



THE MONARCH

Come and Celebrate!

**A Service of Holy Communion
and
The Celebration of Pastor G. Edward Whetstone's
50th Anniversary of Ordination**

Sunday, November 14, 2021

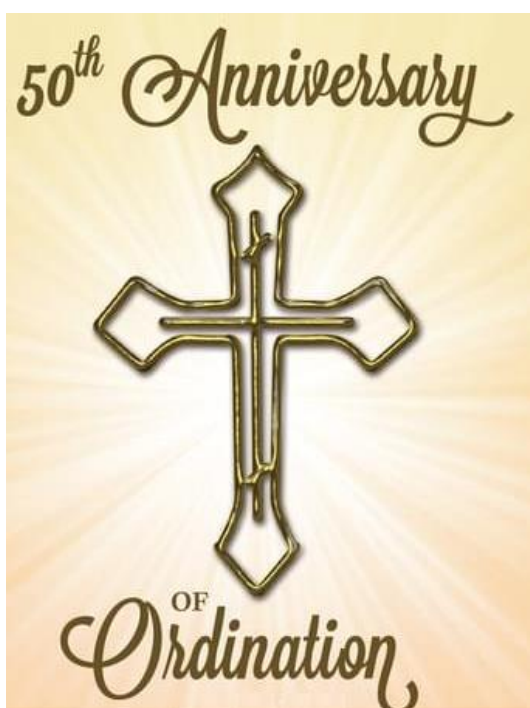
4:00 p.m.

Salem Church

Preaching: The Rev. Paula Roulette

Presiding: Bishop William Gohl

(A program will follow the worship service after a brief break.)



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LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas Weekend Worship Schedule is planned as follows:

December 24, Christmas Eve

2:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Children's Message, No Sermon

7:30 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

(Note: No 5 p.m. service on Christmas Day)

December 26, First Sunday of Christmas

10 a.m. only

There will be no 5 p.m. worship service on New Year's Day

REFUGEE TASK FORCE VOTES TO SPONSOR AN ARRIVING REFUGEE FAMILY Will Furnish an Apartment for an Afghan Family on November 6

This Refugee Task Force has unanimously chosen to sponsor a newly arriving refugee family once Lutheran Social Service-National Capital Area opens their Arbutus satellite office in January and is able to place families in this area.

We thank the congregation for all your support in providing furniture, household goods, foods, and gift cards to make ready an apartment for a newly arriving Afghan refugee family. We've received most everything we requested. Any missing or unanticipated items will be purchased with monies from the Refugee Fund. The apartment will most likely be in Hyattsville.



The Refugee Task Force is an active group composed of about two dozen members of the congregation, all serving in various ways. We would welcome your involvement.

In this ministry we believe we are answering Christ's command to see him in the face of the stranger, and keeping faith with our nation's heritage as a refuge for those seeking safety, freedom, and a more fulfilling life. If you sense an interest or a calling to help in welcoming a refugee family to our community, we'd be glad to have you join us.

Pastor Ed Whetstone

PASTOR ZVALETTA ORDAINED FOR NORTH AVENUE MISSION

Elazar [Atticus] Zavaletta was ordained to the ministry of word and sacrament on October 7, 2021 at the Ynot Lot in Baltimore. The service included a name change from Atticus to Elazar, as well as the consecration of the leaders of North Ave Mission to ministry. Between Baltimore City traffic and sirens, it was a very public service celebrated in the outdoor lot where North Ave Mission gathers for worship every week.

Several years ago, Atticus had felt a call from God to take on a new name that more fully reflected his ancestry from a Mestizo/Latinx family, his people, and his faith. The name “Elazar” means “My God has helped.” On the day of his ordination, his new name was consecrated and it was also the day of his 10th year anniversary of being in recovery.



Elazar was presented for ordination by Pastor Dave Asendorf, who was the chair of his candidacy committee, and by Cheryl Williams from his interning congregation of Amazing Grace. The Rev. Dr. Debbie Little, founder of Common Cathedral in Boston and Ecclesia Ministries, traveled from Maine to give Elazar a charge, and Bishop Bill Gohl preached a powerful sermon moving many to tears.

One of the most special moments of the liturgy was the consecration of the leaders of North Ave Mission, who were anointed by the Bishop, and received stoles as a sign of their ministries.



On this day, the community of North Ave Mission also celebrated the sacrament of communion together for the first time, and it was holy and joyful.

We are told that Elazar is the first transman of color (Mestizo/Latinx) to be ordained in the ELCA. He was installed as the pastor of North Avenue Mission and continues as its mission developer.

Salem supports the North Ave Mission with our Shared Generosity.

SALEM'S NEW DISCIPLES

On Sunday October 3, twenty (20) new disciples (members) joined Salem. So that you can get to know our new disciples, we will present interviews in this month's Monarch and the next. Please stand by for those coming out in next month's publication. Your anticipation will be worth it! Many of these new folks have been worshipping for us for some time as "visitors" because we have not had a New Disciples Class since January 2020 (pre-COVID). Please make a special effort to introduce yourself to these fellow disciples. We hope that we will be able to have our traditional reception welcoming them with a cup of punch and some cookies sometime soon.

George and Gail Burgtorf

George Burgtorf has had several interesting careers. He retired from the Coast Guard, where he was an officer, and from TSA at BWI Airport where he served as a supervisor. He and his wife Gail had an import business. He was also a real estate agent and manager before retiring as a vice president in 2009. George's hobbies have included boating and sailing, and more currently making model trains. He and Gail are both gardeners and enjoy growing a variety of vegetables.

Gail Burgtorf is a retired Howard County teacher. She taught English at Owen Brown Middle School and was the team leader there. Gail grew up in Maryland and is originally from Catonsville. Her parents were married at Salem and she was baptized here. Her grandparents were Catonsville residents and she attended church with them. Later she moved to Ellicott City. She now feels she has returned home and is delighted to be here. Gail and her husband were close friends with Richard Asendorf, as well as Pastor Dave. Her hobbies include cooking, jewelry making, reading, and interior design. They share their home with two beautiful golden retrievers.



Michael Burgtorf and Elizabeth Quinn

Michael and Elizabeth came to Salem with his family, and this past year, during the pandemic, they were married here.

Michael is employed as an adjunct professor at American University in production and events and enjoys working with students who are beginning their journey as future actors and guiding them to achieve their goals. Michael's hobbies and interests include board games and retro video games, where he has a special interest in the Hasbro board games like the Avalon Hill strategic game line and CLUE. He enjoys sports, particularly baseball and football, as well as films and the theater. He became interested in Salem after viewing the on-line services.

Elizabeth went to school in Wisconsin, where she majored in economics. Currently she works for the US Drug Administration, overseeing a team of policy decision makers. She likes to read and knit. Her parents currently reside in Wisconsin.



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SALEM'S NEW DISCIPLES (cont.)

George Edward Burgtorf

George Edward Burgtorf resides in Howard County. He graduated from the University of Maryland College Park with a degree in theater. His other interests include the arts and he serves on the Howard County Art Council. He has also designed costumes for the Olney Theater production of *Cinderella and Her Sisters*. He has free lanced in the Baltimore Washington area theaters such as the Woolly Mammoth and the Gala Hispanic. Another interest is Otakon, an annual convention celebrating Asia pop culture (anime, manga, music, etc.), where he has become a staffer. In 2019, he headed up Video Operations and has designed costumes for the Otakon Convention. With his brother, Michael, they had an in-person pre-show at the convention, in which he designed the puppets. Lastly, he is happy to have joined Salem Lutheran and has already found it to be a friendly welcoming church.



Tony Cobb

Tony Cobb works as a federal contractor in the Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Group of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in Woodlawn. He also works with his wife, Marie, in Primerica Financial Services, offering families and individuals strategies for financial security and independence. Currently they are focused on referring people for help during the very busy Medicare open enrollment season. His previous employment experience includes decades working with state governments and non-profits in various senior-level positions.



Tony and Marie have a blended family with six grown children who live throughout the United States. They also reared a granddaughter and are recently empty nesters, since she now attends Frostburg State University. Since December 2003 they have lived in the Hidden Bluff community, located off Wilkens Avenue near the UMBC campus, and have two dogs and two cats.

Marie and Tony are both originally from Tennessee. She was raised Baptist, while he was raised Episcopalian. He also completed online courses for lay persons from the Episcopal Seminary at The University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. They have visited many churches over the years in order to find a place of worship that truly resonated with each of them. Marie now attends Grace Bible Baptist on North Rolling Road, while Tony found Salem Lutheran to be the right church home for him. He has been attending Salem Saturday services for about four months, normally sitting near the middle of the right side, while attending Sunday services with his wife. Also, their granddaughter knows and admires Anita Lane from working in various summer productions at Salem, so they already had some familiarity with Salem.

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SALEM'S NEW DISCIPLES (cont.)

Tony Cobb (cont.)

Tony is a nature enthusiast with a particular interest in ornithology. He is also an avid music devotee. Since his father was a radio announcer who played classical music on the air, he tends to prefer that genre, particularly chamber music. He also dabbles in playing the guitar.

Tom Dixon

Tom is married to Salem member Lucy Campbell. They were married in June 2020 but have known each another for almost 30 years. Tom and Lucy share a fondness for Bearded Collies and met on the dog show circuit. Tom is now retired, but he spent 41 years as a metallurgical engineer for Air Liquide Canada, a French company that specializes in manufacturing and distributing industrial gases. He started there when he graduated from college and remained with the same firm for his entire career.

As one can imagine, breeding and showing dogs is demanding and time-consuming, so that is Tom and Lucy's main hobby. They currently have nine Bearded Collies and the dogs keep them busy! The shows are about much more than just the dogs' appearance. They are also trained for herding, obedience, and agility. Tom and Lucy were recently in St. Louis at Purina Farms for a show.

They attend on Sundays at 11 a.m. whenever they are in town. You'll find them in the first three or four rows on the right hand side of the nave.



Jack McLaughlin and Polly Douglass

Jack and Polly joined Salem as Jack McLaughlin and Polly Douglass. They are now Mr. & Mrs. Jack McLaughlin after having their wedding between services on October 10, 2021.

Jack has lived in the area thirty-five plus years but Polly is new to Catonsville, living here about three months. Presently Jack is Dean of Business, Technology and Law at CCBC but is looking forward to retiring in March of 2022. Polly took early retirement from Exelon two years ago and has enjoyed doing some other work during that time. She is now ready for Jack to retire so they can travel together and enjoy their time together. They both enjoy pickle ball and walking. Jack also enjoys kayaking, while Polly likes travel. Jack would be interested in helping with technology although he admits he is a bit rusty. Polly enjoys doing outreach work and is interested in being involved in some type of outreach at Salem. Jack has three sons - Dave (37) and Ian (29) who live in Catonsville; his oldest son Jay passed away in 1999.



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SALEM'S NEW DISCIPLES (cont.)

Jack McLaughlin and Polly Douglass (cont.)

Before becoming a member at Salem, Polly attended St. David's Roland Park Episcopal Church which she joined when she moved to the Towson area from Southern Maryland. She has taken several mission trips to Honduras with friends who belonged to Towson Presbyterian. Jack has visited Salem over the years attending family events with the Dells. Polly started attending Salem four months ago after a conversation with Peggy Dell. Polly, who grew up in Southern Maryland, says that church has always been an integral part of her family. When she moved to the Towson area it took her awhile to find a church, but she appreciates the community of a church family and what the church can give to a community.

They both appreciate how welcoming and friendly everyone at Salem has been. Jack and Polly usually attend the 8:15 a.m. service and sit middle left, but occasionally they will change up and sit on the right side. If you see them, please give them a warm welcome.

Tim Jennings

Ask him anything about water lilies! During the week, Tim Jennings lives in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and is a senior horticulturist at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square. A native Marylander, Tim worked at garden centers and took some courses at Anne Arundel Community College but he found his true (secular) calling when he graduated from Longwood's Professional Horticulture Program. He is recognized as an expert in his field, although you won't hear from him that he is the go-to person in North America on the subject of water lilies. Whereas Longwood Gardens is a great place to visit, Tim noted that it is also a great place to work. "Not many people have a chance to do what they like to do as a career."



His life changed in a number of ways, however, when, a little more than a year ago, he met Salem member Pat Krenzke. Raised Roman Catholic, Tim had drifted away from church. But he willingly accepted Pat's invitation to attend Salem, and it is here that he has gotten in touch with his true (spiritual) calling. For the first time, Tim said, he hears a sermon every week that "relates to real life." (He attends the 11 a.m. Sunday service and sits with Pat and her Mom on the lectern side, "pretty close to the front.") "I don't feel like I have to cut off my left finger if I don't do something right," he added. "I'm learning about faith."

As a weekend resident of 21228, Tim is somewhat limited in his participation in Salem's small groups. He looks forward to gardening projects and shares Pat's interest in the Lazarus Cactus.

Thanks to Tim, look for some unique offerings at Salem's upcoming Marketplace silent auction including dried water lily arrangements, wreaths, and, most notably, a package of four passes to "A Longwood Christmas," a commemorative book, and a personal tour conducted by a senior horticulturist.

SALEM'S NEW DISCIPLES (cont.)

Kay Vandenbosche

At the age of 99, Kay Vandenbosche probably holds the record as the oldest new member to join Salem. Born Kathryn Martens in Peoria, Illinois, she was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Peoria. All four of her grandparents were from Germany.

For a while, she taught English, but art was her passion and she loved painting scenes of her hometown. Married to Gaston Vandenbosche, a dentist-turned-professor of dentistry at the University of Maryland, she was the mother of five. When Gaston accepted a teaching position at the University of West Virginia in the 1970s, the couple moved to Morgantown, WV, where they were members of that city's St. Paul Lutheran Church. An active volunteer all her life, she was involved in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and she was supportive of Morgantown's Walk to End Alzheimer's.



Kay moved to St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Catonsville earlier this year, and with her came a request to Pastor Dave from the bishop of the West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod ELCA that she be granted membership at Salem. This wish was granted, although her son Ed jokes that she was "very disappointed that it was 'Salem'" and not "St. Paul."

Kay welcomes visitors, whom, Ed promises she will regale with a lifetime of stories. A visit is also an opportunity to view some of her artwork, which hangs in her room. "Feel free to call me," he said and he will arrange a meeting. (He can be reached at 443.846.4748.)

VOLUNTEERS FOR UMBC INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Earl and Mary Ann Ruley have been helping out with international students at UMBC. They are gearing up for some post-pandemic activities with them. Volunteers are always needed to provide rides to activities and participate. In the past students have been welcomed to join volunteer families for Thanksgiving or other holiday dinners. They love the chance to visit in the homes of Americans. Of course, the pandemic complicates this greatly.

Volunteers must be vaccinated per UMBC regulations. All the students are vaccinated and the campus also has a mask mandate, and the students are great about wearing masks in cars. As an example activity, the Ruleys took a group hiking at the Patapsco/Avalon park one afternoon. They also hope to bring at least one South Indian student to church with us soon.

Eventually the Ruleys will be hosting a group for a gathering at their house once their young grandchildren are able to be vaccinated. They can put you in touch with the International Students International staff worker for UMBC, Nancy Parlette, if you want more details.



SALEM PLAYERS PRESENTS *RADIO PLAYS*

November 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

Salem Players is in preparation for a new production. *Radio Plays* will have five shows over two weekends. There will be evening shows on **November 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 at 7:30 p.m.** All tickets are \$10 and the audience will be **limited to 50** people at each performance. The tickets can be reserved at <https://Salemcatonsville.seatyourself.biz>. **Vaccinations are required** for everyone 12 and older. **Masks are also required**. *Radio Plays* is a one-set show that takes place in a 1940s radio studio and will showcase three short productions of original radio scripts. The shows that will be highlighted are *The Lone Ranger*, *Bon Voyage*, and *Father Knows Best*, a comedy. There will be a sound effects table and incidental music. The original shows had commercials and these will be replaced with commercials from local companies. Local companies may purchase live commercials in the shows and listings in the show's booklet. If you would like to sponsor a commercial or know of a company that would, please contact Anita Lane at 443-707-9842 or phrogdiva@verizon.net. Proceeds from the ads will benefit Catonsville Emergency Assistance and LWR Disaster Relief. There will be eleven actors playing various roles throughout the production. The cast includes several Salem members: Sara & Tim Toscano, Fran Huber, Sue O'Connor, Nick Mason, Guy Davis, and Director Anita Lane.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY JOB OPPORTUNITY

Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake is looking to hire a Construction Instructor. The HabiCorps Construction Instructor position leads HabiCorps trainees with extensive knowledge and experience through trade-specific hands-on skills training and reinforces job-readiness skills in order to provide trainees with the competence to become gainfully employed in the construction industry by the conclusion of the 10-month program. Instructor will manage a team of up to 5 trainees, providing day-to-day supervision, skills training and coaching while managing and completing assigned projects safely and on time. Instructor will establish and maintain an instructional, team-based atmosphere conducive to learning, ensuring trainees are held accountable to all established policies and procedures. This position is also responsible for occasionally managing assigned groups of unskilled community volunteers in addition to HabiCorps members on project sites. For more information, contact their website:

<https://www.habitatchesapeake.org/about/team/careers/>



CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Call it “Anchors Aweigh,” “All Hands on Deck,” or “Victory at Sea.” Or maybe, better still, in the words of the “Navy Hymn”: “O hear us when we cry to Thee/ For those in peril on the sea.” Hoping to make the holidays a bit brighter, this year the busy knitting needles and crochet hooks of the Salem Stitchcrafters produced 329 hats and scarves for seafarers, for what might well be their only gift on Christmas Eve. All the while, the Stitchcrafters benefitted in the knowledge that they were stitching with a purpose, enjoying each other’s support and sisterhood, and feeling that their time during the pandemic was spent for a good cause. Funding for the project was made possible by Thrivent Action Team Grants, personal donations, and Salem’s purchase of 50 additional New Testaments, made necessary as the group’s output was one and a half times that of last year.

On Thursday, October 14, members of the Salem Stitchcrafters gathered in Salem’s “grand foyer” to pack up the handcrafted sets, as well as copies of the New Testament (in modern English) and a handwritten Christmas card (with a copy of the first verse of the “Navy Hymn” to stash in a wallet). A representation of this outpouring was blessed at Salem’s services on the following Saturday evening and at the two subsequent Sunday morning services. Now, these gifts are *en route* to the Baltimore port, where they will be distributed onboard ships bound for destinations halfway around the globe.



Even though their work is essential to the world economy, a maritime seafarer’s life is difficult at best. But without them, Americans could not receive imported goods nor would our exports be transported to other countries.

The Salem Stitchcrafters is a community group that meets most every **Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon** at Salem (room to be determined depending on the size of the group). We are masked and distanced. And we can supply instruction, tools, yarn, patterns, and support.



MARKETPLACE IS COMING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2021!

Despite COVID, another great Marketplace is shaping up for **Saturday, November 6, 2021**. The Marketplace **opens at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.** We have decided we will not NOT serve food or beverages this year in Bethany Hall. However, there will be a great food truck "Greek on the Street" in the parking lot beginning at 11:00 a.m. We will be setting up some outdoor seating for dining. Masking will be REQUIRED indoors at Marketplace. The Bake Table will still be held but for carry-out only. ALL of the proceeds will be given to the following (please see September's Monarch article for details about each charity):

North Avenue Mission

Hearing and Speech Agency

Trees for the Future

In addition to Stitchcrafters, we would love to have more crafters selling their creations this year! So far we have Trish and Anna Morgan selling a variety of handcrafted items including key chains, cat toys, soaps, zippered pouches, and bowl buddies. Julia Graham will be selling alcohol ink painted Christmas ornaments. Please contact Karen Amy to request a table for your creations!

Dee and Mel Trimble and Pat Krenzke will again be heading up the Silent Auction. One of the most exciting and lucrative parts of the Salem Marketplace is the Silent Auction. Many of the church committees will be contributing baskets, filled with appropriate items. Other options are far-ranging; services such as photograph sessions, stained glass works, lunch with the Pastors, paintings, antiques, home baked goodies, restaurants, and wine stores. Bidding can get spirited so be sure to check back often to make sure you aren't outbid.

The White Elephant sale will again be led by Edie Hahn (410-991-0736, edith.hahn@gmail.com), and she can always use help setting up the week before and packing up the leftovers!

We also need LOTS of help setting up the tables and sorting books on Friday, November 5! Let Julia or Karen know if you can help! We will begin at **9 a.m.** and go as long as it takes.

So mark your calendar now to start your Christmas shopping on November 6! There will be used books and jewelry. Find new treasures at our big White Elephant Sale in Reformation Hall! You won't want to miss beautiful handmade items from our Salem Stitchcrafters. There will be Fair Trade chocolates, coffee and gifts for sale from around the world. Oh, and don't forget to get there early to buy some of the delicious baked good items. Get into a spirited bidding battle over the many baskets, gift certificates, and other great deals in our Silent Auction. There will be other crafts for purchase too. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors for a great day of fellowship and to help support some very worthy charities.



Julia Graham jig58@verizon.net and Karen Amy kamy08@verizon.net, Marketplace Co-Chairs

GUARDIANS OF EDEN

GOE, the Guardians of Eden, is having a blanket drive to benefit the North Avenue Mission. We are requesting that all blankets be clean and in good condition. They may be left in the box in the Narthex. The drive will run until the **Sunday** after Marketplace, **November 7**.

Also, GOE is participating in Marketplace again this year. We are having a raffle of a Maryland basket filled with items from Maryland.



Included will be Maryland coffee, wines, gift certificates, and other items of interest. All monies will be donated to Marketplace and its recipients.

Tickets will be sold between services and are priced at \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets will be available in the Narthex on most Sundays between services and on some Saturdays. They are also available by contacting Norma Hensler-Davis at henslerdavis@gmail.com.



SALEM BOOK GROUP WILL DISCUSS *NATIVE: IDENTITY, BELONGING AND REDISCOVERING GOD*

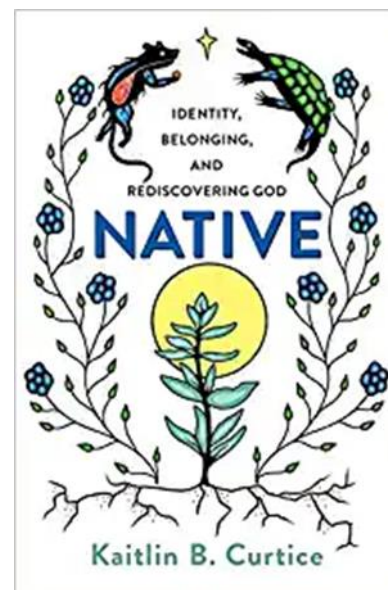
The Salem Book Group regularly meets at **7:30 p.m.** on the **second Monday** of each month in the Upper Room. Depending on the COVID situation and the comfort of the members, meetings may continue with ZOOM or be in-person. Please contact Guy Davis (guyddavisphd@gmail.com) to check on meeting status. The group is open to all readers interested in meeting and discussing books. Books discussed range from novels, nonfiction, biographies, short stories, or poetry.

Native is about identity, soul-searching, and the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice offers a unique perspective on these topics. In this book, she shows how reconnecting with her Potawatomi identity both informs and challenges her faith.

Curtice draws on her personal journey, poetry, imagery, and stories of the Potawatomi people to address themes at the forefront of today's discussions of faith and culture in a positive and constructive way. She encourages us to embrace our own origins and to share and listen to each other's stories so we can build a more inclusive and diverse future. Each of our stories matters for the church to be truly whole. As Curtice shares what it means to experience her faith through the lens of her Indigenous heritage, she reveals that a vibrant spirituality has its origins in identity, belonging, and a sense of place.

2021-22 schedule so far:

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| November 8 | <i>Native: Identity, Belonging and Rediscovering God</i> by Kaitlin B. Curtice |
| January 10 | <i>Katharina: Deliverance</i> by Margaret Skea |
| February 14 | <i>Gilead</i> by Marilynne Robinson |



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

- Nick Mason was elected as Church Council Secretary.
- Emily D'Avella was elected to complete Morrinah Kwekeh's Council term as Morrinah has moved to Texas.
- The Council adopted salary recommendations to submit to the Finance Committee.

AROUND THE PARISH

- Steve and Bambi Straw have joined St James Lutheran Church in Waynesboro, Virginia. They are now living in Fisherville, Va.
- A merry band of Salem volunteers removed all the invasive English Ivy on our trees on Saturday October 9, 2021. Thanks to Nicki Fatherly, Mary Krebs, Pat Krenzke, Tim Jennings, Sharon Schueler, and Pastor Dave.
- Our Financial Secretary, Beth Massey, will be distributing a **Third Quarter Giving Report** later this month. It's a good time to check and see if you are up to date with your financial contributions to the Salem congregation.

ADULT FORUM

Since the middle of September, the Adult Forum has covered a wide array of topics. Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin shared with us the list of educational opportunities available at United Lutheran Seminary and reminded us that there are short and long duration learning options for individuals that do not include preparation to be a pastor. Judy LeGath shared with us her findings from Salem's past in the early twentieth century that included pictures of the sanctuary, newsletter articles, and a Bible signed by the 1921 Adult Bible Study. The Adult Forum has also been blessed with several sessions led by Carl Engelbrecht focusing on the early formation of Christianity and the Canon. Thank you to these three individuals for their preparation and presentations and also to the participants who stimulated discussion.

November promises to also contain a wide array of topics. We will start the month with a two-week study of Chapter 8 of Bart Ehrman's book, *Lost Christianities*, which will focus on the church's early journey to become unified in belief; copies of this book are still available in the Church Office. On November 21, Sarah Lefler will talk about the ministry of Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp; more information about this organization is available at <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>. To round out the month, Dan McEachren will share with us information about and opportunities with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Baltimore County; more information about this organization is available at <https://casabaltco.org/>.

Finally, the Adult Forum is always looking for new participants, topics, and presenters. Individuals are welcome to come and try out a Sunday or a particular topic. We are open to new topics and are willing to take a suggestion and develop it into a study or series; we are also open to first-time teachers or old pros. The Adult Forum is a diverse group of people focused on learning more about God, the Christian Life, and the Bible. Please feel free to drop in at **9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings** in Reformation Hall.

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

On Friday October 22, Old Salem sponsored a bus trip (finally after 18 months of waiting) to the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster to see "Queen Esther". We enjoyed a delicious fried chicken and ham lunch served family style at Hershey Farms before the show. It was a beautiful day for the trip and everyone had a wonderful time. The show was excellent and we're hoping to plan an early spring bus trip to see the next show of "David". More details to come.

Plan to attend our All Saints Service on **Sunday, November 7** at Old Salem at **2 p.m.** with Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah leading our worship. Everyone is invited. If you've never been inside Old Salem, this is a wonderful opportunity to see your original worship site founded in 1849. Our founding congregation gathered here until about 1903 when they moved to our present location on Frederick Road and Newburg Avenue. Parking is available across the street in the St. Johns' Business Park lot or, if needed, around the church building itself.

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, December 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The Board of Directors is hosting a Christmas Open House at Old Salem. The church will be beautifully decorated and the lanterns will give off the same warm glow our early congregation must have felt in the late 1850s as they came to worship especially in the winter months. Everyone is invited. Come meet and share your Christmas wishes with our very special guest who will be traveling by special arrangements from the North Pole to visit with young and old alike.

SALEM BEGINS NEW MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Beginning Monday, November 1 Salem will be helping pick up donated food from the Chick-Fil-A store on Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville and delivering it to The Children's Home located on Bloomsbury Ave. Six Salem members will be picking up and delivering the food: Carolyn Moore, Joey Morgan, Treen Null, Rob Pushman, Tim Van Sant, and Kathy Zink. Mary Ann Ruley will be coordinating the ongoing project.

The idea for contacting The Children's Home originated with Salem's Anti-Racism Group. Pastor Dave contacted The Children's Home about what we could do help. (Most of the children are children of color.) We were imagining that they would want us to help with tutoring but instead they proposed we lend a hand with the food delivery from Chick-Fil-A as the Home is experiencing serious staff shortages.

Salem has a long, rich history supporting The Children's Home dating back to when the organization moved to Catonsville in 1919. Beginning in 1922 it was known as The General German Orphan Home. Children of the Protestant faith, led by some of the staff, walked to Salem every Sunday for Sunday School and worship. Many of the children living there were not orphans but had lost one of their parents and the surviving parent was unable to support all the children in the family. Some of Salem's older members fondly recall the annual picnic fund raiser on the campus of the Home that included lots of German foods and delicacies. One of the children who joined the Salem congregation, George Vulgaris, would later be ordained in 1943 and serve Faith Lutheran Church in Chicago.

In 1985 the charity changed its name to The Children's Home. Its mission, too, has changed over the years. Now most of the children, aged 12 to 21, are in the State of Maryland's foster care program and are temporarily at the home until a new placement is found.

Salem's Sunday School has a long history of sponsoring the Giving Tree each Advent which provides Christmas gifts to the children. As The Children's Home has been a blessing to so many for generations we pray that we can help them carry on their rich tradition of loving service.

Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily.
 To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully.
 To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely.
 To meet others, peacefully, joyously.
 To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.

Francis of Assisi

Into this day
 bring love.
 Into this day
 bring joy.
 Into this day
 bring peace.
 into the rhythm
 of our lives,
 that others
 through us
 might be blessed.

John Birch

I place my soul and my body
 In your safe refuge this night, O God,
 In your safe refuge, O Jesus Christ,
 In your safe refuge, O Spirit of Truth,
 The Three who defend my cause,
 And never turn their back upon me.
 Father, kind and just,
 Son, who overcame death,
 Holy Spirit of power,
 Keep me this night from harm,
 The Three who would justify me
 Keep me this night and always.

Adapted from the
 Carmina Gadelica

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.

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."

Michael Fernando Ottati

October 2, 2021

Emilia Jane Fredericksson

October 24, 2021

AT THE ALTAR

"We pray you keep all people in their marriages"

Mary Susan Douglass and Jack David McLaughlin October 10, 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."

Richard Asendorf

*October 1, 2021**

Larry James Lamka

*October 16, 2021**

**Not a Salem member*

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2021

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
October 3	16	48	108	9/16/53	Sat/baptism/Sun Livestream	250
October 10	18	48	82	18/50	Sat/Sun Livestream	216
October 17	22	65	79	15/43	Sat/Sun Livestream	224
October 24	32	65	69	16/38	Sat/Sun Livestream	220
TOTALS	87	226	338	58/16/184	Sat/Sun Livestream	908

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

10/12/21

Dear Salem Angels,
 Oh my goodness what a wonderful group you
 are! The dinners have been so wonderful and such
 a life-saver for us in this difficult time as we try
 to get back a sense of normalcy in life. We
 have enjoyed every visit and every offering
 of delicious and thoughtfully assembled food.
 May God continue to bless your endeavors
 as you serve his people.
 Love, Charlotte and Carl

8/31/21

Dear Salem Family,
 Thank you very much for the beautiful
 flowers, cards, and phone calls (texts too).
 Your thoughtfulness and kindness really
 lifted our spirits.
 Your prayers were very much appreciated,
 we are finally on the mend.
 Again, thank you very much. Sincerely,
 Tom and Carolyn Vande

P.S. Thank you Mary Carroll Mason for delivering
 the flowers.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you very much for your faithful
 support of the Community of St. Dyomas. We are
 still in "mail mode". Each month we send
 out a worship service which our members can do
 on their own, along with the Celebrate insert
 for each week and Bible studies on the
 readings. Your assistance through donations and
 supply (preaching opportunities) helps us pay for
 materials and postage. Thanks again for all you do!

In Christ,

The Community of St. Dyomas

Thank you

I really appreciated the
 prayers and cards from the
 Pastors and congregation
 during my recent illnesses.

It was very humbling and
 meaningful to hear from so
 many friends

Pete Stolte

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!



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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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