



THE MONARCH

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY AT SALEM

Salem is very blessed to have an abundance of small group ministries. Some are service oriented and some are solely fellowship focused, many combine the two. Here is a partial list of some of the groups and the contact person:

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| Bible Study – meets 4 th Monday of the month at 1p.m. and 7p.m. | Pastor Asendorf |
| Book Group meets on 2 nd Monday evenings at 7:30p.m. | Guy Davis, Linda Wayland |
| Guardians of Eden meets often on 1 st Monday of the month at 6:30p.m. | Norma Hensler-Davis |
| Historical Old Salem Inc. oversees care for our first Church building (Old Salem) | Sharon Stanton |
| Men’s Prayer Breakfast every Wednesday at 7a.m. at Café on the Grove, campus of Spring Grove | Pastor Asendorf, Tim Medicus |
| Parish Nurses | Beth Rodgers |
| Prayer Shawl Group - meets 1 st and 3 rd Monday at 7p.m. | Julie Kempton |
| LWR Quilters meets every Wednesday at 1p.m. | Mary Miller |
| Salem Middle School Group (called Drop-In on the calendar) | Anita Lane |
| Salem High School Youth Group (High Jinx) | Anita Lane, Sara Toscano |
| Stitchcrafters every Thursday at 10a.m. | |
| Yoga – Yoga every Monday at 4p.m. | Penne Giuliani |
| Yoga – Chair Yoga at 5p.m. | Penne Giuliani |
| Young Adult Group (YAS) | Seminarian Sarah Garrett Krey, Christy Hensler-Davis, Philip Isaiah |

Stitchcrafters with Seafarer Boxes, October 2018



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SUBSTITUTE TUTORS NEEDED— REFUGEE TASK FORCE UPDATE



We are blessed to have **four teams of tutors** who visit the al Fahad family most every week, helping Khaled, age 8, and Lujain, age 6, increase their abilities in speaking English and helping them with their homework. Their Mom, Wedyan, usually leans into it, too. We need a few persons who are willing to serve as substitute tutors. You need no special credentials for this task, and substitutes would always be visiting with one of our tutors. Your help will be a great gift to them, and yourself, too.

If you might be interested and willing, please contact one of our tutors—Marge Diss, Donna Reuter, Beth Rodgers, Billie Jo Kreps, or Tim and Sara Toscano.

We had a wonderful **New Year's Day celebration** with the al Fahads, bringing presents and treats and filling their living and dining rooms with well-wishing friends. Our thanks to the Stitchcrafters for hats and scarves for the family and to the congregation for the presents that were purchased with monies from the Refugee Fund. We received a message from Mahmoud which said *"On behalf of my family, I thank you all for your recent visit to us. You have been an example of love and kindness. I am grateful to each of you. Thank you for your noble feeling. Thank you with all my heart. Thank you. Mahmoud"*

Further contributions to the **Refugee Fund** are not needed at this time. We do encourage your generous financial support for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, headquartered here in Baltimore. Please see their website or use a pew envelope.

We also encourage your prayers and advocacy for the worldwide refugee crisis. From Central America to East Africa to the Middle East and into Southeast Asia, there are more refugees and displaced persons than ever in recorded history. Jesus specifically commands compassion for the alien and the stranger. And we recall that Jesus himself was a refugee, his parents fleeing threatened violence and seeking refuge in Egypt.

Pastor Whetstone

FAIR TRADE WEEKEND IS FEBRUARY 2/3



Soon heart-shaped boxes will be everywhere, filled with chocolates for some lucky sweetheart. But to the discerning heart (as well as the palate), the very best Valentine chocolate is that which fills a wrapper marked with the Fair Trade label.

Share some love from our array of fine teas, coffees and chocolates. You can be sweet to your dear ones as well as to distant neighbors—small scale farmers in developing countries—with a fair trade purchase! Look for the cart in the narthex on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

The Board of Directors will again host our Annual Craft Fair/Flea Market on Saturday, March 9th from 9a.m. to 1p.m. here at Salem in Bethany Hall. Please join us to search for treasures, enjoy delicious food and take home a treat from the bake table. Take a chance on a raffle to be determined. Admission is \$1 per person and all proceeds from the day benefit the preservation/maintenance efforts at Old Salem, located at 701 Ingleside Avenue {our congregation's first house of worship from 1849 through 1901}. If you are interested in being a vendor and want a table space {3 X 8 table provided by Salem} contact Sharon Stanton, 410-744-8724 or leave a note in her mailbox in the first floor hallway across from the nurses' office to reserve your space by February 10th.

Other dates to place on your calendar now are for our upcoming bus trips – May 18th – Ladew Gardens {and working on plans for lunch at Friendly Farms Restaurant}; July 24th for a delicious crab feast at the Kentmorr Restaurant; and October 18th to travel to Cambridge for a tour of the Harriett Tubman Visitor Center with lunch at Old Salty's Restaurant on Hooper's Island. More details to follow, but hope you will plan to travel with us this year. We have plans for a special 170th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 2nd for Founders' Day and on Saturday, December 14th a Christmas Open House at Old Salem. Again, plan to be a part of these events. We hope you will join us.

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.

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.

JANUARY SALEM BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual Salem Blood Drive on Saturday, January 26. 54 units of blood were obtained, which exceeded our goal. Each unit of blood can help 3 people so we potentially helped as many as 162 people. The parish nurses are appreciative of all who were willing to participate.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 1st – 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 1st, “a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year.”

Salem will be hosting a service, led by Mother Anjel Scarborough of St Peters Episcopal Church in Ellicott City. The service will include prayer, song, introspection and inspiration – followed by light refreshments. Please join us for this special service on Friday evening, March 1st at 7:30 pm.

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.”

The World Day of Prayer, officially celebrated since 1927, has its origins in the women’s mission boards of late nineteenth century America. Addressing a specific theme each year, from creation care to human rights to interfaith relations, the movement invites women to “affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence on the world” by engaging with the following values: listening, speaking, faithfulness, creativity, inclusion, giving, receiving, sisterhood, trust, learning, wisdom, action, ecumenical work and being a Christian neighbor in a multi-religious world.

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 and let her know your thoughts.



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 11a.m. service on Sunday, February 10th. 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 27th – the Annual Mother, Daughter, Friends Luncheon – always a very special event. {more details to come}

THE ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 27, 2019

What a wonderful celebration of Salem Family's life together at our annual meeting. We had about 75 members there and the food was delicious **as always**. Thank you to everyone who contributed the food, helped set up and all who helped clean up afterwards. Committee chairs or a committee representative shared information about their committees. If you are not a current member of a committee, considering joining one in 2019. Also, if you were not able to attend the meeting, contact Robin in the office to obtain a copy of the Annual Report.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Liz Rickel, Salem's Director of Children's Ministries, will be holding First Communion classes for our young folks who are currently in second grade on Saturday, March 30th; Saturday, April 6th; and Saturday, April 13th. The children, after completing the instruction will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday April 18th at the 7:30p.m. service.

On Sunday, January 20th, 2019, Liz hosted a discussion on "Let's Talk about Bullying", utilizing a booklet by Dr. Pat Fosarelli, at 9:45a.m. in Bethany Hall. Several parents attended the workshop to help learn strategies for their children to maintain good communications within their family on this subject.

MARNI McNICHOL SCHOLARSHIP 2019

Salem member Meghan McNichol-Tress would like to inform the congregation's high school seniors of a scholarship in memory of her mother. The Marni McNichol scholarship is open to all seniors graduating from a Maryland high school who will be attending college next year. Typically the students selected will have been affected by someone close to them having breast cancer but any students whose lives have been affected by another type of cancer are also encouraged to apply. The top winner will receive \$10,000 and \$10,000 will be divided between three runner ups. Applications should be submitted by April 1st and winners will be announced the first week of May. If you or someone you know would be eligible for this scholarship please encourage them to apply. The application can be accessed by using the following link: www.amystrong.org/scholarship.html.



Marni McNichol Scholarship Fund
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REFLECTIONS ON A TRIP TO ISRAEL, PALESTINE, AND JORDAN

I recently returned from a trip to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan organized by United Lutheran Seminary. We saw the usual highlights: Church of the Annunciation, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Church of the Nativity, and Church of the Holy Sepulcher and many, many others. This is no travelogue, but two reflections from our trip.

There were 43 people on our trip. Half were seminarians; several were pastors; there were several family members. I was one of a very small number that had no connection with any seminary. The seminarians were well diversified in gender, age (those directly from college to those obtaining a second career), sexual orientation, and location (resident campus or long-distance learning). I was extremely impressed with the enthusiasm, knowledge, and personality of the seminarians. Each gave a devotion at one site on the tour. Everyone explained the Biblical significance of the site. The devotions were top-notch. Each seminarian drew on their individual talents: one wrote a new song, several sang, one acted out a scene, etc. If these seminarians are representative of the overall class of seminarians, the pastoral future of the ELCA is bright.

My other reflection is less bright. I was appalled by the treatment of the Palestinians by the Israelis. There are several manifestations of this treatment. One is the taking of land from the Palestinians via Israeli settlements on the West Bank and building the Wall almost entirely on Palestinian land. The settlements are mostly on the best land, i.e., land with access to water in this desert region. The settlements also box in Palestinians. For example, Bethlehem, a Palestinian city, is almost entirely surrounded by settlements so that there is no land to expand. Using maps, Dr. Mitri Raheb of Dar Al Kalima College in Bethlehem showed that the settlements fragment the remaining Palestinian land making an independent state impractical. Often, Palestinian olive groves are bulldozed over or end up on the wrong side of the Wall or settlement barrier. The Israeli military control much of the West Bank and are free to harass Palestinians and their businesses at will. Furthermore, the passage of Palestinians at check points is strictly controlled so that they have difficulties going to jobs on the opposite side and the military can totally close the check points at any time. The net result is to limit the employment opportunities and income of the Palestinians.

I find the Israelis apartheid treatment of Palestinians ironic considering that the Jewish people have been similarly affected throughout their history by the Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans, Spanish, and Germans (here I'm referring to the pre-Holocaust treatment, including Kristallnacht; the Holocaust is a much greater anti-humanitarian experience.)

Of course, there are always two sides and the Israelis will point to bombings and other terrorist acts by some Palestinians, but punishing an entire group of people for the actions of a few not only is inhumane but simply breeds more terrorist fervor.

Guy Davis

The picture on the next page was taken in 2015 by Sally Kopp. This section of the wall was on the West Bank side of the wall separating Israel from the West Bank.

THE PIGEON

There was a little boy who was holding his toy, a pigeon. While he was playing, he had a dream. He dreamed about another world where he could talk about his toys and his hobbies, his interests and his dreams, instead of talking about guns, blood and killing. A world where he could run and play with his friends. In that world was no war, no tanks, no rockets, and no shelling and bombing. A world full of peace. A bullet, an evil bullet, came like a thief and entered his heart. It took his soul and his dream away. His pigeon was beside him, right there next to his motionless body. But the pigeon remembered the boy's dream, and came to life and flew away. It decided to tell his dream to the world. And it decided to make this dream come true.

*Story by Jennifer, Jumana, Rasha and Nisreen, 16 years
Bethlehem*

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Look AT ME
WITH
YOUR THIRD EYE



Group photo (Guy's tour) on Mount Nebo, Jordan, where God showed Moses the Promised Land.

Fellow Salemites Daniel Collins and Guy Davis, on different tours, meet at **Dar Al Kalima College**, Bethlehem. Also pictured is Dr. Mitri Raheb, a Palestinian activist and teacher at the college.

SALEM SECURITY SYSTEM REMINDERS

If your committee members change, remember to let the Security Team know so their Access Cards can be updated to allow the new members to access the church for the committee meetings, committee events, etc. Please send an email message with the changes required to SalemSecurity@salem-catonsville.org

If you are holding an event at church and need the doors unlocked, please email SalemSecurity@salem-catonsville.org at least 4 days prior to the event. Remember that you must have someone watching the doors while the doors are unlocked.

As always, all questions and requests should be sent to SalemSecurity@salem-catonsville.org



UNDIES SUNDAYS ARE BACK!!!!

The 100+ homeless men at the Westside Shelter are on our minds during this severe cold spell, especially the first Sunday of each month when we provide dinner to them. Once again during February this year, the Salem faithful are asked to channel their thoughts and prayers into action by donating **new** underwear for the men at the shelter.

There will be a large bin in the hallway to collect the donations – see below:

Underwear - Only **briefs**, sizes **M, L and XL** are the most popular

Long (Thermal) Underwear – tops and bottoms – **all sizes**

NEW, in original packaging, please; shop at Wal-Mart for the 7-8 item multi packs for the best deals.



SAVE THE DATE

A pot luck dinner will be held on Sunday March 31st at 5p.m. to benefit the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response within the United States. A representative from Lutheran Disaster Response will be our guest speaker. A free will offering will be collected. Please come and support this worthy organization. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Social Ministry Committee



BOOK GROUP

The Salem Book Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30p.m. in the Upper Room.

On February 11th, we will discuss *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty. From the author of *Nine Perfect Strangers*, *Truly Madly Guilty*, and *The Husband's Secret* comes a novel about the dangerous little lies we tell ourselves just to survive.

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.

In the February meeting, we will also have a book exchange. Bring a wrapped book that you think people will enjoy.



On March 11th, we will discuss *The Finishing School*. In this suspenseful, provocative novel of friendship, secrets, and deceit, a successful writer returns to her elite Swiss boarding school to get to the bottom of a tragic accident that took place while she was a student twenty years earlier.

How far would you go to uncover the truth?

One spring night in 1998 the beautiful Cressida Strauss plunges from a fourth-floor balcony at the Lycée Internationale Suisse with catastrophic consequences. Loath to draw negative publicity to the school, a bastion of European wealth and glamour, officials quickly dismiss the incident as an accident, but questions remain: Was it a suicide attempt? Or was Cressida pushed? It was no secret that she had a selfish streak and had earned as many enemies as allies in her tenure at the school. For her best friend, scholarship student Kersti Kuusk, the lingering questions surrounding Cressida's fall continue to nag long after she leaves the Lycée.

Kersti marries and becomes a bestselling writer, but never stops wondering about Cressida's obsession with the Helvetian Society—a secret club banned years before their arrival at the school—and a pair of its members who were expelled. When Kersti is invited as a guest to the Lycée's 100th Anniversary, she begins probing the cover-up, unearthing a frightening underbelly of lies and abuse at the prestigious establishment. And in one portentous moment, Kersti makes a decision that will connect her to Cressida

forever and raise the stakes dangerously high in her own desire to solve the mystery and redeem her past.

An 'unputdownable' read as clever as it is compelling, *The Finishing School* offers a riveting glimpse into a privileged, rarefied world in which nothing is as it appears.

WONDERFUL SHOWCASES – MANY THANKS

Many thanks to Pastor Ed for the beautiful Nativity sets which reflect so many varied cultures have been in the showcase through the Christmas/Epiphany holiday. Look for Guy Davis' showcase highlighting his trip to Israel, Palestine, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and some other locations. 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!

FEBRUARY 2019 ADULT FORUMS

There will be a collection of topics for the remaining Sundays after the Epiphany (i.e., February 3rd - March 3rd). Here is the list of titles.

- February 3rd: first of a three part Bible Study on prayer taken from Gather Magazine; session one is titled "The Paradoxes of Prayer (1 Samuel 12:16-23)." We are called to pray, but for what purpose? Can we persuade God with prayer? Do we actually encounter God in prayer? Is the practice of prayer intended for the sake of the one praying or for the One to whom we pray? The Bible references all of these scenarios; however, each comes with biblical, theological and practical questions. In this first session on prayer, we'll investigate the paradoxical truths of this spiritual practice. (Leader: Jim Kempton)
- February 10th: Be Smart: a conversation about kids, guns, and safety. Come and learn about the new SMART framework (BeSMARTforKids.org) developed by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America; the framework focuses on preventing child gun deaths and injuries. This is not another presentation on getting rid of guns, but on making guns safer in our communities. There will also be an opportunity to do some role playing on how to have a conversation with a neighbor or school parent on guns in their houses. (Leader: Lisa Siano)
- February 17th: A look at Middle East, Arab culture and Islam. (Leader: Marge Zerbe)
- February 24th: second of a three part Bible Study on prayer; session two is titled "The Practices of Prayer (Psalm 19:14)." Jesus taught us how to pray by way of the Lord's Prayer. But in Scripture and in the Christian tradition, people of faith have developed a wide variety of ways to come before God. In this session, we'll look at different reasons and ways to pray, what each might offer and how knowing an array of prayer styles can enrich our devotional life. (Leader: Jim Kempton)
- March 3rd: final part of the Bible Study on prayer; session three is titled "The Products of Prayer (Romans 8:26-28)." The reasons for praying also vary. Some believe in the "power of prayer," trusting that the more one prays, or the more people who pray, the better chance there is that God will "hear" and attend to prayers. Others believe that prayer is less about changing God and more about changing the one who prays. We'll consider the reasons for and the results of prayer. (Leader: Jim Kempton)

Adult Forum meets every Sunday from 9:35-10:30a.m. in the Katie Luther Room. Hope to see you there.

THREE KINGS SERVICE

El Día de los Reyes

By all accounts, the celebration of *Epifanía de nuestro Señor* at *Iglesia Luterana Evangélico Salem* was a joyous event: Forty-one worshippers marked *El Día de los Reyes* (that would be Three Kings' Day) at a 4p.m. service on Sunday, January 6. But what made this event particularly special is the fact that it marked the first time ever that a service at Salem, whose founders worshiped in German, was conducted in Spanish.

"It was great fun," reports Pastor Dave. Leading worship was Pr. Paula Canby of Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran Church in Glenwood (Howard County), who is fluent in Spanish. For those whose Spanish is less than perfect, a bilingual bulletin provided the translation of the Gospel of Matthew, which relates the story of the adoration of the magi (or *los reyes*). Christy Hensler-Davis and Norma Hensler-Davis served as lectors.

Adding to the festive atmosphere was piano accompaniment supplied by Mary Miller, supplemented by Jack Morgan on bongo drums and Robin Schaefer on maracas. The quartet known as "Joyous Voices" (with our own Nancy Asendorf) was transformed into "Joyas Voces" for the day and contributed anthems of praise.

Following the service, which included the celebration of Holy Communion, a reception was held. William Guavaro was particularly lucky when his piece of the "Three Kings" cake contained a little figure of Jesus.

This service was the first major step in an outreach to the growing Hispanic community in and around Catonsville. "We'll be exploring whether to do some mission development among our Spanish neighbors," Pr. Dave promised. "Stay tuned."





Entrance of the Three Kings during the Children's Message.

The Kings and the children listen to the message.



Joyous Voices

SYRIAN COOKING CLASS IS A SUCCESS!

The Syrian Cooking Class held at Salem on Saturday, on January 26th was a glowing success. With the seed money provided by Thrivent through Pastor Ann Dentry and Sara Toscano, we were able to fund a fully sold out cooking class. The group made Syrian Yabruk (dolmas) with a lovely Tabouli salad. Marge provided a spicy chick-pea stew to treat our attendees. We all had fun conversing, cooking, and tasting during the afternoon. All got to taste the dishes and bring some home and were also provided recipes of the dishes we all made together.

We enjoyed the cooking event with Wedyan al-Fahed, our Salem-sponsored refugee mom, who led the instruction and demonstration while Marge assisted with the logistics. There is high-interest for us to sponsor another such event soon. We are taking suggestions for another meal - right now we are considering Kibbeh or Kuftah with hummus.

The timing of this event was super as the family is no longer eligible for food stamp assistance and the al-Fahed family benefited with cooking utensils, dishes, and money for mom Wedyan. This may lead to a profession for her. If you are considering entertaining, consider ordering a dish from Wedyan. Please let Marge Diss or someone on the Refugee Task Force know if you are interested. Requests for Middle Eastern dishes will be happily considered. Grateful thanks to all who purchased tickets in support of this family! As soon as we hear of interest we will offer another class.

Thanks to Pastor Ann and Sara Toscano for help with the preparatory shopping.





**FOURTH MONDAY BIBLE STUDY WILL BE
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

The Bible study on the Book of Acts will meet on **Monday, February 25** at 1p.m. and 7p.m. in the Katie Luther Room. Please see Pastor Asendorf with any questions.



SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 February Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 2pm Salem Players	4 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Salem Players	5 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	6 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	7 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7pm St. Dysmas 7:30 Salem Choir	8	9 5pm Worship
Winter Art Show II						
10 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! Salem Players 7:30pm	11 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7pm Salem Players 7:30pm Book Group	12 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology 6pm Synod Assembly Planning 7pm Salem Ringers	13 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	14 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir 7:30 CEA	15	16 5pm Worship
Winter Art Show II						
17 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 2pm Salem Players Rehearsal	18 4pm Yoga 7pm Communications 7pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Salem Players	19 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	20 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players 7pm St. Dysmas	21 10am Stitchcrafters 11am Bent Twig 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	22	23 5pm Worship
Winter Art Show II						
24 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages 2pm Salem Players 2pm Tanzania Task Force 5pm Confirmation	25 1pm Fourth Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm Salem Players 7pm Fourth Monday Bible Study	26 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers 7pm Social Ministry	27 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	28 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	1 March 7:30 World Day of Prayer	2 5pm Worship
Winter Art Show II						
3 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 2pm Salem Players	4 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Salem Players	5 Shrove Tuesday 5pm Pancake Supper 7pm Salem Ringers	6 Ash Wednesday 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 2pm Worship 7:30 pm Worship	7 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30 Salem Choir	8 Set-up for Historic Salem Flea Market	9 9-1pm Historical Old Salem Flea Market 5pm Worship
Winter Art Show II						

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 JANUARY 2019

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
January 5/6	23	89	147	41	Three Kings Service	300
January 12/13	26	0	0		SNOW	26
January 19/20	17	70	128			215
January 26/27	11	84	135	9	Road Trip	239
TOTAL	77	243	410	50		780

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$456,124.00
Beginning Balance	\$23,036.22
Expenses to Date	(\$452,799.14)
Receipts to Date	\$546,207.35
Ending Balance	\$116,444.43
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$66,682.74
Receipts to Date	\$36,017.00
Disbursements to Date	(\$41,926.76)
Balance in Fund	\$60,772.98

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE**February 2019**

February 2	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00p.m., Holy Communion
February 3	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 8:15a.m. and 11:00a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School All Ages
February 9	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00p.m., Holy Communion
February 10	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 8:15a.m. and 11:00a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School All Ages
February 16	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00p.m., Holy Communion
February 17	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 8:15a.m. and 11:00a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School All Ages
February 23	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00p.m., Holy Communion
February 24	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 8:15a.m. and 11:00a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School All Ages

PRAYERS

Grant us, O God, your protection;
and in your protection, strength;
and in strength, understanding;
and in understanding, knowledge;
and in knowledge, the knowledge of justice;
and in the knowledge of justice, the love of justice;
and in that love, the love of existence;
and in the love of existence,
the love of God, God and all goodness.
- Ancient Welsh prayer

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY**

February 13, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30a.m., Holy Communion — Seminarian Sarah Garrett
March 13, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor David Asendorf
April 10, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Bob Schmitt

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."

*Mary Kirby Lee**

January 5, 2019

*Carven D. Walker**

January 11, 2019

**not a member of Salem*

Thank You!



Lutheran World Relief
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700 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230 USA
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Dear Friends,

We recently received your gift of \$4,501.00 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share with you one way your support is making a big difference.

In Mosul, Iraq, the fighting may have stopped, but the scars of war remain – especially for the children. Eight year-old Zahraa saw her home destroyed and her sister killed during the violence. But the compassion of people like you has helped her.

Your gifts fund the "I am Safe" community center in West Mosul, where Zahraa and other children come to get help with their trauma. The first time she visited the center, she was asked to color and drew pictures of death and destruction. With the help of supportive staff and programs designed to help her, now Zahraa is coloring scenes depicting life: birds, and flowers, and sunshine. Her mother says she plays and smiles more now as well.

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 V. Speckhard
President and CEO



Thank You

January 22, 2019

Pastor David S. Asendorf and the People of Salem Church
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

On behalf of the entire Thread Community, thank you for the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church's generous contribution. We deeply appreciate your support, which makes it possible for every student to defy the odds, while strengthening the bonds that transcend lines of difference throughout Baltimore.

Thank you for your contribution of \$2,097.00 on 01/08/2019.

Warmest wishes,

Sarah Hemminger
Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer



205 Bloomsbury Avenue
Catonsville, Maryland 21228
www.thechildrenshome.net

2018 Holiday Giving Program

Because of your generosity, the youth at The Children's Home had an outstanding holiday! Gifts and gift cards, contributions and activities combined to bring joy to our campus. We start the new year with new optimism and energy to more forward - living, building, working, and achieving.

Please follow the news and events of the Home throughout the year online at www.thechildrenshome.net or [Facebook.com/thechildrenshome.maryland](https://www.facebook.com/thechildrenshome.maryland).

Thank you again for brightening the lives of the children and youth in our care.

Sincerely,

Gail L. Lee
Director of Development





CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2,252 to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) from you and the parishioners of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In the year ahead, CBF will accelerate its education, restoration, and advocacy efforts in order to defend and advance the Blueprint and Save the Bay. These efforts, and so much more, are made possible through the support of donors like you.

Thank you once again for your generosity. Together, we can make the Chesapeake Bay the greatest environmental success story the world has ever seen.

Sincerely,

William C. Baker
This is so valuable!
Thank you - very much.

William C. Baker
President

**THANK
YOU**

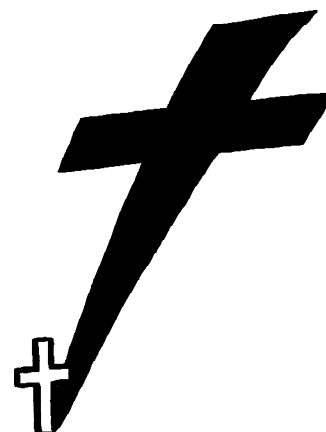
Dear Salem Family,
Thank you for
all your prayers
and support during
my recent surgery.
God Bless you
all.

Love,
Lynda Bell

January 12, 2019
Dear Salem members,
The delivery of the lovely
large white poinsettia plant during
the Christmas season was truly
appreciated. It is still sitting
majestically on the shelf by my
door and has admired by many.
Thank you all for your kindness.
Blessings,
Betty Ruff

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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

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