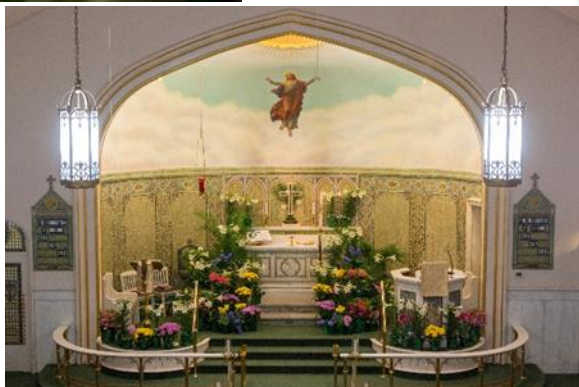




# THE MONARCH

## HOLY WEEK AT SALEM

- April 9 & 10 Palm Sunday  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- April 14 Holy Thursday 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- April 15 Good Friday 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- April 16 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. (NO 5 p.m. service)
- April 17 Easter Sunday (The Resurrection of Our Lord)  
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



## MONARCH ON-LINE

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## GRADUATING IN 2022?

### YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SALEM SCHOLARSHIP!

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

Salem scholarships recognize accomplishment in any of the following categories: academic achievement; Christian character, service, and citizenship; educational and career goals; and financial need. They also take into account the differing ways in which students have applied their talents and interests, and recognize the variety of post-high school educational experiences that may be the best fit for students.

The deadline for 2022 applications is **April 15**. Salem's high school seniors will receive a personal letter inviting them to consider applying for the program but it's not too early to learn about the program.

If you want to learn more, a [brochure and application form](#) are available from the church office. Students with a current Salem Scholarship may find the renewal form [on Salem's website](#).

## EARTH DAY, APRIL 24

Guardians of Eden (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 Dr. Chuck McClurg of the University of Maryland and Tim Jennings of Longwood Gardens at Adult Forum. 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 for weeding. The focus will be on our earth given to us by God!!



## HAPPENINGS IN ADULT FORUM

During March, Adult Forum studied the Proto-Gospel of James and started a two-week study of the Infancy Gospel of Thomas with the help of Bart Ehrman's *Lost Scriptures* book. The Proto-Gospel of James looks at the life of Mary from her birth to shortly after Jesus' birth; this book is valued by the Catholic Church, as it is one of the few sources of the immaculate conception of Mary. The book spends little time talking about Jesus, which may be why it was excluded from the New Testament. As for the Infancy Gospel of Thomas, this book looks at the childhood of Jesus.

In April, we will finish up the study of the Infancy Gospel of Thomas followed by a look at Joseph in Egypt as viewed through archaeological discoveries using the Great Courses series of videos on Palm Sunday. On April 24, the Guardians of Eden have arranged for speakers to talk at the Adult Forum as part of Salem's Earth Celebration. (See article above.)

The Adult Forum meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday in the Katie Luther Room. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. **No Adult Forum on Easter Sunday!**

## UPDATE FROM THE REFUGEE TASK FORCE ~AN APPEAL FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT~

### MEET THE DURRANI FAMILY

Masooma and her children, Rohail, 16, Saba, 14, and Lima, 12, arrived at their new home in Catonsville on March 14. They were met by about 15 members of the task force along with some of their teenagers. The family has made good progress settling in to their new home. Assisted by members of the task force, they've made two trips to the local Halal grocery stores, shopped for needed personal items, had their internet and cable installed, made a shopping trip to purchase rugs for their apartment, and have been registered to attend school. Rohail and Saba will be attending Lansdown High School and Lima, Lansdowne Middle School, where they will all have opportunity to improve their English skills.

We are learning more of their story. Twice widowed, Masooma's 21 year old son from her first marriage lived with them at their home in Kandahar. But he is still in Afghanistan, as they were separated on the day they, and many thousands, were all trying to get to planes in the Kabul airport. They all miss him very much, talk to him often, and are very much hoping that he will eventually be able to join them here. Her second husband, these children's father, died in a drowning accident when they were all under five years old. Masooma has a brother who lives in Windsor Mill and a sister who lives in Baltimore. They've had several visits with her brother and his family.

Though they do not yet have a good picture of the wider community of congregation and friends who have supported them, they are deeply grateful for the help they have received and the people they've met. There are tentative plans for a mid-May welcome event, hosted by our parish youth, at which the whole congregation will have an opportunity to meet them.

In the meantime, *your financial support is needed and much welcome*. Contributions may be made to the Refugee Fund; use a Pew Envelope or mail to the church office, clearly marking your gift "Refugee Fund." If you would like to be involved more personally, speak to any of us. We will need transportation to medical and dental appointments and folks to visit with them and help them improve their English. Fresh in all of our minds now are the travails of the refugees from Ukraine, with constant coverage of the story before us. And we're grateful for the skilled and compassionate work of Lutheran World Relief now among those refugees who have fled to Poland.

The chaotic, frantic departure of refugees fleeing Kabul was nearly a year ago, and the event and its coverage far more brief, but just as difficult and hope-filled. For the Durrani family, that journey ended in Catonsville. We give thanks for the opportunity to help them embark on a new life among us.



### New Financial Treasurer

Effective March 31, Tom Vasold is retiring as Financial Treasurer. Ray Hamelin has agreed to assume this position effective April 1. Thank you Tom for your years of faithful service.

## MUSIC NOTES

Salem's Music Department is once more able to offer a full range of music at worship. The Senior Choir is again singing at services and Music Director Mary Miller extends a warm invitation to all who would like to join. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and on Sunday morning between services. For more information, contact her at [marymiller359@gmail.com](mailto:marymiller359@gmail.com) or at church, (410-747-0720) during office hours.

### UPCOMING SALEM MUSIC OFFERINGS

**Palm Sunday** - Both Sunday services will include special readings and music. The Choir will sing at both services.

**Easter Sunday** - The Choir and Salem Brass will provide music at both services, and a wonderful Salem music tradition will be observed again. The "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* will be sung at the end of the service and all members are invited to sing along with the Choir.

**Music Sunday** - Salem members attending worship services on Sunday, May 8 will be able to "make a joyful noise" together in song as we reinstate Music Sunday with the easing of restrictions. As in past years, members will be invited to nominate favorite hymns and the congregation will join together in singing one verse. This "songfest" will take the place of the sermon.

**Concert to Benefit Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service** - June 5th, 4p.m.— a concert with brass and other special music to aid this agency working with refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine. Our recent and ongoing sponsorship of the Durrani family was coordinated through LIRS.



## 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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## SALEM SPECIAL FUNDS

The General Fund pays for all the ongoing expenses - salaries, utilities and the like. The regular offerings support the General Fund. Salem has several special funds that are not supported directly from the budget. Monies directed to these funds do not come from General Fund contributions.

**RSVP (Renew Sustain Venture Proclaim)** – This fund was created after the major renovation in 1997 to fund future capital projects, ensure ongoing maintenance of the property, and to also help with other important ministries such as calling an Associate Pastor in 2007 and a Vicar in 2017-18. There is a monthly offering envelope to encourage support of this fund.

**Memorial Fund** – This fund receives gifts from individuals remembering a loved one or honoring a living person. Many families request donations to this fund in lieu of flowers. These funds have been used to buy paraments, worship accoutrements, a new piano, musical instruments, and even computer equipment related to enhancing our worship life. Paul Krabitz oversees the Memorial Fund. Expenditures of more than \$750 are approved by the Church Council.

**Bequest Fund** – Gifts from estates are the source of this fund. It is not a restricted endowment but may be used by the congregation for any purpose. It was last used to help pay for the new roof and the masonry repointing in 2009. The fund also serves as a source of monies that could be used in event of an emergency.

**Mission Fund** – Created in 2011, this fund is intended to be used for mission projects. Initially funded from a surplus during the year after Pastor Whetstone retired and before Salem hired a new Associate Pastor in 2011, the fund was used to help launch Church on the Square. From 2013 through 2015, we donated \$20,000 a year to this new start. The Mission Fund underwrote the Three Kings Service which was an outreach event for our Hispanic neighbors in 2019 and in July of 2019, contributed \$8,000 to help the Mountain of God purchase a used van for shuttling folks to worship. In March of 2022, the Church Council authorized gifts to the Epileptic Outreach Project in the Congo sponsored by the Mountain of God Lutheran Church in Catonsville.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Coat Fund** – This fund came into existence as the result of a sermon Pastor Whetstone preached in the fall of 2006. The fund is used to help members of the Salem congregation in times of financial duress. It often helps to pay for medical expenses. When the fund falls below \$1,000, an appeal is made to the congregation to help replenish the fund.

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## RECYCLE YOUR OLD CELL PHONES

Did you get a new phone recently? Do you have an old cell phone that you no longer use? Please consider recycling it and help save the animals. Coltan, an ore that provides essential components for cell phones and other electronics, is primarily mined in critical habitats for gorillas and chimpanzees. By recycling old cell phones, we can reduce the need for mining in these areas where gorillas and chimpanzees live. It will help to protect critical habitats as well as keep toxic chemicals out of our landfills. Drop off your old cell phone in the box in the entrance foyer of the Catonsville Senior Center, 501 North Rolling Road, 21228, and a volunteer will take care of the rest. Thank you for your support of this project!

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

One of our themes throughout Lent has been “Acts of Kindness.” In weeks past, we have coordinated efforts with the youth group and assembled the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits on Sunday, March 6. Throughout March we learned about The Good Samaritan, Four Friends, and God’s Peaceful World. Looking ahead to April, we will be studying about Palm Sunday and Easter.

**Please Note:** There will be no class on Sunday, April 17 Easter Sunday.

We’ll start a service project on Sunday, April 3, making ***Birthday Boxes*** and ask for the congregation’s support of this project by donating the items listed below. These items can be placed in the containers in the Narthex near the elevator as well as brought to Bethany Hall during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.).

13 x 9 disposable pans with see-through plastic lids

1 box of cake mix (any flavor)

1 can of either Sprite or Coke (or a six pack)

1 can of icing (any flavor)

1 box of birthday candles

Additional items - small container of sprinkles/jimmies

These ***Birthday Boxes***, when filled, will be taken to CEA (Catonsville Emergency Association) for distribution to families with children who perhaps cannot afford the ingredients to make their child/children a birthday cake. The cake can be made by simply adding the soda to the cake mix eliminating the egg and oil used in traditional mixing of the cake batter. The project extends our Lenten theme of “Acts of Kindness” to the end of the Sunday school season in June. ***Donations will be accepted through Sunday, May 29.***

We hope you would consider volunteering to work with the children during the Sunday school hour (any Sunday) by using the Salem Sign Up Genius that can be reached by [https:// www.signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com), **OR** just come on Sunday mornings to Bethany Hall; extra hands and ideas are always welcome, **OR** you can email Eileen Merriman at [esavage109@yahoo.com](mailto:esavage109@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Many thanks!

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## ANNUAL MEETING MAY 15

Salem is planning the Annual Meeting for May 15 after the 11 a.m. service with a Potluck Luncheon. Included in this meeting will be the second vote required by our Constitution to change our Constitution.

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## SALEM PARKING LOT CLOSURE

You will 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 Truist branch has permanently closed the Property Committee has moved to close the entrance during the week.

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## SALEM BOOK GROUP WILL DISCUSS *How the Word Is Passed*

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 be via ZOOM or be in-person. Please contact Guy Davis, [guyddavisphd@gmail.com](mailto: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. If you would like to recommend a book for discussion, please contact Guy Davis at [guyddavisphd@gmail.com](mailto:guyddavisphd@gmail.com) or 410-747-0744.

The next meeting will be on **April 11** to discuss *How the Word Is Passed* by Clint Smith. Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks - those that are honest about the past and those that are not - that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history and ourselves.

It is the story of the Monticello Plantation in Virginia, the estate where Thomas Jefferson wrote letters espousing the urgent need for liberty while enslaving more than four hundred people. It is the story of the Whitney Plantation, a former plantation devoted to preserving the experience of the enslaved people whose lives and work sustained it. It is the story of Angola, a former plantation in Louisiana, turned maximum-security prison, that is filled with Black men who work across the 18,000 acre land for virtually no pay. And it is the story of Blandford Cemetery, the final resting place of tens of thousands of Confederate soldiers.

A deeply researched and transporting exploration of the legacy of slavery and its imprint on centuries of American history, *How the Word Is Passed* illustrates how some of our country's most essential stories are hidden in plain view - whether in places we might drive by on our way to work, holidays such as Juneteenth, or entire neighborhoods like downtown Manhattan, where the brutal history of the trade in enslaved men, women, and children has been deeply imprinted.

Informed by scholarship and brought to life by the story of people living today, Smith's debut work of nonfiction is a landmark of reflection and insight that offers a new understanding of the hopeful role that memory and history can play in making sense of our country and how it has come to be resourceful.

2022 schedule:

**April 11** - *How the Word Is Passed* by Clint Smith

**May 9** - *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

**June 13** - *The Other Madisons* by Bettye Kears

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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 UPDATES

Anita Lane, Sara Toscano, and our Youth Group extend their sincere thanks to Salem's congregation for their very generous support of their Personal Care Kits Service Project. On March 6, the youth group and Sunday school children assembled the kits containing a bar of soap, an adult size toothbrush, a pair of metal nail clippers, and a comb, all rolled up and secured within a bath towel. They put together 65 kits. The kits were then delivered to the BSC Warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland for distribution through Lutheran World Relief. Unfortunately, when the kits were delivered to the warehouse, the representative there was unable to specifically state where they would end up, but we were assured that there was definitely a great need for them and were much appreciated. (Note: since that time, there has been notification that the kits would head to Ukraine where they are greatly needed.)

On Saturday, March 5, and Sunday, March 6, the youth group led our worship services and did a wonderful job in so doing. "Our thanks to Miss Anita, Miss Sara, and Pastor Sarah for guiding us in the planning sessions to prepare the worship services." As this year's Lutheran Youth Organization's theme for the year is "Life at the Crossroads," the youth incorporated that theme into the services by sharing their own interpretation of its meaning. Wonderful leadership shown by Danny Gundlach, Logan Kahatapitiya, Gavin Smith, Abigail Bass, Melissa Miller, Lizzie Fitch, Veronica Merriman, and Matthew Fitch.

The Youth Group plans to meet on **Saturday, April 2 at 5 p.m.** to attend worship followed by a workshop on service-learning opportunities they could explore. Come join the group!

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## LIRS BENEFIT CONCERT

On Sunday June 5 at 4pm there will be a charity benefit concert at Salem. A free-will offering will be collected, which will be donated to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS). The program will include a brass trio, a women's quartet, and a few different soloists. There is room in the program for one or two more participants-- so if you would like to play or sing something, please contact Michael Fitch ([mjfitfch2718@gmail.com](mailto:mjfitfch2718@gmail.com)). Stay tuned for more details!

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## SALEM YOGA/SALEM CHAIR YOGA

Salem yoga and Salem chair yoga will begin again after a 2 year hiatus, with Elaine Collins as our instructor. Hatha (gentle) yoga will be on Mondays, 4 pm, beginning May 2. Chair yoga will be on Wednesdays, 4 pm, beginning May 4. Both yoga classes will be 10-week sessions. We are hoping to keep the cost to \$30 for each session, but that will be dependent on the number of participants. If you would like to join either Salem yoga or Salem chair yoga, or have questions, please contact Penne or Ray Giuliani by April 22 ([prgiuliani@verizon.net](mailto:prgiuliani@verizon.net) or 410-747-1103).

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O Lord, you love justice and you establish peace on earth.  
We bring before you the disunity of today's world;  
the absurd violence, and the many wars,  
which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world;  
human greed and injustice,  
which breed hatred and strife.  
Send your spirit and renew the face of the earth;  
teach us to be compassionate towards the whole human family;  
strengthen the will of all those  
who fight for justice and for peace,  
and give us that peace which the world cannot give.  
- Ecumenical prayer for peace





## HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

Our first event will be an Outdoor Craft Fair/Yard Sale using part of Salem's parking lot closest to the Frederick Road entrance, which will be blocked off for incoming traffic. Event date and time is **Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to noon with a rain date of Saturday, May 21, same time.** Spaces cost \$15 each with reservations and money due by **April 25.** This fee goes directly to the preservation and maintenance efforts at the Old Salem church and cemetery located at 701 Ingleside Avenue. If you are interested in reserving a space, please know you will need to provide your own table or display set up. Profits from your sale of items are yours to keep. At the close of the event, each vendor is responsible for cleaning the area around their table, as well as removing any leftover unsold items and all trash. **Old Salem cannot be responsible for disposable of your unsold items nor cleaning up your area.**

**PLEASE NOTE: OLD SALEM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING "TREASURES" FROM NON-BOARD MEMBERS DUE TO LACK OF TABLE SPACE. IF YOU HAVE 'TREASURES' TO SELL, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PURCHASE A SPACE AND MAN YOUR OWN TABLE. THANK YOU**

Reservations and fee due **by April 25.**

**OLD SALEM BUS TRIP** - **Thursday, June 16** to St. Michaels for lunch at The Crab Claw Restaurant (combo platter of crab cake/fried chicken, baked potato, green beans, hot rolls/butter, choice of coffee, hot or iced tea, or soft drink, sherbet) followed by a boat ride on the Patriot Cruise Line, with some time for shopping & sightseeing on your own around St. Michaels. Leave 9 a.m. and return 6 p.m. to the Southwest Park & Ride Lot on S. Rolling Road near the Rt. 195 ramp to the airport. There are 30 spaces available. Cost \$100. per person inclusive, payable by **May 15. Checks should be made payable to Historic Old Salem, Inc.**

**CONTACT :** Sharon Stanton at memsha7311@gmail.com or 410-744-8724 to make reservations for either or both events. Proceeds support preservation of Old Salem Church, located at 701 Ingleside Avenue, near Rt. 40.

**ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY** - We will be celebrating our Annual Founders' Day Open House on **Sunday, June 5 at 2 p.m.** with a program centered around Dr. John Zimmerman Bowers, son of our own Pastor John Bowers. It will be quite interesting to hear about the life of one of Salem's own during the War and how our congregation rallied around him through those years and thereafter. Join Judy LeGath at Old Salem, 701 Ingleside Avenue, for a fascinating story that you won't want to miss. Refreshments following the program.

**DECEMBER BUS TRIP** - Finally, reserve a spot now for the **Friday, December 2** all day bus trip to the American Music Theatre in Lancaster for their wonderful "*Home for the Holidays Christmas Show*" with a family style lunch at Hershey Farms of fried chicken and ham with sides before the show. There are 30 seats available at \$100 per person inclusive, not due until **November 1.**



## VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Who could imagine that when that last person left the sanctuary on Sunday, March 8, 2020, our way of worshipping together would never again be the same? But blessed with resources and talents, not to mention faith and determination, Salem has been able to carry on in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. And now, two years later, virtual worship is an option that is here to stay.

With little warning of a disease that we were just learning about, Pr. Sarah and Pr. Micah recorded a “sofa worship” on March 15. By the following week, a pre-recorded service was online, with Pr. Dave and Pr. Sarah, as well as Pr. Micah of Faith Lutheran, presenting the elements of worship. Mary Miller played the piano, and Pr. Sarah and Pr. Micah sang hymns.

Soon thereafter came expansions in music (with Sid Meier and Greg Lauer of Faith) and technical improvements (two cameras). In the following weeks, members of both congregations read the lectionary and gave children’s messages, all recorded from home. A major innovation was the Virtual Choir. With an accompaniment recorded by the church musicians (Mary, Sid, and Greg), choir members recorded their parts of anthems at home. Sid combined the individual tracks and produced a virtual choir (think “The Brady Bunch”).

Although the weekly service viewed online was only an hour long, it was the result of an arduous weeklong process. Monday morning planning sessions included the pastors, the production team (Joey Morgan, Robin Schaefer, Guy Davis), and the church musicians. There were plenty of behind-the-scenes tasks as well; Robin, for instance, worked to insure streaming rights to music.

Recording took place at either Salem or Faith (depending on which pastor was delivering the sermon) on Thursdays. Joey compiled the video clips on Fridays, and, on Saturdays, Guy reviewed and uploaded the recorded worship to Salem’s YouTube and Facebook channels. The videos were available for viewing on Sunday; initial online attendance averaged 240 a week.

With warmer weather beginning in late spring of 2020, outdoor in-person worship services were conducted by Pr. Dave and Pr. Sarah, even as the pre-recorded virtual option continued to be offered. As a result online attendance halved to 120 but once again rebounded to 180 when winter weather forced the cessation of outdoor worship. Meanwhile Zoom Wednesday fellowship with the pastors and small-group Tuesday and Thursday fellowships provided a way for members of the congregation to stay in touch. After a year’s absence, communion was introduced once a month on Wednesday evenings.

All the while, according to Guy, three things were becoming obvious: online worship was here to stay and was a source of evangelism, pre-recorded worship required a great deal of time and effort, and in-person worship would eventually return, making live-streaming necessary. Bids were received from three audio-visual companies and Armbruster AV was chosen. The Church Council, led by President Sharon Stanton, and the congregation subsequently voted to approve the undertaking. Independently and concurrently, the Faith congregation, our pandemic partners, made the same decision. Live-streaming within each congregation was a reality by May 2021.

In the ensuing months, live-streaming offerings extended beyond 11 a.m. Sunday worship to include Saturday evening contemporary worship, as well as weddings and funerals, Wednesday Lenten and special services. All have been and continue to be available on Salem’s YouTube channel, Facebook page, and website. In addition to in-person worship, virtual attendance for the Saturday and Sunday services continue to average 20 and 70 worshipers, respectively. In the words of the psalmist, “I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord.” Even virtually.

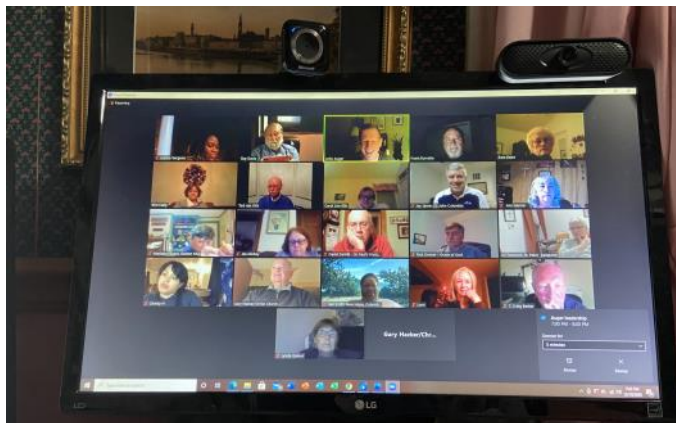




**Video recording before and after live streaming**



**Sermons and Children's Sermons**



**Through it all,  
using what is available,  
Salem continues to worship**





## Children's Sermons



## Worship Planning and Worship



## Recording Worship



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## NEWS FROM OUR SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY

In the years 2017-2019 the Refugee Task Force assisted a Syrian refugee family with support from the congregation. Mahmoud and Wedyan al Fahad, with their children Khalid, Lujain, Mohammed, and Ayah, have improved their lives in many ways. They now have their green cards and have been independent, financially and otherwise, for several years.

Now they are proud to have just bought their first house. They will be moving into their home in the Windsor Mill area within the next few weeks. We commend them on their progress and pray they will have many happy years in their new home.

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## NEW DISCIPLES CLASS—April 30, 2022

Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah will be leading a New Disciples Class for individuals seeking to become members of the congregation or for anyone seeking more information about Lutheran theology, practice, and the life of the Salem faith community on **Saturday, April 30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon** in the 2nd Floor Katie Luther Room. A second class will be held on **Sunday, May 15 from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** in the Wittenberg Room. New disciples will be received into membership at the **11 a.m.** worship service on **Sunday, May 15**. Our newest disciples will be welcomed at the Annual Meeting and potluck supper held in Reformation Hall immediately following the service. Please keep in mind that these dates may need to be adjusted if COVID numbers increase. Please contact Pastor Dave or Pastor Sarah for more information or questions.

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## SHOWCASE DISPLAYS

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 to 4 weeks and you would be able to set up your display, if you are able, during the week when the church office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please note that the showcase does lock so your collections will 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.

***GOE (Guardians of Eden) hosts our April display! Check it out!***

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

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## WIFI AT SALEM

Salem church has 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).

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## 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.



**Please join...**

**CATONSVILLE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**



**for a FUNDRAISER at**



**Thursday, April 7**

**3:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Eat in or Take Out**

**(Deliveries not part of fundraiser)**

**Phone:** 410-747-2255

**Address:** 15 Mellor Ave., Catonsville

***Must mention Catonsville Emergency Assistance  
at checkout!***

**(CEA receives 20% when you mention our name)**

## 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!

### Church Council Highlights for March

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15 following the 11 am service. We will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> vote to adopt the constitutional change passed at the Special Congregation Meeting on March 26/27 that allows the Church Council to authorize expenditures up to 3.5% of the church budget (currently \$20,565).

Passed a motion to donate \$5,000 from the Mission Fund to the Epileptic Outreach Project of the Mountain of God Lutheran Church.

Passed a motion to donate \$5,000 from the Mission Fund to Village of Augsburg renovation of its Memory Unit.

Passed a motion to donate \$5,000 from the Mission Fund to LWR for Ukraine Relief.

### Service Opportunities at Salem

Greeters - see Sharon Stanton or email her at [memsha7311@gmail.com](mailto:memsha7311@gmail.com)

Ushers - see Paul Krabitz or email him at [PD422@comcast.net](mailto:PD422@comcast.net)

Lectors/Worship Assistants for 8:15 am and 11:00 am worship - see Pastor Dave

Worship Assistants (no reading, just helping with distributing Holy Communion) 8:15 am and 11:00 am - see Pastor Dave

Chair the Evangelism Committee - see Church Council President Ryan Fredriksson at [ryan.frederiksson@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.frederiksson@gmail.com)

Chair the Stewardship Committee - see Church Council President Ryan Fredriksson at [ryan.frederiksson@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.frederiksson@gmail.com)

Serve as Salem's representative on the Lazarus Caucus Board (organization dedicated to helping the Homeless Shelter) - see Pastor Dave

Help pick up and deliver food to the Children's Home (1x every two weeks, approximately one hour) see Mary Ann Ruley or email [maryannruley@gmail.com](mailto:maryannruley@gmail.com)

### Save the Date

Sunday May 15, after the 11 am service - Salem Annual Congregational Meeting

## 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>Eileen Emma Mogavero</i>	<i>February 28, 2022*</i>
<i>Pearl Francis Reinke</i>	<i>March 9, 2022*</i>
<i>Carmen M. Contee</i>	<i>March 19, 2022*</i>
<i>Betsey Given</i>	<i>March 23, 2022*</i>

*\*Not a Salem member*

### SAVE THE DATE

#### TREASURER REPORT FOR February 2022

##### General Fund

Expenses to Date	(\$105,129.94)
Receipts to Date	\$92,808.28
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$12,321.66</b>
Budget to Date	\$97,988.00

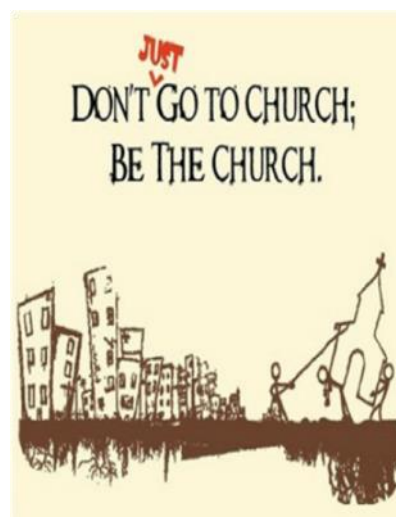
##### R.S.V.P

Receipts to Date	\$7060.63
Disbursement to	\$0.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$7060.63</b>

#### Congregational Meeting!

#### ANNUAL MEETING MAY 15

Salem is planning the Annual Meeting for May 15 after the 11 a.m. service with a Potluck Luncheon. Included in this meeting will be the second vote required by our Constitution to change our Constitution.





**ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022**

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
February Subtotals	71	114	187	62/185	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>619</b>
February 26/27	30	70	78	22/48	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>248</b>
February Totals	101	184	265	84/233	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>867</b>
Ash Wed.				13/11	Livestream 2pm/7:30pm	<b>24</b>
Ash. Wed.				48/70	In Person 2pm/7:30pm	<b>118</b>
March 5/6	43	60	80	12/42	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>237</b>
March 9				37/39	In Person/Livestream	<b>76</b>
March 12/13	18	30	70	12/53	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>183</b>
March 16				47/28	In Person/Livestream	<b>75</b>
March 19/20	23	54	91	27/42	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>237</b>
March 23				32/33	In Person/Livestream	<b>65</b>
March 26/27	23	48	98	12/46	Livestream Sat/Sun	<b>227</b>
March 30				50/28	In Person/Livestream	<b>78</b>
March Totals	107	192	339	214/468	In Person/Livestream	<b>1320</b>

\*Week reflects Saturday through Friday



**BALTIMORE OUTREACH SERVICES, INC.**

701 South Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21230  
Office 410-752-7179 Shelter 410-752-1285 [www.baltimoreoutreach.org](http://www.baltimoreoutreach.org)

February 3, 2022

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran,

Thank you for your gift of \$1000 as a donation to Baltimore Outreach Services. Your donation provides housing and services to homeless women and their children.

We are one of only three shelters in Baltimore City that serves children. BOS provides an urgently needed safe place to shelter during a crisis, especially during the cold Winter months.

Your contribution allows families to have a safe, secure environment with a staff committed to helping the families we serve. A customized plan for each family is made to help them with their needs and goals. Families can stay until they obtain housing, which usually takes about five months.

We have an afterschool teacher who helps the children with their reading and math skills at the end of the school day. Many of our children are behind grade level and have learning disabilities.

Your gift supports the emergency shelter operation and programming for the women and their children. Thank you for your generosity. We are most grateful.

*Thank You!*

Sincerely,

Joann Levy,  
Executive Director

*Thank you for your support!*

**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!





**Lutheran Immigration  
and Refugee Service**

*Thank You!*

Thank you for your generous gift of \$700.00 to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

Because of your support, we can continue to provide much needed help to refugee and migrant families and our ongoing work in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Likewise, we wish you and your congregation well and pray for your health and sustained ministry today and in the future.

Your congregation's gift is providing life-sustaining care for migrant and refugee families both as they arrive and during the time it takes to build a new life. Thanks to you, children who were separated from their parents have been reunited with their loved ones and given the resources and connections needed to recover from trauma. You're also helping us advocate with a firm resolve for ending shameful policies that tear families apart and prevent newcomers from finding refuge here.

You have shared a vitally needed voice of hope in a world too often filled with violence, a nation too often filled with hate.

Since LIRS began, congregations like yours have helped more than 500,000 migrant and refugee men, women, and children rebuild their lives in welcoming communities across the country. And even now, as that legacy of welcome is threatened, we are standing united in hope. Together, we are welcoming families and advocating for people who've suffered so much.

By helping LIRS welcome the stranger, you are sending a powerful message of hope conquering fear. The critical support and sustaining relationships your congregation's gift provides truly make a life-changing difference. I am eternally grateful for your congregation's compassion and I know the families you help extend their gratitude too. Thank you so much for your gift!

Together in faith,

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah  
President and CEO

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$5,000 to The Village at Augsburg in support of the Remember Me capital campaign. Your gift supports the immediate needs of building the Memory Care neighborhood at Augsburg. For recordkeeping purposes, your check number is 13993, dated March 24, 2022.

The statistics are staggering in relation to memory related illnesses. Between 2000 and 2017, Alzheimer's disease and dementia has increased by 145% and it is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. One in three older adults die with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. As a community, we must provide support and care for this growing population, and your gift does just that.

This campaign allows us to convert former semi-private rooms to private rooms for thirteen residents. We will provide an individualized touch for each resident, with engagement encompassed around their own schedule, and activities personalized to their unique interests. Your gift is a part of these efforts to create and provide a supportive, personalized Memory Care neighborhood to benefit the residents with the best care possible.

One hundred and thirty years ago, Augsburg's ministry began from the "Augsburg Acorn" – selfless giving by individual congregation members of local Lutheran churches. Today, while the needs continue to evolve, we remain humbled by the support from our delegate congregations such as your own.

With gratitude,

Zachary T. Heeter  
The Village at Augsburg  
Philanthropy Director







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March 2022

Pastor David K. Asendorf  
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Dear Pastor Asendorf:

On behalf of our Board of Directors, volunteers, staff and most importantly, the individuals we serve, thank you for your very generous gift of \$1,000.00 received on 2/17/2022 in support of Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland (MOWCM). Your support provides nutritious meals and social support to your homebound neighbors in need.

With the effects of the pandemic still lingering in our community, your kindness is more important now than ever. Your gift is essential in helping us fulfill our mission to keep vulnerable aging adults living safely and independently at home and mitigating the effects of social isolation remains a focused priority of our organization. As of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we returned to our traditional service model with daily delivery, proven to have greater positive health impact as a result of more direct contact with our clients.

**We are now proudly delivering meals to over 2,200 clients five days per week.**

As a testimony of what your thoughtful contribution means to our clients, Gloria W shares:  
*"It is such a beautiful program and was far more than I ever expected – I couldn't ask for anything better. There are so many people in need, and I want to thank you all for helping so many of us."*

For more information on how your donation is impacting individuals like Gloria, please visit our website, [www.mealsonwheelsmd.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org).

Thank you again for your generous support, and shared commitment to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland.

Gratefully,

Stephanie Archer-Smith  
Executive Director

*Your generous support means the world to us & to those we serve!*







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

March 24, 2022

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,



Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in January 2022.

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in January 2022.

This is a season of reflection and sacrifice, but it is also a season of hope. As we walk the 40-day journey of Lent, we know that we are walking toward Easter and the promise of renewal. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA are bringing that promise and hope to your neighbors around the world.

You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.

In Christ,

The Rev. Robin Brown  
Director, Congregational Generosity



**Lutheran Immigration  
and Refugee Service**

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of all the people we serve, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) would like to thank you for your generosity throughout the year of 2021. Your financial gifts are so important and are truly making a difference in the lives of immigrants and refugees each and every day.

For over 80 years, LIRS has offered welcome and hope to more than half a million refugees. Since 1939, LIRS has transformed lives, with the support of people like you, to welcome the most vulnerable to the United States – from sea to shining sea. Together we have supported, equipped, and empowered these new Americans, while advocating for policy that protects all of God's children.

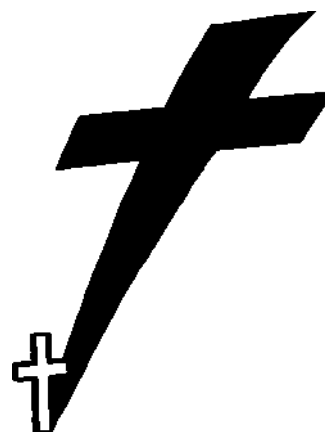
In God's peace,

**Andrew G. Steele**  
Vice President for Development and Outreach

**Dr. Kristin Witte**  
Director for Outreach

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

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