



THE MONARCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

CHILDREN THROUGH GRADE 6

The Children's Ministry Committee is moving forward with planning for Sunday school this year, beginning with Rally Day on Sunday, September 19th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Our theme this year is "RECONNECTING". We are excited at the prospect of once again being able to gather together in Bethany Hall as we did in 2019. There will be a dedicated room for our PK children, after opening worship time, with all other children grades 1 through 6 remaining together in Bethany Hall to participate in rotation activities as was done previously. We are looking forward to reconnecting with one another even if with distancing and masks!

Please know that all teachers and participants will be required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. Also, our leaders will do their best to minimize sharing of materials to ensure that the children maintain a safe amount of distance with each other as much as possible as they participate in activities.

We know that not all families are comfortable participating in indoor activities so Eileen Merriman emailed a survey to all the families about two weeks ago asking for their input with regard to having in person Sunday school. We hope you have had an opportunity to complete the survey and returned it by August 23rd. With the information we received back from a substantial number of families, it was decided to host in person classes, with no "drop off/delivery to home bags" as we had previously done last year.

YOUTH

A new and wonderful once-a-month opportunity for our high school youth in grades 9 through 12 will be to join Pastor Sarah in the youth room downstairs. It is called "Second Sunday with Pastor Sarah". High school youth will engage each other with some of the challenges and complexities of scripture and faith, as well as discussion about how our faith intersects with our daily lives. This class takes place on the **SECOND** Sunday of each month during the Sunday school hour between services. Come join the lively discussions, as well as having fellowship with each other. **Your first "Second Sunday" class will begin on September 12th at 9:30 a.m.** And yes, we are beginning the Sunday before Rally Day. Please plan to join Pastor Sarah.

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REFORMATION HALL RENOVATION CONTINUES

The Reformation Hall renovation is well underway. It consists of three major areas: lighting, painting, and carpet replacement.

Overhead light fixture replacement by Hamel Brothers Remodeling began in early August and is now complete. The four new dimmable LED fixtures consume 520 total watts. For comparison, this is a significant energy savings over the five old halogen fixtures which consumed 2,500 total watts and produced less usable light.

Tabler's Painting prepared the plaster surfaces and wood trim for painting. The color scheme will resemble the Nave. Painting is complete and on schedule in order to complete the stage floor refinishing prior to carpet installation. ABC Flooring will install the new carpet on or about September 7th.



STAMP COLLECTION UPDATE

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of our Salem Family, we have collected 45 sheets of stamps for the Community of St Dysmas so far! The first batch is on the way to the prisons.

Because of you, wonderful Salem people, some more inmates will be able to stay in touch with families and friends during this difficult time. I can't tell you how much this means and what a difference it can make.

We are collecting stamps until the end of August, and will send a second batch out to the Community of St Dysmas then. Remember, the price of stamps will increase August 28.

When you stock up, please remember to buy a sheet of stamps for St Dysmas!

Thank you so much!

Sue O'Connor



MASKS IT IS!

Most of us hate to wear masks, but wearing a mask can greatly reduce the risk of transmission of “THE VIRUS”.

Ways to get the most benefit from a mask:

1. Make certain mask fits very snugly over nose and face.
2. Bandanas are not masks. They are too thin and fit too loosely over nose and face, so a mask is very preferable.
3. Different types of masks are available. The N95 Respirator mask gives the best protection. The KN95 mask is the next best. If these are not available, a fabric mask or a surgical mask should be used.
4. Fabric masks should have at least two layers of a tightly-woven fabric with a filter between the layers.
5. To be effective any mask must cover the nose and not sit below the nostrils.
6. Face mask tape can be purchased to help seal the mask around the nostrils and to prevent fogging of glasses.

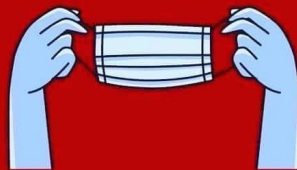
Please protect yourself and protect others by wearing a mask.

The Parish Nurses

Correct way to wear a mask



Incorrect way to wear a mask



We bless you and we praise you,
Lord Christ, for commanding us
to love one another. Let this mask
be a sign of your love, and let my
behavior be filled with love for
my neighbor. Amen.

HOMECOMING FOR SERGEANT GEORGE EDWARD REICH

In 2018 Historic Old Salem honored the memory of Sgt. George Edward Reich, who died in combat in France on November 9, 1918, just two days before the Armistice that ended WWI. The 12th of 13 children of Henry and Margaret Reich, Ed, as he was known, had spent his 26 years as a Catonsville resident and a member of Salem Lutheran Church. But it would be nearly three years before his remains could return to Catonsville for burial in the family plot at Old Salem.

Ed was born on May 23, 1892 and baptized at Old Salem on July 3rd. By the time of his confirmation, Salem had moved to its present location on Frederick Road, where he was confirmed in the Spring Class of 1907. After completing school in Catonsville, he joined his father in the family business of running the Reich farm on Ingleside Avenue.

When the United States entered WWI in 1917, it was necessary to implement a military draft. The nation's men between ages 21-30 were ordered to register on June 5th, and Ed, along with his younger brother Walter Lee, signed their registration cards on that date. By the time Ed and Walter Lee were called to report for training, the newly established Camp Meade was ready to receive them. Their instruction was completed by July 1918, and they were sent to France by ship on July 8th, arriving on the 15th. Ed had received rapid promotions by then and was a corporal.

Although it had not experienced extensive combat, by November his 313 Regiment, "Baltimore's Own," had received additional training, and Ed was now Sgt. Reich. By November 9th, Ed's unit was operating near the small French town of Wavrille, where they were attacked by German artillery. Ed and four of his troops were killed. WWI practices required that those who died in combat should be buried in temporary graves.

Today we watch video after video of caskets containing the remains of Americans killed in combat abroad arriving at Dover Air Force Base. In 1918 the War Department had no established procedures for such an operation and was overwhelmed by the enormous (and expensive) task of possibly bringing home the more than 70,000 bodies of those killed in combat or by disease. Moreover, France was reluctant to face the potential public health hazard of processing so many dead throughout their country. But the pleas of so many American families were heard, and letters were sent to these grieving families. They were to decide whether their loved one should come home or be permanently buried in newly created American military cemeteries in Europe. By late 1920 France had agreed to this project, and the remains of 46,000 soldiers were returned to the United States at their families' request.

George Edward Reich came home to Catonsville on Tuesday, September 13, 1921 when his casket was delivered to his father's home at 428 Ingleside Avenue. On Thursday afternoon, Pr. John Bowers conducted his funeral there, and his body was then transported to Old Salem for burial, next to his mother's grave.

This year on September 15th, the 100th anniversary of his funeral, we should remember his homecoming and his sacrifice for our country.





SALEM PLAYERS ANNOUNCES ITS FALL PRODUCTION

November 12,13,14,18, 19, 20

“Radio Plays” a selection of vintage stories from the golden age of radio, complete with sound effects, multiple character casting, and commercials! “Radio Plays” will be directed by Anita Lane.

AUDITIONS: At Salem Lutheran Church, 905 Frederick Road 21228 - Sunday **September 12, 2-5 p.m.**; Monday **September 13, 7-9 p.m.**; with callbacks on Wednesday **September 15, 7-9 p.m.**

All roles are open. All skill levels are welcome. Readings from the scripts will be provided.

Their email address is ‘salemlayers@salem-catonsville.org’ for questions.

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.

VOTING FOR THE 2021 BUDGET

Each Salem family will be receiving a copy of the proposed 2022 budget and a ballot for each member in the mail. (Not in the mail yet!!) 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.

Personal Monthly Budget									
	Required	Actual	Balance						
INCOME									
Wages & Tips	2,000.00	2,000.00	-						
Dividend Income									
Interest									
Gifts Received									
Retirement Withdrawals									
Transfer From Savings									
Other									
Total Income	2,000.00	2,000.00	-						
MONTHLY EXPENSES									
Mortgage/Rent	1,000.00	1,000.00	-						
Food/Beverage	150.00	150.00	-						
Utilities	100.00	100.00	-						
Transportation	50.00	50.00	-						
Insurance	200.00	200.00	-						
Medical	50.00	50.00	-						
Entertainment	50.00	50.00	-						
Personal Care	50.00	50.00	-						
Charitable/Philanthropy	50.00	50.00	-						
Other	50.00	50.00	-						
Total Monthly Expenses	1,600.00	1,600.00	-						
MONTHLY SAVINGS									
Emergency Fund	100.00	100.00	-						
Retirement	50.00	50.00	-						
College Fund	50.00	50.00	-						
Other Savings	50.00	50.00	-						
Total Monthly Savings	250.00	250.00	-						
MONTHLY BALANCE									
Beginning Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00						
Income	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00						
Expenses	(1,600.00)	(1,600.00)	400.00						
Savings	(250.00)	(250.00)	0.00						
Ending Balance	150.00	150.00	150.00						

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

SALEM CELEBRATES CONFIRMANDS

On Sunday, September 26 at 2 p.m., Salem will have a special service of confirmation where 7 young disciples - Samantha Shepherd, Jacob Gundlach, Matthew Fitch, Abigail Bass, Maggie Kubofcik, Trinity Blevins, and Anna Lassen - will affirm their baptismal promises.

These 7 confirmands have faithfully and thoughtfully engaged in worship, Sunday school, and confirmation classes for the past two years, despite more than half of their confirmation experience happening in the midst of a pandemic.

Despite the challenges of doing confirmation at a distance, they have continued to worship online and actively participate in confirmation class via Zoom and in person. They have asked difficult and faithful questions, wrestled with challenging aspects of Lutheran theology, and committed to affirming their baptismal promises.

Over the next few weeks, each confirmand will write their own statement of faith in preparation for their confirmation. As a church, we recognize that confirmation itself is not a graduation or rite of passage. It is the beginning of the next chapter of a young person's life of faith. Please join us in praying for these confirmands as they prepare to claim their faith for themselves and become voting members of the Salem congregation. We hope you will join us in celebrating them on September 26th, either in person or via livestream.

Communion cups created
by this year's
confirmation class.



CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections will be held via mail in September for openings in Salem's Church Council. Debra Brohawn, Becky Bass, Nick Mason, and Tom Brzezinski have been nominated for three-year terms to replace Milt Dorsch, Sharon Schueler, Sharon Stanton, and Ken Wolfram who have completed their terms. Preston Shepherd has been nominated to fill the remainder of Marleigh Toscano's term since she is leaving to attend college.

Candidate statements:

Debra Brohawn

"I am so honored to be nominated to serve on the Church Council. Thank you for this opportunity. Currently, I am retired, living in Halethorpe, with my husband, John and our fur baby, Buddy. I lead a very leisurely life of walking, gardening, quilting, knitting, crocheting, reading, visiting the zoo, or just relaxing at home. I have been a member of Salem since 2001 and participated in several groups at the church. My husband and I were Youth group leaders (with Don Schwartz) in the early 2000's. I have since been involved with the certification of kitchen safety and protocols, quilting, choir, and altar banner organization. Also, I am a member of the Worship Life and Christian Fellowship committees. I am looking forward to serving on the Church Council, God willing! Thank you."

Becky Bass

"I have been a church member since 2015. I have been active with the children's ministry since 2018 and am also a member of the Salem anti-racist group. My daughter, Abigail is a member of the 2021 confirmation class as well as the youth group. In my spare time, I enjoy running, golfing, and spending time with friends and family."

Nick Mason

"My wife, Mary, and I are happy to call Salem Lutheran our home for the last 8 years. I am a Maryland native from Rockville who grew up with Chilean parents. I am a UMBC undergraduate alumni who discovered his faith and met his wife in college. I grew up as a Catholic and later became a Lutheran after college. I served as deputy head elder and Vice President at Holy Nativity Lutheran in Arbutus before coming to Salem Lutheran. Playing the lead role as Martin Luther in a play at Salem a few years ago helped me discover my love for acting, stage production, and Salem Players. I discover my faith through Bible study and am involved in helping to lead and teach the Adult Forums. I am so glad to be able to worship, serve, and be a part of the congregation of Salem Lutheran Church. "

Tom Brzezinski

"I joined Salem for the first time when I was 4 years old in 1944, where my mother, uncles, brothers and sister were also confirmed. I returned home to Salem 3 years ago after spending most of my adult life at First Lutheran in Ellicott City where I served 6 years on their church council. Retiring after serving 42 years in Howard County Public Schools as an elementary librarian/media specialist, I still sub at several elementary schools. I am a film buff, attending/hosting advance screenings for soon to be released films at local theaters. I am a 50-year member of the Board of Directors for Columbia Film Society. Again, this summer, I will be showing 23 films at the Columbia Association Outdoor Summer Film Festival. I hope to continue showing films in Salem's Reformation Hall with a Faith & Film series in the fall. I live at Columbia Town Center. (I used to play poker with Pastor Dave's brother, Ace.)"

Preston Shepherd

"My name is Preston Shepherd and I am 16 years old. I am moving into my junior year at Mount Saint Joseph High School in Baltimore. I was confirmed at Salem in September 2019. Some activities that I enjoy doing out of school include swimming, which takes up most of my time, and Scouts BSA. My favorite subject in school is probably biology but chemistry is a close runner up. I also enjoy camping, hiking and have done many outdoor activities such as Philmont, a backpacking trip through New Mexico, and Northern Tier, a 100 mile canoeing trip through Canada."

AN 11 DAY TOUR IN EUROPE INCLUDING THE PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU AND A CRUISE AMONG THE GREEK ISLES

Pastor Dave and Nancy Asendorf and Pastor Ed and Vicky Whetstone are leading a tour of 48 persons in Europe June 22-July 2, 2022. Brochures of the tour are available in the narthex. Or email Pr. Whetstone at edward-victoria@verizon.net for a copy. Our tour is with Nawas International Travel, a leading agency in the field.

We have space for one more person, female, who could room with one of our current registrants. Half of those on the tour are from Salem.

If you might be interested, please contact one of us as early as possible. We understand that tickets for the Passion Play may be sold out in the coming weeks.

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, biographies, short stories, or poetry.

2021-22 schedule so far:

September — *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

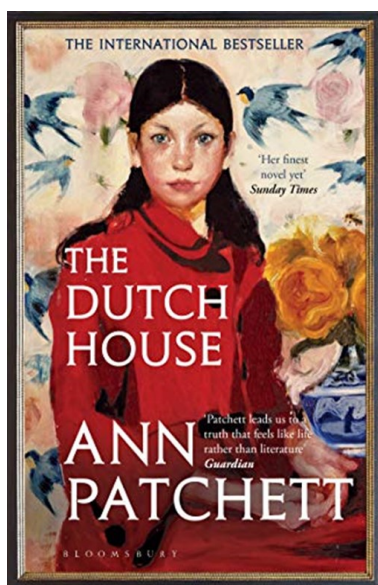
October — *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson

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*



STEWARDSHIP AT SALEM

Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me. I Corinthians 16: 1-4

Thank you for your continued generous contributions to our Salem ministry and mission. Because of your faithfulness we were spared the complexity and paperwork of applying for Payroll Protection Program funds or other government support programs during the worst of the pandemic. And, too, our income so far this year is keeping up with expenses.

As we enter the autumn season we encourage you to please continue with your generous stewardship, and to also please consider the impact of inflation as our church expenses are increasing.

We are also grateful for your continued support of the RSVP program (Renew Sustain Venture Proclaim). RSVP has been the source of our continuing capital improvements since the late 1990's. It has helped support the congregation's calling an Associate Pastor in 2007 and has been underwriting many renovation projects on our church campus.

Your faithful giving allows us to take care of the maintenance responsibilities of the congregation thereby enabling us to focus on mission for the sake of our community and the world in the name of Jesus.

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.

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 p.m. 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 Lochearn. 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.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

How many days in the liturgical calendar have their own t-shirts, not to mention their own official hymn? "God's Work. Our Hands" has both, as well as a wide range of (once again) pandemic-style activities by which to help others.

Set for **Saturday, September 11, from 9 a.m. to noon**, Salem's "GWOH" is one day before other Lutheran congregations celebrate this Synod-wide day of service. But then, other congregations do not have to compete with the annual Catonsville Arts & Crafts Festival (this year set for the CAA lot at 2 Ingleside Avenue).

A number of projects for volunteers of all ages, talents, and interests will be offered, according to Mary Kay Willing, chair of Salem's Social Ministry Committee. In the meantime, there are some things that we can begin doing now, she said.

- Donations of packaged snacks for first responders (including ER workers at St. Agnes Hospital) will be assembled and baskets delivered that weekend. Blank notecards and envelopes are also being collected. There are marked boxes in the foyer for these items.
- Salem Stitchcrafters, using yarn purchased with Thrivent Action Team funds, will be knitting and crocheting hats and scarves as they seek to surpass their goal of 250 sets for the Seafarers' Christmas-at-Sea project. Weather permitting, they will gather on Salem's lawn under the trees.
- General outdoor clean-up tasks (weeding, planting, and trimming) are on the list of to-do's at the headquarters of Catonsville Emergency Assistance, 25 Bloomsbury Avenue. Some strong backs are also needed to move things out of the basement.
- And Salem's youth are going to assemble bags with supplies including snacks and sanitizer for the homeless.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the foyer. Because of uncertainties associated with COVID-19, though, Mary Kay recommends checking the Sunday bulletin, as well as congregational notes emailed on Friday afternoons, to learn of any change in plans.

Two other things: About that hymn. Sung to the tune of "Earth and All Stars," the lyrics to "God's Work. Our Hands" were written by Wayne Wold, retired organist and professor of music at Hood College, current director of music ministry at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, and the former organist at Camp David (who knew?).

SALEM MUSIC

Due to the uprising cases of COVID, Salem has decided to wait and not begin the Salem Choir and St. David's Choir rehearsals and singing until further notice.

Salem Ringers will begin rehearsals on September 7 at 7 p.m.

Salem Brass will begin rehearsals on September 12 at 7 p.m.

During worship services, we will continue to sing the final hymn while masked until further notice. People are free to leave Nave prior to this hymn if they are uncomfortable singing at this time.

WHAT'S UP WITH SALEM MARKETPLACE?

Since the resurgence of COVID, many people have been asking us about Salem Marketplace. Unless Salem decides to go back to virtual only services, we plan to hold Marketplace! If indoor masking is still recommended by the CDC at the time of Marketplace, we will not have food available (except the Bake Table, which will be carry-out only!). We will ask everyone to keep their masks on while inside the building. We pray that COVID will be back under control by then, and that masks will be voluntary and we can serve food!

So continue setting aside all those treasures for the White Elephant, and Jewelry. It's not too early to start dropping off gift cards and gift certificates for the Silent Auction to Mel and Dee Trimble or Pat Krenzke. In case you missed the article last month we are asking members to donate gift certificates you purchased to support local business during the pandemic but never used, or buy them to donate (since many businesses will not be able to donate this year). If you have crafts to sell, please contact Karen Amy or Julia Graham.

Here's our line-up of charities this year:

- North Avenue Mission - continuing our assistance to this project.
- Hearing and Speech Agency - HASA is a Baltimore-based nonprofit organization with a mission of helping people to stay connected to their worlds through better communication. HASA offers programs with a focus on hearing health, education, inclusion, language access, and speech/language. They help provide hearing aids for those who need financial assistance.
- Trees for the Future - They work with thousands of farming families across five countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. The focus is on the implementation of Forest Garden Programs in Cameroon, Kenya, Senegal, Uganda, and Tanzania. Farmers plant trees that protect and bring nutrients back to the soil. This helps farmers grow a variety of fruits and vegetables. Forest Garden farmers gain increases in income and access to food, even in the first year, all while improving the environment. Trees for the Future will plant 1 billion trees by 2030.

Please contact the area leaders to volunteer or donate items:

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

Of course the Giuliani's will handle the money again!

So make sure you have marked your calendar for **November 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.!!**

Julia Graham and Karen Amy, Co-chairs

SALEM RESPONDS TO CRISES IN HAITI AND AFGHANISTAN

Lutheran World Relief Serving Haiti



Lutheran World Relief (Top-Rated by Charity Watch) has worked in Haiti since 1997 and already responding to the devastation of the August 14 earthquake. **Salem is appealing for funds** for their disaster relief efforts. You may give your check to Salem (clearly mark it LWR) or you could give online at LWR.org. This quake exceeded the strength of the 2010 quake, from which the island nation was still recovering.

This summer members have been contributing items for **School Kits**. Many of these will be sent to refugee camps. Our thanks to everyone who helped! About 100 of the School Kits will be assembled in early September and delivered to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor.

Lutheran Immigrations and Refugee Service Serving Afghanistan

LIRS is currently receiving Afghan refugees. Your **financial support** is urgently needed for their work with "Operation Afghan Allies Refuge". You may give your check to Salem (marked LIRS) or give online at LIRS.org. You may have seen the compelling op-ed piece in the Baltimore Sun on August 17 written by LIRS President Krish Vignarajah. At age 9 months, she arrived in the US with her parents as a refugee from India; she graduated from Woodlawn HS and was previously a member of Michele Obama's staff.

And this week Salem's Refugee Task Force decided to invite the congregation to help **furnish an apartment for an arriving Afghan family**. We are preparing a spreadsheet of needed items, but please consider what basic furnishings and household items you might have for a two-bedroom apartment. We will be announcing our needs in the Sunday bulletin and on the Salem website. We began meeting again in June, and will soon consider additional opportunities for refugee support. Please let us know if you'd like to join in our deliberations and endeavors. Just email Pastor Whetstone at edward-victoria@verizon.net.



NEW DISCIPLES CLASS IN SEPTEMBER

The class will meet on Saturday, September 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Katie Luther Room (2nd floor). See Pastor Dave or Pastor Sarah for more information.



ITEMS TO FURNISH AN APARTMENT FOR AN AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY

The Refugee Task Force invites your help in furnishing an apartment for a newly arriving refugee family. At present, we're planning for a family of four. We are working through Lutheran Social Services-National Capital Area, a local partner for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

We will be organizing our needs and donations list on-line. Please visit our [Donations Needs List](#) to log your contribution. Should you have any questions about the on-line list, please contact Kelly (TheReichardt@gmail.com).

Salem Refugee Committee Donation Needs List: <https://tinyurl.com/Salem4Refugees>

Household items may be brought to church and deposited in the foyer; look for the designated spot. They will then be moved to a storage area. Each week we will provide a list of items still needed on the website. Excess items will be directed to another charitable cause.

If you have furniture to offer, check the Salem website for instructions; we intend to provide those in the early days of September.

As you know from the news, this is an urgent need. We are blessed that our church is so capably ready to welcome our participation through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, one of nine agencies used by the State Department to resettle refugees.

- 1 full mattress and box spring
- 2 twin mattresses and box springs
- 1 full bed frame
- 2 twin bed frames
- 3 dressers
- 1 sofa
- 2 upholstered chairs
- 5 lamps
- 1 table and 4 chairs
- 1 coffee table
- 2 side tables
- cookware- assorted pots and pans
- flatware/cutlery
- 6 sets of towels
- 1 set of full sheets
- 2 sets of twin sheets
- 3 blankets, coverlets
- miscellaneous-
 - scissors, stationery supplies,
 - very basic hand tools



Please keep the people of Afghanistan in your prayers, especially those seeking refuge elsewhere. Refugees the world over need our prayers and caring. This, too, is a ministry which Jesus commended to his followers. *"When you welcome the stranger, you welcome me."*

Pastor Whetstone

ANTI-RACISM TEAM NEWS

The group continues to meet on Zoom the third Thursday of each month to discuss educational ideas and opportunities for action and advocacy in the realm of racial justice and learning how to be anti-racist.

Here are some of the activities currently planned. Most of these that will be ongoing:

Carpooling to the Voting Rights March in Washington DC on August 28

Working with the Children's Home in Catonsville to provide Life Skills training

Delivering food from Chick-Fil-A to the home on an ongoing basis

Working with Pastor Lee Hudson on Maryland legislative issues for 2022

Working with the Men's Shelter to provide help where we can

Due to the rising immigration crisis, particularly due to the situation in Afghanistan, we anticipate working with the Refugee Resettlement group where we can. An immediate need is furnishing a two bedroom apartment. See Pastor Ed Whetstone for more information on this vital need.

On the educational front we look forward to providing de-escalation training. We feel that the training should be done in person. Though we had hoped to do this training in the fall, the resurgence of Covid variants has made that difficult. We decided to postpone the training until 2022, after we regain some control over the virus. Stay tuned for information about this very valuable training.

The group has decided to do another book study. We will be reading "Baptized in Tear Gas" by Elle Dowd. The book is available from Broad Leaf Books and of course on Amazon. Discussion of the first three chapters will be held next month at our September meeting (September 16, 2021).

We are planning on providing a basket for Marketplace featuring black and minority owned businesses.

If you are curious and would like to join us let Pastor Sarah know and she will add you to the distribution list. Feel free to contact either pastor, Melanie Gibbons, or Karen Amy, if you have questions.

NEW DISCIPLES CLASS IN SEPTEMBER

The class will meet on Saturday, September 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Katie Luther Room (2nd floor). See Pastor Dave or Pastor Sarah for more information.

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-catonsville.org.

ADULT FORUM – FALL 2021

Welcome (or welcome back) to Adult Forum. We will cover a multitude of things starting on **September 19 at 9:30 a.m.** At the present time, we plan to meet in the Katie Luther Room with all wearing masks; please watch the church emails for updates. The schedule for the first seven weeks is as follows.

- 19 September: Introduction to Lost Christianities led by Carl Engelbrecht; books for this class are available from the Church Office (see article on Lost Christianities elsewhere in the Monarch).
- 26 September: Salem in 1921 led by Judy LeGath; we will look at items found in Salem's Archives, including a Bible signed by the Adult Bible Study that year.
- 3 October: What's Happening at United Lutheran Seminary (ULS), presented by Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin, President of ULS; Rev. Dr. Erwin will also be our guest preacher on that day.
- 10 October: Second Session on Lost Christianities.
- 17 October: Third Session on Lost Christianities.
- 24 October: Fourth Session on Lost Christianities.
- 31 October: Fifth Session on Lost Christianities.

We look forward to seeing you.

DESCRIPTION OF ADULT FORUM SESSIONS ON LOST CHRISTIANITIES

In the first three hundred or so years after Christ, the beliefs of "Christians" varied greatly. There was no set canon, and no universally accepted creeds. Many early "Christian" theologies were developed in parallel by very different people with very different theological backgrounds, and each group had their own "scriptures" to support their viewpoints. Ultimately, one group won out, selected the scriptures, which became our New Testament, and suppressed and destroyed the rest. In this class, we will use Bart D. Ehrman's book "Lost Christianities" to guide us through a brief study of some of the beliefs and "scriptures" which were not included in our canon, and also at the process through which the canon was formed. (Please note that each topic is distinct enough that missing a Sunday is not an issue.)

Session 1: Introduction from "Lost Christianities" and several selected readings from "Lost Scriptures."

Session 2: Some early Christian "Heresies" (Chapter 5 of "Lost Christianities"); Marcionites, Ebionites, and the Arians, and their scriptures.

Session 3: Gnosticism and the Gnostic Scriptures (Chapter 6 of "Lost Christianities") and some selected readings from "The Gnostic Gospels" by Elaine Pagels.

Session 4: Proto-Orthodox Christianity (Chapter 7 of "Lost Christianities").

Session 5: Formation of the Canon / "The Invention of Scripture" (Chapter 11 of "Lost Christianities") and a brief look at the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds



WESTSIDE SHELTER BIRTHDAY BASH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Drop off at Salem

Salem Lutheran Church will be hosting the September 2021 Birthday Party for the Men's Westside Shelter the weekend of September 25/26.

We will take the party supplies to the shelter at **10 a.m. on Saturday, September 25.**

Please sign up by **Sunday, September 19, 12:00 p.m.** if you will be able to help, or call or email Pat Krenzke, 410-227-9438 / pat@lazaruscaucus.org or call the church office to add your name to the sign-up sheet.

SALEM RESPONSIBILITIES

Members willing to provide one or more of the items listed below, please sign up in church –

Store-bought cupcakes, individual drinks and salty/savory snack packs

Non-perishable items can be left on the table in the hall by the elevator at any time – please check your items off the list when as you leave them on the table. (Drinks should be left UNDER the table.)

Bring remaining items to Salem on **Saturday, September 25 from 9-10 a.m.** Everything will be delivered to the shelter at 10a.m.

Due to the virus, the expanding number of men at the shelter, and limited staff, we will unfortunately not be allowed to enter the shelter and host the party.

Please add the guests at the shelter to your prayers

LAZARUS CAUCUS GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

We are seeking Salem members and their friends to make up a foursome to play on Monday, September 27 in the Lazarus Caucus Fall Classic, a golf outing at The Woodlands Golf Course in Windsor Mill that has replaced the annual September Gala and Silent Auction for the 2nd year due to COVID.

If you were a regular supporter of the Gala & Auction and you don't play golf, you can still show your support by sponsoring a hole starting at just \$150, the cost of a pair of tickets to the gala.

Please contact Pat Krenzke (410-227-9438, pat@lazaruscaucus.org) if you are interested in golfing, sponsoring or volunteering the day of the event." (See next page.)

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LAZARUS CAUCUS

Fall Classic

offering a hand-up

Monday, September 27, 2021

Arrive: 7:30 am Start: 9:00 am

The Woodlands

2309 Ridge Road Windsor Mill, MD 21244

*Social distance protocols apply as set forth by
The Woodlands Golf Club and Baltimore County.*

Tickets

\$150 *per person*

Includes

Breakfast Bag
Hot Dog and Chips at the Turn
BBQ Dinner
Beer/beverages on the course
Range Balls
Cart
Prizes (*Best-ball tournament*)

Sponsorships

\$150 *per hole*

Register

lazaruscaucus.org 410-707-3433

Since 2004 Lazarus Caucus, a 501(c)3 has united community partners dedicated to alleviating the plight of the homeless community. EIN: 20-1414476

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

Daphne Michael Capano

August 15, 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."

Albert Henry Renner, IV

*April 2, 2021**

Jadie Sinclair

*April 9, 2021**

Dorothy M. McCadams

*May 10, 2021**

Charles Francis Lambert

*June 12, 2021**

Betty Durken

June 30, 2021

Myrtle Murphy

*July 6, 2021**

Georgia Crouch

August 23, 2021

**Not a Salem member*

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2021

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
July 31& August 1	20	49	68	15/42	Sat/Sun Livestream	194
August 7& 8	13	38	42	11/62	Sat/Sun Livestream	166
August 14 & 15	21	58	82	12/53	Sat/Sun Livestream	226
August 21& 22	20	28	49	16/53	Sat/Sun Livestream	166
TOTALS	74	173	241	54/210	Sat/Sun Livestream	752

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

PASTOR DAVE
AND SALEM FAMILY.
WE APPRECIATE OUR TIME
WE SPEND AT SALEM. TRULY
A WONDERFUL GIFT TO USE
YOUR PLACE FOR OUR
HEALING?
MARY KPP



Dear Pastor Ascend and
members of Salem Church,

Thank you for thinking of
me by sending the beautiful
flower arrangement.

Maybe we will be ready
to come back again next
Sunday. I enjoy the services
and the visiting at your church.

Sincerely,
Kay



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,185.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

Thank You!

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people near and far feel the transformational power of God's love.



Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

In Christ,

Robin K Brown

The Rev. Robin Brown
Director, Mission Funding, Congregations

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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!





Ice Cream Flavors

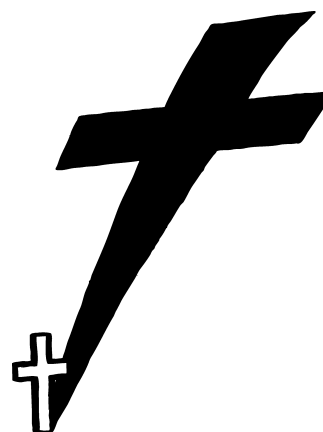
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 STRAWBERRY
 COTTON CANDY
 COCONUT
 ROCKY ROAD
 COOKIE DOUGH
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"Intercessory prayer can penetrate the hearts of those we cannot open and shield those we cannot guard and

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

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