



THE MONARCH

SALEM WELCOMES CAROLYN LAWRENCE

Salem has hired Carolyn Lawrence as our interim Assistant Pastor for one year. Carolyn is a recent graduate of Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago where she met and became friends with Mathew and Amy Asendorf Berger. She grew up in the ELCA in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Although in third grade when asked what she wanted to be when she grew up she said "I want to be a pastor because I only want to work on Sundays to help people." Her life had a few twists and turns before achieving her childhood goal. She graduated from the University of Michigan and took a job as a paralegal in the Criminal Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Quickly, Carolyn discovered being a paper-pusher was not fulfilling for a people person and she was missing the human element and a spiritual connection. She really did want to be a pastor.

In college she had a crisis of faith but found her way back to Lutheranism. "Justification by grace, through faith." "There's just such a mystery that realization of my passivity and receiving grace. Then also how that frees me to go and act, work, love, and emboldens me to work for Christ mission."

While in seminary Carolyn had the opportunity to be a seminary fellow with the Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE). As she reported in the *Living Lutheran*, "This fellowship includes medical professionals, journalists, lawyers, business leaders and seminarians. We studied our historical counterparts' responses to the erosion of ethical norms in 1930s Germany and their complicity and participation in the crimes of Nazi Germany. We began in Berlin studying the growth of fascism and the many identity groups targeted and othered by the Nazi regime. We finished our program in Poland, visiting Kraków and finally Auschwitz II-Birkenau, the culmination of the degradation of ethics in German society. As a Lutheran I was disturbed and shaken to the core of my faith identity. I felt revolted



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and physically ill to see the swastika imposed in the center of the cross, a symbol of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s. While I'm proud of the legacy of Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, clergy resistance to the Nazi regime was scant and based more on opposition to the intrusion of the state into the church than on beliefs about the dignity of all human life. I think it helps you realize the way in which theologies that are anti-Semitic need to be dismantled and re-imagined in a way that is inclusive and affirms the covenant that God made with our Jewish siblings and to be very proactive in combating anti-Semitism as it arises in the church."

Carolyn is looking forward to being at Salem. "I love just getting to know folks and hearing what's going on in their lives and just walking with them as we journey together in this faith community. So, I'm really looking forward to that. I'm really looking forward to being in worship with you. I love worship. It is the heart and soul of my ministry and I can't wait to just be in prayer with people. I also like that there's so many groups that you have. I love theater. I was a theater kid and I want to find Salem Players and hang out with them. And there's youth groups, quilters and knitters. I want to meet all these groups because I love that y'all are so social."

Carolyn will be ordained at Salem on Sunday, September 18 at 4:00 p.m.

THE MONARCH NEEDS YOU!

The Monarch staff needs people who can help with photography, writing, layout with Publisher, and proofreading. If you are interested in any of these areas or would like more information, please contact Guy Davis (guyddavisphd@gmail.com) or Karen Amy (karenamy888@gmail.com). We look forward to talking to you.



OFF TO COLLEGE

Best wishes to Salem's young people heading off to college for the fall semester. Special congratulations to Jackson Reichardt for receiving a first-year Salem Scholarship. Jackson had an outstanding academic record at Mount Saint Joseph High School and was active in service projects as a Boy Scout. He earned his Eagle Scout rank for helping to build a shed for the All Saints Convent and participating in a number of service projects in the Irvington area near his school. His service at Salem included acolyte and member of the Refugee Task Force. He plans to attend UMBC with an interest in majoring in Graphic and Game Design. A summer course in cybersecurity at the Applied Physics Laboratory also stimulated his interest in that field.



Significantly Jackson's mother, Kelly, also attended UMBC and was the recipient of the first Salem Scholarship. She later served on the Scholarship Committee.

Other Salem young people continuing to receive Salem Scholarships include Jessica McDivitt (Lafayette College), Samuel Gundlach (Salisbury University), Olivia Shepherd (Drexel University), William Sullivan (University of Maryland, College Park), Abigail Sullivan (Millersville University of Pennsylvania), Nick Grempler (UMBC), and Molly McNair (University of Alabama).

THE PROFILE SURVEY IS HERE!

In connection with the Call Process for a new Associate Pastor, the Salem Profile Committee is asking that every adult member complete a short survey regarding your views of the Salem congregation and of what attributes we want in an Associate Pastor.

The survey was mailed to every member household. There are copies available on the Narthex literature table and the survey will be posted on the Salem website. If you have not yet submitted your survey please do so as soon as possible. Please note that the request for comments on the new associate pastor was inadvertently left off the mailed survey. Please use the back of a page or a separate page to write any comments.

It is important that we all participate. Questions may be addressed to Guy Davis or Pastor Asendorf. Please keep the Call Process in your prayers.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

If the old proverb about idle hands is true, the devil's in for a bad day on Saturday, September 10, beginning at 9 a.m. Once again, Salem will be a hub of activity as we mark ELCA's annual day of service, "God's Work. Our Hands." Best of all there's a task sure to suit everyone, thanks to an array of activities led by Carolyn Vasold and the Social Ministry committee.

The **Youth Group** will once again be assembling "car kits" to be distributed to unhoused people. It's not too late to contribute supplies which can

be shipped directly to Salem or placed in the "Youth" box in the Narthex. Requested items include:

Tissues	Washcloths
Hand sanitizer	Hand warmers
Snacks	Bottled water
Gum	Deodorant
Handkerchief	Feminine products
Combs	Toothbrush and toothpaste



At the same time, the **Guardians of Eden** will be getting their hands dirty as they spruce up the church's garden by planting some native plants around the perimeter of the parking lot. You need not be a member to take part in this activity. You should bring your own tools and gloves.

Nor do you need to be a **Salem Stitchcrafter** to participate in the "Yarn-In" (under the trees, weather permitting). Help craft "quick knit/quick crochet" hats and scarves for the group's annual "Seafarers' Christmas at Sea" project. Yarn, needles/hooks, and patterns will be provided.

Everyone loves to get mail and **letter writers** will be sending greetings to Salem's college students, those in the military, and homebound members. If penmanship is not your strong suit consider donating blank note paper and cards. There's a basket in the Narthex for this purpose.

And there's no such thing as too many cooks in the kitchen as breakfast casseroles will be prepared for the **Men's Shelter**.

But wait! There's more! On Sunday, 9/11 we'll be sending flowers to St. Agnes Hospital's ER department and tasty treats will be delivered to first responders at the local fire and police departments.

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 9/17 and 9/18

We will be holding a congregational meeting to fill five positions on the Church Council. The meeting will begin on Saturday September 17 right before the 5p.m. worship service and continue right before both Sunday worship services on September 18. All voting members are encouraged to please attend. A special congregational mailing will be sent with the names of the candidates and brief bios shortly.

ADULT FORUM

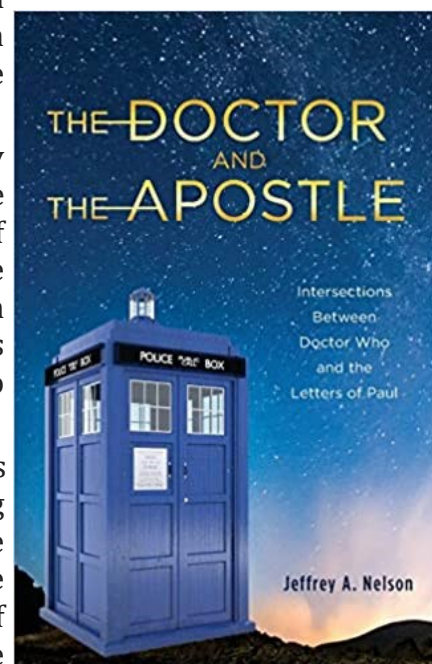
Adult Forum kicks off on September 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Katie Luther Room. The first five Sundays will revolve around a discussion of Jeffrey Nelson's book, *The Doctor and the Apostle: Intersections Between Doctor Who and the Letters of Paul*.

What could a first-century church planter and tentmaker who helped forge the earliest years of a new religious movement possibly have in common with a British time traveling alien who first appeared in the 1960s to teach children about history?

Doctor Who has been a beloved science fiction franchise for over fifty years. Paul's letters have been around for quite a while longer, with the earliest ones that he wrote dated less than a generation after the life of Jesus. Both have inspired and instructed people on how to live and have stoked the imagination for what individual and communal life can be in their own way. And both were or are deeply flawed, sometimes struggling against their own tendencies or those of others in order to help bring about something greater for their respective worlds.

The Doctor and the Apostle explores the similarities and differences between Doctor Who's title character and Paul of Tarsus, comparing and contrasting the stories of each. Whether you have little knowledge of Paul or the Doctor or are a fan of one or the other or both, the attendee will gain a greater understanding of the possibilities of a life of faith as well as a deeper appreciation of how pop culture and Scripture may help inform one another.

Books for this five-week study are available in the church office.



MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED

In light of the new Omicron variant B.5 that is highly transmissible, and which is fueling a surge in cases worldwide, we are strongly encouraging the wearing of masks for worship continuing until this surge subsides. Thank you for protecting the vulnerable among us.



SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL

The new Sunday School year launches with ***Rally Day on Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 a.m. in Bethany Hall.*** Eileen Merriman leads our Children's Ministry program with support from Zoe Dell. Our theme this year is ***"Adventures In Faith."*** We will have fun exploring all the ways God prepares us, protects us and guides us on our individual adventures in life and our shared family journey. Families are encouraged to attend Rally Day with their children to enjoy making a "backpack" to place on the down stairs from Reformation Hall, go fishing, explore Salem on a scavenger hunt, and fix s'mores by the "campfire." Confirmants and high school youth are definitely invited to join in on the Rally Day Fun as well!

We welcome all children age 3 to and including 6th graders to participate in the "Adventures in Faith" program this year. Even if you are unable to attend Rally Day, please join us on our Sunday adventures starting Sunday, September 25th and continuing through mid-June.

We understand that not all families are comfortable participating in person with indoor activities. We'd appreciate having your feedback to help us more effectively plan for the coming year. Please take a few minutes to complete the registration form (even if you are not planning to participate in person). This will enable us to ensure that we have the most accurate children's directory information as we go forward with setting up the program.

<https://forms.gle/jLVjjUACoXEppkw5>

SOME MORE IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 9th – GOE {Sharon Schueler and Norma Hensler-Davis} will lead an Outdoor Garden Event

October 23rd – "Invite a Friend to Church" Sunday – not only for Sunday school ages

October 30th – Reformation Sunday {wear **RED**}

November 6th – All Saints

November 20th – Advent Wreaths/Candles/"What Advent Means to Me"

November 27th – No Sunday school Thanksgiving Holiday

{as a large number of families may be away}

NEW - December 18th @ 9:30 a.m. in Reformation Hall – the children will share their Christmas Pageant and everyone at Salem is invited to attend

December 25th – Christmas Day Worship Service @ 10 a.m. NO Sunday school classes

January 1st – New Year's Day Worship Services as usual NO Sunday school classes

High School Sunday school will meet in the Youth Room with Lizzie Fitch as their leader.

Confirmation {grade 7 and 8} will meet with Mr. Earl Ruley each Sunday morning. More info to follow.

Should you wish to volunteer to lead or co-lead an opening worship and/or an arts and craft activity, please contact Eileen Merriman at esavage109@yahoo.com New ideas and extra hands are always welcome on Sunday mornings.

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

Annual Open House and Program on Sunday, September 18th from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Old Salem, located at 701 Ingleside Avenue, between Edmondson Avenue and Rt. 40 {Next to the St. Johns' Business Center}. {**NOTE CHANGE IN TIME** for our Old Salem program to take place and then give participants and guests time to head to Salem Newburg for Carolyn Lawrence's ordination service at 4 p.m.} Our program led by Judy LeGath and Tom Brzezinski centers around Salem's relationship through the years with The Childrens' Home on Bloomsbury Avenue and its history in the community. Salem has long been interacting through picnics, confirmation classes, worship and Christmas Giving Tree projects with the Home. Parking at Old Salem is available across the street, in the St. Johns' parking lot and around the church itself. Everyone is invited to attend.



"Hamilton" at the Hippodrome Theater on Saturday, October 29th at 2 p.m. is now full, although if interested, please contact Sharon Stanton memsha7311@gmail.com to put your name on the wait list. Transportation is on your own. For those of you who are already on the reservation list, payment of \$150 pp is due by September 29th. Checks should be made payable to Historic Old Salem and can be mailed to Sharon Stanton or placed in the Old Salem mailbox 1st floor hallway outside the main office.

Christmas Bus trip on Friday, December 2nd to the American Music Theatre (Lancaster) for their wonderful "Home for the Holidays Christmas Show." Before the show, we'll enjoy a family style lunch of fried chicken, ham, several vegetables, and delicious ice cream and pie at Hershey Farms. There are still several spaces left if you'd like to make your reservation. Cost of the trip is \$100 pp which includes the bus, lunch at Hershey Farms, ticket to the show, taxes and gratuities. Payment is due by November 2nd. We'll leave at 9 a.m. from the Southwest Park & Ride lot on South Rolling Road returning around 7p.m.

And please mark your calendars now as the Old Salem Board has planned to host a wonderful, old time **Christmas Open House at Old Salem on Saturday, December 10th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** {**NOTE: CHANGE IN TIME**}. It's a fun time 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.

AND EVEN THOUGH A GOOD EIGHT MONTHS AWAY, we've made reservations with Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster to see **"MOSES", on Thursday, April 27, 2023** for an all-day bus trip. Again, we'll have our family style lunch at Hershey Farms around 11:30 am before the show at 3 p.m. We'll leave from the Southwest Park & Ride lot around 9 a.m. and return about 7 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$130 pp, which includes lunch, the show, bus transportation, taxes and gratuities. Payment for this trip will be due by March 20th. I know it seems like a long way off, however, reservations had to be made early as the shows are selling out quickly. Only have 36 tickets so please if interested, let me know and I'll put your name on the reservation list.

If you are interested in attending these events, want to make reservations, want to become a Board member or just have some questions, please contact Sharon Stanton, memsha7311@gmail.com or call her directly at 410-744-8724. thank you!

CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST

This valuable training will be available in person for all at Salem on Saturday October 1st at 10:00 a.m. The class will run until 2:00 p.m. with a lunch break. We all are aware of the extraordinary amount of conflict that pervades our lives these days. We are divided by so many ideologies, policies, and issues that sometimes resolution and compromise feel impossible.

This training is being offered at Salem by KUSI. This same organization conducted the very enlightening Unconscious Bias training last year.

It is open to all Salem members free of cost.

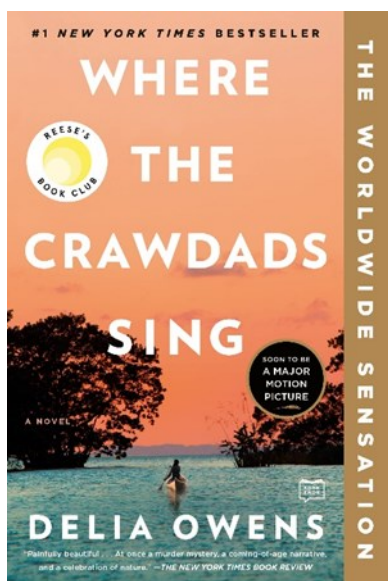
At the end of this learning experience, participants will be able to:

- Describe conflict, its sources, and strategies for approaching resolution.
- Explore and define systemic racism and behaviors, and the associated conflict (s) it creates for individuals and a community.
- Identify behaviors and reactions within different conflict styles, including what may be helpful and unhelpful.
- Apply different conflict de-escalation strategies to different situations involving racism.
- Explore a collective responsibility framework where all members of a community can address acts of racism directly, effectively, and compassionately.

PLEASE RSVP your interest in this training by contacting Melanie Gibbons or Pastor Dave.

BOOK GROUP TO OPEN 2022-23 SEASON WITH

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING



Salem's Book Group will open their 2022-23 season with a discussion of *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens on September 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Katie Luther room. For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969 when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens. *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

Everyone is welcome to Book Group discussions on the second Monday of each month (except December, July, and August) at 7:30 p.m. in the Katie Luther room. The schedule for 2022 is:

September 12	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> by Delia Owens
October 10	<i>Too Smart for God</i> by Dave Simpson
November 14	<i>Travels with George: In Search of Washington and His Legacy</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick

A REVISIT OF NICK GREMLER'S 2019 EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

On Saturday, 8/20/22, Nick Grempler, a fellow church congregant and a rising junior at UMBC, traveled over to Historic Old Salem to refurbish the memorial and remove predominantly thorny shrubbery from space associated with his Eagle Scout Service project. With the steadfast assistance of his godfather, Tom Weigand, and with the sun warding off nearby precipitation with its powerful rays, Nick was able to swiftly fulfill this afternoon objective.

To contextualize, in July 2019, as a final requirement for his Boy Scout Eagle rank, Nick embarked on and finished a project that involved constructing a memorial, clearing shrubbery, and leading a ceremony to commemorate the lives of 46 babies buried in unmarked graves on the property of Historic Old Salem. Before the project itself was organized and executed, no money existed for a stone plaque—a key piece of the soon-to-be memorial—and a thicket that fortified its perimeter and interior after years of insufficient lawn service and maintenance—with countless battalions of invasive and poisonous plant species—

subjugated the very location that the babies were laid to rest in. As a result of the selfless, kind, and generous actions of members of Nick's family, town, church (i.e., Salem), and Boy Scout troop, enough money was accumulated for a stone plaque, and enough volunteers were recruited to liberate that particular plot of land from that tyrannical thicket. Interestingly enough, the project itself received attention from several periodicals scattered throughout the United States, such as the Baltimore Sun and the Associated Press.

By allotting time in a day to complete such an upkeep, those babies' resting place was safeguarded, and most importantly, their brief, yet precious presence on this Earth was further acknowledged.

If you wish to read more about Nick's Eagle Scout Service Project, please click on the Baltimore Sun and Associated Press article links below:

Baltimore Sun article: <https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/baltimore-county/catonsville/cng-co-ca-at-salem-grave-20190819-sbhrij4wlvjcjdpghtvrpkoqmjq-story.html>

Associated Press article: <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/maryland/articles/2019-08-24/scout-builds-memorial-to-children-in-unmarked-graves?context=amp>



We pray for peace.

We pray that in the space between the old ways
we thought were gone and the new life still possible,
that you would stand with those who stand for peace.
And hope. And a future marked by what we share
rather than what divides us.

(Peace prayer from the Corrymeela Community)

ODDS N' ENDS

GREETERS: Thanks to all the volunteers meeting and greeting Salem members and our visitors during the Sunday services. ***Could we get some volunteers to greet at Saturday 5 p.m. service?*** It really is a very simple process. You are encouraged to arrive at least 15/20 minutes prior to the service beginning and are stationed at the entrance to the Nave. Should visitors come, ask them to sign the "guest register" that is on the podium and answer any questions they may have about our services, our building or whatever. Would love to have at least four different individuals or families sign up so that you are only assigned once a month or if more volunteers, the lapse time would be longer between scheduling. And we would always welcome more volunteers for the Sunday services. Please contact Sharon Stanton at memsha7311@gmail.com if interested.

SHOWCASE: Mary Krebs had the August showcase sharing info about Salem's Altar Guild which she heads up. If interested in helping with the Altar prep before and/or cleanup after services, please contact Mary Krebs at marykrebs44@gmail.com or leave a note with your name and contact info in the ALTAR GUILD mailbox outside the church office. More helping hands are always needed for Saturday evening and both services on Sunday. September's display is "I Believe in Angels" by Mary Krebs.

REFUGEE TASK FORCE UPDATE

School days soon return for the Durrani teens! Rohail will enter the 11th grade at Lansdowne High School and Saba, the 10th. Lima will be in the 8th grade at Lansdowne Middle School.

Masooma has been seeking employment. Language must be a consideration, and transportation. If you have contacts or suggestions to offer, please contact me at edward-victoria@verizon.net.

Masooma will be taking ESOL classes at a Baltimore County Community College this September.

If you'd be willing to assist with transportation, let us know. That will continue to be a need for some time. Each week we post rides needed for the next several weeks. I'd be glad to provide more information about this. It's a very simple and personal way to provide much needed support.

Your financial support for the Refugee Fund is very much appreciated. Just use a pew envelope and mark it "Refugee Fund." Or mail it to the church office and indicate the same. Your gift will appear on your financial statement.

This is the first family of the seven which we have sponsored which consists of a single mother and her children and it has come with some added challenges. Masooma is twice-widowed. When her children were very young, her second husband was murdered by the Taliban for his work in support of the US military.

The Durranis remain very hopeful and excited about the prospects of life in the United States. The teens are very eager to get back to school and the learning that will build their future.

Pastor Ed Whetstone, chair

Wherever people love each other and are true to each other and take risks for each other, God is with them and for them and they are doing God's will. - Frederick Buechner

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW FROM THE ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

The denomination's first meeting since the pandemic saw the election of the first Asian American vice president, as well as support for the #Landback movement and a long-awaited apology.

By [Emily McFarlan Miller](#), Religious News Service

Watching backstage as more than 800 Lutherans sang hymns on the floor of the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton mused, “We haven’t been singing like this for a long time together. It’s really powerful.”

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gathered this week in Columbus for its first Churchwide Assembly since COVID-19 upended churches across the country in 2020.

The triennial gathering brings together members from all corners of the ELCA to hold elections, make declarations and consider legislation guiding the country’s largest Lutheran denomination. Their work continued unabated in Eaton’s absence Friday (Aug. 12) after the presiding bishop tested positive for COVID despite masking and vaccine requirements.

Here are some of the actions the ELCA Churchwide Assembly took.

Apology to Santa María Peregrina

Four representatives from Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina in Stockton, California, traveled to Columbus to receive [a public apology](#) from Eaton during the Churchwide Assembly.

The former bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod was forced to resign after their abrupt removal of the Latino congregation’s pastor on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe sparked outcry across the denomination. Eaton’s response afterward — appointing a listening team months later, then failing to immediately act on their recommendations — also drew criticism.

Eaton said the congregation’s response was “very gracious,” even if it was hard to hear.

“I think it was a healthy thing to do, and I’m touched by the courage of those four to stand up in front of all these people and say, ‘This is how this affected us,’” she said.

Eaton said she plans to visit Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina later this month and will work with the congregation, the synod and churchwide leadership to respond to requests the congregation has made.

First Asian American vice president elected

The ELCA elected Imran Siddiqui as vice president of the denomination making him the first Asian American elected to the highest office a layperson can hold.

“This is surreal,” Siddiqui said after the final tally was announced.

The incoming vice president is a senior investigator for the U.S. Department of Labor and current vice president of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, which spans Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. He grew up Muslim and became Lutheran in 2011.

Siddiqui said it was “fantastic” that the top three candidates for vice president were all people of color. They included Roberto Lara Aranda, president of [Asociación Luterana de Ministerios Latinos ELCA](#), and Tracey Beasley, a member of [Reformation Lutheran Church](#) in Philadelphia. (Travel guru Rick Steves, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, Washington, also received one vote on an earlier ballot.)

“But,” Siddiqui said, “That doesn’t mean we have solved racism yet. We have a lot of work to do church.” Siddiqui will take office in November, [according to Living Lutheran Magazine](#). He follows Carlos Peña, who stepped into the role after the unexpected passing of Bill Horne in 2021.

Support for #Landback movement

Voting members considered a memorial urging support for the #Landback movement.

In the end, they approved a memorial encouraging ELCA members and entities to support “creative programs of restorative justice in partnership with Indigenous peoples.” That can include returning land

to the appropriate Native American nations when selling or transferring property.

The memorial also encourages ELCA members and entities to explore making [land acknowledgements](#) a part of their public gatherings, to educate themselves about the Indigenous peoples whose land they inhabit and to deepen relationships with Indigenous peoples and tribal nations.

The memorial comes as the denomination [announced](#) its Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People for the first time in person at Churchwide Assembly. The assembly also hosted a worship service designed and led by Indigenous Lutherans and an address by [National Congress of American Indians](#) President Fawn Sharp.

Revisions to Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust

A lot has changed since 2009.

That's when the ELCA adopted its social statement "[Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust](#)," which allowed Lutherans to hold differing views about same-sex relationships and opened the door for LGBTQ clergy. Social statements are the denomination's teaching and policy documents.

A memorial authorized a narrow review of the social statement about sexuality to make sure its wording "reflects current church understanding, church policy, civil law, and public acceptance of same-gender and gender non-conforming couples."

A later motion asked that the denomination in particular consider the four positions of "bound conscience" expressed in the social statement. The statement allows that "on the basis of conscience-bound belief," Lutherans may have different views about sexuality and marriage, including the view that same-sex relationships are "sinful."

Revisions could be considered as early as the 2025 Churchwide Assembly.

Restructure the governance of the ELCA

Is it time for another Reformation? Eaton said she thought the idea was "brilliant" when she first heard of plans to consider restructuring the governance of the ELCA, which was [formed 35 years ago](#) by a merger of three Lutheran denominations.

"Things are very different from 1980s America," she said.

Voting members seemed to think so, too. They approved a memorial directing the ELCA Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to reconsider the principles of the denomination's organizational structure and the statements of purpose for its churches, synods and the churchwide organization. The memorial instructs the commission to be "particularly attentive to our shared commitment to dismantle racism."

The commission will present its findings and recommendations to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a reconstituting convention.

Representatives from the DE-MD Synod,
including Salem's own Lizzy Fitch!



SALEM MARKETPLACE RETURNS ON NOVEMBER 5TH!

Salem Marketplace is on track this year, with two new people taking on major leadership roles (one as yet unidentified!). Carolyn Vasold has graciously agreed to take over the White Elephant. We are grateful to Edie Hahn for her several years of leadership. We are looking for someone to take charge of the kitchen crew. We have several dedicated volunteers from past years, but none of them want to be the chief (or is it chef?). Please ask Julia Graham and Karen Amy for more information.

The Marketplace opens at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. All of the proceeds this year will be given to the following:

Rainforest Trust www.RainforestTrust.org They buy forests and preserve and safeguard critical habitat as the most effective way to protect species and help slow climate change. Headquartered in Warrenton VA, 100% of our donation will go to conservation action.

Southern Poverty Law Center www.splcenter.org works in partnership with communities to dismantle white supremacy and advance the human rights of all people. They monitor hate groups and other extremists throughout the U.S. and exposes their activities. They use the courts and other forms of advocacy to win systemic reforms on behalf of victims of bigotry and discrimination.

Baltimore Outreach Center www.baltimoreoutreach.org which is one of only 3 shelters in Baltimore City serving women and children. Many of you may remember the sermon in July by our supply pastor, John Sabatelli, who was the minister at Christ Lutheran when the Center started in the church basement. It was started due to the initiative of Elizabeth Lottich, wife of Salem's Pastor Lottich, after he retired and they joined Christ Lutheran!

Continue setting aside all those treasures for the White Elephant and Books. You can start placing those items in the first classroom downstairs. It's not too early to start dropping off gift cards and gift certificates for the Silent Auction to Mel and Dee Trimble demtrimble@verizon.net or Pat Krenzke pat@lazaruscaucus.org and Tim Jennings.

We would love to have more crafters selling their creations! Even if you don't want to have your own table, the sale of your creations will go to support our great charities! If you have crafts to sell, please contact Karen Amy or Julia Graham.

Please contact the area leaders to volunteer or donate items:

YOU??? - Kitchen

Mary Krebs - Bake Table

Karen Amy - Books

Treen Null - Jewelry

Dee and Mel Trimble and Pat Krenzke and Tim Jennings - Silent Auction

Carolyn Vasold - White Elephant

Ed Whetstone - Fair Trade

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

So make sure you have marked your calendar for November 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.!!

Julia Graham jig58@verizon.net and Karen Amy karenamy888@gmail.com, Co-chairs

ANTI/RACISM

The anti-racism team will resume monthly meetings on Zoom the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. September's meeting will be Wednesday, September 14th. If you would like to be included in these meetings please Contact Melanie Gibbons to be added to the notification list.



CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022

**Free to all Salem
Members**

We are well aware of the extraordinary conflict that pervades our lives these days. We are divided by so many ideologies, policies, and issues that may make resolution and compromise feel impossible. Unresolved conflict can impact morale, relationships, and even health. Understanding and managing conflict in our personal growth is critical and if practiced, can transform our relationships with congregants, family, and those in our community.

This training will provide tools, tips, and strategies that can transform our congregation and our community, and help create productive relationships. At the end of this learning experience, participants will be able to:

- Describe conflict, its sources, and strategies for approaching resolution.
- Explore and define systemic racism and behaviors, and the associated conflict(s) it creates for individuals and a community.
- Identify behaviors and reactions within different conflict styles, including what may be helpful and unhelpful.
- Apply different conflict de-escalation strategies to different situations involving racism.
- Explore a collective responsibility framework where all members of a community can address acts of racism and other differences that can drive conflict directly, effectively, and compassionately.



October 1, 2022



10.00 AM - 2.00 PM



**Salem Lutheran Church
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Facilitator



Talia Fox

CEO, KUSI Global, Inc.

TO RSVP: Contact Melanie Gibbons - mkgibbons@gmail.com or
Robin Schaefer - office@salem-catonsville.org



2nd grade through 8th grade

You're Invited

To join the St. David's Choir

Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6 PM to 7 PM in the church choir room.

Join in the fun, meet new friends, and sing great songs.

For more information, call Miss Mary at 443-869-0537

Thank you so much, and hope to see you there

Miss Mary



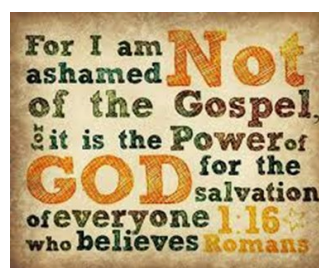
Salem's Choirs

Salem's choirs will begin rehearsals the week of September 5th; all are welcome! We would like to invite old and new singers to consider being a part of this fulfilling part of worship. St David's Choir (2nd—8th grade) will meet from 6-7 p.m. on Thursday evenings. The Salem choir meets 7:30-9 p.m. on Thursday evenings and also on Sunday mornings between services. You do not have to attend both rehearsals. The Salem Ringers meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. beginning September 6th.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JULY / AUGUST

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
July 30/31	25	48	66	19/48	Sat/Sun Livestream	206
July Total	92	212	305	304	Sat/Sun Livestream	913
August 6/7	22	45	65	55	Sat/Sun Livestream	187
August 13/14	22	39	53	48	Sat/Sun Livestream	162
August 20/21	14	43	53	51	Sat/Sun Livestream	161
August 27/28	20	61	115	40	Sat/Sun Livestream	236
August Total	78	188	286	174		746

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday



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 FONT**

James Matthew Dell 08/28/2022

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.

Angela Katherine Lamy	06/18/2022
Nelson Bruce Frazier*	07/26/2022
Kathryn "Kay" VandenBosche	08/06/2022
Joan Netzer*	08/24/2022

**Not a Salem member*

August 4, 2022



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you! We truly appreciate your gift of \$1,500.00, given to the Mar-Lu-Ridge. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, I offer my thanks and appreciation for this gift in support of our outdoor ministry.

You are making a difference. We appreciate your prayers and ongoing support!

Thank you again for your gift.

God's peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Lefler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Lefler
Executive Director

The Beauty of Life

The beauty of life, is in the way that you live.

It's not what you can take, it's what you can give.

Life can be beautiful, each and every day.

By sharing goodness, in the things that you say,
Everything in life can be loved, even when it's not fair.

Because everyone has love 'inside them,
plenty to spare.

Life is beautiful, if you love it with all your heart.

It's so easy to enjoy, all you have to do is start.

Many cannot see beauty, through suffering and pain.

But it is always there, in sunshine as well as rain.

Beauty can be seen, by looking at skies and trees.

You can feel the beauty, with just silence and a breeze.

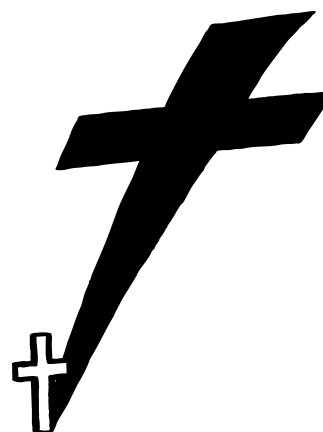
So show the beauty of life, in everything you do.

Just be yourself, share your love, the beauty is in you.

by: R.C.G. Fox, III

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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

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