



# THE MONARCH

## THREE KINGS SERVICE

A few stray pieces of tinsel remain on browning Christmas trees, once the centerpieces of a holiday celebration but now strewn along the curbside. Meanwhile, their artificial counterparts have been dismantled, boxed, and stored away.

Christmas cookies have converted themselves into extra pounds around the middles of partygoers, who have already broken their New Year's resolution to exercise daily.

Gift cards have a \$0 balance, and the kids are back in school, once again praying for snow days.

It's January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas, Call it Epiphany, the Feast of the Magi, "Little Christmas." Or how about "The Day of the Three Kings"?

This year, Salem will host a Three Kings/Tres Reyes worship service at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 6. Conducted in Spanish, the service will be led by Pastor Paula Canby of Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran Church, Glenwood (Howard County).

The idea to worship in Spanish is the brainchild of Pastor Dave. "I have been noticing Hispanic folk in the north Winter's Lane/Melvin Park area," he said, "and in my poking around, I had a conversation with a guidance counselor at Hillcrest Elementary, who confirmed that – yes! – there is a growing presence of Hispanic folk there."

One objective of this new way to worship is to gauge interest in the community for Spanish services, Pastor Dave added, a "build it and (hope) they will come" effort.

Of course, English-speaking folk are welcome to attend, and the bulletin will be bilingual. An opportunity to brush up your high school Spanish?



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Salem Congregation,

It is my pleasure to announce the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck, which will be taking place on **Sunday, January 27, 2019** after the 11:00am service in Bethany Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to celebrate our lives together as a family of Christ. This meeting also serves as an opportunity to learn about the numerous activities and projects that we are accomplishing in serving our God and our neighbor, both within the walls of our church and in service to the community. A sign-up sheet for the potluck is located in the Narthex, and a children's table will be provided for our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. **I also ask that all committee chairs please submit their reports to Robin by Sunday, January 13.** I look forward to seeing you all there!

In Christ,

Philip Isaiah

Council President, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our Christmas Pageant entitled, "Little Lambs In Bethlehem", was wonderful! So many little lambs "heading to Bethlehem" in search of the newborn baby Jesus, with the help of angels and the bright star in the east guiding their way. Shepherds hunting for their lost lambs are finally reunited with them in Bethlehem. What a wonderful, blessed night!

Thanks to Mary Miller for the beautiful Christmas music and another thank you to Louise Rau who has helped in so many "behind the scenes" ways. Thank you also to teachers and families who helped make this possible.

Here's the special prayer shared by the children at the Pageant and one that perhaps all of us should pray each day:

Show us how to live every day.  
Help us love and be true.  
We need your Light to guide us each day.  
Jesus we need you.



We extend our sincerest thanks to Sue Gdovin who each year so willingly coordinates The Children's Home Giving Tree and to those of you that purchased gifts for the children at the Home. And as always, thanks to Don Schwartz for again making sure the tree in the Narthex was set up and ready for all the children's gift tags.

As Sunday school was not held on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, remember we resume classes on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 9:35 a.m. in Bethany Hall for opening worship and then onto our classrooms.

Mark your calendars now...we will host a workshop entitled "Let's Talk about Bullying" for families on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in Bethany Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex to make sure we have sufficient materials.

## ADULT FORUM FOR JANUARY 2019

### WHO AM I TO BE? WITH PASTOR ANN



Each of the 3 sessions (January 6, 13, and 20) will have this general structure:

- \* Introducing the theme in a brief, teacher-led talk
- \* Taking an active part in a related spiritual exercise
- \* After some time of silence, opening to questions and discussion that are not always 'teacher-led'

#### *January 6 Just a Toe in the Water*

January 1st of every year seems to reawaken pledges to change. Bad habits are the most likely targets to expel from our lives. But a spacious-seeming New Year also has room for new aspirations, such as exploring spiritual life. How we approach this – as either “our human project” or “the Spirit’s work in us” (and, thus, God’s business) – could lead to quite different outcomes. This Toe-in-the-Water class will cover the territory as if we were preparing for a trip: Learning useful words and phrases; taking inventory of ‘your’ suitcase; and practicing what to leave behind. Bon Voyage!

#### *January 13 A Sense of Direction*

Whether you are walking a trail in Baltimore County or trying to find your way in Venice, Italy, most of us are grateful for a ‘natural’ sense of direction. In this ‘chapter’ of the forum we will talk about how the 5, or 6, senses can be like a spiritual compass. Some biblical stories will be reads as models of this.... Which may, in turn, prompt personal memories of spiritual path-making.

#### *January 20 Being Mortal... and Navigating Beyond*

The title, “Being Mortal,” is taken from a recently-published book by physician Atul Gawande. He observed changes in the way we treat very-late-middle-age and time-of-death; changes brought about by medical science that have subsequently rocked familial and social life. In Christian theology, the (mortal) time-of-death is mirrored by ‘entry into’ eternal life. Is this next aspect of our lives static? ...Or could it be just as dynamic (more dynamic?) as our spiritual learning/growing in present life has been? Obviously a highly-speculative hour of adult forum, this is not without implications for how we want to live – and die – now.

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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-catonville.org](http://www.salem-catonville.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 day and evening are canceled.



## COLUMN FROM SEMINARIAN DANIEL COLLINS

Dearest Salem Family,

Greetings through our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been my distinct privilege to attend the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago for this, my first semester, as one of your two seminarians. This was made possible by your generous financial support, for which I heartily thank you. A great many of you have provided support to me in this endeavor, and for this I praise God. I pray for you in the congregation and keep you in my heart. I will be writing for you in a new column of the Monarch, and I hope to encourage conversation with you through this contribution.

As for what I am doing here, I have received fine teaching in theology, parish practice, and devotion to our Lord. This past semester, I took classes in Hebrew Bible, New Testament Greek, Ministerial Leadership, and Historical Theology. I would like to highlight the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Klein II, the professor of the Hebrew Bible course, who is one of the top ten Old Testament Scholars of the past century. He translated II Chronicles for the NRSV, and was recently asked to translate Ezekiel for the newest revision of the NRSV, to which he declined, citing retirement. He was one of the leaders of the Seminex movement, which was instrumental in the foundation of the ELCA. Pastor Gerry Rickel was one of his first students; I will be one of his last. The Rev. Dr. Kimberly R. Wagner, one of my professors in Ministerial Leadership, a fiery preacher and compassionate educator, is a rising star in the theological community for her watershed research on ministerial response to the unfortunate phenomenon of gun violence in this country. Hers will be a name to watch for as her dissertation will soon be turned into a groundbreaking bestseller for all to read. Last, but certainly not least, I must also mention Dr. Eunyoung Lim, my fantastic Greek professor, who just received her Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Harvard Divinity School this past May. She is a dynamic teacher and preeminent scholar, and also my advisor. I look very much forward to working with her in these coming years.



**Lutheran School of  
Theology at Chicago**

Now, as you all know, the Lord works in mysterious ways. As it turns out, my beloved Salem congregation, your two seminarians live just above and below each other in the same building! Many congratulations to the soon-to-be Rev. Amy Asendorf Berger. You saw that first in print here. If you haven't seen the pictures of her and Mathew's new cat, I would advise you to see them as it is spiritually nourishing. Amy and Mathew have provided me with counsel and advice in a new and strange place this semester, for which I am grateful. I got to know Pastoral Assistant Sarah

this Christmas, and with her excellent preaching and refreshing pastoral style, she will no doubt soar to great heights, which I await with great anticipation. Finally, I would like to thank the most Christian shepherds of our parish: Pastor Ann, Pastor Dave, and Pastor Ed, and our Eminent Bishop Gohl for their support of my candidacy. The church is privileged to have leadership such as yours. Furthermore, here's a shout-out to Council President Philip, perhaps the youngest in the denomination. He's one of the hardest workers that I know. Give him a hearty welcome on my behalf.

Christ prevails, Christ reigns, Christ commands.

Peace be unto all,

Seminarian Daniel R. Collins, B.A.

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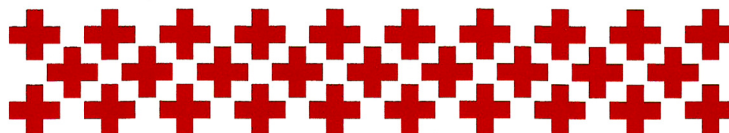
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For the next issue: January Class in Israel: Experiences and Hijinks

## American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



### **Blood Drive** **Salem Lutheran Church**

Reformation Hall  
905 Frederick Road  
Catonsville, MD 21228

**Saturday, January 26 2018**  
**8:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

To schedule your life saving donation please contact Lynda Bell at 410-314-1706  
or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
(Use Sponsor Code: salemchurchcatonsville)



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## COOKIE KINDNESS AND TRAIN GARDEN

On Sunday, December 16, 2018, Salem held a very successful Cookie Kindness co-chaired by Sandy McNair and Christie Lassen. Helping Sandy and Christie with all of the cookie shoppers were Edie Hahn, Anna Lassen and Molly McNair. Approximately 30 bakers provided an estimated 50 varieties of cookies for the event which raise \$450 for Lutheran Work Relief. Thank you to all who helped and shopped at this event.



If you happened to stop in on Sunday to buy some cookies you may have been surprised to see a Train Garden. Thank you to Jack Morgan who prompted his father to set the garden up. Joey's trains, which he bought when his daughter was born, are 25 years old and are running on the inside tracks. The larger trains on the outside track belong to Don Schwartz. One of Don's engines was given to him by Bob Miller many years ago. Don, Joey along with Jack and Charlie Morgan spent about fifty man hours setting everything up. The I Spy list was a joint effort between all of them. One item on the list was to find: two Mickey Mouse figures. One was easy but the other was hidden in a snow bank and a little more difficult to spot. The McDonald's with a sign advertising 15 cent hamburgers brought back memories for many of the adults. Thank you to Don, Joey, Jack and Charlie for taking the time to set this up for all of us to enjoy.





## 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 TO HOST JANUARY BIRTHDAY BASH AT WESTSIDE SHELTER



Every month, the Lazarus Caucus recruits a different group to host a birthday party for the men at the Baltimore County Westside Homeless Shelter for men on the grounds of Spring Grove Hospital.

**Thursday, January 10 from 6:00-8:00 PM is Salem's next turn.**

There are two ways you can help out.

First, the food and supplies for 120 men need to be donated, including paper products, cupcakes, iced tea and lemonade mixes and mixed nuts.

Second, you can join in the fun and attend the party. We will need at least 4 volunteers for the event to set-up, pass out cupcakes and ice cream treats, sing happy birthday, pray, take pictures and just socialize with the guests.

There is a sign-up sheet on the card table in the hall at church and you can contact Pat Krenzke directly at 410-227-9438 or [pat@lazaruscaucus.org](mailto:pat@lazaruscaucus.org) if you have any questions.

**Please sign up by Sunday, January 6, 1:00 PM if you will be able to help.**



## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Task Force continues to provide assistance to the family of Mahmoud and Wedyan al Fahad in a variety of ways. Tutoring efforts are our main focus at present. Having needed to suspend our efforts for about six weeks, we are now able to resume with sessions at least twice a week. We are working to more effectively enlist the parents' effectiveness and support in this endeavor.

At Thanksgiving, we supplied the family with a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner. We are now making preparation to provide them with New Year's presents. Your contributions to the Refugee Fund made this possible, so these are these are your gifts to the family.

The Refugee Fund is also providing assistance with the rent in their new apartment at Westland Gardens, given at a diminishing rate through next Spring. Our goal, of course is their independence.

We have sufficient monies in the Refugee Fund for any foreseeable needs.

We do continue to encourage your prayers and advocacy for the worldwide refugee crisis. From Central America to East Africa to the Middle East and into Southeast Asian, there are more refugees and displaced persons than ever in recorded history.

Your financial contributions to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services are needed more than ever.



### The Agape Gallery Presents: **The Power of Nature and Man** Realistic and Fantastical Photography

featuring images by

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Thomas Fretz

Richard Eskin  
James Lubitz

Kaye Flamm  
Linda Lund

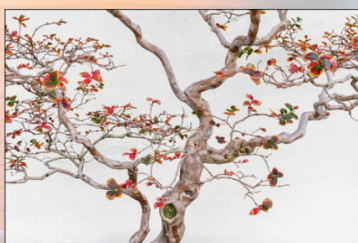


**January 27 - March 31, 2019**

**Opening Reception**  
Sunday, January 27 at 12:15 p.m.  
Doors Close at 2:00 p.m.



**Salem Lutheran  
Church**  
2nd Floor  
905 Frederick Road  
Catonsville, MD  
21228



**Gallery Hours:**  
Saturday 4:30 to 6 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
By appointment  
[charsart@gmail.com](mailto:charsart@gmail.com)



### SALEM CHRISTMAS SUPPER CLUB FESTIVITIES

The well-attended Salem's Christmas Supper Club continued its long tradition, with food and merriment had by all. Thanks go out to the hosts and hostesses who provided their homes for the festivities, and to Lynda Bell and Jane Stolte, organizers of the event. Enthralled were all the guests, with music provided by the itinerant Irish Minstrels, Paul Bell and Ken and Shelley Wolfram, capturing this year's theme Christmas in Killarney with the songs *Christmas in Killarney*, *The Mary Ellen Carter*, and *The Kerry Christmas Carol*.



**SAVE THE DATE: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER****Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:30 pm**

“Come–Everything is Ready!” This invitation from Jesus also serves as the foundation for the 2019 World Day of Prayer (WDP) on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, “a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year.”

Celebrated by thousands of women and women’s groups, including Women of the ELCA, in over 170 countries, the World Day of Prayer seeks to facilitate “informed prayer and prayerful action” by gathering “women of different races, cultures and traditions together in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.”

Salem will be hosting a prayer service for this event. Karen Amy is organizing the event and needs your help. If you are willing to participate in any way -music, song, intercessory prayer, just attending – please contact Karen at [kamy08@verizon.net](mailto:kamy08@verizon.net) and let her know your thoughts.



## SALEM RECOGNIZED FOR GIFT TO SCHOOL OF HOPE IN RAMALLAH, PALESTINE



# Opportunity Palestine

Supporting Lutheran Schools and Educational Programs in Palestine

### Furnish Hope campaign outcome

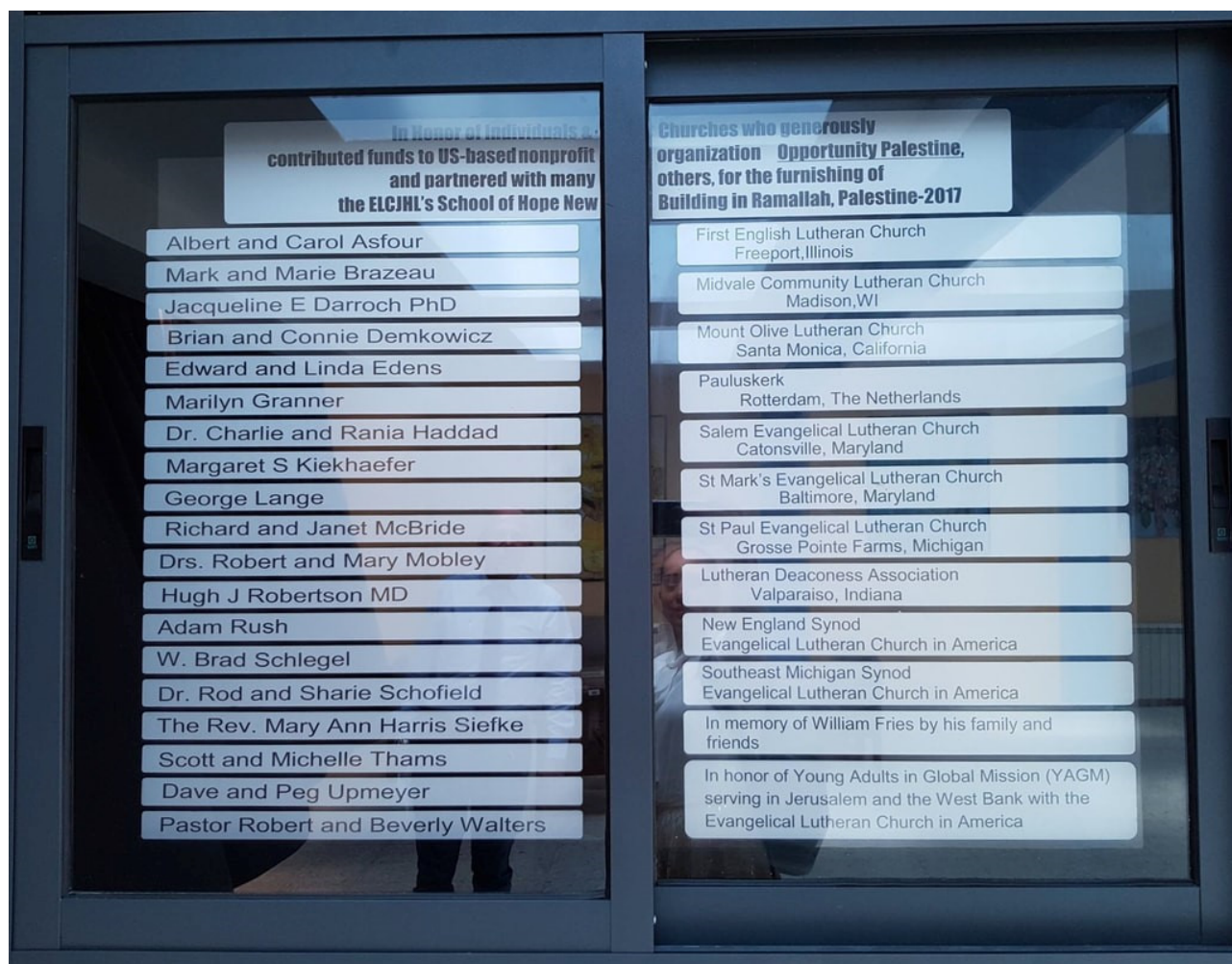
We are grateful for all the donations generously given by more than 90 individuals, 8 churches, 2 Synods and 1 Association totaling more than \$53,500 to furnish the new School of Hope in Ramallah. \$36,000 of these funds were used for desks, chairs and other basic furniture. Donations to the Bill Fries Memorial campaign fully funded the needs for the music room. Art supplies, library furniture, science laboratory supplies and conference room furniture were also provided as a result of generous giving to Furnish Hope. The children, faculty and staff will benefit from this generous giving, each and every day over the coming years. We give thanks for this wonderful effort to support the mission of the Lutheran Schools in the Holy Land!



*Principal Naseef Muallem with the Opportunity Palestine Donor Recognition Plaque*

## Donor Recognition

Donations of \$500 and more to Furnish Hope are gratefully acknowledged on a plaque installed in the new School of Hope.



## FOURTH MONDAY BIBLE STUDY WILL BE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28

The Bible study on the Book of Acts will meet on **Monday, January 28** at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Katie Luther Room. Please see Pastor Asendorf with any questions.



## BOOK GROUP

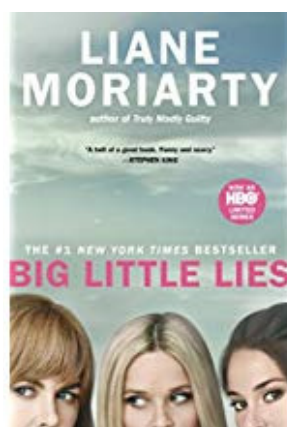
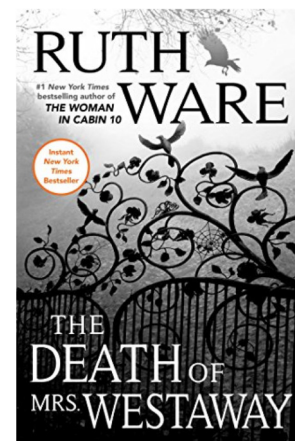
The Salem Book Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. Future books include January 14th – *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware and February 11th – *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty.

### *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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### **WONDERFUL SHOWCASES – MANY THANKS**

Many thanks to Christy Hensler-Davis for her fascinating showcase during October and to Larry Kohlenstein for sharing his beautiful wood carvings during November. Pastor Ed 's Nativity sets reflecting so many varied cultures have been in the showcase through the Christmas/Epiphany holiday. Anyone and/or any committee wishing to share a showcase should contact Sharon Stanton to schedule a date to do so. It's been a wonderful year of beautiful and fascinating showcases shared by Salem members. Think about doing one yourself!

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### **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

Please join the members of the Christian Fellowship Committee as they host a Winter Fellowship get together between both worship services and after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Coffee, hot chocolate with the fixings and cookies {of course} will be served. We look forward to seeing you for a little mid-winter time of fellowship, conversation and refreshments!

Then mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – the Annual Mother, Daughter, Friends Luncheon – always a very special event. {more details to come}

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### **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT**

- Approved expenditures of no more than \$1,000 or the Three Kings Worship Service



## **ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TOGETHER**

We'll be gathering for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27 following the 11 a.m. worship service for a Pot Luck luncheon followed by our meeting. We usually finish by 2 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to join together to celebrate our congregational life and mission. God has blessed us so very much during the past year. A sign-up sheet for the Pot Luck will be in the Narthex.



Photo from last year's meeting.

## **Christmas Thank You's**

There are so many people to thank for our beautiful and meaningful Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

The music! We are so grateful to Salem's Church Musician Mary Miller for leading our dedicated and talented choir. The Salem Ringers were wonderful as was the Salem Brass led by Amy Pflug. Our Saturday Musician led the 2 pm Christmas Eve Service with the support of drummer Jack Morgan and guitarist Craig Birkmeyer.

The Altar Guild! The indispensable behind-the-scenes work of Mary Krebs, Nan Vetter and all of the devoted Altar Guild member helped make the services run smoothly.

The Children's Program! Miss Liz again mounted another special Children's Pageant that was baaa-eutiful. Many thanks to the children who participated and the parent helpers.

The Decoration Team! Led by Shelley Wolfram the decorators put all the flowers in place, the window candles, the nativity sets, the Christmas trees, roping and more. We are especially thankful for Matt Medicus who climbs the ladder every year to put up the greens in the chancel. And we are grateful, too, for all who generously donated money to buy the poinsettias and flowers.

The Worship Assistants, Greeters, Ushers, Acolytes, Bread Bakers! Many thanks for your service whether you were pouring wine, or picking up communion glasses, greeting worshipers, gathering offerings or had your hands in a bread bowl. You all helped make for an evening and day of wonderful worship services.

The Really Behind the Scenes Staff! That would be Robin Schaefer, our cracker jack Office Manager and our Super Volunteer Louise Rau for putting together all the bulletins and so many other tasks that helped make for a wonderful Christmas Season.

The Pastor! Thank you Pastor Dave for leading our services and for delivering the Christmas Eve sermon. And, thanks, too, to Sarah Garrett Krey, our Pastoral Assistant, for helping in so many ways.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE January 2019

January 5	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
January 6	Epiphany 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School All Ages 5:00 p.m. in Spanish (bilingual Bulletin)
January 12	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
January 13	Baptism of Our Lord 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School All Ages
January 19	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
January 20	Second Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School All Ages
January 26	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
January 27	Third Sunday after Epiphany 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School All Ages

## PRAYERS

You who are one of us,  
You who are also within us,  
May all see you-in me also.  
May I prepare the way for you,  
May I thank you for all  
that shall fall to my lot,  
May I also not forget the needs of others.  
Give me a pure heart-that I may see you.  
A humble heart-that I may hear you,  
A heart of love-that I may serve you,  
A heart of faith-that I may abide in you. Amen.  
- Dag Hammarskjöld



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY

<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
<b>March 13, 2019</b>	<b>Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom</b> 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor David Asendorf

**SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR****January 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6 January</b> <b>Epiphany</b> Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 7pm S. Player Audition	<b>7</b> 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Salem Players	<b>8</b> 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology 7pm Social Ministry	<b>9 CHARLESTOWN</b> 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players 7pm Christian Fellowship	<b>10</b> 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir 7:30 CEA 7:30 St Dysmas Council	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 2pm Venture Crew 5pm Worship
<b>Fall Art Show II</b>						
<b>13 Baptism of Our Lord</b> Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! Salem Players 7:30pm	<b>14</b> 4pm Yoga 7pm Old Salem Planning 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7pm Salem Players 7:30pm Book Group	<b>15</b> 5pm Chair Yoga Synod Assembly Planning 6pm 7pm Salem Ringers	<b>16</b> 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	<b>17</b> 10am Stitchcrafters 11am Bent Twig 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9am New Disciples 5pm Worship
<b>Fall Art Show II</b>						
<b>20</b> Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 1pm Salem Players Annual Meeting 2pm Salem Players Rehearsal	<b>21 MLK Office Closed</b> 4pm Yoga 7pm Communications 7pm Arts Committee 7pm Salem Players	<b>22</b> 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Social Ministry 7pm Salem Ringers	<b>23</b> 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	<b>24</b> 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	<b>25</b> <b>ROAD TRIP (HS Youth)</b>	<b>26</b> Red Cross Blood Drive 5pm Worship
<b>27</b> Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages 12 noon Salem Annual Meeting 2pm Salem Players 5pm Confirmation	<b>28</b> 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm Salem Players 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study	<b>29</b> 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers 7pm Council	<b>30</b> 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7:30pm Advent Worship	<b>31</b> 10am Stitchcrafters 11am Bent Twig 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	<b>1 February</b> <b>LOCK IN (Youth)</b>	<b>2</b> 5pm Worship
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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 DECEMBER 2018**

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
December 1/2	19	82	135			236
December 5				21	Midweek Advent	21
December 8/9	21	92	126	22	Advent Vespers	261
December 12				22	Midweek Advent	22
December 15/16	23	111	116			250
December 19				26	Midweek Advent	26
December 22/23	9	78	129			216
December 24	80	172	134	112	2/5/7:30/10 services	498
December 25				26		26
December 29/30	23	52	112			187
Totals	175	587	752	229		1743

\*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

**TREASURER REPORT  
FOR NOVEMBER 2018**

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$418,113.67
Beginning Balance	\$23,036.22
Expenses to Date	(\$416,584.51)
Receipts to Date	\$466,836.51
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$73,288.22</b>
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$66,682.74
Receipts to Date	\$31,900.50
Disbursements to Date	(\$34,894.76)
<b>Balance in Fund</b>	<b>\$63,688.48</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).



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*Thank You*

We wish to thank you for your contributions or donation to our church for the year

2018

In the amount of 1000.00

Date

Donation

12/16/18 1000.00 Toward our Furnace Fund

*Thank You again for this most generous donation.*

Authorized Signature: K. Robert Schmitt Financial Secretary

No goods or services were provided in exchange for these contributions

A pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a member of the Society of the Holy Trinity, Societas Trinitatis Sanctae



*We love the habo*

Your FAITH  
is truly special  
and so is your  
generous spirit.

THANK YOU

*To our dear friends at  
Salem Stitch Crafters,  
We are so very grateful  
for the love & care you  
give to our patients!  
We feel so blessed!  
The St. Agnes Cancer  
Institute*

Dear Salem  
Family,  
so much Salem  
love!  
Thank you for all  
of your prayers,  
calls and visits.  
They made me happy  
even when I was  
in the U.  
I am well now  
and hope to see  
you all Saturday  
church.  
Love!  
Gary  
Your friend

12/13/18  
Dear Salem Supper Committee Members,  
Thank you very much for planning such a  
wonderful evening celebrating Christmas in Killarney.  
I know it takes many hours in organizing such  
an event. You all do an exceptional job!  
Also, thank you to Shelley, Ken and Paul for  
sharing your talents with the Salem family.  
You all were terrific.  
Once again, thank you for such a fun  
evening.  
Sincerely,  
Tom and Carolyn Vasold

Nov. 16, 2018  
Dear Salem members,  
The flowers delivered so  
kindly by Denise Stanko were  
so lovely. I was sorry not  
to be here when she came, or  
we could have had a nice  
visit! The arrangement was  
beautiful and a grateful  
gesture by you all. Blessings to  
all - Betty Ruff.



## OFFICIAL ACTS



### AT THE GRAVE

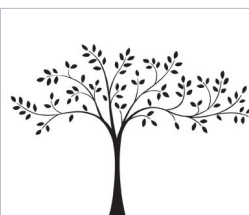
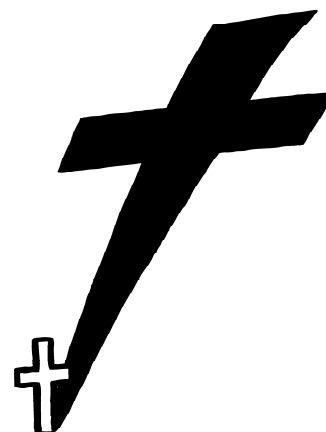
"For the assurance and hope of our faith and for the saints whom you have received into your eternal joy,  
we thank you heavenly Father."

William Gustave Bruesewitz

December, 2018

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"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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