



# THE MONARCH

## LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 17

As with so many aspects of our life together during the pandemic Lent will look a bit different this year for our Salem congregation. We will have in-person Ash Wednesday worship services on February 17 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP for these services using the mid-week mailer. However, our mid-week Lenten worship services will be held at 7:00 p.m. **only** on Zoom this year. The Zoom link will be available on Salem's website and the Salem mid-week mailer. The Faith congregation in Cockeysville will be joining us. We will be using our accustomed format of having lay speakers offer reflections and testimonies regarding various topics. This year's theme is "Questions to Jesus" - questions that were posed to Jesus by friends, seekers, and enemies.

Our Holy Week Schedule will look very familiar with all of our worship services being offered online and in-person with the exception that the Easter Vigil will be held online only.

March 28 Palm Sunday	In-person worship 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Online service premiers at 10:00 a.m.
April 1 Maundy Thursday	In-person worship at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Online service premiers at 2:00 p.m.
April 2 Good Friday	In-person worship at 7:30 p.m. Online service premiers at noon
April 3 Easter Vigil	<b>Online Only</b> Online service premiers at 8:00 p.m.
April 4 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	In-person worship 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Online service premiers at 10:00 a.m.

We will continue the practice of RSVP'ing for all of our in-person worship services. The worship protocol of wearing masks, keeping physical distance, etc. will also continue.

*(Note: Times for the online service premier may change as circumstances require.)*

**Please Note:** Zoom links to Salem's activities are available on Salem's website [www.salem-catonsville.org](http://www.salem-catonsville.org).

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## ZOOM COMMUNION

There's no liturgy with organ accompaniment, no kneeling at the rail, and no sliding back to the pew for a quiet prayer. But even during the pandemic, there is a monthly opportunity to appreciate the quiet nighttime beauty of Salem's sanctuary, to confess and receive forgiveness, and to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all from the safety and comfort of home.

Since last October, Salem has hosted a virtual Communion service on the first Wednesday of every month. A Zoom link to the service is included in regular congregational email announcements (or from the church office). The 7 p.m. service, which runs approximately 20 minutes, includes a reading of the Scripture, prayers, and the Communion liturgy. As the pastors commune each other, those at home partake of bread or crackers and wine or grape juice that has been blessed. An optional fellowship hour follows at 7:30 p.m.

Looking back, Pastor Dave recalled how few had any idea that the pandemic would be as long-lasting as it is turning out to be. Not taking Communion was considered by some as a Lenten discipline, a fast that would be broken on Easter. "That got real old real fast," he noted. When that turned out not to be the case, a variety of plans were considered. One option was to include Communion in the weekly pre-recorded services viewed on YouTube and Facebook. "It didn't seem quite right," he said, "because it wasn't happening in real time and people aren't present."

"Some people only want to do this in person, and I understand that," Pastor Dave continued. He conceded that there is something special when "someone presses that bread in my hand." He understands those who feel "I can wait until we're back in church," pointing out that many have worshiped previously where the Sacrament was not offered at every service. For now, bread (but no wine or juice) is offered at the in-person services.

Just as all are invited to the table at Salem, the live service is open to one and all. As many as 33 people in one month have taken advantage of this special opportunity, including those who have moved from the area. Pastor Dave concluded by praising "the congregation's patience and resilience. I can't say enough good things."



## 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!**



## ONLINE LENTEN WORSHIP SET TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 24

Salem's Wednesday evening Lenten worship has been a time-honored tradition for more than a decade. In a fashion that's somewhat uncharacteristic for the Lutheran church, Salem has opted to take a testimonial approach to these services, giving congregants the spotlight to reflect on specific scriptures and share their personal stories of faith.

The mid-week Lenten services have always been tremendously popular among Salem's parishioners. They were greatly missed last year when the deadly COVID-19 virus, which had recently invaded the Maryland area and was raging at the time, forced their cancellation. As the pandemic lingers, Salem's pastors and staff continue to serve the congregation through an array of online worship and outreach efforts to make them safe and accessible for everyone.

The church is delighted to announce that Lenten worship will resume this year in a virtual format, beginning Wednesday **February 24 at 7 p.m.** These weekly services will be conducted over Zoom and will be held in conjunction with Faith Lutheran. Members of both congregations will be featured, offering up a variety of interesting faith reflections. Those who are sharing their stories will have the option to speak live or to record them in advance. During the services, attendees will be able to lift up their affirmations for speakers via the chat feature. Prayers and hymns will also be included to create a more traditional atmosphere and a complete worship experience. As with Salem's other virtual services, the Lenten worship will be recorded and posted to the website for viewing at any time.

"We believe offering Lenten services in this live online format will add a sense of intimacy and authenticity while removing any health and safety concerns," says Pastor Sarah. "It's important for everyone to know that pastors are not the only ones who have things to share. God speaks through all of us, and this format is a vehicle for others to participate in the exchange."

Salem's various e-bulletins will include a link to join the Lenten worship each week. If you are unsure about how to use Zoom, please call the church office to schedule a brief training session with Pastor Sarah. We hope you'll plan to join us!



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

We began "Takeout Sunday School" in October and we have received a lot of positive feedback! Each month, Eileen Merriman prepares bags containing three (3) Bible stories with related activities for families to complete together based on the theme of the story (we are following the lectionary). Thanks to the volunteers who are delivering the lessons to our families at their homes. Usually on the last Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Eileen hosts 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. Watch for the link to join in the fun from Eileen.

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 and we hope others now are joining us, even if you have no Sunday School age children. We hope to be able to meet in our rotation format again in the Spring. And we are encouraging anyone with craft activities/ideas to share them with Eileen to be incorporated into the "take out bags" for the children/families to work on together at home. Please contact Eileen at [esavage109@yahoo.com](mailto:esavage109@yahoo.com).



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## ADULT FORUM FOR LENT

### **"The Gift of the Gospel – An Overview of Christian Basics"**

The Adult Forum had a great fall study of Lenny Duncan's book "Dear Church" and then had a two-session study of Robin D'angelo's video on "Dismantling White Privilege."

On January 17, we started a five-part series on the book "The Gospel According to the World's Greatest Superhero" by Stephen Skelton. Here's a short synopsis of the book:

From above, a heavenly father sends his only son to save the Earth. Sound familiar? It should—because the Superman storytellers based Superman on Jesus on purpose! That's why the Man of Steel actually champions the truth about the Super Man Himself—Jesus—and this can show readers how to reach friends and family in today's entertainment-focused culture.

Copies of the book are available from the Church Office or Jim Kempton. Feel free to drop in for any of the weeks.

The Adult Forum will continue meeting on Zoom at **9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** Pastor Asendorf will be leading a 6-part study in Lent entitled "The Gift of the Gospel – An Overview of Christian Basics". The study begins on **Sunday February 21** and ends on **Sunday March 28**. No book is required. You can pick up the Zoom link on the mid-week mailer.

We hope you can join us for Adult Forum on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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## LIVE STREAMING UPDATE

Cameras in Salem's Nave will likely be installed in February. If you have watched the joint worship services recorded at Faith Lutheran Church in the past month, you have seen the results of their new cameras. Salem will have five cameras: one on the choir balcony rail to record the chancel, two on the side walls to record the chancel and the choir, one above the organ to record it, and one under the choir balcony to record baptisms. Initially, these cameras will be used to record the pre-recorded service. Eventually, the 11:00 service will be streamed live on YouTube and Facebook. Although there are no plans to view the Congregation, except perhaps in a fleeting shot, if anyone is concerned about their image being seen, there are two easy solutions: worship at the Saturday or 8:15 Sunday service or sit in the Nave in front of the side cameras. In the latter case, only the back of your head could be seen unless you face the rear.

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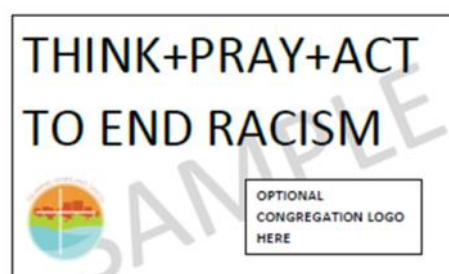
## YARD SIGNS NOW AVAILABLE

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.





## ACTION AND ADVOCACY FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

The Action and Advocacy Group for Anti-Racism met with Pastor Lee Hudson in January. Pastor Hudson serves as an advocate of racial justice for the DEMD Synod in Annapolis on issues that effect racial equity. After an informative discussion our advocacy group decided to support the Synod's efforts by also supporting two pieces of pending legislation this session in MD. Julia Graham updated us on some healthcare legislation (which is deeply impacted by issues of racial inequality), Ryan Fredriksson updated us on a police reform bill, and Michael Esteve gave us a quick tutorial on how to reach out to our local representatives and make our voices heard.



### BALTIMORE CEASEFIRE/BLM CAR CARAVAN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Dear Members of the Synod Racial Justice Team:

Our next community event in partnership Black Lives Matter Interfaith Coalition (BLMIC) is a car caravan in support of Baltimore Ceasefire, scheduled for **Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

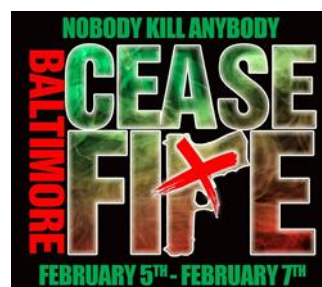
The CEASEFIRE vision is to have zero gun violence and to celebrate life. BLMIC commits itself to "Honor Black Lives and Black History." The BLMIC car caravan will drive by historically significant Black Institutions and

educate ourselves about Black lives well lived and always Black Lives Matter.

We will gather at Lake Clifton Campus, 2816 St Lo Dr., parking on the left side. The directions ask us to again decorate our cars with CEASEFIRE and Black Lives Matter signs. We will begin gathering at 1:30 p.m. to finish decorating our cars and receive last-minute instructions. Before the caravan begins, we hold a prayer service for peace and non-violence. It will include a litany of the 2020 victims and their families.

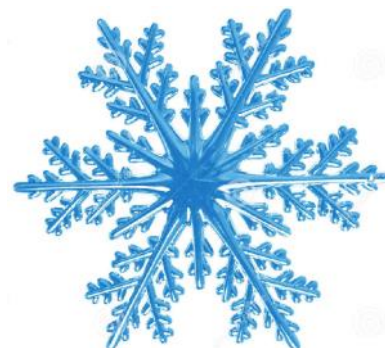
For questions, details or inclement weather plans, **follow BLMIC on Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/BlminterfaithCO> contact Ryan Sattler, [ryansattler@comcast.net](mailto:ryansattler@comcast.net) / 717-891-6156.

**BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER**



## PRAYERS

The God of snowflakes, the God of the moon and stars  
 God of cold nights and sunny winter days,  
 God of skiing rails and skating rails, slippery streets and snowbenches.  
 Watch over us from the cold, preserve from freezing to other people.  
 God of the cold, warm us up to love.  
 God of all of us, lighter than snow, stronger than ice,  
 Be our safety and warmth when we are cold.  
 - Pirjo Kantala,



## A SEASON OF HOPE WITH LWR



We invite you to join us in a Lenten project of sacrifice and hope by helping to make Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief to be provided where they are needed most.

These lifesaving kits, full of items we toss aside without thinking or use with too little gratitude, provide more than good hygiene for our neighbors around the world. They also provide dignity, comfort, and hope amid scarcity, violence, or chaos.

Personal Care Kits are consistently among the most requested kits from our partners around the world. Hygiene is more critical than ever during this global pandemic, especially in communities living in close quarters such as refugee camps.

The list below reflects the contents of one Personal Care Kit. Starting **February 20**, we're asking that you bring any of these items to church and place them in the Personal Care Kits box in the foyer. Or feel free to order items online and have them shipped to the church office, attention "LWR". The kits will be assembled and delivered to the LWR warehouse shortly after Easter.

- One light-weight bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 27" x 52"), dark color recommended (TIP: please no plush towels as they take longer to dry. Walmart has excellent light-weight, inexpensive towels.)
- 2-3 bath-size bars of soap totaling 8-9 ounces (no mini-hotel size bars, please), in original packaging
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (TIP: toothbrushes purchased in multi-packs should be placed individually in a business-size envelope and sealed; no plastic bags or wrap.)
- One sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

**Please only provide items from the list above.** If you're wondering why toothbrushes are listed but no toothpaste, that's because LWR procures the toothpaste and includes it in the distribution.

In this season when we feel so uncommonly separated from one another in our Salem community, we have this happy, hopeful opportunity to make Personal Care Kits together. More than that, we have this chance to place in the hands of vulnerable and marginalized persons in the developing world this welcome aid, serving as sign and substance of Christ's sacrificial love. Thank you so very much for your participation!

Blessings,

Vicky Whetstone

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## PRAYERS

Christ whose words do not pass away, awaken us to the nature of the systems we are planted in. Uproot us, and help us to till new ways of living, moving, and having our being on this Earth. Amen.

God, the love we extend to others comes from the infinite love you've given to us. Help us to be aware of this love so we can love ourselves, others, and ultimately you, more. Amen.

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## HELP WANTED: Treasurer Assistant

Salem is looking for a volunteer to learn to assist our Treasurer, Tom Vasold. The assistant would be responsible for learning Church Windows accounting module (training and support available) and replacing Tom when he goes on vacation. No prior experience is necessary. A willingness to learn and the ability to use a computer are required.

Please contact Steve Kopp (steve@kopp.us.com) or the church office. And thanks for volunteering.

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## ELECTRONIC GIVING

To give through the internet, visit Salem's website 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 when using a credit card, Salem will incur a processing fee of approximately 3.4% which is deducted from your donation and results 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. Please note that any monies given by credit card to help offset fees are also subject to the processing fee.

The first time you give on-line, Vanco assigns a unique customer number for your donation. 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 your profile to set up recurring giving to one or more funds on a weekly or a monthly basis. 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 the Special Appeal or who is being memorialized. Also, please check that the special appeal is not already listed separately 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.

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## HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS AND TRIPS

**We are still 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.

Normally, we would hold a quarterly board meeting in February; however, based on the current circumstances no board meeting will be scheduled. We welcome **Nikki Fatherly** as a new Board member and are looking forward to planning events/programs with her when the time comes that we are able to do so. Hope it's soon.

Sharon Stanton

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## **FLOWER STEWARDS**

Salem Flower Stewards continue to deliver Altar Flowers each week to someone at home following the Sunday 11 a.m. worship service. Altar Guild members prepare the flowers for delivery. If our assigned Flower Steward is not able to get the flowers on Sunday, they contact Robin who is just about always in the church office on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Stewards can call her to verify that they can pick up flowers on Monday. I thank everyone who has agreed to continue delivering the flowers and please remember to follow the guidelines for a safe delivery as we have indicated previously. Should anyone else wish to help with this ministry and serve as a substitute, please contact me at [councilpresident@saalem-catonsville.org](mailto:councilpresident@saalem-catonsville.org) or call me at home on 410-744-8724.

Thank you. Sharon Stanton

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## **SALEM ACCESS CARDS**

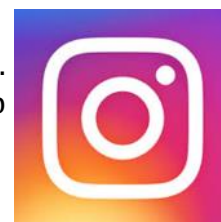
Many members of Salem have access cards which permit entry to Salem outside normal business hours. If you do not currently have a card and require access outside normal business hours, please contact the Technology Committee at [salemtech@saalem-catonsville.org](mailto:salemtech@saalem-catonsville.org) 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.



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## **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. Pastor Sarah and Guy Davis will contribute. Keep up to date on what's going on at Salem.



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## **FINAL CONGREGATIONAL BALLOT RESULTS**

- The Livestreaming Proposal passed - 218 yes and 16 no.
  - The proposed Church Budget for 2021 was adopted - 214 yes and 1 no.
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## **AROUND THE PARISH**

- Super kudos to Abby Timmel who has been awarded a Churchill Scholarship to Cambridge University in England. She'll be working on a masters in Physics.
  - We are pleased and proud to share that Pastor Amsalu Geleta has been called as Senior Pastor to Christ Lutheran Church in the Inner Harbor. Pastor Geleta will begin his call (and leaving Salem) on February 1.
  - Marleigh Toscano delivered the sermon for the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) January 24 service. You can view the service, and her sermon, at the DE-MD website <https://demdsynod.org/>.
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## 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



## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Church Council decided to restart in-person worship beginning January 30<sup>th</sup> and continuing. Pastor Asendorf presented a proposal to the Council for the Salem congregation to share \$200,000 from its assets. Salem's assets have grown considerably for years and the time has come to share from our abundance. The proposal is to give \$100,000 to CEA to help them purchase a new building as they have outgrown their present building at 25 Bloomsbury. And to gift \$100,000 to the North Avenue Mission to help this new and growing outreach to the homeless to purchase a building from which to operate. If Salem were to make these gifts then we would still have \$1 million in assets. This proposal has the support of the Salem Finance Committee. The Church Council is praying on this proposal and will take it up again at its February meeting. If approved then the congregation will be asked to authorize these gifts through a congregational vote.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS! VOUCHERS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

Salem vouchers for reimbursement for expenses are now available on Salem's website [www.salem-catonville.org](http://www.salem-catonville.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!

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## SALEM SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduating in 2021? You might be eligible for a Salem Scholarship!

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

Salem scholarships recognize accomplishment in any of the following categories:

- academic achievement;
- Christian character, service, and citizenship;
- educational and career goals;
- and financial need.

They also take into account the differing ways in which students have applied their talents and interests, and recognize the variety of post-high school educational experiences that may be the best fit for students.

The deadline for 2021 applications is **April 15**. Salem's high school seniors will receive a personal letter inviting them to consider applying for the program, but it's not too early to learn about the program. If you want to learn more, a brochure and application form are available from the church office.

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## 2021 MARNI MCNICHOL SCHOLARSHIP

It is with pleasure I am contacting you that the 2021 Marni McNichol Scholarship application period is now open.

The Amystrong Foundation is partnering with the McNichol family to award Maryland high school seniors with a scholarship, in honor of Marni McNichol.

Submission deadline is **Friday April 16, 2021**. Recipient(s) will be notified in early May. Full submissions include official transcripts from schools and must be received before prizes are awarded.

Last year we granted 5 graduating seniors \$20,000 and we hope to do so again this year!

For more information about the lovely Marni McNichol and the scholarship fund to honor her, check out our website <http://www.amystrong.org/scholarship.html>

Please feel free to share this information with coworkers, family, friends, local churches etc. We are trying to get the word out to as many eligible applicants as possible.

Thank you,

Meghan McNichol-Tress

[MeghanM115@gmail.com](mailto:MeghanM115@gmail.com)



# Marni McNichol Scholarship Fund

Powered by the Amystrong Foundation

## Now Accepting Applications!

The Amystrong Foundation is offering up to **\$20,000 in scholarship funds** to Maryland seniors who have been impacted by breast cancer. You must be a senior attending High School in the state of Maryland, who plans to attend college in the 2021/2022 school year.

Applicants should [apply online](#) and complete a short questionnaire, an essay and submit official transcripts to be considered. The deadline for applications will be Friday, April 16th and recipient(s) will be announced shortly after.

For more information about the Marni McNichol scholarship fund visit our website [www.amystrong.org/scholarship.html](http://www.amystrong.org/scholarship.html)



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*Awards are completely dependent on funds raised and are subject to change. Scholarship funds are submitted directly to the recipient's school of attendance by Amystrong Foundation. Recipient(s) is responsible for any/all tax reporting.*

## Bible Word Search

About Jesus

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| • CROSS        | • SINS          | • TEACHER     |
| • RESURRECTION | • LIGHT         | • GATE        |
| • VINE         | • FIRST         | • LAST        |
| • WAY          | • TRUTH         | • LIFE        |
| • LOVE         | • BELIEVE       | • LEADER      |
| • CREATOR      | • RIGHTEOUSNESS |               |

**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](mailto:salemtech@salem-catonsville.org).



## 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."*

*Barrett Graham Zimmerman*

*January 16, 2021*

### 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."*

*Mary W. Asendorf*

*January 8, 2021\**

*Karen Denise Smith*

*January 15, 2021\**

\*non-members

## ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
January 3	<b>No in-person worship</b>			198	Online	<b>198</b>
January 10				174	Online	<b>174</b>
January 17				185	Online	<b>185</b>
January 24				177	Online	<b>177</b>
January 31	14	13	8	174	Online (SNOW DAY!)	<b>209</b>
TOTALS	14	13	8	908		<b>943</b>

\*Week reflects Saturday through Friday





## Baltimore Lutheran Campus Ministry

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Nov. 24, 2020

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Dear people of Salem,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,200 to support the work of Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry in Baltimore. Your donation allows us to do the joyful and important work of witnessing to the love and hope of Jesus on our campuses. You allow us to be church together.

Church that looks different- like eating s'mores in a parking lot to find ways to be safe and connected. And church that has looked like students sharing the moments they have seen God at work over group text during the week. And church that looks like writing letters together, while connecting over Zoom, so that folks who are part of our Lutheran congregation in the prison system will know that their family in Christ is caring about them.

And this last week, church has looked like a wide community from all over coming together to support our students. In the last week, 15 different folks, from as far away as Minnesota, have stepped up to send treat boxes to 39 of our students as a way to remind them that their family in Christ is praying for them. And when we needed a few more packages sent, it was our alum- some who only graduated last year- who sent the last 8 packages because they wanted to be a part of that same Christian community that cared for them while they were students. Because it matters.

Thank you for being partners with us in the work of the gospel.

In Christ,

*Pastor Laura*

*Thank you for continuing  
to support our work  
with students!*

I would like to thank my Salem Family for the get well wishes and prayer I received after my recent knee replacement surgery. The operation and rehabilitation have gone very well. I look forward to being able to worship at Salem again in the near future. God bless!

Paul Krabitz



Jan 12, 2021

Dear Pastor Dave & Salem Family  
I want to say Thank  
You for all of your love,

prayers & cards over the  
seven months I was not well.

Three hospital stays from  
April to November, & a month  
of home IV infusion was  
a rough time. I now feel  
much better! As I begin  
my 70<sup>th</sup> year of life, I pray  
that 2021 will be a great  
year!

Thank you so much!

Christ's joy  
&  
Blessings

Marcie



What a happy and wonderful surprise  
to get the delivery of the Salem altar  
flowers! They are a beautiful  
reminder of the caring support of  
our Salem family. We hope that we  
can be together again soon.

Thanks very much,  
Pete and Jane Stover



Welcome. Worship will begin shortly.

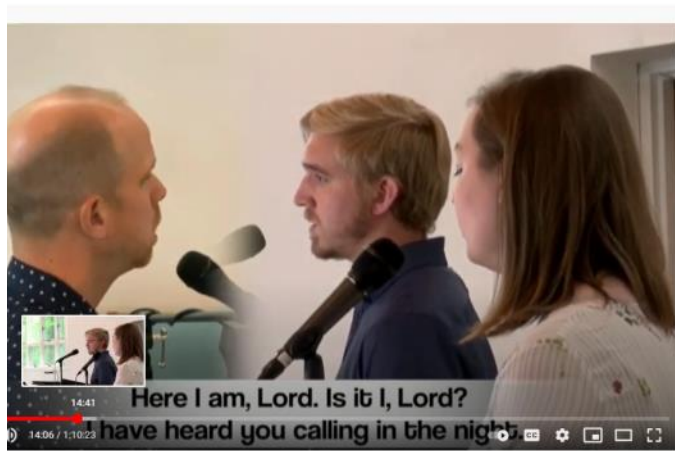


We're so glad you are here.



**Dearest Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;**

Scenes  
from  
Online  
Worship

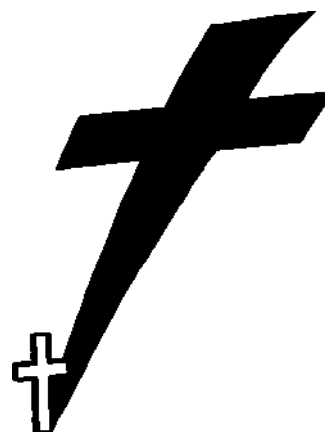






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"Intercessory prayer can penetrate the hearts of those we cannot open and shield those we cannot guard and teach where we cannot speak and comfort where our hearts have no power to soothe. Prayer with its unseen hand, can enter where we may not." If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



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