



Advent Greetings! Due to the pandemic, this year we will not be having Advent services. We will celebrate Christmas with both in-person and on-line worship services.

7:30 p.m.	Director of Music Mary Miller (pipe organ)
10:00 p.m.	Director of Music Mary Miller (pipe organ)

Note: Attendance is limited to 25 per worship service. Please RSVP via the mid-week congregational email. **Please, Salem members only.**

The pre-recorded online Christmas Eve worship service will premier at 2:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and be available online thereafter

The Christmas Day worship service will be held **online only** and will be premier at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Morning. This will be joint Faith-Salem worship service with Pastor Micah Krey preaching.

The December 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. service will be held in-person.

The December 27 Sunday morning in-person worship services will be a Service of Lesson and Carols (which will be listened to, but not sung).

For the online experience on December 27 Sunday morning, the congregation will be invited to join the Synod online worship service. There will be no Faith-Salem online worship service.

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YARD SIGNS NOW AVAILABLE

The Salem Anti-Racism team is participating in this Synod wide activity. Please consider buying and displaying one of these signs to support this important work.



The Racial Justice Ministry Team of the Delaware-Maryland Synod is now taking orders for these yard signs for congregations and/or individuals. A yard sign is a bold statement but can also be the beginning of a healing conversation with your neighbors.

A portion of the cost will support the production of educational and devotional videos to be released by the team in 2021. The cost per sign is \$20.

Salem has ordered 50 of these signs. They will be made available through the Salem Office.

AROUND THE PARISH

- Venture Crew 9, a scouting group that used the church facilities, has disbanded.
- Congrats to Nancy Asendorf upon her retirement on November 24, 2020.

RSVP FOR WORSHIP

Just a reminder that in-person worship is by RSVP only. 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 25 persons; we would be upset if you came and we didn't have room for you!

PLEASE RSVP!



CONGREGATION APPROVES LIVE STREAMING OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Following a vote by Salem's Church Council, a mail-in vote by the congregation overwhelmingly approved a proposal to have ArmbrusterAV equip the Nave to allow live streaming of worship services. A task group headed by Guy Davis and Joey Morgan researched several companies and selected ArmbrusterAV. ArmbrusterAV has equipped several local churches for live streaming and was recommended for their service.

The \$39,040 cost will be taken from our RSVP funds. Several anonymous donors have already contributed over half of the costs. A few minor additional costs, including electrical and lighting, will also be needed but will not require congregational approval.

The plan is to live stream the 11 a.m. service on Salem's Facebook and YouTube channels, which will be linked on our website. The service will be recorded so that it can be viewed later. It will also be able to record or live stream weddings and funerals. To fully cover the Nave, five pan/tilt/zoom remotely controlled cameras will take in the altar, pulpit, lectern, bell choir, choir loft, organ, and baptismal font.

The system will also allow prerecorded segments, such as virtual choir pieces, to be inserted into the stream. Those in person will be able to hear the virtual choir, as they currently do.

The scheduling of the installation will be determined later, most likely early 2021.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING DURING A PANDEMIC

Yes, we will be decorating Salem for Christmas. But in an attempt to minimize the number of people in the church at any one time, we will not be gathering "*en masse*" after the late service on Dec. 20 as we would normally do. If you would be interested in setting up a Christmas tree or nativity set, please contact Shelley Wolfram (410-379-8179, or kswolfram@gmail.com). I will be happy to schedule a time when you can come in on that day, hopefully in the afternoon, to do some decorating. Thank you for helping prepare Salem to celebrate Christ's birth.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- At a special meeting of the Church Council on Tuesday, November 10, passed a motion to spend \$39,040.52 to purchase a Live Streaming Camera System from Armbruster AV. Via mail-in ballots, the congregation will be asked to authorize this project as it is more than \$10,000.
- At the same November 10 meeting the Council voted to reduce maximum worship attendance to 25 for the present time.
- During the regularly scheduled meeting on November 17, the Church Council adopted the 2021 Salem Church Budget. The congregation will vote on whether to adopt the 2021 budget via mail-in ballots.
- The Church Council authorized spending \$9,000 from RSVP in 2021 for the Salem Anti-Racism Task Force to sponsor two training events on Unconscious Bias and De-escalation.

NOW AVAILABLE: AN ORDER FORM FOR YOUR FAIR TRADE TEA, CHOCOLATE, AND COFFEE LISTING OUR CURRENT INVENTORY

Please email me if you wish an order form which lists our current inventory. I will fill your order, confirm the cost by email and have it in the church office in a week's time or sooner; I'll let you know when it is available. You may leave a check or cash at the office for your order.

Keep in mind these fine quality chocolates, teas, and coffees are available for the festive days to come. This may be a particularly good year for you to indulge in a variety of fine chocolates, or favor someone's Christmas stocking with a special treat.

My email address is ***edward-victoria@verizon.net***.

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

bag of 10/ 12 oz. coffee	\$7
box of 20 bags of tea	\$3
large chocolate bar	\$3
can 12 oz. of cocoa	\$5

As you surely know, the effect of the global pandemic has been much more devastating in developing countries than for the rest of the world. Your support now makes a greater difference than ever to small scale farmers, like the tea and cocoa farmers pictured here. The whole village will benefit.

I'll be glad to hear from you!

Pastor Whetstone



END OF YEAR GIVING

A reminder that all donations for 2020 should be received in the church office by December 31st.

THE FESTIVAL OF TREES



In 2019 the Stitchcrafters entered a tree in the Festival of Trees called Helping Hands". It had 20 pairs of mittens hand made by our group and was topped with a hand knitted candy-striped hat. This year our group entered another tree titled "A Very Beary Christmas".

2020 marks the 31st year of the annual Festival of Trees. All trees sold benefit the Kennedy Krieger Institute, which provides various services to special needs children and their families. As the festival has grown in size over the years, both seven- and four-foot trees are on display, along with wreaths and gingerbread houses crafted by various groups.

Many vendors, rides, and choirs have also been added to the delight of thousands of people who visit the festival each year. This year our tree was complete with over a dozen hand knitted teddy bears, lights, and colorful bow ribbons tied to its limbs. Again, we hope to contribute to a wonderful and generous cause.

~ Late breaking news! This tree raised \$100 for Kennedy Krieger!~

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING-CHRISTMAS HUNGER APPEAL

Please consider making a generous donation to the Salem Congregation Annual Thanksgiving-Christmas Hunger Appeal. The Appeal will provide funds for:

- Catonsville Emergency Assistance – a non-profit local food pantry that also provides help to Catonsville residents with utility payments and rental/eviction assistance.
- Maryland Food Bank – a non-profit organization that works with thousands of partners across the state to meet the needs of hungry Marylanders.
- ELCA World Hunger Appeal – an organization within our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the World Hunger Appeal provides immediate relief to those who are hungry, both domestically and globally.
- Lutheran World Relief (LWR) – a pan-Lutheran organization, founded in the United States, tackles global poverty. LWR provides aid in emergencies, partners with communities to build and grow rural economies, encourages self-sufficiency, and works to break the cycle of poverty by creating new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after their projects end.

You may contribute to the Annual Thanksgiving-Christmas Hunger Appeal by sending a check to the church address, Salem Church, 905 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228 or by making an electronic donation via the church website, www.salem-catonsville.org. Please annotate your check with "Hunger Appeal". Your generous support will help end hunger here at home and abroad.

MAR-LU-RIDGE

Dear Partners in Ministry,

We are preparing for the summer we hope to offer our community and want to let you know that our schedule will be available publicly December 1. (See next page.)

As always, we offer full Camperships to any family in need. Please be sure your members are aware of this opportunity, and encourage them to contact us with any questions.

We have worked hard to develop a safe plan for camp. The state of Maryland has had strong guidelines from the beginning of COVID-19, and we continue to follow all regulations and recommendations from the CDC and American Camp Association. When surveying our camper families, it was clear that the majority felt safe sending their children to camp next summer, so we ask your help in making that happen.



Registration will open January 1, and there will be a non-refundable deposit of just \$50 required. For those families needing assistance, the opportunity to register without paying that fee will still be available.

We are so grateful for your partnership and want to extend our willingness to help you in any way you need. Our staff is able to supply songs, worship components, and a safe visit when you are ready. Let's bring the joy of camp to everyone this winter!

On a final note, an important survey of rostered ministers in the ELCA is now underway. It is part of the Camp and Church Leadership Project, which seeks to assess the role of camp and other key ministry spaces on call and faith formation among rostered ministers. The survey is directed by Dr. Jacob Sorenson and Dr. Rollie Martinson and funded by a Youth and Young Adult Ministry grant from the ELCA Campaign. This was first distributed through the churchwide office, so you should have received it already. If you have not yet responded, please take the time to do so. Our synod's ministries will directly benefit by your participation, as the three synods with the highest response rate will get individualized data reports. Individual participants will also be entered into a drawing to win Amazon gift cards. Data from this survey will be valuable for individual synods, camps, campus ministries, and a host of other ministries we hold dear. If you have already responded, thank you. If not, please participate here: <https://www.research.net/r/CampChurchLeadership>.

God's peace,

Sarah Lefler and Amy Mambu

mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org

800.238.9974

MAR-LU-RIDGE SUMMER CAMP 2021

Dear Camp Community,

You may notice our schedule looks a bit different this year. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we have chosen to be conservative with our summer program offerings for the safety of our campers and staff. Here is an overview of some changes we have made:

- We will not be offering Day Camp nor many of our specialty programs
- Our weekly programs run Sunday-Thursday
- We will continue to have cabins available for Family Cabin rentals Thursday-Sunday
- We will have virtual options available throughout the summer
- We are requiring a \$50 non-refundable deposit at the time of registration

Please know that, despite all these changes, your camper will still have a variety of exciting camp experiences this summer. As always, **we have full and partial scholarships available for any family in need.** Visit our website for more information and to register, and please give us a call with any questions or concerns. We hope to see you this summer!

In God's Peace, Sarah & Amy

Summer 2021 Schedule

	<i>Camp</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Cost</i> (Tier 1 / Tier 2 / Tier 3)
June 20-24	Junior 1	6-10	\$505 / 460 / 415
	Junior High 1	11-14	\$505 / 460 / 415
	Family Camp (June 24-27)	All Ages	See our website
June 27- July 1	Junior 2	6-10	\$505 / 460 / 415
	Junior High 2	11-14	\$505 / 460 / 415
	Senior High	15-17	\$540 / 495 / 450
	SIT Week 1 (June 27-July 15)	17	\$625 / 580 / 535
July 4-8	Junior 3	6-10	\$505 / 460 / 415
	Junior High 3	11-14	\$505 / 460 / 415
	Adventure	14-17	\$605 / 560 / 515
	SIT Week 2 (June 27-July 15)	17	See SIT Week 1
July 11-15	Junior 4	6-10	\$505 / 460 / 415
	Junior High 4	11-14	\$505 / 460 / 415
	SIT Week 3 (June 27-July 15)	17	See SIT Week 1
July 18-22	Junior 5	6-10	\$505 / 460 / 415
	Junior High 5	11-14	\$505 / 460 / 415
July 25-29	Night Owls	12-15	\$540 / 495 / 450
	Family Camp (July 29-August 1)	All Ages	See our website

For questions regarding our tiered pricing system, please visit our website:

www.mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp/

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1ST, 2021

ELECTRONIC GIVING



To give through the internet, visit Salem's website saalem-catonville.org and click **Donate Now**. On your phone, scan the QR Code included in this Monarch. Donations may be given using a credit card or your bank account.

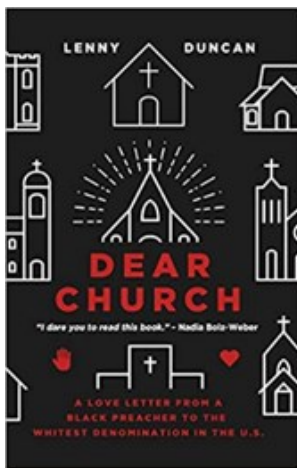
Please note that using a credit card will incur a processing fee that is deducted from your donation and will result in a lower amount being received by Salem. There is an option to reduce this deduction by entering an amount on the "Help Offset Credit Card Processing Fee" line.

The first time you give on-line, you create a unique customer number for your donation. However, if you plan to give on a regular basis or have an envelope number, you should create a profile. This profile will be used for on-going donations. You may use this account to set up recurring giving to one or more funds one time, on a weekly basis, or monthly. When setting up a profile, ensure you include your envelope number (leave blank if you do not have one) so your donations will be included on your quarterly statements. If you do not log in with your profile, the system will assign a unique customer number each time you donate and this may cause your donations to not be recorded on your quarterly statement.

Additionally, you may give to a Special Appeal or Memorial Fund which has a space to indicate which Special Appeal or who is being memorialized. Also, please check that the special appeal is not already listed before using this choice. You may change your giving by logging in to your account and selecting "Add Transaction." Remember to click "Donation Frequency" to select how often you want to give.

We have added more funds that you are able to donate to. Also, there will be seasonal funds that will only be available during special seasons such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

ADULT FORUM



Adult Forum will be finishing up Lenny Duncan's book, "Dear Church, a Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S." during Advent. We will cover Chapters 10 and 11 on December 6 and 13, respectively, and have a concluding discussion of the book on Sunday, December 20. Copies of Lenny Duncan's book are available in Salem's Racism Library in the Upper Room. Even if you missed all or some of the previous sessions on this book, please feel free to drop in during the Sunday School hour starting at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays on Salem's Zoom feed.

Adult Forum will restart on January 3, 2021 with a two-session study of Robin D'angelo's You Tube video, "Dismantling White Privilege" facilitated by Karen Amy. Watch Salem's bi-weekly e-mails for upcoming topics in the new year.

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

NEW TO SALEM'S ANTI-RACISM LIBRARY

"White Fragility – Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism" – Robin Diangelo

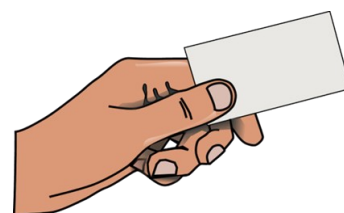
"Biased – Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes What We See, Think, and Do" - Jennifer L Eberhardt, PhD

The small, but growing, collection is located in the Upper Room, on the second floor.

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 CELEBRATIONS OF FAITH WERE IN ABUNDANCE ON NOVEMBER 7TH

On Saturday, November 7, the mood at Salem was particularly joyous. During the 5 p.m. service, two young members completed important faith milestones: Noah Reichardt affirmed his baptismal faith in the Rite of Confirmation and Brooke Proia received her first Holy Communion.

Brooke, a 3rd grader at Catonsville Elementary School, was delighted to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. Pastor Sarah provided the instruction for this event. Brooke's proud parents are Kelly Proia and Theo Proia, and her jubilant grandparents are Salem members Melissa Hoffman Lilley and Chuck Lilley.



Noah completed a two-year Confirmation Program and has the distinction of being the only confirmand in his year. In his first year of the program, the seven other confirmands Noah studied with were confirmed at that time. And this past year, he studied with eight confirmands who will be confirmed next fall. Noah is a 9th grader at Mount St. Joseph High School in Irvington. His proud family members include parents Kelly and Peter Reichardt, and older brother Jackson. Noah's Faith Statement is as follows:

"I believe that God has given us this beautiful world and all it has to offer. I believe that it is our job to care for everything and everyone in the world. I believe that God is loving and forgives our sins. I believe that God listens to our prayer and looks out for us. *(continued...)*



“Faith influences the way I live my life by leading me to care for and be kind to others. During my time at St. Mark School, every week our family made lunches for the “Double Lunch Program.” Every Wednesday, you could make an extra lunch in a brown paper bag, and bring it to school with you. Then, during announcements, the Boy Scouts would collect them, and a volunteer would drive the lunches to a local homeless shelter. I was also a part of the team at St. Mark that collected items for “Blessing Bags.” These were purses filled with small toiletries that were given to area women’s shelters. I am proud to report that I was awarded the Presidential Service Award in 8th grade for giving over 200 hours of service to my community. I am also a member of the Boy Scouts at St. Mark Parish. As a Scout, we are supposed to do good deeds daily, give service to God, and help others. I also find a calling from my faith to serve as an environmental steward, caring for God’s creation by participating in tree plantings, trail maintenance, seashore restorations, park cleanups and more. In all, faith guides my moral compass.

“Being a member of the church has helped me in my faith journey by allowing me get to know the church better. Being an acolyte has let me see the “behind the scenes” of the church. I get to see how the service works, and I get to learn more about it. Confirmation class has given me a chance to develop a deeper understanding of my faith. With Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah I have learned what it means to be a part of the church, and what my next step on my spiritual journey is.

“Faith has played a prominent role in my life both at home and in my education. At times, staying true to God can be a challenge and I question why bad things happen. However, I am rooted in the belief that God loves us and everyone is entitled to His Grace. My faith guides my decisions and calls me to serve others. I am grateful for the role that my faith has played on the journey of my life so far.

“I am choosing to be confirmed because I want to deepen my faith. I want faith to help me make better decisions in life, and I want faith to help guide me in life. I am also honoring my family’s legacy and will be among the fourth generation to be confirmed at Salem. Confirmation has let me learn about the foundations of my faith, and what it means to be a Lutheran. Being confirmed into the Salem Lutheran Church family allows me to continue my spiritual journey. Confirmation prepares me for what is to come in the future.”

Please join us in congratulating Noah and Brooke as they begin their exciting new chapters in the faith community.

VOTING FOR THE 2021 BUDGET



Each Salem family should be receiving a copy of the proposed 2021 budget and a ballot for each member in the mail. You may contact Steve and Sally Kopp, Finance Committee Co-chairs, or the church office if you have any questions on the proposed budget. Please cast your vote and return your ballot(s) in the pre-paid envelope.

SALEM'S SCHOOL KITS PROJECT A ROUSING SUCCESS

Our dear Salem has done it once again. We set a goal of 150 LWR School Kits and you lovingly provided enough supplies for **184 kits!** These kits make possible a hopeful future for children in developing countries around the world, so we are truly thankful to all those who made our School Kit Project such a huge success.

We thank the many donors who dropped supplies off at the church or who had them mailed to the church office. We're grateful, too, to the volunteers who on "God's Work, Our Hands Day" worked to fill the kits with just the right combination of notebooks, scissors, pencils, pens, crayons, sharpeners and rulers. The helpers that day were Berlyn Wells-Huber, Sandy McNair, Nancy Asendorf, Pastor Sarah, Darla Sando, Linda Fleischer, Ed Whetstone, and me.

Special thanks to my incredible sister, Linda Fleischer, and her granddaughter (and our goddaughter) Camden, who helped load Linda's pickup truck and our car and drove to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland. While it was an uplifting day, it was sad to see the warehouse far, far emptier than I have ever seen it. The restrictions on gathering have much reduced the number of quilts being made, and kits gathered for global use. And of course, the needs in the season of this pandemic are greater than ever.

You might remember the plea for school supplies came after learning that 3 containers, full of LWR Quilts & Kits, were lost in the explosion in Beirut. News of this tragedy moved many Lutherans just like you to respond with overwhelming support and determination to replace what was lost. Then, one month after the initial report, LWR received divine news that, against all odds, the containers were intact! Miraculously, the containers' seals were not even broken, leaving every quilt and kit with no chemical contamination. Out of enormous despair and loss, these precious gifts of compassion and kindness remained unharmed, ready to be shared with more than 24,000 neighbors across Lebanon.

Thanks be to God for the stories of renewed life and determined recovery. And for the sparing of LWR's containers of quilts and kits. Again and again God bestows grace for the world to redeem evil with good. We give thanks for the opportunity to have joined that good, prompted by alarm and compassion to gather school kits for children in a troubled and impoverished land.

Vicky Whetstone



SALEM'S ANNUAL (VIRTUAL) CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE!

Show a child you care this Christmas. This pandemic cannot and must not stop our mission so, as has been our tradition for more than 15 years, we are sponsoring the children living at **The Children's Home** in Catonsville by buying them gifts for Christmas. These children live apart from their families and many come to the home without any personal belongings. They have nothing, so they wish for everything.

This year our Giving Tree will be virtual. Here is what to do:

1. **Sign up for a child.** Go to our Signup Genius sign up page, choose a child, click the box next to their name, scroll to the bottom and submit to sign up.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044DADAE29A3FE3-salem>
2. **Find your child's wish list.** Go to the Children's Home website and click on your child's name. It is a link to their wish list. This site also has important guidelines for giving, suggestions for general gifts, as well as drop off dates.
<https://www.thechildrenshome.net/holiday/2020-wish-lists/>
3. **Buy a gift for your child and deliver it to the Home.** You can choose to either drop your gift off at the Children's Home on Bloomsbury Ave. (see specific drop-off dates) or have it shipped directly there (if bought online). **Make sure you do not wrap your gift!**

Thank you for opening your hearts and sharing your blessings this holiday season.

If you have any further questions, please contact Sue Gdovin, 410-458-7198, gdovin409@gmail.com



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.



ARTS COMMITTEE UPDATES



Arts Committee Updates: Due to the pandemic, the Agape Gallery has been closed since February, but there has still been some progress on other fronts.

- We are looking for an image of Jesus which reflects his likely historical appearance. Please contact Marsha F., Beth R., or Judy L. if you'd like to share any images.
- The memorial tiles recently got a black wash so that the lettering and designs can be viewed more easily from Bethany Hall. Many thanks to Lowell Rau for help with scaffolding and painting.

Char Brooks

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 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-catonsville.org.



Coming soon, mark your calendar!

Salem Players will present:

"The Ladies in Waiting of Christmas"

An original production, featuring the women of the Christmas story, told from their unique perspectives and including an opportunity to join us in carol-singing.

Premiering: Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Watch for links.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2020

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
Oct 31/Nov 1	6	18	41	140	Online	205
November 7/8	45	17	41	125	Online	228
November 14/15	16	18	27	145	Online	206
November 21/22	13	20	25	159	Online	217
Thanksgiving				79	Online	79
November 28/29	17	18	26	141	Online	202
TOTALS	97	91	160	789		1137

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday



Thank You!

November 3, 2020

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd
Catonsville MD 21228-4517

Dear Friends,

We recently received your gift of \$1,271.16 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share a story of the great work your gift will support.

During this time of social distancing, we want to continue to bring you closer to the work you are doing around the world and we'd love to show you more examples of your gift in action. Go to LWR.org and sign up for E News to receive the latest updates. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the LWR staff at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Speckhard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D".

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)
President and CEO





Dear Salem,
 Russell and I want
 to thank you for the
 lovely flowers and the
 nice lady who brought them
 to us.

We miss coming to
 church

Russell & Rachel White

Dear Salem family,

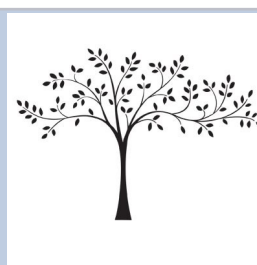
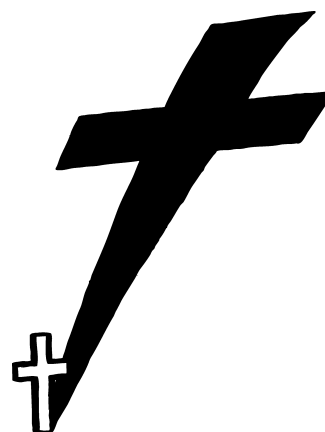
Thank you so much for the many thoughts,
 prayers, calls, flowers, cards and meals sent
 our way as I have recovered from a broken leg.
 (Ken especially appreciated meals that he did not
 have to cook.) I am truly grateful for the
 love and support that was showered on us at
 this time.

Shelley Wolfram



PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs
 Archive Committee: Judy LeGath
 Arts Committee: Charlotte Brooks
 Book Group: Guy Davis, Linda Wayland
 Child Protection Committee: Linda Fleischer
 Children's Ministry Committee: Sharon Stanton
 Christian Fellowship Committee: Darla Sando, Pam Wilsey
 Communications Committee: Guy Davis
 Evangelism Committee: Edie Hahn
 Finance Committee: Sally Kopp, Steve Kopp
 Guardians of Eden: Norma Hensler-Davis
 Health Resources: Beth Rodgers, Lynda Bell
 Historical Old Salem: Sharon Stanton
 Memorial and Bequests: Paul W. Krabitz
 Mutual Ministry (Pastor Asendorf): Julie Kempton
 Mutual Ministry (Pastor Garrett Krey): Lisa Yerkey
 Nursery Committee: Lois Grempler
 Personnel Committee: Scott Graham
 Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara Beem
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