



THE MONARCH

LENT AND HOLY WEEK AT SALEM

Lenten Services

7:30pm Wednesday services:
 March 7 The Way of Generosity
 March 14 The Way of Service
 March 21 The Way of Sharing the Faith

Holy Week

Palm Sunday March 25 8:15 and 11a.m.

Palms and Choral Cantata "Behold! God's Holy Lamb"
 8:15 and 11 a.m., Holy Communion.

Maundy Thursday March 29 2 p.m. (Lunch at 12 noon) 7:30 p.m., Holy Communion

Good Friday March 30 7:30p.m.

Easter Vigil March 31, 8:30 p.m. Holy Communion

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day April 1
 8:15 and 11 a.m., Holy Communion.



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SALEM'S NEWEST MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Cora-Rae and Bruce Petri! The Petri's live in Ellicott City and, though new members, have had long-standing connections to Salem! Years ago, Cora-Rae had been a member of the Salem Quilters and the couple knew Pastor Dave Asendorf's parents from their previous church family!

Though both retired, Cora-Rae keeps busy with a part-time job as administrative assistant at UMBC while Bruce works part-time at a golf course. They have two sons, one in Alabama and one in Maryland and five grandchildren. Besides spending time with their grandchildren, Cora-Rae enjoys scrapbooking and travel while Bruce enjoys golfing.

Look for the Petri's at Salem's early service and adult forum on Sundays as well as at the Monday Bible study.



Robin Schaefer doesn't really feel like a new member since she has been employed here almost two years. Being here feels like home. It is new for her to attend worship without planning it first or playing the organ, and she loves singing with the choir or occasionally playing with the bells. She also loves seeing a full Sanctuary, when Our Saviour closed they were averaging 20 or so on Sunday morning. Pastor Dave however has to get used to a person who attends worship every Sunday, only not always in the same church! Often on Thursday afternoon his question to her is "Where will you be Sunday?" She frequently substitutes for some of her organist friends. As a member of the Order of St. Stephen, Deacon, she occasionally visits churches where the other Deacons are called. She likes to see the Deacons in action and it gives the Synod and the Order's leadership an idea of how well the relationship is between the Pastor and the Deacon in that setting. Robin is also actively assisting the Synod in tying up the 'loose ends' at Our Saviour.



Robin and her husband Rusty still enjoy traveling. Their cross-country train trip to California (and back) last year is still talked about fondly. This summer they will celebrate 40 years of marriage. They now have four grandchildren and are excitedly awaiting a new granddaughter in May!

On February 11th, Michelle Faggio Peedin joined Salem Lutheran Church. She had been attending services with her mother, Cecille Bowie and found Salem to be such a welcoming and inviting congregation, she decided to join. Michelle worked for 30 years at the Catonsville Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library and retired two years ago. She enjoys reading, walking along the Trolley Trail, Tennis, and gardening. She has one daughter. Michelle attends late service on Sunday and can be found three quarters of the way from the front of the chancel sitting on the lectern side with her mom.



Salem Lutheran Presents...

VARIETY SHOW

and Silent Auction

Musicians! Comedy† Singers!
Juggler? Dancers!

Salem Reformation Hall
Saturday, April 14
Doors open 6:30
Show begins 7:00
Tickets \$10

See Bob Diss for tickets or to help
rdiss@acpafirm.com

*All proceeds benefit
Salem Refugee Committee*

†Made you look

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

On Sunday, March 4th at 9:45 a.m. in Bethany Hall, all Salem's families are invited to meet with members of the Committee to share ideas about Sunday School programs and events for our children. We look forward to having your planning input at this meeting. All are invited. Coffee, tea & doughnuts, of course, will be served.

Some dates to remember: Saturdays, March 10th, 17th and 24th from 9 – 11 a.m., Liz will be meeting with children and **an adult {parent, grandparent, godparent}** for their First Communion instruction. The children will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday's 7:30 p.m. worship service {March 29th}. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact Liz at lizrickel@salem-catonville.org.

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST**, {and no, it's not an April Fool's joke!}

Please note the last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, June 10th. We will be honoring our wonderful teachers at a luncheon for them that day at noon following the 11 a.m. service.

Plan now for some summertime Intergenerational events for the whole congregation on **Sunday, June 24th, July 29th, and August 26th between worship services from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.** in Bethany Hall. Theme "Celebrating God's Creation". Lots of stories, crafts and snacks. More details to follow.

SALEM'S BOOK GROUP

Salem's Book Group meets September to June on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 in the Upper Room. All are welcomed.

On March 12th, the Book Group will discuss *Purple Hibiscus: A Novel* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Fifteen-year-old Kambili and her older brother Jaja lead a privileged life in Enugu, Nigeria. They live in a beautiful house, with a caring family, and attend an exclusive missionary school. They're completely shielded from the troubles of the world. Yet, as Kambili reveals in her tender-voiced account, things are less perfect than they appear. Although her Papa is generous and well respected, he is fanatically religious and tyrannical at home—a home that is silent and suffocating.

As the country begins to fall apart under a military coup, Kambili and Jaja are sent to their aunt, a university professor outside the city, where they discover a life beyond the confines of their father's authority. Books cram the shelves, curry and nutmeg permeate the air, and their cousins' laughter rings throughout the house. When they return home, tensions within the family escalate, and Kambili must find the strength to keep her loved ones together.

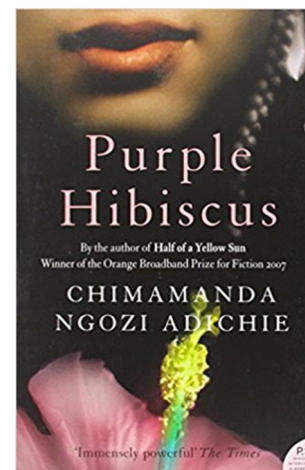
Purple Hibiscus is an exquisite novel about the emotional turmoil of adolescence, the powerful bonds of family, and the bright promise of freedom.

Future discussions include

April 9th – *World War I* by various authors

May 14th – *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard

June 11th – *Here I Walk* by Andrew L. Wilson



ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP (AND SALEM) TO PARTICIPATE IN RALLY TO END RACISM

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), will join ecumenical and inter-religious partners for Act Now: Unite to End Racism April 3-5 in Washington, DC (<http://www.rally2endracism.org/>). The focus of the three-day event will be a rally April 4 on the National Mall.

The event, organized by the National Council of Churches in Christ in the USA, will bring together many ELCA members from across the country. The ELCA is a founding member of the council.

The rally's call to action emphasizes three key points: awaken to the truth that racism is evil and hurts us all; confront racism through truth-telling and action to right the wrong; and transform the hearts, minds, and behaviors of people and institutions.

The schedule of events includes the following

- Tuesday, April 3: Ecumenical Worship Service in the Orthodox Tradition
 - o 6:30 p.m.: St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 2815 36th St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20007
- Wednesday, April 4: ACT to End Racism Rally on the National Mall
 - o 7-8 a.m.: Silent Prayer Walk to the National Mall
 - o 8-9 a.m.: Interfaith Service
 - o 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: Rally and Call to Commitment
- Thursday, April 5: National Day of Advocacy & Action

Jim Kempton is organizing Salem's involvement in the rally on April 4th. Please go ahead and register for the rally and let Jim know, as Jim will try to coordinate a carpool to go to the rally. (In the meantime, Jim will be reaching out to the Delaware-Maryland Synod offices to see if they have a bus



The congregation bids farewell to Aeuein Mabil as she begins the next stage of her life in the Navy. She will begin basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago.

Prayers

Lord, help us see through your eyes
the potential locked within us
simply waiting to be released,
so we might become the people that you see,
to open our hearts and accept the key.

- John Birch

GRADUATING IN 2018? PLEASE CONSIDER APPLYING FOR A SALEM SCHOLARSHIP!

Salem's high school seniors--and their families--have many concerns about post-high school 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.

Salem scholarships recognize accomplishment 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.

The deadline for 2018 applications is April 15. Salem's high school seniors will receive a personal letter inviting them to consider applying for the program, but it's not too early to learn about the program. If you want to learn more, a print brochure and application form are available from the church office. The application form is also available on Salem's website www.salem-catonsville.org.

PROFILE REPORT SUBMITTED TO SYNOD

The Profile Report, which is the first step in calling a new Associate Pastor, was approved by Salem's Church Council on February 20, 2018 and uploaded to the ELCA and the Delaware-Maryland Synod the following day. The Profile Report allows Bishop William Gohl to match Salem with potential candidates. It included demographic and other information of Salem and Catonsville as well as the results from the Congregational Survey given to Salem Disciplines in December. The Survey identified the different talents and gifts that are desired of a future Associate Pastor. Profile Committee Chair, Guy Davis, expressed thanks to everyone on the Committee and to everyone who returned the Survey. "Salem is blessed to be able to add an Associate Pastor to our staff and to offer a welcoming opportunity for whomever we call."

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Voted to make a \$1,000 gift to the Lutheran Seminary of Theology at Chicago to help with their financial problems. This money will be taken from our Mission Fund.

We need delegates for the Synod Assembly at Hunt Valley, 5/31-6/2/2018. See Christy Hensler-Davis

Voted to tithe the \$41,000 bequest from Janet Stollenmaier. \$4,100 will be contributed to the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission

Tyler and Mary Glander are moving south for work. We will need to replace Tyler on Salem's Church Council. Philip Isaiah is asking a few people to consider signing up.

The issue of our computer system was raised and Christy Hensler-Davis will be approaching the Tech Committee with Council concerns that the staff have improved PCs.

The Council endorsed the Profile put together by Salem's Profile Committee led by Guy Davis. The Council was very appreciative of the Committee's work and Guy's leadership. The Profile is now shared with the both the ELCA and our Synod Bishop.

LAZARUS CAUCUS EVENTS

HOLD THE DATE for the Kruger family's third annual fundraiser benefiting **Lazarus Caucus**, helping Baltimore County's homeless. The concert, featuring beloved Maryland Music Icon Rob Fahey and The Pieces, will be held at Fish Head Cantina in Arbutus on **Sunday, May 20, 2-6 p.m.** Last year, the band pulled out all the stops to make this an extra special show, including Rob's own song about homelessness "[Behind the Wall](#)" and a full hour bonus set that just **CRUSHED!** Don't miss it!



CRAB RAFFLE

Benefiting **Lazarus Caucus** – providing resources and restoring hope to the residents of the Westside Men's Shelter.

Winner will receive a **\$200** gift card for **Captain Dick's Crabs Galore** in Halethorpe and **\$100** for incidentals.

Drawing will be held Sunday, May 20, 2018, at 6 p.m. at Fish Head Cantina. Winner does not have to be present to win.

Raffle tickets – **\$5 each or five for \$20** – can be purchased from Leslie and Jim Kruger (8:15 a.m.) or Pat Krenzke and Mike Hall (11 a.m.).

**GET
ready.
set.
go!**

FUN-raiser

Tuesday, March 6th

5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Benefits

Lazarus Caucus

Since 2004, Lazarus Caucus, a 501(c)3 has united community partners dedicated to alleviating the plight of the homeless in Baltimore and surrounding areas. Support is directed to guests of the Westside Men's Homeless Shelter on the campus of Spring Grove in Catonsville, Maryland. (EIN – 20-1414476)



Where????

At the Dimitri's Bar!

Dimitri's International Grille and Family Sports Bar
2205 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228

What???

A get-together, a gathering of friends set on helping the guys of the Westside Men's Homeless Shelter.

Everyone is welcome.

Come-out and grab a snack!

Three Ways to Help!!

- Tip the Lazarus Caucus guest bartenders!
- Make your donation and vote for your personal preference "boxers or briefs".
- Get your raffle tickets for the Crab Feast Raffle.

410-707-3433 • infolazaruscaucus@gmail.com

REFUGEE TASK FORCE UPDATE

Last Sunday the congregation welcomed the **Dragidellas** to the US and to Catonsville at a reception following the late service. The family thanked the congregation for the generous support they've received from Salem in furnishing their apartment and providing early financial assistance.

The Dragidellas have immigrated to the States from Kosovo having won the diversity lottery, a time-honored practice by which persons from small countries have the opportunity to apply for visas to the US. We are assisting the Alaj family, which is sponsoring them. With the Alajs' assistance, and ours, they are becoming acclimated, the son has begun school, and employment will be soon.



We now have several persons and teams visiting the **al Fahads** each week, becoming friends with the parents and children and providing tutoring for the wife and school-age children. Recently we've also provided some needed furniture. The al Fahads arrived from Syria in the summer of 2016. They are now in the process of applying for their Green Cards.

We thank the congregation for your support! Monies will continue to be needed for a time, so we request your donations to the Refugee Fund. Use a pew envelope and clearly mark it for the "Refugee Fund". Our faith also calls us to advocacy now, much needed for refugees and immigrants. Keep them, too, in your prayers: the 65 million refugees and displaced persons the world over.

"Welcome the stranger." Those are words of our Lord, who someday will say also to us, "When you welcomed the stranger among you, you were welcoming me." (Matthew 25).

Pastor Whetstone, chair

EMPLOYERS WANTED

The Refugee Resettlement Task Force would welcome the congregation's help as we seek to assist our two families in finding employment.

Mahmoud al Fahad is seeking employment paying more than his present \$10 an hour, desiring to move his family to a better school and larger apartment. He speaks some English, and understands more. He has been a steady and reliable employee since his arrival in the US from Syria in July, 2016. In his present and previous work he has been a laborer.

Boocha Dragidella just came from Kosovo a month ago with her husband and two children. Her very personable presence helps to compensate for her very minimal English.

Albiona Dragidella graduated from high school in Kosovo last year. Her English is excellent. She is seeking work for a year or so, eager thereafter to attend college.

Fahmi Dragidella is assured a job at Catonsville Plumbing and Heating and will begin soon.

If you have a job offer or a lead, please contact Scott Graham (bhealth1@verizon.net) or Pr. Ed Whetstone (edward-victoria@verizon.net).

VICAR'S LESSON LEARNED
LESSON FIVE: DIVERSITY IS GIFT



“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” Paul, in 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

“Diversity is a gift, not a problem,” a friend of mine used to say. But the reality is that we live in a culture where differences are emphasized more than common core beliefs. Culture influences our institutions and the way we do our work.

In the Corinthian passage quoted above, the apostle Paul calls for unity in the midst of diversity and for the community to understand itself as one body. He begins by reminding us that although we have a diversity of gifts and ministries, there is only one Spirit and one Lord. Lately I have been wondering how the diversity of gifts and unity of spirit are reflected in our work? As a congregation, do we intentionally take time to look at the various gifts and experiences that people bring and how they interact with each other? How does that diversity strengthen the work of the gospel?

Understanding diversity as a gift compels us to ensure that each person contributes. How are the contributions of disciples valued and recognized? Has Salem developed a culture where all opinions are actively sought? As you reflect on your own time at Salem, are there people who never speak a word? I believe these questions are important for us to think about and think about often.

Paul’s message to the Corinthian church is as real today as it was then. Aware of divisions and problems among them, he offered counsel on how they could work together. In these verses, Paul outlines a number of principles to use in community building.

Acknowledge the diversity of gifts.

Everyone has something to contribute: find out what that is.

Since God has provided us with individual gifts, the use of our gifts should ultimately help build God’s kingdom.

In a community, every person is important, and no one should feel or act as if they are better or more indispensable than others.

Invite contributions from persons from whom you least expect to hear. Make sure that the input of everyone is solicited and welcomed.

People in the community need to care and respect each other. There will be diversity of opinions, but respect must always be the norm.

Empathy with others; community members need to know how to cry together and how to laugh together.

Remember that diversity of gifts is intentional. God made and created each one of us as unique.

Former football coach Lou Hotz said that the answer we give to three questions will determine our success or failure:

Can people trust me to do my best?

Am I committed to the task at hand?

Do I care about other people and show it?

As Hotz reminds us, if we can answer all three questions with yes, I think we will be in a pretty good place. During my ministry at Salem I have come to learn that God has given Salem a diversity of gifts, has called us to work as one, and has blessed us by providing us with the opportunities to be involved in God’s mission. Jay Eckman

**SALEM PLAYERS ANNOUNCES THE CASTING FOR
'THE TRIAL OF THE CATONSVILLE NINE'**

Salem Players held auditions for their upcoming play *The Trial of the Catonsville Nine*. We are looking forward to a great show! Performances will run two weekends May 17th 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th and 27th. Opening night is the 50th anniversary of the actual event.

Daniel Berrigan - John Dignam
 Philip Berrigan - Chris Carothers
 David Darst - Dan Collins
 Marjorie Melville - Katie Frey
 George Mische - Damien Gibbons
 Defense - Carol Evans
 Prosecutor - Lisa Victoria
 Judge - Tim Evans
 Witness - Lisa Yerkey
 John Hogan - Michael Fitch
 Thomas Melville - Orbie Shively
 Mary Moylan - Emily Lambert
 Marshal - TBD
 Thomas Lewis—Ben Barlow



SALEM PLAYERS STORAGE REQUEST

Salem Players is in need of storage for their set pieces. This includes furniture and other large items that are used onstage in their plays. If you have an empty space in your garage, basement or outside shed that you would be willing to donate for this purpose, please contact Scott Graham at bhealth1@verizon.net.

YAS! (YOUNG ADULTS OF SALEM)

A new young adult group is being formed! This group will emphasize fellowship, reflections, theology, and service. If you are between the ages of 18 and 31, stop by the YAS! Table and contribute your ideas of what you would like to see in this group.

Please address any suggestions and questions to Christy Hensler-Davis and Philip Isaiah.



PLEASE COME**SOCIAL MINISTRY ANNUAL POTLUCK****To Benefit: PAUL'S PLACE**WHEN: Sunday, March 11th at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Bethany Hall

WHAT: Learn more about the needs of our NEIGHBORS in Southwest Baltimore, and what Paul's Place has been doing for 30 years to help through speaker Jayna Powell. Members of Salem's Youth Group will also talk about their own experiences in serving at Paul's Place. A free will donation basket will be in place to contribute to/assist in the services provided to those seeking help in one of Baltimore City's areas of greatest need.

Hope to see you there!

SPRING ART SHOW

The spring art show in the Agape Gallery will be "Tales from Tanzania".

The opening with refreshments and visitors from Gilchrist Global Partnership in Timonium will be **April 15** at Salem after the late service. Please come to meet these wonderful people who travel to Tanzania to help communities recover from illness and natural disasters.



The Agape Gallery presents:
"Tales from Tanzania" - April 8 - June 10, 2018
 Paintings & Photographs by East African Artists in cooperation with
 Gilchrist Global Partnership - (gilchristcares.org)



Reception: Sunday, April 15, 2018
 12:15pm (doors close at 1:30 pm)

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
 905 FREDERICK RD. (2nd floor)
 CATONSVILLE, MD. 21228

THE CHURCH IS OPEN SUNDAYS: 8am-1pm
 SATURDAYS 4:30pm-6pm and
 BY APPOINTMENT: charsart@gmail.com

HISTORICAL OLD SALEM'S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR & FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY MARCH 10

9am-1pm at Salem Lutheran Church, 905 Frederick Road, Catonsville.

Come search for treasures, enjoy a delicious meal, and take home a treat. Admission is \$1 per person and all proceeds from the day benefit Historical Old Salem's preservation efforts. Have something to sell? Vendors wanted also-\$20 for a 3x8 table (provided). Call Sharon for more details 410-744-8724.



PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CHURCH

On Sunday February 16, 2018 Salem hosted a **concert given by People's Church** to help them raise money to pay for extensive damage done by flooding. People from that church as well as others across the Synod were very entertained and moved by the choir and dance ministry.



MARCH YOUTH NEWS

Mulch Sale in March. Forms are in the narthex. Please leave filled out form and deposit/payment in locked acrylic box. Delivery dates are March 17th (no green mulch, sorry) and March 24th.



Youth Drop-In on Friday March 9th 7:00-10:00 PM

Easter Breakfast tickets available between and after services on Sunday March 18th and 25th.

Houston Gathering Meeting will be Sunday March 25th at 5:00 PM the Youth Room.

Thank you for coming out for Shrove Tuesday pancakes! We had a great time, raised \$430, and were able to make a donation to the refugee fund. We certainly are blessed!

YOUTH SUNDAY 2018

Salem celebrated Youth Saturday/Sunday on February 3rd and 4th. All three worship services were planned and lead by Salem's Youth Group.

**COME & JOIN MY TEAM**

Hey! I'd love your help with my upcoming Thrivent Action Team.

LWR Quilt Demonstration

Jane Stolte

03/17/2018

Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

End Time: 12:00 p.m.

Salem ELC, [905 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228](https://www.google.com/maps/place/905+Frederick+Road,+Catonsville,+MD+21228)

Last year, quilters from Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Catonsville, MD, completed 150 quilts for LWR. We have been asked by a LWR coordinator to set up a demonstration for the community to showcase our efforts for the purpose of education as well as outreach. We will set up stations in our social hall to demonstrate how quilts are made and also give visitors a chance to work on quilts with us that day.



Undie Sundays Are Back!!!!

The 100+ homeless men at the Westside Shelter are often on minds, especially the first Sunday of each month when we provide dinner to them. During Lent this year, the Salem faithful are asked to channel their thoughts and prayers into action by donating **new underwear and socks for the men at the shelter.**

There is a large bin in the hallway to collect the donations – see below:

Undershirts - Crew neck t-shirts in order of need, **Large, XLarge**, then **Medium & 2X**

Underwear - Only **briefs**, sizes **M, L and XL** are the most popular

Socks - Crew socks in white, gray and dark colors

NEW, in original packaging, please; shop at Wal-Mart for the 7-8 item multi packs for the best deals



Dear Salem Family,

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers, the wonderful cards and well wishes. They all helped to make my recovery much smoother. It is wonderful to have such a thoughtful church family. My recovery is going well. Also, a thank you to Drive Standa for delivering the flowers.

Trudly,
Tom

2/18/18

February 16, 2018

Dear Salem members,

I apologize for the lateness of my Thank-you, but they just as sincere! The white pansy is still pretty and seems to enjoy sitting on my shelf by the front door!

The darling Valentine by the children is so thoughtful. I can see the effort and love expressed. Many thanks. God's love to you all.

Betty Ruff



HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

On Saturday, March 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., we will again host our Annual Craft Fair & Flea Market, with vendors purchasing table space for \$20 a table. If you are interested in having a table and selling your “treasures”, please contact Sharon as soon as possible to reserve your space; we do have some left. Also, requesting all Salem bakers’ help with items for our bake table. You can bring your “treasures” if donating to the Old Salem table either during the week of March 4th {leaving saleable items in the Mary/Martha room off the kitchen} or on

Friday evening March 9th between 6 and 8 p.m. Baked goods can be brought on Friday evening and/or Saturday morning.

Arrangements are coming together for a Cape May Day on Friday, May 11th riding the Cape May/Lewes Ferry across the Delaware Bay, spending the day with a guided trolley tour of Cape May homes with a visit inside the Physick Estate and having dinner before departing for home {more details to follow}.



Definite bus trip plans are made on Wednesday, July 25th for a delicious crab feast at the Kentmorr Restaurant and Crab House in Stevensville {directly across the Bay Bridge on the Chesapeake Bay}.

On October 25th, we are heading to the Dutch Apple Theatre in Lancaster to see “Sister Act”. If you wish to join us on any or all of these trips, please contact Sharon Stanton, 410-744-8724 or leave a note in the Old Salem mailbox located across the hall from the Nurses’ Office.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Join us for our Annual **Mother’s, Daughter’s, and Friend’s Potluck Luncheon** on Saturday, April 28th beginning at 11:30 a.m. Mary Ann Jung will be with us again portraying Julia Child, starting at 12:45 following lunch. The Committee will soon have a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex for participants to indicate attendance. This is always a wonderful event and we look forward to seeing you there.

Also, we’re working on a Sunday date for our June “**Salem Celebrates Summer**” event {lemon/peppermint sticks and treats} to meet and greet each other between services and immediately following the 11 a.m. worship. More details to follow.





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

February 2, 2018

Thank You

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd
Catonsville, MD 21228-4517

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$4,257.28 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you for joining with the whole church in this season of unprecedented generosity as, together, we support communities hard-hit by hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response help provide supplies needed immediately, such as water and generators, and support for long-term recovery: disaster case management, volunteer team placement, community development and professional care for daily and continuing challenges.

Thank you for your trust in this work we do as church here and around the world. Through your generosity, you are sharing with neighbors near and far, revealing God's holy promises of peace and hope, shelter and safety, restoration and abundance.

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. / Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, / and the world is about to turn.
- Canticle of the Turning, ELW 723*

In the light and life of Christ,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

*Thank you, Salem,
for this amazing gift
to Lutheran Disaster
Response. You are
an answer to
prayer! - Da*

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



THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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Dear Friends at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

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.

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

Your quilts and kits provide important necessities to our neighbors around the world, and serve as reminders that they are not alone or forgotten. We also shipped quilts and kits to Georgia, Angola, Thailand, Pakistan, Mali and Burkina Faso, last year. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work!

42	School Kits
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Your Quilts and Kits provide important necessities to our neighbors around the world, and serve as reminders that they are not alone or forgotten. In 2017, we also shipped Quilts and Kits to go to Angola, South Sudan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, India, Lebanon, Serbia, Tanzania, Ukraine, Niger, Mauritania, Jordan, Haiti, Guatemala, El Salvador, Djibouti, and Georgia. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work!

150	Mission Quilts
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In Christ,

Melanie W. Gibbons

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Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 MARCH Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages	5 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Shawl	6 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Bell Choir	7 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6:30 Soup Supper 7:30pm Worship	8 10am Stitchcrafters 5:30 HOS Set-up 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	9 5:30 HOS set-up	10 FAIR TRADE 9am Historic Old Salem Craft Fair and Flea Market 5pm Worship
WINTER ART SHOW						
11 Daylight Savings FAIR TRADE Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages PURCHASE EASTER Breakfast Tickets	12 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7pm Youth Comm. 7:30pm Salem Book Group	13 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology 7pm Bell Choir	14 Charlestown 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6:30 Soup Supper 7:30pm Worship	15 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	16	17 Mulch Deliveries 9am LWR Quilt Event 5pm Worship
WINTER ART SHOW						
18 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages PURCHASE EASTER Breakfast Tickets 5pm Confirmation Class	19 4pm Yoga 7pm Communications	20 1pm organ tuning 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Council	21 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting Soup Supper 6:30p Worship 7:30pm	22 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	23	24 Mulch Deliveries 5pm Worship 6pm Scout Event
WINTER ART SHOW						
25 PALM SUNDAY Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages PURCHASE EASTER Breakfast Tickets	26 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study	27 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm LYO 7pm Bell Choir 7pm Intern Committee	28 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10am Stitchcrafters 12noon Luncheon 2pm Worship 7:30pm Worship	30 GOOD FRIDAY 7:30pm Worship	31 EASTER VIGIL 8:30pm
1 APRIL The Resurrection of Our Lord Worship-8:15/11:00 am	2 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Shawl	3 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Bell Choir	4 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	22 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	6	7 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**March 2018**

- Mar 3 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Mar 4 Third Sunday in Lent
8:15 am and 11a.m, Holy Communion
- Mar 7 Midweek Lenten Worship 7:30pm
- Mar 10 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Mar 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:15 am and 11:00am, Holy
Communion
9:35 Sunday School
- Ma 14 Midweek Lenten Worship 7:30pm
- Mar 17 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Mar 18 Fifth Sunday in Lent
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy
Communion
9:35 Sunday School
- Mar 21 Midweek Lenten Worship 7:30pm
- Mar 24 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Mar 25 Palm Sunday/ Passion Sunday
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy
Communion
9:35 Sunday School

Mar 29 Maundy Thursday 2pm and 7:30pm

The Maundy Thursday Luncheon will be held March 29, 2018 at noon in Bethany Hall and precedes the 2 p.m. worship service.

There is no cost for the luncheon, however, attendees must sign up on the sheet in the Narthex in order to ensure that Salem has provided sufficient food.

Volunteers to help set up or clean up may also sign up there as well. Thank you.

For additional information, please call Roberta McNamara at [410-654-4466](tel:410-654-4466).

Mar 30 Good Friday 7:30pm

Mar 31 Easter Vigil 8:30pm

April 1 The Resurrection of Our Lord
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion

SAVE THE DATE:**SALEM SUPPER CLUB**

Be sure to save the 9th of June for Salem Supper Club. The rain date is June 16th.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY - 2018

- March 14 Monthly Worship —Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion —Deacon Gail Wilson
- April 11 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion —Pastor David Asendorf
- May 9 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30a.m., Holy Communion—Vicar Jay Eckman

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
		First	Second			
Week of Feb 3/4	24	69	78			171
Week of Feb 10/11	17	87	113	49/86	Ash Wednesday	352
Week of Feb 17/18	30	74	125	74	Feb 21	303
Week of Feb 24/25	25	90	119	72	Feb 28	306
February Total	96	320	435	281		1132

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$38,010.33
Beginning Balance	\$23,036.22
Expenses to Date	(\$33,850.68)
Receipts to Date	\$45,570.32
Ending Balance	\$35,755.86
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$66,682.74
Receipts to Date	4,754.00
Disbursements to Date	(\$2,300.00)
Balance in Fund	\$69,136.74

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 either of our two networks connections:



- SalemBethanyHall
- SalemReformationHall
- SalemUpperRoom

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

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

PRAYERS

In the quiet of the morning,
 In the new day that is dawning,
 Thy kingdom come.
 In my waking and my dressing,
 In my life and my progressing,
 Thy kingdom come.
 In this moment for the taking,
 In the things that I am making
 Thy kingdom come.
 In my tasks and my employment,
 In my leisure and enjoyment,
 Thy kingdom come.
 - David Adam, 'Power Lines'

**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 or 410 788-3875 [Karen] or via email at prayertree@salem-catonsville.org

I place my soul and body under your guarding this night, O God, O Father of help to frail pilgrims, Protector of heaven and earth.

~ from Celtic Worship Through the Year

OFFICIAL ACTS**AT THE FONT**

"We pray you...keep our children in the covenant of their baptism and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and godliness."

Michael Edward Moore February 17, 2018

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."

Terry L. Phillips February 3, 2018*
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* Not a member of Salem

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