



THE MONARCH

All Saints Day, November 1, 2020

For Those Who Walked With Us

For those
who walked with us,
this is a prayer.

For those
who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.

For those
who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us
while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.

For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.

by Jan Richardson, *Painted Prayerbook*



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SALEM REMAINS COMMITTED TO SAFETY AS IT REOPENS FOR INDOOR WORSHIP

Although the gatherings are smaller due to COVID-19 restrictions, the atmosphere is still warm and welcoming at Salem's newly-reopened indoor worship. As of October 3, 2020, parishioners are now able to reunite for services inside on Saturdays and Sundays, with some necessary safety precautions in place amid the coronavirus pandemic:

- Indoor worship is limited to 40 attendees, so registration by 11:45 a.m. on the preceding Friday is required
- Face coverings are required and temperatures are taken in the vestibule
- After entering the sanctuary through one-way access, attendees make their way to socially distanced seating in the pews
- For now, waves and peace signs replace hugs and handshakes
- There is no singing at this time, but splendid instrumental accompaniment still wafts through the church prior to during the slightly abbreviated service

Despite these adjustments, Salem retains the peace, love, and comfort it has always provided. Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah continue to deliver their captivating sermons and worshippers are still elated to gather and hear the Word of God.

For those who prefer not to attend in person or are unable to do so, alternatives continue to be made available. Salem's exceptionally-produced virtual services are broadcast online every Sunday at 10 a.m. and can be viewed at any time via the website. In addition, recognizing that many members of the Salem community have not received Holy Communion since March, live online communion service is now offered via Zoom on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

We are immensely grateful for all of the extraordinary efforts that Salem's pastors, staff, musicians, and volunteers continue to make during this unprecedented time.

RSVP FOR WORSHIP

Just a reminder that in-person worship is by RSVP. You must RSVP every week using the Sign-up Genius link that you received in the prior weekend's email "Worship and Announcements" or by calling the Salem Office before 11:45 a.m. on Friday. The limit is 40 and we have gotten very close to that number, we would be upset if you came and we didn't have room for you!

PLEASE RSVP!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

We began "Takeout Sunday School" in October and we have received a lot of positive feedback! Each month, we send home three (3) Bible stories with related activities for families to complete together based on the theme of the story (we are following the lectionary). At the end of the month, we will host a 30-minute zoom that families can join to discuss the lessons from the month, share some of the crafts and activities that they completed, or just meet for fellowship. We had our first zoom Sunday School session on Sunday, October 25th at 9:30 am.

We sent "Takeout Sunday School" bags to 31 families in October and have sent out the November lessons, with our zoom fellowship scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 22nd. We even added a few families who have been watching our virtual worship services.

We do not know how long we will remain using this format, but for now it is an option that seems to be working for our families who had been regularly attending Sunday school. We hope to be able to meet in our rotation format again in the spring.

Eileen Merriman

LIVE STREAMING UPDATE

With the success of the pre-recorded services on YouTube and Facebook, Salem intends to continue its on-line worship presence. A task group, consisting of Guy Davis, Joey Morgan, Steve Kopp, Lisa Yerkey, Jim Kempton, Paul Timmel, Pastor Dave, and Pastor Sarah, was formed to investigate equipping the Nave to eventually live stream the 11:00 service. Bids and proposals were obtained from three vendors. The proposal is being submitted to Church Council for approval. It will then go to a mail Congregation vote. Live streaming can then be expected early next year.

Live streaming will make the pastors' jobs easier by eliminating the Thursday pre-recording process and the production team's efforts easier without the post-recording editing. It is also anticipated that wedding and funerals may also be recorded and/or live streamed.

Concurrently, Faith Lutheran Church in Cockeysville, our on-line partner, is in a similar process of planning live streaming and independently chose the same vendor for the equipment.

AROUND THE PARISH

The Sunday Evening AA group has returned to indoor meetings in Bethany Hall with a limit of no more than 30 in attendance.

SALEM'S FAIR TRADE PROJECT



These next few months, we will have order forms available near the entrance to the nave. Items available are noted there with their prices. Please clearly mark the sheet and leave it in my mailbox. Place your check or cash in a pew envelope and mark it "Fair Trade" and place it in the offering plate. Each Sunday I will fill your order and leave it in the church office marked with your name. You may pick it up when you come to worship, or during office hours (please call ahead).

If you are unable to join us for worship, please email me, and I will send you the inventory. Reply with your order and I'll let you know when your order will be ready for pick-up. Bring a check or cash in an envelope marked "Fair Trade" and leave it when you pick up your order. My email address is edward-victoria@verizon.net.

Our prices for these fine, gourmet coffees, teas and chocolates remain the same:

Bag of 10/ 12 oz. coffee	\$7.00
Box of 20 tea bags of tea	\$3.00
Large chocolate bar	\$3.00
Small chocolate bar	\$1.50
Can 12 oz. of cocoa	\$5.00



As sales have much lagged these last seven months, we've declined to keep as large a supply. If there's a flavor you'd like that is not listed on the inventory, let me know and we may be able to place an order.

As you have likely read, the global pandemic has hit developing countries much harder than the rest of the world. Your support now makes a greater difference than ever to small scale farmers, their families and villages, including the family pictured above with their tubs of coffee cherries.

What a lovely way to be able to accomplish a good thing!

Pastor Whetstone

WANTED: BOOK SHELF

We have need of a wooden 5'-7' foot book shelf for the Upper Room. If you have one to donate please contact Pastor Dave, pastordave@salem-catonsville.org.

FLOWER STEWARDS

As we have moved to indoor worship in October on Saturday evenings/Sunday mornings, we restarted our Flower Steward ministry to deliver the altar flowers to our homebound or other members of the congregation following the Sunday 11 a.m. service. The flowers are prepped by the Altar Guild and are then picked up and delivered by the steward. Each steward is scheduled once every three months on the same Sunday of that month. We have instituted specific guidelines not only to protect our Flower Stewards, but also the recipients as follows: wear a face mask, do not go into any one's home, consider setting the flowers down and step back at least six feet away before the recipient opens the door and should you chat briefly with the recipient, it should be done with appropriate social distancing. I thank all the volunteers who have agreed to continuing serving along with myself, namely Janet VanSant, Miriam Anderson, Gary Giuliani, Carolyn Vasold, Mary Krebs, Mary Carroll Mason, Debbie Brohawn, Sharon Schueler, Darla Sando and Linda Fleischer. Also, I extend my sincere thanks to Barb Myers and Denise Stanco who had served for many years as stewards and who are now taking a break from deliveries. In their place, Stacy Kahatapitiya and Vicky Whetstone have volunteered to serve. Should anyone else wish to help out with this ministry and serve as a substitute, please contact me at councilpresident@saalem-catonsville.org or call me at home on 410-744-8724.



Sharon Stanton

Lord, teach us to see the world through the eyes of others.

Teach us to raise our voice for peace.

Lord, teach us to give our lives to you to live so that justice flows like water
and peace becomes reality. Amen amen

Taizen Brother Roger, Finnish. Anna-Maija Raittila

There is no need to look for God here or there. He is no farther away than the door of your own heart. -
Meister Eckhart



IN MEMORY OF LOUISE

She was not on the staff. Nor was she ordained. And she did not sit on a church committee, although she made daily contributions of time and talents to her church. With the sudden death of Louise Rau at the age of 82 on September 28, Salem lost a woman who freely gave of herself.

In some ways, Louise, a registered nurse, patterned her life after Jesus' friend Martha. Born in Hagerstown on November 15, 1937, she joined Salem in 1965, thus beginning more than a half-century of volunteerism. As Pastor Dave said, "Only she and Jesus know" the full extent of her contributions. That said, this is the little bit that we do know.

One of Louise's first assignments at Salem was to organize a church nursery, complete with 12 cribs for children of worshippers. Many parents of that day would later credit her with helping to potty train their little ones.

Then there are Louise's contributions to Salem's music program. Most notably, she offered her talents as an unpaid substitute organist. She prepared each Salem Choir member's Sunday folder, as well as helping to organize the organist's music. She arrived at church hours before services began to prepare for the choir, bringing in and making coffee, cutting up fruit for a pre-service refreshment, and providing a bit of candy, and then, afterwards, cleaning out coffee pots and mugs. Meanwhile, choir and acolyte robes (as well as other linens used in worship) were clean and pressed courtesy of, who else? Louise. Oh, and she played the handbells.

St. David's Choir got the royal Louise treatment as well, getting kindly guidance from their honorary Grandmom. Speaking of which, the Mabil girls were able to sing in the choir and take piano lessons, thanks to Louise. A nurturer by nature, she lifted up countless children in need of a gentle touch.

Pastor Dave pointed out at her memorial service (conducted in keeping with COVID-19 restrictions on October 10) that one of her major assignments was to clean up after him. We have it on good authority that she also kept him well stocked in candy (don't tell Nancy!). We also know that Louise's everyday chores extended beyond that, as she cleaned stains on the office carpet and tended to and watered indoor plants. She cleaned up the kitchen after various groups. And when Baltimore County sent representatives to inspect our kitchen, they were met at the door by Louise. During Lent, she helped set up for soup suppers.

In addition to all of this, Louise, a resident of Charlestown, showed up every day to the church office to assist with printing and mailing, copying and answering the phone. On Thursdays, she adjusted the thermostat in the Wittenberg Room for the Stitchcrafters, opened the closet door, and ran off copies of patterns, as well as meeting and greeting every stitcher, Salem member or not, with a cheery "hello." She was considered an "Honorary Stitchcrafter."

To be certain, Salem lost its "Martha," but we also lost our "Mary," as she sat at Jesus' feet and put her faith to work in life. But who knew? We also lost our "Christiana," her birth name. Cont'd...

IN MEMORY OF LOUISE (cont'd.)

We as a congregation join with her beloved husband Lowell and her extended family (she was the mother of four, grandmother of four, and great-grandmother of seven) in mourning her passing. As Salem remembers her with gratitude, we rejoice that a member of our family is now with her Lord. Who can replace her? We can only hope that the Lord will provide. God rest Louise's soul, a good and gracious servant.

SALEM ACCESS CARDS



Many members of Salem have access cards which permit entry to Salem outside normal business hours. If you do not currently have a card and require access outside normal business hours, please contact the Technology Committee at salemtech@salem-catonsville.org and let us know why you require access. We will then provide you with a card and access as required. You will also be required to sign a form acknowledging receipt of the card.

Also, if you no longer require access, please turn your card into the church office letting them know you no longer require access. In case of loss of a card, contact the Technology Committee or the church office immediately so that we can cancel your card's access.

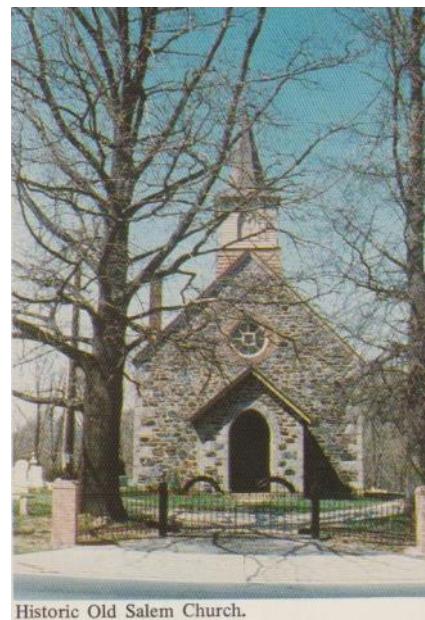
YOUTH SUPPORT SEAFARERS

A special shout-out to the Salem Youth, who packed up 205 handcrafted hats and scarves (courtesy of the Stitchcrafters) along with copies of the New Testament (thanks to a Thrivent Action Team grant) for the Seafarers' Christmas-at-Sea project.



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS AND TRIPS

Looking for new Board Members to join us in our preservation efforts of Old Salem Church and Cemetery. It is Salem's original worship site built in 1849 by our Lutheran ancestors. Board members will serve a two-year term beginning November 2020. The Board meets four times a year on the third Wednesday of February, May, August, and November with our special open house and programs on the first Sunday afternoon in June and the third Sunday afternoon in September. Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah lead an All Saints Service at Old Salem the first Sunday afternoon in November. We host a Christmas Open House in December at Old Salem *(both of which have been cancelled this year)* and an annual Craft Fair and Flea Market the first Saturday in March as one of our major fundraisers. Throughout the year, we sponsor bus trips to theatres, restaurants, train rides and all kinds of interesting sites, again to help raise funds for the preservation efforts at Old Salem for the church and surrounding cemetery grounds. If you would be willing to join us, please contact Mary Krebs, at 410-788-6580 by November 20th. We are looking forward to working with you!



Unfortunately, this year we have had to cancel all our bus trips and events/programs hosted at the Old Salem Church, including the annual All Saints Service the first Sunday in November led by Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah, thanks to COVID-19.

We are hoping to see "Hamilton" at the Hippodrome Theatre on June 26, 2021. I have reserved 20 tickets for this performance at 2 p.m. on that Saturday afternoon, with participants using their own transportation to keep the cost down. Tickets are \$150 each and seats are in the left mezzanine balcony, 10 seats in Row D and 10 seats in Row E. More details to come as we get closer to that date.

Sharon Stanton

FREE LASER PRINTERS

Salem has received two laser printers for the White Elephant Sale which did not occur. We are offering these printers to anyone who would like one (or both). One is a HP LaserJet 1200 series and requires a new toner cartridge. The other is a HP LaserJet 1300 and does print. Both printers include a power cable and USB cable. If you are interested in one (or both), please contact either Steve Kopp or the church office.



OLD SALEM – FORTY YEARS LATER

Forty years ago, in the summer of 1980, Salem members could look with pride on the completion of an extensive and historically accurate restoration of its original church home, the building we now call Old Salem. Constructed by the original immigrant families who came from Germany, the church offered its members the opportunity to experience Lutheran worship in their native language as well as the blessings of a loving Christian fellowship.

From these modest beginnings, Salem's membership expanded and in 50 years outgrew the little church on Ingleside Avenue. In the fall of 1903, they moved into their new home on Frederick Road. With a limited annual budget of \$300 for its care, the church Property Committee maintained the original structure and surrounding cemetery. Even with the assistance of several volunteers who gave many hours of time to its care, the little building would need additional attention.

By the mid 1970s, Salem was taking a serious look at how it would allocate its resources. The now seventy-year-old church and twenty-year-old education building were both in need of extensive maintenance. The 1970s were also a time when social issues were much on the minds of many Salem members who wanted to expanded the congregation's ministry in these areas. Some Salem members suggested that simply tearing down the old building would help with expenses.

Fortunately, Salem found the solution to this challenge in the creation of an independent organization, originally called Friends of Old Salem, to maintain the church and graveyard as a community historic site that could attract financial support outside the congregation. As part of that effort Old Salem was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places and was accepted. Its new historic status allowed Old Salem to be awarded a number of grants, including a generous one from the State of Maryland.



Leo Ritter, husband of a Salem member, played a key role in the project. A licensed architect, he drew up the planning documents for the restoration and oversaw the progress of the firm that was chosen to perform the work, which began in 1976. Four years later, Old Salem was ready for its new role in the life of the congregation, which began at once. On Sunday, November 2, 1980, the 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class visited and experienced activities such as pumping the organ and learning about kerosene lighting and heat from a wood stove.

In the course of the restoration project, the independent group evolved into Historic Old Salem, Inc., approved by the congregation in October 1976. As it did from its beginning, Historic Old Salem, a tax-exempt organization, raises funds and maintains the building and cemetery. The organization schedules and presents several yearly events, including Founders Day in June and its All Saints Service in November, and coordinates other use of the building including weddings and concerts. And it is not unusual for historic tours of Catonsville to make a stop at the little church on Ingleside Avenue.

SALEM'S ANTI-RACISM READING LIBRARY

Salem has begun gathering books dealing with issues of racism that can be borrowed from the Salem library located in the Upper Room on the second floor. If you would like to donate books to this collection please drop them off in the Church Office.

These books are now available:

Between the World and Me

Ta-Nehisi Coates

The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace

A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League Jeff Hobbs

Dear Church

A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the
Whitest Denomination in the U.S

Rev. Lenny Duncan

The New Jim Crow Era

Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

Michelle Alexander

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September

Election of Church Council Members - President, Sharon Stanton, Vice-President, Sharon Schueler, Secretary – currently vacant, Treasurer – Thomas Vasold, Financial Secretary – Beth Massey
Robin Schaefer will take minutes at the future Church Council meetings.
Approved the Worship Life's Recommendations regarding returning to Indoor Worship beginning the first Sunday in October.

October

The Anti-Racism Task Force has requested \$9,000 to be included in the 2021 Salem Congregation Budget for two training sessions next year, 'Unconscious Bias Training' and 'De-escalation Training'.
Pastor Dave reported that 33 people attended the first virtual Holy Communion service held on Wednesday, October 7.
The Council approved the concept of paying part of Mary Miller's health insurance. This will be forwarded to the Finance Committee and incorporated into the 2021 budget after Mary provides exact figures.
The Council worked on salary recommendations upon hearing the report of the Ad Hoc committee and will forward these to the Finance Committee for incorporation into the budget planning process.

NEWS FROM THE ANTI-RACISM TEAM

We are very thankful for the presence, energy, and creativity of so many participants during our first Anti-Racism Team meeting on October 1! We are deeply grateful to God for your faithful response to this call to help lead our community of faith on this journey.

We have had two well-attended viewings and discussion on the film “**Emmanuel**” on October 9, and the 16th.

Here’s where we are headed as a team and a faith-based community:

We are subdividing into 2 groups to address the following topics:

- to address education on awareness of structural racism
- to address advocacy and action

Our next meeting as a large group is set for **Thursday, November 12 from 7-9 p.m.**

We have requested funding from Council for two trainings to be held in the new year (2021) on understanding systemic white privilege and de-escalation of racial tension. (see page 10, Council Highlights)

If you are interested in some personal work to take on as we ramp up our collective work, we recommend the following resources:

A Google Doc with Scaffolded Antiracism Resources depending on where one is in their antiracism journey:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PrAq4iBNb4nVlcTsLcNIW8zjaQXBLkWayL8EaPlh0bc/preview?fbclid=IwAR13WniNKEFXyRP5aeM7ryz42WDIX1nyovubD0dKU_RGQbzNunBaoGYZe-E&pru=AAABcp4VXT8*-EIP2SOVy-coUEQotr7djg

“**White Fragility**”, by Robin DiAngelo

“**How to Be an Anti-Racist**”, by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi

The film “**13th**” which can be viewed on Netflix or Youtube

“**Dear Church**”, by Rev. Lenny Duncan (this is the book being discussed during Adult Forum right now. If you’re interested in a copy, you can reach out to Jim Kempton.)

Though this burden is heavy and the road long, knowing that we are yoked together with Jesus – and one another – makes it lighter. Your presence in the world is a clear reminder to me that God’s Kingdom is, indeed, coming into the world. Thank you!

Please contact Pastor Dave, Pastor Sarah, Melanie Gibbons or Karen Amy if you are interested in joining us.

SALEM’S MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST NOW ZOOMS WEDNESDAYS AT 8:00 A.M.

We’re mindful that our longstanding breakfast time of 7 a.m. was not convenient for everyone, especially those traveling to work or busy with children at home.

At present we are holding a Zoom meeting 8 a.m. to about 9:15 a.m. Maybe now you’re working from home, or dealing with a different family routine. This could be an opportunity to join us. We’d be glad to have you! Our format is loose, but we generally each share in a round of joys and concerns, and one of us leads a devotion, often leading to a discussion. Food, obviously, is not involved, but some of us are still enjoying our coffee.

If you’d like to join us, we would need to send you a timely invitation to the Zoom meeting. Contact Ed Whetstone (edward-victoria@verizon.net) by Tuesday, and he will relay your email address to our meeting host.

SOUL CARE IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES

Beloved reader, how is it with your soul?

Before you answer that, pay some attention to your body in this moment. Relax your shoulders. Soften your forehead. Unclench your jaw. Take a deep breath in. Hold it for a moment. Now let it out.

So, beloved. How is it with your soul? What is burdening you these days? What is bringing you hope? What feelings are most at the surface for you?

As I write this, I have just returned from a week of vacation – a week of relaxation, reading, outdoor activities, and watching The Great British Baking Show with my spouse and our dog. So, in many ways, my soul feels restored and rested.

Of course, as Lutherans, we know that our lives and faith are full of paradox. So as we face this chaotic election, rising COVID cases, and the coming of colder months, I can acknowledge that my soul also feels troubled and worried. Nonetheless, my recent time away is allowing me more energy and endurance to face the uncertainty of the days ahead.

I recognize that a week of vacation is a great privilege – one that my job with this caring Salem community graciously provides. And I recognize that not everyone enjoys this same privilege or will be able to simply check out for a week in the near future. Still, I want to encourage you to care for yourselves and your souls in whatever big and small ways you can in this season.

So in no particular order, here are some tips for self care and soul care that I hope you will find useful:

- Give yourself permission to drop or let some things go. We are living through the collective trauma of a pandemic. We are not supposed to be functioning at our “normal” capacity or pace. Allow yourself the grace to let the laundry sit unfolded, to not complete your to-do list, or to drop a commitment that is not vital. Don’t be afraid to ask for help or delegate if you need help accomplishing this. You are more than your productivity, beloved child of God.
- Practice gratitude when you can. Consider writing in a journal, a note on your phone, or a blank word document something you are grateful for each day. There is much to lament and worry over, but there is also much to be grateful for – from our families to our favorite pair of cozy socks to the fact that we live in a world where dogs exist.
- Take a moment to read and reflect on Psalm 146 either alone or with your family. What words or phrases jump out to you? What feels challenging in these words? What feels hopeful?
- Consider avoiding Facebook, Twitter, social media, or even your favorite news source for a specific amount of time – perhaps an entire day, perhaps a weekend, perhaps an hour. The world will still be here when you return.
- If moving your body helps you to come back to yourself, take a short walk and remember how neat it is that the seasons have never once failed to change. If going outside feels like too much, search for “10 Minute Yoga” or “Easy 10 Minute Stretch” on YouTube.
- Spend some time in prayer. It doesn’t have to be quiet and contemplative, although it can be. Sometimes prayer can be giving God a piece of your mind so that you don’t give it to your neighbor. Sometimes prayer can be silent tears. Sometimes prayer can be sitting in stillness and just listening. Sometimes prayer can be creating art or tending to your plants.
- Turn on a song that always makes you want to move and dance it out, even for just 30 seconds. If you can bring someone else in on the dance party, even better.
- Take a nap. 5 minutes or 5 hours. You can always use the rest.

SOUL CARE IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES (cont'd)

- Reach out to a trusted friend, a pastor, or family member just to talk. Remember that the Salem community has weekly fellowship and small groups online and you are always welcome. Your pastors are here for you as well, and we love to hear from you.

pastorsarah@salem-catonsville.org

pastordave@salem-catonsville.org

- Trace the sign of the cross on your forehead. Remember that you are a beloved child of God.

This is, of course, not an exhaustive list of ways to care for yourself and your soul. But I hope it might provide some inspiration and a little bit of respite when you need it most. Ultimately, you know yourself and what helps to bring you peace and joy. So listen to your body. Relax those shoulders. Take a few minutes even when you don't have a few minutes to spare and spend them in prayer or gratitude or communion with God and neighbor. And remember that you are beloved child of God, and God desires your wholeness and rest and peace.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Sarah

QUILTING GROUP NEWS

Greeting Salem! Our quilting group is no longer making quilts but now we are making masks! We are using fabric from our own fabric stash as well as fabric that has been donated to the church. We are not selling these, we are giving them out to family, friends, hospitals, and nursing homes. If anyone needs a mask please email me at MaryMiller359@gmail.com or call the church office. We will make sure there is plenty for all. Stay safe and God bless!

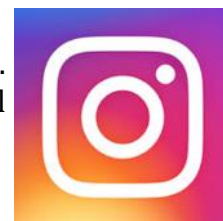


COMMITTEE CHAIRS! VOUCHERS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

Salem vouchers for reimbursement for expenses are now available on Salem's website www.salem-catonsville.org. The vouchers can be printed out, then signed by the appropriate Committee Chair and submitted to our Treasurer, Tom Vasold. Do not forget to attach the receipt!

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

Salem now has an Instagram account. Follow us at [salemlutheranchurchcatonsville](https://www.instagram.com/salemlutheranchurchcatonsville). Lizzy Fitch is our Instagram lead. Thanks, Lizzy. Pastor Sarah and Guy Davis will contribute. Keep up to date on what's going on at Salem.



OFFICIAL ACTS



AT THE FONT

"We pray you...keep our children in the covenant of their baptism and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and godliness."

Parker David Fortney	September 20, 2020
Claire Ann Fortney	September 20, 2020
Quinn Maria Fortney	September 20, 2020
Finnley Brendan Bloom	September 20, 2020
Carmen Abigail Alston	September 20, 2020
Caleb Bradford Alston	September 20, 2020
Dzra-Leng Zövi Pukuma	September 26, 2020

AT THE ALTAR

Elizabeth Wilson Quin and Michael Richard Andrew Burgtorf	September 5, 2020
Danielle Rivera and Joseph Hershfeldt	September 12, 2020

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."

Joan Gail (Wrightson) Merryman	September 4, 2020*
Carol Virginia Guerassio	September 9, 2020*
Lori Shepherd	September 12, 2020
John F. Maskavich	October 9, 2020
Christiana Louise Rau	October 10, 2020
Shirley "Kathy" Lilley	October 12, 2020*

*non-members

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



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 throughout the building.

The password for all connections is **SalemChurch**. If you have any questions about our network please contact Technology Committee Chairperson, Steve Kopp, at Salemtech@Salem-Catomsville.org

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JULY—OCTOBER 2020

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
July 4/5	13	15	27	111	Online Worship	166
July 11/12	14	12	19	125	Online Worship	170
July 18/19	12	21	15	118	Online Worship	166
July 25/26	14	16	19	135	Online Worship	184
Totals						686
Aug 1/2	16	16	20	118	Online Worship	170
August 8/9	14	11	23	115	Online Worship	163
August 15/16	13	Rain	Rain	112	Online Worship	125
August 22/23	12	17	22	109	Online Worship	160
August 29/30	Rain	9	23	102	Online Worship	134
Totals						589
September 5/6	12	16	27	111	Online Worship	146
September 12/13	10	14	24	110	Online Worship	158
September 19/20	14	56	25	148	Online Worship	243
September 26/27	25	Rain	Rain	149	Online Worship	174
Totals						721
October 3/4	17	18	36	135	Online Worship	206
October 10/11	16	15	23	141	Online Worship	195
October 17/18	16	15	39	122	Online Worship	192
October 24/25	19	24	26	153	Online Worship	222
Totals						815

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

Dear Salem Congregation,

Many thanks for all the cards, prayers, and offers of help in the time of John's death. I am grateful for God's love shown in this way.
~ Kathleen Maskavich



Dear Pastor Dave and the Salem Family,

We are so grateful for the outpouring of love, comfort, and sympathy at the loss of our son, Joseph Anthony. It was a great comfort to have him baptized in the hospital with us. It is such a blessing to know we always have a place in the Salem community.

God's peace,

Danielle and Joe



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Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.

Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

■ -Mary Louise Bringle, "Light Dawns on a Weary World" ELW #726

Dear Friends:

Sometimes it seems like the word "weary" is the perfect adjective to describe 2020. We are weary from worrying about the virus. We are weary from seeing reports of violence in the streets. We are weary of politics and talking heads. We are weary of wearing masks and keeping social distance. We are weary of zoom meetings day after day! But the light of Christ *is still with us* in this weary world.

If you too are feeling weary, please know that you are not alone. The ULS Advancement department lifts up our donors in prayer every day. Your partnership energizes us! Your support is God's gift to our students! Your gifts are the foundation for the future of church leaders! I will never grow weary of saying THANKS for your support!

God's peace be with you in these turbulent times,

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Pastor David Asendorf and the Parishioners of Salem Evangelical Church,

In FY20, you provided support to Baltimore Outreach Services and we are writing to say thank you again for your support of the programs and services of the emergency shelter. We are most grateful and want you to know of some of the activities that we have been doing to provide shelter and services for homeless women and children here in Baltimore City.



Sincerely,

Karen Adkins

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*Thank You
so much!*



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Dear Pastor and Congregants,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000.00, to Augsburg Lutheran Home in support of our residents and for continuing to care. This gift is very much appreciated and needed during these challenging times. Thank you for your time and effort in making this gift available through the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the ELCA.

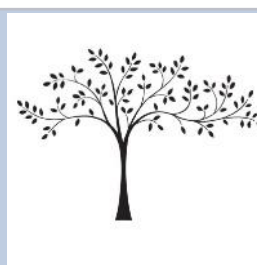
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