



THE MONARCH

CENTERING PRAYER AT SALEM BEGINS MAY 20

Start off your week with stillness and listening for the Spirit within. On Mondays at 7 p.m, Centering Prayer will be held on the first floor of Salem in the Wittenberg Room. (Check for any room change.)

Some may be wondering what the practice of Centering Prayer entails. It's simple: find a quiet place, sit in silence with the intention of being in God's presence, and to return to a sacred word when thoughts/feelings/distractions inevitably arise. But as Richard Rohr notes, there is something deeper at work than mere silence when we engage with a contemplative mindset. He writes: "Contemplative prayer is entering a deeper silence and letting go of our habitual thoughts, sensations, and feelings in order to connect to a truth greater than ourselves. This is largely a practice of disidentification with your own compulsive thoughts and obsessive feelings...In religious language, we're handing over to God all the negative, fearful, angry thoughts that try to grab hold of us. Now, when that stream of consciousness clears out—and it does with some regularity—it's always a wonderful sense of openness to the divine, to whatever God wants to say. Because, basically, you're not in the way."

Our centering prayer group extends a warm invitation to everyone, regardless of prior experience with contemplative prayer. Whether you're new to this practice or have been engaging with it for years, you're encouraged to join us. These meetings will be held in person, but there is also the option to join via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 893 5998 9202

Passcode: salem

[YouTube introduction of Centering Prayer](#) or https://youtu.be/XDt92_x3Ngg



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CENTERING PRAYER

What is Centering Prayer? Centering Prayer is a Christian contemplative practice of abiding in the indwelling presence of God in silence. One rests in this silence through the practice of surrender in each moment - noticing thoughts, feelings, judgments, and sensations as they pass through the mind during prayer, and letting them go, not clinging to them as they arise. This is known as Kenosis, the “self-emptying” of Christ.

How do I practice Centering Prayer? Centering prayer can be practiced alone or in a group. The practitioner sits in a straight posture with eyes closed. A few deep breaths can help to settle the mind and body.

Once in a settled state, a sacred word is introduced as the symbol of one’s consent to God’s presence within. Some find that instead of a sacred word, a simple inward glance toward the heart and indwelling Divine Presence is more helpful, or noticing the breath. During prayer, whenever one becomes engaged in thoughts, emotions, images, there is simply a noticing without judgment, this sacred word or breath is used as an anchor to return to silence. Contemplative prayer is not so much a “doing,” but “being,” with silence as a container for listening and inviting God to orchestrate the practice.

Group practice is a powerful way to enter the silence of God together. In a structured group setting, the practice begins with an opening prayer in union, followed by a short reading by the facilitator, meant as an “entry way” into God’s presence. After the reading, the group sits for 25-30 minutes of silence, after which the facilitator gently concludes the sitting and repeats the reading. There is a time for brief sharing of insights. Sharing is a time to practice receptive silence and deep listening as the group continues to cultivate a contemplative atmosphere.

Centering Prayer familiarizes us with the first language of God, which is silence. The fruits of contemplative prayer are experienced in daily life. One may start to observe positive changes in habits, thought patterns, and behaviors with continued practice.

Centering Prayer was developed by Fr. Thomas Keating, a forerunner and teacher in the Christian Contemplative prayer movement. For more information, visit <https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>

Where did it come from? While the origins of contemplative prayer and meditation practice are ancient and cannot necessarily be attributed to a particular time or place, the formation of Centering Prayer as a modern Christian movement was initiated in the 1970’s by three Trappist monks of St. Joseph’s Abbey in Spencer, MA. Fr. William Menninger, Fr. M. Basil Pennington, and Abbot Thomas Keating. Thomas Merton revived interest in Christian contemplative practices, after being influence by Buddhist meditation, particularly in Zen. During the 60’s and 70’s, Fr. Thomas Keating found many Catholics who had turned to Eastern practices for contemplation. As they did not have knowledge of contemplative traditions in Christianity, Keating wanted to present this practice in a more accessible way. In the Christian era, contemplative prayer can be traced to the Desert Fathers. Centering prayer also includes aspects of Lectio Divina or prayerful, contemplative reading. St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross wrote about Christian prayer as contemplation. The practice of silence from the Desert Fathers had established a mystical orientation, but had shifted to scholasticism.

In the Eastern Christian traditions, Hesychasm is a contemplative monastic tradition

There are 4 guidelines to Centering Prayer.

1. Sit comfortably with your eyes closed, relax, and quiet your mind
2. Choose a sacred word that supports your consent to God’s presence within
3. Let the sacred word be present as your intention and to open to His divine presence and action within you
4. Whenever you become aware of thoughts- feelings, perceptions, gently return to your sacred word as your anchor.

This is a prayer of letting go and surrendering every kind of thought to God.

REPRESENT SALEM IN THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!

Would you like to march in Catonsville's Fourth of July Parade? Salem will be participating in the parade as a part of our 175th anniversary celebrations. We'll be making parade signs after the late service on June 30. To sign up as a marcher, a sign-maker, or for more information, please visit the sign-up sheet in the church narthex or contact the church office.



Salem's 2017 July 4th Parade entry

REFLECTIONS ON SALEM

Are you willing to be video interviewed as part of the ongoing series of Reflections on Salem? Guy Davis is looking for individuals and families to discuss their faith journey, what they like about Salem, remembrances of Salem long ago, etc. Recordings will be done at your convenience in the Upper Room and will be edited for retakes and bloopers. For more information or to sign up, contact Guy Davis at guyddavisphd@gmail.com

Reflections On Salem

GREENSPRING FOUNDATION PRESENTS "THE ART OF THE HARP"

GreenSpring Foundation presents "The Art of the Harp" on Saturday, July 6th, at 2:00 p.m. in Salem's Nave. featuring young harpists from the Maryland Summer Harp Institute and American Youth Harp Ensemble. This delightful afternoon of music will feature the future professionals of the harp world. From classical to contemporary, Celtic to jazz, you will hear music you never imagined could be played by the harp!

More about the performers: The **American Youth Harp Ensemble** (AYHE) is hailed as a "national cultural treasure" by the U.S. Department of State. Founded in 1995 by Lynnelle Ediger, the AYHE has garnered acclaim for its musical excellence with over 1,000 performances, recordings, and media features worldwide. With an annual audience reach exceeding one million listeners, the ensemble boasts an impressive track record of 30 national and international tours, with highlights including Australia, Canada, Ireland, Belgium, Norway, Austria, Germany, the Czech Republic, Italy, France, the Netherlands, as well as the UK. The AYHE's performances have consistently garnered acclaim, including sold-out performances at renowned venues such as Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, Salle Gaveau in Paris, St. John's Smith Square in London, and Carnegie Hall, where they have graced the stage four times. Other highlights include the White House, Washington National Cathedral, on the Queen Mary 2, joint tours with the Claire Jones Harp Ensemble, and the feature of two national network television specials. Their 2016 CD was considered for a prestigious Grammy Award. In 2021, Ediger passed the torch to Trey Nunnally, an alumnus of the American Youth Harp Ensemble, who became the director of the American Youth Harp Ensemble. In his capable hands, the ensemble is continuing its legacy of excellence.

For more information, visit our website www.greenspringmusic.org



STITCHCRAFTERS CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY

Tea served in china cups and saucers, an array of tasty finger foods, and a table decorated with fresh flowers and a festive cloth: The Salem Stitchcrafters marked Mother's Day a bit early on May 9.

Meeting in Salem's Bethany Hall, the group, thanks to a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial, welcomed the arrival of yummy new yarn, destined to be knitted and crocheted into layette sweaters for Lutheran World Relief, baby blankets for Baltimore's Early Head Start, and preemie hats for St. Agnes Hospital's NICU.

At the get-together, the group celebrated news that once again, we will be making comfort dolls for Gilchrist's outreach in Tanzania. Along with our little Teddy bears for BCPD, these small projects are portable and work up quickly.

Feeling inspired? The Stitchcrafters meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Wittenberg Room. Yarn, needles/hooks, and patterns (including a rediscovered "easy" pattern for sweaters), as well as encouragement and sisterhood, are provided. All are welcome to join us, including those who just want to chat.



WHAT'S IN THE SHOWCASE

Guardians of Eden promoted "April Showers Bring May Flowers" with a fun and informative showcase about BEES and their contributions to preserving our environment. Not only providing lots of interesting "Bee" facts, the members of the group hosted a raffle for a bird house, a bee house and garden tools. Judy LeGath won the garden tools, Julie Kempton won the bee house, and Joan Obitz won the bird house. The raffle sales netted \$198 which will be sent to Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences: Pollinator Health Fund. GOE thanks all who supported the raffle.

June's showcase - celebrating Salem's 175-year anniversary; thank you Judy LeGath. Pictures and articles of years past will be displayed.

July our wonderful Stitchcrafter Ladies will be our presenters with lots of their beautiful handmade articles. Thank you Carole Rau and Barbara Beem.

Any committee interested in sharing news about what you do? Or anyone have a collection that you would like to share? We'd love to see it! Please contact Sharon Stanton at nemsha7311@gmail.com or 410-744-8724.

HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

Sunday, May 12th 9:30 a.m. – Judy LeGath and Michele Trump Miller, two of our Board members, led a wonderful, informative program about Old Salem. Michele spoke of the formation of the cemetery, originally called God's Acre when our founding fathers began the burial plots in the 1850's. Amazingly, it is still a cemetery in use today, as we recently buried Mr. John Kroner, an 89 year gentlemen, in his family plot held for many years. Cemetery books, researched by Michele several years ago, were utilized in helping to "tour" the cemetery with all its distinguishing features on the tombstones. Books are available for \$20 a piece and you can contact Sharon Stanton or Judy LeGath to purchase one. Many people have used the book for genealogy research of their families.

Sunday, June 2nd – 2 – 4 p.m. – Old Salem's Annual Founders' Day program will be led by Judy Legath. It's a wonderful, informative one about Gustav Lurman, a local Baltimore businessman. Mr. Lurman was one of the primary financiers to help build our original worship site in 1849. He was a Catonsville resident himself having purchased the estate known as "Bloomsbury" in 1848 and then renaming it "Farmlands". The property remained in the Lurman family until 1948 when it was sold to Baltimore County Board of Education, who built Catonsville High School in the 1950's on the corner of S. Rolling Road and *Bloomsbury* Avenue. Our program will be held at Old Salem, 701 Ingleside Avenue. Parking is available across the street from the church or in the St John's Business Center parking lot adjacent to Old Salem. Everyone is invited to attend and "Yes" we'll have refreshments following the presentation.

Wednesday, July 31st – Suicide Bridge Crabs n' Cruise bus trip; a 3-hour crab feast on board the Dorothy Megan paddle wheel boat out of Hurlock, Maryland. Menu is Maryland crab soup, corn on the cob, cole slaw, fried clam strips, fried chicken, steamed crabs, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Cost is \$120 pp inclusive. Have increased crab feast seating to 50; however reservations have filled up to 48. If you have made reservations already, I encourage you to send your money in within the next few weeks so final counts can be taken and turned in before June 30th. Checks made payable to Historic Old Salem. If you are not sure that you made a reservation, please contact me.

Friday, December 6th – American Music Theater Christmas Show bus trip. First stop-Hershey Farm Restaurant for a family style lunch including fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, two vegetables, rolls/butter, non-alcoholic drinks, pie and ice cream for dessert. Cost of the trip is \$128 pp inclusive. Please consider, if you have not already done so, to reserve a seat. There are only 25 tickets available at this point. Money is due November 1st.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-OUR NEXT BUS TRIP: "NOAH" @ Sight & Sound Theater – Friday, March 28, 2025; family style lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant serving three entrees, veggies, plus more. \$175 pp inclusive {thank inflation} but not due until February 2025. Thinking about going; let me know; I've started a list {45 tickets}

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

SALEM ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEWS

Signs announcing our 175th Anniversary Year have been posted in front of the church building on Frederick Road and also at Old Salem Church on Ingleside Ave. You'll also find anniversary tee shirts and tote bags for sale in the narthex after worship services. Please know that the fee for the shirts and bags is just covering the cost.

If you are interested in being a marcher in the 4th of July Parade please contact Christy Hensler Davis at (chensler77@gmail.com).

Please hold these future dates for special Anniversary Events

- *Salem – The Musical* September 13, 14 and 15 in Reformation Hall
- Salem Anniversary Concert - Sunday, November 10 at 3 pm at Salem
- Salem Anniversary Dinner – Sunday, November 17 at 5 pm at the FOP Lodge in Oella

DAY OF PENTECOST



OPEN CASTING CALL -- SALEM, THE MUSICAL

Sunday, June 9th, 1-3pm in Reformation Hall

As we commemorate 175 years of service to our community, join the celebration with this all-Salem community production. We have a role for you! All experience levels are welcome to participate and join the fun.

Salem the Musical, written by our esteemed Pastor Dave and the eloquent Pastor Ed, chronicles the landmark events in our shared history as a congregation. Under the direction of Tim VanSant, this spectacle will take the stage on September 13th, 14th, and 15th.

Questions? contact Tim VanSant or Lisa Yerkey

"There's no church, like Salem church, like no church that I know.... let's get on with it."

AROUND THE PARISH

- Congratulations to Jim Reuter on his retirement!
- Noah Reichardt graduated from Mt. St. Joseph's High School and is headed to college. Congrats!
- Kudos to college grads:
 - o Charlie Morgan from UMBC who will be attending grad school at the University of Michigan, Dearborn
 - o Sofia Carney, from Loyola University in Chicago, BA in Environmental Science and Environmental Policy

WHEELCHAIRS – WALKERS – SHOWER CHAIRS – EMV’S – CANES - ETC.

Salem has medical equipment for anyone who needs it. This equipment is available to Salem members and to anyone else in the community that has a need. The equipment is free – no charge.

For more information please contact:

Lynda Bell: 410-314-1706

or

Beth Rodgers: 410-242-9183



SALEM PLAYERS AUDITIONS

Salem Players' fall production of Neil Simon's ***The Odd Couple*** (female version)

June 14, 15 7-9 pm

Salem Lutheran Church 905 Frederick Road, 21228

Directed by William Hauserman

Performances October 18,19,20,25,26,27

6 female, 2 male, All roles open.

Questions? salemployers@salem-catonsville.org

LISTENING DATES FOR JUNE

During this year of celebration of Salem's 175th anniversary, Salem's Listening Group is seeking to help the congregation discern new avenues for God's calling to us. Our Listening Group is meeting with all Salem groups and committees, as well as outside partners and organizations. Members are encouraged to share their hopes, dreams, and visions for Salem's future.

Perhaps you have already been 'listened to' in a group or committee of which you are a member. If you have not yet been 'listened to' and would like to take part in this discernment process, there are churchwide

Listening Sessions scheduled for June.

- **Saturday, June 1** at 10 am in Reformation Hall
- **Monday, June 3** at 7 pm in the Katie Luther Room OR on Zoom (Meeting ID: 753 618 7546)
- **Sunday, June 16** at 9:30 am in Katie Luther Room

All (members and non-members) are invited to participate in these listening sessions.

DRAMA CAMP

Drama Camp 2024 is here for children aged 6-13.

This year's camp will start July 1, 2024 and run until July 26, 2024.

Registration forms are available from Anita Spicer-Lane at 443-707-9842 or
phrogdiva@verizon.net and from this link:

<https://salem-catonsville.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-Summer-Drama-Camp-Registration.pdf>

VIEWS FROM QUILT SUNDAY



SALEM SCHOLARSHIP 2024 AWARDEES

The Salem Scholarship program was established in 1992 for the purpose of helping support our Salem young people in pursuit of a higher education. It began with an initial endowment generously given by longtime members and teachers Ethel and Carl Skidmore. Since then, it has been sustained by contributions from our congregation. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years. This year's high school seniors receiving Salem Scholarships are Elizabeth Fitch and Noah Reichardt.

Elizabeth (Lizzy) Fitch graduated from Catonsville High School in 2023 and has spent the past year as a nanny for a family in Vermont. This fall she will be attending Norland College in Bath, England to earn a degree in Early Childhood Development and Care. Lizzy's experiences as a teacher's aide, a camp counselor, and many other various leadership roles with children of all ages have led her to her passion for childcare. As a prestigious Norland Nanny she will be able to pursue that passion anywhere around the world. Lizzy's involvement at Salem has been exemplary as an active member of our church's youth group. She provided leadership in our synod's youth organization and was also a counselor at Mar-Lu-Ridge.

Noah Reichardt is graduating from Mount Saint Joseph High School this June. He plans to attend UMBC in the fall to pursue a degree in Physics with a concentration in Astrophysics. At MSJ, Noah is a Brother James Kelly Scholar and a Flaherty Family Scholar, both a testament to his academic excellence. He has also advanced to the highest level of mathematics offered, Multivariable Calculus. Noah has been very involved in Boy Scouts and completed his Eagle Scout project by helping All Saints Convent in Catonsville build an outdoor area for their dog. At Salem, Noah assisted Salem's Refugee Task Force by helping our new Afghani family move into their new home.

Congratulations Lizzy and Noah! We wish you both much success.

-The Salem Scholarship Committee:

John Brohawn

Milt Dorsch

Jim Gundlach

Christy Hensler-Davis

Bethann Snyder

Tom Vasold

Vicky Whetstone

Sue Gdovin, Chair

SALEM SCHOLARSHIP RENEWALS

The Salem Scholarship Committee welcomes applications for annual renewals for Salem Scholarship winners. Renewal forms are posted on the Salem web site under "For Salem Disciples" and they are due for submission by July 31. For further information, contact the church office or the committee chair, Sue Gdovin, at gdovin409@gmail.com.

SALEM SUPPER CLUB

Save the Date

July 20, 2024

More Information to follow

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE --A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

On Pentecost the disciples were graced by God to speak the gospel in many languages. Chocolate, coffee and tea, prominent among the good gifts by which “God fulfills the desires of every living thing”, in themselves speak a universal language. And never is that language so sweet to the tongue as when it’s fair trade.

Be on the watch when on your arrival for and departure from worship for the Fair Trade Cart in the narthex with its gourmet inventory. There are some new flavors on the cart!

Your purchase speaks a welcome language to small scale farmers, like the cocoa farmer pictured above. More than that, it makes a positive difference for the life of the whole village. One more of “the mighty acts of God”!



GUARDIANS OF EDEN LEARN ABOUT BEES

On May 11th, Ken Scaraletti gave an interesting demonstration on his hobby of bees and beekeeping. This hobby has spanned over a period of 40 years.

Here are some of the facts that he presented:

There are different stages in a bee's life. The last chore of worker bees is to make honey. The queen bee can lay up to 1800 eggs a day. This is her only job. The helper bees move her from one cell to another and they feed her and clean her. Her only job is to lay eggs.

If the beekeeper wants to introduce a new, "foreign" queen bee, he/she brings the new queen into the hive in a small box with a candy plug. The bees eat the candy trying to get to that foreign queen to kill her, but in the meantime, they actually give her their scent, so that when a plug is pulled on the hive, she is then accepted by all of the bees. She has actually been living in a box within a box until she is accepted.

Bees create cells that are hexagonal in shape. They have certain enzymes to make wax. Scout bees search for flowers secreting nectar and then communicate its location to the rest of the hive. They do this by performing a "waggle dance." Bees imagine that straight up is toward the sun and any angle from vertical signifies that angle from the sun to search. The length of the dance corresponds to the distance to the flowers and the enthusiasm of the dance corresponds to the quality and quantity of the food source.

When it is too crowded within the hive the bees make a new queen and start to perform a different dance and shake. This stimulates the shaking dance from one bee to another. When half of them get the message, they then leave the hive in a swarm with the new queen. Scout bees then search for a new location to build a hive and communicate that location to the others via the waggle dance. Swarming is how the bees colonize new areas.

Honey never goes bad or rancid.

Ken hopes to have another future demonstration.

The GOE raffle netted \$198 which will be sent to Save the Bees, sponsored through Cornell University. The winners of the raffle won a birdhouse, a bee house and some garden gloves and tools. They were Julie Kempton, Judy LeGath and Joan Obitz.



SALEM HISTORY TRIVIA QUIZ

(answers on page 17)

- 1) In 1849, the first meeting that led to the formation of the Salem Congregation was held in the home of which family?
 - a. Reich
 - b. Maisel
 - c. Pfeiffer
 - d. Whetstone
- 2) The Salem Congregation added a Sunday afternoon worship service in English in what year?
 - a. 1858
 - b. 1868
 - c. 1878
- 3) Which Salem pastor is buried in the cemetery surrounding Old Salem (known as God's Acre)?
 - a. Rev. Brockman
 - b. Rev. Ebeling
 - c. Rev. Enders
- 4) In 1903 the congregation moved to its present location. The church is built of:
 - a. Ellicott City granite
 - b. Beaver Dam granite
 - c. Port Deposit granite
- 5) Which congregation was founded in the 1870's by many members of Salem?
 - a. First Lutheran, Ellicott City
 - b. 2nd English, Baltimore
 - c. St. Stephen's, Arbutus
 - d. Christ Lutheran, Edmondson Ave, Catonsville
- 6) How many Salem members are shown on the WWII plaque which lists those who served in the military during the war?
 - a. 93
 - b. 101
 - c. 142
 - d. 170
- 7) What used to be on the parking lot along Newburg Ave next to the church building?
 - a. a private residence
 - b. the parsonage
 - c. a horse stable
 - d. a tavern
- 8) What was the original name of the Salem Brass? _____
- 9) How many refugee families has Salem sponsored since the 1970s? _____
- 10) Mrs. Elsie Rau was Salem's longest serving Church Organist/Musician. She served for 47 years. When did she begin?
 - a. 1938
 - b. 1948
 - c. 1958



To Salem Lutheran Church

On behalf of everyone at Retriever Essentials @ UMBC, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your church's generous donation. Your contribution has had a profound impact on the lives of those in need within and around the UMBC campus community. Your kindness and support have not only filled empty stomachs but also brought smiles and hope to countless individuals and families.

Your commitment to helping others is truly inspiring, and we are immensely grateful for your partnership in our mission to alleviate hunger and food insecurity. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many. Your generosity embodies the spirit of compassion and community, and we are honored to have your church as a valued supporter.

With heartfelt thanks,

Retriever Essentials @ UMBC

Dear Salem "Family",

Thanks so much for all your prayers, cards, text messages, e-mails, notes and phone calls! The altar flowers delivered to me beautifully decorated my mantle for 2 weeks - and since all the well wishes have really helped to keep me vested in doing "my part" in recovery!

Special thanks also to those who carried out the Social Ministry potluck dinner

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to fruition to benefit the Mar-Lee Ridge capital campaign!!

More and more, I find new (or at least "more" meaning in "It takes a village" - and the Salem "family" truly composes that village as well!

I'm doing well and hope to be back to be a part of Salem again soon!

Gratefully,

Mary Kay Willing



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

April 30, 2024

Thank You

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

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,111.57 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"
(Luke 10:36-37)

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps 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.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,

Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity

Gift date: 4/22/2024
Gifts are designated for:

Lutheran Disaster Response

\$1,111.57

Total contribution:

\$1,111.57



Breath of God
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May 8th, 2024

Salem Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228

Dear Salem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation to support the families affected by the February fire on the 3400 block of Lombard Street. Even after fifteen years in this community, and being involved in far too many fire responses, this particular fire is profoundly devastating. To have two children and a young adult die, all from the same family, and five total households left without housing and with few possessions... it is just awful, and heart-breaking.

The impacted households were overwhelmed and grateful for the support and generosity of the community. Thank you, on their behalf. These families are particularly vulnerable, and their recoveries complicated, because of language barriers, the great distance between them and their support networks overseas, the lack of renters' insurance, and lower incomes and few savings. All that being said—the generosity of neighbors is particularly important and is very gratefully received by these families.

Please receive this acknowledgment of your gift of \$300.00. All told, the community donated \$39,038.80 for the care and recovery of the five households on Lombard Street. All five households are now in new permanent housing and are doing well, given the circumstances. They so appreciate all that you and our community has done for them.

It is a privilege to serve in a community where we all look out for each other, in moments of tragedy and in our daily life together.

Sincerely,

Mark Parker
Pastor

Breath of God Lutheran Church
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Hello, friends!

We didn't want to let the week get away from us without giving you all a huge THANKS!! Despite the rain, at some points harder than others, we had a great turn out and have gotten a lot of positive feedback from people in the community. We couldn't have done it without your help! We look forward to planning another Dumpster Day next year and for many years to come.

Have a great day!
Meg, Morgan, Karen, Diana, & Dave

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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.

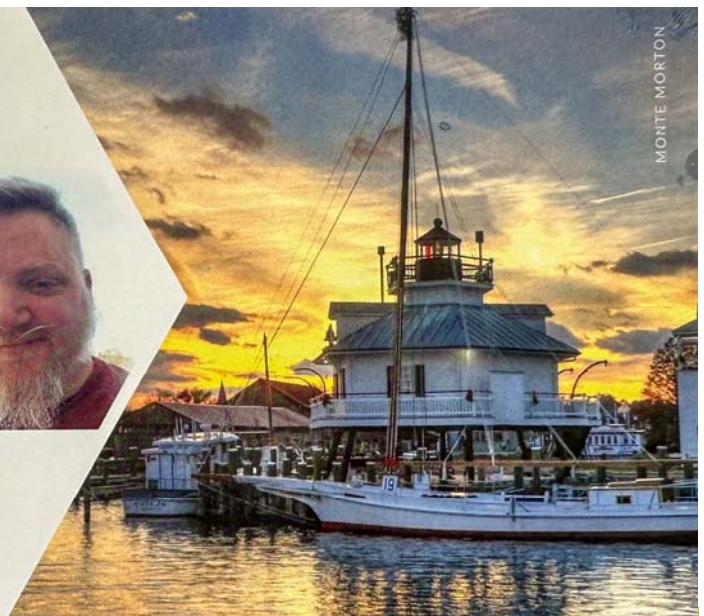
<i>Ann Mattheis*</i>	<i>04/27/2024</i>
<i>Evelyn Frances Slaght*</i>	<i>05/07/2024</i>
<i>Ruth E.M. Chambers*</i>	<i>05/10/2024</i>
<i>John Calvin Hurd*</i>	<i>05/15/2024</i>
<i>Marlou Karen Dixon*</i>	<i>05/29//2024</i>

**Not a Salem member*

3 ST. MICHAELS, MARYLAND

“One of my favorite spots in the watershed is the quaint town of St. Michaels. From the brick sidewalks with wrought-iron gates to the waterfront with the Hooper Island Lighthouse, a sense of peace and familiarity radiates and settles over the locals and tourists alike. Stepping off of your boat or out of your car and taking that first breath of brackish air feels like a sigh after a long, tense day. You can visit the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, check out the dozens of shops and restaurants, relax in a spa, or just stroll around the town at your leisure. Every time I visit, it feels like coming home to the heart of the Chesapeake Bay.”

DAMIEN GIBBONS
Potomac River Program Captain/Educator



ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
Apr 20/21	25	57	84		7/29**	202
Apr 27/28	21	76	90		17/20	224
May 4/5	23	57	102		20/33	235
May 11/12	28	70	107		12/28	245
May 18/19	15	48	104		9/19	195

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

**These figures have been updated since the previous issue of the Monarch.

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, Lisa Yerkey, at salemtch@saalem-catonsville.org.

ANSWERS TO THE SALEM HISTORY QUIZ

- 1) a
- 2) a
- 3) b
- 4) c
- 5) a
- 6) d
- 7) b
- 8) Ezekiel 37
- 9) technically we sponsored 5, but we provided considerable assistance to 2 more
- 10) b

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Jun 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8:15am - Early Service 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Salem Choir	3pm - Yoga @ 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer @ 7:30pm - Overeater's	7pm - Salem Bell Choir 7pm - Tuesday Night	8am - Men's Prayer 9am - Salem Quilters @ 3pm - Yoga @	8am - Professional 10am - Salem 1pm - Journey of Faith 6pm - St. David's Choir	12pm - AA Group 5pm - Journey of Faith	3pm - Journey of Faith 5pm - Contemporary
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:15am - Early Service 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Salem Choir 11am - Late Service	3pm - Yoga @ 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer @ 7pm - Guardians of Eden 7pm - Prayer Stitchers @	7pm - Salem Bell Choir 7pm - Tuesday Night	8am - Men's Prayer 9am - Salem Quilters @ 3pm - Yoga @	8am - Professional 10am - Salem 6pm - St. David's Choir 7:30pm - Salem Choir	12pm - AA Group 6pm - Girl Scout Troop	5pm - Contemporary
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:15am - Early Service 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Salem Choir 11am - Late Service	3pm - Yoga @ 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer @ 7:30pm - Overeater's	6pm - Salem Tech 6pm - Salem Tech 7pm - Salem Bell Choir 7pm - Tuesday Night	8am - Men's Prayer 9am - Salem Quilters @ 3pm - Yoga @	8am - Professional 10am - Salem 6pm - St. David's Choir 7pm - Trombone Practice 7:30pm - Salem Choir	12pm - AA Group 7pm - Salem Players	8am - Pieces of Peace 5pm - Contemporary 7pm - Salem Players
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:15am - Early Service 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Salem Choir 11am - Late Service	3pm - Yoga @ 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer @ 7pm - Prayer Stitchers @ 7:30pm - Overeater's	7pm - Church Council 7pm - Salem Bell Choir 7pm - Salem Players 7pm - Tuesday Night	8am - Men's Prayer 9am - Salem Quilters @ 3pm - Yoga @	8am - Professional 10am - Salem 6pm - St. David's Choir 7:30pm - Salem Choir	12pm - AA Group	5pm - Contemporary 6pm - Christian
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:15am - Early Service 9am - Christian 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Sunday School	1pm - Fourth Monday 3pm - Yoga @ 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer @ 7:30pm - Overeater's	7pm - Salem Bell Choir 7pm - Tuesday Night	8am - Men's Prayer 9am - Salem Quilters @ 3pm - Yoga @	8am - Professional 10am - Salem 6pm - St. David's Choir 7pm - Trombone Practice 7:30pm - Salem Choir	12pm - AA Group	5pm - Contemporary
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
8:15am - Early Service 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Salem Choir	8am - Drama Camp @ 3pm - Yoga @ 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer @ 7pm - Guardians of Eden	8am - Drama Camp @ 7pm - Salem Bell Choir 7pm - Tuesday Night	8am - Drama Camp @ 8am - Men's Prayer 9am - Salem Quilters @ 3pm - Yoga @	8am - Professional 10am - Salem 6pm - St. David's Choir 7pm - Trombone Practice 7:30pm - Salem Choir	8am - Drama Camp @ 12pm - AA Group	2pm - Harp Recital 5pm - Contemporary

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