



THE MONARCH

SALEM SAYS A HEARTFELT GOODBYE TO PASTOR SARAH

When Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey joined Salem Lutheran in a part-time staff role in the fall of 2018, she was understandably a ball of emotions that ranged from excited to nervous and even a bit terrified. “Will I be able to provide the faithful support necessary to make a difference? Will the congregation accept me given my youth and relative inexperience?”, she wondered. What Pastor Sarah found at Salem, she says, defied all of her expectations. And she defied all of our expectations, as well.

For Pastor Sarah, the last four years have been anything but dull. Marriage to Pastor Micah; ordination; the call to serve as the first full-time female Associate Pastor at Salem; enduring the brutality and uncertainties of the pandemic. And now she embraces a new call to serve as the Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy and Mobility in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod of the ELCA alongside Bishop Leila Ortiz. In her new role, Pastor Sarah will be accompanying deacons, pastors, seminarians, and congregations in the Metro D.C. Synod through the difficult and holy work of discerning where and to whom God is calling them, easing their anxieties and quelling their fears. She will travel across the synod preaching, teaching, and building relationships with many different individuals and communities. It sounds ideal for a person of such deep faith and with so many diverse gifts and talents to share.

Pastor Sarah’s compelling sermons are among her greatest strengths. A spellbinding blend of the Gospel message along with glimpses into her heart, she tells the unvarnished truth in a loving way, captivating listeners and making the word of God relatable. Her work with youth ministry, teaching her beloved confirmation classes, and leading the significant efforts of the anti-racism group are among her greatest joys and are sure to be enduring legacies.

Pastor Sarah says she feels eternally grateful and deeply privileged for the years she has served at Salem. “This church literally made



Inside This Issue:

Pastor Sarah	1-3
Birthday Boxes	4
Mew Members	5-6
Parish Nurses	6
Historical Old Salem	7
Salem— A brief History	8-9
Salem’s LWR Quilters	10
Benefit Concert for LIRS	11
World Refugee Day	12
May Attendance	13
Official Acts/Refugee Task Force	14
Thank You Notes	14-17
Parish Leaders	18
Council Leaders and Staff	19

MONARCH ON-LINE

Salem’s Monarch is available on-line at www.salem-catonville.org. If you would like notification that a new issue has been posted or would like a Monarch (PDF form) emailed to you, please contact Guy Davis at guyddavisphd@gmail.com.

me a pastor. It showed me the importance of hospitality and genuine welcome. The people here are so special and giving," she says, recounting the time that the basement in her new home flooded on Christmas Eve and help was immediately offered by a new parishioner. "And I learned to be faithfully present by watching Pastor Dave, who is an amazing ministry partner."

Perhaps no one feels Pastor Sarah's departure more acutely than Pastor Dave. "They say you can't keep good help and keeping great help is impossible," he quipped. "But in all seriousness," he says, "We will miss Pastor Sarah terribly but we are also very happy for her. This is a serendipitous opportunity and there's no doubt that she will be a gift to many."

On June 4th and 5th, Pastor Sarah's last weekend serving Salem, farewell receptions were held following each service. Parishioners gathered to recall fond memories, rejoice, and thank God for the opportunity to know her.

In her final sermon, Pastor Sarah concluded with this fitting reminder: "As our paths diverge, I pray that you would remember that the Holy Spirit binds us together eternally." We thank Pastor Sarah for the wonderful, indelible mark she has left on Salem. We wish her abundant joy and every blessing in her new position.





SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT: BIRTHDAY CAKE KITS

Many thanks to everyone who so generously contributed to our Sunday school Birthday Boxes Service Project. Your support was overwhelming. The Sunday school children packed 50 beautiful birthday gift bags full of the birthday cake ingredients and pans on Sunday June 5th. Delivery was made to the Catonsville Emergency Assistance center during the following week. These birthday bags will be distributed to families with children who perhaps cannot afford the ingredients to make their child/children a birthday cake. The Sunday school children hand wrote a birthday greeting card which was included in each and every bag.

On Sunday, June 12th {unfortunately our last day of Sunday school for this year}, we will again be working outside removing large sections of the English ivy attached to the parking lot fence, planting some flowers, mulching some areas and working to improve our outside garden area. And we'll end the event with "Dirt Cakes", a fun, edible craft for the children.

Thank you to everyone who came on Sundays to teach and lead the children in learning Bible stories, singing songs, creating beautiful crafts and to all the parents who were willing to bring the children back to our Sunday school program. **AND OUR BIGGEST THANK YOU TO EILEEN MERRIMAN FOR LEADING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

Mark your calendars now for Rally Day, Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 a.m. News will be forthcoming of a summertime "stay connected with the children" soon.



SALEM WELCOMES



Lindsay, Albert and Michael Ottati

Lindsay, Albert and Michael joined Salem on May 15th and although they are new to Salem, Lindsay is no stranger to Salem. She was baptized at Salem and attended years ago. Her family have been members of Salem for many years and you will remember Nelson and Joan Netzer, Lindsay's grandparents, as well as her mother and father, Barbara and Michael Netzer. Albert lived in Richmond, Virginia and once married to Lindsay the couple lived in Baltimore City. Along came Michael, now one year old as of the end of May. Albert and Lindsay chose to move to Catonsville after having Michael. They were seeking a church in the Catonsville area where Lindsay grew up. Having family at Salem and Lindsay having been a member previously, Lindsay and Albert decided to join Salem, where Michael was baptized. They feel very much a part of the Salem community and feel that this is a wonderful place to continue in their faith journey raising Michael. Albert works for SAI as a Software Customer Services Manager and Lindsay works for Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals. They enjoy traveling, hiking and especially the Bethany Beach area for vacation times. You will most likely find them on a Sunday morning at the 11 am. service, easy to spot with a one-year Michael.

Suzanne Middleton

Suzanne Middleton had lived in the Catonsville area her entire life. She worked at Northrop Grumman and now enjoys retirement. Suzanne started attending Salem right before the pandemic in 2020 and then worshiped with us virtually. Suzanne was looking for a new church home and found that Salem was accepting of all people. Suzanne joined Salem with her daughter, Megan, and grandchildren Samantha and Logan. Suzanne stated that she was born and raised Lutheran but is always looking to gain more knowledge. She loves doing cross stitch and always has a project going. On Sundays, you will find Suzanne on the back right side of the church at 8:15.



Megan Middleton

Megan is a lifelong Catonsville resident. She works in Supply Chain at Northrop Grumman. Megan started attending Salem right before the pandemic in 2020 with her mother Suzanne. Megan was looking for a new church home and her mother mentioned that the Dells belonged to Salem and spoke of how inviting the church is. Megan joined Salem with her children Samantha and Logan Goldberg, and her mother Suzanne Middleton. Megan is interested in gathering more information on the groups at Salem at her previous church she was involved with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Megan stated that she wants her children to have the same Christian background that she grew up with and is focused on their faith journey at this time. On Sundays, you will find Megan with her mother and children sitting on the back right side of the church at 8:15.



Jackie Huber

Known to many as Darla Sando's mother (and Bruce's mother-in-law), Jackie Huber has visited Salem for decades. Born and raised in Baltimore, she attended city public schools, graduating from Forest Park High School before working as the manager of a savings and loan association. Later, she served as receptionist for the CEO of Alex. Brown & Sons before retiring.

Jackie is a lifelong Lutheran, first as a member of Calvary Lutheran Church (at the corner of North Avenue and Payson Street) until its closing, and then at Second English Lutheran Church, which closed its doors in 2017. "It was terrible," she recalls, noting that the congregation was close knit and "like a family." She and other former members continue to stay in touch with each other.

On the home front, Jackie was married to "Barney" Kuhn for 55 years before his death in 2006. She was later married to Ed Huber for 11 years before his passing three years ago. These days, Jackie is living in Elkridge, although she looks forward to moving back to Catonsville soon. Describing herself as a "sociable person," she spends time with Darla and Bruce and particularly enjoys sitting and reading on their porch. She and her 97-year-old sister talk frequently on the phone, and she enjoys luncheon dates with many longtime friends.

Mitsuko Zerbe

Born in Okinawa, Mitsuko Zerbe grew up in Japan during the American Occupation following World War II. Her early experiences with Americans were mixed, to say the least: Fired upon by U.S. soldiers, she still has shrapnel in her temple and feet. On the other hand, she was attracted at a young age by the kindness of missionaries; consequently, she became a Christian at the age of seven. Later, she married a U.S. serviceman, and they settled in Wallingford, Connecticut, where she spent most of her adult life, rearing her family.

Always an independent woman, Mitsuko worked as a surgical technician and was a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Wallington. Last summer, she moved to Catonsville to live with her daughter, and although she misses her neighbors and friends, she thanks Pastor Dave, who has been "just wonderful."

PARISH NURSES OPEN THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOR BUSINESS

Our Parish Nurses will be available on the first Sunday of every month after the 8:15 a.m. service and before and after the 11:00a.m. service. The Parish Nurses are located on the first floor next to the Nursery. They will glad check your blood pressure and weight.



HISTORICAL OLD SALEM NEWS

Our first 2022 event was an **Outdoor Craft Fair/Yard Sale** on Salem's parking lot on Saturday, May 21st from 8 am to noon. The event was rescheduled from its original date of May 7th because of the "monsoon" rain all that weekend. We had a great response and a lot of fun hosting 16 vendors including Pastor Dave and Pastor Sarah. All proceeds made from the sale of table space went directly to Historic Old Salem to help maintain and preserve the church and surrounding cemetery.

OLD SALEM BUS TRIP – Our all day bus trip to St. Michaels is now closed to reservations. We'll have lunch at The Crab Claw restaurant and then travel up the Miles River on one of the Patriot Cruise Lines. Lunch is a combo platter of fried chicken/crab cake with several sides, drink, and dessert. We'll have time for sightseeing and/or shopping in the town of St. Michaels after returning to the docks and before departing for home. The trip is scheduled for Thursday, June 16th departing from the Southwest Park & Ride Lot on S. Rolling Road at 9 a.m. and returning there at 6 p.m. **Anyone with reservations, please arrive at the parking lot by 8:45 a.m.**

Our Annual Founders' Day open house and program, after a two year absence thanks to COVID, was finally held on Sunday, June 5th at 2 p.m. at the Old Salem Church on Ingleside Avenue.

Thirty guests enjoyed an interesting program led by Judy LeGath centering around Dr. John Zimmerman Bowers, son of our own Pastor John Bowers. Pastor John Bowers served the Salem congregation for many, many years. Dr. John Z. Bowers led quite a fascinating life and Judy gave us an insight to one of Salem's own during the War and how our congregation rallied around him through those years and thereafter. Amazingly, after traveling the world, serving in the Armed Forces, and many, many accomplishments in his lifetime, it was ironic to discover that Dr. John Z Bowers and his second wife are buried at Lorraine Park Cemetery located right off Dogwood Road in Woodlawn. Delicious refreshments were served following the program.



Still holding 20 tickets for "Hamilton" at the Hippodrome Theater which we have held for two years now because of COVID cancelling shows there. The date is Saturday, October 29th at 2 p.m. Transportation is on your own. Reservations are being taken now so, if interested, please contact me. Payment is due by September 29th.

Christmas Bus trip on Friday, December 2nd to the American Music Theatre for their wonderful "Home for the Holidays Christmas Show". Before the show we'll enjoy a family style lunch of fried chicken and ham with sides at Hershey Farms. As of June 6th, I have 24 seats out of 30 spaces available at a cost of \$100 pp which includes the bus, lunch at Hershey Farms, ticket to the show, taxes and gratuities.

And please mark your calendars now so there is no conflict in scheduling to share a wonderful, old time ***Christmas Open House at Old Salem on Saturday, December 10th from 11 am to 3 pm.*** It's a fun time, especially seeing how our Salem ancestors might have enjoyed their Christmas Holidays in the late 1800's. Music and refreshments too. Plus we are looking forward to the arrival of our special guest from way up NORTH to meet with young and old alike. If you are interested in attending any of these events, want to make reservations, or just have some questions, please contact Sharon Stanton, memsha7311@gmail.com or call her directly at 410-744-8724.

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH - A BRIEF HISTORY

The story of Salem's founding belongs to the German immigrant farmers and their families who left their homeland to move beyond the unstable political and economic conditions of the 1830s and 1840s in Germany. They found a bright future and a new home in the tiny community of Catonsville. What they did not leave behind was their love of God or their reverence for their Lutheran heritage. Having no Lutheran Church to attend here, they worshipped at the newly formed St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, where a clergyman on the church staff was able to offer worship in German. But his departure to a new assignment left them without German worship.

They were visited by an itinerant Lutheran missionary, Carl Frederick Heyer, who urged them to form their own church. Following his advice, they met on September 30, 1849 and organized the German Evangelical Lutheran Salem Congregation.

The early life of the church saw much activity. Their first task was to build a house of worship. They purchased a lot on Ingleside Avenue, and members of the congregation joined in the work of constructing the stone building, which was dedicated on June 16, 1850. Soon a decision was made to use the churchyard as a graveyard and to replace the school house that had been on the property at the time of purchase. They hired a teacher, who instructed in both English and German and had an additional duty of ringing the school bell.

Salem's first pastor was Charles A. Brockman. Popular at first, he fell out of favor with some in the congregation, possibly due to emotional stress caused by the death of his wife and two children over a three-year period. He was succeeded by Dr. George W. Ebeling in 1854.

Pr. Ebeling's pastorate included steady growth and significant change. By the end of the 19th century, Salem's membership had doubled from its 1849 beginning, and the congregation looked beyond its original German ethnic orientation. As early as 1858, Sunday afternoon English language services were offered, in 1895 Sunday School instruction in English only was initiated, and at Dr. Ebeling's death in 1901, all worship in German was discontinued. The development of Frederick Road as the community center of activity was also apparent to the congregation. By 1901 Salem's worship attendance had outgrown its original modest church building. The congregation began to hold Sunday evening services at Library Hall, a meeting and multipurpose facility on Frederick Road.

Dr. Ebeling was succeeded by Dr. Martin Luther Enders, whose time at Salem included the move to Frederick Road. The new church home was an impressive addition to the development that was taking place in downtown Catonsville. Designed by the architectural firm of Owens and Cisco, the new building was constructed of Port Deposit granite in the Norman-Gothic style and was dedicated on Sunday, October 18, 1903. The cost of the entire project, including land acquisition, was \$26,100. An article appearing in a contemporary Lutheran publication described the new building in glowing detail. It concluded with the comment, "The church has a bright and glorious future before it."

Pastor Enders left Salem in 1910 to accept a new call and was succeeded by Dr. John Culler Bowers, whose long pastorate ended with his retirement in 1947. He initiated numerous building projects including the construction of a parsonage on Newberg Avenue in 1911, a new Sunday School addition in 1917, and digging out the church basement to provide space for meeting rooms and a kitchen. He also stressed the value of enhancing the worship space,

and through his leadership Salem purchased a mosaic reredos for the chancel, installed a new Moeller organ in 1929, created a center aisle, installed a brass and marble communion rail, and added a number of stained-glass windows. During Pastor Bowers' time, Salem served as a community center for its members, where a vast number of organizations offered opportunities for service and fellowship. In his last few years as Salem's spiritual leader, he was joined by Pastor Wilbur Newby, who served as assistant pastor.

Pastor Newby became Salem's sole pastor in 1947. In 1949, Salem celebrated its 100th Anniversary with appropriate projects and events, including a ceremonial cake cutting by Pastor Newby and Pastor

Emeritus Bowers. The post WWII period was one of rapid growth with membership rising to its peak. Salem's physical plant was challenged by the need for greater educational and meeting space. Salem recognized the advantage of a building project. After considering an expansion plan in 1949 that was never carried out, Salem constructed a new parish education facility, dedicated on October 23, 1955.

Pastor Newby left Salem in 1960 and was succeeded by Pastor G. Paul Lottich. His years at Salem were characterized by changes in society that led to changes in church ministry. Women were now serving on the Church Council, and lay assistants were taking a greater part in Sunday worship. Salem members were less likely to be involved in the various church groups (many of which ceased to exist) and more likely to assist with efforts such as Meals on Wheels or after school tutoring. Salem operated a paid kindergarten that transitioned to a day care center.

During this time, there was a growing need for parking since many members now came to church from greater distances. In 1964 Salem tore down the parsonage and purchased a strip of land to its west. Together these areas became the current parking lot.

After Pastor Lottich's departure in 1976, a call was extended to Pastor G. Edward Whetstone, who served Salem for 32 years. Among the numerous changes that were brought about through his leadership was a project titled "Building Together on our Heritage for our Third Century." This addressed areas of congregational life that required improvement, including a more welcoming entry from the parking lot, greater accessibility throughout the building, more flexible meeting and classroom space, and an expanded narthex that could provide fellowship. After his retirement in 2012, Pastor Whetstone began service to Salem as Pastor Emeritus.

Pastor David Asendorf first came to Salem as a vicar in 2005. After his ordination in 2007 he was welcomed to Salem as co-pastor and continued to lead Salem after the retirement of Pastor Whetstone. In 2011 Pastor Timothy Jahn was called as associate pastor, serving for 4 years. Pastor Ann Dentry served as a pastoral assistant from 2016 to 2017. Jay Eckman, a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, served as vicar from 2017 to 2018. In 2019, Salem called Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey as associate pastor. She was called as Assistant to the Bishop in the DC Metro Synod and left Salem on June 5, 2022.

For the Spirit of Peace
that calms our mind
and stills our life,
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Love
that touches hearts
and reaches out,
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Joy
that lifts our soul
and gives us faith
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Power,
that gift of grace
for this your church,
we give you thanks.
- Celtic prayer



May a rainbow gladden your eyes
May soft winds freshen your spirit;
May sunshine brighten your heart;
May the burdens of the day rest
lightly upon you;
And may God enfold you
in the mantle of his love.

An Irish blessing
That we can glimpse you within creation
is a beautiful thought,
but also tells us that you desire to be seen,
to be found and known.
Open our eyes, Lord,
as we walk through this world,
feel the wind and sunshine,
see the majesty of creation
unfolding before our eyes.
Help us to see you
- John Birch

SALEM'S LWR QUILTS

Salem's LWR Quilt Group is hard at work on this very special item that Lutheran World Relief sends to all parts of the world where there is poverty, political upheaval, or natural disaster. The agency is responding in a major way to the flood of refugees that have fled the war in the Ukraine. Quilters feel especially inspired because they know that these quilts will go from their hands to the hands of those in need.

How can you help?

-Join us Wednesdays from 10 AM to Noon. We sew quilt tops, assemble layers, tie quilts and cut fabric to assemble "kits" for the tops. You do not need to have any sewing skills to participate! If you need more information about getting involved, plan to attend the quilt making workshop that the group will present on Saturday, June 18th from 10 AM to Noon in Bethany Hall.

-Donate fabric, sheets, and blankets. Think of the quilt group as you do your Spring cleaning or shop at yard sales.

Those who worship on the weekend of June 11-12 will be greeted with pews covered in quilts of many colors. Salem's LWR Quilt Group has been busy completing more than 130 quilts. The group has been highly motivated knowing that these quilts, sewn by our group, will be sent to comfort Ukrainian refugees in Europe. The product of what we can do right here in Catonsville with our own hands will go directly into the hands of those in need. After the eleven o'clock service on June 12th, members of the congregation will be invited to help pack the quilts into bags that will be delivered on Monday to the LWR distribution center in New Windsor, Maryland. The group is thankful to Thrivent Financial for their support of this ministry.

LWR quilting provides an excellent opportunity to live out "God's Work, Our Hands".

The Agape Gallery is currently displaying quilts from Salem's Quilters. Stop by on the second floor to see them.



SALEM PRESENTS BENEFIT CONCERT FOR LIRS

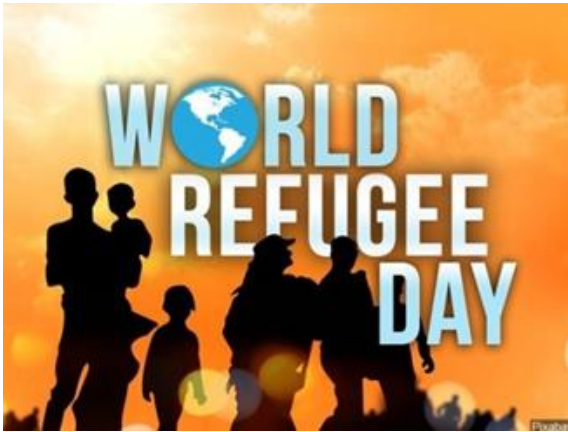
On June 5, Salem musicians, organized by Michael Fitch, presented a benefit concert for the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS). Headquartered here in Baltimore, LIRS is the largest faith-based nonprofit dedicated to serving vulnerable immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees in the U.S. LIRS is a 501(c)3 organization that scored 100 out of 100 on Charity Navigator.

Salem members performing in the concert were Nancy Asendorf, Paul Bell, Dan D'Avella, Emily D'Avella, Elizabeth Fitch, Michael Fitch, David Fries, Eileen Merriman, Mary Miller, Ed Whetstone, and the Salem Handbell Choir.

The Concert raised \$1647 for LIRS.



WHAT IS WORLD REFUGEE DAY?



World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

Last year, before the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees estimated that there are 85 million refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide.

The number of refugees is greater than ever. Countries hosting the greatest number of refugees are Turkey (3.7 M), Columbia, Uganda, Pakistan and Germany.

Whoever they are, people forced to flee should be treated with dignity. Anyone can seek protection, regardless of who they are or what they believe. It is non-negotiable: seeking safety is a human right.

Wherever they come from, people forced to flee should be welcomed. Refugees come from all over the globe. To get out of harm's way, they might take a plane, a boat, or travel on foot. What remains universal is the right to seek safety.

Whenever people are forced to flee, they have a right to be protected. Whatever the threat – war, violence, persecution – everyone deserves protection. Everyone has a right to be safe.

What does seeking safety mean?

1. Right to seek asylum

Anyone fleeing persecution, conflict, or human rights abuses has a right to seek protection in another country.

2. Safe access

Borders should remain open to all people forced to flee. Restricting access and closing borders can make the journey even more dangerous for people seeking safety.

3. No pushbacks

People can't be forced to return to a country if their life or freedom would be at risk. This means that countries shouldn't push anyone back without first evaluating the dangers they would face back home.

4. No discrimination

People should not be discriminated against at borders. All applications for refugee status must be given fair consideration, regardless of factors like race, religion, gender and country of origin.

5. Humane treatment

People forced to flee should be treated with respect and dignity. They are entitled to safe and dignified treatment like any human being. Among other things, this means keeping families together, protecting people from traffickers, and avoiding arbitrary detention.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MAY 2022

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
April 30/May1	15	60	84	14/44	Sat/Sun Livestream	217
May 7/8	22	53	79	10/35	Sat/Sun Livestream	199
May 14/15	20	34	86	10/36	Sat/Sun Livestream	186
May 21/22	19	45	88	13/38	Sat/Sun Livestream	203
May 28/29	23	54	73	18/42	Sat/Sun Livestream	210
Totals	99	246	410	65/195		1015

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

Salem has an Instagram account. Follow us at [salemlutheranchurchcatonsville](https://www.instagram.com/salemlutheranchurchcatonsville). Lizzy Fitch and Guy Davis contribute. Keep up to date on what's going on at Salem!



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.



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.



OFFICIAL ACTS

AT THE ALTAR

Patricia Ann Krenzke and Timothy Paul Jennings

May 31, 2022

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.

David Douthat

April 25, 2022

Roberta Leah McNamara

May 17, 2022

Elmer Leroy Grace

May 23, 2022*

Beverly Justine Miller

June 7, 2022*

**Not a Salem member*

REFUGEE TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Durrani family is nearing the close of their third month in Catonsville, having made great progress in their adjustments to a new home and country. The children remain very enthusiastic about school, as they finish their first few months in the BCPS system.

Masooma is eager to take ESL classes through CCBC. Morning classes will be held at the Owings Mills campus, Monday through Thursday, 9am-12n, beginning July 5. If you would be willing to assist with her transportation to or from class, contact a member of the task force to be directed to a spreadsheet for volunteers.

The family is very grateful all who have helped them settle into their new home. We ask that you keep them, and all refugees, in your prayers.

Our thanks, too, to Michael Fitch and all the musicians who provided the marvelous benefit concert for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service on June 5, along with all those who responded with their donations to LIRS.



Thank You!

Dear Salem Family

Thank you so much for all the kindnesses shown to me and my family following Nolan's passing. The service was perfect. Thank you to all who attended and made it so special.

Irene Null +
Family

Dear Salem friends

Thank you so much for the beautiful lily sent to us after Easter. It was beautiful and lasted quite a long time.

We miss worshipping with everyone but enjoy the opportunity to worship virtually. We are still unable to return. We hope to see you all some day soon.

Mary Lois and Gene Dada

• THANK YOU •

Dear Members,

Thank you so much for your generous giving to our ELCA World Hunger Ministry. In 2021, congregations and individuals in our DE-MD Synod donated \$438,311, the most in any recent year! You were part of this effort, and we members of the Hunger Task Force are truly grateful. Our gifts to ELCA World Hunger are making a difference and changing lives. Thanks again for your partnership to fight hunger.

Sincerely,
Claudia Harrington
Hunger Task Force



Thank You!

To Pastors Dave, Sarah
and Members of Salem,

I would like to thank Everyone
at Salem for your kind words of
support, thoughts and prayers
during my recent bout with cancer.
I have completed the 6 weeks of
radiation therapy and look forward
to receiving good results in 3 months.

Salem is truly a family of faith
and support during times of need.
Thank You, Frank Heber

May 8, 2022

Dear Salem family,

Thank you for the
flowers and all the cards!
Lindsay is making slow and
steady progress in her recovery
from a fall and a concussion.


She is still on "brain rest"
(to minimize talking, reading, and
writing) but I hope she will
soon be back in the pews.

Please,
Michael J. Titel

Dear Salem Family

I want to thank you for the
prayers, and beautiful cards I
received during my recovery from
hip surgery. I also enjoyed the
visit from the Giuliani Family who
delivered the beautiful flowers -

Blessings to you all ..

Barbara Myers 





Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Thank you for your generous gift of \$372.12 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

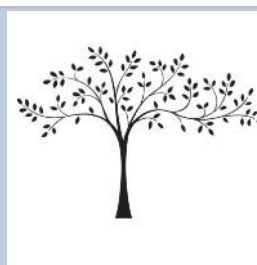
Thank You!



DEAR
SALEM LUTHERAN FAMILY
Thank You As Always
FOR OPENING YOUR
DOORS TO OUR HOME
GROUP COURAGE TO CHANGE
REGARDS.
MARTY POPP

PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs
 Archive Committee: Judy LeGath
 Arts Committee: Charlotte Brooks
 Book Group: Guy Davis, Linda Wayland
 Child Protection Committee: Linda Fleischer
 Children's Ministry Committee: Eileen Merriman, Sharon Stanton
 Christian Fellowship Committee: Darla Sando, Pam Wilsey
 Communications Committee: Guy Davis, Karen Amy
 Evangelism Committee: Vacant
 Finance Committee: Sally Kopp, Steve Kopp
 Guardians of Eden: Norma Hensler-Davis
 Health Resources: Beth Rodgers, Lynda Bell
 Historical Old Salem: Sharon Stanton
 Memorial and Bequests: Paul W. Krabitz
 Mutual Ministry (Pastor Asendorf): Julie Kempton
 Mutual Ministry (Pastor Garrett Krey): Lisa Yerkey
 Nursery Committee: Lois Grempler
 Personnel Committee: Scott Graham
 Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara Beem
 Property: Rusty Schaefer
 Salem Players: Lisa Yerkey
 Scholarship: Ed Orser
 Social Ministry: Mary Kay Willing
 Stewardship Committee: Vacant
 Technology Support Committee: Lisa Yerkey, Steve Kopp
 Ushers: Paul Krabitz
 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@saalem-catonsville.org

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Office
Telephone: (410) 747-0720

Pastor David K. Asendorf
pastordave@salem-catonsville.org

Pastor Emeritus: G. Edward Whetstone
edward-victoria@verizon.net

Director of Youth Ministry: Anita Lane
phrogdiva@verizon.net

Director of Music: Mary Miller
marymiller359@gmail.com

Saturday Worship Musician: Sid Meier

Worship Technology Director: Joey Morgan

Office Manager: Robin Schaefer
robinschaefer@salem-catonsville.org

Sextons: Lirije Alaj, Letty Monahan

CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

President: Ryan Fredriksson
ryan.fredriksson@gmail.com

Vice-President: Denise Morris
dmorris198@comcast.net

Secretary: Nick Mason
nomason@gmail.com

Financial Secretary: Beth Massey
eamasse@gmail.com

Treasurer: Tom Vasold
tvasold@verizon.net

CHURCH COUNCIL

Becky Bass	Tina Hall
Debra Brohawn	Norma Hensler-Davis
Tom Brzezinski	Nick Mason
Emily D’Avella	Denise Morris
Ryan Fredriksson	Preston Shepherd
Ray Giuliani	

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AND CONTRIBUTING STAFF

<p>Guy Davis, Co-Chair Karen Amy, Co-Chair Barbara Beem Peggy Dell Steve Kopp Mary Carroll-Mason Joey Morgan Sharon Stanton Bethann Snyder Ed Whetstone Ken Wolfram</p>	<p>Contributing Photographers Guy Davis</p> <p>Proofreading Tony Cobb Sharon Stanton Ken Wolfram</p>	<p>NEXT MONARCH PUBLICATION</p> <p>July 2022</p> <p>If you are interested in participating on the Communications Committee, or contributing as a <i>ad-hoc</i> writer or photographer, please contact our committee chairpersons.</p>
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------



Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church strives to be a Christ-centered, caring community experiencing God's grace and sharing God's goodness with all people.

905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228-4517
(410) 747-0720
office@salem-catonsville.org

We are on the Web!
www.salem-catonsville.org



www.facebook.com/salemlutheranchurch.catonsville



Evangelical Lutheran Church In America
www.elca.org



Delaware-Maryland Synod
<http://demdsynod.org/>

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

905 Frederick Rd.
Catonsville, MD 21228-4517

Change Service Requested
TIME VALUE