



THE MONARCH

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

HELP WANTED: Salem Lutheran Church is currently looking to fill several open positions for God's Work. Our Hands. Must be available at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 9. Pleasant working conditions. No experience required. No salary. Currently seeking:

- Sous chefs to work in kitchen, preparing breakfast casseroles for Westside Emergency Men's Shelter.
- Gardeners. Skills required: ability to pull weeds and spruce up church grounds.
- Shipping assistants to pack layette kits and school backpacks for Lutheran World Relief.
- Knitters/crocheters to make hats and scarves for Seafarers' Christmas at Sea Yarn-In. Supplies and patterns provided.
- Correspondents to write encouraging notes to students, shut-ins, and military personnel.
- Helping hands to accompany Pr. Carolyn to the North Avenue Mission. Distribute donations/lend a hand. Sign up in the foyer so that carpools can be arranged. Salem Youth are encouraged to apply. (See article within this Monarch.)



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SALEM MARKETPLACE IS COMING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2023!

Another great Marketplace is shaping up for Saturday, November 4, 2023. The Marketplace opens at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. We will not be having the Plus One on Sunday so make sure to come on Saturday. We are recruiting volunteers- if someone invites you to help, please say yes!!

We are grateful to have a new leader in the kitchen – Tom Nash. He will be preparing and selling food with the assistance of his team. More help makes for fast work (and more fun!). Let Tom know if you can lend a hand.

We need a **couple replacements**. Julia and Karen will be retiring after this year and we are looking for a volunteer to take over next year. This person will shadow us this year to learn the ropes.

Please contact us if you would be willing to take this on.

We also need someone – or a couple of someone's– to take over the White Elephant sale. This job will also require volunteers to set up the week before and pack up Saturday afternoon when we close. Contact Karen or Julia if you are willing to head this up.

We also ask you to use some discretion in what you donate. NO furniture, NO clothing, NO broken items, NO yucky Tupperware. If you wouldn't buy it, please don't bring it!!

Please leave donations for the White Elephant and Books downstairs in Classroom 3 downstairs. Please mark book boxes clearly!

Karen Amy will be heading up the Used Book Sale again this year. She needs volunteers to set up on Friday and box up the unsold books to go to the Book Bank in Baltimore sometime before November 15 (it's open 24/7 for donations!). We are asking you to follow a few simple rules this year:

- No pornography
- No textbooks
- No magazines

Vicky Whetstone will be doing the jewelry table this year. You may give donations to Vicky or or leave them at the church office. Please place necklaces individually in Ziploc bags to prevent tangling.

Cor-Rae Petrie will be handling the Bake Sale. We will have a sign-up in the narthex this year to let us 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 (p.krenzke.jennings@gmail.com) 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 and Mary Krebs will also have tables. 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. If you have friends or neighbors who would like a table, please ask them to call the church office, since we will be inviting other crafters to participate (\$35 per table).

We also need lots of help setting up the tables and sorting books on Friday, November 3! Let Julia or Karen know if you can help!

Here's a run-down of our charities who will receive 100% of the money raised:

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC) works to engage congregations in being good caretakers of our shared watershed. IPC works in two ways: by raising awareness of the power that people of faith have to restore clean water and environmental justice, and by offering hands-on assistance helping

congregations plan, pay for, and install healing projects for their communities such as rain gardens, tree plantings, native plantings, and more. www.interfaithchesapeake.org

Baltimore Area Aftercare Program (BAAP) is an all-volunteer organization with volunteers from a variety of churches in the Baltimore, Maryland area dedicated to working with returning citizens coming out of prison or jail. Services include mentoring and assistance with finding housing, jobs, and resources such as food, clothing and transportation. <https://www.baap-matt25v36.org/>

The Peru Fund raises money to support clean water projects in rural Peru. Providing access to clean water allows a community to lead a healthier life and a means of food production. They favor projects that depend on the community to provide the manual labor with men and women being equally involved in the planning, leadership, implementation and ongoing maintenance. <https://perufund.org/>

Mar-Lu-Ridge is a year-round outdoor ministry in the Catocin Mountains of central Maryland. The ministry offers summer camp, retreats, and a conference center. Established in 1959, Mar-Lu-Ridge is overseen by the ELCA but is open to people of all faiths. Money raised will go to the capital campaign to fund much needed updates to facilities, including improving ADA accessibility. www.mar-lu-ridge.org

So, mark your calendar now to start your Christmas shopping on November 4!

Julia Graham jig58@verizon.net and Karen Amy karenamy888@gmail.com Marketplace Co-Chairs

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The 2023-2024 Sunday School year will start off with Rally Day on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 9:30 am. Our theme for the year will be Sunday School Super Hero's. Everyone will be able to decorate a cape that will be put on the wall leading down to Sunday School. Families will have several stations to enjoy such as a smash station, yoga and of course a Super Hero Snack. We hope that all of our families can join us for this fun start to the year.

MountainTopics at Mar-Lu-Ridge

The list of Fall MountainTopics is now available!

September 19: Quilt making for Lutheran World Relief, no experience necessary

October 24: Dr. Guy Davis - Climate and Antarctica
See page 8!

November 14: The Rev. Madeline Tallman - Deep Roots: Native plants and faith

Sessions are \$25, which includes any supplies and lunch, and you can register online at Mar-Lu-Ridge.org. Please consider joining us on the Ridge for these great events!

Salem Supper Club

We're Baaaack!

Save the Date

Saturday

December 2, 2023

6:30 PM

FOP Lodge # 69

**Delicious food, fellowship and
fabulous entertainment**

More Information to follow!

MOUNTAIN TOPIC SERIES – FALL 2023

Join us this fall for one (or all!) of our Mountain Topic series sessions. We will gather at 9 a.m., and end with lunch at 12 p.m. The fee of \$25 includes all supplies and the meal. Please RSVP for any of the sessions [here](#).

September 19: Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Join us as we sew and assemble quilts for LWR. No experience necessary – we will teach you!

October 24: Dr. Guy Davis – Climate and Antarctica

Antarctica, the seventh continent, is one that few get a chance to visit. Guy Davis discusses his trips to Antarctica and the sub-Antarctic region. Penguins, whales, and seals abound amidst the ice and rocky shores. But global warming is occurring. How will it affect Antarctica and the rest of the world?

November 14: Rev. Madeline Tallman – Deep Roots: What Native Plants Can Teach Us About Faith.

Learning more about our natural world, our watershed, and native plants through the lens of faith.

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH FAIR TRADE TEA, COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE

What does a bite of Fair Trade chocolate or a sip of your morning coffee or tea have to do with the school year?

Well, when small scale farmers in developing countries receive a fair wage for their labors, their village increases its ability to build medical clinics, dig wells and provide schooling for its children. And with it comes the pride that surrounds such basic amenities when made possible by their labor's just reward, rather than charity.

So look for the occasional appearance of the Fair Trade Cart in the narthex before or after worship. You not only have a chance to buy premium teas, coffees and chocolates at a reasonable price, but you'll be helping children to go to school!

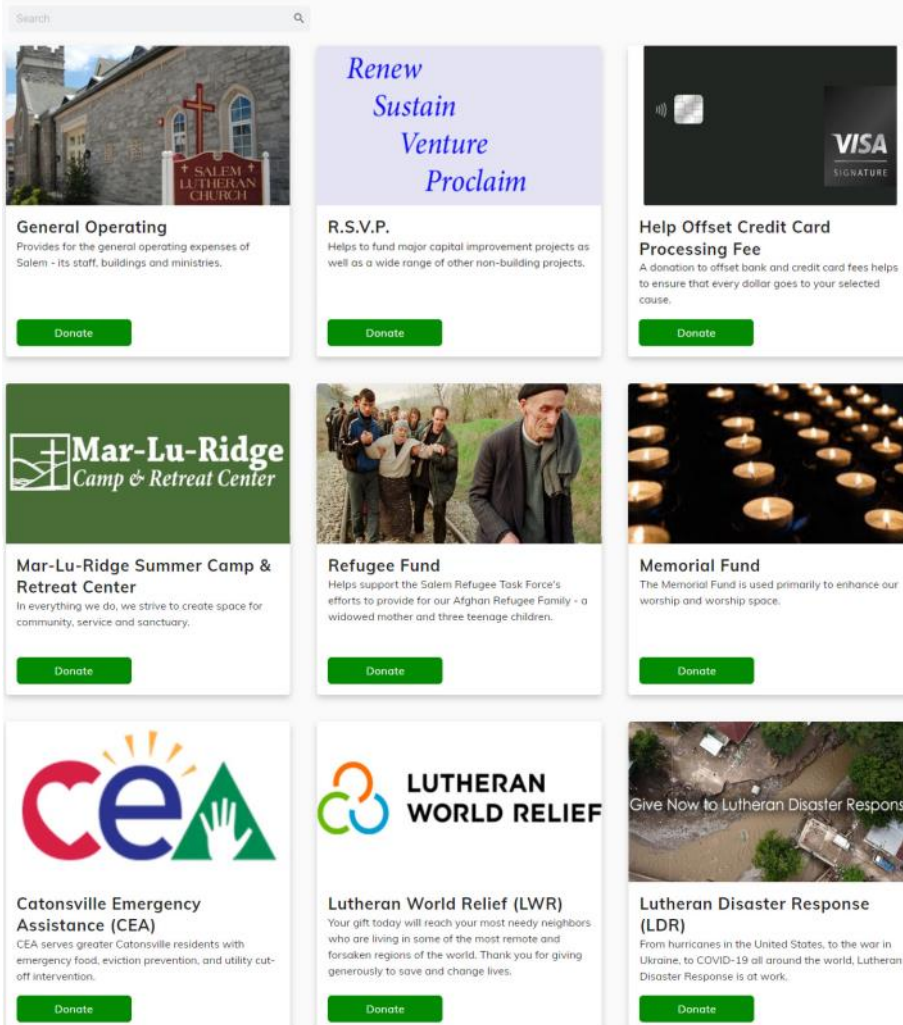


The banner features a background image of hands clasped together. On the left is the logo for 'THE BEACON HOME TEAM OF kw' (Keller Williams) with the tagline 'KELERWILLIAMS INTEGRITY'. On the right is the logo for 'Salem Lutheran Church'. The central text reads 'Community Partnership' in a red script font, followed by 'CATONSVILLE BLOOD DRIVE' in large red capital letters, and 'sponsored by' in a smaller red script font. Below this, it says 'The Beacon Home Team & Salem Lutheran Church' in blue. The date and time are 'Thursday, September 14, 2023 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.' in blue. At the bottom left is the American Red Cross logo. At the bottom center is the address 'Salem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 905 Frederick Road, Catonsville, Md. 21228'. On the right side, there is vertical text: '80 • Qty. 1 of 1 • 85178 • 2023-AR-0690 • AR53 • 236070'.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW ONLINE GIVING PAGE?

Salem's new online giving page is now live! If you log into your online giving account, you'll notice the

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church - Online Giving



General Operating
Provides for the general operating expenses of Salem - its staff, buildings and ministries.

Renew Sustain Venture Proclaim
R.S.V.P.
Helps to fund major capital improvement projects as well as a wide range of other non-building projects.

Help Offset Credit Card Processing Fee
A donation to offset bank and credit card fees helps to ensure that every dollar goes to your selected cause.

Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp & Retreat Center
Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp & Retreat Center
In everything we do, we strive to create space for community, service and sanctuary.

Refugee Fund
Helps support the Salem Refugee Task Force's efforts to provide for our Afghan Refugee Family - a widowed mother and three teenage children.

Memorial Fund
The Memorial Fund is used primarily to enhance our worship and worship space.

Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA)
CEA serves greater Catonsville residents with emergency food, eviction prevention, and utility cut-off intervention.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
Lutheran World Relief (LWR)
Your gift today will reach your most needy neighbors who are living in some of the most remote and forsaken regions of the world. Thank you for giving generously to save and change lives.

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)
From hurricanes in the United States, to the war in Ukraine, to COVID-19 all around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response is at work.

change immediately. Instead of a list of accounts, the new page is more graphical, with "tiles" representing each account or ministry, including more information about each one. You can click on each one to read more about where your contributions go. Nothing about our online giving page has changed except the look. You can still manage existing donations, set up new gifts and update payment information from the new Vanco Online. If you'd like to sign up for online contributions, it's easy! Visit Salem's website and click "Donate Now" (or use the QR code to the right) and use the "Sign Up" link to create a Vanco Online account.



If you already have a Vanco account, you can log in using the same email address and password as before. Once logged into your account use the tiles to create new transactions or click "Profile" to view your scheduled transactions.

Scan QR code, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: salemlutherancatonsville to schedule an appointment

So thatt we can ensure adequate staffing, please sign up by September 7th

Scan to be directed to RapidPass®



You can maximize your blood donation and help more patients if you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor!
Consider making a "Power Red" donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component

Race to give Sept. 1-18 for a Red Cross T-shirt (limited quantity) and a coupon for a free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts!
For details see rcblood.org/racetogive.

Scan to schedule an appointment



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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Quilts and School Kits Joint Dedication

October 7 & 8

Salem has traditionally made generous donations of quilts and school kits to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to those in need at a number of overseas ministries. Separate dedications have usually been included in two fall weekend worship services. This October we will dedicate them together on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8.

The idea for this joint dedication grew out of a visit to Salem's LWR Quilt Group during its weekly work session on July 25 by Martha Piedrasanta, Quilt and Kit Senior Manager and Mary Tereszkievicz, Quilt and Kit Ministry Associate of the LWR staff. Salem quilters truly enjoyed getting to know them and shared some of the details of how the quilt ministry operates at Salem.

Martha and Mary presented not only general information on the Quilts and Kits Ministries but also brought videos and still pictures of several areas where LWR aid is so important. The quilters heard the sad stories of those in Ukraine who suffered attacks and especially of those who are now refugees. They also reported on how quilts are helping babies in Njombe, a cold region of Tanzania. Many children there do not grow properly because the nutrition they eat goes mainly to keep them warm rather than support growth. An LWR quilt can give a baby the warmth to use nutrition to develop in a normal, healthy way.

Since all of the quilts and school kits need to be delivered to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland, it was obviously a good idea to dedicate them together and transport them together.

Salem quilters are continuously pleased at the ongoing and generous support from members of the congregation. The frequent donations of fabric and thread are especially important and valuable. Salem generosity extends to school supplies each fall as school kits are assembled for the coming year. Each of these individual gifts adds to the work that LWR can do worldwide.



Left: Table sized shelves to store completed the quilts that are awaiting delivery day.

Above: The Quilters taking a break to show us quilts and a map of where they go.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR MLR: SUNDAY OCTOBER 1 at 3PM

-Michael Fitch

Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Conference Center has launched a capital campaign to raise \$2M to make major improvements on the campus. Chief among those is \$1M to renovate the Conference Center, the major expense being the installation of an elevator. They plan to build a pavilion in Area 3 and to safeguard the log buildings that are showing insect infestation as well as other projects. The chief aim is to make the Camp and Conference Center accessible to folks with disabilities. Director Sarah Leftler said they have turned away about 6 groups in the last two years because the Ridge was unable to accommodate folks with ambulatory challenges. They are determined to change that and this campaign will make great strides to that end.

I was a camper there in the 70s and 80s, and both my kids have been going to MLR since they were about 6 years old. My wife Lindsay has volunteered as the medical director for several years now. If you have ever been there, you know what a special place it is to experience the presence of the divine while surrounded by nature.

I am organizing a concert, which will be Sunday October 1, 2023 at 3PM at Salem, in the sanctuary. A Free-will offering will be collected for the MLR Capital fund. I have directly reached out to a number of folks about being in the concert, and the program is starting to take shape with some singing, some instruments, a poetry reading and perhaps a theatrical sketch. There is room in the program for more! If you are interested, please contact me (Michael Fitch) at mjfitch2718@gmail.com - no talent is needed, even a "campfire story" or a brief reminiscence of your time at MLR would be welcome.

We also need an audience, so please come!



QR Donation for Mar-Lu-Ridge



DIETRICH BONHOEFFER AND ADULT FORUM

Dietrich Bonhoeffer lived during the first part of the twentieth century and was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident who was a key founding member of the Confessing Church. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world become influential in the Church. Apart from his theological writings, Bonhoeffer was known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi dictatorship, including vocal opposition to Adolf Hitler's euthanasia program and genocidal persecution of the Jews.

This fall, Adult Forum kicks off with a seven-week series on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and why his theology is still important today. Here is the plan for the seven weeks. (Each week will be independent of the others except for the second one, which is dependent upon the first week.)

9/17: Watch the first part of Martin Doblmeier's film entitled Bonhoeffer.

9/24: Finish watching and discussing the Bonhoeffer film. The DVD will be available for those who are unable to attend or want to watch it again.

10/1: Watch and discuss Dr. Di Rayson's lecture on Bonhoeffer on Ecology. Dr. Rayson is a theologian at Pacific Theological College in Australia. She lectures on topics of Public Policy, Ethics, and Ecotheology and uses Bonhoeffer's theology to interrogate and respond to contemporary issues and support the church.

10/8: Watch and discuss Dr. Lori Brandt Hale's lecture on Bonhoeffer on Justice. Dr. Brandt Hale is Professor and Chair in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Augsburg University in Minneapolis. She has published papers on Bonhoeffer, including Bonhoeffer's Christological Take on Vocation, and incorporates Bonhoeffer's thoughts into her teaching; in particular, throwing ourselves completely into the arms of God and taking seriously not only our own sufferings, but those of God in the world.

10/15: Watch and discuss Dr. Reggie Williams's lecture on Bonhoeffer on Race and Religion. Dr. Williams is a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary. His research interests include the impact of exposure to Christianity in the Harlem during the Harlem Renaissance on the German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

10/22: Watch and discuss Rev. Dr. Jennifer McBride & Dr. Thomas Fabisiak's talk on Bonhoeffer on Incarnation. The Rev. Dr. McBride is Associate Rector of Formation at All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta and is the President of the International Bonhoeffer Society. Dr. Fabisiak runs a college degree program at Arrendale State Prison for Women through Life University in Marietta. Both individuals have been active in prison ministries and have incorporated Bonhoeffer's message of discipleship into their teaching.

10/29: Watch and discuss Dr. Andrew Root's talk on Bonhoeffer on Faith. Dr. Root is an Associate Professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Dr. Root's studies have focused on Bonhoeffer's engagement in youth ministry.

Please come and join us at 9:30am in the Katie Luther Room to learn about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and why his theology is still relevant in our broken world.



NORTH AVENUE MISSION SERVICE PROJECT

Younger members (and older ones too!) are welcome to join the youth group in serving North Avenue Mission on God's Work Our Hands Day. On September 9, from 10am-1pm, Salem volunteers will help further the ministry of North Avenue in the following ways:

1. NAM is hoping to build a free store shed so community members can easily access and receive non-perishable items. Carpentry skills are a huge plus!
2. Secondly, NAM has need of weeding/cleaning out the area around their Red Shed Village. The Village is a transitional space for unhoused individuals, and this work will help beautify this place and make it feel more like 'home' for the folks housed there.
3. Finally, Pastor Elazar of NAM has asked for help weeding and trimming the lot. This is their sanctuary space, so our work will enhance the worship experience for NAM members.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to assist, lending gardening tools would be very helpful. Additionally, donations of non-perishable food in flip-ton cans are most appreciated.

We will be meeting at Salem at 9am to carpool together for the service project. Please contact Pastor Carolyn if you have any questions.

"FILL-THE-TRUCK" FOOD DRIVE

Catonsville Emergency Assistance and Grace AME food pantry will be hosting a community-wide "Fill-the-Truck" food drive on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the parking lot at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1010 Frederick Road in Catonsville. The event will be held rain or shine. Simply drive up and drop off donations of non-perishable food and household paper and cleaning products.

Both food pantries are experiencing an increase in requests for assistance and both are running low on items to meet the need. I'm writing to ask that you share news of the Fill-the-Truck event with your congregation so that we can support Catonsville's two major food pantries and our neighbors in need. Attached is a flyer for the event.

In addition, we would love to have some helping hands at the event. This is an especially good opportunity for high school students to earn credit for community service hours. Youth in middle school or younger can join in helping if they are accompanied by a parent. The link to sign up to help out is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a9af28abfd0-fillthetruck2#/>

Lastly, we have some brown paper grocery bags with an attached list of needed items that can be handed out to congregants as a physical reminder of the food drive. (These are on the chest where we usually collect food.)

Thank you in advance for spreading the word about this important food collection.

Ellen Draper Volunteer, Fill-the-Truck Food Drive 2023

REFUGEE TASK FORCE UPDATE

This year Rohail, Saba and Lima will all be attending their first year at **Catonsville High School**. Lima will be a Freshman, Saba, a junior and Rohail, a Senior. CHS now has an ESOL program which will be part of their program yet this year.

We hope Salem youth at CHS will look for them and help to welcome them there!

Sahra, Masooma's niece, continues her full time **employment** at ZIPS Cleaners on Rt. 40. Masooma is hoping to soon begin work at Forest Haven Nursing Home.

Rohail has made good use of his learning permit, and is already an excellent driver. We have a car ready for donation when he earns his **driver's license**. He now just needs to log the required driving hours.

We have been tapering our **financial support** until in October the family will have full responsibility for their rent and utilities. Masooma is nearly finished the necessary bridge work at the U of Maryland Dental School. Our remaining financial needs—September rent portion, car repair and title transfer, and final Dental School bill total about \$600 beyond the current \$1100 in the Refugee Fund.

Members of the task force continue at times to assist the family with the extensive **paperwork** required of refugees. The requirements of and dealings with the state of Maryland's Department of Human Services and the United States' Citizenship and Immigration Services would be challenging for anyone, but especially those new to this country and to our language. The experience is demanding and sometimes seems punitive.

Sahra just had her **Asylum** Interview; the rest of the family had their interview in February. Due to a large backlog, there is at least a six month waiting time for USCIS' response. The World Relief lawyers who've helped them complete their applications and assisted them in their interviews have both felt that each presented their case with courage and conviction, and feel confident about their chance for approval. Asylum status would fulfill our nation's promise to our Afghan allies, secure their stay here, and serve as their path to citizenship.

We're pleased to announce that the **al Fahad family**, the Syrian refugee family of six whom you helped us to sponsor several years ago, are now all American citizens. They live in their own home in Windsor Mill which they bought last year.

How can you help? At present we still are providing transportation to medical and dental appointments and occasional trips to the grocery store. Let us know if you'd be willing to assist. Rohail would welcome support in meeting his goal for driving hours. And we must ask for your continued financial support a bit longer. You can mail your donation to the church office, clearly marked Refugee Fund, or place in a pew offering envelope. Our CHS students can befriend the teens in their first year there.

Of course, the Durrani family, and refugees the world over continue to need our prayers and our advocacy. In this manner we continue our nation's proud heritage of hospitality, and even more importantly, we fulfill our Lord's command to serve his needs in the stranger and the poor.

Pr. Ed Whetstone, chair



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

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

Sunday, September 17 – 2 pm – Annual Open House and Program @ Old Salem; everyone is invited and we always have refreshments and fellowship time

Thursday, October 12 – all day bus trip to the Harriet Tubman Visitor Center with a guided tour of the center, then on to enjoy a buffet seafood lunch at Old Salty's Restaurant on Hooper's Island; and ending up with wine tastings, with options to buy, at Layton's Chance Winery {all stops are located near Cambridge} **Cost \$120 pp inclusive {40 guests} Due: September 12th taking reservations now**

Sunday, November 5 – 2 pm – All Saints Service @ Old Salem, service led by Pastor Dave and Pastor Carolyn Everyone is invited to attend this very special worship service remembering the Saints that began our congregation but now rest from their labors, especially those interred in the surrounding cemetery {known as God's Acre}.

Friday, December 1 – all day bus trip to Lancaster, PA to enjoy the Christmas Show "The First Noel" at the American Music Theater; with a smorgasbord lunch first at Shady Maple Restaurant {located not far from the Theater}.

Cost \$120 pp inclusive {40 guests only} Due: Nov 1st taking reservations now

Saturday, December 9 – 11 am to 1 pm – Annual Christmas Open House @ Old Salem
Special guest visitor from the North Pole plans to be a part of this; Everyone is welcome and yes we will have refreshments

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR the return of our inside Craft Fair/Flea Market on

Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 9 am to 1 pm. We hosted this event for over 25 years until COVID hit and we then hosted a Yard Sale outside on the Salem parking lot in June for two years.

Seeking vendors {if interested contact Sharon}

Lots of good food, a bake table and raffles too

We always welcome new Board members; join our Board to help preserve Salem's original worship site located at 701 Ingleside Avenue built in 1849. Salem will be celebrating our 175th Anniversary all throughout 2024 with special events, programs and worship services, some even taking place at Old Salem itself. The Board meets 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, the All Saints Service at 2 pm on the first Sunday in November and the annual Christmas Open House the second Saturday in December. Come join us. It's a great group of people working hard to preserve Salem's original worship site.

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

CONFIRMATION CAMP AT MAR-LU-RIDGE

Mason Pushman, Michael Moore and Pastor Carolyn packed their bags, their study Bibles and headed west for a week at Mar Lu Ridge camp outside of Jefferson, Maryland on Sunday, July 23rd. The theme for 2023 was "The Water of Life" coming from Isaiah 43:2 "When you walk through the water, I will be with you." Each day our confirmands, along with several other church confirmation youths met and reflected on what water reminds us of – our lives and communities needing water to sustain us; what refreshes and renews our bodies and souls both spiritually and physically; and, our relationships with others and how we are all connected to everything in God's beloved creation. They joined together in prayers, reflections, songs, crafts and lots of other activities, including sharing the Eucharist meal with Bishop Gohl and Pastor Dave who visited camp during the week. The week ended much too soon on Friday with praise and songs before returning home. It was a wonderful week and we'll look forward to our confirmands heading west again next summer.

OFFICIAL ACTS

AT THE FONT

Cooper Kevin Bloom 08/13/2023

Mizmak Nzanyi 08/27/2023

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.

Carolyn Vasold 08/10/2023

Charlotte Brooks 08/26/2023

Tyler Peyton* 08/31/2023

*Not a Salem member

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you! We truly appreciate your gift of \$1,500 in congregational benevolence, 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.

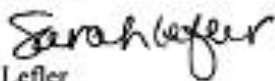
These gifts directly benefit our year-round program by allowing us to purchase needed supplies for programming, support our staff, and set aside funds to bring youth to camp through the Campership program. We were excited to host a safe and joy-filled camping season, and we are so happy to welcome everyone home to MLR as our retreat season continues to thrive! Your gift helps to ensure the continued health of this year-round ministry.

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

Thank you again for your gift.

August 2023

God's peace,



Sarah Lefler
Executive Director



Dear Friends:

Thank you for your phone calls, prayers, and cards for Jim. Your kindness has been greatly appreciated, and we feel truly blessed to be members of the Salem community.

May God continue to bless the Salem community, and may we continue to praise and thank him for all he has done for us. Love, Jim & Joan Holloway

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR AUGUST

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
August 5/6	28	36	80	144	7/34	187
August 12/13	24	57	71	152	7/29	188
August 19/20	23	65	112	199	9/23	231
August 26/27	26	62	71	159	8/20	187
	101	220	334	654	31/106	793

*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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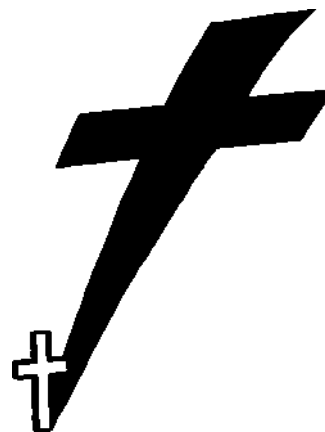
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Salem allows offerings via your smart phone. Image Salem's QR code and you will be taken to the mobile-friendly version of Salem's giving page where you can make your gift via your bank account or credit card.



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 Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara Beem
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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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