



THE MONARCH

FROM OLD DOORS TO NEW

Not long after Salem members paraded a replica of two *very old doors* down Frederick Road during Catonsville's Fourth of July Parade, six *very new doors* were installed at the church. The timing was purely coincidental but hard to miss.

Parade goers were treated to Salem's float featuring the chapel doors on which Martin Luther posted his ninety five theses, spurring the Protestant Reformation. Today, Salem worshippers are treated to new doors that make entering, exiting and securing Salem Lutheran easier than ever before.



Two new doors have been installed at the Frederick Road entrance and four at the parking lot entrance. They are to be painted soon. The doors significantly improve the security of the building. They are also a big improvement for keeping the heat and air conditioning from leaking to the outside.

The doors which cost over \$36,000 are being paid for by your contributions to the RSVP fund. Thanks to all who continue to be so faithful in supporting this fund which helps pay for capital improvements to our property and other projects. (Note: RSVP is paying for our vicar this year.)

We have also installed security cameras throughout the building which will, of course, help protect the property. The next phase of this project will replace all the door entrance keys with plastic access cards. If you are a holder of an entrance key you will be notified about when this will take place. Master keys will still be required to gain access to other spaces in the building.

We are very appreciative of the good work of the joint task force of Property and Technology members along with others that have helped bring this important project near completion. Many thanks for your support and patience.

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VICAR'S LESSONS LEARNED
LESSON ONE: FLOURISHING RELATIONSHIPS

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." -Genesis 2:18

Sometimes as I prepare for a meeting, I reflect on the people with whom I am serving. What are their backgrounds? Their vocations? Are they married? With children? Grandchildren? The answers to these questions are largely factual. For the people at Salem, I am beginning to know the answers or will shortly learn them (at least I hope). Our service together will allow us to become better acquainted. We will come to know each other's family backgrounds, vocations, marital and family status. We will learn the facts, but will we invest the time to really know each other as people -our hopes, dreams, motivations, and values?



Jesus was a master at getting acquainted with the people with whom he associated. In the story of the "rich young ruler," Jesus was clearly dealing with a leader. This young leader came to Jesus with a fundamental question (Matt 19:16): "Teacher, what good thing must I do to have eternal life?" I think this is a question that most of us ask or at least think about at one time or another. And Jesus knew the answer. What a fantastic opportunity for Jesus to bring another soul into the kingdom! As I read this story, I find myself almost saying, "Tell him, Jesus, tell him!"

But rather than retorting with an immediate answer, Jesus answered a question with a question: "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus, we can postulate, wanted to start a conversation. Conversations are gateways to relationships, and relationship is what both Jesus and the young leader were seeking. So it is with the Church. We seek meaningful relationships. We are made for relationships. God created us as relational beings (Gen 2:18). God desires to communicate with us through prayer, Scripture, meditation, and nature. But God most commonly communicates through people whom God has intentionally placed into our lives.

If you were asked, "Why do you serve with the organizations you serve?" you are not likely to respond, "To build strong relationships." But in the absence of relationship building, organizations can wither. In short, here is the first lesson that Salem is teaching me; where relationships flourish, organizations flourish as well or to put it in the context of the Church, where relationships flourish, congregations flourish as well.

In thinking about this lesson, here are some questions that I think are worth considering: How well do you know your fellow congregates? What would it take to begin building a deeper relationship today? What could we accomplish if we all truly believed that God's primary means of communicating with you is through the person sitting next to you? I would love to hear your thoughts and opinions on these questions as we continue building our relationship throughout the year.

Grace and Peace,

Vicar Jay

"If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together".

- Lilla Watson, Aboriginal elder, educator, and activist

500TH JUBELFEST OF THE REFORMATION: LUTHER THE MUSICIAN

"I, Doctor Martin Luther, wish all lovers of the unshackled art of music grace and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ! I truly desire that all Christians would love and regard as worthy the lovely gift of music, which is a precious, worthy, and costly treasure given to mankind by God.

"The riches of music are so excellent and so precious that words fail me whenever I attempt to discuss and describe them.... *In summa*, next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits... looking at music itself, you will find that from the beginning of the world it has been instilled and implanted in all creatures, individually and collectively. For nothing is without sound or harmony. Even the air, which of itself is invisible and imperceptible to all our senses, and which, since it lacks both voice and speech, is the least musical of all things, becomes sonorous, audible, and comprehensible when it is set in motion.... Music is still more wonderful in living things, especially birds.... And yet, compared to the human voice, all this hardly deserves the name of music, so abundant and incomprehensible is here the munificence and wisdom of our most gracious Creator."



"A person who gives this some thought and yet does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God, must be a clodhopper indeed and does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs."

Luther's love of music began in childhood. He sang in a boys' choir, and became proficient playing the flute. His personal fondness for music, and his natural and practiced gift of music became a powerful resource as he proclaimed the Reformation gospel.

He wrote hymns whose words would express the joy and freedom of the gospel, and often wrote the music for them as well. In a secular text on the music of the period, Luther rightfully receives mention. He knew that words sung and repeatedly sung become anchored in our minds and our hearts. Congregational singing flourished in his parish and became—and remains—one of the hallmarks of the Reformation.

There are seventeen of Luther's hymns in Evangelical Lutheran Worship, and in virtually all Christian churches throughout the world his hymns are sung. Likely the second-most familiar is "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word". The fervent prayer expresses Luther's sense on being embattled on all sides—by the enemies of the gospel in Rome, and also by the Turks as they advanced into Europe, Budapest just having fallen.

Most famous and beloved, of course, is "A Mighty Fortress". A brief pause, and the chords and words occupy your mind. Thanks be to God for the gospel, for music, for Luther.

—Pastor Whetstone

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

As part of Reformation 500, we are printing sections of Luther's Small Catechism. This month, we present Luther's discussion of the Keys and Confession.

THE MINISTRY OF THE KEYS AND CONFESSION

As the head of the family should teach them in the simplest way to those in his household.

THE KEYS

First: What is the use of the Keys?

The use of the Keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelist John writes in chapter 20, "Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"

THE PUBLIC USE OF THE KEYS

Second: How does a Christian congregation use the Keys?

A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the Keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. I believe that, when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.

Where is this written?

Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

CONFESSION

First: What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor* as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.

Second: What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Third: How can we recognize these sins?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you hurt anyone by word or deed? Have you been dishonest, careless, wasteful, or done other wrong?

Fourth: How will the pastor assure a penitent sinner of forgiveness?

He will say, "By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

*The German term is best translated as "confessor," that is, the person who hears the confession.

WELCOMING LAWN SIGNS OFFERED BY REFUGEE COMMITTEE

with the Help of Thrivent Financial

Cost- \$6, Donations Welcome

In the narthex each Saturday and Sunday, lawn signs are available for purchase to announce to the community, in the spirit of our Lord, our welcome to all.

“But the stranger who dwells with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 19:34 Soon after God’s command to “Love your neighbor as yourself,” is this further amplification that the command includes those foreign-born. God reminds the Hebrews that they were once strangers in Egypt. Just as our ancestors were once strangers in this land.



Thanks to Thrivent, we will be able to offer these lawn signs for \$6. (Our thanks to Matt and Liz Richardson and Indigo Ink for their help with this project, too.) Further donations to the Refugee Fund are welcome. The signs speak welcome in Spanish, English and Arabic.

These signs were first the inspiration of Immanuel Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia. They’ve made the PDF available and signs are springing up all over America.

Since our first Sunday’s offering number of signs in Catonsville has already begun to increase. Perhaps at your house too?

Peace,

Pastor Whetstone

FAIR TRADE WEEKEND IS AUGUST 5/6



African Coffee Farmers

Where can you go to get fine coffee or tea to drink on a hot August day, or stock up on chocolate guaranteed to melt in your hand?

The Fair Trade Cart at church, of course! (We thought we’d give the bold, audacious, honest pitch a try.)

Even summer doesn’t pass without most of us enjoying these favorite treats from time to time. And in the fields, hillsides and groves where small scale farmers labor, the work goes on.

Their lives are improving bit by bit, lifting the whole village.

Thanks to you, as you enjoy your delicious tea, chocolate and coffee.



A PRAYER FOR REFUGEES PROVIDED BY LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE

Our Gracious Lord,

There are many in your world today who have been forced from their homes by persecution and violence. Keep them in your constant care, and bring them to a place of safety.

Be the *Good Shepherd* to refugees who are in flight. Guide them to the green pastures of safety.

Be the *Everlasting Father* to refugees who have lost home and loved ones. Lead, protect and provide for them.

Be the *Great Physician* to refugees who are suffering. Grant them healing and hope.

Be the *Hiding Place* to refugees who are languishing in camps. Shelter their souls as well as their bodies.

Be the *Deliverer* to refugees who have been able to return home. Restore their lives so that those who have sown in tears may reap in joy.

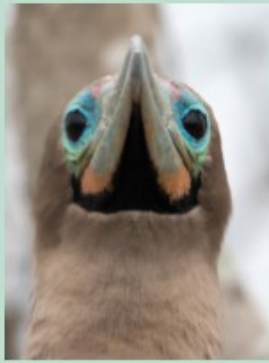
Be the *Wonderful Counselor* to refugees who have been resettled. Help them find their way in a new land.

Be the *Giver of all good gifts* to those who serve refugees. Empower them to do justice and love mercy and walk humbly with You.

Be the *Lord of lords* to all the earth, that those who rule would do so in justice and righteousness, and no one would have to become a refugee anymore.

We ask these things in the precious and powerful name of Jesus.

Amen



"Red-footed Booby"
by Guy Davis

the *Agape Gallery* presents:

Galapagos!!! Aug 27- Nov 5, 2017

Salem Lutheran Church
(2nd floor)
905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228

Opening with refreshments:

Sunday, Aug 27, 11:30 am

The gallery is open Sundays,
8:15 am-12 noon, Saturdays 5pm-6pm &
by appointment: charsart@gmail.com



"Sea Lion" by Larry Kohlenstein



"Motherly Love" by Karen Amy



"Marine Iguana" by Ann Dentry

The Agape Gallery opens our fall show on August 27 - Galapagos! All are welcome to attend the opening at 11:30 am after the late service. This photo show with pictures by Guy Davis, Larry Kohlenstein, Karen Amy and Pastor Ann Dentry will be on display until November 5.



AROUND THE PARISH

Congratulations to Stephen Timmel who recently graduated from Princeton University with a degree in computer science. Stephen plans to continue his studies at graduate school.

HELP THROW SCOTT GRAHAM UNDER THE BUS!

Salem member Scott Graham will be "roasted" at a fundraiser benefiting the Catonsville Community Foundation. The event will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017, 6:30-10 p.m. at the Foundation Clubhouse, 10 St. Timothys Lane, Catonsville, MD 21228. Tickets are \$40 per person. Make your check payable to CCF, Inc. This is sure to be a fun affair honoring one of our own! Tickets can also be purchased from Julia Graham, Scott Graham, or Leslie Kruger.

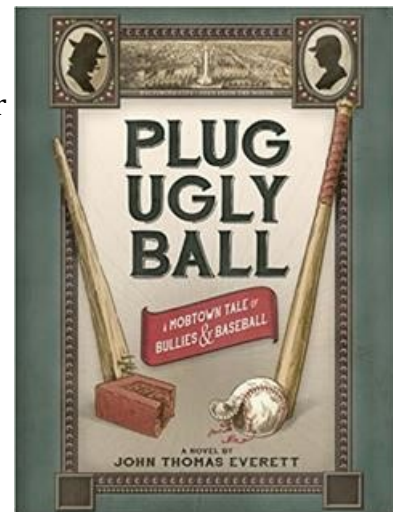


SALEM'S BOOK GROUP

Salem's Book Group has completed its 2016-17 season and is pleased to announce the first three books for the 2017+18 season.

Plug Ugly Ball: A Mobtown Tale of Bullies and Baseball, September 11 .

In his first release author John Thomas Everett immerses us inside the inner workings of one of Baltimore's most infamous mid-nineteenth century street gangs. Amid the compelling backdrop of America's pastime a story of politics, society, and violence emerges. In one of America's most historic and industrious cities the story unfolds as members of the Plug Uglies gang struggle over territory, pride, and political power. The struggle deepens as gang members confront their humanity in an ever-changing landscape. This conflict would leave its mark on the city known to many as 'Mobtown'. The interior artwork and cover was illustrated by Stephanie Smith.



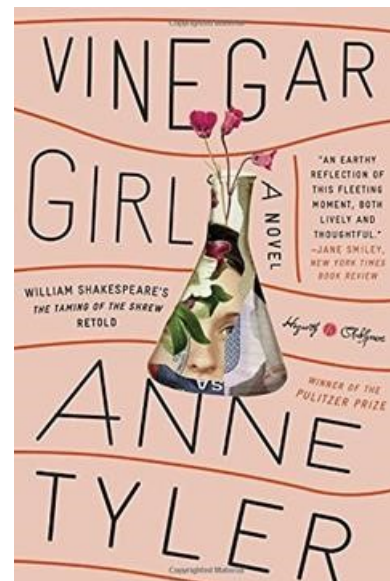
Vinegar Girl: A Novel (Hogarth Shakespeare), October 9

Pulitzer Prize winner and American master Anne Tyler brings us an inspired, witty and irresistible contemporary take on one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies.

Kate Battista feels stuck. How did she end up running house and home for her eccentric scientist father and uppity, pretty younger sister Bunny? Plus, she's always in trouble at work – her pre-school charges adore her, but their parents don't always appreciate her unusual opinions and forthright manner.

Dr. Battista has other problems. After years out in the academic wilderness, he is on the verge of a breakthrough. His research could help millions. There's only one problem: his brilliant young lab assistant, Pyotr, is about to be deported. And without Pyotr, all would be lost.

When Dr. Battista cooks up an outrageous plan that will enable Pyotr to stay in the country, he's relying – as usual – on Kate to help him. Kate is furious: this time he's really asking too much. But will she be able to resist the two men's touchingly ludicrous campaign to bring her around?



Forgiveness 4 You: A Novel, November 13

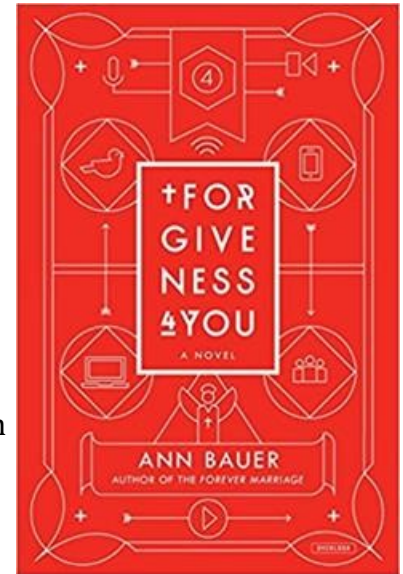
At once a brilliant satire set in the world of advertising and a serious reckoning with religion, the remarkable new novel by the author of *The Forever Marriage*, *Forgiveness 4 You*, is a startlingly contemporary novel about faith and religion in an America addicted to quick fixes and instant gratification.

Gabriel McKenna is an ex-Catholic priest, and with his quiet job at a quiet bookstore, he is—slowly—rebuilding his life. But even at the bookstore, people from all walks of life find their way to

him and feel compelled to share their stories and reveal to him their deepest, guiltiest secrets.

One of these people is Madeline Murray, a high-powered advertising executive, who, hours after her weepy confession, has a revelation: If she felt so comforted by this stranger, perhaps there's something remunerative to his consoling abilities. Madeline has a vision: a business that will offer a secular form of confession and forgiveness—the comforts of religion, without the religion. Without knowing exactly how it happened (and whether any of it is morally sound) Gabriel is transformed by Madeline and her colleagues into the centerpiece of the forgiveness brand. And so a therapeutic revolution unleashes itself on America—or is about to, until a terrible secret threatens to torpedo the business and the man at the middle of it. Which would all be bad enough, were it not for temptation—in the form of Madeline herself.

In *Forgiveness 4 You*, Ann Bauer combines her gift for characterization with a broad American canvas to dazzling effect. Written with verve and confidence, *Forgiveness 4 You* is an unusually ambitious novel that blends cutting-edge satire with a serious meditation on faith in the twenty-first century.



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

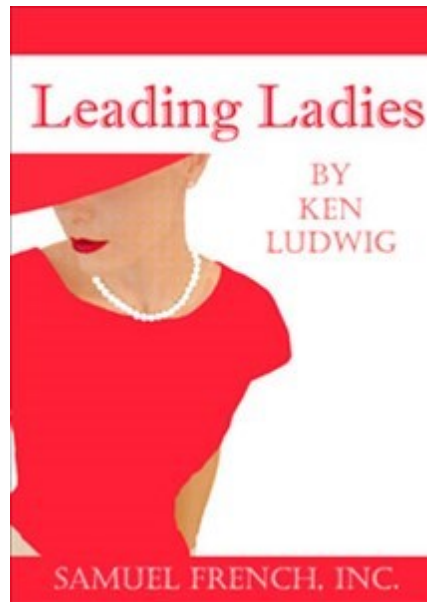
Coming on Saturday, September 9, 2017 to your favorite Lutheran church, Salem.... GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS! Projects will include: Preparing breakfast for the Homeless, Yarn-in, Stream Cleaning in Oella (Lower portion of Trolley Trail) for Youth and anyone that wants a good workout), and Augsburg Home singing. Times will be announced on the sign up sheet.

FROM THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Salem's entry in this year's 4th of July parade to honor the 500th anniversary of the Reformation was greatly appreciated by the audience along Frederick Road. Our stalwart float handlers, Michael Fitch and Don Schwartz made sure that we overcame any obstacles, and our well prepared and cheery marchers (Lindsey, Lizzie and Matthew Fitch, Jenny and William Spencer, Becky and Abby Bass, Lisa Muccino and her friends, Rashawn, A'rayia & Rick Grills and Char Brooks waved doves and tossed friendly cheers back to the onlookers.) Pastor Dave made sure that Martin and Katie Luther took it all in stride, Martin hitting the doors with his mallet, and Katie saying her prayers as they twisted back and forth on their platforms.

Thanks also to all the designers and builders of the wooden & metal parts (Lowell Rau & Don Schwartz), the doves (Marilyn Timmel) and the puppets (Char Brooks & Beth Dobben); along with a willing crew of Salem volunteers who put in extra time to bring it all together for the event. Hopefully we'll see Martin and Katie again as we celebrate the Reformation in September and October! And please enjoy the movies that Guy Davis posted on Facebook!



AUDITIONS FOR “LEADING LADIES” BY KEN LUDWIG

Auditions for Salem Players' fall performance, "Leading Ladies" will be held on Saturday, September 9th at 2PM, and Tuesday, September 12th at 7 PM. Directed by Scott Graham. Performance dates are: November 10, 11, 17 & 18th at 8 PM and November 12 and 19th at 2 PM.

In this hilarious comedy by the author of *Lend Me A Tenor* and *Moon Over Buffalo*, two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. When they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, but nieces! Romantic entanglements abound, especially when Leo falls head-over-petticoat in love with the old lady's vivacious niece, Meg, who's engaged to the local minister. Meg knows that there's a wide world out there, but it's not until she meets "Maxine and Stephanie" that she finally gets a taste of it.

Roles available are:

Meg (early 30's)

Leo (30's) must be willing to dress in drag

Jack (30's) must be willing to dress in drag

Audrey (20-ish) must be able to rollerskate

Duncan (50-ish)

Florence (60 - 70)

Doc (50-60)

Butch/Frank (30-40)

GUARDIANS OF EDEN DENIM DRIVE

The GOE is again holding a denim drive starting in August. Please place your washed not wanted denims in the box in the Narthex. Again, they will be sent and recycled for insulation for Habitat for Humanity. We had an awesome response in the spring: over 183 lbs. collected and sent on. Thank you, again Salem church. We thought this would be a good time as parents go out again to buy jeans for their children for the upcoming school year.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee will be hosting a table here at Salem during the annual Catonsville Arts and Crafts Festival held on Sunday, September 10th following the 10:30 a.m. service. If you would like to volunteer to help staff the table and/or provide some light refreshments for that day {even if you can give a ½ hour to cover}, please contact Darla Sando {410-744-0241} or Pam Wilsey {410-719-1542}, Co-Chairs of the Committee. Your help is needed! Thank you.



HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

The Board of Directors traveled to Hurlock Maryland {Suicide Bridge} to ride on board the paddlewheel boat “Dorothy Megan” on July 27th. Everyone enjoyed “all you can eat” crabs, fried chicken, clam strips and corn on the cob – a true Eastern Shore meal - while cruising the Choptank River for a three {3} hour tour.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Members’ and Friends’ Open House, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 17th. We will host Mrs. Sally Riley, from the Historical Society of Baltimore County, who will present “**Rumor or Fact: A Town Under Loch Raven Reservoir**” through a slide presentation of the town and telling us about its brief history which covers the time period from the early 1800’s until the 1920’s. The event is open to EVERYONE! Please plan to attend – it’s quite a fascinating presentation, one that you will enjoy!

The Fall Foliage trip on Wednesday, October 18th for the Western Maryland Steam Ride from Cumberland to Frostburg {and return} with deli lunch on board is full. If you have expressed an interest in going on this trip and have not already done so, please contact Mary Krebs, Old Salem Board Member, 410-788-6580, as soon as possible to confirm your spot. If you are interested in going, but have not previously contacted Mary, you may be on a wait list – but please contact her to place your name thereon. Sometimes we do have cancellations and are able to fill the vacancy with names from the wait list. Cost \$105 per person – includes bus, lunch, train ride, taxes, gratuities, due by September 15th. Checks should be made payable to Historic Old Salem, Inc. and given to Mary Krebs {if you are confirmed to go on the trip} or contact her for her mailing address.



PHOTO DIRECTORY

The photo directory is not finished; but the pictures you ordered are! Visit Vicky and Ed Whetstone on weekends beginning July 30 after worship to pick-up your pictures or contact them to make arrangements if you will be away.



CHILDRENS' MINISTRY NEWS

Rally Day for Sunday School {mark your calendars now}



On Sunday, September 17th we start a new year of Sunday School gathering at 9:30 a.m. in Bethany Hall to find out what God has in store for us as we live our lives following His commandments. Our Theme this year is "The Ten Commandments". We hope to see you there!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT – LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

This campaign will culminate on RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH at 9:30 a.m. in Bethany Hall. At that time, the Sunday school children and their families, along with any members of the congregation who wish to join us, will assemble the kits. Liz Rickel has purchased the drawstring backpacks that LWR is requesting we use. Pick one of the backpacks up in the Narthex when you are at church. Fill it with any or all of the following items and return it before September 17th in the box set up to receive them.

Here is the list of items requested:

- 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college rules paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER.
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 30 centimeter rules or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Hand held pencil sharpeners
- Pairs of blunt end scissors
- Many unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers; secure them please with a rubber band
- 2 ½ "erasers {pink erasers}



As we may need to complete the kits with any missing items, please note that money donations will be greatly appreciated as well. Make your check payable to Salem, place it in an envelope marked LWR School Kit Project and send it through the offering collection during church. Thank you in advance for your help with our summertime project to help others!



**THANK
YOU**

**YOUTH NEWS FOR THE AUGUST
MONARCH**

Youth Drop-In dates:

- Wednesday August 9th 7-10 pm
- Wednesday August 23rd 7-10 pm

**Volunteer Service day at St. Paul's
Place:**

- Monday, August 21st from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Houston, Texas Youth Group Trip
Meeting:**

- Sunday August 13th in the Youth Room at 9:30 am. Registration and \$200 deposit for the trip is due by September 10th

**God's Work Our Hands
Activities:**

- September 9th

For more information on any of these activities, contact Anita Lane at phrogdiva@verizon.net.

From the top of Mar-Lu-Ridge,
Dear Salem Family,
Thank you for sending us to Confirmation Camp. We had a great time together. The theme for the week was "Jesus Makes A Difference." We hiked to Shock Rock, did the zipline, put together 10,000 marbles, slept outside, swam in the pool and even more. The food was super!

Thank you - Salem's MLR Campers

Madelaine
Kroebitz

Jemmy Pasingda
Annael Mabil
Samuel Gundlach
Jack Morgan
Kelly Meier
Marleigh Toycano
Sophia Thompson
Marianne

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Worship-8:30/10:30 am 9:30 Choir	31 4pm Yoga 6pm Synod Youth 7pm Lazarus Caucus	1 AUGUST Synod Candidacy Committee here 5pm Chair Yoga 6:30pm Social Ministry	2 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	3 10am Stitchcrafters 7pm Drama Camp Performance	4 7pm Drama Camp Performance	5 5pm Worship
Summer Drama Camp						
6 FAIR TRADE SUNDAY New College Students Worship-8:30/10:30 am 9:30 Choir-Women	7 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus 7pm Prayer Shawl	8 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology	9 CHARLESTOWN 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Worship Life Youth Drop-In	10 10am Stitchcrafters	11	12 5pm Worship
13 Worship-8:30/10:30 am 9:30 Choir & Bells 9:30am Youth—Houston Meeting	14 4pm Yoga 7pm Communication Committee	15 5pm Chair Yoga	16 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Old Salem	17 10am Stitchcrafters		19 5pm Worship
20 Worship-8:30/10:30 am 9:30 Choir	21 Youth @ Paul's Place 4pm Yoga	22 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Intern	23 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Communication Committee Youth Drop-In	24 Old Salem Bus Trip 10am Stitchcrafters	25	26 10am Barbershop 3pm CEA 5pm Worship
27 Worship-8:30/10:30 am 9:30 Rehearsal Brass, Organ, Percussion	28 4pm Yoga 6pm Synod Youth 7pm Lazarus Caucus	29 5pm Chair Yoga	30 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	31 10am Stitchcrafters	1 SEPT	2 Blessing Back to School Backpacks 5pm Worship
FALL 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**August 2017**

- Aug 5 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Aug 6 Ninth Sunday after the Pentecost
8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m, Holy Communion
New College Student Blanket Dedication
- Aug 12 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Aug 13 Tenth Sunday after the Pentecost
8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m, Holy Communion
- Aug 20 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Aug 21 Eleventh Sunday after the Pentecost
8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m, Holy Communion
Land and Seasons Liturgy
- Aug 26 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Aug 27 Twelfth Sunday after the Pentecost
8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m, Holy Communion
- Sept 2 Saturday evening Worship
5p.m., Holy Communion
- Sept 3 Thirteenth Sunday after the Pentecost
8:30 a.m. and 10:30a.m, Holy Communion
Blessing Back to School Backpacks



Dear Salem Family,

One of the things that our congregation does a good job of is extending kindnesses. You certainly outdid yourselves in hosting a reception to recognize my 10th anniversary of ordination and my ten years of service as your pastor. Thank you for the gifts to CEA and the United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg & Philadelphia) made in my honor. And thanks, too, for the gift to the Lutherans Restoring Creation in my name.

It has been an honor and a blessing to work with you in mission these past years. I look forward to the years ahead as we share the Gospel of Jesus with our neighbors and strive to be God's healing hands for each other, the Catonsville community and the world.

Thanks again for all of your expressions of love and support.

In Christ,

Pastor Dave

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN**COMMUNITY - 2017**

- August 9** **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Vicar Jay
- September 13** **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Gail Wilson, OSSD
- October 11** **Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom**
11:30 a.m., Holy Communion Pastor Bob Schmidt

Thank you



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Baltimore, MD 21230 USA
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July 19, 2017

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd
Catonsville MD 21228-4580

Dear Friends,

We recently received your gift of \$306.00 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share with
On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Daniel Speckhard
Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

Thank you!

Thank You

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS AND FRIENDS



525 South Haven Street,
Baltimore, Maryland 21224
410.538.0932
www.mealsonwheels.org

Dear Pastor Asendorf:

On behalf of our Board of Directors, volunteers, staff and most importantly, the clients we serve, I want to thank you for your gift of \$1,000.00 received on 5/2/2017 in support of the Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland home delivered meal program.

Spring is a time of renewal and hope. Your gift this time of year represents the hope that so many people in Central Maryland rely on every single day. The gift of hope for homebound seniors that ensures they will continue to receive nutritious meals and friendly visits from volunteers who check in on their well-being, every day.

Thank you again for your generous support, and shared commitment to helping homebound seniors live independently with dignity and grace.

Sincerely,

Stephanie
Stephanie Archer-Smith
Executive Director

Thank you for your generous support. It means the world to me + to our clients

P.S. Please retain this letter as proof of your contribution for tax purposes. The IRS requires that we declare that you received no goods or services of intrinsic value in exchange for your contribution. Therefore, the entire amount of your gift is tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

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Amount received: \$615.00 (Check #12122)

Gift purpose: Gettysburg Seminary Fund

In Honor of: The Rev. David Asendorf's 10th Anniversary of his Ordination

"For all that has been — thanks. For all that will be — yes!"
— Dag Hammarskjöld

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church:

It is a time of transition in the story of Lutheran Theological Education in the Northeastern United States. After 153 years of operating just hours apart, the seminaries at Philadelphia and Gettysburg are bringing their very best gifts to the table in order to form a dynamic, innovative, and diverse educational experience for students of theology in the 21st Century.

I invite you to *learn more about what God is doing through your support on the Gettysburg campus* by visiting www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu or by coming to our campus to join us for worship, a meal, and a visit to our award-winning museum. You have a home here on Seminary Ridge!

God's peace be with you,

Angela Zimmann

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Thank you for honoring your pastor's endowment anniversary through this gift!
— *Machelle Zimmann*

We are so very grateful for your faithful support. What a blessing!

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ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JULY 2017

	Saturday	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly Total
	Evening	First	Second			
Week of 7/1-2	14	75	125			214
Week of 7/8-9	15	62	127			204
Week of 7/15-16	22	55	140			217
Week of 7/22-23	15	75	132			222
July subtotal	66	267	524			857

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR JUNE 2017

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$251,346.00
Beginning Balance	\$22,705.41
Expenses to Date	(\$218,718.15)
<u>Receipts to Date</u>	\$268,741.87
Ending Balance	\$72,729.13
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$86,481.30
Receipts to Date	\$21,454.00
<u>Disbursements to Date</u>	(\$26,797.89)
Balance in Fund	\$81,137.41

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

WIFI AT SALEM

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

SalemBethanyHall
SalemReformationHall

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

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



PRAYERS

God of the journey,
 may you be both
 traveling companion
 and mountain guide
 on this, our daily walk;
 lest unprepared
 or ill-equipped
 our feet should stumble
 on uneven ground,
 or clouds obscure
 the destination
 that we so long to see.
 - Celtic blessing for journey

**SALEM
PRAYER TREE**

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

OFFICIAL ACTS**AT THE FONT**

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

Leo Emerson Canan *June 30, 2017*

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.”

Marcella A. Bachman *July 24, 2017**

Doris Dicus *July 28, 2017**

* not a member of Salem

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