



THE MONARCH

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Lenten midweek worship will have soup & supper at 6:30 p.m.

Worship at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 2, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2 & 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7, 2 & 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 8, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.!

All Services will be live-streamed (except 8:15 a.m.)



MONARCH ON-LINE

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ADULT FORUM SERIES

Pastor Carolyn will be leading adult forum March 12, 19, and 26. All are welcome to join! There will be no adult forum on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

March 12 & 19: The Rise and Fall of the House Church Movement—Women's Authority in the Early Christian Community

Our first two sessions are complimenting and expounding upon our previous adult forum series, 'The Women of the Bible Speak'. We will learn about the formation of early Christianity and the role that women played as missionaries, apostles, priests, and leaders in 'the church in their house'. We will also delve into the later development of the Christian household codes and their use in silencing women's authority in public worship and ecclesial leadership.

March 26: God's Image in the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Cloud of Witnesses

What ideas, metaphors, images, and language do we use to talk about God? How did the different writers of our sacred scripture imagine God, and what does that imply for us today? In this final session, we will delve into the image (and hiddenness) of God in the Holy Bible and Christian writings.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

On February 12th the students did several Valentine's activities. One of the activities was making cards for shut-ins of Salem's Congregation. February 19th we learned about Abraham and Sarah and how they would have more descendants than the stars in the sky. Sharon Schueler taught the children about constellations. The children did two activities making their own constellations and making a constellation snack. On February 26th we learned about Ash Wednesday and Lent and the children will be working on acts of kindness for the weeks of Lent.

During March and the beginning of April, we will cover Jonah and the Big Fish, Queen Esther, Holy Week, and Palm Sunday. The students will finish by planting individual Easter Gardens.



GRADUATING IN 2023? YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SALEM SCHOLARSHIP!

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

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

The deadline for 2023 applications is **April 15**. Salem's high school seniors will receive a personal letter inviting them to consider applying for the program but it's not too early to learn about the program.

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY POTLUCK FUNDRAISER

The Social Ministry Committee will sponsor their Annual Potluck Supper and Program on Sunday, March 12 at 5 pm in Bethany Hall. The evening begins with a potluck supper {there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to indicate what you will bring to eliminate too many duplicates of one type}. Immediately following our meal, the Reverend Les Roberts will give a presentation on the Baltimore Aftercare Program. This program works to support returning citizens from the Maryland prison system back into daily living. Pastor Sue Beck who works with the St. Dismas ministry will also share some information about the community at Jessup. A free will offering will be taken to support the work of the Baltimore Aftercare Program itself. Carolyn Vasold and her Committee hope you will plan to join them on the evening of March 12 to hear about both of these programs and give your support.

SHOWCASE IN THE NARTHEX

Thank you, Tom Vasold, for sharing your fun and unique collection of ties throughout the month of February. We'll look forward to seeing you actually wearing them in the months to come. Pastor Dave is up next in March with a "Maryland Theme" showcase. It should be quite interesting. Many thanks to you for sharing your "collections" with everyone. If you have a collection or special hobby or just an interesting topic to share in the showcase, please contact Sharon Stanton at memsha7311@gmail.com. July and August are open months at this printing.

BOOK GROUP IS IN HIATUS

Salem's Book Group is in hiatus. If you would like to discuss a book you've read and enjoyed, please contact Guy Davis guyddavisphd@gmail.com.

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

On Thursday, April 27, 2023, a bus trip to see “Moses” at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster with a smorgasbord lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant has been planned. **{Please note:** Our original arrangements were to have a family style lunch at Hershey Farms, but unfortunately due to a huge fire there on Tuesday, January 11th, the restaurant was destroyed. Workers feel that a fire broke out from roofers using hot glue material on the roof. It may have been what sparked the fire.} I was able to schedule our lunch date with Shady Maple and we will be eating there around 11:30 prior to heading to Sight & Sound for the 3 pm show of Moses. **Thirty-six seats have been reserved for this trip. {At this writing, I only have 15 seats left.} Cost is \$130 pp inclusive which is due by March 27, 2023. Checks should be made payable to Historic Old Salem.** We depart at 9:30 am from the Southwest Park & Ride lot on South Rolling Road at Rt 195, and expect to return there by approximately 7 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sharon Stanton now to hold a reservation.

The HOS Board will host an **Outdoor Yard Sale** in Salem’s parking lot on Saturday, May 6th from 8 am to noon with a rain date of Saturday, May 13th. Vendors requested at \$20 per table space {table provided by you}. PLEASE NOTE: Old Salem is **NOT COLLECTING WHITE ELEPHANTS**. If you have items to sell, you are encouraged to come join the fun and host your own table. We had a wonderful turnout last year not only of vendors but “shoppers” too. The parking lot at Salem’s Frederick Road entrance {which of course will be blocked to cars} is a perfect spot for a yard sale. Fee due by April 13th.

Other upcoming trips and events to mark on your calendars:

Sunday, June 4 at 2 pm – Annual Founders’ Day Open House and Program @ Old Salem

Thursday, July 26 – all day bus trip – Suicide Bridge Crabs & Cruise

Sunday, September 17 – 2 pm – Annual Open House and Program

Thursday, October 12 – all day bus trip to Harriet Tubman Visitor Center; lunch at Old Salty’s Restaurant on Hooper’s Island; Layton’s Chance Winery

Sunday, November 5 – 2 pm – All Saints Service @ Old Salem

Friday, December 1 – all day bus trip to the American Music Theater; Lunch at Dienger’s Country Restaurant

Saturday, December 9 – 11 am to 1 pm – Annual Christmas Open House @ Old Salem

Contact Sharon Stanton at memsha7311@gmail.com or call 410-744-8724 for more information and/or to make reservations.

UNDIE SUNDAYS

Calling upon a tradition from our past, during Lent this year the Salem faithful are asked to channel their thoughts and prayers into action by donating **new** underwear for the homeless men at the Westside shelter on the grounds of Spring Grove Hospital. There will be a large bin in the hallway during Lent to collect the following donations – **Underwear** - Only **briefs**, sizes **M, L and XL** are the most popular **Long (Thermal) Underwear – tops and bottoms – all sizes NEW, in original packaging, shop for the 6-8 item multi packs .**



GUY'S EYES SEE THE WORLD

The Agape Gallery current show presents photographs by Salem's own Guy Davis. He is showing photos from his travels that include many different places in the world that many of us may not ever see.

"I first became involved in photography in college developing black and white film. But my interest waned until the establishment of digital photography and post processing (digital developing). My technique and style matured with Tony Northrup's *Stunning Digital Photography* and several Great Courses/National Geographic videos on photography. My main focus in photography is landscapes and flora/fauna.



Unlike painters and similar artists who can create their own image of what they see, photographers are stuck with what nature provides. That is not to say that photographers are helpless. To obtain the best composition, they can move closer or farther, change location or perspective (angle), or wait for the ambient light to change. They can also change the image's depth of field to blur unwanted elements or use long exposures to highlight dim features or deliberately blur moving objects. Professional photographers on assignment can spend several days scouting a location to obtain one published photograph.

I rarely have that much time when I combine my interests in photography and traveling, but I try to keep an eye out for opportunities to shoot artistic scenes that go beyond snapshots. For example, on a boat ride on the Neva River in St. Petersburg, the setting sun was going behind the buildings on the shore. I timed my shot to catch the sun shining through the dome of the Peter and Paul Cathedral [Sunset at Peter and Paul Cathedral]. Other times, it helps to be lucky. On safari in Kruger National Park in South Africa we were making a short trip to a neighboring lodge, and our vehicle stopped so that we could take photographs of an elephant near the trail. As we had finished with that elephant, I heard rustling behind me on the other side of the vehicle. I instinctively turned and raised my camera with a wide-angle lens and snapped a photo of another elephant charging our vehicle [Charging Elephant] just before our driver slapped the door to startle the elephant and sped away. That's one that I would have missed if I tried to frame."





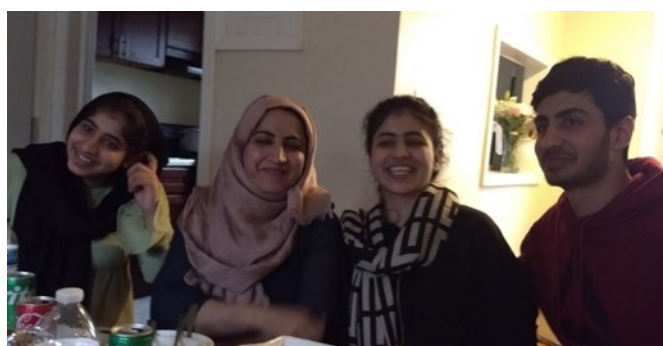
THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO A CELEBRATION SUPPER WITH THE DURRANI FAMILY SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 16, 5:30PM

The Refugee Task Force invites you to a Celebration Supper to meet the Durrani family and celebrate their first anniversary in Catonsville. They fled their home in Kandahar, Afghanistan the summer of 2021 and arrived at their safe haven— their new home— in March 2022. We will also be inviting the other refugee families we sponsored across the years. Many of you will recall the delightful meal we enjoyed with the al Fahad family from Syria and the Dragadellas, the new family from Kosovo, held shortly before the pandemic prevented our congregational gatherings.

Congregants are invited to consider bringing ethnic foods from their own or some other tradition, but any contribution to the meal is welcome. We know there will be some tasty food from Afghanistan on the table!

The Durrani family –Masooma and her teens Rohail 17, Saba 15 and Lima 13--is excited to meet you! You will soon see a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

There will also be an Anniversary Celebration poster at the annual meeting and after services the first two Sundays in March for you to sign which we will present to them March 14, the anniversary of their arrival, along with a Persian prayer rug presented to Salem members when they toured Ephesus, Turkey last summer.



***DOCTOR DOLITTLE* COMING SOON!**

Salem Players has begun rehearsals for our spring musical with an amazing cast, including some familiar faces, and a certain former college professor making her theatrical debut! We are excited to be preparing *Doctor Dolittle* for your enjoyment.

It's a murder mystery, with a love story, a circus, a jail break, and a floating island with some fantastic and unique animals. Have you ever seen a dancing Pushmi-Pullyu? Or a Giant Pink Sea Snail?

Make your plans NOW to visit Puddleby -on -Marsh, to see the doctor who talks to animals! Fun for the whole family. Performances will be April 28, 29, 30, and May 5, 6, 7, 12, & 13.

Tickets will go on sale soon. For more information: saleplayers@salem-catonsville.org

NEW DISCIPLES CLASS

A 'New Disciples' class for those interested in membership at Salem will be on March 18, 9 a.m. to 12noon. Please contact one of the pastors if you are interested.

PRAYERS

Lord, we commit ourselves to each other “
in joy and in sorrow.

We commit ourselves to all who share a belief in
reconciliation, to support and stand by them.

We commit ourselves to the way of peace,
in thought and deed.

Lord, we commit ourselves to you
as our guide and friend.

We ask you to help us with this, in Jesus’ name.

Amen

- Peace prayer from the Corrymeela Community

Lord, teach us to see the world through other’s eyes.

Teach us to raise our voice for peace.

Lord teach us to surrender our lives for your use to live so that justice flows like water
and peace will become a reality. Amen

- Taizen's Brother Roger

OFFICAL ACTS

AT THE GRAVE

*“For the assurance and hope of our faith and for the saints you have received into your
eternal joy, we thank you , Heavenly Father.”*

Dale Roland Schmidt

*February 11,2023**

Norma Jane Bogdan

*February 17, 2023**

Louis Eugene Dadin (Gene)

February 18, 2023



**Not a Salem member*

Mary Krebs thanks Debra Brohawn for joining the Altar Guild. Debbie will serve on the first Sundays of the month after the 11a.m. service with Nancy Asendorf. Thank you!



Lutheran Volunteer Corps

UNITING PEOPLE TO WORK FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

February 27, 2023

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd
Catonsville, MD 21228-4517

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your support of LVC fellowships. Your gift helped us continue the service experience at no cost to LVC fellows, with LVC covering the costs for housing, utilities, transportation, health insurance, programming, and administration. Because of your generosity:

- Sixteen LVC fellows were gifted the year-of-service experience in Washington DC, Baltimore MD, and Minneapolis MN; with virtual fellows serving from their hometowns.
- Fellowships included intentional community in LVC housing, year-long placements with nonprofit partners, and exploration of spirituality and LVC values.
- The service experience was provided at no cost to LVC fellows, and they received a modest monthly stipend.
- LVC continued monthly, national program days, bringing everyone together to take deeper dives into social justice topics like activism and voting rights; while learning to use a social justice lens to reimagine the possibilities.
- LVC's hike-a-thon was hosted in 10 cities around the country, led by alumni, churches, staff, and supporters; and raised approximately \$15,000.
- Several LVC alumni were hired by their Placements after their service year.

This letter includes a summary of your gifts for 2022. We appreciate your support, and hope to see you at a hike near you in May.

We'll continue to keep you updated on activities through our e-newsletter in the days ahead (as long as we have your email address!).

With gratitude,

Deidre Bagley
President, Lutheran Volunteer Corps

Thank you for your gift. No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation. Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, Tax EFN: 02-0703016. Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Keep this document for your records and tax purposes. Unless your donation is anonymous, your name may be published for recognition.

Item	Received Date	Amount Received	Non-Deductible Amount	Tax Deductible Amount	Fund Name
1	06/10/2022	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	General Fund
	Total:	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	

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February 13, 2023

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran,

Thank you for your 2022 donation(s) to Baltimore Outreach Services. Your gift(s) totaling \$4941.49 provided housing and services to Baltimore City homeless women and their children.

We completed the calendar year, providing shelter and services to 126 individuals. One of only three shelters that provide for children, we served 74 children aged two months – to 17 yrs. (59% of the shelter's occupancy). Our case manager worked diligently to assist the families with housing applications and the necessary paperwork required for the process. In 2022, 12 families moved from BOS into permanent and transitional housing.

You are providing an urgently needed safe place to shelter during a crisis. Thank you for making it possible for women and children to receive shelter, programs, and services as they journey from homelessness to housing.

You're the best!

We are very grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvonne Terry".

Yvonne Terry,
Deputy Director

*Thank You, for all you
do for families in the
shelter to navigate
homelessness.*

A simple line drawing of a heart with a smiley face inside it.

**THANKS A
MILLION**

Thank You!

"My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him." Psalm 62:1

Dear members of Salem Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers as we cared for my Mom.

My Mom knew the power of prayer and we talked about the many ways we saw Him answering the prayers for her. There were so many doctors, nurses, caregivers that shared their faith as they cared for her.

Thank you too for the beautiful card and for the beautiful altar flowers. We appreciate your kindness.

In Christ, Cindy, Bill, Charlotte

THANK
YOU



**Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service**

February 25, 2023

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd
Catonsville, MD 21228



Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of all the people we serve, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) would like to thank you for your generosity throughout the year of 2022. Your financial support is truly making a difference in the lives of refugees and immigrants we serve all across the nation.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Specify Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
February 4/5	17	51	89	19/42	Saturday/Sunday	218
February 11/12	30	60	82	12/26	Saturday/Sunday	210
February 18/19	18	64	78	7/36	Saturday/Sunday	203
February 22		50	65	13/13	Ash Wednesday	141
February 25/26	24	51	96	13/40	Saturday/Sunday	224
Total	89	276	410	62/157		994

*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.



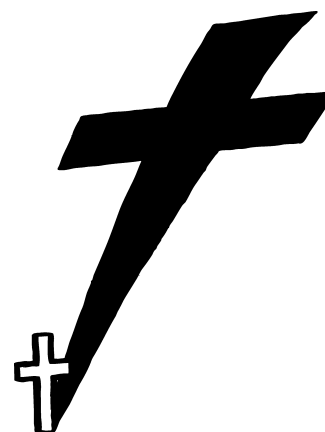
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AVAILABLE FOR GIVING

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.



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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 (odd months) or Karen Amy (even months) via telephone at 410 382-4379 [Barbara] or 410 215-4279 [Karen] or via email at prayertree@salem-catonsville.org

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