



THE MONARCH

REFORMATION!

Saturday, October 29, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 30, 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

WEAR RED



502 years ago, in 1520, Martin Luther wrote an essay entitled, "On the Freedom of a Christian." In it, Luther presented this paradox: A Christian is totally free in Jesus Christ, subject to no one. And a Christian is a completely dutiful servant of all, subject to all.

Amid the Reformation of the Church, Luther emphasized that the good things we do (good works) cannot save us or set us free. It is Christ who saves us, Christ who sets us free. By his life, death, and resurrection, Christ took on the powers of death, sin and evil. Luther wrote: "his [Christ's] righteousness is greater than all the sins of humankind, his life is stronger than death, his salvation more invincible than hell." (Luther's Works 31 p. 351) Therefore, we are free in Christ!

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But what are we free for? Does our newfound freedom mean we can do whatever we want?

No! Luther cites Philippians 2 and writes that in our freedom we should “serve, help, and in every way deal with our neighbor as we see that God through Christ has dealt with and still deals with us.” (Luther’s Works 31, p 388)

We are set free for a new life in Christ! By the power of the Holy Spirit our hearts are set on fire, enabling us to use our new found freedom to serve our neighbors. We do this not to show how good we are, but out of love and praise to God who has been so gracious to us.

This is summed up in the words of forgiveness that we sometimes hear in worship:

“God, who is rich in mercy, has given his son to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.”

Thanks be to God

Pr. Amy Asendorf Berger

ORDINATION OF CAROLYN SEITER LAWRENCE

Salem was honored to host the ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of Carolyn Lawrence, Salem’s Interim Assistant Pastor, on September 18, 2022. The Rev. William Gohl Jr., Bishop, presided and was assisted by Assistant to the Bishop, Pr. Robin Simpson Litton, and Dean of Baltimore West Conference, Pr. Tamika Jancewicz. Carolyn was presented for ordination by her father, Geoffrey Lawrence, representing her home congregation of United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls, Michigan. Pastor David Asendorf gave a moving sermon. Clergy from our Synod laid hands on Carolyn as Bishop Gohl ordained her. Carolyn’s stole was lovingly placed on her by her sister, Alivia Lawrence, and Dr. Hyunmin Park. Pr. Carolyn was then installed as Salem’s Interim Assistant Pastor. A reception followed.





Geoffrey Lawrence presenting Carolyn for Ordination representing her home church, United Lutheran Church, Crystal Falls, Michigan.



Laying on of Hands



Carolyn's Sister, Alivia and Spouse Min putting the stole on Carolyn for the first time.



Pastor Carolyn's Family. Left to right; brother-in-law Hyunsung, spouse Min, father Geoffrey, sister Alivia



Rev. Robin Simpson Litton, Rev. William Gohl, Jr., Bishop, and Rev. Tamika Jancewicz lead the Rite of Ordination.



Pastor Carolyn, Pastor Dave
Salem's Pastors

BALTIMORE'S MARTIN LUTHER STATUE

In October 1936, Baltimore's Lutherans were looking forward to a very special event on October 31st, Reformation Day. The City's very own statue of Martin Luther was to be unveiled in an impressive ceremony. They were not disappointed. At two o'clock, the Baltimore Municipal Band presented a concert of music by German composers, and a procession of Lutheran Sunday Schools marched from the Fifth Regiment Armory to the entrance to Druid Hill Park where the draped statue stood.

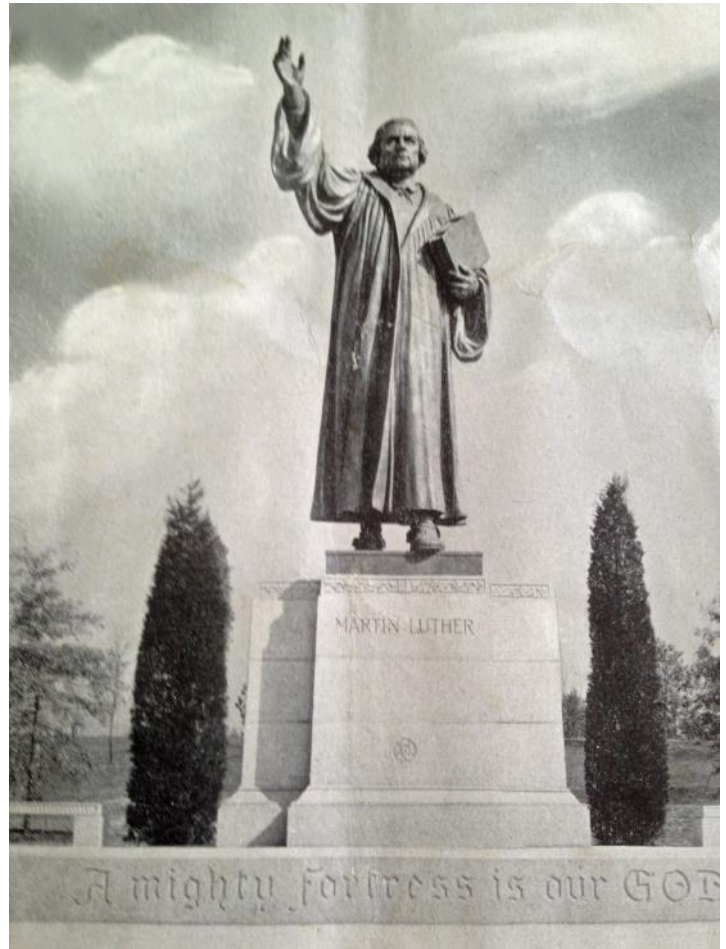
The program included remarks by Mayor Howard Jackson; an address by Dr. Charles M. Jacobs, President of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; several musical presentations; an address in German by Pr. Fritz O. Evers; greetings from Dr. Hans Luther, German ambassador to the US and a descendant of the Reformer, and the actual unveiling by Miss Eva Marie Luther, daughter of the ambassador. Of interest to Salem members, Dr. Martin Luther Enders, Salem's pastor from 1901 to 1910, offered the benediction.

The statue was a gift to the City of Baltimore from Arthur Wallenhorst, a German immigrant who became a very successful jeweler, watchmaker, and expert in gems. Wallenhorst died in November 1933, leaving a sum of \$50,000 for the erection of a bronze statue of Martin Luther. He asked only that the inscription "Given by a Baltimore Jeweler" be included on the monument.

A Baltimore artist, Hans Schuler, was chosen to design the statue. Information included in the Unveiling Ceremony program states that the statue was believed to be the first American Luther. Other Luther monuments in the United States had been recast from originals in Germany. The statue, weighing nearly five tons, sits on a curved stone base of Conway Pink Granite from Maine. In the late 1950s, the statue was moved from the Druid Hill Park entrance to its current location near Lake Montebello, a move necessary to accommodate the construction of the Jones Falls Expressway.

On Saturday, October 29, 2011, the Delaware-Maryland Synod held a Service of Prayer and Rededication to mark the 75th anniversary of the original unveiling. Rev. Mark Hanson, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, offered a reflection at the event, which included reading of scripture, prayers, a rededication of the statue, and lots of music. Those gathered joined in praying the Lord's Prayer in both German and English.

The statue is located in northeast Baltimore City and is highly visible just below the southern end of Lake Montebello. Montebello Elementary School is very nearby.



SALEM MARKETPLACE IS COMING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2022!

Another great Marketplace is shaping up for Saturday, November 5, 2022. We are hopeful that we will be able to serve food this year. We are thrilled to welcome our new chef in charge of the kitchen - Charlie Dell! The Marketplace opens at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. All of the proceeds will be given to the Rainforest Trust, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the Baltimore Outreach Center (see last month's article for more info about the charities).

Carolyn Vasold is taking on the White Elephant this year (cvasold@verizon.net 410-925-5558), and she can use help setting up the week before and packing up the leftovers! You can start bringing in your donation items now. Please leave donations for the White Elephant and Books downstairs in the first Sunday School room. Please mark book boxes clearly!

Karen Amy will be heading up the Used Book Sale again this year. She needs volunteers to take the leftover books to the Book Bank in Baltimore sometime before November 15 (it's open 24/7 for donations!).

Costume jewelry donations can be given to Treen Null or left at the church office. Please place necklaces individually in ziplock bags to prevent tangling.

Let Mary Krebs (410-788-6580) know if you will be bringing items for the bake table. You can drop those items off on the morning of Marketplace or the day before.

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. Please send them an email about other items for the Silent Auction.

We would love to have more crafters selling their creations! So far Julia Graham will be selling fused glass jewelry and Christmas ornaments. 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. We also need lots of help setting up the tables and sorting books on Friday, November 4! Let Julia or Karen know if you can help!

So mark your calendar now to start your Christmas shopping on November 5! There will be used books and jewelry. Find new treasures at our big White Elephant Sale in Reformation Hall! You won't want to miss beautiful handmade items from our crafters. There will be Fair Trade chocolates, coffee and gifts for sale from around the world. Oh, and don't forget to get there early to buy some of the delicious baked good items. Get into a spirited bidding battle over the many baskets, gift certificates, and other great deals in our Silent Auction. There will be other crafts for purchase, too. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors for a great day of fellowship and to help support some very worthy charities.

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Social Ministry Committee will be meeting in the Katie Luther room on Wednesday October 12, 7 p.m. We welcome new members. Any questions, please contact Carolyn Vasold.

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.”

Many hands make light the work, and so it was at Salem on Saturday, September 10, when nearly 50 volunteers pitched in for the annual celebration of “God’s Work. Our Hands.” In remembrance of 9/11, the day of service included both indoor and outdoor activities, spread throughout the building and grounds.

Salem’s chefs were busy in the kitchen, putting together 12 casseroles (eggs, cheese, and most with sausage). They were delivered later in the morning to the Westside Emergency Men’s Shelter .

Meanwhile, a dozen workers assembled 138 school kits – a new record – in Bethany Hall, made possible by generous contributions from the congregation, Thrivent grant money for the purchase of 200 notebooks, and a last-minute run for pens. The handmade backpacks were sewn from donations of fabric and yard sale buys; consider donating leftover heavy-weight yardage, including corduroy, denim, or upholstery, for next year.

At the same time, 25 baby care kits were assembled, soon to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. A Thrivent grant paid for the very expensive cloth diapers, and the Stitchcrafters knitted or crocheted 25 sweaters for the project.

Upstairs in the Katie Luther Room, five people (with good penmanship skills!) wrote notes to approximately 50 people, those in the military, students away at college, and shut-ins.

And in Reformation Hall, the youth group packed 100 car kits to be distributed to unhoused men and women. Among the basics included are water, snacks, and personal hygiene items.

The Guardians of Eden took advantage of the perfect weather that day, working on the stretch of land behind the parking lot. There was a lot of weeding to be done, including honeysuckle and English ivy that were pulled from the trees. A number of native plants are now beautifying this area.

Sitting under the trees, the Stitchcrafters spent two hours making quick-knit and quick-crochet hats and scarves for the Seafarers’ “Christmas at Sea” project. At 11 a.m., they welcomed Julie Mercer, president of the Bon Secours Foundation, and her colleague, Sr. Mary Shimo, who received 100 baby blankets for Early Head Start in Baltimore. The joint undertaking was the work of the Stitchcrafters (who used Thrivent grant money to purchase yarn) and Salem’s quilters. Tears and prayers flowed abundantly, and the day came to an end around an outdoor refreshment table (thanks, Stitchcrafters!).

Then, on Sunday afternoon, snacks and a homemade cake were delivered to both the Catonsville Fire Station and the Wilkens station of the Baltimore County Police Department. In addition to goodies, altar flowers were taken to the Emergency Department of St. Agnes Hospital.

Heading up “GWOH,” Carolyn Vasold was pleased with the generous response from those who participated. “We worked diligently and got a lot accomplished for the community,” she said. “It was a fulfilling day.”





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Pr. Ed Whetstone blessed the Early Head Start blankets with this prayer. I think it's worth sharing in the Monarch.
—Barbara Beem

Gracious God, our Lord came among us wrapped in swaddling clothes in a back alley stable. You know that some of these blankets may have no finer surroundings. Wherever they're given, may each blanket be '*bon secours*', good help, to babies much needing help so early in their life's journey. May they grow to know that they, like all your children, are precious in your sight.

So we pray your blessing on these blankets, and upon the hands which so lovingly made them. Bless, too, the ministry of Early Head Start, the work of this foundation, and all who strive, by grace, for a world in which all children are beloved, where we all seek to serve the common good, and build a world at peace.

In Jesus, Amen.

ADULT FORUM

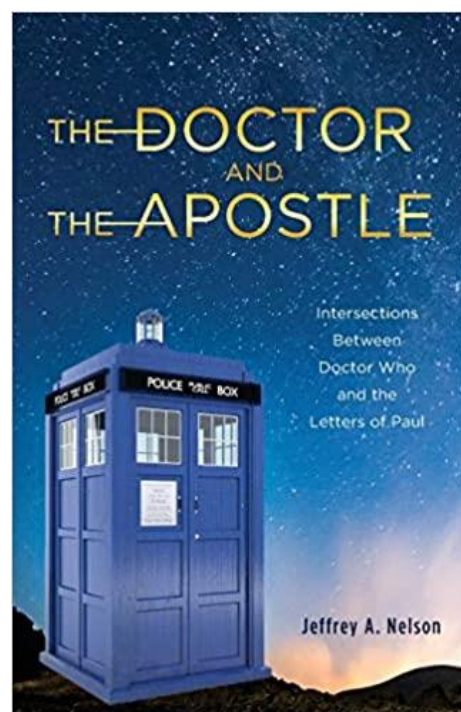
Adult Forum continues with a discussion of Jeffrey Nelson's book, *The Doctor and the Apostle: Intersections Between Doctor Who and the Letters of Paul*. The Doctor and the Apostle explores the similarities and differences between Doctor Who's title character and Paul of Tarsus, comparing and contrasting 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 study are available in the church office. While this study originally started on Rally Day, you do not need to have attended the September sessions, as each section of the book stands on its own.

On October 23, Emma Wagner will be providing a presentation on Lutheran World Relief to Salem during the Adult Forum.

There will be no Adult Forum on Reformation Sunday, 30 October 2022.

We hope to see you for the LWR and/or book discussion.



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.

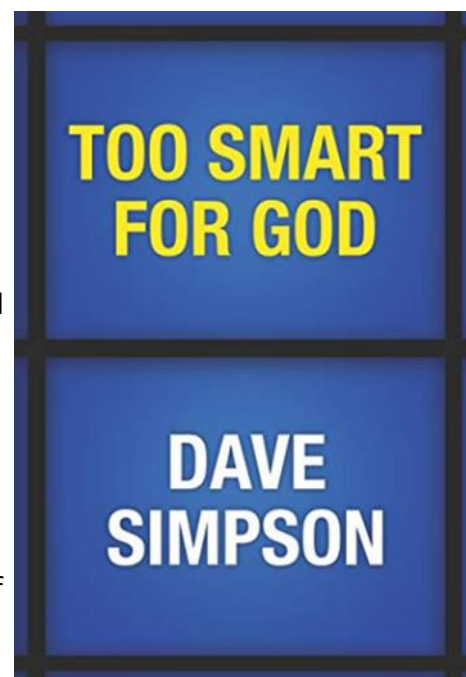
BOOK GROUP WELCOMES DAVE SIMPSON, AUTHOR OF *TOO SMART FOR GOD* IN OCTOBER

Pr. Dave Simpson will meet with Salem's Book Group on October 10 at 7:00 p.m. [**Note change in time.**] to discuss his book *Too Smart For God*. Dave knew a lot of answers, but he didn't know The Answer. A four-time Jeopardy! champion and six-figure winner on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, Dave was a smart guy. For much of his adult life, he considered himself too smart for religion. Too smart for church. He was too smart for God. Fast forward a few years and Dave is a Lutheran pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Frederick, MD. And no one was more surprised that he became a minister – or even a Christian – than he was.

In *Too Smart for God*, Dave invites us on his journey through disbelief to the pulpit. This funny and often touching story will not only inspire your own walk, but will help foster understanding between people on all sides of faith.

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 2022-23 is

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
January 9	<i>The color of Compromise</i> by Jemar Tisby
February 13	<i>The Lincoln Highway</i> by Amor Towles



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Sunday school this year, began with Rally Day on Sunday, September 18th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Our theme this year is "Adventures in Faith". Children, parents, and our confirmands gathered together for our opening in Bethany Hall. Then our Sunday school-aged children fished for stories of the bibles, enjoyed sitting around a campfire to read stories, went on a church scavenger hunt, and took home make and take s'mores bags. This year we will begin with a group opening with all of our student's PK through confirmands. After opening worship time, our PK children and confirmands will go to their dedicated rooms with all other children grades 1 through 6 remaining together in Bethany Hall to participate in rotation activities.



REFUGEE TASK FORCE UPDATE

We are so blessed to be able to assist a refugee family in their flight to a safe haven, and their journey to a new independence. God's command that we love and care for the stranger and the foreigner is straightforward in the Law of Moses: *For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.* And it's clear as well in Jesus' final teachings, *I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*

This is a busy season for the Durrani family, and for the Task Force.

The teens are happy about their school work, with Rohail and Saba both in advanced ESOL classes this year at Lansdowne High and Lima in her last year at Lansdowne Middle School. Masooma has met with LSS-NCA's Employment Specialist, and hoping for interviews soon. She has also begun ESOL classes at a church in Relay, and finding it useful and comfortable. Work has begun on their application for asylum which will replace their temporary refugee status.

One simple task which volunteers can provide is a ride to the grocery store. If you'd be interested in helping, I'd be glad to provide more information about our weekly routine. It's not only a chance to provide assistance, but a very enjoyable way to come to know them. All four always wish to go; it's one of the highlights of the week!

They've very recently been excited to welcome Masooma's twenty-something niece to the Baltimore area, newly arrived from Afghanistan. There may be some ways in which we'll be able to help her, too.

We continue to be grateful for your financial support. We ask that you also be mindful of the immense needs of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service for their work resettling refugees in the US, and of Lutheran World Relief for their extensive assistance to those in refugee camps across the world.

Please keep the Durrani family and all refugees in your prayers.

Pastor Ed Whetstone, chair



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

At the Annual Congregational meeting to elect new Council members held September 17th/18th, the following were elected:

Emily D'Avella
Ray Giuliani
John Pfluger
J. David Rau
Preston Shepherd

A quorum was present and 79 votes were cast.

SURVEY PROFILES SALEM

The first step in calling a new pastor or associate pastor is to profile the church to determine its strengths and challenges and to identify the qualities desired for the (associate) pastor. Salem recently did that with a survey based on questions provided by the ELCA for churches looking for a new pastor. Over 110 people returned the survey.

To no one's surprise, Salem is in good shape compared to many other churches. Some of the comments given on the survey include:

Salem's greatest strengths are our pastors – present one mostly - and past pastors. We have been blessed to have such leadership in an understanding way and graciously given us. Also, our congregation as a whole – we work easily together and get our tasks completed in a timely matter. We are truly a large-giving-family.

It's a healthy congregation. It seems this is rare these days, unfortunately. We have a strong and popular pastor who is inviting, inclusive, caring, and does not cause polarization. Therefore, the congregation is also inviting, inclusive, caring and not polarized. We are financially stable, so can worry less about money and more about getting things done. We are well-established in the synod and Catonsville community so are well positioned to be able to make key contributions in both. We have a wonderful facility in a convenient/central location.

Salem is welcoming to all and gives its time and money to helping others both locally and around the U.S. and around the world. Salem is not just focused on ourselves. We stayed open during COVID and could worship together if we wanted to but we also helped those who didn't want to be exposed by having online church too. It was a great balance.

Salem clearly benefits from having a beautiful worship space situated in a prominent location in the very desirable community. But Salem's greatest strengths are its people, both clergy and members. Salemites care about and care for each other. They offer their time and talents in support of our congregation and live believing that God's work needs our hands. They also give generously in a way that has created a level of financial security. Salem is also blessed with talented and dedicated paid staff, including the pastors, Mary Miller, Robin Schaefer, and Joey Morgan.

Church feels welcoming to everyone, which seems directly related to Lutheran teachings about God's grace and Biblical concepts regarding how to treat strangers. Also, just plain friendly. Congregation activities are often focused on doing good in the world., for everyone in need, not just people like us. Humor frequently used; leaders seem very genuine. It helps especially when life and scripture is difficult. I like how sermons relate to real world current events because there have been so many difficult things in last few years. It is helpful and relevant and sincere.

Our orientation and responsibility for the role we play outside the walls of the church. As a community, we reach out in many ways locally, nationally, and globally and value our connections as part of a worldwide family of faith. We equip members to adapt a similar ethos in individual and family life. We desire to be welcoming. We are generous in our philanthropy as a congregation and individually. Our children's ministry and Sunday school for young kids is amazing and one of the reasons our family loves Salem so much.

Salem's greatest strength is its belief in helping out others. We provide rooms for outside organizations to use, we supply dollars to organizations supporting the needy-both spiritual need and physical (food, new missions, homelessness) out of our bounty: we practice what we preach with our outreach and compassion, we are open to understanding injustice and trying to individually grapple and fix wrong, ingrained culture and attitudes. Salem presents to visitors and community a friendly, accepting face, a cornerstone of Lutheran faith for the 21st century. The congregation seems very open to differences of race, sexual orientation, social status.

The sense of community / family and our commitment to serving. We don't always agree on every issue, but we value the family of Christians here and we strive to find common ground.

That all said, there are areas where we need to work and improve. The respondents included these comments:

Salem has several challenges. They include the following, which are not necessarily in priority order: 1) Get people back in the building as the Covid impact on health decreases 2) Getting people involved with ministries that reach out into the community (i.e., decreasing the number of Sunday-only members). 3) Defining the goals of our youth group and working toward them. 4) Re-energize Salem's Young Adults Group

Like most Lutheran churches, we are struggling to stay relevant with younger people and are getting older. Keeping Lutheran ideals and culture alive while staying relevant to the changing culture around us. Competing with other groups and activities for our members' time and talents. Staying strategically focused and not resting on our laurels. Ensuring our young and diverse members feel listened to and included while not alienating our older, western European ancestry members.

This is probably an issue for churches of all sorts, but I would love to see a more active youth program for HS age kids. Many of them might enjoy the right kind of programming. There also is not a lot for programming for parishioners of the sandwich generation-raising older kids/teens and caring for their older parents. (or just middle age people who are busy with family and or careers.) As someone who did not grow up in the church, I often see activities for people who have been members a long time or who may have a particular skill (acting, music, etc.) or those who may be retired and have more time for hobbies. All wonderful so don't change those. I just sometimes wonder about how in 10-15 years that could be me, as an older church member, and what will that be like? I realize we are the busiest group and probably very hard to organize but I think something like a special Bible study or book group could be meaningful. I am hoping to continue to seek out women for leadership roles.

Learning how to exist with differences within our community. We have wonderful models of this in our past as (past and present) and it's probably something we'll be working on as humans forever. We've long prided ourselves on our political diversity, though that's shifting and I think we need to find ways to work? And articulate how we do this together. As a majority white congregation in the whitest denomination in America, we need to keep pressing to understand and build our capacity for discomfort and tempers to move into this reality, so can find a way forward in faithful partnership to a fuller, rather living into God's kingdom. Also, our youth ministry needs different focus and direction.

Growing political tension and divide. In my opinion the current events of the last few years have created a very 'you' vs 'me' attitude, forcing people to choose a political alliance. There is no space for anyone in the middle. There is always a political line in the sand when it comes to your beliefs - whether it is wearing a mask, energy conservation, gun control, roe v wade etc. I think congregations can be at risk of ostracizing the center or people of different political beliefs if they lean in too hard one way or another. I believe that a pending recession and current inflation rates of 9% will hurt expected donations. It's believable that with the rising costs of property, groceries, gas and CPI that people will be forced to choose how and when to spend their money. Congregations may need to be prepared to do more with less.

The lack of young families in our church is a concern to me. When I look around at our normal service (Sunday 11 a.m.) my children are often the only children there. I am concerned what will be available to them as the youth in the church unless we attract more families with young children. That being said, I always feel like my children are very welcome at Salem. They adore Pastor Dave and the

congregation. We've never received a side eye about a cry or dropped cheerios. :) I think Salem does a nice job fostering a friendly environment for children - I know it's difficult to attract young families to church for a multitude of reasons.

The final portion of the survey involved identifying what qualities we would like in a pastoral candidate and what tasks do we see them doing. Comments include:

The new associate pastor needs to be alert to all aspects of Salem and its committees, activities, and able to work well along side of Pastor Dave. All of these things can be learned in a matter of time. I look forward to working with our new associate pastor.

Should work in tandem with the senior pastor, off-loading some duties and provide relief of over burden of senior pastor. Should be able to preach interesting and relevant sermons linking Biblical times with today-expressing why Jesus is still relevant. Should be comfortable and desiring to work with children of the congregation, I foresee duties as including catechism, making children feel welcome in the church. Should invent ways to corral and involve younger demographics, say the 20 and 30 something persons. Of course, must be personable and friendly, but this goes without saying. Must be open to mentoring by Pastor Dave, but not intimidated, expressing his or her opinions and strategies openly. A team works better than a leader-follower.

I would love to see a young woman of color at Salem. It would be preferable to have someone who is willing to stay with us for a while. Would love to have someone who can sing and is willing to facilitate our young adult group. We need someone who is liberal and adaptable. The last thing Salem needs is a traditionalist who is not willing to pull us out of our comfort zone.

I want to see the new pastor do whatever helps Pastor Dave the most. Our former associate pastor did a lot of good things with the children and youth of the congregation. In my opinion, it would be great if the new pastor could build on that but I leave it up to Pastor Dave to say where an associate pastor could best help him in serving the needs of the Salem congregation.

Based on the survey, the congregation suggested the following tasks for the new Associate Pastor although his/her tasks will be determined by Pastor Dave:

Preaching/Worship Self Care/Family Life	Youth and Family Ministry
Pastoral Care and Visitation	Campus / Young Adult Ministry
Innovation / Creativity	

Open our eyes to see your presence.
Open our ears to hear your call.
Open our hearts to receive your love.
Let us extend our hands to embrace one another.
Let us open our hearts to strangers.
Let's open our doors to the knockers
so that we may be open to you, Lord,
open this day and all future days.
- David Adam



Lord, as I set out today
Make me aware of your glory
Open my eyes to your presence
In the many events of the day
Prompt me to be attentive
And to heed you calling me
In my encounters with others
Help me to know your love
And to show your love
In each passing hour
Give me time for wonder
A stillness to know you
And the power of your presence
Lord, grant that I may live to your glory
- David Adam



CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, September 25, Veronica Merriman and Lily Stysley affirmed their baptismal faith in the Rite of Confirmation. Thanks be to God! Salem's confirmation class is a two-year program. Logan Kahatapitiya and Gavin Smith have completed their first year and are being their second year of learning. They will be confirmed next year.

The following young people are beginning their faith journey and have made their Confirmation Covenant:

James Merriman
Michael Moore
Mason Pushman
Eva Smith
Leah Smith

As Lily wrote in her Confirmation Faith Statement, "[C]onfirmation classes changed and adapted my faith. I got to ask questions that have been festering for years, got to learn about things of my own will that have impacted the world for centuries. I saw how enthusiastic the people were, and how it helped us. Lastly, I do feel confident about living into my baptismal promises. The first is fairly easy to do, live faithfully which will tie into the rest. The second I will follow to my best ability being young, and "hear the word of god" by going to church and [receiving] communion. The last three all connect to each other greatly. By spreading kindness through action and word and striving for justice, I am following all three. I may not be saying "go follow God and go to church" but by doing these things I can spread God's /Jesus' message of kindness."



ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
September 3-4	15	39	62	14/69	Livestream	199
September 10-11	22	47	71	19/58	Livestream	217
September 17-18	24	50	76	15/35	Livestream	200
Ordination			46	49	Livestream	95
September 24-25	15	53	105	5/48	Livestream	226
Totals	76	189	360	102/210		937

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday



NO PHISHING
Don't take the bait!

Occasionally we hear about members receiving an email from one of the Pastors asking for gift cards or for us to pay a bill, etc.; because 'they are in a meeting' (or whatever) and 'can't take care of this right now.' This is ALWAYS a scheme to get something from you by someone else and this is NEVER from Salem's Pastors. Please, if you are contacted by anyone asking for money or gift cards and they say it is an emergency; contact us yourself first. Please don't take the bait in their phishing scheme!

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 **Salem-Church**.

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

Leah Hoskins and Timothy Sherman

September 10, 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.

Bill Dauber

09/03/2022

Shirley Focht*

09/14/2022

Frank Strunsky*

09/20/2022

*Not a Salem member

Thank You!

9/11/22

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make 'God's Work - Our Hands' day a success.

We packed over 100 Back to School and Care Kits.

The stitchcrafters donated over 100 hand made blankets and afghans to Head Start. The letter writers left over 50 cards to the Homebound, college ^{students} and military personnel. Lastly, we can't forget those who helped to spruce up our gardens beyond the parking lot.

Also, a sincere thank you to those who donated so generously!

Carolyn Vassil



Word Bank
 ANGLICANISM
 CALVINISM
 COUNCIL OF TRENT
 EXCOMMUNICATION
 GUTENBERG BIBLE
 HENRY VIII
 INDULGENCES
 MARTIN LUTHER
 NINETYFIVE THESES
 POPE
 PREDESTINATION
 PRINTING PRESS
 PROTESTANTISM
 REFORMATION
 SCHISM
 THIRTY YEARS WAR

Name _____ Date _____

PROTESTANT REFORMATION

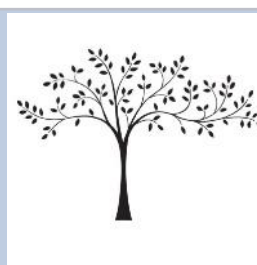
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Use the clues and the word bank to fill in the terms. The first letter has been provided.

- R _____ -- Split in the Roman Catholic Church by various Protestant groups
 S _____ -- A split of an organization into two or more parts
 E _____ -- Act of censure, including denial of sacraments
 P _____ -- Leader of Catholic Church and head of the city-state of Rome
 M _____ -- German monk that was a key originator of the Reformation
 N _____ -- Martin Luther written criticism of Catholic Church
 P _____ -- Group of Christian faiths that split from Roman Catholic Church
 I _____ -- Buying forgiveness of sins
 G _____ -- First mass produced Bible allowing personal reading and analysis
 C _____ -- Protestant sect started by John Calvin believing in predestination
 P _____ -- Christian doctrine that all events have been willed by God
 A _____ -- English Protestantism faith
 H _____ -- King that established the Church of England
 T _____ -- Religious war (1618-48) in Central Europe
 P _____ -- invention that helped to spread Martin Luther's ideas
 C _____ -- Series of Catholic Church meetings to reform the faith

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