



THE MONARCH

ReNew: Grow in Faith

Let's work together to care for God's creation by planning to join the Summer Intergenerational Event..... **ReNew: Grow in Faith**. **ReNew** invites everyone {all ages} to learn about Jesus, help build our community and strive to become good {or better} stewards of God's creation.

DATES:

- Sunday, June 24th – Planting Seeds: “A sower went out to sow...”
- Sunday, July 29th Taking Root: Path and Birds and Rocky Ground
- Sunday, August 26th Living Together: Good Soil

PLACE: Bethany Hall

TIME : 9:35 – 10:45 a.m.



At ReNew, we will:

- Explore God's Word through Jesus' Parable of the Sower
- Learn about God's creation and what we can do to care for it
- Meet members of Salem's community who lead us in becoming stewards of the environment
- Make new friends {and see “past” ones} and have a great time together
- Grow a pizza garden

Members of the Guardians of Eden and Children's Ministry Committees invite all of the congregation to join us on the designated Sundays to ReNew and to grow in faith, have fun, and help change the world to be a greener place!

As all materials will be provided, please take a minute to sign up in the Narthex so adequate supplies can be collected. Keeping the themes indicated above in mind, here are a few additional items we could use your help gathering and placing them in the box located in the Narthex:

- Cups from liquid laundry detergent {HINT: thoroughly rinse them clean}
- Empty, but clean 12-16 ounce plastic beverage bottles with caps {i.e. soda bottles}
- Medium size plastic containers WITH LIDS {2-5 qt ice cream pails}
- PAPER egg cartons {12 egg size}

**PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US! WE WILL HAVE
A WONDERFUL TIME TOGETHER!**

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And so much more!....

WISHING GODSPEED TO VICAR JAY ECKMAN

It seems impossible that it has been a year since our seminarian began his association with us!

Vicar Jay Eckman joined us on Father's Day, June 18th 2017 and he will be leaving us on Father's Day, June 17th 2018.

What a very fast year it has been for us all! Vicar Jay certainly embraced and participated in many of the interests and activities that Salem members enjoy.

He even plans to join Salem's Youth Group in its trip to Houston, Texas as a "volunteer" chaperone in late June!

Congratulations to Jay, who, as a member of the first graduating class of United Lutheran Seminary (ULS), graduated May 18th! Jay has learned that he will be working in Lebanon, PA

Notes Pastor Dave Asendorf, "As far as his performance goes, Jay has been unflappable, regardless of the assignment! Writing, preaching, or teaching, he has excelled. As a pastor, he is going to do very well!"

Although there is much he loves about Salem's worship service, Jay says his favorite part of the service is the music. Asked what might be the most unexpected aspect of his learning experience here at Salem, Jay notes that he has been impressed and overjoyed with the great number of interests and passions to which Salem's members give of their time! "I've never seen such engagement in a congregation!" says Jay.



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)

Vicar's Lessons Learned

Lesson Eight: Celebrate

"Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, rejoice."

Paul, in Philippians 4:4

Relationships, like good news, deserve to be celebrated.

Celebration is a spiritual experience. It lifts us, however temporarily, from the seriousness and even the routine of everyday life. It is a welcome interlude that brings balance to life. All work and no celebration make Johnny and Jill dull disciples. Celebration lifts the spirits and gladdens the heart — even when good things come to an end. It rejuvenates the body and gives strength for that journey. It can be a lubricant that makes the world go round.

As I reflect on this year, there is much to celebrate. I celebrate all the times we worshiped, ate, sang, played, and prayed together. I celebrate all the laughs, the times learning and listening, looking at art, attending the many concerts and plays, witnessing to the Catonsville community, and yes even our meetings together. I celebrate all the people who were baptized and fed, who were served in love, married and laid to rest. You have invited me to your homes, shared meals with me at your tables, and embraced me with open arms. I am humbled by your love and will cherish our time together. Salem is truly a special place. A place worth celebrating.

Some congregations (like Salem), admittedly, have more to celebrate than others, but all have something to celebrate, and all disciples will have more to celebrate if we celebrate what there is. Celebration is a time to recognize and mark God's work in our midst. It is an antidote for discouragement. It is the launching pad for new ventures. Ministry thrives in a celebratory atmosphere.

Celebration and gratitude are closely related, and gratitude is an important part of spirituality. If Salem has taught me one thing, it is that people and congregations that are spiritually strong and healthy pause to celebrate when good things happen.

I ask you to join me in celebrating our time together, even with its brevity. Let us pray,

O Lord of our common life, who preserves the bonds of understanding and affection we have with one another, we pray for each other and for the community between us. Especially now, as we part, we pray for each other's safety and welfare. Bring us together again, we pray, our community unbroken by tragedy or death; and through all times, whether together or apart, bind us to one another by our common love for you and your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Vicar Jay

THE CATONSVILLE 9

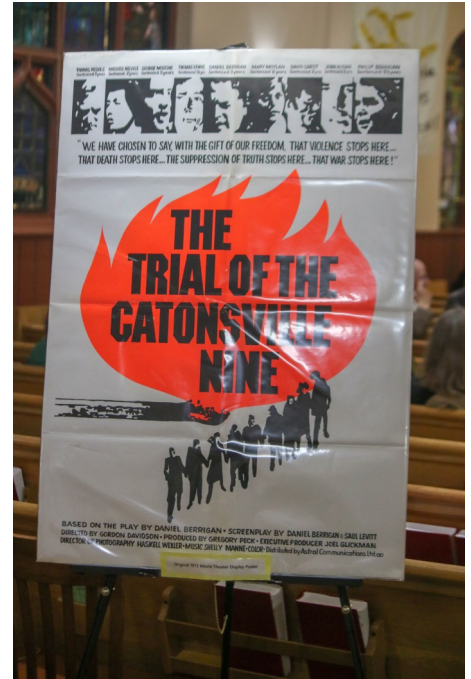
As part of the 50th anniversary commemoration of the actions of the Catonsville 9, Salem hosted a prayer service on May 6, 2018. Notable participants were Pastor David Asendorf, Rev. Edward Whetstone, Rev. Dell Hinton (pastor of Gwynn Oak United Methodist Church and President of the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council), Rev. Neil O'Farrell from St. John's Episcopal Church. The Charm City Labor Chorus provided musical inspiration. The sermon was delivered by Father Joseph Muth of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

A transcript of that sermon follows:

"Good evening and thanks to everyone for making this remembrance so personal, so political, and so prayerful. This is a powerful memory of the past and a prophetic encouragement for the future and what we now face. This weekend we are honoring the prophets of another time who stood in our stead and represented all of us in the face of an unjust war. We are grateful for their witness, their sacrifice, their tenacity, their prophetic action, and their unwavering commitment to peace and justice and to calling America to be its best self: Thank you, Dan Berrigan, Phil Berrigan, David Darst, John Hogan, Tom Lewis, Marjorie Bradford Melville, Thomas Melville, George Mische, and Mary Moylan. You changed the course of a nation, you changed the course of our lives, and you inspired many others to follow.

So in your honor we "lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty"---today "let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies—and let it resound loud as the rolling stream". We have not given up. Today is not just a memory of what was, it is a commitment to what will be. We want you to know that we will "march on until victory is won". (Lift Every Voice and Sing--James Weldon Johnson).

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, and other preachers and orators have used the following quote to help us understand the dilemma we are in at any given time. There is some discrepancy as to the exact translation, but the spirit is true nonetheless.



We can tonight agree with Dante that " 'the hottest places in hell are reserved for those, who in a period of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality' ". There comes a time when silence is betrayal." These words are difficult to hear, because we cannot allow silence, or the violence of silence to overtake us.

You remember, I am sure these words! "Fools" said I, "You do not know silence like a cancer grows. Hear my words that I might teach you ' Take my arms that I might reach you', But my words like silent raindrops fell and echoed in the wells of silence."



"And the sign said 'The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls and tenement halls and whispered in the sounds of silence'. (The Sounds of Silence--Simon and Garfunkel).

We are so glad that the Sounds of Silence did not overtake the Catonsville Nine,

We are so glad they overcame the temptation to be silent. We are so glad that they spoke and acted.

There comes a point in all of our lives when we can no longer go along with the path that our elders and leaders have laid out for us.

It is not easy to oppose your government at any time, but it is important to note that "dissent and disloyalty are not to be equated. Many people will use any means to silence dissent, even calling dissent, "Fake News"!! (If you know what I mean?)

Dr. King was known as a Civil Rights Leader, but as he put the pieces together about Civil Rights, Segregation, Integration, and the Vietnam War, he began to see greater connections. On April 4, 1967, a year to the day on which he was assassinated, he spoke at the Riverside Church in New York and the full understanding of his thinking and the political connections was made known. He could not remain silent any longer, either. He said, "I was increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such....it became clear to me that the war was doing far more than devastating the hopes of the poor at home. It was sending their sons and their brothers and their husbands to fight and to die in extraordinarily high proportions relative to the rest of the population. We were taking black young men who had been crippled by our society and sending them eight thousand miles away to guarantee liberties in Southeast Asia which they had not found in southwest Georgia and East Harlem." I wonder tonight if you can hear the seeds of the Black Lives Matter movement



in these words of Dr. King. But these were similar words of Medgar Evers almost 17 years earlier when he became a Civil Rights Worker. He said that when he was in France during WWII, he was free to walk the streets dating a white woman if he chose to do so. He was not able to do that in Jackson, Mississippi, his home town. He joined the Civil Rights Movement to make a change here in the USA. He was assassinated on June 12, 1963 in his home town. Dr. King said that " we have been repeatedly faced with the cruel irony of watching Negro and white boys on TV screens as they kill and die together for a nation that has been unable to seat them together in the same schools."



Thomas Merton, who also died in 1968, carries on this theme of Dr. King. In 1965 he wrote that "We are living in the greatest revolution in history----a huge spontaneous upheaval of the entire human race: not the revolution planned and carried out by any particular party, race, or nation, but a deep elemental boiling over of all the inner contradictions that have ever been in man, a revelation of the chaotic forces inside everybody. This is not something we have chosen, nor is it something we are free to avoid. This revolution is a profound spiritual crisis of the whole world..."



If that was true then, you can only imagine what Merton would say today! Dr. King said that "the war in Vietnam is but a symptom of a far deeper malady within the American Spirit". Has this malady that King refers to, or the spiritual crisis that Merton refers to been addressed in our own time? We still have a choice today, Dr. King says "nonviolent coexistence or violent coannihilation. We must move past indecision to action. If you can walk, and you can breathe, and you can think, and you can pray, then action still needs to be taken by you and I.



Where is our spiritual center and where is our ethical center? Whose voices are being raised to give us hope? Are we listening to Black Lives Matter, the Youth from Margery Stoneman Douglas High School, the youth in our own schools and families? as the violence continues and has spread from other countries to our own city streets.

The Words of hope come from poems, and scripture, and songs. Dr. Walter Brueggemann tells us that if the dominant version of reality is violence than the church is called to preach the Sub--Version, and if preached well enough, it becomes a subversion of the dominant version and gives people hope.

Dr. Brueggemann says that the source of violence is: 1) Deprivation, 2) Breakdown of community connections, and 3) silence. The antidote is: 1) Bread and meeting peoples' needs, 2) solidarity in community, and 3) listening to another's story and helping them find their voice.



Joy.”

So, my brothers and sisters, I call you to a continual spirit of resistance in the spirit of those we honor this night. Resist!!!



Alice Walker in her book, *Possessing the Secret of Joy*, tells the story of the young African woman named Tashi who killed the woman that mutilated her as a teen ager. As Tashi is tried and convicted, her arguments express her dignity, strength, and the recovery of herself. As soldiers line the roadway to her execution, Tashi's friends boldly walk through them. They show up on the other side of the field from where she will be executed. They unroll a banner over the wall that gives her, her final message of what she was able to accomplish.

The banner says that says, "Resistance is the Secret of

There is so much to do that we cannot give up. So much that came from a dishonest war that still resonates in our society. So we, too, continue to Resist!!

WE RESIST THE WALL--

WE RESIST THE DIVIDING OF IMMIGRANT FAMILIES THROUGH DEPORTATION--

WE RESIST THE SLOW DISMANTLING OF OUR GOVERNMENT BY THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION--

WE RESIST THE PLETHORA OF GUNS ON OUR STREETS--

WE RESIST THE VIOLENCE THAT CRUSHES OUR FAMILIES--

WE RESIST NEGATIVE WORDS AND DISCRIMINATE ACTONS AGAINST GAY AND LESBIAN PEOPLE---

WE RESIST RACISM--

WE RESIST THE DESTRUCTIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY AS TERRORISTS--

WE RESIST THE MISTREATMENT OF WOMEN--

WE RESIST THE CONTINUAL MARGINALIZATION OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES ACROSS OUR NATION--

WE RESIST THE UNITED STATES AS THE LEADING ARMS SELLER IN THE WORLD--

WE RESIST THE PRISON INDUSTRY AS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRIES IIN AMERICA..

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS CULTURAL LINES, ECONOMIC LINES, NEIGHBORHOOD LINES, COLOR LINES, AND RELIGIOUS LINES---

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO A NEW SOCIETY, NOT YET ACCOMPLISHED, BUT SEEN IN OUR HEARTS---

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO NEVER STOP DREAMING OF WHAT WE CAN BE---

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE CARE OF CREATION AND THE EARTH ON WHICH WE LIVE---

Let the reality of this story take root in you. When it does, you will stand strong as a community and



proclaim that the story has not always been easy, but you are not going away, and you are not alone.
 God of our weary years,
 God of our silent tears,
 Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
 Thou who hast by Thy might
 Led us into the light
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
 Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
 Shadowed beneath The hand
 May we forever stand.
 True to our God,
 True to our native land.
 THANK YOU TO THE CATONSVILLE NINE FOR THE MEMORY OF THIS NIGHT!!
 THANK YOU FOR THE HOPE YOU HAVE GIVEN US!!
 THANK YOU FOR THE FUTURE THAT WE NOW LIVE!!

—Fr. Joe Muth

Sources:

- *Possessing the Secret of Joy* by Alice Walker
- *The Word Militant: Preaching a Decentering Word* by Dr. Walter Brueggemann
- *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Speech at Riverside Church in New York April 4, 1967*
- *The Sounds of Silence* by Simon and Garfunkel
- *Lift Every Voice and Sing* by James Weldon Johnson
- *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander* by Thomas Merton
- *Peace in the Post-Christian Era* by Thomas Merton

FAIR TRADE WEEKEND IS JUNE 2/3

Fair Trade delivers delicious high quality coffee and chocolate that reflect your faith and how you live in community with all God's children. Whether you enjoy it at home, at church or as a gift for a loved one, Fair Trade is faithful stewardship for all of God's creation. Support for Fair Trade encourages more ecologically sustainable farming practices, which not only takes care of God's creation but also ensures that the farmers' land will be rich and fruitful for generations to come.



Stock up for summer! You'll find a fine array of tea, coffee and chocolate on the Fair Trade cart in the narthex.

SALEM REFUGEE TASK FORCE NEWS

Thank YOU! First, the al Fahad family and the Salem Refugee Task Force would like to thank everyone who donated diapers, formula, wipes, grocery cards, and canned goods on Mother's Day. The family greatly appreciates Salem's kindness and generosity.

Second, the al Fahad family and the Salem Refugee Task Force would like to thank the two families who have offered to donate minivans to the al Fahad family. The family is touched and overwhelmed by the generosity and very grateful to be receiving a reliable vehicle that will safely transport their family of 6.

Third, the Dragidella family and the Salem Refugee Task Force wishes to thank those who helped Fehmi find his new full-time job.

Good News for our Kosovar and Syrian Families

The Dragidella family has excellent employment news. Fehmi, the father, recently began a new full-time job in Jessup during the week and has reported that it is going well. He also continues to work part-time on the weekends. Boocho, his wife, and Albiona, their daughter, both had their jobs upgraded to full-time positions.

The al Fahad family also received good employment news in May. Mahmoud, the father, has been offered new employment with a 50% increase in pay and will begin very soon. Once he begins his new job, we hope to relocate the family to a new home in a neighborhood outside of Baltimore City, hopefully in Baltimore County.

Ongoing Needs for our Refugee & Immigrant Families

Volunteer Babysitters & Tutors Needed!

In mid-May, Salem began tutoring the al Fahad family in English on Mondays and Thursdays. We need volunteer babysitters to watch the baby (8 months) and toddler (age 2) in the Salem nursery during tutoring. Hours are 3:30-5:30pm. We have one Salem member each day but need more volunteer babysitters. For tutors, we need at least one additional tutor for Mondays and general backup help during the summer vacation to ensure a consistent schedule for the family's English language development. We also provide tutoring on Wednesdays. We specifically need babysitters on the following dates: June 11& 25; July 9, 23, & 30; August 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, & 30.

Note: Babysitters may be adult or youth members of Salem but will not be paid. However, the hours will count towards school community service requirements. Tutors should be college-age or adult members of Salem and will not be paid.

Anyone who wishes to help tutor or babysit during tutoring must complete Salem's 1-hour child protection class. Please contact Marge Diss at myzerbyl@gmail.com or (443) 983-1942 if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!

Assistance for the al Fahad Family

We have begun a search to help the al Fahads find a new home outside of Baltimore City limits, preferably in Baltimore County. If you have any leads, especially regarding private rental apartments or homes, please contact Dave Merriman (VTWHEELS@YAHOO.COM) or Pastor Ed.

—Bethann Ritter

AROUND THE PARISH

Abby Timmel is doing a 6 month Co-op placement at Los Alamos National Labs. She started in January and comes home at the end of June.

Congratulations to Vicar Jay Eckman on graduating from United Lutheran Seminary and receiving a Master of Divinity.

And congratulations to Daniel Collins on graduating from Messiah College. Daniel is discerning a call to ordained ministry. He has been accepted at the Lutheran seminary in Chicago to begin studies this fall.

Pastor Asendorf led the Closing Worship at Christ Lutheran Nursery School on Edmondson Ave. on May 23. He was filling in for Pastor Ken Powell who is on medical leave recovering from Achilles tendon surgery.

Congratulations on Sally Kopp's recent retirement. (Look out Steve!)

Thank You David Rau and Welcome Rusty Schaefer

David Rau has stepped down as Salem's Property Chair after a six year stint. During his tenure David has overseen the painting of the nave and narthex, re-carpeting of the nave, the General Office renovation, the resurfacing of the parking lot, the installation of the new entrance doors and other smaller projects. Thank you David for your faithful and effective leadership!

Rusty Schaefer has been appointed by the Church Council as the new Property Chair and begins June 1. Thank you Rusty for answering the call.



Kitchen Project Vote Passes Unanimously

By a vote of 130-0, the congregation approved the recommendation of the Church Council to purchase a new stove and range, commercial refrigerator and microwave. The total project comes to over \$14,000. Installation is planned for late June.

Church Council Highlights

Property Chair, David Rau updated the Council on the Kitchen project and the condition of the property. There are no major projects pending and the emphasis will be on maintenance. David also notified the Council that he was stepping down and that Rusty Schaefer had agreed to take on the job of Property Chair. The Council formally approved Rusty Schaefer as chair.

The Council was notified that Salem received \$159,234 from the estate of Dottie Phillips. The Council authorized Pastor Asendorf to explore tithing this gift to a Synod congregation that is working to transform itself for mission.

The Church Audit was completed by Ray Hamelin and Lynn Spruill. The Council requested the Finance Committee to report back on the findings regarding tightening the voucher process.

The Council endorsed Daniel Collins to enter the Candidacy Process for ordained ministry.

Pastor Asendorf brought Salem's WWII plaque "Roll of Honor" to the Wittenberg Room and asked that the Council request the Art Committee to permanently place the plaque somewhere on the first or second floor. The Council agreed.

Noisy Change Offering Received

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Noisy Change Offering to help support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. We raised over \$275 as of the time of publication. This offering will be taken to the Synod Assembly.

SALEM SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

Recipients of this year's new Salem Scholarships are David Paton and Victoria Shepherd, both of whom graduate from Catonsville High School this June. David plans to attend UMBC and major in Mechanical Engineering; Victoria has enrolled in McDaniel College, where her interests include Philosophy and Dance.

Both have strong academic records, have served in various leadership positions, and have been active in both congregational and synodical roles.

Excelling in math and science courses, David has career interests in such fields as aerospace and biomedical engineering; for three years he played varsity sports. Victoria's interests lean toward the liberal arts; her love for dance has been both as a performer and a teacher.



They share in common the roles they have assumed in the Delaware-Maryland Synod's Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO), where both have served as Leaders Among Leaders, Victoria for the Worship committee and David for the Hospitality committee. At Salem, both have played regular roles in Sunday services, Victoria as a worship assistant, David as an usher.

Coincidentally, the two share in common their employment roles as servers at the Brightview Retirement Community.

Salem Scholarships are renewable for up to four years. The Scholarship Committee commends David and Victoria on their accomplishments and asks the congregation to join us in wishing them the best for their upcoming college experience.

DELAWARE – MARYLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The annual Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly was held May 31- June 2 at the Delta-Marriott Hotel in Hunt Valley.

Pastor Dave and Vicar Jay were both in attendance. Lay voting attendees were: Christi Hensler-Davis, Phillip Isiah, Vicki Whetstone and Karen Amy.



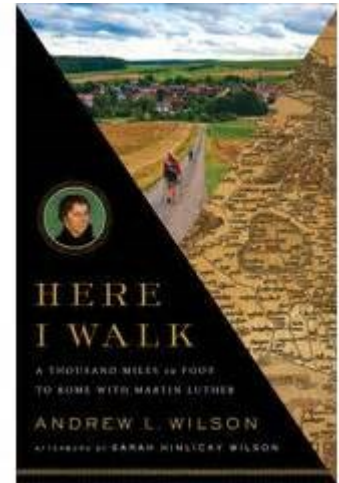
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 God's work. Our hands.

BOOK GROUP

On May 14, the group discussed *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard. James A. Garfield was one of the most extraordinary men ever elected president. Born into abject poverty, he rose to become a wunderkind scholar, a Civil War hero, and a renowned and admired reformist congressman. Nominated for president against his will, he engaged in a fierce battle with the corrupt political establishment. But four months after his inauguration, a deranged office seeker shot Garfield in the back.

On June 11, the book group will close its 2017-18 season with a discussion of *Here I Walk* by Andrew L. Wilson. In 2010, Andrew Wilson and his wife, Sarah, walked in the footsteps of Martin Luther, re-creating his famous pre-Reformation pilgrimage from Erfurt to Rome. Their trek was well publicized, with coverage in the *Christian Century*, *First Things*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *Books & Culture*. They were also interviewed by travel expert Rick Steves on his popular radio program. As they walked their journey of a thousand miles over seventy days, thousands of readers followed along on the Wilsons' blog.

This engaging narrative brings readers along as Andrew and Sarah traverse Europe, visiting sites such as Coburg Castle, Ulm's Münster, the Alps, Milan, Florence, and Rome. Their journey provides a unique window into the history of the Protestant Reformation and a creative entryway into the life of Luther. The book also reflects on the contemporary ecumenical significance of the events of the Reformation, exploring what the changes of the past 500 years mean for the Christian present and future.



HISTORICAL OLD SALEM

Annual Founders Day
Sunday, June 3, 2018
2:00 PM

Historical Old Salem celebrates Founders Day each year on the first Sunday in June. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. On June 3rd we will be learning about the life and death of Sgt. George Edward Reich, who is buried in the cemetery surrounding our original church home.



Sgt. Reich, a descendant of the Reich family who were founding members of Salem, served in the American Army that went to France in 1918 in support of our country's allies. He was killed in action on November 9, 1918, just two days before the Armistice. Both a lifelong resident of Catonsville and member of Salem, he was 26 years old at the time of his death.

Join us as we remember this true American hero.

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.



UNDY SUNDAYS 2018

The Salem Lenten tradition of gathering new underwear and socks for the men of the Westside Shelter for Men was once again a huge success with a record number of socks and briefs collected. The donated items will go to re-stock the clothing closet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. From there they will be distributed to the men at the shelter where incoming guests all receive new underwear, socks and t-shirts.



Many thanks to the good folks of Salem!

Pat Krenzke
President
Lazarus Caucus

SAVE the DATES – Upcoming Lazarus Caucus Fundraisers

- **Friday, July 27, 4-8 PM** – The Breadery, Oella – Boordy Wines, TBD Beer, BricknFire Pizza
 - **Friday, September 28, 6PM** – Rolling Road Golf Club – Annual Gala & Silent Auction
- Tickets can be purchased from Leslie Kruger (early service) and Pat Krenzke (late service)

MOTHER, DAUGHTER, FRIENDS LUNCHEON

The Mother, Daughter, Friends Luncheon held on Saturday April 28th was a wonderful time of fellowship, food and entertainment for all ages. We welcomed close to 100 folks and enjoyed an array of delicious pot-luck dishes and desserts.

Lunch was followed by a performance by Mary Ann Jung who, this year, portrayed Julia Child. Mary Ann treated us to a delightful look into Julia's life, careers, marriage and love of French cooking. A special thank you to Lowell Rau who so graciously agreed to attend and portray Julia's beloved husband, Paul.

The Christian Fellowship Committee would like to thank all who attended and brought along loved ones, friends, and food to share. We look forward to having you join us next spring for this annual event.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



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.

Children's Ministries and the Guardians of Eden Committees are planning **INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER LEARNING EVENTS** this summer.

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!

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Each time we gather, we will learn more about how we can do our part to renew the Earth and how we live together in God's love. Practical earth friendly projects {i.e. grow a pizza garden} and good advice will be shared during each session.

Keeping the theme of these events in mind, here are a few items we could use your help in collecting for them. We will have a box in the Narthex soon for the items.

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Empty, but clean, 12-16 ounce plastic beverage bottles with caps {i.e. soda bottles}

Medium size plastic containers **with lids** {**2-5 qt ice cream pails**}

Paper egg cartons {12 egg size}

As we get closer to the dates, we will be asking for your support in providing more specific items! And we are looking forward to **EVERYONE** in the congregation to join us at 9:35 a.m. on these Sundays in Bethany Hall. To find out how you can get involved with our summer program contact Ms. Liz lizrickel@salem-catonsville.org. GET READY TO RE-NEW!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 17th for a reception for Vicar Jay as he ends his internship at Salem and begins preparing for his first call.

THE BLESSING OF THE TRACTORS

WOODSTOCK MUSIC FEST PRESENTS
**COUNTRY MUSIC
CONCERT**

A charity concert for Baltimore's homeless & children



FEATURING
Rolling Stone Magazine's Artist You Need to Know
Frank Ray
Plus
Davisson Brothers
Dean Crawford &
The Dunns River Band

TICKETS	JUNE 24TH 2PM	MORE INFO
\$30 by June 17 \$40 after June 17 Kids under 12 free	10800 Old Court Rd Woodstock, MD 21163	410.707.1864 woodstockmd.org

*BBQ, Beer, Wine & Beverages available at booths. Coolers, food & beverages not allowed.



HISTORICAL OLD SALEM PRESENTS



A Crab Feast!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25TH 2018

Enjoy an Eastern Shore Crab Feast at the Kentmorr Restaurant and Crab House in Stevensville, Maryland! The 2 hour feast features all you can eat crabs, a bowl of Maryland Crab Soup, fried chicken, potato salad, corn on the cob, coleslaw, coffee/tea/soda, Bud Light Draft, and vanilla ice cream.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES: Transportation, Meal, and Gratuities

COST: \$65 per person due by June 25, 2018

DEPART: 9:30 AM from the Southwest Park & Ride lot on South Rolling Road

RETURN: 4:30 PM approximately

For information and reservations, please contact Sharon at 410-744-8724

Hurry! This trip is selling out fast!

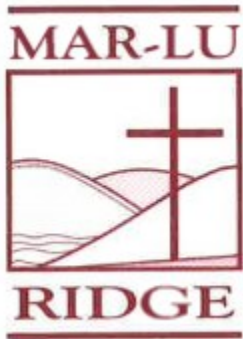


Dear Salem friends,

As I continue to regain my strength, I am thankful for your calls, cards, prayers and acts of kindness.

God's peace,
Ruth Miller

Judy Rotz called and asked me to: Thank vicar Jay, Philip Isaiah and Ray Giuliani for their heroic efforts when her phone was lost. Thank Sue O'Connor and Rose Hamelin for the Prayer Tree and cards. Thank the Salem Church family and the Men's Prayer Breakfast for their prayers



thank you!

Dear Friends in Christ,

We greatly appreciate the gift of \$100.00, given to Mar-Lu-Ridge for our Spring Appeal. These gifts will be used specifically for our Summer Camp program. We look forward to serving many campers, knowing each will experience God in a new way on The Ridge. We are excited to share the many ways This (grace) Changes Everything with our campers!

Campers will engage in many activities during their stay, including plenty of outdoor time - swimming, hiking, large group games, nature studies, Challenge Courses/High Ropes, and gardening. Our service projects and Bible lessons encourage our campers to make small changes in their daily lives which will help sustain the planet and care for their brothers and sisters in need. This summer, we will also be learning about the ministries of The Lamb Center in Fairfax, VA and the Religious Coalition in Frederick, MD., both ministries which work to better the lives of the homeless.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you! We truly appreciate your gift of \$1,000 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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous response to our emergency appeal for the Potomac Lodge deck replacement. The contractors are almost finished their work and the improvements are amazing. We are so grateful for a sturdy, safe deck from which to enjoy the beautiful view. Your support through your gift of \$200 to renovate this historic structure is a blessing,

Wishing you peace,

Sarah Lefler
Executive Director
Mar-Lu-Ridge

Thank You



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure

Dear Rev. Asendorf:

You are making history. Thank you for the generous donation of \$264 from Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

By every measure, the Chesapeake Bay is healthier than it was even five years ago. Pollution levels are falling. Crab and oyster populations are rising. Grasses are rebounding, and the water is clearer. The Bay's restoration has the potential to be the most dramatic example of environmental recovery *ever seen*.

However, the Bay's future is far from certain. This is a decisive moment. Now more than ever, we must accelerate our efforts to defend and advance the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint. This year, CRF will fight for the Bay to

Sincerely,

Bill Baker




William C. Baker
President

*Dear Pastor Dave & Beloved
Salem Church Family,*

*Thanks for all the faith, love,
hope, and most of all your fervent
prayers to heaven above to help me
to heal. I am going to Colorado to
help heal the rest of the infection in
my leg. Please pray that I shall be
able to make that journey and that
God may watch over Greg and that
do we love them. God's peace &
thankfulness to each and all of you...
Greatful thanks to Pastor Dave for
saving me with his kind prayers and
wonderful hospital visit to me. He
truly helped to save my life. - Gregory*

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages 9:30pm Salem Choir 2pm Trial of the Catonsville Nine 5pm Houston Meeting Salem Brass 7pm Salem Players 7pm	28 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm LYO 6:30pm Cub Scout Interest Meeting	30 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	31 Synod Assembly 10am Stitchcrafters 3:30 Tutoring	1 JUNE Synod Assembly	2 Synod Assembly 5pm Worship
 SPRING ART SHOW						
3 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages Salem Players 7pm	4 3:30 Tutoring 4pm Yoga 6:30 Guardians of Eden 7pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Salem Players	5 5pm Chair Yoga	6 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Youth Committee	7 10am Stitchcrafters 3:30 Tutoring 7:30pm CEA	8	9 5pm Worship 6pm Salem Supper Club
 SPRING ART SHOW						
10 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30 Sunday School All Ages 9:30pm Salem Choir 11 Sunday School Teachers Luncheon	11 3:30 Tutoring 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7pm Salem Players 7:30pm Salem Book Group	12 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology	13 Charlestown 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	14 10am Stitchcrafters 3:30 Tutoring	15	16 (Supper Club Rain Date) 5pm Worship
17 Worship-8:15/11:00 am	18 3:30 Tutoring 4pm Yoga 7pm Communications 7pm Arts	19 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Council	20 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	21 10am Stitchcrafters 3:30 Tutoring	22	23 9am ReNew Set Up 5pm Worship
24 Worship-8:15/11:00 am 9:30 ReNew Intergenerational Event 5pm Houston Meeting	25 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 3:30 Tutoring 4pm Yoga 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study	26 5pm Chair Yoga	27 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	28 10am Stitchcrafters 3:30 Tutoring	29	30 5pm Worship
 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING						

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**June 2018**

- June 2 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- June 3 Second Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
9:35 Sunday School
- June 9 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- June 10 Third Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 am and 11:00am, Holy Communion
9:35 Sunday School
- June 16 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- June 17 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
- June 23 Saturday Evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- June 24 John the Baptist
8:15 a.m. and 11:00a.m, Holy Communion
9:35 ReNew Intergenerational Event



Children's Ministries and
Guardians of Eden Committees present
INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER EVENTS

DID YOU KNOW.....all 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!

Sunday, June 24th Planting Seeds:

"A sower went out to sow..."

Sunday, July 29th Taking Root:

Path and Birds and Rocky Ground

Sunday, August 26th Living Together:

Good Soil



Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY - 2018

- June 13 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30a.m., Holy Communion—Pastor Bob Schmitt
- July 11 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion —Deacon Gail Wilson
- August 8 Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30a.m., Holy Communion—Pastor David Asendorf

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR APRIL/MAY 2018

	Saturday	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
	Evening	First	Second			
April Sub-Total	160	404	568	9		1141
April 28/29	21	91	109			
April Total	181	495	677	9		1362
May 5/6	25	110	107			242
May 12/13	19	68	113			200
May 19/20	20	108	104			232
May 26/27	21	71	101			193
May Total	85	357	425			867

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR APRIL 2018

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$152,041.33
Beginning Balance	\$23,036.22
Expenses to Date	(\$144,929.94)
Receipts to Date	<u>\$180,472.79</u>
Ending Balance	\$58,579.07
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$66,682.74
Receipts to Date	\$13,424.50
Disbursements to Date	<u>(\$10,706.45)</u>
Balance in Fund	\$69,400.79

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:



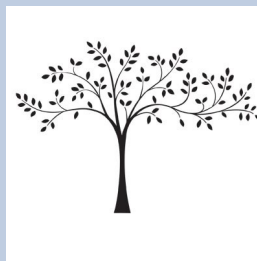
- SalemBethanyHall
- SalemReformationHall
- SalemUpperRoom

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

As surely as the seasons unfold,
and spring follows winter
so sure is your steadfast love, O God.
As buds uncurl and flowers open their faces to the
sun,
turn us to the light and warmth of your presence.
- Kate McIlhagga, Iona

Grant us a vision, Lord,
to see what we can achieve;
to reach beyond ourselves;
to share our lives with others;
to stretch our capability;
to increase our sense of purpose;
to be aware of where we can help;
to be sensitive to your presence;
to give heed to your constant call.
- David Adam



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

OFFICIAL ACTS



AT THE FONT

“We pray you...keep us in the covenant of our baptism and in a life of faith and godliness.”

Elias Daniel Gibbons May 6, 2018

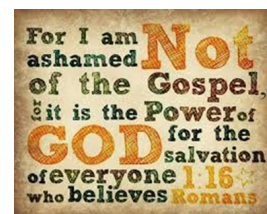
AT THE GRAVE

“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.”

Carol Dixon Miller* May 17, 2018

David S. Rotz* May 20, 2018

*Former Member *Non-member



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