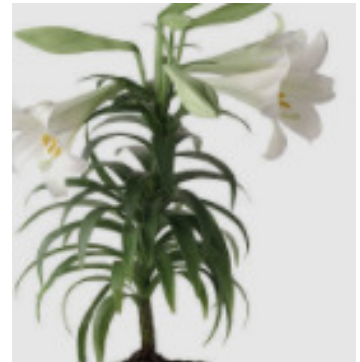




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***He Is Risen Indeed!
Hallelujah!***

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

**TWO GREAT
EVENTS
COMING TO
SALEM!**


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.

Salem Players Presents

The Trial of the CATONSVILLE NINE

by Daniel Berrigan



By Arrangement with Samuel French, Inc

May 17, 18, 19, 25, 26 at 7:30 pm
May 27 at 2:00 pm

Tickets
\$12 seniors & students, \$15 general admission
<http://Salemcatonsville.seatyourself.biz>

Salem Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD. 21228

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Eleven children received Holy Communion instruction this year: Olivia Parton, Zachary Geyer, Piper Funk, Anna Morgan, Gavin Smith, Lea Smith, Eva Smith, Logan Kahatapitiya, James Merriman, Michael Moore and Mason Pushman. We are joyful to have these young people be part of God's Welcome table.



The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, June 10th. On that day, following the 11 a.m. worship service, we will have a luncheon to honor our Sunday School teachers' work. Thank you to Jen and Jessica McDivitt, Lisette Jones, Lisa Yerkey, Julie Kempton, Megan Kelbaugh, Lori and Thad Shepherd, Vicar Jay Eckman, Daniel Collins, Linda Fleischer, Sharon Schueler, Don Schwartz, Becky Bass, Debbie Kourkoules, Norma Hensler-Davis, Margaret Milleker, Anita Lane and Sara Toscano. Also a thank you to Sharon Stanton for all her behind-the-scenes work.

DID YOU KNOWall of us here at Salem Church can lead the way as Stewards of the earth? This summer, we will all have an opportunity to participate in "ReNew: The Green VBS". ReNew is about hope, opportunity, and service – we will serve our community and demonstrate that being green can be easy, faithful and fun! **This is an Intergenerational event!**

Our ReNew Program will take place in Bethany Hall on Sundays – June 24th, July 29th, and August 26th, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

To find out how you can get involved with our summer program contact Ms. Liz lizrickel@salem-catonville.org. GET READY TO RE-NEW!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

(Darla Sando/Pam Wilsey)

Plan to attend 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.

Julia Child {1912-2004} was a working woman, who opened America's kitchens and minds! Her popularization of French cooking through books and TV began a food revolution whose effects are felt to this day. Julia set the standard and format by which all cooking shows would be judged. Julia was a tremendous scholar, teacher, and innovator whose 'joie de vivre' captured the hearts of all who met and saw her. Mary Ann's show "Julia Child – Queen of Cuisine" pays tribute to the incredible energy, passion and sense of playfulness with which Julia approached her greatest loves: her husband and her cooking.

Mary Ann will use audience members to portray Julia's beloved husband Paul and her co-authors Simca and Louise, making the event a lively recipe for fun! It's a day you won't want to miss. There is 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.

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 18th when the committee hosts their "Salem Celebrating Summer" annual event with lemon/peppermint sticks and treats. It's a great opportunity for 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. worshippers to meet and greet each other between services and immediately following the 11 a.m. worship. Come introduce yourselves to each other and get to know who it is you are sitting beside/in front of/behind in church each Sunday.

SOCIAL MINISTRY POTLUCK A SUCCESS!

Thanks so much to all who contributed to making the Social Ministry Potluck to benefit Paul's Place a success! We were able to donate \$1625.00 to Paul's Place to help them continue their many tasks in the Southwest Baltimore community.

The Committee is especially appreciative of Neat (Anita) Lane's efforts in making this possible. Having had the Youth Group serve at Paul's Place in the past, she gave an overview of their efforts and plans to go back. She also arranged to have Marleigh and Sara Toscano speak about their experiences there as a student and as a parent accompanying their group. Thanks to them and to the boys in Neat's Sunday School class who arranged the tables and set up chairs for us! Thanks also to all who helped with set up and clean up (especially Mary Krebs) and those who provided wonderful dishes that were enjoyed by all!

Paul's Place is a catalyst and leader for change, improving the quality of life in the Southwest Baltimore communities. Paul's Place provides programs, services, and support that strengthen individuals and families. Their vision is that the individuals and families living in Southwest Baltimore City will have full access to high quality health care, education, employment, and housing, along with the other support necessary for stability and self-sufficiency, fostering hope, personal dignity, and growth.

DEJA VU **Presented by Salem Supper Club**

6:30 PM, Saturday, June 9, 2018
(Rain Date, June 16)

Come and enjoy an evening of nostalgia with GREAT entertainment and fabulous food.

For more information, contact Lynda Bell @ [410-869-0832](tel:410-869-0832) or Jane Stolte @ [410-747-6312](tel:410-747-6312)



HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

On Saturday, March 10th, the Board of Old Salem hosted our annual Craft Fair/Flea Market with 20 vendors selling all variety of “treasures”. Food was plentiful thanks to Don Schwartz preparing delicious items. Winners of the two raffles held were: Phyllis Kennedy {Catonsville Gourmet certificate and wine – given by Roberta McNamara} and Debbi Davis {Dimitris Restaurant certificate given by Norma Hensler -Davis}. **NOTE:** Raffle drawings were done by a non-Old Salem Board member. Our thanks to Pastor Dave and Church Council for allowing us to hold this event; to all our Salem congregation who contributed their wonderful “treasures” and delicious baked goods; and, to all who came that day and supported our efforts to raise funds to help cover the cost of installation of our security system at Old Salem as well as removal of unruly/out of control boxwoods throughout the cemetery that were hiding tombstones. Removal of these shrubs has cleared the cemetery to be seen from front to back from Ingleside Avenue.

Make plans now to join us on our May 11th bus trip to Cape May. We'll leave the SW Park & Ride Lot on South Rolling Road {our usual departure/return spot} at 7:30 a.m. We need to be on board the Cape May/Lewes Ferry by 10:30 a.m. to make the crossing from Lewes Delaware to Cape May at 11:15 a.m. Bring along a picnic lunch to eat on board or purchase food at the concession stands at the terminal or on the ferry as we cross the Delaware Bay to Cape May. The ferry ride is approximately 80 minutes. Upon arrival in Cape May, we'll head to the Welcome Center (via our own bus) to begin a guided trolley tour of this Victorian town with a visit inside the Physick Estate. You will have some time to shop afterwards and purchase some food in town before boarding our bus to head home. Approximate time of arrival home is 8 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$85 per person. Make reservations by contacting Sharon Stanton by Old Salem Mailbox across from the Nurses' Office and/or call on 410-744-8724. **Please have monies in by April 8th.**

Definite bus trip plans are made for 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}. Cost for this bus trip is \$65. Food includes all you can eat crabs, fried chicken, potato salad, sole slaw, corn on the cob, a bowl of red vegetable crab soup, iced tea/soda/coffee/Bud light Draft Beer, and a dish of vanilla ice cream for dessert. On October 25th, we are heading to the Dutch Apple Theatre in Lancaster to see “Sister Act”. Cost for this trip is \$85 pp. Buffet starts at 11:45 a.m.; show begins at 1:15 p.m. 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.

Aeuein Mabil's address at Boot Camp

Aeuein Mabil will be at Navy Boot Camp until April 27. She would love to hear from her friends at Salem. Her address is:

SR Mabil, Aeuein S
Ship 04 Div. 182
3600 Ohio Street
Great Lakes, IL 60088-7103

SALEM MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH FOR OUR LIVES, MARCH 24, 2018



SALEM BOOK REVIEW APRIL 9th—THE WAY WE WERE: WORLD WAR I, THE HOMEFRONT CATONSVILLE AND MARYLAND - 1893-1921

April marks the 101st anniversary of the US entry to World War I, "The War to End all Wars". It seems appropriate to discuss this tragic and costly event in world history.

Our focus will be primarily on events from the Catonsville and Maryland perspective, rather than the battlefield. Particular attention is given to lives of four men from Baltimore that served in the war, three of them made the ultimate sacrifice. A special concern will be ethnic relationships, (particularly German-American) and their effects.

Sources of information for discussion will be drawn from Wikipedia references which will be provided to you in PDF form. There are approximately 10 readings that average not more than 10 pages each, i.e., total of about 100 pages reading material. Joe LeGath will provide a list of source documents for those that wish to delve deeper into the material. The book reference is:

Catonsville 1880 to 1940 *From Village to Suburb, 7545*, Edward Orser and Joseph Arnold, Norfolk, Donning Co.

Please focus on the period from 1910 through 1920 and the development that took place then. The Discussion will cover vignettes from separate periods during the war rather than a complete overview of the entire period.

THE PROLOGUE - 1893 to 1914
Catonsville 1910

THE WAR: 1914-1918:
German-American relationships

THE ORIGINS 1914-17
The Deutschland Visit

Troops Return 1919
Sgt Reich Returns To Catonsville
Catonsville 1920

US INVOLVEMENT 1917-1918
The 79th Division and 313th Regiment
Ft Meade
2d General Hospital
Loss of the Cyclops
The Last Week Of The War

AFTERMATH
The Spanish Flu 1918-1919

*Future discussions include: May 14th – Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard
June 11th – Here I Walk by Andrew L. Wilson*

SPRING ART SHOW

The Agape Gallery is pleased to present our collaborative effort with the Gilchrist Center to show art and photographs of Tanzania. The reception will be held after the 11 a.m. service on April 15. Please come to enjoy the joyful spirit of their art!



The Agape Gallery presents:
"Tales from Tanzania" - April 8 - June 10, 2018
Paintings & Photographs by East African Artists in cooperation with
Gilchrist Global Partnership - (gilchristart.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: 9am-1pm
SATURDAYS 4:30pm-6pm and
BY APPOINTMENT: chrsart@gmail.com

LAZARUS CAUCUS EVENTS

We hope to see you at the Kruger family's third annual fundraiser benefiting Lazarus Caucus, providing help and hope to 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 event, including Rob's own song about homelessness, "[Behind the Wall](#)," and a full hour bonus set that just CRUSHED!



We are deeply grateful for our sponsors and partners: Candle Light Funeral Home, Fish Head Cantina, The Home Depot, The Loverde Family Community Fund, Pam Long Photography, Parker Fuel Co.

Tickets are \$10 per person. They can be purchased from Leslie and Jim Kruger (8:15 a.m.) or Pat Krenzke and Mike Hall (11 a.m.). Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.



CRAB RAFFLE

Benefiting Lazarus Caucus, Inc.
Providing a "hand up not a hand out" to the
homeless of Baltimore County

**Winner will receive a \$200 gift card
for Captain Dick's Crabs Galore**

& A \$100 Visa gift card

Drawing will be held **Sunday, May 20, 2018,**
at 6 p.m. at Fish Head Cantina

Tickets: \$5 each or five for \$20



Crab raffle ticket sales continue through May 20. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. They can be purchased from Leslie and Jim Kruger (8:15 a.m.) or Pat Krenzke and Mike Hall (11 a.m.). The drawing will be held Sunday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at Fish Head Cantina during the Kruger family fundraiser benefiting Lazarus Caucus. Winner does not have to be present to win.

A PERSONAL OBSERVATION ON RACISM

These are my own personal views. I am not on a crusade to change other peoples point of view. I grew up in South Africa on the beautiful sub-tropical east coast. As the eldest of 9 children, life was difficult, and yet happy at the same time. We never hankered for things we had no knowledge of. And yet as poor as we were, we had a black woman by the name of Kathleen who helped with the housework. She was paid (not much) and when asked if she wanted the same food as we ate or a supply of the more traditional food, she chose the later. Occasionally Mom would give her fruit, or cake from a special celebration. Kathleen had a family of her own, but she only got to see them once a month as she was employed to look after our family. This was "normal" and I thought nothing of it. Until I reached the age of 16 or 17.

Suddenly I saw black people as people. I came to the realization that they had dreams, hopes, and desires the same as mine. They ached and felt humiliated in the same way as I would feel under the same circumstances. This led me to ask questions, and I became VERY unpopular. The most common reply to my questions were, "That's the way things are." Or "Don't upset the apple cart." Or "You're too young to understand." These answers drove me to distraction, and made me delve further into what "apartheid" was doing to an entire nation.

One thing I discovered was the discrimination in education, which in later years had a ripple effect. The so-called Bantu education system (in black only schools) was inferior in every way. The buildings were sub-standard, the teachers were poorly trained, and the classes were huge – probably 40-50 students per class. The so-called thinking of the apartheid government was that black people would only ever be fit for menial/manual work. Therefore education would be "wasted" on them.

In 1992 Nelson Mandela was freed from 27 years in prison. He became the President, and his mantra was "Reconciliation". Eventually legislation was passed and all schools were opened to every child irrespective of their race.

This led to other problems, as children who had no concept of how to behave, who had never been taught to study, and had no idea of discipline, were now thrust into a strange and bewildering world of education.

Let me just add that there had always been horrendously expensive private schools and catholic owned schools that had always been open to children of all races. The private schools were so good, that many wealthy black parents from neighbouring countries sent their children there.

*Will this
change in our
lifetimes?*

Unfortunately, due to the problems I've already mentioned, black students did not do well at school. Although there had been a change in government, this led to the

Nationalists saying "You see, we told you they were stupid and shouldn't be educated". In more recent years, in spite of being able to attend any school for the past 23 years, black students – and their parents – have become very belligerent and have assumed a culture of entitlement. This is leading to other problems, and so the battle for equal rights continue to this day. In the 1970's, I went to live in Holland. Holland was probably the most vocal country in condemning apartheid. For years the Dutch would not import fruit from South Africa because "it was planted and harvested in black people's blood." I had always heard how the Dutch were extremely hard working and very house-proud. You've seen pictures of the housewife religiously cleaning the steps leading to her front door (directly off the sidewalk). That was not cleaning so much as catching up on the local gossip and watching the passing parade.

You can imagine my shock when I read of riots in a certain area just outside the Hague. What I learnt was that for years the Dutch had been allowing Turkish people and people from previous Dutch colonies such as the Philippines, to come in to the country to do the "dirty" work, the Dutch felt was beneath their dignity. Add to the fact the unemployment

A PERSONAL OBSERVATION ON RACISM cont.

benefits were amongst the best in Europe, and you can understand why it was a lot more comfortable to stay at home, rather than sweep the streets.

These foreigners were accommodated in tenement buildings. There were no nearby parks or recreational facilities. These buildings soon became slums as owners felt there was no need to keep these buildings in suitable habitation condition. "After all, these people would soon be moving out, won't they?" No they won't. Life, as bad as it was, was better than the country they had come from. And so distrust and anger fermented. One night there was a fight in a bar. The Dutch men chased the Turks out and back to the tenements. There all hell broke loose. Everyone had a grievance and several people were killed and/or badly injured. The riots lasted days.

When I watched the riots on television, I turned to my in-laws and husband and said, "That's just like South Africa. Apartheid is alive and well here in Holland too." Of course they were appalled. The more I pointed out the similarities to apartheid, the more they insisted "things were different here". Naturally it was a long time before I visited my in-laws again.

And then I came to the wonderful USA. I have been here 3 years now and absolutely love it. Because I have an enquiring mind, one of the first things I did was to enroll at the local library. I asked for assistance in choosing books on American history and was enthusiastically bombarded with a great selection. I started off with the first white settlers, and gradually worked my way up through the years. And it dawned on me that here it was again. Apartheid! No, no one else calls it that, but it amounts to exactly the same thing.

First came slavery. And while on the subject, it was NOT the white man who rounded up black people to be sold as slaves. It was the black chiefs who rounded up his own people and sold them to the white captains to be shipped to this (and other) countries. Eventually came emancipation, and as in all good democracies, the unjust treatment and bad education simmered and fomented, until riots broke out here during the 1960's. Again, the history is so similar to that of apartheid South Africa, I was shocked and surprised. Add to that the present situation where you have poor people coming from neighbouring countries to do the menial work – working in the hot sun all day, and picking fruit. Jobs, I am told, that are beneath the dignity of the average American today. The young people would rather work in air-conditioned restaurants than work out in the open or do manual labour.

As I mentioned at the outset, I am not on a crusade. These are purely my own observations as I am a keen student of history and the peoples of different countries. I have been fortunate to travel to many countries and I have had the pleasure of meeting delightful people wherever I've lived and travelled and have maintained close relationships with people in far-flung lands. It just surprises me that, no matter what you call it, segregation appears to be alive and well in almost all countries. Will this change in our lifetimes?

PHYLLIS KING

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.

REFUGEE RESETLEMENT UPDATE

Our primary focus this month has been on building a stronger schedule with more volunteers for tutoring the al Fahad family. See our appeal for help in this newsletter!

We've also been mindful of employment needs in both the Dragidella and al Fahad families. Fahmi and Albiona Dragidella are taking driving lessons. Albiona has found employment at Dunkin' Donuts in Paradise.

The task force also held a reception for the al Fahads so that those who'd not yet met them could do so, and that we'd have opportunity for a casual visit. We were also able to celebrate Mohammed's second birthday! The event was a very enjoyable success for the family and all of us.

Please look carefully at our appeal for volunteers in this newsletter, and prayerfully consider whether you could help. And be sure to come to the Variety Show on April 14!

NO FAIR TRADE WEEKEND IN APRIL

As we had two Fair Trade weekends in March, the last being Palm Sunday, we will not be offering our teas, coffee and chocolates in April.

So be sure to take inventory of your pantry and be ready for our next weekend—May 5 & 6!

SYRIAN SUPPER AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Sunday, April 29 4:00-7:00pm

St. John's Grace United Church of Christ at the junction of S. Rolling Road and Wilkins Avenue invites you to enjoy an evening of fellowship and an authentic Syrian meal prepared by Madiha and Fatima, Syrian refugees whose love of cooking was passed down from their mothers. Proceeds from this event will go to support the families of Madiha and Fatima.

On the Menu: Kabsa (rice and chicken), Kibbeh (meat pies), Yalanji (stuffed grape leaves), Tabbouli (tabbouleh), Knafeh Nabulsieh (cheese pastry), and Baklava (nut pastry).

Adults: \$25 donation; and, Children 12 and under: \$5 donation.

Please contact Laura Prinn at prinn329@msn.com or 410-897-2534 for tickets. Contact Leah Hayes for all other questions at 'lakhayes@yahoo.com'.

SALEM LEGACY CIRCLE WIDENS

Last year the Salem Legacy was created to include folks who have remembered Salem in their estate planning. By leaving a lasting legacy to Salem they will provide resources for future ministry. Ed and Jo Orser are the latest to join the following folks:

Pastor David and Nancy Asendorf	Guy Davis and Norma Hensler-Davis
Steve and Sally Kopp	Debbie Kourkoules
Ed and Jo Orser	Dottie Phillips
Peter and Jane Stolte	Pastor G. Edward and Victoria Whetstone

If you would like to join the Salem Legacy Circle please contact Pastor Dave.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- John Brohawn was elected to complete Tyler Glander's term as Tyler and his family have moved to North Carolina.
- Our four Synod delegates to this year's Assembly will be Karen Amy, Christy Hensler-Davis, Philip Isaiah, and Vicky Whetstone.
- Megan Simmons was authorized to help distribute Holy Communion, 2nd Worship Assistant.
- The Church Council received a presentation by Property Chairman David Rau regarding replacing church kitchen equipment that is over 20 years old and not working properly. The Council voted unanimously to take the proposal to the congregation to purchase a new commercial range and oven, a new commercial refrigerator and a new commercial microwave oven for approximately \$15,000. The congregation will be notified of the meeting by mail.
- The Church Council approved providing funds up to \$2,500 for our Director of Youth Ministry Anita Lane to attend Youth Certification classes at the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. Anita is planning to begin this course of study when she finishes her current graduation studies program later this year.
- Next year Salem will celebrate its 170th Anniversary. Pastor Dave suggested to the Council that we observe the anniversary in a more modest fashion saving our energy for a major celebration in 2024 for our 175th Anniversary. The Church Council concurred.

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.

VICAR'S LESSON LEARNED

Lesson Six: The Gift of Little Prayers



“You need the little prayers,” a retired pastor told us in a small retreat center in Pennsylvania. We were being introduced to the prayer practices of ancient Celtic Christians.

I immediately got excited as our host spoke because it had been the “little prayers” of Celtic Christians that had first attracted me to Celtic spirituality. As I came across them in my seminary reading, I claimed them and found myself praying them often, little prayers like, “I on your path, O God; You, O God, on my way.”

Celtic Christians prayed this prayer at the beginning of a journey, both as a way of remembering God’s presence near at hand, and also as a commitment to walk with God. It didn’t matter whether the journey was as short as walking to a nearby field to tend sheep, or as long as a journey across the sea to another coast.

Recently I have been in conversation with a friend from Ireland, and we were discussing the prayers we had learned as children, especially prayers for the beginning and end of the day. She repeated a prayer that she prays every morning:

Thanks be to you, O God, that I have risen this day
to the rising of this life itself.
May it be a day of blessing, O God, of every gift,
a day of new beginnings given.
Help me to avoid every sin and the source of every sin to forsake.
And as the mist scatters from the crest of the hills,
may each ill haze clear from my soul, O God.

Having attended school on the Gettysburg battlefields, where mornings can be moist and misty, the vivid image of sin evaporating from my life as the morning sun breaks through the clouds immediately captured my attention. This morning prayer has such a simple beauty and rhythm, it is easy to memorize and to claim as one’s own.

Celtic Christians had prayers for making a fire in the morning, milking cows, baking bread, or churning butter. They offered prayers before sowing seed in their fields or gathering the harvest. With such “little prayers,” each moment and relationship could be filled with a sense of Christ’s intimate presence. A Christ who is alive and risen, dwelling in, with and under our daily life.

Prayer practices like these were not unique to Celtic Christians: the practice of pausing to pray throughout the day is common to many religious traditions. One psalm speaks of praising God “seven times a day” (Ps 119:164); the first Christians gathered to pray together at dawn and at nightfall. Throughout the centuries, monastic communities have paused at set times throughout the day and night to offer praise to God and to intercede for the world. In each of these traditions, the animating desire has been to nurture a continual awareness of God’s presence and call amid daily life.

The special gift of the Celtic tradition is one that is much needed in our time, especially on days when we are busy with meetings and crowded agendas. In a world that often forgets God’s presence, we too can pause even while a meeting is in process to remember our Creator, to be filled again with the love of Christ, and to open ourselves to the Spirit’s guidance.

Vicar Jay

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

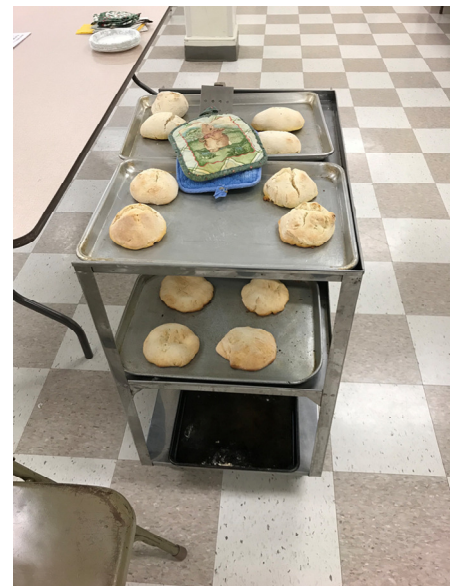
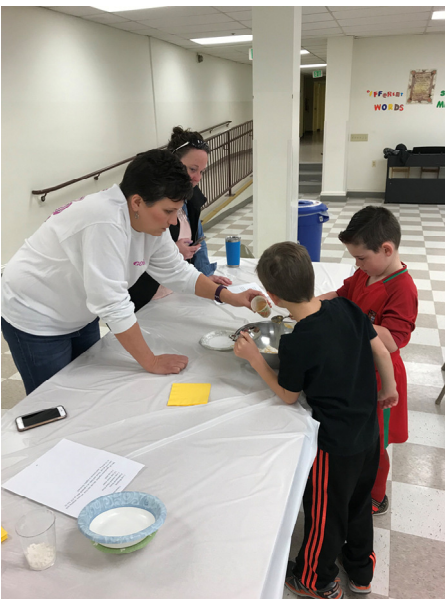
The Social Ministry Committee reports that we raised \$1,645 for Paul's Place, a ministry in Southwest Baltimore that serves the poor. The Committee appreciates everyone's support.

Our collection to help the Lutheran churches in Puerto Rico raised \$4,000. Again, thank you for your generosity.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING

Linda Fleischer will be conducting Child Protection Policy training on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 for members to complete the process to become "Approved Youth/Adults" per Salem's Child Protection Policy. We will meet in the Sunday School area downstairs. The training lasts about an hour. Please contact Linda at 410-964-1920 with any questions.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS BREAD BAKING, SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018



HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN HELP



Providing a "hand up not a hand out" to the homeless of Baltimore County.

- *Collect men's briefs, undershirts and socks for shelter guests*
- *Sponsor a Birthday Bash to celebrate birthdays at the shelter*
- *Coordinate donations of breakfast and snack items.*
- *Coordinate donations of coffee, tea, creamer and sugar*
- *Special collection for Lazarus Caucus*
- *Prayers and notes of encouragement*
- *Assemble lunches*
- *Become a Resource Room Volunteer (men please)*
- *Become a conduit for support or sponsor a fundraising event*

Each and every day, we get to re-live **Easter's** triumphant story; we have the privilege of offering thanks and praise to Jesus for His victory over sin and death. Our Hope is realized, quantified and solidified by the resurrection of our Lord. God's love for us is evident through the sacrifice of his Son. His love ignites change in hearts and instills a desire for a renewed life.

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)

The Lazarus Resource Room provides meaningful, personal connections with the shelter guests; they sit face-to-face with guys at the shelter, identify urgent needs, and address those concerns in concrete ways.

In 2017, the Resource Room handled 3,798 appeals for clothing, transportation/bus tokens, identification cards, and special medical necessities. So far, in January and February of this year, 618 shelter guests reserved times to meet with Resource Room Volunteers and 1,155 bus tokens requests were satisfied.

Lazarus Caucus and the guests of the Westside Men's Homeless Shelter rely on donor support and grants. On behalf of Lazarus Caucus and the guests of the Westside Shelter, we would like to express our deepest appreciation for your support. Your commitment to helping the under-served in our community is appreciated by those who help them and, most importantly, by the men whose lives will be touched and transformed.

Homeless does not mean helpless. Your generosity during this season of renewal will deliver tangible support to a community in need of encouragement.

Blessings,

Andrea Ratajczak, Executive Director, Lazarus Caucus

P.S. We are happy to visit with you, your mission team, or fellowship.

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY DEMONSTRATION

Melanie Gibbons

Quilts. What do you think of when you hear that word? For some, it may draw to mind a beloved bed covering made by a relative. For others, it's evocative of a unique form of fiber art. What about hope? Comfort? For hundreds of thousands of people around the world, their first and only association with the word "quilts" is through Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and love, hope, comfort, and warmth are all part of the definition.

Each year dedicated quilters around the country donate an average of 350,000 Mission Quilts to LWR. We are so blessed to have such a group right here at Salem! These quilts are sturdy and practical – they provide warmth and a soft place to sleep. They also have some qualities that are harder to measure – they offer brightness in the midst of a muddy, rainy season in a refugee camp. They are unique and remind the receiver of their own uniqueness, of their dignity and humanity during a time when they may feel forgotten or crushed together with thousands of their broken and frightened neighbors.

On Saturday, March 17, Salem's quilters joined with Lutheran World Relief to host an event celebrating National Quilting Day by making quilts with our neighbors. We were joined by Salem members of all ages, including many from the First Communion class and their parents, as well as quilters from five other Baltimore area congregations. LWR staff hosted two Facebook Live interviews during the event, viewed – and loved! – by quilters all over the United States. LWR hoped to lift up the ministry of the thousands of quilters who contribute about 350,000 quilts each year as well as put the project in front of art quilters celebrating National Quilting Day, and invite them to join us in mission quilting. As the Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager for LWR, I have seen firsthand the community that is built around a quilting room, and the love that is transferred to a neighbor on the other side of the world through that community. The Holy Spirit weaves into each and every quilt that we share. I'm personally so deeply grateful to Salem's quilters for their willingness to jump in with all their energy, creativity, and time to host this event and share this beautiful ministry with the world!

We had so much fun that we'll almost certainly be hosting a similar activity again, so stay tuned for more details about the next community quilting day. If you'd like to join the Salem quilters in their regular work together, they meet every Wednesday at 1 p.m. upstairs in the Katie Luther room, led by the incomparable Mary Miller.





Above: Scenes from Salem's National Quilting Day Demonstration. YES! You do see a TV camera from WJZ.

Left: From the New Windsor, Maryland LWR warehouse: 50,000 quilts packaged and waiting for 20,000 more to make a single shipment.

Thank You to all the donators of fabric and sheets for backing, and quilters!

REFUGEE TASK FORCE APPEAL FOR HELP**Tutors & Babysitters**

We need tutors to help our Syrian family learn and improve their English. Tutors work in pairs with provided curriculum. A brief orientation is given. Our greatest need is for those slots in bold for which we have but one person scheduled. Backup help would be welcome for any slot. Speak to Marge Diss for further information. **Please circle the time(s) best for you.**

These are the scheduled times at Salem:

For the Parents-

Mondays	3:30-4:30pm
Mondays	4:30-5:30pm
Thursdays	3:30-4:30pm
Thursdays	4:30-5:30pm

For the Children-

Mondays	3:30-4:30pm
Mondays	4:30-5:30pm
Thursdays	3:30-4:30pm
Thursdays	4:30-5:30pm

Babysitters -

Mondays	3:30-4:30pm
Mondays	4:30-5:30pm
Thursdays	3:30-4:30pm
Thursdays	4:30-5:30pm

This is the scheduled session at their apartment:

For the Children- Wednesdays 4:15-5:30pm

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Please return in the offering plate or Pr. Whetstone's mailbox.

Name _____

Email or phone # _____

REFUGEE TASK FORCE APPEAL FOR HELP**Help Wanted!**

We wish to help **Mahmoud al Fahad** find new employment so that he can increase his income and move to a location which makes possible more effective education for his children. He has been employed full time since their arrival in July, 2016 and presently makes \$10 an hour working a night shift. Apart from a few larger, unexpected bills, the family has been self-supporting.

Mahmoud, age 35, has a basic ability to speak and understand English, but is eager to improve his skills. (See other side!) He has a car and license. In the future he would benefit from some job training, but his present skills are those for general labor. His native language is Arabic.

We also wish to help **Fahmi and Boocha Dragidella** find employment. Their familiarity with English is only rudimentary, and this particularly limits their employment opportunities.

Fahmi has applied many places. In a few months, **Fahmi** expects to work with the **Alais'** son-in-law at **Catonsville Plumbing**, but something is needed for the meantime. His wife **Boocha** is also seeking full time work. Their daughter **Albiona**, who speaks excellent English, is working half-time at **Dunkin' Donuts** in **Paradise**.

What we very much need are personal connections for both families, rather than notices of job listings.

Please contact **Scott Graham** (Obhealth1@verizon.net) or **Pastor Whetstone** (edward-victoria@verizon.net) if you have or know of any likely contacts or possibilities.

FROM THE PASTOR...

Earlier this month Nancy and I were attending a production of *Young Frankenstein* at Toby's Dinner Theater and were seated with a young couple who had recently moved to Ellicott City from Seattle. We had a delightful conversation during dinner and intermission. After the show was over, I took a napkin and wrote down Salem's address and worship service times and handed it to them, saying, that if they were interested in attending a worship service I knew they would be welcome at Salem. Afterwards I tried to remember when was the last time that I invited a stranger or unchurched friend to experience worship with us and realized that it had been a very long time.

So to encourage myself I am now going to begin reporting to the Church Council how many times each month I have invited someone to church. I hope you'll join me in trying to be more intentional by inviting folks to join us for worship. And, by the way, I remembered to put some of my business cards in my wallet so I won't have to use napkins. :)

Easter Blessings, Pastor Dave

Ken Wolfram closely supervising Pastor Dave! :) Although we heard that Ken did have a turn at the shovel! Thank you for the extra parking space!



THANK YOU

Have a Beautiful Easter!!
I miss you all!
Love,
Betty Durham

P.S. This will be ten years since I celebrated Easter at my beloved Salem. But we will have a lovely church service here at Ascension Lutheran Church in Thenterville, Md. But I keep up with the good works and my friends at Salem through the Monarch. Keep up the good works and I know the congregation is getting larger.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

February 27, 2018

Thank You

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift(s) given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in January 2018.

In God's grace,

Daniel Rift

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

*Thank you for bringing justice and hope to so many with your gift!
Dan*

**Always
New.**

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



**Lutheran School of
Theology at Chicago**

Dear Members of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift on 3/14/2018, in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the The Annual Fund, supporting the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and our mission of preparing students for ministry.

Thank you for investing in this ministry of theological education and for your prayers, your gifts, your wisdom and your encouragement. We are most grateful to you and are blessed by your generosity in giving.

Sincerely,

Jessica P. Houston

Jessica P. Houston
Assistant Vice President for Development Programs

CALLED INTO THE WORLD

Greetings Pastor Dave,

I just wanted to say a big Thank You again to you and your church for the concert on Sunday. We are forever grateful.

May God continue to bless the works of your hands.

Fargeleh!

(An email received after the People's Community Church concert offered to the Synod at Salem.)

thank you!

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
I would like to personally thank you for your generous donation to Bishop's appeal on behalf of Puerto Rico. Together we will be able to make a difference in our neighbor's lives. When they are able to rebuild the infrastructure, then we can begin helping them rebuild their homes, schools & communities so they can get on with living their lives.

Muchas Gracias!
Sandra Jones

3/28/18

Dear People of Salem,

Thank you for your thoughtful support of our ministry to the men & women of St. Dismas.

Susan Jordan
CSD council member

Dear Salem Family-

I wanted to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers over the past few weeks on the passing of my sister. Your kind words have given me great comfort.

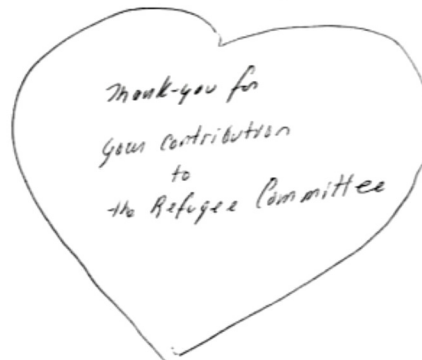
Sincerely,
Peggy Dell



To: Salem Youth Group



To: The Salem Players



SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 APRIL Resurrection of Our Lord Worship-8:15/11:00 am	2 7pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Salem Players	3 8pm Salem Players Meeting	4 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	5 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir 7:30pm CEA	6 Youth Drop-In 7-10pm	7 AM-Variety Show Technical Work 5pm Worship
8 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages Spring Art Show Opens 12:15pm Salem Brass 7pm Salem Players 7pm	9 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7pm Salem Players 7:30pm Salem Book Group	10 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology 7pm Bell Choir	11 Charlestown 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players 7pm Worship Life	12 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	13 Bethany Hall Set Up for Memorial Service Transformers	14 AM Visitation and Memorial Service 5pm Worship 7pm Variety Show Transformers
SPRING ART SHOW						
15 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages 5pm Confirmation Transformers Return	16 4pm Yoga 7pm Communications 7pm Salem Players	17 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Bell Choir 7pm Council	18 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	19 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	20 Wedding Rehearsal 7pm Youth Drop In	21 WEDDING 5pm Worship
SPRING ART SHOW						
22 Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages 5pm Houston Meeting Salem Brass 7pm Salem Players 7pm	23 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 7pm Salem Players	24 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm LYO 7pm Bell Choir 7pm Intern Committee	25 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	26 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	27	28 11:30am Mother/Daughter Potluck 5pm Worship
SPRING ART SHOW						
29 Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages Salem Brass 7pm Salem Players 7pm	30 4pm Yoga 7pm Salem Players	1 MAY 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Bell Choir	2 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	3 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir 7:30pm CEA	4 7pm Youth Drop In	5 5pm Worship
SPRING ART SHOW						

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 2018**

- April 1 The Resurrection of Our Lord
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
- Apr 7 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Apr 8 Second Sunday of Easter
8:15 am and 11:00am, Holy Communion
9:35 Sunday School
- Apr 14 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Apr 15 Third Sunday of Easter
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
9:35 Sunday School
- Apr 21 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Apr 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
9:35 Sunday School
- Apr 28 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Apr 29 Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
9:35 Sunday School

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**

- 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
- June 6 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30a.m., Holy Communion—Pastor Bob Schmitt

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 2018

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
		First	Second			
Week of Mar 3/4	42	79	123	90	3/7 Midweek Lent	334
Week of Mar 10/11	29	82	124	72	3/14 Midweek Lent	307
Week of Mar 17/18	28	103	103			234
Week of Mar 24/25	23	128	150			301
March Total	122	392	500	162		1176

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$76,020.67
Beginning Balance	\$23,036.22
Expenses to Date	(\$81,068.33)
Receipts to Date	<u>\$85,690.35</u>
Ending Balance	\$27,658.24
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$66,682.74
Receipts to Date	7,697.00
Disbursements to Date	<u>(\$4,600.00)</u>
Balance in Fund	\$69,779.74

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 three 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

Take our busyness, Lord
 slow down our steps,
 steady our breath
 calm our thought.
 May it take longer
 to reach out destination,
 but in the journeying
 may we discover
 the quiet whispers
 of another country
 that we have walked
 but never seen before
 where you can be found.
 Take our busyness, Lord
 slow down our steps.
 - John Birch



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

We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping, while earth rolls onward into light; through all the world her watch is keeping and rests not now by day or night.
 ~ John Ellerton

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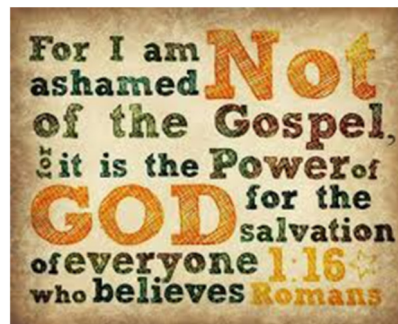


AT THE GRAVE

“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.”

*Ray Godman March 24, 2018**

* Not a member of Salem



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