



THE MONARCH

TWO ORDINATIONS CELEBRATED

Salem Lutheran Church has had the pleasure of welcoming Sarah Garrett Krey as our Pastoral Assistant for the past year. On Friday, July 5th, we installed Sarah as our new Associate Pastor. The church was overflowing with congregants, family and friends who attended a beautiful service.

Pastor Jason Chesnut presented a beautifully dramatized telling of Acts, Chapter 2 that flowed with a reading about rumbling from Ezekiel. While Pastor Heidi Neumark told Sarah that she would be a mover and shaker at Salem, she reminded everyone that Sarah would need to also take well deserved rest as is stated in the Gospel.

Sarah was prayed upon by both the congregation and rostered ministers and while the laying on of hands was beautiful, a gorgeous Pentecostal sequence, from the Taizé community, filled the sanctuary with the Holy Spirit.

We are blessed to have Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey as a leader in our Salem congregation, and, just as we ended the service, we will continue to tell the old story of Jesus and His love.



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Most of us have known Amy Asendorf Berger for quite a while now. Maybe you were in choir with her. Maybe you saw her perform at Supper Club or you heard about her adventures at Mar-Lu-Ridge. No matter how you know her, it is impossible to miss her love of God and her passion for the church.

Friday, July 26th, the Holy Spirit flowed through Salem as Amy was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. While the service was joyful, Pastor Christine Myers Parker showed us that most of the Gospel texts are quite serious and demonstrated that a certain goofiness was missing from the Bible. She reminded Amy to be goofy, vulnerable, and authentic. But most of all she told Amy to love the people who would join her in singing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts".

Amy was given the charges received by a newly ordained pastor and had a new red stole, placed on her shoulders, by her loving parents, Nancy and Pastor David Asendorf.

As the newly ordained recessed from the sanctuary, the congregation sang "Take My Life, That I May Be" and celebrated with a reception in Pastor Amy's honor.





FAIR TRADE WEEKEND IS SEPTEMBER 7/8

Let the blooms and crops in the gardens and fields you pass by be a reminder of the farms people work for a living. And give special thought to those who do so in developing countries, striving to provide a living for their families. And when they are able to do so, it lifts the well-being of the whole village, providing much needed improvements in education and medical care.



You can help make that happen! Look for the Fair Trade cart in the narthex!

REFUGEE TASK FORCE UPDATE

The al Fahad family arrived in the United States three years ago this July as refugees from Syria. Since that time, they have made tremendous progress. We have been working with them for the last nineteen months. In practical and financial matters they are now, and have been for several months, independent.

The areas in which we are continuing to help are language and schoolwork. We have dear and dedicated Homework Helpers, who provide several visits every week, even through the summer. They work with Khalid, age 10, Lujain, 7, and Mohamed, 3. And recently little Ayah, age 2, is taking notice! Their mother Wedyan usually joins in, too.

Our profound thanks to these homework helpers:

Donna Reuter	Billie Jo Kreps
Beth Rodgers	Char Brooks
Kristine Lavin	Sara Toscano

At this stage, we no longer need your financial support. We do invite your prayers for this family, and the record number of refugees in the world. And we plead your advocacy for those who legally seek refuge and asylum in the U.S. Doing so we answer our Lord's command to welcome him in the stranger, and guide our country back to our long heritage of hospitality and welcome for those who here seek freedom from oppression, persecution, poverty and violence. A policy from which most all of our ancestors benefitted.

Your donations are, however, much needed by our own Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, headquartered here in Baltimore. Go to their website to donate and learn more of their faithful work: <https://www.lirs.org/about/>.

Pastor Whetstone, Chair

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Come join in the fun on **Sunday, August 25th** for our third, and unfortunately last, Sunday of ReNEW Intergenerational Event, **9:30 a.m.** in Bethany Hall. These events are for the whole Salem congregation. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex prior to the event, so "supply planning" can be done. ***HMMMM....I wonder about the Parable of the Mustard Seed.***

UPCOMING EVENTS (mark your calendars now)

Sunday, September 8th – 9 a.m. Sunday Guides' Meeting for new Sunday school program

Sunday, September 15th – 9:30 a.m. – Rally Day

Come join us for an exciting NEW YEAR filled with fascinating new adventures!

SHOWCASE

Many thanks to everyone who has shared showcase displays over the past several weeks, but especially to our recent CEA display by Bonnie Harry. Remember throughout the summertime, CEA shelves can become quite empty, so if you are able bring a couple can goods and/or boxes of cereal or boxed dinners/potatoes/mac & cheese, etc., etc., etc. and drop in the Narthex "hamper" marked CEA Donations, it would be wonderful.

Next showcase is our wonderful Director of Music, Mary Miller, featuring our Salem Choirs and music program. Following at the end of August, Barbara Beem will encourage the congregation with the Seafarer's Ministry and "Yarn-In" on Saturday, September 7th.

FOURTH MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GOES TO THE BEACH

We'll be taking our customary summer break and not meeting in August. We meet again on Monday September 23 at 1 pm and 7 pm in the Katie Luther Room. We'll be finishing looking at the Apostle Paul's Third Missionary Journey beginning at Acts 20: 7. See Pastor Dave with any questions.

WANT TO MEET NEW PEOPLE? WANT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS?

WANT TO RENEW PAST ACQUAINTANCES?

Well, do we have the **perfect** opening for you. Plan to volunteer as a greeter on Sunday mornings at either the early or late service (8:15/11:00 a.m.). It really is a simple task; a task that you will only have to commit to once about every three (3) months. Your job includes smiling and shaking hands as you greet at the entrance to the nave - that's pretty easy. You will ask visitors to sign the guest register {which is on the podium right at the entrance doors} if that applies; and if we have visitors or newcomers, you will help them find their way in the building should the need arise. Wouldn't you like to participate? Please contact me (Sharon Stanton) or leave a note of "Yes I'd love to volunteer" with your preference of service time {early or late service} in the Old Salem mailbox. Oh, and don't forget to put your name on the note too! **Greeters' schedule is always published on the Worship Servant Board located near the nurses' office.**

Thank you/Sharon Stanton



Save the Date - Friday, September 27, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

Lazarus Caucus Gala and Silent Auction at Rolling Road Golf Club

Come sit at one of the Salem tables and enjoy great food, live music, raffle prizes and silent auction all to support the Lazarus Caucus and the men of the Westside Shelter. This fundraiser accounts for a majority of the annual budget that covers transportation, clothing and other supplemental support for the men.

Tickets are \$80 and are available from Pat Krenzke, pat@lazaruscaucus.org, 410-227-9438 (late service), Leslie Kruger (early service) or on the website www.lazaruscaucus.org

Please also see Pat if you have items to donate for the silent auction or if you would like to place an ad in the program for your business.



LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD AUCTION ITEMS!

Vacation packages, catered in-home dinners, golf outings, concert tickets, theatre tickets, celebrity items, baskets, sporting event tickets, home decor services, art, photography, gym memberships, jewelry, restaurant gift certificates, spa packages & much more!

16TH ANNUAL

HARVEST GALA & SILENT AUCTION

SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS IN BALTIMORE COUNTY

ROLLING ROAD GOLF CLUB

814 Hilltop Road - Catonsville, MD 21228

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 ~ 6:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.lazaruscaucus.org

email: infolazaruscaucus@gmail.com



LAZARUS CAUCUS inc.

Providing a "hand up not a hand out" to the homeless of Baltimore County.

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www.lazaruscaucus.org

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS – UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Our next bus trip on **October 18th** takes us to Cambridge for a tour of the **HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD VISITOR CENTER (museum)**. We depart from the SW Park & Ride Lot at **8 a.m.** with an approximate return time of **6 p.m.** We will meet our step-on-tour guide at the Sailwinds Visitor Center in Cambridge and travel through the backroads of Dorchester County where Harriet Tubman lived and worked as a child in the Bucktown area. You'll see and learn about Scott's Chapel, the Bucktown Village Store and the Brodess Farm. We arrive at the Harriet Tubman Center around 10:30 a.m. and you can explore the exhibits that helped shaped Harriet's early years as a freedom fighter, leader, and liberator. At 12:30 p.m., we head to Old Salty's Restaurant on Hooper's Island to enjoy a local, home-cooked, buffet style meal, featuring seafood items such as fried soft shell crabs, crab cakes {one per person}, fish, clam strips, chicken, ham, and vegetables with a slice of homemade pie for dessert. After enjoying the wonderful meal, we head back to Cambridge, again traveling along the "Highway to Freedom". This road was used by the majority of enslaved people who fled this area before the Civil War. Landmarks such as the Stanley Institute, Madison, Parsons Creek and Stewart's Canal, and the new Revived Church, will be acknowledged.

Cost of trip, including bus, taxes, gratuities, center admission, & Old Salty's meal is \$85 per person. Reservations can be made now by contacting Sharon Stanton 410-744-8724 or leave a note in the Old Salem mailbox across from the nurses' office, 1st floor hallway. Final payment is due **September 18th**. **PLAN TO JOIN US!**

Nicholas Grempler, a Salem Lutheran Church member and frequent traveler on our bus trips has been working with our Old Salem Board of Directors to place a memorial plaque in the cemetery surrounding the Old Salem Church building located at 701 Ingleside Avenue. The memorial commemorates the 46 infants and small children that are buried in the cemetery in unmarked graves. This memorial is Nick's Boy Scout Eagle Project. We dedicated this memorial and completion of Nick's project on Sunday, August 4th at 2 p.m. There was a brief ceremony and Nick shared the results of his research for the project. Pastor David Asendorf shared a blessing at the site of the memorial and the church was opened to tour and, of course, we had refreshments, too!

On Sunday, September 15th at 2 p.m. at the Old Salem Church, we will have a special presentation by Mrs. Michele Miller (an Old Salem Board member) on Joseph Philip Fusting. Mr. Fusting, although a Catholic himself, was originally from Germany and like Gustav Lurman strove to help Salem's German Lutherans establish the church that was the beginning of Salem in 1849. Mr. Fusting sold the property to the founders of Salem so they would be able to build the church. He, as was Gustav Lurman, was well to do merchant in the area and owned various properties throughout the Catonsville area. Come and learn more about this fascinating gentleman at our open house. (You may even have the opportunity to meet some of Mr. Fusting's descendants!)

Even though it's several months away, it will be here soon...On **Saturday, December 14th** from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** there will be a Christmas Open House at Old Salem, with Christmas music from Salem Brass and Louise Rau sharing Christmas tunes on the 1860 hand pumped bellows organ. Refreshments, of course, and a special guest visitor for the children...SANTA himself.

THE SALEM-ST. TIMOTHY'S CONNECTION

Written histories of the founding of our church always refer to the fact that before our German immigrant farmers founded Salem, they first worshiped together with the St. Timothy's Episcopal parish on Ingleside Avenue. St. Timothy's was founded in 1844 and in that year built Catonsville's original church building.

During this anniversary year, Salem has attempted to learn more about this early association and even scheduled a tour of their sanctuary, still standing although much expanded and enhanced since the mid 1840s. Although the tour was cancelled (but may be rescheduled in the future), Salem has been able to locate some information not seen by us before.

In the course of doing research in preparation for our tour, an article in an Episcopal periodical called *The Church Standard* was discovered. In the issue referred to as Volume 80, dated January 19, 1901, there is a reference to our German founders and their experience with the St. Timothy parish. The passage describes a time early in the history of the parish when the founder, George Worthington, was ill, and his assistants stepped in. It reads:

Although the sudden, severe, and long-continued illness of it's founder...the congregation for a time under the charge of the Rev. Norris M. Jones, and subsequently under the that of the assistant minister, Mr. Frost, has steadily increased. In the parochial report to the Convention of 1845, the Rev. Adolphus Frost, a German of high culture, states that a body of Germans in the neighborhood had asked to be admitted to the Church. A congregation was formed of these Germans and Mr. Frost held services in the German language for them until his withdrawal from the parish a few years later.

Rev. Frost's departure must have been a blow to our founders and made the message of Fr. Heyer (featured in the April 2019 Monarch) all the more compelling. No record exists as to how Fr. Heyer learned about the German immigrant farmers in Catonsville and their lack of a German language church of their own. But Salem's history clearly indicates that it was at his urging that our founders decided to move forward to form their very own Lutheran congregation. In September 1849, a meeting was held at the home of Paulus Reich, and the decision was made to found a church to be called the German Evangelical Lutheran Salem Congregation.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the office we have been talking about how Salem welcomes people, and some of the conversation involved the Kiosk. The big "WELCOME" sign says welcome; but the Kiosk also seemed like a road block. In order to make room for Sarah's Ordination and the expected crowd, we removed the Kiosk from the Entrance Area. Immediately we heard comments about how spacious that area feels; it is now open and inviting; visitors can see the Narthex and people and know which way to go to worship. But this also caused some consternation— where do we put flyers advertising both Salem events and those of the neighborhood?

Salem, of course, has a Facebook page and a website; and we print a Parish Announcements page each week and Pastor Dave or Pastor Sarah tells us on Sunday morning anything that we didn't know about before we printed. We have decided to use the bulletin boards above the water fountains to post signs about events, both Salem and neighborhood interest. We will continue to use the easels in the Narthex for events that require sign-up sheets or need special emphasis. There is also a bulletin board between the two bathrooms in that hallway to sign-up to sponsor flowers or CEA and for Servants in Worship charts, both by the month and soon also, by the "job". The new arrangement is in the planning stages, but should be ready soon.

ART COMMITTEE NEWS

MOSAIC TILE WORK FINISHED

If you have noticed there is a gleam to the mosaic tiles in the chancel that is because the two mosaic artists, Mark West and Rick Shelley, have finished their painstaking restoration. The two professional artists were recruited by Marge Zerbe Diss who was the Project Manager for the Chancel Restoration which was overseen by the Salem Art Committee. Marge is organizing a special evening when Mark and Rick will share insights about their work and we'll discuss the history behind all of our wonderful church artwork in the chancel. Stay tuned!

Join us in the freshly repainted Agape Gallery on **August 25th** for the opening of the Fall 1 show, "Wholehearted"!



The Agape Gallery
presents:

"WHOLEHEARTED"

SPIRITED PAINTINGS
by
Carlotta Cerrato

On view from
Sunday, August 25,
through
Sunday, November 3, 2019

at: Salem Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228
(second floor)

The Agape Gallery is open
Sundays, 8am-12 noon
Saturdays, 4:30-6pm
and by appointment,
charsart@gmail.com



**A reception with the
artist will be held at
the gallery on
Sunday, August 25
from 12:15-2pm**

All are Welcome!



BOOK GROUP ANNOUNCES INITIAL BOOKS IN FALL SCHEDULE

The Salem Book Group is on summer hiatus until September. It meets at **7:30 p.m.** on the **second Mondays September to November and March to June** in The Upper Room at Salem Lutheran Church in Catonsville.

The group is open to all readers interested in meeting and discussing books. Books discussed range from novels, nonfiction, biographies and short stories to poetry.

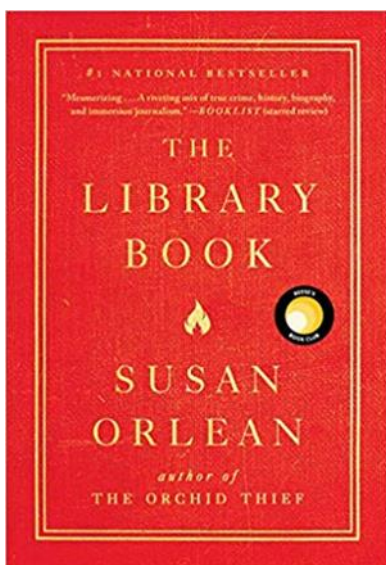
Our 2019 - 2020 schedule

September 9th – *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

October 14th – *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber

Other meeting dates are: November 11th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, and June 8th, titles to be determined.

The Library Book. On the morning of April 29, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. As the moments passed, the patrons and staff who had been cleared out of the building realized this was not the usual fire alarm. As one fireman recounted, “Once that first stack got going, it was ‘Goodbye, Charlie.’” The fire was disastrous: it reached 2000 degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who?



Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of the fire, award-winning *New Yorker* reporter and *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Orlean delivers a mesmerizing and uniquely compelling book that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before.

In *The Library Book*, Orlean chronicles the LAPL fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives; delves into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, from their humble beginnings as a metropolitan charitable initiative to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity; brings each department of the library to vivid life through on-the-ground reporting; studies arson and attempts to burn a copy of a book herself; reflects on her own experiences in libraries; and reexamines the case of Harry Peak, the blond-haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the LAPL more than thirty years ago.

Brimming with her signature wit, insight, compassion, and talent for deep research, *The Library Book* is Susan Orlean’s thrilling journey through the stacks that reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential part of the heart, mind, and soul of our country. It is also a master journalist’s reminder that, perhaps especially in the digital era, they are more necessary than ever.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY

The Salem Church Council held a special meeting in July to discuss the current state of our Sunday School, Confirmation Program and Youth Program. Three questions surfaced which the Council will work on in the following year: 1) How do we encourage more families with young children to participate in Sunday School? 2) How do we make our Confirmation Program transformational? 3) What changes are needed in the High School program to encourage more relational interaction?

The Church Council also made some decisions regarding pressing property concerns and other issues:

Authorized \$9,485 from RSVP to replace the outside door near the Youth Room

Authorized \$4,000 from the Memorial Fund for new microphones

Authorized \$8,000 from the Mission Fund to be gifted to the Mountain of God worshipping community (Christ, Inner Harbor) to help purchase a 20-person church van to transport folks to worship.

A Faithful Response to the Opioid Crisis and Other Addictions

Join others in the Delaware-Maryland Synod to work faithfully to fight the greatest health crisis facing our nation: addiction to drugs and alcohol. This event will help individuals, congregations and organizations grow in their knowledge of this crisis and work on plans for a strategy in your context. All ages, genders, races are being affected. How will your congregation have a faithful response?

Saturday August 24th

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd. Catonsville, MD

Keynote Speakers:

Neil Bullock, ELCA Churchwide Staff for Recovery Ministries
Karl Colder, US Drug Enforcement Administration
Emergency Overdose Response Training - everyone receives a free kit

Who Should Attend?

- Rostered Leaders
- Youth Leaders
- Direct Service Volunteers (food pantry, thrift shop, soup kitchen, etc)
- Senior Ministry Leaders
- Parish Nurses
- Those Affected by Addiction

To Register go to <https://demdsynod.org/opioid-addiction-event-registration/>

Cost is \$15/person. Max \$60 per congregation/organization so bring a group!
Childcare provided, must pre-register.



WORSHIP & PICNIC IN THE PARK

On Sunday, July 28th, Dan Granofsky, OSSD from St. John's, Linthicum visited Salem to speak about his "Prayer Tour". All congregations in the Delaware Maryland Synod are being asked to prayerfully consider including the people of Baltimore and the Lutheran congregations in the City in our prayers of intercession during the month of August. This summer Dan is collecting and sharing prayer requests and concerns from all of the churches and communities he visits in the Baltimore area, so each congregation will have the opportunity to both add prayer concerns and to include some of those shared concerns in their own prayers (see some of ours below). If you missed the opportunity to turn in a prayer on Sunday you can email your prayers concerns for our own congregation, community, the people, neighborhoods and congregations in Baltimore City to Dan Granofsky at "ravensroost18@yahoo.com". If you have any questions or suggestions you can call him at 410-877-4805. The tour will culminate with a worship service hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church in Pimlico at Swann Pavilion in Druid Hill Park, Baltimore City on **Sunday, August 18th**, Worship from **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** and a Picnic and entertainment from **11:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Please check the Narthex for more information and a signup sheet for anyone who would like to attend this event.

A SAMPLE OF SALEM MEMBERS PRAYERS

We pray that the hearts of our young men will be softened and not seek violence against each other. That those whose hearts are filled with hate, greed, contempt and indifference will experience a change of conscience brought about by your love, Oh Lord. Lift up our City and keep its people close to you .

We pray for our elected leaders, that they may renounce corruption, stop working against each other, and adopt a spirit of cooperation with genuine dedication and concern to address the problems in Baltimore. We especially pray for those who continue to choose to do the right thing.

As a teacher I pray for educators to provide children with unconditional love and support to their students.

I pray that the violence will stop, the racist systems will disappear, poverty will be alleviated, more trees and flowers will be planted and people of all races and economic classes will come together in God's love.

Thank you for your presence Lord, and let your people be your voice, that is as soft as the sound of a turtle dove, but with the strength of a thunderstorm. We ask in Christ's name.

We pray that the people of all faiths and persuasions unite in purpose and action to address the violence in our City.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

A new air conditioner motor and fan is needed for one of the outside units near Reformation Hall..

A.J. Michaels will be doing the work. The cost is \$1,800.

The yellowwood tree in the church yard lost a limb which fell on a truck. The tree was taken down for \$525 by Maryland Tree Service. A new and different type of tree will be planted.

MS. LIZ'S RETIREMENT

On Sunday, July 21st, Liz Rickel retired for the second time, this time from Salem. After the 11:00 a.m. service the congregation gathered in Reformation Hall for a reception in her honor. Many families who had attended the 8:15a.m. service returned that day to wish Liz a happy and much deserved retirement. During the reception Liz was presented with a gift on behalf of the congregation. Even though she has retired as the Director of Children's Ministry you'll still see her at Salem, but she will be enjoying the service as a member of the congregation.



DE/MD SYNOD APPOINTS PASTOR ASENDORF AS VICE PASTOR OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, EDMONDSON AVE

Pastor Dave has been appointed by the DE/MD Synod as the Vice Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church which is located two miles from Salem on 5700 Edmondson Avenue. Last month Christ's pastor, Ken Powell, accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Reisterstown. Seminarian Karen Pugatch has been assigned by the Synod to Christ Church to preach and distribute consecrated elements each Sunday.

Pastor Dave's responsibilities are:

To supervise Seminarian Pugatch

Consecrate the elements for Holy Communion

Attend the Church Council meetings (held every other month)

Report to the Synod as required

The congregation is currently renting space for two other worshipping communities. The Mara Evangelical Church (MEC) worships in the afternoon. The MEC originated in Myanmar, formerly Burma, and was founded by English missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Reginald Arthur Lorrain in 1907. The congregation at Christ Lutheran is one of the eight MEC congregations in the US. The MEC is a member church of the Lutheran World Federation. The other worshipping community is an Ethiopian Orthodox congregation that worships early in the morning. Beginning at 5 am every Sunday morning, they transform the chancel in the church with colorful icon screens and regularly use incense during their worship services. Both of these immigrant congregations worship in their native language.

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ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

Plans are currently being made for the 2019 All-Committee Meeting, a meeting in which all committee chairs come together to meet with each other and with the church's administration. This meeting will be taking place on **Sunday, September 8th at 7p.m.** in Reformation Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is three-fold:

- To provide a platform for inter-committee dialogue in reference to future planned events for the church in which committees wish to collaborate,
- To enable committees to plan scheduling of their events for the foreseeable future in the presence of each other, so that logistical scheduling conflicts or difficulties may be avoided as much as possible,
- To provide a platform of dialogue between committees and the church's administration (Pastors, the Church Council, etc.) in regard to long and short-term plans and to share praises and hardships.

Please watch your committee mailboxes for more details on preparing for this meeting. Please contact Council President Philip Isaiah with any further questions.

No Senior Eats Alone Day



LIVING CONNECTED

You are invited to the following location

Catonsville Senior Center
501 North Rolling Rd.
Catonsville, MD 21228
P: 410-887-0900

RSVP by September 3, 2019.

Contact your senior center listed above or call 410-887-3052 to find a site near you to participate.
Come yourself and/or invite an older adult in your community to attend.
Donations accepted for meal.



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Please keep the congregation at Christ Lutheran in your prayers. Their average worship attendance Has fallen to 35 and their preschool which has served the greater Catonsville community for over 60 years closed its doors this past May.

Be Our Guest

on September 12, 2019

Come enjoy a special meal with the Baltimore County Department of Aging and its partners on this day to emphasize the importance of **Living Connected!** Sharing meals together improves health, happiness and social connection!



Chicken Cordon Blue (chicken breast stuffed with ham & cheese with chicken gravy), Orange Pineapple Juice, Yellow Rice Pilaf, Buttered Broccoli Florets, White Wheat Roll, Milk and Blueberry Crisp (Kosher option available at specific sites)

This event is a part of No Senior Eats Alone Day in Baltimore County.

Dear Salem Friends,

I am blown away by the love and support I received from all of you on the occasion of my ordination and installation. I could not have asked for a warmer welcome to my full-time, ordained ministry with you all. I want to thank everyone who was involved in this celebration in any way - the altar guild, the Christian fellowship committee and all who made that gorgeous reception happen, those who participated in or were present for the service, and those who could not be there but have offered their love and prayers afterward. I also want to thank Pastor Dave and this Salem congregation for the gift of a beautiful new stole as well as my own leather-bound copy of the ELW. I am so thrilled to be part of Salem's life and ministry, and I so look forward to where the Holy Spirit will lead us together.

*With love and gratitude,
Pastor Sarah*



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."

Hilda L. (Trump) Rosenberger	07/12/2019*
Joan Margaret Fauble	07/22/2019
Kristin Joy (K.J.) Biles	07/27/2019
Lester Curtian, Jr.	07/29/2019*

*non-members

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Woship-8:15/11 am 2pm Salem Players	5 4pm Yoga 7pm Prayer Shawl	6 5pm Chair Yoga	7 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6:30 Patapsco Heritage 7pm Salem Players	8 10am Stitchcrafters 7pm St Dymas Council Salem Players 7pm 7:30pm CEA	9	10 5pm Worship
11 Worship-8:15/11 am 2pm Salem Players	12 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus	13 5pm Chair Yoga	14 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	15 SYNOD 10am Stitchcrafters	16 LEAD	17 TRAINING 5pm Worship
18 Worship-8:15/11 am 2pm Salem Players	19 4pm Yoga 7pm Communication Committee 7pm Prayer Shawl	20 5pm Chair Yoga	21 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am Balto. West 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Historical Old Salem 7pm Salem Players	22 10am Stitchcrafters 7pm St Dymas	23	24 9:30am Set-up Inter-generational Event 9:30 Synod Opioid Team 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship
25 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday 9:30am Intergenerational Event 2pm Salem Players	4pm Yoga Study 6:30 Synod Connectedness Team 7pm Prayer Shawl	27 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Social Ministry	28 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	29 10am Stitchcrafters	30	31 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show I						
1 September	2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	3 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	4 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	5 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St, David's Choir	6 Catonsville Garden Club	7 GOD'S WORK-OUR HANDS 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship

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 JULY 2019

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
July 6/7	14	96	128			238
July 13/14	31	96	114			241
July 20/21	22	80	117			219
July 27/28	26	90	125			241
July Total	93	362	484			939

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR JUNE 2019

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$260,985.00
Beginning Balance	\$39,444.43
Expenses to Date	(\$241,772.45)
Receipts to Date	\$269,887.73
Ending Balance	\$67,559.71
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$58,457.28
Receipts to Date	\$21,694.50
Disbursements to Date	(\$16,141.99)
Balance in Fund	\$64,009.79

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 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**August 2019**

August 10	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
August 11	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
August 17	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
August 18	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
August 24	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
August 25	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
August 31	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
September 1	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion

PRAYER

God of Summer sun,
fruitful fields,
food to eat,
you are worthy of our praise!

God of mountain stream,
rolling hills,
pleasant views,
you are worthy of our praise!

God of truth and light,
bread of life,
saving grace,
you are worthy of our praise!

God of all we are,
three in one,
Lord of all,
you are worthy of our praise!
- John Birch

The Father of many resting places grant you rest;
The Christ who stilled the storm grant you calm;

The Spirit who fills all things grant you peace.

God's light be your light,

God's love be your love,

God's way be your way.

And the blessing of God Almighty,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

rest upon you and remain with you always.

- David Adam

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY

August 14, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey
September 11, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor David Asendorf
October 9, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Bob Schmitt

To my grace-filled family of Salem.

Thank you all for my four wonderful years here among you, upstairs and down. There are too many individuals to name to thank; you know who you are.

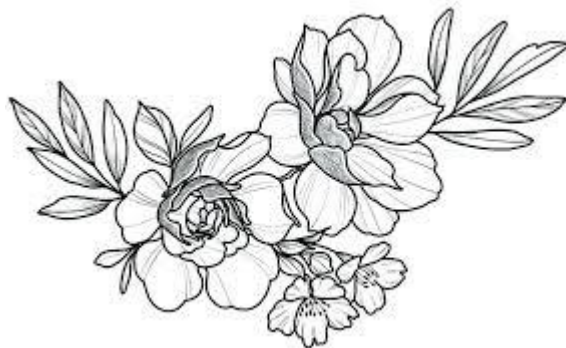
Thank you for your communion in sharing the Gospel to our youngest members. Please keep them and their families in your prayers; praying they will remain true to their promises made at the Baptism of their children.

For all you have given to my spirit, thank you.

Blessings,

Ms. Liz

P.S. Thank you also to the Church Council for the parting gift.



Delaware-Maryland Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

Dear Pastor Asendorf and People of Salem Lutherans,

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Phil 1:3-5).

Thank you for your generosity and your commitment to further the kingdom of God through Evangelical outreach. Your mission support, your support for special appeals and your involvement in the local church ministries is exemplary.

Your recent generous gift of \$8000.00 to Mountain of God International Evangelical Church helped purchase a much needed van to transport new Americans to the church. Mountain of God is one of the Delaware- Maryland Synod New Starts. The ministry started in October of 2016 is flourishing. The average worship attendance is over a hundred. The van purchased by your generous support will enable to transport members coming to attend worship services from around Baltimore - Washington Metropolitan area.

Thank you for your leadership in accompanying the new and renewing congregations in our synod. Your commitment to the church at large, the body of Christ, will continue to inspire others. Thank you for always being there to do God's work in many different ways.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Amsalu T. Geleta
 Director for Evangelical Mission and
 Executive Assistant to the Bishop

As always. Thank you
 for letting us use the
 church for our AA
 meeting. Sarah
 Our age to Change Group
 Sunday night 8pm

Dear Pastor Dave & Sarah & Salem members,

Thank you for a beautiful and inspiring celebration of the Resurrection service for our niece and the comfort and support you have given for my brother, Harry, Sharon, Jeremy, Heidi and our entire family.

God's Blessings,

Don, Donna, Becca & Tyler
Biles



Thank
you!

Dear Pastor & Members of Salem,
Thank-you so much for the beautiful service celebrating the life of our niece KJ Biles. The music, preaching & fellowship were outstanding.

We appreciate you,
Heidi & Jim Heater

Dear Pastors Dave & Sarah & Salem members,
Steve and I are richly blessed. One of those blessings is being part of the Salem family. Steve was moved by your prayers for his strength and recovery from surgery. They were powerful prayers. He is doing very well, exceeding all expectations. We are both enjoying the lovely flowers. They remind Steve how much he is loved. Thank you.
Love,
Bambi

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SALEM PRAYER TREE

“Intercessory prayer can penetrate the hearts of those we cannot open and shield those we cannot guard and teach where we cannot speak and comfort where our hearts have no power to soothe. Prayer with its unseen hand, can enter where we may not.” If you would like to join the Salem Prayer Tree, please contact Barbara Beem or Karen Amy via telephone at 410 382-4379 [Barbara] or 410 215-4279 [Karen] or via email at prayertree@salem-catonsville.org

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