



THE MONARCH

SALEM SHEEP AND LAMBS KICKOFF!

On May 20, Salem had a kickoff for our new young family ministry, called "Salem's Sheep and Lambs." Little ones gathered in Salem's yard for bouncy castle fun and other outdoor activities. A **big thank you** to Eileen, Veronica, and Jimmy Merriman and Melissa Miller for their help!

While kids bounced outside, parents met in Reformation Hall to discuss the joys and challenges of raising children of faith and how Salem can minister to the needs of its young families. Fun was had by all ages, and more events will come in the fall! If you were unable to attend our first event, but have thoughts/comments about what you'd like to see in this ministry, your feedback is appreciated. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a part of Sheep and Lambs, please reach out to Pastor Carolyn at pastorcarolyn@salem-catonsville.org.



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Salem Supports Mar-Lu-Ridge Capital Campaign: With Open Arms

Our synod's summer camp, Mar-Lu-Ridge, has begun a new three-year capital campaign to increase accessibility in their facilities. Mar-Lu-Ridge strives to be a place where all people are welcome to encounter God's love through sacred hospitality, deepening relationships, and care for creation. However, some areas of their buildings unintentionally limit access and full participation by people with differing abilities. Over the last few years, they have increasingly turned guest groups away because they are unable to meet their accessibility needs. To live up to their aim of hospitality for all people, Mar-Lu-Ridge is launching this campaign to renovate and expand access in their most-used buildings.

Sarah Lefler, the Executive Director of Mar-Lu-Ridge, writes: "Renovating Ridge Inn for increased accessibility and hospitality is a big step for Mar-Lu-Ridge, but one that will have even greater return on our investment in welcoming people to encounter God's love through sacred hospitality, deepening relationships, and care for creation. Through this plan, we will be able to serve people in ways we are unable to at this time – especially groups and individuals with mobility needs. When these campaign initiatives are completed, the manner in which we welcome people will be more fully realized."

Salem has a long history of close ties with Mar-Lu-Ridge; some of their very first campers came from Salem! We have sent dozens—if not hundreds—of youth to be inspired in their faith through a week of camp on the ridge. Two of our confirmands, alongside others in the synod, will be attending Mar-Lu-Ridge's confirmation camp with Pastor Carolyn this July. MLR hosts over 7,000 retreat guests and 400 campers every year; folks from all backgrounds and faiths have experienced something special on the ridge. Salem is considering a 'field trip' to Mar-Lu-Ridge sometime in the next year for members to get to experience a taste of camp life on the ridge! If you are interested, please contact Pastor Carolyn at pastorcarolyn@salem-catonsville.org.

Salem's Church Council has agreed to enthusiastically support Mar-Lu-Ridge's three-year capital campaign with a goal of raising \$75,000. Salem is planning on reaching our target goal through support of the following appeals:

MLR's "With Open Arms" will be one recipient included in our annual Salem Marketplace giving
The Social Ministry Committee will host a potluck supporting the capital campaign
Special offerings in May 2024 and 2025

Please consider making an offering to Mar-Lu-Ridge's "With Open Arms" campaign. Special envelopes are available if you would prefer to donate through Salem, or you can visit <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/support-mlr>.

With your help, Mar-Lu-Ridge can become a place where all are truly welcome and there are no limits to hospitality, where all may experience belonging in community and creation.



UPDATE ON CATONSVILLE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

CEA continues to serve our community, helping to feed about 300 clients each month. They have recently expanded their outreach to the subsidized housing apartments at the Village Oaks off Winters Lane. They have also purchased the adjacent building on Bloomsbury Ave. This will house the administrative offices while the original building is needed to sort, distribute and store food. Churches all over Catonsville refer residents to CEA when they come seeking food or assistance, and Salem has been actively involved since the very beginning.

CEA is especially appreciative of cash donations. They need money to purchase meat, perishables and specific foods from the Maryland Food Bank. They also need donations of toiletries, pancake mix, syrup, cake mixes and icing, instant Jello and pudding, peanut butter and jelly, and ramen noodle packets. Costco at Arundel Mills is willing to donate food, but a volunteer is needed to pick it up during the week.

Please consider helping by putting items in the basket in our foyer. You can contact CEA through their website: <https://catonsvillehelp.org/>

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS

It's time to get together again to root on our amazing Orioles! Come to Camden Yards on Friday, August 4 at 7:05 p.m. with fireworks after the game. The Orioles are playing the New York Mets. Tickets are \$30 with \$4 going toward the St. Andrew's roof fund. Contact Margie DeLong [by email](#) or at 410-292-9089 to reserve your tickets by July 26. Checks should be made out to the Delaware-Maryland Synod.

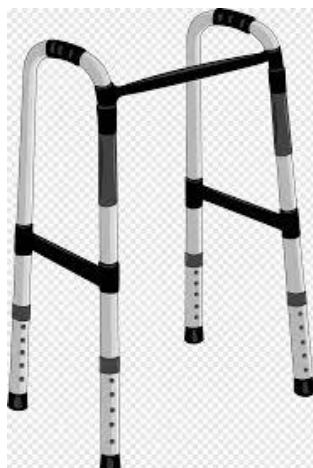


FREE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Do you need some medical equipment, or do you know someone who does? Salem has medical equipment available for Salem members or anyone else who has a need. Examples are: wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, commodes, canes, etc., etc.

For additional information call Lynda Bell [410-314-1706] or Beth Rodgers [410-242-9183].

P.S. There are two motorized scooters available for Salem members or anyone else.



**THE AGAPE GALLERY PRESENTS:
AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILTERS OF BALTIMORE
A BALTIMORE THEMED QUILT SHOW #2**

The Agape Gallery presents "United We Thread" May 21 to July 23 with the grand opening on June 11, 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. On quilt is open for a raffle: please Mary Krebs for tickets and details. The African American Quilters of Baltimore (AAQB) was founded in 1989 by the internationally known quilt artist, Barbara Pietila. Her primary goal was to offer support to African American quilters in an environment of acceptance and welcome, and to encourage the practice of quilting as an expression of a shared history and culture, while promoting quilting as an art form. The guild boasts quilters of skill levels ranging from beginner to master.





IT WAS KITTY'S IDEA – MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL

Everyone thinks about chocolate when they hear the word Hershey. But did you know that there is a Hershey residential school for children? Two of our members, Bob and Rene Stiebing were house parents from the Spring of 1977 to August of 1984. Children were placed by legal sponsors and lived in these student homes until they were 18. “Sponsors” included parents, grandparents, or another family member, if the parent was incarcerated or institutionalized.

The day started at 6:00 a.m. with daily chores of cleaning the house. There was always a rotation of chores with a daily cleaning of all areas, bedrooms, the dining room and living room, which was 40 feet long. Kitchen duties included setting the table, doing dishes, and vacuum cleaning. No dishwashers or microwaves here!

After chores there were devotions, breakfast, and on to school. Step vans brought dinner and the Stiebings ordered other groceries and posted menus. Many meals were Pennsylvania Dutch food, although sometimes meals were cooked from scratch.

Middle school children then walked 1 mile to school, although the junior division homes were right next door to school. After school, the kids changed clothes, and participated in extracurricular activities. Bob was a scout master and there were sports year-round; basketball in the winter, soccer in the fall and softball in the spring. There were also summer camps. Children had Christmas and Easter breaks and summer vacation. Bob and Rene worked 2 weeks at a time, with only a weekend off at the end of the two weeks.

The largest crises came during the time of the Three Mile Island Accident. Children were immediately sent home, to their sponsors, although Rene and Bob stayed at the school.

Milton and his wife Kitty's dream for the school was to give needy, qualified children a place to grow, and to be nurtured in a structured environment. and become contributing members of society. At that time, there were 10,000 acres of farm land and the students were trained to work and learn skills they could take with them when they left. Eventually the culture changed and became less agricultural. Today, there are over 2,000 students and young people have part time jobs, obtain their car licenses and have internships to learn modern day skills.

The Stiebings certainly influenced countless children and gave a great deal to many young students who are now adults and independent. Their skills and kindness were both wonderful traits that made the world a better place for the future.



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Ryan Fredriksson stepped down as Church Council President because of the pending birth of his 2nd child and pressing work obligations. Denise Morris, Vice-President, will assume Council President duties.
- A motion was passed to contribute \$15,000 to the renovation of CEA's building, 25 Bloomsbury in honor of CEA Executive Director, and Salem member, Bonnie Harry.

AROUND THE PARISH

- Congratulations to Victoria Shepherd on her marriage to Steven Diehl. Victoria and Steven will be moving to San Diego as Steven continues his service in the US Navy.
- And kudos to Vicky Whetstone upon retiring from many years of service at Lutheran World Relief. You can see the Bishop's mention of Vicky's retirement at the Bishop's Blotter on the DE/MD Synod website.
- The Salem congregation is proud to have not one but two Boy Scouts receive the rank of Eagle Scout this May. Congrats to Danny Gundlach and Preston Shepherd!
- Peggy Hinkelman has sold her home in Catonsville and will be living with one of her three daughters who have homes in Rehoboth, Kent Island and Florida. Presently Peggy is living with her daughter Leslie and son-in-law Steve on Kent Island.

FOURTH MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Fourth Monday Bible Study will be meeting Monday June 26. This is a great time to join in-person or tune in to the recording as we begin a new study of the Book of Ezekiel. Perhaps on the strangest books of Holy Writ; it is packed with visions and oracles. Come join Pastor Dave and the intrepid band of Salem Bible Scholars to wrestle meaning for us out of this wonderfully vivid books. We meet at 1 pm in the Katie Luther Room (2nd floor). A recording of the discussion will be posted on Salem's website www.salem-catonsville.org by the following day.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The past month we did a spring cleanup project in the garden, weeding, pulling ivy, and putting down fresh mulch. This is always a favorite activity for the children. We learned about the Woman at the Well where the children made and ate a snack that represented the well. We talked about Moving Water and the students were able to visualize this by doing an experiment on how water can move from one place to another. Lastly,

we talked about how We Can Be the Light by creating night lights using tissue paper a cup, and a battery votive candle. Sunday School will end this year with our final service project of Birthday Boxes. which will be taken to CEA (Catonsville Emergency Association) for distribution to families with children who perhaps cannot afford the ingredients to make their child/children a birthday cake.





WORLD REFUGEE DAY IS JUNE 20

The United Nations has declared June 20 as a day for global awareness, advocacy and compassion for the record number of refugees and displaced persons the world over. We are so fortunate to have an alliance with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, formed in 1939 and headquartered here in Baltimore at the Lutheran Center by the Inner Harbor. LIRS is among the most respected of the nine agencies used by the State Department to resettle refugees here in the US.

We encourage you to visit the LIRS website to learn more of their work, and their experienced and faith-formed perspective on ministry with refugees and immigrants.

LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICE ANNOUNCES THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW BALTIMORE WELCOME CENTER

At Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, we believe everyone should be welcomed with dignity and open arms. Our Welcome Centers provide immigrants and asylum seekers with access to the social, career, legal, and health services they need to survive and thrive in the United States.

The other centers are located in Seattle, WA, Portland, OR, San Antonio, TX, New York, NY, Phoenix, AZ and Las Cruces, NM.

AN APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REFUGEE FUND

The Refugee Task Force has set October as our goal for the Durrani family's financial independence. We need approximately \$1900 to meet current commitments in this period (in addition to the \$1850 currently in the Fund). We realize there may yet be unexpected, appropriate needs.

We thank all those who have given financial support for the resettlement of this family from Afghanistan which arrived here in March, 2022, along with donations of furniture and supplies. But if you've not yet made a donation, we'd particularly welcome your joining our effort now. Use a pew envelope, or mail it to the church office marked "Refugee Fund".

Pr. Ed Whetstone, chair

SIGN UP FOR THE NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

Salem has decided to produce our next photo directory in-house. This will allow more frequent updates and give up complete control. Family and individual photos will be taken on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays starting on July 8 for four weeks. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. If you would like to purchase the electronic photographic files for printing, they will be available from Guy Davis for \$25/photo.

WHERE DO ALL THOSE QUILTS GO??

In 2022 LWR shipped 220,317 quilts around the world.

Here's where they went:

TO	From warehouse	Number of quilts
Angola	Maryland	18,450
Armenia	Maryland	12,375
Burkina Faso	Minnesota	14,760
Djibouti	Minnesota	10,080
Georgia	Maryland	36,960
Guatemala	Minnesota	7,200
Haiti	Minnesota	8,640
Jordan	Maryland	7,260
Lebanon	Maryland	15,180
Mali	Maryland	22,400
Niger	Minnesota	11,160
Peru	Minnesota	15,840
Poland	Maryland	11,520
Sierra Leone	Minnesota	10,800
South Sudan	Maryland	3,630
Tanzania	Minnesota	7,920
Ukraine	Maryland	6,072



In addition to quilts, LWR also sent 90,860 school kits, 94,060 personal care kits, 46,560 baby care kits, 8,815 fabric kits and 31,950 masks.





YOUR INVITATION TO THE SYNOD-WIDE CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH IS HERE!

This event is sponsored by ADLA (the African Descent Lutheran Association).

It is for ALL folks of the Synod to attend.

The event is inspiring for all. And, it may be educational for those who are not familiar with African American traditions.

SHOWCASE IN THE NARTHEX

Pastor Carolyn is now sharing a beautiful collection of icons in the showcase for all to see and enjoy, with a paper describing each one located on the table beside the showcase. {Please use it as you observe each one inside the showcase, replacing the paper back onto the table when done.} Carolyn Vasold is next up with a whimsical display of her Beatrix Potter collection. August finds Guardians of Eden with Norma Hensler-Davis filling the space. Many thanks to everyone for sharing your collections. If you have a collection or special hobby or just an interesting topic to share, please contact Sharon Stanton at memsha7311@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION CAMP AT MAR-LU-RIDGE

Mar Lu Ridge is hosting confirmation groups the week of July 23rd through July 28th for the first time in several years. Pastor Carolyn is serving as one of the Volunteer Pastors helping to lead this week with our youth and others. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to explore their faith journey questions as well as have time for fun, games and campfire services. Pastor Dave is expected to make a cameo. {Watch out Pastor Dave for that basketball court!} Mason Pushman and Michael Moore will be Salem's representatives at Confirmation Camp this year as they join other youth from surrounding congregations. And Lizzie Fitch again will serve as a Camp Counselor as she has done for several years. Have a wonderful week at Camp Mason, Michael and Pastor Carolyn, too! We'll look forward to hearing about your experiences.

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

Our Sight and Sound bus trip on April 27th to see “Moses” with a smorgasbord lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant was absolutely wonderful. The food was delicious {anything you could imagine} and the performance was spectacular. I’m quite certain everyone had a wonderful day.

Saturday, May 6th came with a beautiful sunshiny day for our Outdoor Yard Sale on Salem Church’s parking lot. We hosted 12 vendors including our own Old Salem White Elephant table.

We did reasonably well with sales and had a fun time meeting and greeting shoppers. We are hoping to host an Indoor Craft and Flea Market on Saturday, March 2, 2024—watch this space!

We hosted our annual Founders’ Day Open House and Program at the Old Salem location on Sunday, June 4th. The program was “The Life and Times of the Catonsville Library” with special “guest” Judy LeGath. Everyone was invited to attend and learn about how the Catonsville library for so many years has had a positive impact on the Catonsville community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Upcoming trips and events to mark on your calendars and be a part of:

Wednesday, July 26 – all day bus trip – Suicide Bridge - Crabs & Cruise. Three hour cruise on the Choptank River while enjoying a delicious feast of crab soup, clam strips, fried chicken, steamed crabs, corn on the cob, cole slaw, dessert and non/alcoholic beverages . *Cost is \$115 per person inclusive {bus transportation, cruise/feast, taxes, gratuities}* *DUE: June 26th 40 spaces {only 15 spaces left}* . Checks made payable to Historic Old Salem

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

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 {all located near Cambridge}.

Cost \$120 pp inclusive {40 guests} Due: September 12th. We are taking reservations now!

Sunday, November 5 – 2 pm – All Saints Service @ Old Salem, service led by Pastor Dave and Pastor Carolyn

Friday, December 1 – all day bus trip to the American Music Theater; Lunch at Diener’s Country Restaurant *Cost \$120 pp inclusive. {40 guests} Due: Nov 1st taking reservations now*

Saturday, December 9 – 11 am to 1 pm – Annual Christmas Open House @ Old Salem. A special guest visitor from the North Pole plans to be a part of this! Everyone is welcome !

We always welcome new Board members. At our May meeting, we welcomed Dee Trimble as a new member. We meet 4 times a year – the third Wednesday of February, May, August and November at Salem Newburg at 7 pm. Attendance at our Old Salem events for Founders Day the first Sunday in June, the Open House and Program on the third Sunday in September at 2 pm and the All Saints Service at 2 pm on the first Sunday in November. Come join us. It’s a great group of people working hard to preserve Salem’s original worship site built in 1849. {Remember we will be celebrating Salem’s 175th Anniversary in the Catonsville community in 2024!}

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

SALEM SCHOLARSHIP 2023 AWARDEES

This year's high school seniors receiving Salem Scholarships are Hallie Shepard and Daniel Gundlach.

Hallie is graduating from Catonsville High School and plans to attend the University of Arizona in the fall to study medicine. While at Catonsville High, Hallie was a member of the track team, the soccer team, and the cross country team, as well as the National Honor Society. At Salem, Hallie participated in the youth group, the Salem Players, and also in LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization), through which she helped lead music at youth events in the Maryland-Delaware Synod.

Daniel (Danny) Gundlach is also graduating from Catonsville High School this spring. He plans to attend Drexel University to study music production. While at Catonsville High, Danny served as a Comet Culture leader, was a member of several National Honor Societies, and participated in Project Lead the Way. Danny also earned his Eagle Scout award by building benches for the Lurman Woodland Theater in Catonsville. At Salem, Danny participated in the youth group.

Congratulations Hallie and Danny! We wish you both much success.

-The Salem Scholarship Committee



OFFICIAL ACTS

AT THE GRAVE

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



<i>Thelma Schaefer</i>	<i>April 29, 2023</i>
<i>Eileen Kavanaugh</i>	<i>May 10, 2023</i>
<i>Agnes Scott</i>	<i>May 5, 2023</i>
<i>Awel Mabil</i>	<i>May 11, 2023</i>
<i>Mert Peitersen</i>	<i>May 20, 2023</i>
<i>Bonnie Harry</i>	<i>June 1, 2023</i>



ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MAY

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Livestream Sat./ Sun.	(other/specify)	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
May 6 & 7	29	75	102	7/21		234
May 13 & 14	18	70	89	14/30		221
May 20 & 21	20	55	88	14/33		210
May 27 & 28	23	51	84	10/22		190
Totals	90	251	363	45/106		855

*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 **SalemChurch**.

If you have any questions about our network please contact the Technology Committee Chairperson, Steve Kopp, at salemtech@salem-catonsville.org.



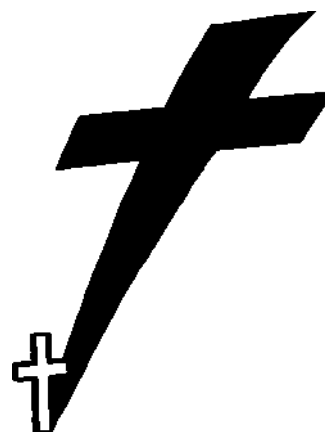
SMART PHONE QR CODE
AVAILABLE FOR GIVING

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.



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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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April 18, 2023

Thank You

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

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$3,955.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.
—ELW 328*

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

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

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

In Christ,

Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity

**THANKS A
MILLION**

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.

Dear Pastor Asendorf & Pastor Lawrence,
 Thanks so much for the warm welcome
 to Salem yesterday. It was good to
 share information and stories with such
 a wonderful group of people. We are
 thankful to be on this journey with you

Peace,
 Sarah

THANK
 YOU



WITH OPEN ARMS

MAR-LU-RIDGE

(back) Please
 Continue to lift up
 my dear loving,
 caring & helpful husband,
 Raymond.
 Hallmark

Your kindness
 made a difference...



May the Lord
 bless & keep you
 in the loving arms
 light of his love.
 You are & have
 been a blessing of
 the Holy Spirit!!!
 Amen

Dearest Pastors Dave,
 Carolyn & Bless
 Salem Members,

...and your
 thoughtfulness & prayerful

loving touched my heart, mind
 & soul during my
 post surgery health
 trials & recovery!!!
 I am filled
 with extreme
 gratitude &
 thankfulness...

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 from responsibly managed forests.

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 CANADA 6.59
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May 9, 2023

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228

Dear Pastor Dave,

Lighthouse, Inc. would like to thank Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church for their kind donation of \$1,200.00. We remain most appreciative that you thought of us.

Lighthouse is a community-based counseling service that serves youths, families, veterans, and individuals who can benefit from our therapeutic treatment.

Lighthouse is a tax-exempt, 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation and, as such, this generous donation is fully tax deductible. If more information is needed regarding our organization or this gift, please contact me at the information below.

Kindest regards,

Donna Schafer
Executive Director

Thank You!



April 27, 2023

Dear Members of Salem Lutheran Church,

We are sending this heartfelt thank you for your generous donations to North Ave. Mission. Your continued support helps us to share the Gospel and serve our community.

We are celebrating 13 years of mission! May God be praised!

Thank you for walking along side of us as we spread the love of Christ to our neighbors. In this service,
to my Salem family, The NAM Family



Thank you...
for your cards
& calls, messages
& visits, flowers
& enduring support
& I mourn the
loss of my
dear mother.

Barbara Bee



For those of a
kind and
generous heart,
let us praise
and bless the
Lord.





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