



# THE MONARCH

## ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Ash Wednesday, March 2

Worship and Ashes 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.

In-Person and Live-Streamed via YouTube and Facebook

Ashes to Go: Throughout the day except during services

No Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Lenten Wednesdays, March 9 - April 6 @ 7:30 p.m.

Reflections of Salem Disciples

In-Person and Live-Streamed via YouTube and Facebook



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THANKSGIVING ON THE  
15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF  
PASTOR DAVID K. ASENDORF'S  
ORDINATION  
JANUARY 13, 2022

Gracious God, on this 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Pastor David Asendorf's ordination, we give thanks for the generous gifts which he continues to bring to his ministry among us.

We give thanks for a pastor who knows the tilling of a fertile or a fallow field, just as he tends with such caring devotion the varied landscape of the life of this parish. We give thanks how well he knows the plotting and planting of seeds, as he so faithfully sows in our lives the possibilities and promise of God's goodness. We're grateful that he tends the weeds of our days with patience, and with hope for the harvest, meets with admonition and forgiveness our faults and our sins. We give thanks that he knows that the dying seed yields the deep joy of the harvest, faithfully preaching that life spent in service and sacrifice bears the Kingdom's fruit and, in the end, lives forever.

We give You thanks that our pastor views his ministry with the eyes of that Shepherd who sees in us, as our Lord saw in seed and soil, in field, flower, and flock, the work and the wonder of nurturing faith, hope, and love in the human heart. We give thanks that he loves us as You love us.

We pray that we would uphold him in his calling and support him in his serving. Enable each of us to be good soil for the gospel, repentant in our failings and fears, and by your grace, O God, to be bounty for the harvest.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**



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## PASTOR DAVE'S APPRECIATION

### Many Thanks!

Dear Salem Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My heart is filled with gratitude for the many expressions of your appreciation and affection upon my 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (January 13, 2007) and, too, the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my call to be your pastor (January 1, 2007).

It has been a wonderful blessing to serve the Salem congregation these past years. Nancy and I are appreciative of your steadfast support.

I pray God's continued rich blessing on our life together and our work to share the Good News of Christ Jesus with all people.

God's Peace and Love,

Pastor Dave

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## NOTES FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

End-of-year 2021 Financial Statements were distributed at church in late January/early February. A separate statement was included that shows your 2022 pledge information, if your pledge form was received before the statements were printed. Statements are always provided at the end of the third quarter and at the end of the year, but you may request one at any time.

The last two years have seen a sharp increase in the number of online donations. During that time the number of households giving online has increased from 40 to 63. Also, online giving as a percentage of total giving has increased from 23% to 38%. Online giving provides a more consistent income stream for Salem's work and has a bonus advantage of decreasing the tellers' workload. Online givers can contribute to the General Fund and all of our special collections (2nd Coat, CEA, LDR, Easter, Christmas, etc.). They can make one-time donations to any of these or set up ongoing donations at any interval (weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.). Sign up forms are available or you may create an online account from the Donate Now tab on Salem's webpage.

Each year we have to do some shuffling of Giver numbers and yours may have changed between 2021 and 2022. Your end-of-year 2021 Financial Statement has your **new 2022 number**, so please take a look at that. If you ever use a green pew envelope, please add your Giver number, if possible, otherwise just put your name and leave the envelope number blank; the tellers will look it up and make sure the correct one is used. (**Fun Fact:** Everyone has a Giver number whether they use the preprinted envelopes or not.)

Lastly, if there is anyone who **doesn't** have preprinted envelopes and wants them, please let me know and we will get them to you. Likewise, if anyone has preprinted envelopes but doesn't think they use them enough to warrant the cost, also let me know.

For help with any of the above, please contact Beth Massey, at [eamasse@gmail.com](mailto:eamasse@gmail.com).

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## SALEM PLEDGE RESULTS

The results are:

<u>General Fund:</u>	# Pledges	75	Amount Pledged	\$308,660
<u>RSVP:</u>	# Pledges	39	Amount Pledged	\$24,084

These are the most pledges and the most money pledged in the past 10 years for the General Fund. Thanks to all who pledged for 2022.

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## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved a motion to spend \$12,200 to improve the air conditioning system for the Sanctuary and Reformation Hall. This motion will be presented to the Congregation for their approval at a special Congregation Meeting on March 26-27.
  - Approved a motion to change the \$10,000 limit in the Constitution for Council expenditures to 3.5% of the annual budget which would be about \$20,500. This motion will also be presented to the Congregation for their approval at a special Congregation Meeting on March 26-27.
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## AROUND THE PARISH

- Congratulations to Daniel Collins for having been approved by the DE-MD Synod Candidacy Committee for ordination. Daniel awaits his First Call assignment. He will be graduating from United Lutheran Seminary this May with a Masters of Divinity.
  - We are pleased to share that Pastor Ann Dentry is now serving as the Interim Associate Pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Frederick, Maryland. Pastor Ann is now living again at her farm near Gettysburg.
  - We rejoice with Danielle Rivera and Joe Hershfeldt on the birth of their daughter Hazel Anabel Hershfeldt on February 11, 2022.
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## SALEM'S END-OF-YEAR GENEROSITY

*Marketplace Gifts (this includes Alternative Giving, which totaled \$1,295)*

- North Avenue Mission - \$3,659.94
- Hearing and Speech Agency - \$3,039.94
- Trees for the Future - \$3,204.94

*Thanksgiving-Christmas Hunger Appeal Gifts*

- CEA - \$3,337.50
- MD Food Bank - \$2,956.50
- ELCA Hunger Appeal - \$3,018.50
- Lutheran World Relief - \$3,393.02

*Special Offering for ELCA's assistance with recovery from the tornados in Kentucky and elsewhere*

- Lutheran Disaster Response - \$2,301.51

*Gift to help with refugee resettlement*

- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) - \$372.12
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## SCHEDULING YOUR EVENT AT SALEM

As more organizations and Salem groups and committees are meeting in person, we are finding that some groups are not telling us of their plans. We have a large building and although sometimes it seems infinite space, that is not really so. Some spaces, the Sanctuary and Reformation Hall for example, are really one large room with a "divider." If there is a singing group on one side and a study group on the other, neither gets much done. We have had to stop accepting new AA/NA groups because of the crowded calendar of recurring meetings, for example. You **MUST** check with the church office to get on the calendar before planning your event, meeting, rehearsal, etc., or even just thinking about changing rooms! Thank you for your cooperation!



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## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group and our Sunday school children will assemble health care kits for Lutheran World Relief on Sunday, March 6, which is also **YOUTH SUNDAY** when our youth group will be leading the worship services.

Requested donations for the kits are as follows: dark colored light weight bath size towels, metal nail clippers (no metal files and OUT of packaging), sturdy combs (OUT of original packaging), adult sized toothbrushes (IN the original packaging), and individual packaged bath size bars of soap.

Clothes baskets will be located in the Narthex under the table near the elevator to receive your donations. Thank you.

**MULCH SALE:** Unfortunately over the past two years, it has become increasingly difficult to complete deliveries of mulch to homes as well as selling out of the mulch ordered. Changing time commitments for our youth has altered the dynamics of this youth group fundraising project. We will **NOT** be continuing with our spring mulch sale here at Salem, this year but will be looking for future fundraising opportunities. Our youth group has sold mulch for many years now at Salem with a huge amount of support from our congregation and their friends. Please know that your youth group and their leaders appreciate greatly all that support given them in the past and look forward to your support in future endeavors.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Weekly Sunday school has begun again! We kicked off our “Reconnecting” theme on Sunday, February 13. On the following Sundays in February, we “Praised God” thanking Him for His awesome creations and then continued on the last Sunday in February to learn about “The Burning Bush”.

Please note - we remain vigilant in asking our children and staff to mask and safe distance during Sunday school to keep them safe while here at Salem.

Throughout the month of March we'll be working on and learning about the following:

- March 6, together with our youth group members, we will put together Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits contain bath towels, toothbrushes, combs, nail clippers and bars of soap recently collected with the support of Salem's congregation.
- On the following Sundays in March, stories and activities are “The Good Samaritan”, “Four Friends”, and “God's Peaceful World.”
- One of our themes throughout Lent will be “Acts of Kindness.”

We read the story and then try to have at least two craft activities for the children to complete each Sunday.

Please volunteer to help work with the children. Use the Salem Sign Up Genius that can be reached at <https://www.signupgenius.com>. **OR** email Eileen Merriman at [esavage109@yahoo.com](mailto:esavage109@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Many thanks!

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## SALEM PARKING LOT CLOSURE

You'll find the Frederick Road entrance to Salem's parking lot closed during the week. It will be open before worship on Saturday afternoon and remain open until after worship on Sunday afternoon. The purpose of the closure during the week is to prevent unwanted pass-throughs or drive-throughs. Unfortunately a goodly number of drivers have been using our parking lot as a road and racing through our lot to cut off the corner at Newburg and Frederick Road. It is a safety issue that we are addressing by closing this entrance. For many years this entrance was open only on Sunday morning but an agreement with the bank in the 1990s opened up the entrance to provide their customers easier access to the bank and the ATM. Now that the BB&T branch has permanently closed the Property Committee has moved to close the entrance during the week.

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## SALEM CHOIR IS RESUMING

Salem's Music Director Mary Miller is delighted to announce that Salem's Adult Choir has resumed in-person rehearsals and will once again enhance our Sunday morning worship. She has scheduled rehearsals for Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday mornings between services. She does not have a date when the choir will once again sing in the choir loft on Sunday morning but hopes that the decline of virus infections will continue and a definite date can be set soon.

Mary is hoping that those who have participated in the choir in the past will return but also welcomes new voices. She would be delighted to discuss choir membership with anyone who is interested. She can be reached at church during office hours at 410-747-0720 and via email at marymiller359@gmail.com.

Choir members make very meaningful contributions to Salem's worship services. They also have the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of their fellow singers. Consider being a part of this special ministry of our congregation's worship life.



## ADULT FORUM

During January, Adult Forum looked at the responses to God's call of Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, David, Mary, Paul, Timothy, and Lydia. In February, we looked at the first three lessons from the History and Archaeology of the Bible course (i.e. Creation Story, Noah's Ark, Tower of Babel, and Abraham's Journey) from the Great Courses series of videos. We will pick up additional lessons from this course later in April.

In March, we return to looking at the early Church using Bart Ehrman's books, *Lost Scriptures* and *Lost Christianities*. This four week study will be led by Nick Mason and Carl Engelbrecht. Copies of both books are available in the church office if you would like to have one to read.

We are happy to announce that we will be returning to in-person Adult Forum in March in the Katie Luther Room, which has better acoustics for a small group than Reformation Hall. We look forward to seeing you **on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

## SALEM BOOK GROUP WILL DISCUSS *THE WILLOW WREN*

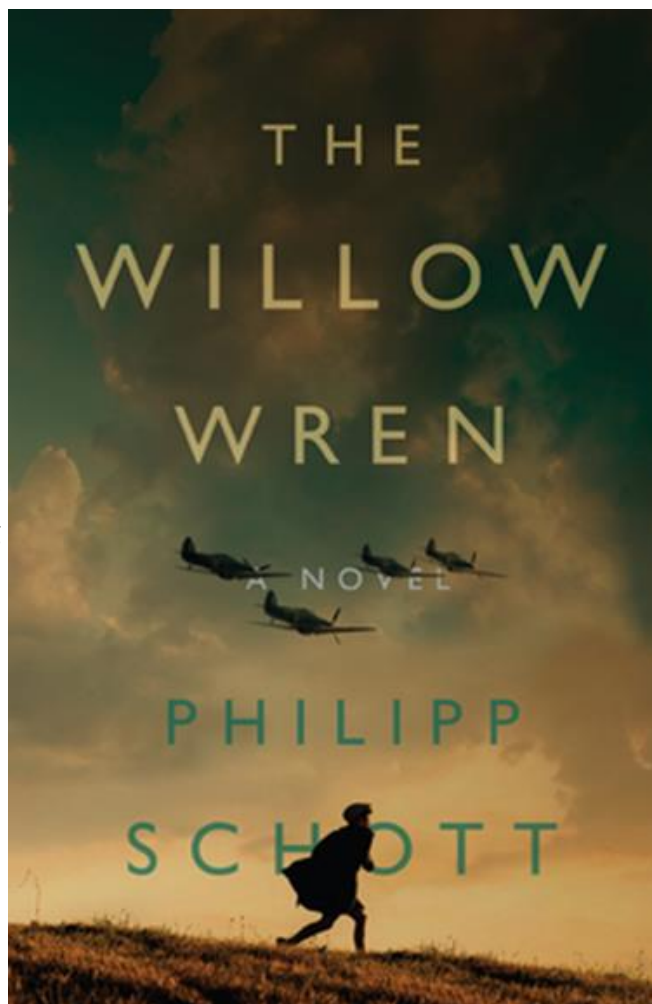
The Salem Book Group regularly meets at **7:30 p.m.** on the **second Monday** of each month in the Upper Room. Depending on the COVID situation and the comfort of the members, meetings may continue with ZOOM or be in-person. Please contact Guy Davis ([guyddavisphd@gmail.com](mailto:guyddavisphd@gmail.com) or 410-747-0744) 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. If you would like to recommend a book for discussion, again, please contact Guy.

The next meeting will be on **March 21** (note day change) to discuss *The Willow Wren* by Phillip Schott, the touching and nuanced portrait of the rise and fall of Nazi Germany through the eyes of a resourceful German boy.

Ludwig is an odd and introverted child, growing up in Hitler's Germany. While Ludwig's father, Wilhelm, is a senior Nazi and a true believer, Ludwig escapes the unfolding catastrophe by withdrawing into nature and books. Eventually, when the Allied bombing campaign intensifies, Ludwig is sent to a Hitler Youth camp, where his oddness makes him a target for bullying.

As the war turns against Germany, the Hitler Youth camp becomes ever more severe and militaristic, and the atmosphere spirals towards chaos. After the Nazis abandon the camp, Ludwig returns home, and his father is presumed dead. With Ludwig's mother descending into depression, the 11-year-old bears increasing responsibility for the survival of the family as starvation sets in under Russian occupation. Soon, it will be impossible to leave the Russian zone, so Ludwig decides that he must rally his despondent mother and lead her.

Based on a true story, *The Willow Wren* is a unique, touching exploration of extremism, resilience, and the triumph of the small.



2022 schedule:

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| <b>February 28</b> | <i>Gilead</i> by Marilynne Robinson           |
| <b>March 21</b>    | <i>The Willow Wren</i> by Phillip Schott      |
| <b>April 11</b>    | <i>How the Word Is Passed</i> by Clint Smith  |
| <b>May 9</b>       | <i>Ordinary Grace</i> by William Kent Krueger |
| <b>June 13</b>     | <i>The Other Madisons</i> by Bettye Kears     |

## SNOW POLICY

In case of snow or other inclement weather that causes Salem to cancel or adjust worship schedule, notice will be posted on Salem's website [www.salem-catonsville.org](http://www.salem-catonsville.org) and Salem's Facebook page. During the week, if Baltimore County schools are closed, activities at Salem are cancelled.

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REFUGEE TASK FORCE UPDATE**WE'RE READY TO WELCOME  
A NEWLY ARRIVED AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY  
TO AMERICA !!**

On March 14 we will welcome a family of four from Afghanistan into their new home.

Our moving date is **Saturday, March 12** and we thank all those who have signed up and donated furniture, household goods, and food. Please only contribute items requested, and use the Signup Genius when you do. Gift cards to Shoppers, Safeway, and Giant will help them to buy perishables and other needed things.

Your financial support for the Refugee Fund is also critical. We will be paying their rent the first three months, then tapering that assistance across the following nine months. There are legal fees and other expenses which will occur before they're able to fully support themselves.

And there will be much to do after they arrive here. We will welcome leads for Masooma's employment and assistance in their orientation and language skills, among other things.

Please keep them in your prayers. And please pray and advocate for the 85 million forcibly displaced people in the world.

Pr. Ed Whetstone, chair

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NORTH AVENUE MISSION UPDATE

Pastor Elazar Zavaletta reports the following accomplishments in January and February. Through NAM's efforts:

- One family has been stably housed.
- Three single adults have been stably housed.
- We advocated to save one person's voucher.
- Helped fix three cars — modes of independence and employment.
- Provided weeklong emergency shelter for one family and one individual.
- Two people went to treatment.
- One resident of Red Shed Village moved into their own apartment after decades of homelessness.
- Another Villager who has been unhoused for ten years has received housing offers and is choosing which apartment will suit them best
- Two people started working on their G.E.D.
- Two leaders of NAM joined Turnaround Tuesdays, an employment and leadership program, with others coming behind them.

Finally, we celebrate NAM Deacon Zayden Jenkins and Shepherd Sharron "Sis" Bishop, who graduated from Dignity Plates Culinary School at the [Franciscan Center](#)!



## SALEM VOLUNTEERS SERVE THE CHILDREN'S HOME

The Children's Home has its campus on Bloomsbury Ave. in Catonsville, and will celebrate 160 years of service in 2023. Their mission is to serve at-risk youth, offering a variety of mental health services to address the effects of childhood trauma. When Pastor Dave Asendorf reached out to them last year to ask how Salem could support their vital work, their most urgent need was volunteers to pick up food donations from the Catonsville Chick-Fil-A three times a week and deliver them to the Children's Home kitchen. Their staff provides about 160 meals per day to residents and staff, so these donations make a huge difference.

Since November 1, 2021, a dedicated group of Salem volunteers has met this need:

Carolyn Moore, Kathie Zink, Brenda Hurbanis, Anne Thiessan, Tim Van Sant, Rob Portman, Treen Null, and Joey Morgan. Nancy Asendorf and Mary Ann and Earl Ruley serve as substitutes.

Recently, Christy Page, the Director of Community Engagement for The Children's Home shared, "This group has been a blessing. The Facilities and Kitchen staff have been so grateful for their support, and that this has happened so seamlessly has saved us substantial staffing hours. This is a significant gift that lets our staff focus on directly serving the kids in our care. We are so grateful."

The impact of service goes both ways. Explaining his commitment, Joey Morgan said, "I think it's really amazing what the Children's Home does for the kids there. These kids have back stories that most people have never been through or could understand. Having been in a tough situation myself growing up, I get it."

**Volunteer Needed:** A couple of our team members will need to step down soon, so beginning on March 30, a new volunteer is needed to serve every other Wednesday, from about 10-11 a.m. It involves loading and carrying 6-8 bags of frozen food (max weight 15-20 pounds each). Freezer bags are provided.

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Ruley, [maryannruley@gmail.com](mailto:maryannruley@gmail.com) or 615.351.8607.



Children's Home cook Mr. Jerol accepts food delivery from Carolyn Moore.

## AMY AND MATHEW BERGER RECEIVE NEW CALL

Pastors Amy Asendorf Berger and Mathew Berger have been called to be co-pastors at St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville. The daughter, son-in-law, and grandson, Simon, of Pastor Dave and Nancy will finish their calls in Illinois and move to the Baltimore region in late March. The happy Grandparents are excited to be close to Simon and his parents.

## SALEM STITCHCRAFTERS HARD AT WORK

### HATS, HATS, AND MORE!

The weather outside has been frightful, but thanks to the warm hearts and busy hands of the Salem Stitchcrafters, many of our neighbors were able to fight off the winter chill. Several boxes of handcrafted hats, scarves, and mittens have been delivered to the North Avenue Mission for distribution at their Wednesday “Free Markets.” Similarly, boxes of hats were sent to the Westside Men’s Shelter.

Not ones to rest on their laurels, the Stitchcrafters have turned their attention back to hats and scarves for the Seafarers’ “Christmas at Sea,” as well as hats for the Cancer Institute and the NICU at St. Agnes Hospital, comfort dolls for Gilchrist’s Tanzanian outreach, layette sweaters for Lutheran World Relief, and lap robes for local nursing home residents.

But wait, there’s more! Plans are afoot to crochet and knit baby blankets to be distributed next fall to Baltimore newborns enrolled in Early Head Start. For the first time, the Stitchcrafters will be joined by Salem’s quilters, who are adding their time, material, and talents to this cause. Details to follow.



## GUARDIANS OF EDEN CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

GOE is gearing up to celebrate Earth Day in April. A special speaker will be delivering the sermon on **April 24**. The showcase will focus on the beautiful earth and its environment. We will host a guest speaker at Adult Forum and Sunday School students will also participate outdoors. Children should be dressed for working outside, weather permitting. GOE already has some shovels, gloves, and trowels for planting and weeding. The focus will be on our earth given by God to us, His caretakers!!



## ELECTRONICS SPRING CLEANING EVENT

The Technology committee is sponsoring an electronics recycling event on **Saturday March 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Bring your retired electronics to Salem Lutheran Church parking lot. JunkLuggers will collect items, evaluate for reuse, and recycle or dispose of it responsibly. If it has a plug or runs on batteries, it is eligible.

Questions: [Salemtech@salem-catonsville.org](mailto:Salemtech@salem-catonsville.org) or contact Lisa Yerkey

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## FREE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



Salem has multiple pieces of medical equipment in our attic. It is available FOR FREE to Salem members, and to any others who have a need.

Items include but are not limited to wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, shower chairs, and 'potty' chairs.

Contact: Lynda Bell, Beth Rodgers, or the Church Office to obtain these items.



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## THE SEAFARER'S MAGAZINE TUB IN THE NARTHEX

The Seafarer's Magazine tub in the narthex is for magazines for men who work on ships. Most of the men are from the Philippines, Southeast Asia, and Eastern Europe. The magazines most appreciated are *Times*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *People*.

Please **do not** donate the following magazines:

*Retirement publications like State Teachers Association*

*AARP Bulletins*

*Erikson Senior Living Tribune*

*The Washington Post Magazine*

*Women's Fashion magazines*

*Guideposts*

*Reader's Digest*

*Advertisement Magazines for Ocean Cruises*

*NEA Today*

*Kennedy Krieger publications*

Thanks for your support!

## SHOWCASE UPDATES

Have an idea for a showcase? Have a collection you would like to share? How about sharing it with the congregation in the Narthex showcase. The displays are in for about 3 – 4 weeks. You can set up your display, if you are want, during the week when the church office is open between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please note that the showcase does lock so your collections would be safe. Please contact Sharon Stanton, [memsha7311@gmail.com](mailto:memsha7311@gmail.com) if you would like to do a display. We'd love to see your collections.

***And thank you to Pastor Dave for "The Many Faces of Jesus" now displayed – quite interesting***

## HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

Finally, after almost two years of not being able to get together as a group, the Old Salem Board of Directors met in February to plan our 2022 Calendar of Events. We are very excited and hoping that we again will be able to host programs at Old Salem itself (located at 701 Ingleside Avenue) as well as take some long awaited day bus trips.

Our first event will be an Outdoor Craft Fair/Yard Sale event in Salem's parking lot. The event is scheduled for **Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to noon** with a **rain date of Saturday, May 21**. With the BB & T Bank closed since February 18, we will block off our Frederick Road entrance to through traffic, which makes it advantageous to host an outdoor event in the parking lot. Entrance will be from the other end of the "L" shape of our lot via Newburg Ave.

Perhaps you will be interested in reserving a space. Spaces will be marked off for each vendor and will be sold for \$15 each. This fee will benefit preservation/maintenance efforts at the Old Salem Church and Cemetery. Profits from your sale of items are yours to keep. Note - you will need to provide your own table or display set up and at the close of the event, each vendor is responsible for cleaning the area around their table, removing any leftover unsold items, and all trash. Old Salem will not be responsible for disposal of your items nor cleaning up your area.

Next, we are hoping to have a bus trip in June to St. Michael's with lunch at the Crab Claw Restaurant, a cruise on the Patriot Cruise Line up the Miles River, and then some time for sightseeing/shopping in the town before returning home. More details to come.

Definitely planned is Founders' Day at Old Salem on **Sunday, June 5, at 2 p.m.** centering around Salem's history from its earlier years. All Saints Service with Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah will be held on **Sunday, November 6, at 2 p.m.** at Old Salem.

We are still holding 20 tickets for "Hamilton" at the Hippodrome Theater on **Saturday, October 29, at 2 p.m.** (Note the new date, again changed by the Hippodrome.) Transportation is on your own. Tickets cost \$150 per person and seats are located in the left mezzanine balcony section. Reserve your place now.

Confirmed plans have been made for an all day bus trip to the American Music Theater on **Friday, December 2** with a family style lunch at Hershey Farms. We are finalizing the details with the bus company and will announce the cost of trip soon. (Watch for info in the Salem weekly announcements, Saturday and Sunday worship bulletins, and on Salem's website.)

Confirmed plans have been made for another Christmas Open House celebration at Old Salem on **Saturday, December 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to come. Refreshments too!

We look forward to you, your family, and friends joining us in our efforts to preserve Salem's original worship site located on Ingleside Avenue. If interested in any of the events, please contact Sharon Stanton at 410-744-8724 or [memsha7311@gmail.com](mailto:memsha7311@gmail.com).



## PRAYERS FOR MARCH

God be in you...always  
God be in you...in your resting  
God be in you...in your waking  
God be in you...in your busyness  
God be in you...in your quietness  
God be in you...in your speaking  
God be in you...in your listening  
God be in you...in your fullness  
God be in you...in your emptiness  
God be in you...in your laughing  
God be in you...in your weeping  
God be in you...in you...always  
- John Birch



Lord, let me spread true love in this world again.  
Let it spread through me and your other children everywhere,  
to all societies, to all political and economic systems, to all laws, to all agreements,  
to all the rules,  
let it spread to offices, factories, blocks,  
for houses, cinemas, dance halls,  
let it spread to the hearts of people,  
and never let me forget,  
that fight for a better world  
is the battle of love and serving love.  
- Michel Quoist, 'Prayers in the everyday life'

## 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 the Technology Committee Chairperson, Steve Kopp, at [salemtech@salem-catonsville.org](mailto:salemtech@salem-catonsville.org).

## 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.



**ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022**

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
January 1/2	No Service	33	37	95	Livestream Sunday	<b>165</b>
January 8/9	16	27	37	22/109	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>211</b>
January 15/16	19	36	37	17/92	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>201</b>
January 22/23	26	41	52	26/81	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>226</b>
January 29/30	16	45	47	33/70	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>211</b>
February 5/6	21	47	63	35/66	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>232</b>
February 12/13	21	24	47	18/73	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>183</b>
February 19/20	29	43	77	9/46	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>204</b>
Totals	148	296	397	792		<b>1633</b>

**Dear Pastor Dave**

**All is well I really want to thank you and the whole church for everything you and the church does for me, it's because of you and the whole congregation that I have made it this far**

**Rick Scheidigger**

Dear Salem Church,

Thank you very much for your cards, notes, and prayers following the passing of my mother. I found them, and continue to find them, to be uplifting during this time of grieving. The fact that you took the time to write or pray for me and my family means much. Thank you once again.

Your Brother in Christ,

Jim Kempton\



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

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$2,000.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

In Christ,

The Rev. Robin Brown  
Director, Congregational Generosity

*Thank You*

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February 9, 2022

Dear friend,

We wish to thank you for directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to Mar-Lu-Ridge. These gifts make a tremendous difference in our ministry and we appreciate your support.

**THANK  
YOU**



**Lutheran Volunteer Corps**

UNITING PEOPLE TO WORK FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

God's Peace,

Sarah Lefler  
Executive Director  
Mar-Lu-Ridge

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your support of LVC Volunteers and the year-of-service experience. Your gift helped us maintain the sense of community and programming for LVC Volunteers' during exciting and challenging times. Because of your generosity:

With gratitude,

Deirdre Bagley  
President, Lutheran Volunteer Corps



*Thank You!*

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

We at Trees for the Future - and the farmers we serve - want to thank you for your commitment to our cause. Your generous contribution of \$3,204.94 will plant trees in Forest Gardens throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, and will provide farmers with the tools they need to plant themselves out of poverty and hunger for decades to come. Your support will have a far-reaching impact on farmers and the environment, and we cannot thank you enough!

Thank you so much for joining us in cultivating a better world for humanity and nature. We hope you take care!

With gratitude,

*John Leary*

John Leary  
Executive Director



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

*Thank You!*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your organization's recent gift of \$3,393.02 to Lutheran World Relief! When you love your neighbors with your generous gifts to LWR, you change lives in amazing ways.

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Warm Regards,

*Daniel Speckhard*

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



Jan. 7, 2022  
Dear Salem Family,  
How thoughtful to receive the lovely white poinsettia plant. It surely reminds one of the very special blessings of the Christmas season.  
God's love to all,  
Betty Ruff

## 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 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.*

<i>Dixie Lou Fiorello*</i>	<i>January 3, 2022*</i>
<i>Phyllis Lee Hipsley*</i>	<i>January 3, 2022*</i>
<i>Mary Michelle Conrad*</i>	<i>January 7, 2022*</i>
<i>Thomas Edward Arnold*</i>	<i>January 11, 2022*</i>
<i>Renate Kate Corrao*</i>	<i>January 17, 2022*</i>
<i>Ida Blanch Smith</i>	<i>January 21, 2022</i>
<i>Andrew Bowie*</i>	<i>January 22, 2022*</i>
<i>Patrick Allen Thornton</i>	<i>February 9, 2022*</i>
<i>Robert William Ripple</i>	<i>February 23/2022*</i>

*\*Not a Salem member*

### Salem's Budget to date

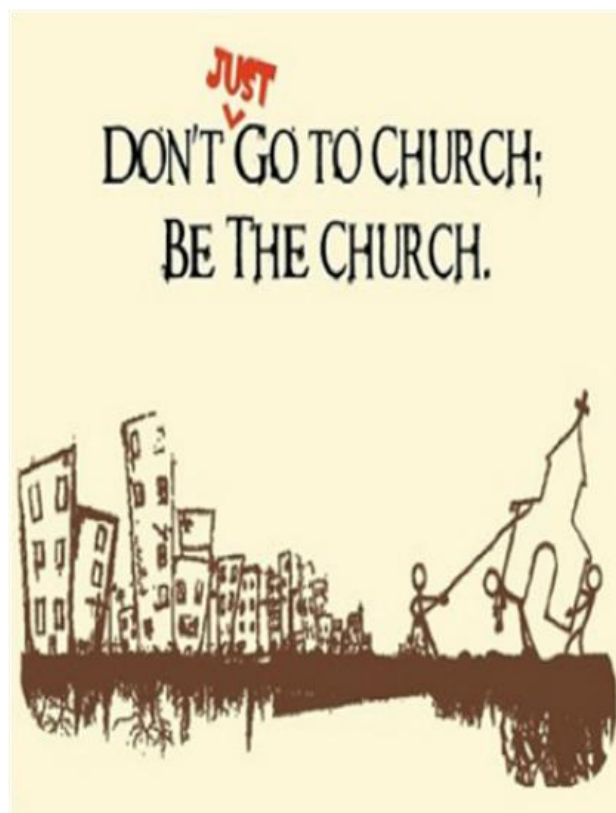
#### January 2022

#### General Fund

Expenses to Date	(\$49,541.41)
Receipts to Date	\$52,673.95
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$3,132.54</b>
Budget to Date	\$48,827.00

#### R.S.V.P

Receipts to Date	\$4,758.31
Disbursement to Date	\$0.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$4,758.31</b>



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Altar Guild: Mary Krebs  
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Youth Ministry Committee: Sara Toscano  
Worship Life: Jane Stolte



### SALEM PRAYER TREE

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

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