



THE MONARCH

THE LENTEN SEASON AT SALEM

Ash Wednesday March 6

Worship 2 pm and 7:30 pm

Mid-Week Worship

"Along the Way of Faith"

Wednesday Evenings March 13 through April 10

6:30 p.m. Soup Supper in Bethany Hall

7:30 p.m. Worship in the Nave



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FROM OUR SEMINARIAN DANIEL COLLINS



Dearest Salem Family,
Greetings through our Lord Jesus Christ. Once more, it has been my distinct privilege to attend the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago as one of your two seminarians. Due to your generous moral and financial support, I visited Israel, Palestine, Jordan, and Egypt in a travel seminar led by our Palestinian Christian guide Victor, and two seminary professors, the Rev. Dr. Barbara R. Rossing, and the Rev. Dr. Klaus-Peter Adam. Dr. Rossing is a first-class expert on the

book of Revelation; keep an eye out for her newest upcoming book on the intersection of Revelation and climate change. Dr. Adam is the world's foremost scholar of the book of Leviticus, and has assisted on several important archaeological excavations in the Holy Land. Their know-how was greatly appreciated, and on several occasions we found inscriptions millennia-old and read them with their help.

We visited and heard stories from both sides of the Israel-Palestine conflict, and were quite disheartened to learn that Christians are often caught in the crossfire. Dr. Guy Davis and I ran into each other at a presentation by the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb on the plight of Palestine and Palestinian Christians at his Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem (the West Bank), a humanities school where he hopes to empower young Palestinians for leadership and artistry in these difficult times. I also ran into our friend Dr. Davis at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, where he was quite industrious and diligent in documenting his experiences with photography while traveling with his group from the United Lutheran Seminary of Pennsylvania.



My group traversed onto Mount Sinai, which is under the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Church. It was a very moving experience to see the determination and devotion of Egyptian Christians despite the flourishing terrorist sects in the Sinai Peninsula. Please remember them in your prayers. After forty hours of travel from the foot of Mount Sinai to BWI, I was able to rest and be with you all for our congregational meeting. I thank God for all of the work that we have done, and that we are able to do, and pray God that we may continue in our great endeavors as well as see our areas of improvement. The diligence of the council and its youthful, discerning president continues to encourage me as to the direction of our congregation. Once more, I would like to warmly thank and recognize the most Christian shepherds of our parish: the most dynamic and devout Pastoral Assistant Sarah, the wise and cordial Pastors Ann, Dave, and Ed, and his Excellency Bishop Gohl. The mutual support that this congregation demonstrates shows me a distinct emulation of the spirit of Pentecost, and gives me so much hope in an age where many have lost it in the church.



Christ prevails, Christ reigns, Christ commands.

Peace be unto all,

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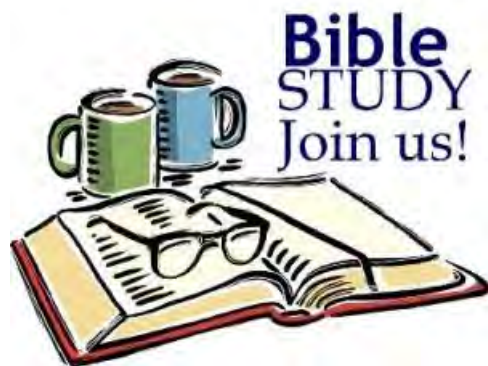
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**NOW SHOWING IN THE AGAPE GALLERY
POWER OF NATURE AND MAN**



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

The Bible study on the Book of Acts will meet on **Monday, March 25** at **1:00 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.** in the Katie Luther Room. Please see Pastor Asendorf with any questions.



MODEL OF SALEM RETURNS HOME

As plans were being made for Salem's 170th anniversary celebration, Pr. Dave suggested that we approach the Catonsville Historical Society to return the model of our building, created in 1955 by our member Richard Eitemiller. Miraculously the model survived the May flood of their building and the Society was happy to oblige.

On Friday, February 15th, Sharon Stanton, Don Schwartz, and Joey Morgan retrieved the model and set it up in the Narthex where it will now be on display during our anniversary year. Thanks go to Sharon for coordinating this and to Don and Joey for doing the moving as well as for cleaning the heavily soiled Plexiglas cover and for gently adjusting some of the display elements.

The model dates to 1955 when Salem was in the process of constructing its original Parish Education Building. Richard Eitemiller supported this project by crafting the model that included a slot in the roof where donations to fund the project could be placed. After several years on display, the model was put into storage at Salem and then brought out in 1971 for the church's art festival. It moved to the Catonsville Library in 1972 to be part of an exhibit of vintage items from several local churches. After its appearance at the library, it eventually moved to the Historical Society, where there was adequate space available for housing it.

The model is 1/8 inch scale and was built using the construction blueprints for the new building and photographs of the original church. A light layer of spackling plaster was spread over the entire building, and the stonework was outlined with a small paintbrush and then colored. Richard Eitemiller estimated that the project took a total of 300 hours to complete, and a refurbishment in 1971 required an additional 250 hours. After years of faithful membership at Salem, he died in 1994 at age 89. He is buried beside his wife, Ruth, at Loudon Park Cemetery.

Today the model could use some cleaning and possibly some minor repairs. Salem is looking for volunteers with experience in working with miniature displays or model railroad layouts who would be willing to undertake this task. Please call the church office if you are interested.



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

The Board of Directors will again host our Annual Craft Fair/Flea Market on **Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.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 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. {There are still a few spaces left!} Otherwise, please come to shop, eat, and enjoy fellowship that helps to support Old Salem.

Other dates to place on your calendar now for our upcoming bus trips:

- **May 29th** – Ladew Gardens house and garden tour and lunch at Friendly Farms Restaurant with main entrees of their delicious fried chicken and roast beef;
- **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; All Saints Service on Sunday, **November 3rd at 2:00 p.m.**; and a Christmas Open House at Old Salem on Saturday, **December 14th**.

All these events take place at Old Salem, 701 Ingleside Avenue. We hope you will join us.

WONDERFUL SHOWCASES – MANY THANKS

Thank you to Guy Davis for his wonderful showcase highlighting his trip to Israel, Palestine, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and some other locations. Hope you had an opportunity to read about his January trip to all these locations in the February Monarch. Next scheduled display will be on our wonderful Salem Nursing Staff by Beth Rodgers. Anyone and/or any committee wishing to share a showcase should contact Sharon Stanton to schedule a date to do so. Think about doing one yourself!

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Liz Rickel will be holding First Communion classes for our 2nd graders on **Saturday, March 30th**; **Saturday, April 6th**; and **Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** The children, after completing the instruction, will receive their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday Service on **April 18th at 7:30 p.m.** Contact Liz if you have questions and/or concerns about your child's participation if they are other than 2nd grade at lizrickel@salem-catonsville.org.

A very special thank you to Eileen Merriman who led our Sunday School Opening Worship on February 3rd and February 10th in Liz's absence. She shared a fascinating way to learn about prayer and a celebration of love with a special song. And thanks to Don Schwartz for his willingness to set up the "technical support" for that opening worship.



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

What a wonderful time for fellowship and delicious treats provided by the members of the Christian Fellowship Committee as they hosted a Winter Fellowship get together after both worship services on Sunday, February 10th. Coffee, hot chocolate with the fixings, and cookies {of course} were served. Now mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 27th** – the Annual Mother, Daughter, Friends Luncheon – always a very special event. Judy Legath will share “Life Is Great in 21228” - an interesting and informative program all about life in Catonsville. A signup sheet for attendance/potluck food you wish to provide will appear soon in the Narthex. Plan to come to this **always** wonderful and fun event. Also, the committee will host “Celebrate Summer” on **Sunday, June 16th** after each service. Great way to “kick off” your summertime here at Salem!

FEBRUARY CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Council met with Pastor Paula Canby about outreach to our Hispanic neighbors in Catonsville. Pastor Paula, who led our Three Kings service on Epiphany Day, has offered to work *pro bono* to do outreach to our Hispanic community in Catonsville. She did ask the congregation to pay for a course in June at the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (Austin, TX) which would provide advanced Spanish lessons and Hispanic outreach training. The Council authorized up to \$1,200 from the Mission Fund to be used for this training.

Also, the Council approved a list of potential Call Committee members presented by Lisa Yerkey, Call Chair, and Pastor Asendorf. The Call Committee will interview Seminarian Sarah Garrett Krey for the full-time position of Associate Pastor. (Note: there will be no other candidates interviewed.)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT SALEM

Graduating in 2019? You might be eligible for a Salem Scholarship!

Salem's high school seniors - and their families - have many concerns about post-high school plans at the beginning of the new year, not the least of which is the cost of higher education. Do keep in mind the ministry of Salem's Scholarship program, which for over 20 years has assisted Salem members as they undertake the next step in their academic preparation. Stipends of up to \$750 per year for a total of four years cover only a modest part of the total higher education bill, but they can make an important difference.

Salem scholarships recognize accomplishment in any of the following categories: academic achievement; Christian character, service, and citizenship; educational and career goals; and financial need. They also take into account the differing ways in which students have applied their talents and interests, and recognize the variety of post-high school educational experiences that may be the best fit for students.

The deadline for 2019 applications is **April 15th**. Salem's high school seniors will receive a personal letter inviting them to consider applying for the program, but it's not too early to learn about the program. If you want to learn more, a print brochure and application form are available from the church office.

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.



SALEM LEGACY CIRCLE EXPANDS

Mary Krebs has joined the Salem Legacy Circle. This group of Salem members have remembered Salem in their estate planning. Thank you, Mary!

NEW DISCIPLES

Salem received new 11 disciples in membership on January 27th. Please be sure to welcome them when you see them in church. Read on to get to know them. Coming soon—interviews with Teresa Cook and Peggy and Ryan Fredriksson.

Georgiana Blackburn

Georgiana Blackburn is originally from Oklahoma. She moved in 1936 and was living in Columbia, Md. until 2004. She then returned to Oklahoma for 14 years and returned to Maryland in July 2018. She has three grown children who live in Maryland, and also 5 grandchildren. Her daughter lives here in Baltimore and her grandson lives at Fort Meade.

At one time, Georgiana sold insurance for Thrivent. She played piano for several churches and became a lay minister at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (OK.) where she worked from 1990 to 2004. She has spent over 40 years with church work and played for services at the Lutheran Village. She has also taught Sunday School and worked at St. Paul Lutheran with their youth program. Her interests have included music, piano, singing, sewing and crocheting.

We are glad that she has joined Salem Lutheran Church!



Carla Dowler



Sure, Catonsville winters are no match for those in Florida. But even though she says she misses the balmy temperatures of her former home, Carla Dowler is staying warm these days, thanks to having her family around her. Even if you have not yet met Carla, you certainly know her daughter and son-in-law, Jules and Jeff Rasmussen, and her grandchildren, Dawson and Hallie.

Carla (she was raised Methodist) and her husband (Presbyterian) have visited Salem over the years whenever they were in town, usually on holidays, and she always found the congregation “a really nice group of people.” She especially noted that Pastor Ed always remembered her name, even though she was not a member. As it happened, the couple moved from their home in North Carolina to the aforementioned Florida before finally settling in Catonsville in October. Once here, joining Salem was “pretty much a done deal,” she laughed. This marks the third time that Carla and her husband have attempted to retire. For him, a veterinarian, “he missed animal contact.” For herself, after 25 years as a schoolteacher and principal, “I missed kid contact.” Her career in the field of education ended on a high note, quite by chance. As she related, several years back, she happened to attend a library talk and had the opportunity to hear author Nicholas Sparks (of *The Notebook* and *Message in a Bottle* fame) speak about his educational philosophy. Immediately, she realized that his thoughts “meshed” with her ideas. And so Carla came to spend five years as the director of learning services at his school, the Epiphany School of Global Studies in North Carolina.

As for at which service and in which pew you’re likely to meet Carla, well, that pretty much depends her family.

Carl and Maria Englebrecht

Carl and Maria Engelbrecht began attending Salem last fall at the recommendation of friends. They are both the children of missionaries, with Maria growing up in India and Africa, and Carl in India. Carl works as a propulsion engineer at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. Maria is retired from teaching elementary school and now volunteers at the Roving Radish in Howard County and at the Maryland Food Bank. They have two daughters who are both studying to be educators: Gillian is currently in India as a Fulbright scholar, and Erin is finishing a degree at the University of Maryland, College Park. Carl and Maria live in Columbia and are transferring membership from First Presbyterian Church.



Zachary and Kimberly Mason



You think there's no romance in this world? Consider the case of these two high school sweethearts, who courted and married. And as if that's not sweet enough.....

After moving to a new community, the couple decides to worship somewhere on Easter Sunday. They "google" something like "Easter services near me." One church's schedule seems to fit the bill. The couple celebrates there that day but doesn't return the following week.

A few months pass, and someone suggests to her that maybe the couple needs to go back to church. They follow up on the suggestion, and then it's love at second sight. There's no turning back.

Whereas this might make a good plot for a book or movie, it's true in the case of Kimberly and Zach Mason. Having met and fallen for each other at Hammond High School (Howard County), the pair married nearly four years ago. For the record, Kimberly was born and raised Episcopalian, although her Dad's side was Lutheran. Zach, on the other hand, was born, baptized, but not confirmed Roman Catholic.

Love conquered all. The couple, upon recently moving from Columbia to Catonsville, worshiped at Salem last Easter. And although they were impressed with the festival service, they concede that they didn't get the feel of a "regular" service.

Meanwhile, Kimberly was running a youth program at Towson University. And Laura Sinche, the Lutheran campus minister there, continued to lean on Kimberly to find a church home. "She said, 'Give this guy and this place a chance,'" Kimberly remembers. Of course, Pastor Laura was recommending Pastor Dave and Salem.

And so, about six months ago, the Masons attended Salem. Again. And sitting on the parking lot after the service, the pair agreed that they had found their church home. "This is right," Kimberly recalls telling Zach. "It feels perfect. It feels like home." Since that Sunday, the couple has missed maybe a handful of Sundays, one of which was because of snow, and another due to a Ravens game.

These days, Kimberly is finishing up at Towson, with plans to teach middle school English and/or social studies after graduating this May. Zach works for Baltimore Trucking Center, delivering parts (from nuts and bolts to sleep-in cabs) to companies that repair 18-wheelers. In their spare time, the two share interests in cooking and the outdoors (gardening but not yardwork). (continued...)

He's "strictly" a dog person, whereas she loves "anything that has fur." They currently share their home with Bear, an eight-year-old Rottweiler-Labrador mix.

Look for them at late service on Sundays, "always" on the left-hand side, "a few pews ahead of Lynda and Paul Bell."

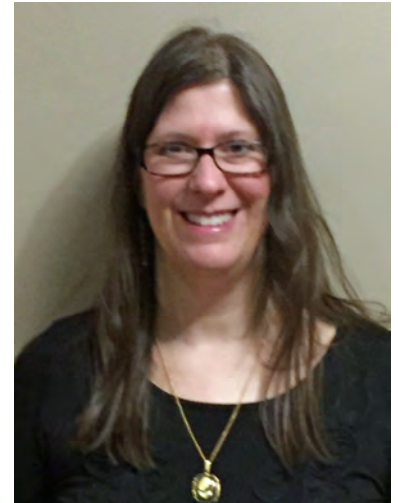
Margaret Bower

Talk about getting involved right from the start: Meg Bower is already a member of Salem's refugee task force. For that matter, this profile might easily have been an autobiography, in light of the fact that she has joined Salem's communications committee. (For the record, she was assigned to write about other new disciples).

As often happens, it was her role as a mom that first brought Meg to Salem. "I've been hanging around Salem for a number of years," she explained, having first worshiped at the children's Christmas Eve service. She has spent many hours on the premises as a "piano mom" (her daughter studies with Mary Miller) and then as a "choir mom" (when her daughter joined St. David's Choir). On those Sundays when the choir sings at the 8:15 a.m. Sunday services, Meg has been worshiping on the left-hand side of the nave, towards the front. And then she has found herself as a "stage mom," thanks to summer drama camp and the Salem Players' production of *Peter Pan*.

The question remains, however, when does Meg find time for her demanding career as an AICP-certified planner. Meg was born in Michigan and lived there until she was three. Her father worked for the federal government, and the family moved a great deal when she was young, she recalled. They always worshiped at Protestant churches, usually the one with a "big choir," in deference to her mother, a pianist and vocalist.

But it is Salem's welcoming spirit that led to her decision to call this her church home. Meg pointed out that it is not just on Sundays but throughout the week that she enjoys this feeling of community, seeing church friends as she goes about her daily activities. Little wonder, that having identified "her tribe," she decided "it was time to join."



SOCIAL MINISTRY ANNUAL POTLUCK BENEFIT DINNER

On **Sunday, March 31st at 5:00 p.m.**, the Social Ministry Committee will hold its annual Potluck Dinner, this year to benefit the Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) fund. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Phil Huber, who is the Disaster Preparedness and Response Coordinator for Delaware and Maryland. LDR participates in the preparation, response, and recovery in disaster situations here in the United States. Please join us to hear about these relief responses in the U.S., including here in Maryland, where recently our neighbors in Ellicott City were recipient to their aide. A Free Will Donation will be collected at the dinner. Bring a favorite dish, an appetite, and a listening ear to the stories of need and response to those needs within our state. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex throughout the month of March to indicate your attendance.

SALEM YOUTH GROUP MULCH SALE 2019

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ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: (Sat. Morning) _____

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BOOK GROUP

The Salem Book Group meets on the **second Monday** of each month at **7:30 p.m.** in the Upper Room. Following a snow delay, we discussed *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty on February 25th. 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.

On **March 11th**, we will discuss Joanna Goodman's *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.



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-catonville.org.

If you are holding an event at church and need the doors unlocked, please email SalemSecurity@salem-catonville.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-catonville.org.

The entrance door locks have been changed—Access Cards must be used—email the security committee if you need one.

LAZARUS CAUCUS

The popular CRAB RAFFLE is back!

Raffle tickets – \$5 each or five for \$20 – can be purchased from Leslie and Jim Kruger (8:15 a.m.) or Pat Krenzke and Mike Hall (11:00 a.m.).

Revenue raised from the raffle will support Lazarus Caucus, providing resources and restoring hope to the homeless of Baltimore County.



MARCH 2019 IN ADULT FORM

What's Happening in Adult Forum!

- **March 3rd**: A look at Middle East, Arab culture and Islam. (Leader: Marge Zerbe)
- **March 10th**: Gettysburg Revisited (Presenter: Mike Conrad, Gettysburg Foundation; this class will be held in **Reformation Hall**)
 “Gettysburg Revisited” - What can the battle of Gettysburg teach us about the level of our national discourse today? Come find out at the “Gettysburg Revisited” presentation, a new program that is part of the foundation’s public education effort to enhance civility and mutual respect in our democracy. The program focuses on examples of reconciliation, civility, and kindness following the battle of Gettysburg—one of the most divisive events on our nation’s history—that can guide us through the current times and towards positive change. This program does not take a stand on any political, religious, or social issue; instead, it focuses on examples from the past to overcome our current differences with civility and respect. Please note: this is not a military overview of the battle.
- **March 17th**: First of a Five-Part Series on Stories they didn’t teach us in Sunday School, a look at Biblical texts outside of the Lectionary (Leader: Seminarian Sarah)
- **March 24th**: Second of a Five-Part Series on Stories they didn’t teach us in Sunday School, a look at Biblical texts outside of the Lectionary (Leader: Seminarian Sarah)
- **March 31st**: Third of a Five-Part Series on Stories they didn’t teach us in Sunday School, a look at Biblical texts outside of the Lectionary (Leader: Seminarian Sarah)

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

AND DID YOU KNOW? ABOUT OUR SEMINARIAN, DANIEL

'Here I am, a Lutheran seminarian'

Several things drew Daniel to Lutheran School of Theology (LSTC) in Chicago, including his desire for a more ecumenical community since he is a recent addition to the Lutheran community. He also got a better financial aid package there, since two other seminary options didn't include costs beyond tuition.

Daniel was raised Southern Baptist in Baltimore, Md., went to Presbyterian (PCA) schooling, attended Messiah College, an Anabaptist institution, and now says, "Here I am, a Lutheran seminarian."

"The Nicene Faith brought me here and the reforming zeal keeps me here," he said.

Having sojourned through multiple denominations, he attempts to carefully balance theological, philosophical, and historical positions to compare many perspectives within Christian faith, in order to strengthen his Lutheran perspective "for the sake of catholicity."

Daniel says "My journey has been rather different from the average cradle Lutheran. Between me and my colleagues, our reactions can be different, and there is a productive exchange of ideas. We are all deeply committed to social justice, and I endeavor to pursue it from the vantage point of orthodoxy."

Daniel is fluent in Spanish and French, having lived in Europe, and his interests include historical theology, philosophy, and liturgics.

YOUNG ADULTS OF SALEM

The Young Adults of Salem gathered in February for a time of fellowship and community. We all set to work in the kitchen in Bethany Hall to make a meal together, which resulted in a delicious and extensive taco bar. Together, we ate, prayed, laughed, and got to know one another a bit better. Altogether, there were 13 of us, and we had a great time!

We will have another Young Adult dinner in the Spring, so be on the lookout for an announcement about that. If you're between the ages of 18 and 35, you are welcome to join us! If you have any questions or want to be included on the Young Adult email list, please email Pastoral Assistant Sarah at sarahgarrett@salem-catonsville.org



SARAH PREACHING

Hey, everybody. Wake up!



Jesus is the way, the one way.

Everybody get this?



OK, I'm on a roll!

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 March Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School All Ages! 2pm Salem Players	4 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Salem Players	5 5:30pm Pancake Supper 7pm Salem Ringers	6 Ash Wednesday 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 2pm Worship 7:30pm Worship 8:15pm Salem Players	7 10am Stitchcrafters 6 pm St. David's Choir 7:30pm Salem Choir	8	9 9am Historical Old Salem Craft Show and Flew Market 5pm Worship
Winter Art Show						
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Winter Art Show						
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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 JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
Jan 5/6	23	89	147	41	Three Kings	300
Jan 12/13	26	SNOW	DAY			26
Jan 19/20	17	70	128			215
Jan 26/27	11	82	135	9	Road Trip	237
January Total	77	241	410	50		778
February 2/3	28	75	111			214
February 9/10	14	91	119			224
February 16/17	26	66	110			202
February 23/24	18	87	109			214
February Total	86	319	449			854

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

PRAYERS

You are the peace of all things calm
 You are the place to hide from harm
 You are the light that shines in dark
 You are the heart's eternal spark
 You are the door that opens wide
 You are the guest who waits inside
 You are the stranger at the door
 You are the calling of the poor
 You are my Lord and with me from ill
 You are light, the truth, the way
 You are my Saviour this very day.
 - Ancient Celtic prayer



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

WIFI AT SALEM

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

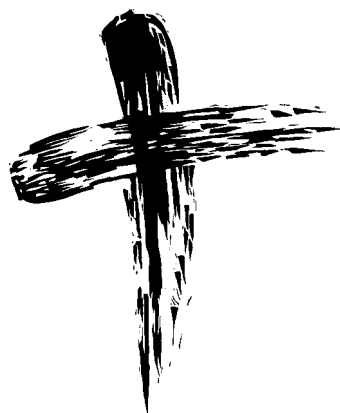
- SalemBethanyHall
- SalemReformationHall
- SalemUpperRoom
- SalemYouthRoom



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**March 2019**

March 2	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion	March 23	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
March 3	The Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages	March 24	Third Sunday in Lent 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
March 6	Ash Wednesday 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	March 27	Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m.
March 9	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion	March 30	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
March 10	First Sunday in Lent 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages	March 31	Third Sunday in Lent 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
March 13	Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m.		
March 16	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion		
March 17	Second Sunday in Lent 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages		
March 20	Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m.		

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY**

March 13, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor David Asendorf
April 10, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Bob Schmitt
May 8, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Seminarian Sarah Krey



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Dear Friends at Salem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of Quilts and Kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world.

In 2018, these gifts of love reached out to people all over the world. They provided comfort for families in Tanzania; gave hope to children in Rwanda, El Salvador, Mali, and Senegal longing to receive an education; and offered love to Syrian and Palestinian refugees living in camps in Lebanon.

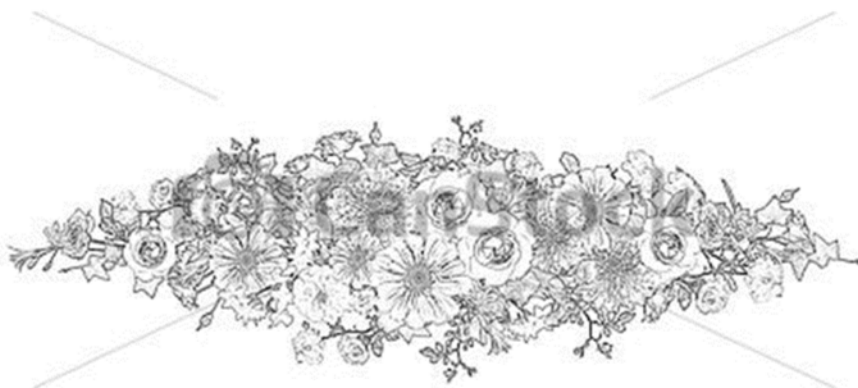
Your Quilts and Kits provide important necessities to our neighbors around the world, and serve as reminders that they are not alone or forgotten. In 2018, we also shipped Quilts and Kits to go to Pakistan, Peru, Angola, Honduras, Greece, Georgia, Iraq, Ukraine, Liberia, India, Armenia, Serbia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jordan, Zambia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Ethiopia, India, and Burkina Faso. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work!

In Christ,

Melanie W. Gibbons
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

DONATION RECEIPT

175	Mission Quilts		Baby Care Kits
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Dear Salem Family

4/26/19

Thank you very much for all your support during my medical emergency. The beautiful altar flowers, get well cards, phone calls and Pastor Dave's hospital visit have really helped to lift my spirits. I have been truly blessed to have such a loving, caring church family.

Also, thank for the delicious dinners prepared by the Salem's Angels. Tom and I have appreciated them greatly.

Once again, thank you for all the prayers and support.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Threlk

Thank You



Thinking of YOU...



... as I often do!

Angela Lamy



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February 19, 2019

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Dear people of Salem:

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,200 to support the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry. It's always a joy to be supported by so many who value the work that we're entrusted with- pointing to Jesus on campus and serving our neighbor together as a community.

The whole ministry is also getting ready for our big annual fundraiser, a Trivia Night on March 30th at 6pm at Epiphany Lutheran in Baltimore. It's a great opportunity to get church members, friends, and neighbors together for a good dinner (a taco bar) and a night of trivia. We compete in teams of up to 8 folks and all the questions are written by a local Lutheran pastor who is also a 5-time Jeopardy champion! If you want to get a team together, go to www.BaltimoreLutheranCampusMinistry.org for more information or to sign up!

This is work that you help to make possible. It is vital and joyful work in God's kingdom and I am grateful for your support in it.

In Christ,

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."

Mark Albert Scheihing

February 25, 2019

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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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