIPT

110	Mission Quilts
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Salem Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you! We truly appreciate your gift of \$1,000.00 in congregational benevolence, given to Mar-Lu-Ridge. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, I would like to convey my thanks and appreciation for this gift in support of our outdoor ministry. You are making a difference. We appreciate your prayers and ongoing support!

Thank you again for your gift.

God's peace,

Sarah Lefler
Executive Director

Dear Pastor Asendorf and Our Brother's and Sister's in Christ of Salem Lutheran:

On behalf of all of the Lazarus volunteers and supporters I wanted to thank you for your unfailing dedication and commitment to helping the homeless and the under-served in our community. Your generosity is appreciated by those who help, and most importantly, by the men whose lives will be touched and transformed.

Your out-pouring of God's love is evident in everything you do, from food to funds, "undie's" and more. Donated funds help pay for bus tokens which allow guests to travel to job interviews, medical appointments and Social Security. Additionally, the funds we receive help to off-set the special requests that are presented to the Lazarus Resource Room volunteers.

Words really cannot express our gratitude. Thank you for your heart to serve boldly!

In Christ Service,

Andrea Ratajczak,
Executive Director,
Lazarus Caucus



ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 2017

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
		First	Second			
Week of 3/4-3/5	25	73	118	127	3/1 Ash Wednesday	343
Week of 3/11-3/12	24	83	133	86	3/8 Lenten Worship	326
Week of 3/18-3/19	20	76	136	68	3/15 Lenten Worship	300
Week of 3/25-3/26	18	79	156	74	3/22 Lenten Worship	327
				63	3/29 Lenten Worship	63
Monthly Totals	87	311	543	418		1359

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR APRIL 2017

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
		First	Second			
Week of 4/1-4/2	19	85	133	76	4/5 Lenten Worship	313
Week of 4/8-4/9	14	101	137	58/85/111	4/13 Thursday/ Friday 2pm/7:30pm & 7:30pm	506
Week of 4/15-4/16	n/a	202	207	45	4/15 Easter Vigil	454
Week of 4/22-4/23	15	68	125			208
Monthly Totals	48	456	602	375		1481

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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.



PRAYERS

I have much to learn.

Continue, in your mysterious wisdom,
to send teachers into my life,
no matter how young or old,
who will teach me compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness, and patience.

I am a ready student: let my teachers come.

- A Prayer at Easter by Thomas Merton

"May I live this day compassionate of heart,
clear in word, gracious in awareness,
courageous in thought, generous in love."

- John O'Donohue



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."

Sage Abigail Hornfeck*—March 31, 2017

Janet Stollenmaier—April 1, 2017

* not a member of Salem

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.



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