



# THE MONARCH

## SALEM EVANGELISM TREE

The leaves on the trees are.....*not* falling! The Salem Evangelism Tree is sprouting new leaves every Sunday!

Salem's disciples are being encouraged to intentionally invite non-churched family, friends and other folks to come to Worship and experience God's life-changing presence. Take a leaf as a reminder to yourself to make like an evangelist and invite someone to "Come and see!" Then write the first name of that person on the leaf and place it in the basket so it can join the other foliage on our growing Salem Evangelism Tree.

May the Holy Spirit use us all to extend gentle invitations to others to come experience God in this welcoming place.

Pastor Dave



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## ADVENT VESPER

Salem is reinstituting the potluck supper before the Advent Vesper on Sunday December 9th. The supper will be in Bethany Hall at 6:30 p.m. and the vesper itself at 7:30 p.m.

This traditional liturgical service focuses on messianic scripture read by members of our congregation. It is an opportunity to connect with ancient people hoping for a savior and renew your own spirit.

If you plan to attend the potluck, please sign up on the sheets on the easel in the Narthex. Also, volunteers are needed to set up or clean up. For more info, call Roberta McNamara at 410-654-4466. Thank you.

## COOKIE KINDNESS IS COMING!

Cookie Kindness will be held in Reformation Hall on Sunday, December 16th after both Worship services. Cookie bakers are needed to bring in cookies before or during the first service. A sign-up sheet for bakers is located in the Narthex. Cookies will be for sale for \$3 for a small bag and \$5 for a large bag. All proceeds from the cookie sales will go to Lutheran World Relief.



## ADVENT ADULT FORUM

Pastor Asendorf will be leading the Adult Forum during Advent. The topics will be:

Dec 2 Bible Basics – Ten Important Bible Teachings to Begin Advent

Dec 9 Advent Angels

Dec 16 Fear Not? Really!?!

Dec 23 What's the Fuss About Mary? Viewing Mary through Luther's Commentary on the Magnificat



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## CHRISTMAS EVE DECORATING

The church will be decorated on Sunday, Dec. 23, following the 11:00 a.m. service. We need help to decorate trees, set up nativities, decorate the chancel with poinsettias, hang wreathes and roping and other tasks to help beautify the church. Please come and lend a hand!! Call Shelley Wolfram at 410-379-8179 if you have any questions.



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## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Advent and Christmas Services: — there will be three Advent Services on Wednesdays in December at 7:30 p.m.:

- Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Eve, on Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>, will include four services:**

- 2:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m.
- 10:00 p.m.

There will be one service on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at all Christmas Eve services and on Christmas Day.

## AROUND THE PARISH

- Congratulations to Eric Diss who received his accreditation as an official FBI agent on November 16. Eric will also continue his service in the USAF reserves as a major having served previously in Turkey and other assignments.
- St. Hilda's, the Episcopal mission, at the old St. Timothy's Church on Ingleside Avenue has closed.

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Passed the 2019 Salem Church Budget recommendation that will now be voted upon by the Congregation at the December 8 and December 9 congregational meetings held right before Worship.
- Made a minor revision in Salem's Childhood Protection Policy to allow consideration of non-Salem members, with the recommendation by the Childhood Protection Committee Chair, the Church Council President and the Pastor, to be Approved Adults. Criminal background checks and formal training would then be required.
- Approved a motion to send \$1,000 from the Mission Fund to be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Curtis Bay to replace/repair their Parish House furnace.



## THANKSGIVING-CHRISTMAS ANNUAL HUNGER APPEAL

We are off to a great start! We raised \$2,009 on the first weekend of our annual appeal. As in past years our Hunger Appeal offering will be shared with

- Catonsville Emergency Assistance
- Maryland Food Bank
- ELCA World Hunger Appeal
- Lutheran World Relief

Amidst all of our Advent preparations to celebrate Christmas, please remember the most needy here at home and around the world.

## FOURTH MONDAY BIBLE STUDY WILL BE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17



The Bible study on the Book of Acts will meet on **Monday December 17** at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Katie Luther Room. We'll begin with Chapter 3. Please see Pastor Asendorf with any questions.

## SEMINARIAN REPORT

Dear Salem Family,

It's hard to believe that my final fall semester of seminary is coming to a close! It's been a busy few months with courses on Liturgical Theology, Public Church, Women in Genesis, and "God, Suffering, and Evil..." all very light subjects, of course. I have been working again with the Language and Writing Center as a Learning Partner, serving as the Spirituality Mentor for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps house in Chicago, and volunteering as a French interpreter for an asylum case at the Valparaiso Immigration Law Clinic. Our seminary's liturgical dance group, Ekklesia, is dancing in Chapel this Tuesday, so I've been preparing for that piece as I also wade through my final papers.



Mathew has been working this semester as the Assistant to the Director of Worship, which involves holding one-to-one conversations with our community members as well as planning and coordinating leadership for our many Chapel services. Mathew was a leader of LSTC's flag football team this fall, and for the first time in 11 years, LSTC's "Big Orange" brought home the Book of Concord trophy at the Luther Bowl Championship in Gettysburg! Luther Bowl has been going on longer than the Super Bowl—can you believe it?!?

Since getting married in mid-August, Mathew and I have become well-situated in our new apartment, and we now have a furry feline friend named Genesis ("Genny" for short.) Stalking toys, sprinting down the hallway, and lap cuddles are her specialties, and we are so happy to have her in our life.

At the beginning of November, I was approved for ordination by my candidacy committee. This was the last major interview with candidacy, so now all that remains is to finish strong with the school year, graduate in May, and then begin the interview process for first call. Mathew will also be graduating from LSTC this spring, and we are eager to see where the Holy Spirit will call us next.

I remain deeply grateful for your financial support and for all your encouragement over these years; I am blessed to have such a loving church family. I will hold you all in prayer as we enter this Advent season. See you at the end of December!

Christ's Peace,

Amy Asendorf Berger

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## ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

The Annual Meeting to adopt the 2019 church budget and vote on spending \$11,730 on an updated sound system will be held on December 8 and December 9 before all Worship services. Members of the congregation will receive a copy of the draft budget and an explanation of the sound system proposal in the mail.



## FUNERAL SERVICE FOR PEARL HARBOR CASUALTY TO BE HELD AT SALEM

A funeral service on the 77th anniversary of the death of William G. Bruesewitz will be held on December 7 at 7:53 a.m. (the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor). William is the Uncle of Salem member Renate Stark. He will be interred with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery after the service.

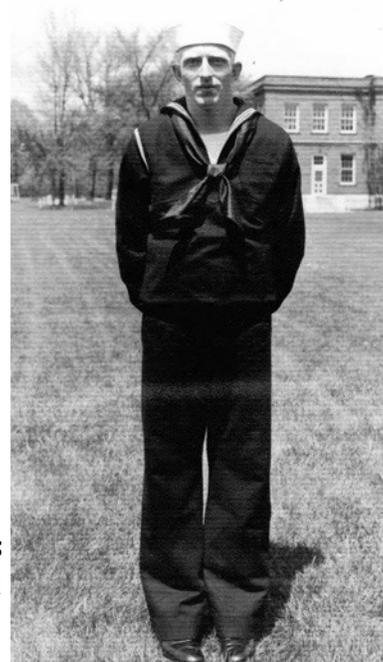
Navy Seaman 1st Class William G. Bruesewitz, 26, of Appleton, WI, accounted for on March 19, 2018, will be buried December 7 in Arlington National Cemetery. On Dec. 7, 1941, Bruesewitz was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Bruesewitz.

From December 1941 to June 1944, Navy personnel recovered the remains of the deceased crew, which were subsequently interred in the Halawa and Nu'uauu Cemeteries.

In September 1947, tasked with recovering and identifying fallen U.S. personnel in the Pacific Theater, members of the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) disinterred the remains of U.S. casualties from the two cemeteries and transferred them to the Central Identification Laboratory at Schofield Barracks. The laboratory staff was only able to confirm the identifications of 35 men from the USS Oklahoma at that time. The AGRS subsequently buried the unidentified remains in 46 plots at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP), known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu. In October 1949, a military board classified those who could not be identified as non-recoverable, including Bruesewitz.

In April 2015, the Deputy Secretary of Defense issued a policy memorandum directing the disinterment of unknowns associated with the USS Oklahoma. On June 15, 2015, DPAA personnel began exhuming the remains from the Punchbowl for analysis.

To identify Bruesewitz' remains, scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial (mtDNA) DNA analysis, anthropological and dental analysis, along with circumstantial evidence.



## ADVENT HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Join us for a midweek service of Prayer and Worship throughout Advent. Each Wednesday in Advent, we will gather for Holden Evening Prayer and to hear a message of hope and peace. The service will be brief - a chance to catch your breath and lift your prayers in the midst of hectic holiday preparation. Services will be December 5th, 12th, and 19th at 7:30 p.m.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Calling all narrators, sheep, angels and shepherds! Our Christmas Eve portion of the 5:00 p.m. Worship needs you! Our program, "Little Lambs in Bethlehem," will begin rehearsals on Sunday mornings during Opening time (9:30 to 9:50 a.m.) in the Sanctuary. See Ms. Liz for a copy of the program, and to let us know we can count on you!



Children, make sure you get an Advent calendar from Ms. Liz. Enjoy anticipating the birth of Jesus and reading a Bible verse each day!



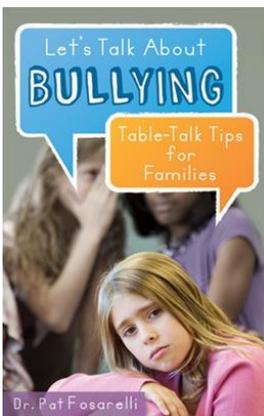
During the month of December the Sunday School families will be collecting foods for the Catonsville Emergency Center (CEA). Please see Ms. Liz for a box and a list of suggested food items.

**There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.**

The Annual Catonsville Children's Home Giving Tree is up!  
WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

1. The ages are above the age of 12. For instance, a coloring book and pencils means young-adult design books, not Disney.
2. Return gift, UNWRAPPED with the tag attached to gift, otherwise the processing is difficult.
3. Gifts need to be to church by 11:00 a.m. on, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>.

Salem congregation has been so generous and kind for this local Catonsville community project.  
Thank you all very much!



A beginning conversation on, "Let's Talk About BULLYING", a booklet by Dr. Pat Fosarelli, will be held in January, during the Sunday School hour. All families are encouraged to attend to help learn strategies to help children maintain good communication on this subject. Information will be in January's Monarch. Speak to Ms. Liz if you are interested in attending. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Sunday School area so we can purchase enough books.

## A CELEBRATION OF FIBER AND COLOR

The newest art exhibit, currently showing in the Agape Gallery, opened on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>. It is comprised of many stunning textiles and features the work of several members of the Baltimore Weavers Guild. During the opening of the show there were demonstrations of weaving and spinning by members of the guild. The following artists have works in the show: Pat Capagrossi, Mary Pflueger, Janice Knauseberger, Deb Moriarity, Joanna Crosby, Carol Hamelink, Deborah Harris, Rosemary Hubbard, Rhea Cosentino, and Nancy Charamilla. Do your best to get up there. Many of these items are for sale and would make lovely Christmas gifts.



## NEW DISCIPLES CLASS IS SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 2019

Our next New Disciple's Class is Saturday, January 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Katie Luther Room (2nd floor). After introductions we'll spend some time discussing what it means to be a Christian in the Lutheran tradition. We'll follow that with a tour of the church.

On Sunday January 27 we will gather again from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Wittenberg Room (1st floor) to talk about some practical issues regarding Salem's life together. New disciples will be received into membership at the 11 a.m. service that day with a reception following the 11 a.m. Worship service in Reformation Hall. Please let Pastor Dave know if you are interested in attending the class.

## SALEM REFUGEE TASK FORCE NEWS

### Great American Melting Pot(luck)

Our Great American Melting Pot(luck) Supper on October 28 was certainly a culinary and convivial success! Bethany Hall was filled with the varied aromas of ethnic dishes and the warm fellowship of congregants, friends and our recent refugee/immigrant families. There were Hungarian, Polish, German, English, Chinese and good old American dishes. But most special were the several dishes from Syria and Kosovo.

The chance to visit with the al Fahads and the Dragidellas was the purpose of the evening, and the opportunity was prized by those who'd never met them before as well as members of our Refugee Task Force. Everything went so very well that there was much enthusiasm for doing this again sometime. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped to make this event a delicious success, especially Ann Dentry and Barbara Beem!

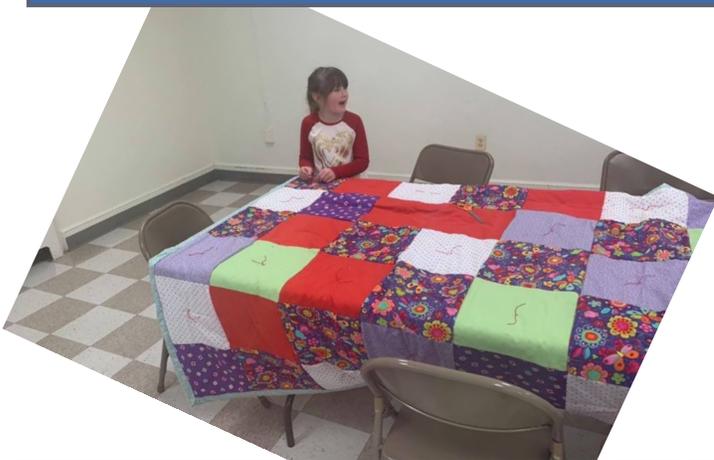
### Other Task Force News

The Syrian cooking class for 26 Jan is sold out. Marge Diss will take names and numbers for another offering, perhaps in March. Please contact her either by text or phone on (443) 983-1942 if you are interested.

Members of the Task Force have a recommendation for those with more interest in the Syrian refugee issue: the 2018 fictional book *Unbroken Threads*, by local Maryland author Jennifer Klepper. The Salem Book Club hopes to read this book in 2019.

The Task Force provided the al Fahad family with a Thanksgiving meal, courtesy of the Refugee Fund. Thank you to the Diss family for making the arrangements and delivering the meal.





Above, photos from the weekend of November 3&4 Quilt Blessing

Below, photos from the November 17 Quilting "Teach-In"

## QUILTING GROUP

Those worshipping at Salem on the weekend of November 3 and 4 might have been taken aback by the appearance of the sanctuary, as once again the pews were draped with colorful quilts.

“No,” Pr. Dave announced, “this is not because we not have paid our heating bill.” Quite the contrary. For seemingly out of nowhere, 175 individually stitched and tied quilts appeared, awaiting God’s blessing before being sent all over the globe to warm those in need.

Of course, the fruits of this labor of love did not just happen. Back in the day, a group of quilt makers met one Tuesday evening a month at Salem and produced about five quilts a year. All the while, Salem’s director of music, Mary Miller, a dedicated quilter (who knew?) lamented that she couldn’t participate because of a scheduling conflict (bell choir practice). When the founding group’s momentum lagged, Mary saw her moment and suggested that a group might be more productive if it met every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. She was right, and the output of Salem’s quilters has continued to grow until this year, when members set their own personal record.

After the quilts were thrice blessed, they were folded and bundled into two large vehicles, and, on the following Monday, they were delivered to a large warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. From there, they were processed by Lutheran World Relief and directed to those in need.

Mary pointed out that although many of the quilts will be used to keep sleepers warm, they might also be used as room dividers, tablecloths, or, for those without warm clothing, as ponchos. Recipients include those in harm’s way, due to war or natural disasters; quilts are also sent to refugee camps. What are “simply made,” according to Mary, become treasured belongings.

As the group begins anew to sew another batch of quilts, its mission is broadening. This year, there are plans to give a warm (and heart-warming) quilt to those members of the congregation of St. Dymas about to be released from prison. Additionally, Salem’s group is helping to inspire residents of Miller’s Grant in Ellicott City as they organize their own group.

There is always a place for others to help. Twice a year, the group sponsors an outreach session, a “Quilt-In,” funded in part by Thrivent Action Grants, where any and all, young and old, are invited to try their hand at making a quilt. The process is rather simple, as Mary explained it. Fabric is cut into 11” x 11” squares, which are machine-sewn together, forming a six-by-eight quilt top. A flat sheet is used for the backing, and batting (or an old blanket) serves as the filler. The layers are bound together, and embroidery floss is tied on to finish the quilt.

Not surprisingly, although new Wednesday quilters are always welcome, there are also things that others can do to participate. Mary said there is always a need for donated supplies, including flat sheets and blankets, as well as embroidery floss; she noted that, for instance, one of Salem’s inveterate “yard-sale-er’s” (Dave Trump) supports the group with purchases of these items made at second-hand sales. And the gift of additional sewing machines (the group has four but welcomes more) would be appreciated. For those who cannot commit to the weekly meetings, in-home cutters and seamstresses can contribute on their own time. Many hands make light work.

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## YOUTH NEWS

Registration for the high school retreat RoadTrip in January (25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>) due by **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. High school families will receive an email with trip info and registration form.



### December Calendar

Youth Drop In (grades 6-8) December 7, 7:30p.m.

High Jinx (grades 9-12) December 9, 5p.m.

Confirmation December 16, 5p.m.

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## SNOW POLICY

We do our best to keep to our regular schedule, but it's not always possible.

**On Sunday if weather is difficult, check our Salem website — [www.salem-catonsville.org](http://www.salem-catonsville.org).**

We'll also do our best to have an announcement on the answering machine. For other days, and other meetings and activities, please call the person in charge of your activity. Generally, if Baltimore County schools are closed, meetings that evening are canceled.

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## THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANTS

What if you could direct an additional \$500 every year to a charitable undertaking at Salem without leaving your home, making a phone call, or attending a meeting?

As it turns out, members of Thrivent Financial are able to do just that, thanks to Action Team grants. Grants of \$250 each may be obtained twice in a calendar year by every member, using an online process that takes less than an hour. There is an instructional video that walks applicants through the process or there are Thrivent members in the congregation who have expressed their willingness to assist others.

Who has benefited from this program? To name just a few: The Salem Stitchcrafters and the quilting group have secured these funds for purchasing, among other things, yarn and batting. The Refugee Task Force and Salem's Youth Group have also taken advantage of this source of money. And, for several years, the Salem Marketplace has received grants that pay for all the ingredients for lunch.

Because of privacy laws, however, there is no way for groups within the congregation that could benefit from this financial boost to connect with those who are eligible to apply. To this end, it has been suggested that someone volunteer to serve as a Thrivent Action Team Coordinator. Ideally, a list of Thrivent members would be compiled and then matched with projects. Volunteers, anyone? Please contact Pastor Dave if you would be willing to take on this job.

## THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SALEM MARKETPLACE

Thank you to the many, many, members of the congregation and friends who volunteered their time, energy, brawn, and talents to make the Marketplace a success!! I am especially thankful for all those who pitched in to set up on Friday and clean up on Sunday afternoon (especially the reliable Gundlach Family).

Special thanks to those who did amazing jobs in these areas:

**Silent Auction:** Larry Kohlenstein and Marsha Foss with last minute assistance from Pat Krenzke for organizing and running it. And Bruce Sando for getting so many gift card donations from community businesses.

**Overflowing White Elephant:** Edie Hahn and her numerous helpers, especially Dee Trimble who led selling and packing up on Sunday

**Lunch Chefs:** Debbie Brohawn, Don Schwartz, Ray Hamelin, Beth Rodgers, and Sharon Stanton

**Book Table:** Judy LeGath and Walt Fleisher (who pitched in at the last minute as a book seller!) and the swarm of volunteers who got things organized on Friday and packed up on Sunday.

**The Salem Stitchcrafters:** Katie LaCourse

**Bake Table:** Mary Krebs

**Jewelry:** Debbie Kourkoules

**Fair Trade:** the Kopp's and the Kempton's

**Artisans:** Pastor Ed, Shelly Wolfram

**Money Managers:** Ray, Penne and Gary Giuliani and David Trump

**Publicity:** Norma Hensler-Davis

**Basket Promoter:** Darla Sando and Mary Krebs

**Picture Hanger Extraordinaire:** Lowell Rau (for investing a huge amount of time in creatively hanging the dozens of pictures and frames donated this year).

**Selling leftovers:** Pastor Dave for taking the time to make some additional money for the White Elephant and Jewelry and for arranging the delivery of the used books to Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran Church.

And of course, thanks to all of you who came and spent money!! Thanks to everyone's efforts we raised **\$5737** for this year's charities: The Thread of Baltimore which provides mentoring and support to at risk youth, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the Carribean Synod of the ELCA for Puerto Rico Recovery efforts.

Next year we are hoping for more congregational crafters! It's not too early to start making your unique creations to sell at the 2019 Marketplace!

God's Peace, Julia Graham, Salem Marketplace Chairperson

Kitchen	591.50	Bake Table	253.15
Books	255.00	Jewelry	226.45
Stitchcrafters	209.00	White Elephant	1156.73
Santas	140.50	Paintings/Frames	37.00
Silent Auction	2410.00	Sunday Sales	458.20

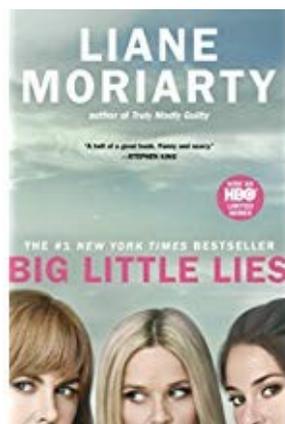
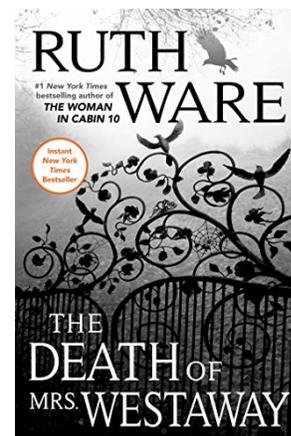
## BOOK GROUP

Future books include January 14<sup>th</sup> – *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware

On a day that begins like any other, Hal receives a mysterious letter bequeathing her a substantial inheritance. She realizes very quickly that the letter was sent to the wrong person—but also that the cold-reading skills she’s honed as a tarot card reader might help her claim the money.

Soon, Hal finds herself at the funeral of the deceased...where it dawns on her that there is something very, very wrong about this strange situation and the inheritance at the center of it.

Full of spellbinding menace and told in Ruth Ware’s signature suspenseful style, this is an ‘unputdownable’ thriller from the Agatha Christie of our time.



February 11<sup>th</sup> – *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty

A murder...A tragic accident...Or just parents behaving badly? What’s indisputable is that someone is dead.

Madeline is a force to be reckoned with. She’s funny, biting, and passionate; she remembers everything and forgives no one. Celeste is the kind of beautiful woman who makes the world stop and stare but she is paying a price for the illusion of perfection. New to town, single mom Jane is so young that another mother mistakes her for a nanny. She comes with a mysterious past and a sadness beyond her years. These three women are at different crossroads, but they will all wind up in the same shocking place.

*Big Little Lies* is a brilliant take on ex-husbands and second wives, mothers and daughters, schoolyard scandal, and the little lies that can turn lethal.

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## SALEM’S DISCIPLES IN DIAPERS

We have rebooted Salem’s Disciples in Diapers for 2018-2019 with our Sunday School hour for parents and their children in the Nursery from 9:30-10:30 am. Please note that this is not a drop off Sunday School class; parents must stay in the Nursery with their children.

Salem’s Disciples in Diapers is open to Salem families with children ages newborn to 3 years old (i.e. those still in diapers, but the newly potty trained are welcome too!). Among other things, we hope to provide fellowship, babysitting sharing, and general parental/family support to Salem families with young children. If this describes your family, we hope you’ll join us on Sunday mornings so our children can play while we chat. This group can be whatever we want it to be – so please join us and help shape Salem’s youngest disciples! Questions? Please reach out to us via the Salem Facebook page and we’ll add you to our private group.



Dear Friend,

Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care in collaboration with the Seasons Hospice Foundation are pleased to announce our fifth annual Camp Kangaroo experience in Maryland. We plan to hold Camp Kangaroo in February of 2019 at the Jemicy School in Owings Mills, Maryland. This is a children's bereavement camp for children grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> who have experienced the loss of a loved one. If you know of any children who may benefit from this camp, please do not hesitate to refer them to us.

**CAMP KANGAROO** is a free camp experience providing a supportive and therapeutic environment for children who have experienced the death of someone close to them.

**LED BY DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS** and trained volunteers from Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, Camp Kangaroo provides a unique opportunity for campers to build relationships with one another helping them to feel less alone in their loss. Participants will receive grief education and emotional support combined with fun camp activities.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Children in the 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades who have experienced the loss of a loved one in the last two years. Since children experience grief in their own unique way, our campers may be at different places of the bereavement process. One of staff will complete an in-home interview prior to Camp Kangaroo that will help our team to meet each individual camper's needs.

We are very pleased to provide this camp free of charge to the community. Lunch and snacks will be provided at no cost. Parents/guardians will be responsible for providing transportation for their child(ren) to attend the camp.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Space is limited so if you are interested in your child(ren) attending, please use the contact information listed below.

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## FOR CHRISTMAS—FAIR TRADE HANDCRAFTS, TEA, COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE

Most weekends in December the Fair Trade Cart and a table full of fair trade handcrafts will be in the narthex after Worship. What a perfect source for Christmas presents! Those on your list will surely receive a quality gift. It will benefit people across the world, too.



But your purchase is no gift to artisans and small scale farmers in developing countries. They will simply be receiving a just reward for their labor. More than that, their whole community profits as funds are available for schools and health clinics.

So check out the cart and the table! (The weekend before Christmas all the handcrafts will be reduced 10%.)

According to some ancient Persian sources, the Magi purchased their gifts at the fair trade bazaar in Qumis near the Caspian Sea.

### DIVINE CHOCOLATE IS #1

Well, yes, it very well could be #1 in deliciousness. But we'll bet you didn't know that Divine Chocolate is the *first farmer-owned chocolate company in the world!* It is owned by 9,444 farmers in Ghana.



What does this mean?

The farmers are paid a fair market premium for their cocoa beans.

They participate in the business decisions of the company.

They are able to fund community projects such as wells, schools and health clinics.

It also means you have the opportunity to enjoy high quality chocolate at a fair price. Pretty terrific, right?



More scenes from the  
Great American Melting Pot(luck)

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE December 2018

December 1	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
December 2	First Sunday of Advent 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
December 8	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
December 9	Second Sunday of Advent 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
December 15	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
December 16	Third Sunday of Advent 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
December 22	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
December 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
December 29	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
December 30	First Sunday of Christmas 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion

## SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Midweek Advent Worship

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

### Advent Vespers

December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6p.m.

### Christmas Eve

2p.m.

5 p.m. Family Service

7 p.m.

10 p.m.

Special Choir Concert 15 minutes before  
5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 10 p.m. worship  
Holy Communion at all Services.

### Christmas Day

10a.m. Lessons and Carols



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY

<b>December 12, 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom</b> 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor David Asendorf
<b>January 9, 2019</b>	<b>Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom</b> 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Bob Schmitt
<b>February 13, 2019</b>	<b>Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom</b> 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Seminarian Sarah Garrett

**SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

**December 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 NOVEMBER Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 9:30am Refugee Task force 1pm S. Player Callbacks	26 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study	27 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers 7pm Social Ministry	28 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting	29 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	30 7pm Scout Craft Event	1 DECEMBER 5pm Worship
<b>Fall Art Show II</b>						
2 1st Sunday Advent SOUPER SUNDAY Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 3pm St Dymas Annual Meeting	3 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Shawl	4 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	5 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6:30pm Patapsco Heritage 7:30pm Advent Worship	6 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	7 7pm DROP IN (grades6-8)	8 5pm Worship 6:30pm Supper Club
<b>Fall Art Show II</b>						
9 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 5pm High Jinx (High School) 7:30pm Advent Vespers	10 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7:30pm Book Group	11 5pm Chair Yoga 6m Technology 6:30pm Assembly Planning 7pm Salem Ringers	12 CHARLESTOWN 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7:30pm Advent Worship	13 10am Stitchcrafters 11am Bent Twig 6 pm St. David's Choir 7pm St Dymas 7:30 Salem Choir	14	15 9am Quilting Event 5pm Worship
<b>Fall Art Show II</b>						
16 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 9:30 Pageant Rehearsal 5pm Confirmation	17 4pm Yoga 7pm Communications Committee	18 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers 7pm Council	19 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7:30pm Advent Worship	20 10am Stitchcrafters 11am Bent Twig 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	21	22 9am Pageant Rehearsal 5pm Worship
23 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 9:30am Pageant Rehearsal	24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 2p, 5p, 7:30p, 10pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT 10am	26 (Office Closed)	27	28	29 5pm Worship
30 Worship-8:15/11 am	31 (Office Closed)	1 JANUARY (Office Closed)				

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.

## ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2018

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
Oct Subtotal	45	219	326	13	Free Ride	603
October 27/28	19	91	143			253
October Total	64	310	469	13		856
November 3/4	21	86	131	12	Old Salem All Saints	250
November 10/11	20	76	102			198
November 17/18	18	76	120			214
November 21 Thanksgiving				76		76
November 24/25	12	79	114			205
Total	71	317	467	88		943

### TREASURER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$342,093.00
Beginning Balance	\$23,036.22
Expenses to Date	(\$345,866.58)
Receipts to Date	\$383,567.22
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$60,736.86</b>
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$66,682.74
Receipts to Date	\$26,674.50
Disbursements to Date	(\$31,560.75)
<b>Balance in Fund</b>	<b>\$61,796.48</b>

### 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 any 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](mailto:amy.pflug@verizon.net).

November 18, 2018

The Rev. David Asendorf and the People of Salem Lutheran Church  
905 Frederick Road  
Catonsville, MD 21228

Dear Salem,

On behalf of Salem Lutheran Church in South Baltimore, the church council would like to acknowledge the receipt of a check—a generous gift in the amount of \$16,000.00.

This gift comes to us as a welcome surprise and will be used to support ministry in our congregation and neighborhood. As you know, Salem SoBo is a redeveloping congregation. We have a rich 133 year history in this place and yet we find ourselves on the brink of a new day. We are growing as we rediscover connection with neighbors, engagement with the wider community, and of course an ever deepening relationship with the Spirit of the Living God, by the power of that same Spirit. Your generosity will enable us to continue in the work to which we've been called, in this place, for this season.

We are so grateful!

Your generosity is also an example for us and for the whole church. Stewardship is to always be part of our call as disciples of Jesus and you have emboldened us to be more and more generous as we look to the future.

With grateful hearts and with appreciation for your ministry and generosity, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Lauren Muratore, Council President Jack Ratzsch, and Salem's Council



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PRAYER

Lord, grant that anger or other bitterness does not reign over us, but that your grace, genuine kindness, loyalty, and every kind of friendliness, generosity, and gentleness may reign in us. Amen - Martin Luther



Dear Congregation of Salem,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$500 in support of Amazing Grace's ministries.

Your donation is truly appreciated.

Peace,

Pastor Gary Dittman

*I am for you have no idea how grateful I am for your kind of partnership & prayer + financial support. I need these connections church flourish. Please spread our love + joy!*

[www.AmazingGraceLutheran.org](http://www.AmazingGraceLutheran.org)

Dear Pastor Dawn + Friends,

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving Day. I still miss my friends back in Salem very much and keep you in my prayers every day. I still miss Cotonsville so much. I have a birthday in January (my 91<sup>st</sup>) so keep me in your prayers as I might not make it until then. Stay well and be happy.

Love,  
Betty

Thank you for allowing us to be here and help others.

Sarah Settle

Courage to Change AA group - Sundays @ 8pm



I really appreciate the Quilting Event yesterday.

Phoebe had a wonderful time and so did Matt and I.

Tom Medicus

OFFICIAL ACTS



AT THE GRAVE

"For the assurance and hope of our faith and for the saints whom you have received into your eternal joy, we thank you heavenly Father."

Teresa Lynn Robbins

November 16, 2018

## PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs  
 Archive Committee: Judy LeGath  
 Arts Committee: Charlotte Brooks  
 Book Group: Guy Davis, Linda Wayland  
 Child Protection Committee: Linda Fleischer  
 Children's Ministry Committee: Sharon Stanton  
 Christian Fellowship Committee: Darla Sando, Pam Wilsey  
 Communications Committee: Guy Davis  
 Evangelism Committee: Vacant  
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 Memorial and Bequests: Paul W. Krabitz  
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 Nursery Committee: Lois Grempler  
 Personnel Committee: Scott Graham  
 Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara Beem  
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 Scholarship: Ed Orser  
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 Stewardship Committee: Irene Amoros  
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### 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 410 215-4279 [Karen] or via email at [prayertree@salem-catonsville.org](mailto:prayertree@salem-catonsville.org)

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