



# THE MONARCH

## ONGOING RENOVATION UPDATES

### DOWNSTAIRS RESTROOMS' RENOVATION MOVES FORWARD

Duane Linsenhardt and Jim Kruger report that renovations are moving ahead and should be completed soon, hopefully in time for our Rally Day opening of Sunday school on Sunday, September 19. Minor issues are being resolved with Catonsville Plumbing Services (the company hired to complete the project). Floors will be cleaned and waxed and then painting will be done by John Pfluger who painted Bethany Hall, the Sunday school entrance area and the Sunday school hallway.

### REFORMATION HALL RENOVATIONS

Work is moving forward and the project is well underway. Duane Linsenhardt, Matt Medicus and Paul Timmel are planning to rent a one man lift from ABC Rental Company for a month on or about July 30 for removal of the stage lighting and fixture installation. As Drama Camp is currently in Reformation Hall and running through July 30, work is slowing down as coordination with the Drama Camp Team needs to take place. Once the new lighting is installed, painting by Tabler Painting will begin, hopefully by the middle of August. New carpet will be installed at the completion of the new lights installation and painting. More details to come as events unfold and work is progressing.

Many thanks to all who so faithfully contribute to the RSVP (Renew Sustain Venture Proclaim) fund to keep our building up-to-date.



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## BACK TO SCHOOL? MAYBE NOT

While parents in the U.S. are counting the days until school starts, parents in developing countries are wondering if their children will be able to attend school at all. In many of those countries, parents, who already struggle to earn a livable wage, are required to pay for their children's schooling and supplies. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Your love and compassion can help break this cycle by providing essential school supplies. Throughout August, we'll be collecting the items below for much needed School Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Notebooks (70-80 sheets, 8.5 x 11, college or wide ruled); NO loose paper please  
Pencil sharpeners  
Blunt scissors  
Crayons (boxes of 16 or 24)

Supplies can be shipped directly to Salem or placed in the LWR box in the foyer. Please ONLY provide the items listed above, as we have supplies left over from your generosity in last year's School Kit drive. You're wonderful!

Blessings,  
Vicky Whetstone

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## ADULT FORUM

Despite COVID-19, and having to do Adult Forum over Zoom, we averaged nine participants per Sunday. To those who attended and taught, thank you. Here is a short list of the topics we covered in the Adult Forum.

- A study of Lenny Duncan's "Dear Church": a look at racism in society and the ELCA
- WWII and Salem: items and stories from Salem's archives
- Deconstructing White Privilege: a video by Beverly DiAngelo
- The Gospel According to the World's Greatest Superhero: a look at the parallels between the Gospels and the story of Superman
- The Gift of the Gospel: a look at the some of the basic components of our faith
- The Forgotten Books of the Bible: a look at the history and today's applicability of the books of Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther

We plan to start off this fall with classes in the Katie Luther Room. The initial list of topics includes Salem in 1921 and a look at the early Church. The September Monarch will provide additional details about fall offerings. We hope to see you on Sundays at 9:35 am starting September 19.

## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO ALEX TRAGERT

Saturday, June 26 was the last service for Alex Tragert as our Saturday evening musician. He came to us as a young college student at the time. He was selected for this position after interviews with 4 or 5 other candidates. As the Saturday service grew in its steadfastness, Alex himself grew as a follower of Christ and as a man. He was baptized at Salem at the Easter Vigil and was married by Pastor Dave over Zoom during the pandemic. Earlier this year, he and his wife Taylor purchased a new home in Frederick County. He has recently taken a new job as an audio-visual systems specialist, a job that will require a lot of travel. Salem rejoiced in his talent and received him in his baptism. God blessed us all through his musical leadership. After receiving a blessing from Pastor Sarah and Pastor Dave, Alex expressed his gratitude saying "I came here as a young college student and I did not know what to expect. I am grateful for all I have received here – most of all for an invitation to the table. I will miss each and every one of you. Thank You."

The service was followed by a fellowship period in Reformation Hall with a special cake, cookies, and soda. Pastor Dave presented Alex with a gift from the congregation.

## WELCOME SID MEIER

**Sid Meier**, Salem's new Director of Saturday music, who is replacing Alex Tragert, is no stranger to Salem. We know him as one of the faces in the Salem-Faith Virtual Choir during our time of joint pre-recorded worship services. Over the last year, Sid has worked with the Virtual Choir to record, mix, and create music videos for our joint online worship services. He has served as the Director of Contemporary Music at Faith Lutheran Church in Cockeysville for over ten years. Sid enjoys singing with the worship team and leading on keyboard or guitar. He also enjoys reading, technology, golf, and designing computer strategy games.



## NEW PERSPECTIVES NAR-ANON GROUP NOW MEETING AT SALEM

For several decades, a Nar-Anon group called New Perspectives, met on the Sheppard Pratt grounds in Ellicott City. That complex has moved to a sparkling, newly-built complex in Elkridge, resulting in the need to find a new location for the New Perspectives group. With deep thanks to Salem, permission was given to use Reformation Hall every Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. for the New Perspectives meeting. Salem has a long history of graciously opening our building to outside groups, allowing God's ongoing healing, recovery, support, and serenity to take place week after week.

For those not familiar with Nar-Anon, it is a 12-step program for friends or loved ones of those struggling with addiction. While it is designed to help friends and families release their addict with love, the principles can be applied to many other areas of life. The New Perspectives meeting is open to anyone, so please know you're welcome to join us if you have a friend or family member experiencing addiction.

With Thanks and Gratitude,  
Vicky Whetstone

## SALEM BOOK GROUP RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

The Salem Book Group will resume meeting on **September 13**. It regularly meets on the second Monday of each month in the Upper Room at **7:30 p.m.**. The group is open to all readers interested in meeting and discussing books. Books discussed range from novels, nonfiction, and biographies, short stories, or poetry.

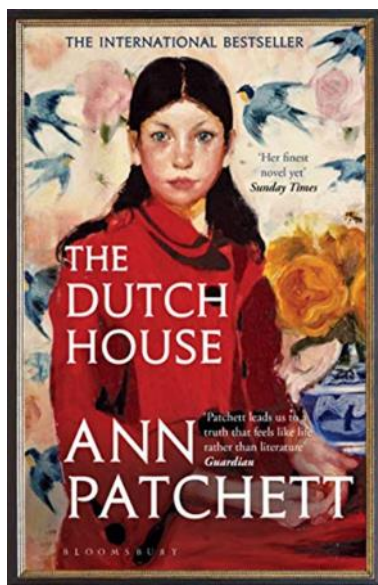
2021-22 Schedule so far:

**September** — *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

**October** — *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson

**November** — *Native: Identity, Belonging and Rediscovering God* by Kaitlin B. Curtice

**January** — *Katharina: Deliverance* by Margaret Skea.



The best authors make the pages they write come to life: their words and characters shimmer with authenticity, motivation, and desire. The story can be simple or complex, familiar or otherworldly, but without connection, it is nothing. In Ann Patchett's eighth novel, *The Dutch House*, everyone and everything bustles with vitality. It is a story about the interminable bond between siblings and it is an absolute joy to read. The novel follows a brother and sister who grow up in a fairy tale—a huge

house, a loving father, and a caring staff. The only thing that's missing is their mother, who had a more fraught existence, and fled the pressures of managing the household when they were young. When their father dies and leaves his fortune to their stepmother, the kids are left to fend for themselves, going on to live a drastically different life than they had imagined. The house of their youth haunts them through adulthood, and revenge is their desire—but not in the way you imagine. *The Dutch House* is moving and thoughtful—a quietly brilliant novel that has quickly become a favorite.—*Al Woodworth, Amazon Book Review*

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## **SALEM NEEDS YOU!!!!!!**

### **WANT TO RENEW FRIENDSHIPS AND ACQUAINTANCES????**

Plan to volunteer as a greeter on Sunday mornings at either the early or late (8:15/11:00 a.m.) service. It really is a simple task, one that requires a smile as parishioners enter the church at the main entrance doors. We are still refraining from shaking hands and hugging each other, but a beautiful smile is a wonderful way to greet each other as we come to worship. Should there be a visitor or visitors, you would ask them to sign the guest register (which is on the podium right at the entrance doors to the Nave) as well as help them find their way in the building should the need arise. Wouldn't you like to participate? Please contact me or leave a note of "Yes I'd love to volunteer" with your preference of service time (early or late service) in the Old Salem mailbox, first floor hallway near the Office. Oh, and don't forget to put your name on the note, too.

**Greeters' schedule is published on the Worship Servant Board located near the nurses' office.**

### **REQUEST FOR NEW PERSONS TO FILL SALEM'S FOOD SERVICE MANAGER POSITION**

Debbie Brohawn and Sharon Stanton have served as a Certified Food Service Managers, each for a three year term. Debbie Brohawn's certification has expired and Sharon Stanton's expires in September 2021. Salem is required to have a Food Service Manager present when we sell food at events (Marketplace; receptions where food is being served; God's Work, Our Hands, etc.). We need at least two (2) volunteers to fill these positions, especially with the upcoming receptions. Volunteers are required to be in attendance at any "food events." Periodically, a representative from the Health Department comes to Salem for an inspection (usually an unannounced, scheduled time) and Robin Schaefer, our Church Administrator, has been present to meet with them. The last inspection was in May and other than Styrofoam cups still in the pantry (which Robin disposed of) all was good with the inspection. Please let Sharon Stanton and/or Pastor Dave know you are interested as soon as possible.

**LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE** - The Property Committee would like to form a Landscaping Committee that would be responsible for trimming, weeding and taking care of the plants and garden beds on the Church property. If interested please contact Pastor Dave.

**LAZARUS CAUCUS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE** - The Lazarus Caucus is an organization of Catonsville congregations that works to help the men at the homeless shelter on the Spring Grove campus. The Lazarus Caucus Board meets monthly on Mondays at 7 pm on Zoom. When they return in person they will probably be back here at Salem for their meetings. (Wittenberg Room) For more information or to volunteer please contact Andrea Ratajczak  
Executive Director at 410-707-3433.

**VILLAGE AT AUGSBURG DELEGATE** - The Village at Augsburg on Campfield Road (Lochearn) is seeking a delegate from Salem to serve as a representative from Salem to this Lutheran retirement community located in Lutheran. Over the years Salem members have been residents of the Village. Presently Salem member Lynda Miller lives there. Please see Pastor Dave for more information.

## A SPECIAL SALEM CROSS

Recently Pastor Sarah received a package from a friend, Pastor Jim Muratore, who serves St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Hampden. The package contained the 7" x 8" stained glass cross, pictured here. Pr. Jim told her that the cross had been given to Jeanne Warfield when she spent time at Salem as our vicar. He also informed Pr. Sarah that the cross was crafted with glass from both Old Salem (the center cobalt blue square) and glass from our Frederick Road location.



1985 Intern Jeanne Warfield

A Google search placed Jeanne Warfield at Gettysburg Seminary in the 1980s. Research in our own church records placed her with us during the 1984-85 academic year.

Church records also documented the valuable contributions she made while our vicar. In addition to assisting with worship and education, she worked with others in the community in the establishment of a multi-parish food pantry, Catonsville Emergency Food Network, that continues today as CEA. She also developed a clown ministry\*, The Salem Fools, that visited local nursing homes and assisted living facilities, giving performances that she described in a Monarch article as "sharing the Good News message."

It has been equally interesting to uncover information about the cross. Pr. Ed Whetstone felt certain that it had been made by George Danson, whose daughter, Lois Grempler, was able to positively identify it as her father's work. Pr. Ed described the source of the Frederick Road Salem glass as part of a stained glass window repair project in 1979 that produced quite a bit of glass discarded by workers. He said that he and George watched the trash cans closely to save any that could be reused. Pr. Ed recalled that George made a number of crosses. The Old Salem cobalt glass could probably be George's retrieval work as well. For many years he spent countless hours caring for our original church home. Occasional vandalism at Old Salem has often been directed at its stained glass windows.

Pr. Jim filled in the details of the cross's return to Salem. Pr. Jeanne retired from parish ministry earlier this year. She and her husband have decided to live aboard their sailboat, a move that has required considerable downsizing. Consequently, she placed the cross with him. He believes that with such a strong Salem connection, the cross should find a permanent home with us.

A note from Jeanne Warfield:

*I am in receipt of your note, kindly forwarded to me by Bob Wilson (of Grace LC/Forest Hills). [Hi Bob, thank you!]*

*How wonderful George Danson's handwork could come "home" to Salem after these (many) years. Indeed, thanks go to Pr. Jim Muratore (a friend, now colleague, known to me for not-quite-as-many-years as Salem). I'm glad for his and Pr. Sarah Garret Krey's parts in getting this art piece to you. It has been a standard hung in our parsonage residence/s (or my office/s) across the years. In each place it has served as a personal reminder to give thanks for forebears in the faith and reflect present light in all it's rainbow hues. It's often triggered prayers for the people who are Salem Catonsville congregation too.*

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\*Clown ministry-popular in the 1980s, involved participants dressing as traditional circus clowns and using pantomime to teach messages of faith.

## A SPECIAL SALEM CROSS (cont'd)

*While having the glass cross on board our now "sailing vessel home" was unwise in various ways, I delight to have another Salem remembrance aboard. It's a handmade "Old Salem" Christmas ornament, from my vicar days with Salem. I'm not positive, yet my memory wants me to think George D. is its maker also. I look forward to seeing it grace our nativity celebration again this Christmas time as it has in prior years. "HOW" is yet to be imagined.*



*I am truly grateful to receive your note. My time in Catonsville with Pastor Ed Whetstone and congregation made quite a mark in my heart, formed me for and in pastoral ministry [Thank you], and helps me to live and grow daily into the mark on my brow! Thanks be to God.*

*Peace & Joy!*

*Rev. Jeanne R. Warfield*

*P.S. Greetings too from Sheldon Warfield, spouse and sailing companion. Salem has many memories for him too. (Choir, Bells, Drama with Salem Players, painting classrooms).*

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## DANIEL COLLINS

We just finished moving into our new apartment in Grosse Ile Township, Michigan. Grosse Ile is an island in the Detroit river wedged between mainland Michigan and Amherstburg, Ontario. One can see the auto factory smokestacks of Detroit, Windsor to the north, and the mouth of Lake Erie and the beginnings of Ohio to the south. It's a very peaceful area.

The church we are serving, St Thomas, is a small-to-medium sized congregation that not long ago had to dismiss the previous minister for reasons which were less than ideal. Our job in this coming year will be to restore trust in this worshipping community and hopefully to grow the church back to the size achieved by the last responsible minister. It won't be easy, but we appreciate a good challenge.

As for our growing family, we will be very excited to welcome our son Andrew (Andy) into the world at the end of August. This past year has been difficult, but we are coming out with more blessings afterward than we ever could have imagined in times before. I think very often of my Salem family.

Sincerely,

Daniel, Amelia, and Andy



## AROUND THE PARISH

- Congrats to Eric Loewner who received the Boy Scouts highest rank of Eagle Scout. Eric's Eagle Award Ceremony was held on Saturday June 12, 2021 in Bethany Hall.
- On behalf of Salem, the Tech Committee gifted two unused IPAD's to The Children's Home. They were excess because of the installation of the livestreaming equipment.

### Church Council Highlights, June Meeting

- Approved expenditures of \$8,900 to replace the lighting in Reformation Hall and \$9,700 to paint Reformation Hall.
- Approved a contribution of \$1,000 to the DE-MD Synod's new First Call Seminarian Fund.
- Sid Meier will serve as our new Saturday Evening Musician.
- Received the Audit Report from Ray Hamelin. No concerns or issues regarding the church's finances for last year.

### Twelve Step Groups Have Returned

Prior to the pandemic Salem had six Twelve Step Groups. As of June we are now again hosting six groups. They are:

<b>Sunday</b>	Al-Anon	8 p.m.
	AA	8 p.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Nar-Anon	8 p.m. (new group)
	AA	8 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	AA Daily Reflections	5:30 - 7 p.m.
	AA West Baltimore	7 - 9 p.m. (new group)
<b>Friday</b>	AA Catonsville Noon	12 noon (new group)

### No Longer Collecting Campbell Soup Labels

We are no longer collecting Campbell Soup labels as the program has ended. Thanks for all who have taken the time to contribute labels during the past years.

### Save the Dates

Salem Marketplace - **Saturday November 6, 2021 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Pastor Ed Whetstone's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination - **Sunday, November 14, 2021**

Worship at 4 p.m. at Salem

Pastor Paula Roulette preaching

Bishop Bill Gohl presiding

Potluck Supper immediately following in Bethany Hall



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## UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL VOTES

### **Election of New Council Members via mail to congregation to go out the end of August**

At June's Council meeting, members agreed that election of new Council members would take place via mail rather than in-person as was previously held at September worship services. It is felt that we are omitting a number of congregation members who are unable to attend in person worship services when the voting takes place. Consequently, the mailing of ballots to all congregation members will eliminate this issue. We will adhere to the 30 day notification process in the mailing.

### **Presentation of Annual Budget and request for approval of same via mail**

At June's Council meeting, members agreed that notification and voting for our annual budget presented in December for the next year would be accomplished via mail rather than in person at worship services. Again, it is felt that we would be omitting a number of congregation members who are unable to attend in person worship services when the voting takes place. Consequently, the mailing of ballots to all congregation members will eliminate this issue. We will adhere to the 30 day notification process.

Salem's By-Laws will be updated to incorporate ballot mailings rather than in person voting of the above two issues. A task force of Tina Hall, Ann Ramsey (both attorneys), Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah will complete the updates.

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## CAN YOU SPARE SOME STAMPS?

Would you buy a sheet of first-class stamps if it would help others?

As you know, Salem has long supported the Community of St Dysmas and it's prison ministry, which is currently represented by Pastor Susan Beck. The Community of St Dysmas has been mailing devotional and Bible study materials to several prisons and some of us in the Salem congregation have been writing letters.

Mail is especially important in the prisons now, as they have been on lockdown for over a year and a half due to the pandemic. I am writing to a woman who is in her seventies and has been incarcerated for almost forty years. Currently, she is in a cell by herself. Lockdown has been difficult, and she says she feels all alone in the world. Like other inmates, she would like to write to friends and family and to answer letters she has received, but tells me that stamps are very difficult for her to get.

I am hoping that the wonderful Salem congregation can help me collect postage stamps to be distributed to inmates who are part of our St. Dysmas Community. It would mean so much if they could stay in touch with others during this difficult time. A "book" of twenty First-Class Forever stamps costs \$11, but the price goes up on **August 29<sup>th</sup>**. This project, then, will last the month of August. How many stamps can we collect? Please look for a collection box in the foyer and deposit stamps there. Cash or checks (made out to Salem) will also be used to purchase stamps.

Thank you! And in the words of my pen pal, "Peace and love to you. May your day be filled with love."  
Sue O'Connor

## SALEM MARKETPLACE WILL BE MAKING A COME BACK!

Mark your calendars now for **November 6, 2021** for the return of Salem Marketplace. Start setting aside all those books and unwanted treasures for the White Elephant and Jewelry table. We are hoping that some members spent some time crafting or doing art work during the pandemic, and, so, are hoping more members will sell their creations this year!

We would like to ask all members for help with the Silent Auction this year. Due to the pandemic, many businesses will not be in the position to donate gift certificates this year. Many of you may have purchased gift certificates to support local businesses during the pandemic and never used them. Why not donate them for the Silent Auction? It doubles the impact of your generosity! Some might be even willing to purchase gift certificates to donate. Also start thinking about what special skills or services you might be able to donate for the auction.

Darla Sando will be contacting all the church committees to request baskets for the Silent Auction, so start brainstorming themes if you are a committee member.

We have lined up leaders for all the areas (please contact them to volunteer):

Beth Rodgers - Kitchen  
 Mary Krebs - Bake Table  
 Karen Amy - Books  
 Treen Null and Barbara Myers - Jewelry  
 Dee and Mel Trimble and Pat Krenzke - Silent Auction  
 Edie Hahn - White Elephant  
 Ed Whetstone - Fair Trade

The three charities for 2021 are

North Avenue Mission  
 The Hearing and Speech Agency  
 Trees for the Future

Julia Graham and Karen Amy, Co-chairs

### 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 [salemttech@salem-catonville.org](mailto:salemttech@salem-catonville.org).

**THE MEAT MADNESS @ CHEF PAOLINO'S**  
**(an update from Ellen Draper)**

The Meat Madness Summer Campaign is going well. So far \$2,750 has been raised to help support the food deliveries to the Westside Shelter and My Brother's Keeper (MBK). On average, \$450 is the cost for each delivery. Consequently, donations received between **now and August 31<sup>st</sup>** (the end of the summer campaign) will be used to make a last delivery to the shelters in September.

Here is how the summer edition of "The Meat Madness" operates. Please send a \$20 check payable to Chef Paolino Café, 726 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228. Indicate "Meat Madness" in the memo line of your check. **NOTE:** Checks are the **only** form of payment accepted. Then Chef Paolino's purchases ham, turkey, roast beef, and cheeses that will be sliced by the Methodist Church volunteers and delivered to the Westside Men's Shelter and My Brother's Keeper by volunteer drivers. ***Donations for this summer campaign will be accepted through August 31, 2021.***

Pickups of the meat/cheese purchases from Chef Paolino's take place on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. and are taken to the Catonsville Methodist Church (CUMC) on Melvin Avenue (side parking lot entrance) by 4 p.m. by a volunteer. There the meats & cheeses are sliced, packaged, and refrigerated by volunteers. On Thursdays at noon, these trays are picked up and delivered to the Westside Shelter and My Brother's Keeper, again by a volunteer(s). If you would like to volunteer to help out with these arrangements (it takes only a very brief period of time for the pickups and deliveries), the following dates are available in August:

***Wednesday, August 4*** - pick up from Chef P's at 3:30 p.m.; deliver to CUMC at 4 p.m.

***Thursday, August 5*** - pick up from CUMC at noon; deliver to Westside Shelter and MBK

***Wednesday, August 11*** - pick up from Chef P's at 3:30 p.m.; deliver to CUMC at 4 p.m.

***Thursday, August 12*** - pick up from CUMC at noon; deliver to Westside Shelter and MBK

***Wednesday, August 18*** - pick up from Chef P's at 3:30 p.m.; deliver to CUMC at 4 p.m.

***Thursday, August 19*** - pick up from CUMC at noon; deliver to Westside Shelter and MBK

***Wednesday, August 25*** - pick up from Chef P's at 3:30 p.m.; deliver to CUMC at 4 p.m.

***Thursday, August 26*** - pick up from CUMC at noon; deliver to Westside Shelter and MBK

Ellen extends her sincerest thanks to all the churches and community groups involved:

**Catonsville Presbyterian, Salem Lutheran, Catonsville United Methodist, Christian Temple, Grace AME, St. Mark Parish, New Hope Community, and Knights of Columbus Patapsco Council No. 1960.** She also sends a special "Thank You" to Loriann Hughes and her fantastic group of volunteers at the Catonsville Methodist Church who slice and package the meats and cheeses each week, as well as the volunteer drivers and back up drivers: Bruce Kummer, Josie Rubin, Sharon Stanton, Nancy and Bill Henderson, Charre Symms, Patti Palattella, Maureen Wieland, Jane Burton, and Mike and Dorothy Hilditch.

If you would be interested in helping in anyway with this campaign, please contact Ellen at [ellengdraper@hotmail.com](mailto:ellengdraper@hotmail.com).

## LIVE FROM CATONSVILLE, IT'S SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WORSHIP

Live streaming of Salem's worship began in May for the Sunday 11:00 a.m. service and expanded in July to include the Saturday 5:00 p.m. service. Initially the number of online worshipers were over one hundred, but as more people are comfortable in returning to in-person worship, the number of online worshipers has stabilized at between forty and fifty – still a significant fraction of Salem's worshipers. The services are available on Salem's YouTube page, Facebook page, and website and can be viewed live or after the fact.

Joey Morgan, Salem's Worship Technology Manager, controls our five cameras to give an enriching and engaging experience. New choir microphones have recently been installed and the system is fully operational. Joey, together with the committee chairs of Communications and Technology, Guy Davis and Steve Kopp, respectively, and our contractor ArmbrusterAV have optimized the system for Salem. As Joey says, "I am very happy and pleased with how the system is now operating."

In addition to worship services, wedding and funerals/memorial services can be recorded and/or live-streamed. Another aspect of Salem's online presence is evangelism and outreach to people who are church shopping and who may view Salem's services and discern if Salem is the right church for them.

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/SalemLutheranChurchCatonsvilleMD>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/salemlutheranchurch.catonsville>

**Website:** <https://www.salem-catonsville.org>

**(More pictures on next page)**



## REFUGEE TASK FORCE UPDATE

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

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

Our profound thanks to these homework helpers:

Donna Reuter  
Billie Jo Kreps

Beth Rodgers  
Char Brooks

Kristine Lavin  
Sara Toscano

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

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

Pastor Whetstone, Chair



## NORTH AVENUE MISSION UPDATE

Introducing Keia McCray, NAM Community Coordinator! Wow what a blessing to this community already. Say hi or drop an emoji or gif to help us welcome her!

Keia and Atticus met one day at Family Life, when Keia shared that she had a passion to walk alongside people who have experienced trauma in their lives. It was a Holy Spirit movement since that Divine Appointment, ending in Keia being NAM's very first hire! A beautiful gift from our siblings in Christ at Salem Lutheran Church, Catonsville, is making this possible, and we're so grateful.

Keia has a wealth of wisdom and lived experience she brings to this new position. Being from West Baltimore, Keia's knowledge and experiences of systemic oppression and the traumas that the community endures on a daily basis due to racism and racist policies run deep.

Keia has a rare intuition enabling her to accompany individuals in their struggles and help them fasten their hands to hope and strength, and an unshakeable conviction in each person's worth as a child of God - unhoused or not, using drugs, in recovery, whatever the circumstance - that person will be treated with the dignity they deserve. She has a life story that will make you drop your head and take a seat, and most of all, Keia has a faith in God that she can't stop sharing about, that'll make you want to get back up and start praising. She says, "I love seeing the true power of healing and transformation. I feel so blessed being a part of someone's transformational journey, witnessing God's work! God never forgets us."



We are so excited that God brought Keia to us. As part of her role she will work with Red Shed Villagers on a one-to-one basis as well as coordinate the many pieces of life at North Ave Mission on a weekly basis: part harm reduction Village, part free market, part worshipping community, part mutual aid society, part baby church. Keia will be at Family Life at Ynot Lot every week, and regularly at Red Shed Village and the NAM space in St. Mark's basement.

Almost even more exciting is that Keia will also be mentored by NAM's treasured partners at Power Inside and coached in trauma counseling and case management, learning on the job from incredible practitioners, and laying the groundwork for her to achieve her dreams of one day opening a transitional house for women who are survivors of violence and trauma. Please help us welcome Keia McCray!

## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM



Salem has an Instagram account. Follow us at [salemlutheranchurchcatonsville](https://www.instagram.com/salemlutheranchurchcatonsville). Lizzy Fitch, Pastor Sarah, and Guy Davis 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."*

*Marni Catherine Tress*

*June 13, 2021*

**AT THE GRAVE**

*"For the assurance and hope of our faith and for the saints you have received into your eternal joy, we thank you, Heavenly Father."*

Betty Durken

6/30/2021

Myrtle Murphy\*

7/06/2021

*\*not a Salem member*

**ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JUNE/JULY 2021**

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
June 5&6	13	43	53	90	Online	<b>199</b>
June 12&13	13	39	54	82	Online	<b>188</b>
June 19&20	15	43	61	50	Online	<b>169</b>
June 26&27	34	41	66	47	Online	<b>188</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>269</b>		<b>744</b>
July 3&4	25	39	60	46	Online	<b>182</b>
July 10&11	20	51	95	40	Online	<b>220</b>
July 17&18	23	39	64	42	Online	<b>145</b>
July 24&25	14	34	73	43	Online	<b>150</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>429</b>	Online	<b>764</b>

\*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

**THANK  
YOU**

Peggy and I appreciate the thoughts  
prayers, cards and visits from the  
Salem Family. You all are in our hearts.

Dear Salem Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for your consideration of  
me as an applicant for a second time. I am so thankful  
to be granted this financial opportunity. Salem has  
helped me to grow academically and spiritually throughout  
my childhood and I am so blessed for all of the  
opportunities I have received. Once again, thank  
you for granting me this award and I hope you  
all have a blessed year!

Thank you,  
Molly McNair

Tom and Peggy McNair

May 31, 2021

**THANK  
YOU**

Flower Committee  
Salem Lutheran Church

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the  
beautiful flowers you shared with  
me. It was a very thoughtful  
gesture and much appreciated.

I'm looking forward to coming  
back to worship with our Salem  
friends in the near future.

June 12, Gene Dadin

Dear Salem Family

Thank you for your prayers. For  
months I had severe neck & (L) shoulder  
pain. Tuesday's neck surgery (6/8)  
was a miracle. When I woke up  
in Recovery, my (L) shoulder was free  
of pain! Now for healing & Rehab!

Blessings to all! Love

Marlie Schmitt





1 July 2021

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your donation to North Ave Mission. This gift is making a tangible, immediate difference in the lives of our community members, and we are so thankful.



"If I had a magic wand, I would make sure that everyone had a roof over their head."  
- Station North Community member

Your donation helps in several ways, including funding for meals during Family Life at the Ynot lot, the care and keeping of Red Shed Village, the creation of outreach bags which include critical PPE and nutrition for our housing insecure neighbors, as well as groceries for Farm to Stoop Free Market to name a few things.

Red Shed Village just celebrated its one year anniversary! Villagers have stayed safe from COVID-19, some have moved on to stable housing, and others are employed. North Ave Mission has engaged many community members, volunteers, and partner organizations. Farm to Stoop Free Market continues and flourishes. Family Life at the Ynot Lot is growing, with social workers from Power Inside and harm reduction workers from Bmore Power present for community as well. Neighbors are fed – literally and spiritually.

Your belief in this mission, your tangible support, and your presence and prayers have meant so very much. We are glad you are walking this journey with us and we pray daily for your ministry and wellbeing.

Thank you for showering this community with love!

Wells of gratitude,

Atticus Zavaletta (they/he), Mission Developer | northave

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you! We truly appreciate your gift of \$500, given to the Mar-Lu-Ridge Fan the Flame Appeal. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, I would like to convey my thanks and appreciation for this gift in support of our outdoor ministry.

These gifts directly benefit our summer program by allowing us to support our young adult staff, purchase needed supplies for programming, and bring youth to camp through Camperships. It has been such a joy to offer a safe camping season during this extended time of COVID, and we are excited to welcome everyone home to MLR! Your gift helps to ensure the future and continued growth of this year-round mountaintop sanctuary.

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

Thank you again for your gift.

God's peace,

Sarah Lefler  
Executive Director

\*Mar-Lu-Ridge provides no goods or services in return for this contribution, thus meeting the requirements of a charitable contribution.

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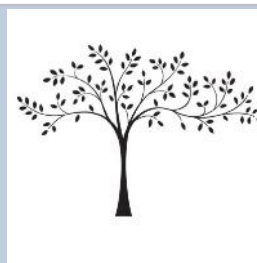
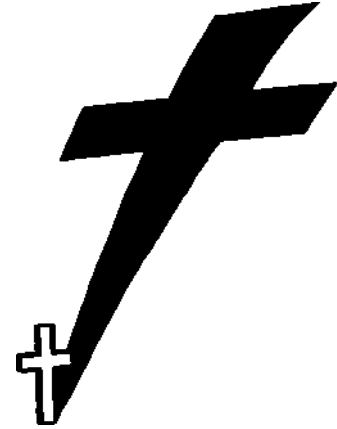
Your generous gift is much appreciated and will be used for a scholarship.

Dear Pastor Asendorf,  
Thanks so much to you and your congregation for making my mom, Kay and my brother, Ed feel so welcome at your Church. They certainly enjoy when they can make it there!  
Love in Christ,  
Martha



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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@saalem-catonsville.org](mailto:prayertree@saalem-catonsville.org)

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