



THE MONARCH

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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 as we begin learning the *Books of the Old Testament*. We are starting our "new year" with Noah's Ark; then continuing on with The Story of Moses — Baby Moses, The Burning Bush, The Red Sea, and Wandering in the Wilderness; and ending up in December with the Battle of Jericho. Each story will last for three weeks and incorporate many activities, i.e. Music, Science, Drama, Bible Skills & Games, and Art. Volunteers are welcome to help out any Sunday during any three week period or throughout the entire year, please contact Sharon Stanton and/or Eileen Merriman. Please know that we invite you to come as you are able for one Sunday or all of the Sundays!

Sunday, September 29th – St. Michael's and All Angels Sunday – Confirmation Sunday



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CANDIDATES FOR THE 2019 SALEM CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTION

(In Alphabetical Order)

Norma Hensler-Davis

Norma Hensler-Davis has attended Salem Lutheran Church since 2005 and has been a member since 2007. Her church activities have included chairperson of the Guardians of Eden, Salem's environmental ministry, knitter with the Stitchcrafters, a member of the Refugee committee, and a helper at functions such as Marketplace and the luncheon for Maundy Thursday. She taught public school for 32 years, home-schoolers for 8 years, and still tutors. She lives with her husband Guy Davis in Catonsville and enjoys travel, reading, and knitting. She has one daughter, Christy, who is also a member of Salem.

Morrinah Kwekeh

My name is Morrinah S. Kwekeh, I was born in Monrovia, Liberia to Mr. and Mrs. T. Morris Kwekeh and the eldest of four children. Before relocating to the United States at the age of 18, I lived in Liberia and Guinea. Upon the relocation of my family and myself to the United States, we lived in North Carolina for a few years and later moved to Maryland for college. I am a two-time graduate of Morgan State University with a Bachelor's in Social Work/Mental Health and a Master's in Project Management/IT. I currently work for a government consulting firm as a IT Project Manager. My journey started at Salem in 2017, and after a year of attending services, I decided to be more involved in the church as I loved the congregation and Pastor Dave. In February 2018, I started working with the Altar Guild, which I love doing very much. I am also part of the Young Adult ministry here at Salem. Being part of the Young Adult ministry has been rewarding for me because I have been able to spend time with my church family while building relationships.

David Paton, Sr.

I have been attending services at Salem since 2009, formally joining the church in 2010 with my son, David. I had the pleasure of watching David grow up in this community, participating in the youth program and becoming an LYO member and leader. One of the more memorable years was teaching his 6th grade Sunday school class. That interaction led to involvement with the youth committee which I chaired for 2 years. It has been a pleasure to continue serving the community as an usher and a greeter. I thank Pastor David and the congregation for extending this opportunity to serve the Salem community again.

Marleigh Toscano

Hello, my name is Marleigh Toscano. I am a rising junior at Lansdowne High School. I am very involved in the Lutheran Youth Organization, where I am a part of the Service and Outreach team. In the LYO, I am able to use my leadership skills to lead youth and to impact the lives by those who I can help. This organization has allowed me to impact the church community as a young leader. In the church, I am an active member of the youth group. I have also worked during the summer as a camp counselor for Salem's Drama Camp the past four summers. I also am involved in the productions with Salem players as both an actor and tech crew member. I hope to bring these skills to be a helpful part of the church council.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Salem's Young Adult Group is kicking off "First Fridays" in September. On the first Friday of each month, the Young Adult Group will gather for prayer, fellowship, and discussion. The next First Friday gathering will be on September 6th from 6 —7:30 p.m. at Pastor Sarah's home. The Young Adult group is open to those between the ages of 18-35. If you'd like to be added to the Young Adult email list or RSVP to First Friday, please contact Pastor Sarah (PastorSarah@Salem-Catonsville.org).

ELCA HIGHLIGHTS



Our denomination, the ELCA, holds a churchwide assembly triennially - to worship, vote on matters of governance and policy, and be the church together for the sake of the world. This past week's churchwide assembly was full of important votes and actions, including:

- Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was reelected for a second six-year term on the first ballot.
- A declaration of apology to our siblings of African descent, which was received by the African Descent Lutheran Association with thanks and a call for accountability and living into the words shared.
- Approved resolution declaring the ELCA is a "sanctuary church body," encouraging participation in the ELCA AMMPARO initiative for migrant children, discernment of care for our immigrant neighbors in our context, and the promise of forthcoming resources for this work.
- Approved support for the World Council of Church's *Thursdays in Black*, awareness movement for a world without rape and violence.
- Voted to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance, in honor and remembrance of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9.
- Approved a declaration for inter-religious commitment, reaffirming ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.
- Approved the recommendations from a strategic taskforce which has been studying how to work toward authentic diversity in our church.
- Approved memorials: affirming but not "endorsing" the Poor People's Campaign, care for immigrants and refugees, and other statements.
- Adopted a new social statement, "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: a Lutheran Call to Action," and its implementing resolutions.
- Deacon Sue Rothmeyer was elected Churchwide Secretary, a full-time position which acts as executive administrator and leader on all constitutional matters and interpretation.
- Constitutional change for Deacons (rostered ministers of word and service) to be ordained, from the previous practice of consecration.
- Celebrated the milestones of 50 years of women's ordination, 40 years since the first woman of color was ordained, and 10 years since full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ clergy.

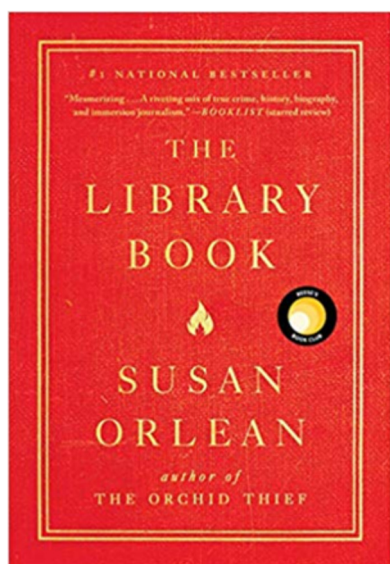
BOOK GROUP ANNOUNCES INITIAL BOOKS IN FALL SCHEDULE

The Salem Book Group 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.

SHOWCASE

Mary Miller shared a wonderful showcase featuring our Salem Choirs and music program. Think about participating in the music program! Thank you Mary! Currently, Barbara Beem encourages the congregation to join in with the Salem Stitchcrafters' Seafarer's Ministry and "Yarn-In" at the Saturday, September 7th, held in Bethany Hall starting at 9 a.m. with the Stitchcrafters' showcase highlighting their work event.

IT'S CHOIR TIME

Tune up your voices - choir rehearsals are starting again.

St David's Choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 pm. All children in second through sixth grade are invited.

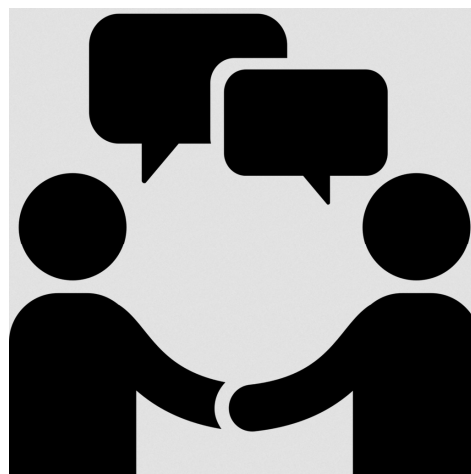
The Salem Choir rehearses Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. and Sunday mornings between services. Open to all adults (Confirmation and above.)

Come and join the fun!

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 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



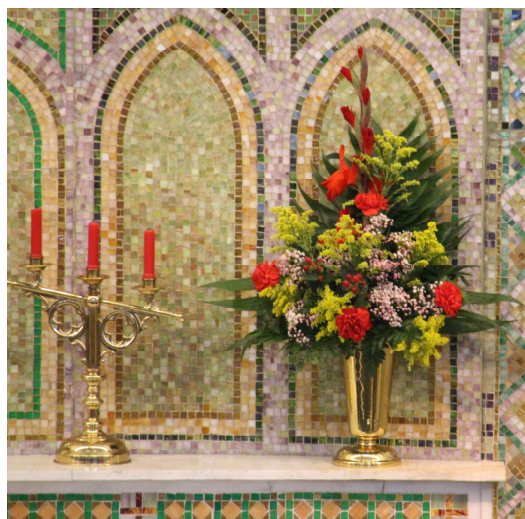
SALEM TO CELEBRATE THE RESTORATION OF OUR MOSAICS

Perhaps you have all noticed over the summer a new sparkle to the Tiffany mosaic tiles in our sanctuary! The magnificent mosaic reredos* that stretches around behind the altar and marble chairs is now 100 years old and was showing its age. It had not received any significant attention for almost 40 years. All this has changed. Salem is so fortunate to have located and contracted with master conservators Mark West and Rick Shelley, who have done a splendid job of cleaning, repairing, and restoring the reredos and the other mosaic elements in our sanctuary.

To honor this accomplishment, the mosaics will be rededicated at both services on Sunday, October 20. In addition, the Arts Committee is hosting a pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m. that evening in Bethany Hall followed by an informative presentation by Mark West and Rick Shelley in the sanctuary. They will share information about the mosaics themselves and lead us through the conservation process they employed in restoring them.

* A **reredos** is a usually ornamental wood or stone screen or partition wall behind an altar.

Plan to join us for this special program of events on October 20. Watch for a signup sheet in the Narthex for the dinner in October.



SAVE THE DATE: *THE HEIDI CHRONICLES*

Salem Players will present *The Heidi Chronicles*, directed by Kate Leisner and Lisa Yerkey (AD) on October 18-19 and 25-26 at 7:30 p.m. and October 20 and 27 at 2 p.m.

It's 1965 and women's rights are all the rage. Enter Heidi Holland, an intelligent and witty 16 year old. Follow her as she glides through the 60s, 70s and 80s with her friends Susan and the brazenly sarcastic Peter. Heidi soon learns that women's rights aren't the only rights worth fighting for.

Tickets available at the door and on <http://salemcatonsville.seatyourself.biz>

ADULT FORUM

Welcome back. Adult Forum will start, along with the rest of Sunday School, on September 15th at 9:35a.m. We have a variety of topics planned for this school year. Here are the topics for September:

- September 15th: **The Didache**. We will read and discuss this first century text with the help of Pastor Dave. The Didache is also known as "The Lord's Teaching through the 12 Apostles to the Nations"
 - September 22nd: **The Apartheid of Palestinians**. Guy Davis will look at today's Palestinian existence.
 - September 29th: **The Revised Common Lectionary**, led by Jim Kempton. We will take a look at the Revised Common Lectionary, which prescribes the texts read in many worship services. We will look at its origins and also the range of texts covered.
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WINTER COAT DRIVE

Starting with the Saturday, September 7, 2019 service, the Guardians of Eden (GOE) is sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive in cooperation with Southwest Emergency Services. GOE is requesting the congregation check their closets for coats and jackets that can be donated for the cause.

The coats, etc., can be for men, women, children (including babies). GOE is collecting them in the Narthex. The coats must be in good condition, clean, no stains, no tears, no missing buttons, and the zippers must work. GOE will be collecting coats until the first Sunday in November.

Over the years, Salem has referred those in need of clothes to Southwest Emergency Services. SWES is located in the Arbutus United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue.

For over 30 years, SWES has helped its clients with eviction notices, utility cut offs and clothing needs. SWES also maintains a food pantry and a thrift shop. The founder and director of this non-profit is Betty Okonski. 95% of its funds go directly to SWES activities.

For more information call Roberta McNamara at 410-654-4466. Thank you.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2019, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon or as designated by activity (times TBA) Activities this year include:

1. Yarn In (crocheting or knitting scarves and hats), Yarn provided!
2. Breakfast Casseroles for Southwest Men's Shelter
3. Letter writing to Parish homebound, students away at college, and those in the Armed Forces.
4. A "spruce up" at a community residence.

Donations of note cards/writing paper and envelopes can be made in the marked basket in the Narthex for use in this activity.

Also, The Youth Group will be creating "care kits" for the homeless during the "God's Work. Our Hands." event. Here is how you can help! The Youth will be collecting items for the kits through September 6th. Once the kits are completed, they will be placed in the Narthex for you to take with you on your travels to share with the homeless. These are the items we are collecting:

- Bandanas
- Travel sized hand sanitizer
- 12oz bottles of water
- Gum
- Snack foods; such as crackers, fruit snacks, cookies, granola bars
- \$5 fast-food gift cards

NORA BEA ASENDORF



We give thanks to God for the birth of Nora Bea Asendorf, 7 lb., 5 oz., 20 ½" long born August second. Christie and Nick, proud parents, are doing great. Nancy and Pastor Dave are very grateful.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SALEM MARKETPLACE ON NOVEMBER 2ND!!

Salem Marketplace is coming before you know it. So start sorting through your jewelry, scarves and purses, household items, and books to donate in the end of October! It's also time for all of Salem's great groups and committees to start thinking about their creative baskets for the silent auction!

Salem Marketplace is a huge undertaking, so please consider helping out.

We would love to draw more people from outside the congregation to Marketplace. If you are willing to assist with publicity, and have some new ideas how we can publicize it, please let us know!!

We always need more help setting up the book tables on Friday (and with sales on Saturday) and in the kitchen on Saturday morning. We also need more younger help setting up the White Elephant sale during the week.

This year we will be inviting crafters from inside and outside the congregation to have a table selling their creations. The cost is \$25 for a table. To reserve a craft table contact Edie Hahn edith.hahn@gmail.com or 410-991-0736

To volunteer for the White Elephant please contact Edie Hahn.

To volunteer to provide other assistance contact: Julia Graham jig58@verizon.net or 443-386-6174
Or the new Marketplace Co-chair Debbie Kourkoules msdebo325@yahoo.com or 443-860-1315
Or contact Pastor Dave

Julia Graham and Debbie Kourkoules, Salem Marketplace Co-Chairs

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!



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

UPCOMING BUS TRIP

Our next bus trip on **October 18th** takes us to Cambridge for a tour of the **HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD VISITOR CENTER**. 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!**

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Nicholas Grempler, a Salem Lutheran Church member, as his Eagle Scout project worked with our Old Salem Board of Directors to place a memorial plaque in the cemetery surrounding the Old Salem Church. A dedication ceremony was held on Sunday, August 4th at 2 p.m. at the Old Salem Church.

OPEN HOUSE

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 a 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!)

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

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.



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!



ROLLING ROAD GOLF CLUB
814 Hilltop Road - Catonsville, MD 21228

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 ~ 6:30PM

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“BE PREPARED”

In my brief enlistment in the Boy Scouts (I think I made First Class) I learned the Boy Scout motto “Be Prepared.” However, at Salem, if someone got cut while decorating the church or possibly burned working in the kitchen, do you know where a first aid kit is? What if someone had a heart attack, God forbid, at Salem, do you know where the AED is and **when and how to use it**? How about if a car caught fire in the parking lot, would you know where a fire extinguisher is? And if there was a fire in the church, do you know where various exits are, or will everyone logjam at the entrance they came in?

We of Salem, comfortably nestled inside our church walls, need to be aware of safety and security, to “Be Prepared.” Accidents, by nature, are random, unplanned events with possibly disastrous results. In case of emergency, knowing ahead of time the location of supplies and equipment allows for prompt response and could be lifesaving.

I became surprisingly aware of my ignorance of Salem’s preparedness in a recent Stop the Bleed training provided by Craig Parton in which 30 or so Salem members and friends partook. Craig, a member of Salem, is a paramedic and firefighter with over 13 years of experience. In this training, he provided real world examples of incidents we could encounter in our homes, in our churches, on the road, or in other public places. (We are very grateful to him for providing this on his own time.) One thing stuck in my conscience – an eye opening statement. Craig pointed out that paramedics try to make it to the scene of emergency within 5 – 8 minutes after notification, an astounding response time. However.... With a bad wound, a person can bleed to death in 2 – 3 minutes, an obvious dilemma. So, like CPR, those on the scene can make the difference between living and dying.

Hopefully, this article will heighten awareness of what Salem has on hand and where the items reside. Due to familiarity with the environs of Salem Church, we can be blind to things standing in plain view. As a preface, I want to direct the attention of the congregation to a small, white cabinet (the “usher’s cabinet”) mounted on the wall in the “little narthex,” the small walkthrough interconnecting the nave with the large narthex. Leaving the nave, this white cabinet is on the left and contains several first aid items. Before moving out to the larger narthex, the pastors used to stand in front of it after each service to greet attendees.

First Aid Kits: Currently there are three (3) basic first aid kits in the church. One is in the aforementioned white cabinet in the “little narthex,” another is in the Parish Nurse’s Office, and the third is in the Teller’s Room. Unfortunately, the kits in the Nurse’s Office and Teller’s Room are not accessible (rooms are locked) during off hours when the church is not staffed.

AED Unit: Salem has one AED unit that is located in the vestibule between the 4 entrance doors of the parking lot and Reformation Hall (where the stage is). FYI: AED stands for automated external defibrillator. An AED is a portable device used when a person has a heart attack or goes into cardiac arrest. The automated device checks the heart rhythm and, if necessary, sends an electric shock to restore normal rhythm.

Stop the Bleed Kits: Two (2) Stop the Bleed kits are available at Salem. One kit is in the white “usher’s cabinet” and the other is located with the AED inside the 4 entrance doors. These kits contain everything one might need in the event of an injury with major bleeding. Included in the kit is a tourniquet, gauze, a sealing patch, and other materials. The kits are vacuum packed in clear plastic. (See the May issue of the Monarch for more information on the Stop the Bleed outreach/campaign.)

“BE PREPARED”

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Fire Extinguishers: Fire extinguishers are located throughout the church on all floors. Four (4) extinguishers are located on the lower floor (Bethany Hall, the kitchen, and both ends of the Sunday School hallway – up near Bethany Hall and down by the Youth Room). Two (2) are located on the main floor (head of the stairway near Reformation Hall and one at the base of the stairway going up to the choir loft). And two (2) are on the top floor, one near the Upper Room and bathrooms, and the other at the end of the causeway from the choir loft.

Miscellaneous: Also included in the white “usher’s cabinet” are a face mask for CPR artificial ventilation and a Red Cross fleece blanket.

Please take some time in coming weeks to start paying attention to these lifesaving tools. “Be Prepared” for the possible emergency.

Ken Wolfram

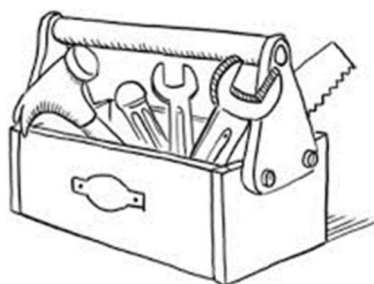
PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

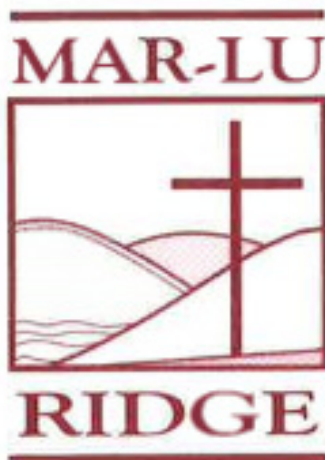
All outlets at Salem have had a label placed on them listing the breaker box and the circuit breaker number on the label. If you see any outlets without a label, please let either the church office or the Property Committee know so that it can be labeled. Also, a notebook has been placed in the church office with drawings of the spaces with the location of the circuit breakers and outlets as well as other documentation. The Property Committee wishes to thank Steve Kopp for tracing each outlet and labeling them.

An outside air conditioner unit that cools the Sanctuary and Reformation Hall has a new motor and fan blades, and now runs much quieter! (The neighbors are pleased.) And —as of this writing—all three toilets in the downstairs girls room are working!

Plumbers have recently spent four (4) days in the building changing the pipe joints so we will have less leaking pipe joints when the seasons change and less spotted ceiling tiles! They also installed a new expansion tank (a component in the old one stopped working), which protects the boilers from water pressure emergencies. The ceiling tiles where the work took place will be replaced soon.

The kitchen pantry has been emptied and work will soon begin on the wall replacement.





MOUNTAINTOPICS AT MAR-LU-RIDGE

Our Mountain Topics sessions offer a variety of learning opportunities for all interested people - pastors, deacons, lay leaders and anyone desiring to spend a day in fellowship and discussion. The cost of \$30 includes a delicious lunch served by Chef Tim.

September 24: Rev. Dr. Bruce Barth "Holding on by Letting Go"

October 22: Jennifer Rundlett "Seeking God Through the Arts"

November 19: Paulette Harvey "Wheat and Yeast Morning"

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Potomac Lodge - All are Welcome!

"Holding On By Letting Go: I Will Not Live an Unlived Life" Rev. Dr. Bruce Barth

September 24th, 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m.

Potomac Lodge

RSVP: mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org / 800-238-9974

Jesus said, "For those who want to save their life will lost it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." Matthew 16:25. Throughout life most of us in one way or another grapple with control and resist giving up. How we deal with it largely determines our successes or failures in life. This is clearly the case when it comes to faith. There is a paradox here. How do you create and maintain a disciplined and responsible life of faith at the same time, "letting go" of the life you have worked so hard to achieve? Yet we trust the words of Jesus and pray to be shown how to "let go."

Bruce W. Barth was born and raised in Nebraska. He did his undergraduate work at Colgate University, receiving a BA in 1960. He went on to get his MDiv from Yale Divinity School, an STM from Concordia Seminary, and a PhD in 1983 from the University of Maryland in Human Development. Along the way he became a Clinical Member of AAMFT, was licensed in Maryland as a marriage and family therapist, and maintained a private counseling practice while serving churches in the Delaware-Maryland Synod. He was ordained in 1966 and now is retired after 52 years. He is married to Barbara, who is a Parish Nurse. They have four adult children and 8 grandchildren, and make their home in West Virginia.

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 Staff. 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.



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.



freeride

OCTOBER 18-20, 2019

**NORTHBAY ADVENTURE CAMP
NORTH EAST, MARYLAND**

At FreeRide, youth in grades 6-8 will experience a weekend of service projects, faith-filled discussions, music, worship, and relationship-building in small groups. Come make new friends and renew friendships with attendees from throughout our synod!

CAN I ASK THAT?

YES! ABSOLUTELY YES.

Your questions, your doubts, your ponderings, your struggles, your faith, your experiences, your conversations—they matter. To you.
And to the Church.

There is nothing you can ask that will make God love you less.
There is nothing you can ask that will make God love you more.

God's grace is there for you in the midst of it all. Yet with each question you ask, and each conversation we have together as disciples of Jesus, our relationship with God is renewed, our discipleship is shaped, our connection to our community is remade.

Come and listen. Come and bring your questions. Come and share what God has put on your heart. Come and experience what the Holy Spirit will stir up for you and for the church in the midst of our conversations together.

Cost: \$250 per person (includes program, lodging, meals, activities, and a t-shirt)

Good Day Salem youth and families,

The school year, and therefore, the church year is off and running. I mailed out letters to youth this past week with a proposed calendar for the beginning of our year. I included registration forms for free ride for our Middle School families.

Our first two events take place in September.

Saturday the 7th we will be participating in God's Work. Our Hands. from 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m. We will be making car care kits for the homeless.

On Saturday the 14th we will have a day of service, fun and fellowship. Our day starts with sprucing up the property at Old Salem, followed by some time at 'Get Air' (hopefully) then back to church for our 5:00 worship service. The cost for 'Get Air' will be approximately \$30 for jump time and socks. Join the day as you are able, but we definitely need all bodies possible for Old Salem. The day will start at 11:00 Am in the church parking lot.

Free Ride for all middle school students is coming up October 18th-20th, I have attached a flyer, see Miss Anita for registration forms. Money and forms are due by September 13th.

Youth Calendar 2019-2020

Proposed calendar. Things can change.

Calendar:

September 7 God's Work. Our Hands. 9:00-12:00 a.m. car kits
Opening event September 14th service 11:00a.m. Old Salem / get air / 5:00 worship
October 5th no sew hats and scarves 5:00p.m. worship followed by activity and snacks
October 18- 20 - Free Ride (6 - 8th grades). Payment due at the end of September 13th
November 15th 6:00-10:00 p.m., parents night out. babysitting by youth group for younger Salem members

October 6th Souper Sunday

November 10th Souper Sunday

December 8th Souper Sunday

Looking forward to a productive year with our youth.

Blessings and Peace

Miss Anita

JOHN HUBNER, SALEM'S GUIDING LIGHT IN A TIME OF CHANGE

During the years of Salem's history, the congregation has been blessed with members who have served as inspired and effective leaders. John Hubner stands out as an excellent example. He played a key role in Salem's transition from the little country church on Ingleside Avenue to that of a leading religious institution in the heart of Catonsville.

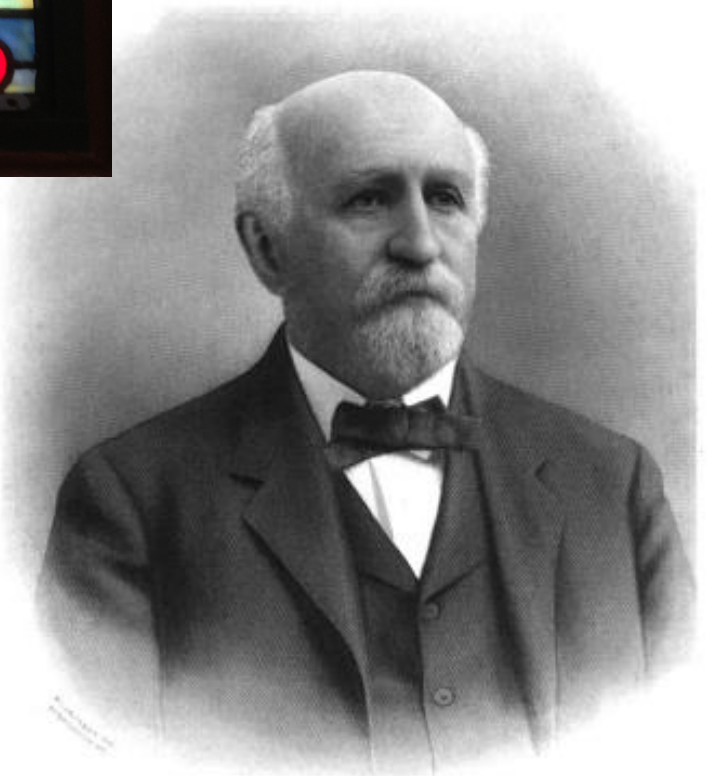
John Hubner's life story is one of living the American dream. He arrived with his parents in Maryland in 1855 at age 14 as an immigrant originally from Lonnerstadt, Bavaria. After three years he moved to Relay and worked as a clerk for the Adams Express Company, which did business on the B & O Railroad.

He married Mary Harken, a young woman from Anne Arundel County, in 1864 and went on to a successful career running the Relay House, a grand Victorian railroad hotel located next to the station in Relay. Within a few years, he and Mary had moved to Baltimore where he headed a brick manufacturing business for a number of years.

Now established in the Baltimore business community, he recognized the opportunity for profitable real estate ventures in Catonsville and relocated to our community in 1870. By the mid 1870s, the Hubner's, including five children, were living in Beechwood, a gracious three-story mansion located on Frederick Road where the Catonsville Presbyterian Church is now located, and they were members of Salem. John Hubner enjoyed success dealing in real estate and served as president of the Catonsville Loan Association, as manager of the Manual Labor School, and as a director of the House of Refuge. If all that were not enough, he also served four terms in the Maryland General Assembly.

It is easy to understand why our Salem congregation called on him to head the effort to relocate from its original site to a more central location. He negotiated the purchase of the lot at Newburg Avenue, site of Newburg Hall, for \$1800, and oversaw the demolition of this structure. He then chaired the building committee as they engaged an architect and a builder and saw the project to completion, at a total cost of \$30,000. Over and over his name appears with appreciation in accounts of Salem's building projects, including the early addition to the church and the construction of the parsonage. And an additional bond with Salem was created when his daughter, Grace, married Salem's young bachelor pastor, Rev. Martin Luther Enders.

John Hubner died in 1920 and is buried in Greenmount cemetery. To be sure that he and his contributions are not forgotten, the people of Salem commissioned a stained glass window honoring him and his family. It is located in the large window on the east side of the sanctuary. In this anniversary year, we continue to pay tribute to his memory.



*Yours Sincerely
John Hubner*

PRAYERS

May God who is present in sunrise and nightfall and in the crossing of the sea, guide our feet as we go.
May God who is with us when we sit and when we stand, encompass us with love and lead us by the hand.

May God knows our paths, and the places we rest, be with us in our waiting, be our good news for share and lead us in the way that is everlasting. - Blessing from the Iona Community

Give us a heart for simple things:

Love and laughter

Bread and wine

Tales and dreams

Fill our lives with

Green and growing hope

Make us a people of justice

Whose song is Allelujah

And whose name

Breathes Love. Amen.

a Prayer by Walter Wink



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!

SALEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 September Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Confirmation Orientation	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 Chr. 7pm Evangelism 7:30pm Salem Choir	6	7 9a.m. GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show I						
8 Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am: SS Guides Meeting Confirmation Parents Salem Choir 2pm Salem Players 7pm All Committee Heads Meeting	9 4pm Yoga 7pm Lazarus Caucus 7:30pm Book Group	10 5pm Chair Yoga 6pm Technology 7pm Salem Ringers	11 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	12 10am: Stitchcrafters 6pm St. David Chr. 7pm Barbershop 7pm St. Dysmas Council 7:30pm Salem Chr. 7:30 CEA	13 9am Catonsville Garden Club 6pm Funeral Pieterson	14 9am New Disciples 9:30 Rally Set-up 11am Youth Event 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show I						
15 Worship-8:15/11 am RALLY DAY 9:30am Salem Choir 9:30am 2pm Salem Players 7pm Salem Brass	16 4pm Yoga 6pm Assembly Planning 7pm Communication Committee 7pm Prayer Shawl 7pm Arts Comm.	17 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Council 7pm Salem Ringers	18 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am Balto. West 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	19 10am Stitchcrafters 10am Bent Twig Garden Club 6pm St. David's Chr. 7pm Barbershop 7:30pm Salem	20	21 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show I						
22 NEW DISCIPLES Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday 2pm Salem Players 5pm Confirmation 7pm Salem Brass	23 1pm 4th Monday Bible Study 4pm Yoga 7pm 4th Monday Bible Study	24 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Social Ministry 7pm Salem Ringers	25 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 7pm Salem Players	26 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St. David's Chr. 7:30pm Salem Choir 7pm Barbershop	27	28 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship
Fall Art Show I						
29 CONFIRMATION Worship-8:15/11 am 9:30am Sunday School 12N Confirmation Reception 2pm Salem Players	30 4pm Yoga	1 OCTOBER 5pm Chair Yoga 7pm Salem Ringers	2 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 1pm LWR Quilting 6:30pm Patapsco Heritage 7pm Salem Players	3 10am Stitchcrafters 6pm St. David Chr. 7pm Evangelism 7:30pm Salem Choir	4	5 2pm Salem Players 5pm Worship Youth Event with/after worship
Fall Art Show I						

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 AUGUST 2019

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
August 3/4	26	78	112			216
August 10/11	18	85	117			220
August 17/18	17	63	123			203
August 24/25	20	82	109			211
July Total	81	308	461			850

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

TREASURER REPORT FOR JULY 2019

GENERAL FUND	
Budget to Date	\$304,482.50
Beginning Balance	\$39,444.43
Expenses to Date	(\$308,019.78)
Receipts to Date	\$312,930.98
Ending Balance	\$44,355.63
R.S.V.P.	
Beginning Balance	\$58,457.28
Receipts to Date	\$24,121.50
Disbursements to Date	(\$16,141.99)
Balance in Fund	\$66,4363.79

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

September 2019

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
September 7	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
September 8	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
September 14	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
September 15	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
September 21	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
September 22	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion
September 28	Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m., Holy Communion
September 29	St. Michael and All Angels CONFIRMATION 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion

PRAYER

For all who struggle to find their identity in a world that tries, often without success, to find a suitable box in which to fit them, grant them courage to become the people you want them to be, not constrained by this world's wisdom but allowed to grow and become themselves in your Spirit's power.
- John Birch

We bless you,
God of Seed and Harvest
And we bless each other
That the beauty of this world
And the love that created it
Might be expressed though our lives
And be a blessing to others
Now and always.
- John Birch



WORSHIP SCHEDULE - CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY

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
November 13, 2019	Monthly Worship—Brookside Classroom 11:30 a.m., Holy Communion — Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey



Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you! We truly appreciate your gift of \$432.01 in offering from Amy Asendorf Berger's ordination, given to Mar-Lu-Ridge. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, I would like to convey my thanks and appreciation for this gift in support of our outdoor ministry. Your letter was beautiful, and we share your appreciation of the many ways MLR and Amy interacted over the years. She is a cherished member of our community.

There are many exciting projects taking place on The Ridge. Recently, we have been able to tackle some pressing facilities projects, thanks in large part to gifts such as yours. One area of focus has been the renovation of several bathrooms in the cabin area, and installing interior paneling over logs in our oldest cabins. We have also continued to replace aging waterlines and upgrade our water delivery system. At the Ridge Inn, we are replacing outdated and poorly functioning room heaters/AC units. Another priority is to faithfully set aside money for camperships. Many families apply for assistance in order to provide the camp experience for their children, and we are grateful for the funds to help them. Your gift helps to ensure the future and growth of this year-round mountaintop sanctuary.

You are making a difference. We appreciate your prayers and ongoing support!

Thank you again for your gift.

God's peace,

Sarah Lefler
Executive Director

Dear People of Salem,

7/3/19

Thank you for your recent gift to the ongoing ministry of St. Dysmas. With the ongoing support of partners like you lives are changed, hope is given & the Good News of Jesus Christ is shared in Word & Sacrament.

Through your prayers & financial support you are doing a beautiful thing.

Yours in Christ,

The St. Dysmas Council

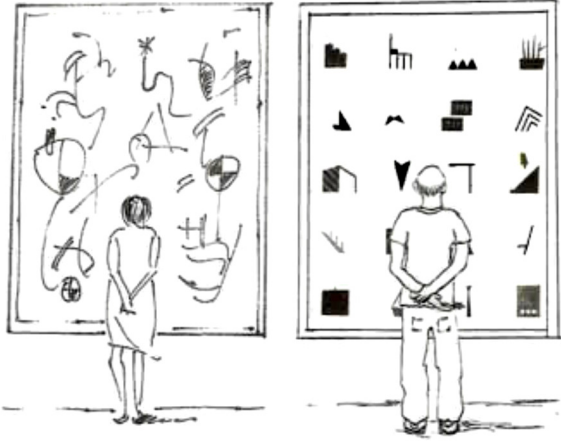
THE COMMUNITY OF
ST. DYSMAS
I was in Prison. You Came To Visit Me.



Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your donations received thus far this year. We've included below a detail of your donations for 2019. Your total gifts during this time are \$1,006.00.

With the support of partners like you through the ministry of the Community of St. Dysmas lives in the Correctional System in Maryland are changed, hope is given, and the Good News of Jesus Christ is shared through Bible study and Word and Sacrament. THANK YOU!



7/23/19

Dear Salem Family,
 How can I ever thank you ^{enough} for the outpouring of love and prayers you have been sending my way through cards, flowers, and cards to say nothing of visits! You are truly the workers in God's wonderland!
 My treatments are going well so far and the commute to the Proton Center is quite easy. So my spirits are good and I hope to be back full strength by the fall!
 Much love to my brothers + sisters in Christ, Charlotte

THANK YOU!

Greg and Judy Rotz and the Stirn family sends thanks to everyone for the cards and prayers as Judy is healing from the vertebrae fracture. She thanks Pastor Sarah for her visit and the prayers and communion. Judy said that the visit "lifted her up body and soul" and "that she had better days" after that visit. Judy enjoyed the wonderful talk and was glad that Pastor Sarah enjoyed her stories. She says all this helps her to live by "faith, hope and love".
 (from a phone call to the Parish Office)



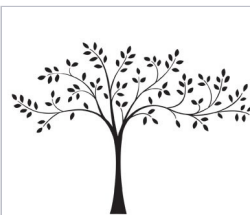
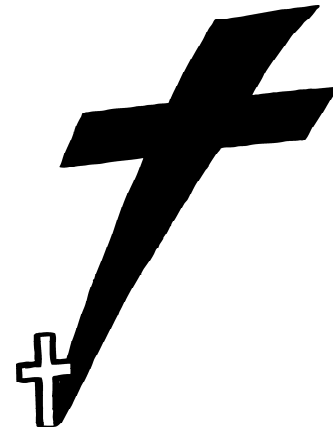
Salem, Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to read your service. Your church and congregation is so fantastic and welcoming. We had a really great week on the road and we have you to thank for that! It is really great to be back. Thank you once again for everything
 M.SPOKE FOLK



Salem Lutheran Church,
 Thank you for opening up your church to us. We really appreciate everything you have done for us. Your church has already fostered so many relationships and memories! We can't wait to come back next weekend
 M.SPOKE FOLK

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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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