



THE MONARCH

Reformation Saturday/Sunday October 26 and 27

When we think of Reformation we often think of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church on October 31, 1517. In the rear view mirror of history it is seen as the beginning of the Reformation Movement that would sweep across Europe in the coming years. It would result in the schism of the Church of Rome and the fracturing of Christian communities that continues to this very day. However, might we see the Reformation as more than a historical moment that would lead to new Christian denominations, particularly the Lutheran movement, but instead see Reformation as a call for personal transformation?

One of the long-standing questions is does corporate/institutional transformation begin at the top or does personal transformation lead to corporate transformation? It is a great question to wrestle with and perhaps the Lutheran approach of “both and” is the answer. That is, the answer is not “either or” but is often a combination of both things – corporate leadership and individual followers experiencing the power of transformation – change, new ways of thinking and acting, reform and improvement. Paying attention to Martin Luther’s actions after that nail hammering event in 1517 we see a leader encouraging and supporting personal transformation of Christians. The Small Catechism published in 1529 was to serve as a rich source of teaching for young people to this day. The Large Catechism was written for parents to teach their children. Luther married Katie von Bora setting an example for parish pastors. He instituted the Community Chest to help turn the congregation’s attention and energies to serve the poor and needy. And we could go on for pages with the liturgical and theological reforms Luther and the other reformers left us which rested on the foundation of our faith: we are saved by God’s grace through Christ Jesus.

On Sunday October 27 we’ll give thanks for the Holy Spirit’s powerful movement during the European Reformation and for the continuing work of the Spirit in the Church throughout the world and in our lives to this very day.

See you in worship!

Pastor Dave

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SALEM MARKETPLACE IS COMING– SATURDAY NOV. 2 – ONE DAY ONLY

Another great Marketplace is shaping up for Saturday, November 2, 2024. The Marketplace opens at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. We will not have the Plus One on Sunday so make sure to come on Saturday.

Edie Hahn will again lead the **White Elephant sale**. More volunteers make for faster work, so please let Edie know if you can help setup on October 31 and November 1 starting at 8 a.m.!! We are currently accepting items to be sold to be placed in Classroom 3. After October 30, please bring items directly to Reformation Hall. 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 also leave book donations in Classroom 3 and **mark 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 on Saturday. We are asking you to follow a few simple rules:

1. No textbooks
2. No magazines

Vicky Whetstone will be doing the **jewelry table** this year. You may give donations to Vicky or look for the basket in the Narthex, or leave them at the church office. Please place necklaces individually in Ziplock bags to prevent tangling.

Robin Schaefer will be handling the **Bake Sale** this year. Look for the sign-up in the narthex to let us know if you will be bringing items for the bake table. You can drop those items off on Friday, or bring them before 10 a.m. on the morning of Marketplace.

It's not too early to start dropping off gift cards and gift certificates for the **Silent Auction** to Pat and Tim Jennings or Mel Trimble. Please send Pat an email about other items for the Silent Auction **before** you bring them in at patricia.jennings@ngc.com

Thanks to Sharon Stanton we will have **more crafters** from the community this year!

We always need lots of help setting up the tables and sorting books on Friday, November 1 starting at 9 a.m.! We also need **lots** of help packing up leftovers and putting away tables on Saturday starting at 2 p.m. Let Julia Graham or Dee Trimble know if you can help!

Here's a reminder of why we do this. These are our 2024 charities which will receive 100% of the money raised:

Lighthouse Youth and Family Services Inc., is a private, non-profit Maryland Youth Service Bureau located in Catonsville. We are committed to brightening our community by providing consistent and excellent counseling services for children, youth, and families <https://www.lighthousemd.org>

Baltimore's Promise is a city-wide collaborative of public, business, higher education, nonprofit, community, and philanthropic leaders. We harness the power of data and collaboration to achieve better outcomes for Baltimore's youth and their families. We conduct and broadly share research to help decision-makers and our community understand what's working and what needs to be improved to better serve youth in our city. <https://www.baltimorespromise.org>

Mar-Lu-Ridge is a year-round outdoor ministry in the Catoctin 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. <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org>

So mark your calendar now to start your Christmas shopping on November 2! There will be used books and jewelry. Find new treasures at our big White Elephant Sale in Reformation Hall! You won't want to miss beautiful handmade items from our crafters. There will be Fair Trade chocolates and coffee. Oh, and don't

forget to get there early to buy some of the delicious baked good items. Get into a spirited bidding battle over the many baskets, gift certificates, and other great deals in our Silent Auction. Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Kitty Collins, a long time Old Salem volunteer.

Please come and bring your friends and neighbors for a great day of fellowship and to help support some very worthy charities. What a great way to introduce them to Salem!

Julia Graham juliag1958@gmail.com and Dee Trimble driatrimble@icloud.com - Marketplace Co-Chairs

Salem Marketplace 2024 Silent Auction

Donations Needed by Sunday, October 27 @ Noon

Our success in the past has been driven by offering a wide variety, all price ranges of goods, services, crafts, art and unique things that only YOU can provide. We are counting on you to help make the 2024 Salem Marketplace silent auction a success.

WHAT is needed?

- **Services / crafts / creations by members** – Can you cook? Do you have a special service to offer? Do you have a creative side to share with others?
- **Baskets** by Salem organizations, members and local businesses – Anyone can put together a basket of any special interest – These are always popular and can contain a blend of all the other categories – Think outside the basket!
- **Experiences** by organizations, members and local businesses – Event tickets, vacations, scholarships to Salem Drama Camp – Do you have a membership to something or volunteer somewhere that you can share?
- **Gift cards** to local and national businesses – Mel Trimble and Bruce Sando will be soliciting donations from many of the local favorites, but do you have a connection a bit further afield or with someone not already on our list? Do you have any “leftover” gift cards that you haven’t had a chance to use that you could donate?
- **Unique items of all types** including collectibles, jewelry, sporting goods and crafts – items that are “too nice” for the White Elephant – what about that lovely gift that you never used or just wasn’t what you wanted that you think someone else would appreciate? Downsizing?

WHEN are the items needed?

- **ASAP** – Email patricia.jennings@ngc.com letting us know what you will be donating in detail including description, estimated value and suggested minimum bid, pictures if available
- **Gift Cards and small items** can be given to Pat Jennings (late service) or Mel Trimble (early service) or left with Jeff Tsai in the church office (office hours)
- **Large items** can be left at church on Sunday, October 27 in the back hallway near the archives office.

HOW else can YOU help?

- Grab a few Marketplace flyers at church so you can post them as you go about your day to help us advertise the event.
- Talk us up with your friends outside of Salem. They might have ideas for items, and some of our biggest and most consistent bidders are not Salem members.
- Call Pat (Krenzke) Jennings, 410-227-9438, with any questions or suggestions

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

God's Work. Our Hands. has been defined as an annual day of service that calls Lutherans to go beyond the pews and out into the world. And so it was on Saturday, September 7, when members of the Salem community volunteered their time and talents, pitching in on a number of projects. As in years past, there was something for everyone to do.

A team of scribes put their penmanship skills to work, as they wrote more than 100 notes to college students away from home, shut-ins, and those serving in the armed forces. Their caring messages serve as reminders that the recipients have not been forgotten and that they remain in our prayers.

At the same time, twenty Stitchcrafters (and friends) gathered in the foyer for their annual "Yarn-In," working on hats and scarves for the Seafarers' Christmas at Sea project. The group also welcomed Amy Yost and Julie Mercer, who took delivery of baby blankets for families served by Baltimore's Early Head Start Program. Pastor Dave was on hand to bless 76 blankets knitted or crocheted blankets by the Stitchcrafters, and 42 quilts, the handiwork of Linda Fleischer.

And then there was Bethany Hall, which looked for all the world as though it had been converted into an Amazon fulfillment center. In reality, it was the scene of a crew of volunteers, who formed an assembly line to pack 256 school kits for Lutheran



World Relief, made possible by the generosity of Salem's members. Additionally, thirty layette kits, which included sweaters knitted or crocheted by the Stitchcrafters, were also sent on their way.

Meanwhile, the weeds of Catonsville did not stand a chance, as members of the youth group cleared the grounds of Lighthouse Youth and Family Services, located on Mellor Avenue. At the same time, members of the Guardians of Eden also filled multiple garbage bags, clearing the overgrowth abutting Salem's parking lot.

Finally, six volunteers spent the morning at the headquarters of Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA). There, fifteen sets of bags for clients were assembled, and a delivery of donations (from Salem) was processed and shelved. Looking ahead to Thanksgiving and Christmas, the group also got a head start on holiday boxes.

At the end of the day, those who participated agreed that the time of service was both meaningful and productive. Mary Kay Willing, who chairs Salem's Social Ministry Committee, concluded, "We are always open to new ideas for next year." Mark your calendar for next year, Saturday, September 6.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We started the year with a fun Rally Day. The children were introduced to our theme for the year. We made kabobs spelling out Salem. We have discussed how the church comprises many people, but we are all one body. To focus on kindness, we read the story of the Good Samaritan and talked about how we can show kindness to others. We ended the month talking about sheep and goats teaching the children about serving others and serving Jesus.



THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

We give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these persons, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day. Those being confirmed: James Andrew Merriman, Eva Lee Smith, Lea Eve Smith, Michael Edward Moore, and Mason Riley Pushman.



ADULT FORUM CONTINUES WITH *The Bible Doesn't Say That*

Adult Forum this fall kicks off with the book - *The Bible Doesn't Say That* - 40 mistranslations, misconceptions, and other misunderstandings, by biblical scholar, Joel Hoffman. This book is a thought provoking book challenging what we think the Bible says and what it actually says. Here are some topic examples.

How has our present history, biblical translations, religion tradition, differences in language, and other facets led to misunderstandings, misconceptions, and mistranslations of the Bible?

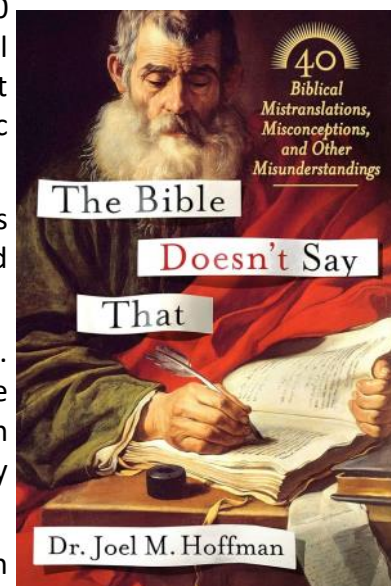
Evolution and the biblical creation account seem to be at odds with each other. However, there are multiple creation stories being told at the same time in the Bible. What account should we use? Is it allegory or literal history being told in the Bible? How do we reconcile the science origin story with the creation story in the Bible?

How can the Bible be at odds with our modern day understanding of truth while at the same time be the Word of God? God is perfect. How can the Bible be both true and divinely inspired and at the same time have inaccuracies?

The author contends that:

- The Bible doesn't call homosexuality a sin and it doesn't advocate for the one-man-one-woman model of the family that has been dubbed "biblical." What does the Bible have to say about divorce?
- The Ten Commandments don't prohibit killing or coveting. What does the Bible say about violence?
- The Bible's famous "beat their swords into plowshares" is matched by the militaristic, "beat your plowshares into swords."
- "The often-cited New Testament quotation "God so loved the world" is a mistranslation, as are the titles "Son of Man" and "Son of God."

Come to Adult Forum Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Katie Luther Room to participate in interesting and thought provoking discussions about the Bible.



TRUNK OR TREAT AT SALEM!

Trunk or Treat returns on **Saturday, October 26, from 2-4:30 pm!** All are invited to decorate their car trunks in the Halloween spirit, as kids go from car to car for treats and Halloween fun. Pat's Porch gift cards will be given out as awards for best costume and best car decoration. Feel free to invite a friend to the festivities!



A Marvelous 175th Anniversary Event!

Salem: The Musical! was a walk through 175 years of faithful history and service. A big Salem cast brought that experience to life through pictures, songs, narrative, and many different points of view -- it was entertaining, educational, and the spirit of the room was of laughter and celebration. I learned about a lot of intersections in our synod and community!

Pastor David Asendorf and Pastor Ed Whetstone were the primary writers, but they were supported by a great team (including Pastor Carolyn Lawrence - whose dad was there - and so proud of them!) and Bishop Bill Gohl.





HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

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. Our seats are in Row Q and R, mezzanine section right in the center {great seats}. Cost of the trip is \$128 pp inclusive. Please consider, if you have not already done so, to reserve a seat. There are only **12** tickets left at this point. Money is due November 1st.

Christmas will be here before we realize it. We are looking forward to starting off the holiday celebration with our Annual Christmas Open House at Old Salem on Saturday, December 14th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is decorated in the old fashioned style as it may have been in the late 1800's. Hoping to have Salem Brass return again with their delightful Christmas music and of course Santa will be there to meet and greet young and young-at-heart alike. Stop by – Christmas cookies and hot chocolate are always a special treat during this open house!

Returning again on Saturday, March 8th, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Old Salem will host our Annual Craft Fair/Flea Market event in Bethany Hall. Vendors and shoppers alike mark your calendars now to join in this fun and successful event to help raise preservation funds for Salem's original worship site, built in 1849.

And --- We are on the road again: "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.

175TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

We have three events remaining in our year-long 175th Anniversary celebration.

Salem Anniversary Concert

Mary Miller will be leading a host of musicians and vocalists at our November 10 3 pm Anniversary Concert held here in our sanctuary. Following the concert the Christian Fellowship Committee will be hosting a reception. Please come and hear the great music!

Salem Homecoming Weekend

On Saturday November 16 and Sunday November 17 we will be welcoming Salem disciples from years past to join us in worship. Please invite friends and family to worship. Receptions will be held after all three worship services.

Salem Anniversary Dinner

And to cap things off, a catered Anniversary Dinner and Program will be held at the FOP Lodge in Oella, 2832 Nine Mile Circle, on November 17 at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 and children 5 and under are free. The dinner will be immediately followed by a program. Our Delaware-Maryland Synod Bishop Bill Gohl, will bring greetings as well as others. We will have a brief historical sketch of the congregation given by Judy LeGath, Pastor Emeritus Ed Whetstone, Michelle Trump Miller, and Ray Giuliani. The program will close with Church Council President Emily D'Avella, Pastor Carolyn Lawrence, and Pastor David Asendorf presenting the goals for the future which have come out of our "Year of Listening" during this anniversary year. So learn about the past, look ahead to the future and join your Salem friends in celebrating our 175 years of life together at Salem.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE

The fair-trade cart is returning on a regular basis. We have several varieties of coffee, tea, and chocolate from Equal Exchange. Starting in September, the cart will be out for sales between services and after the late service on the last Sunday of the month and also after the service on the preceding Saturday. We will also be at the Marketplace event and several times in December. We hope to have Advent calendars and additional flavors of Chocolate bars available at (and after) the Marketplace event.

Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers to demonstrate the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.

Thank you to Ed Whetstone, Gary, Penne, and Ray Giuliani, and Billie Jo and Carl Kreps for staffing the cart during sales. Please contact Jim Kempton if you are interested in helping with the sales of fair-trade products or if there are particular flavors of coffee, tea, or chocolate you would like added to the cart.



PASTOR ASENDORF ATTENDS CELEBRATION OF THE 'TRUE CROSS'

On Thursday, September 26 Pastor Dave was invited by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Catonsville to attend the Celebration of Meskel. Meskel, also known as the "Finding of the True Cross," is one of the most significant religious celebrations in Ethiopia held annually in September. It commemorates the discovery of the True Cross, which is believed to be the cross upon which Jesus Christ was crucified. The celebration is deeply rooted in Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity and has been observed for over 1,600 years. Meskel is based on the legend of Saint Helena (mother of Roman Emperor Constantine), who is said to have discovered the True Cross in the 4th century. According to Ethiopian tradition, Saint Helena had a vision that guided her to the location of the cross in Jerusalem. To mark this event, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church has established Meskel as a religious holiday, emphasizing the victory of Christianity and the importance of the cross. 1. Demera Bonfire: The central event of Meskel is the lighting of a large bonfire, known as the Demera. This symbolizes the smoke that is believed to have guided Saint Helena to the place of the True Cross. In Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, the largest Demera is lit in Meskel Square, attracting thousands of people. People gather in churches and public squares, wearing traditional white clothes (called *shamma*), and participate in processions. These processions are led by priests carrying colorful umbrellas and wooden crosses, with chants, prayers, and hymns filling the air. Though on a smaller scale, that is exactly what Pastor Dave witnessed in his visit to the Ethiopian Church's celebration on Ingleside Avenue. The Orthodox church now owns the old 3-acre St. Timothy church and campus. Listening to two sermons, one in Amharic and the second in English, Pastor Dave could only think of June 16, 1850 when the Salem congregation dedicated their new church building and had two sermons, one in English and German.

We'll be looking forward to getting to know our fellow Christians better in the years to come.



STITCHCRAFTERS' GIFT OF YARN

Back in 1773, William Cowper could never have imagined what would one day be possible when he wrote the words, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." But today, thanks to 21st century technology, a devout woman's legacy of charity has been passed on to a group of women she never met, a group she never even knew existed.

Recently, Salem Stitchcrafter Katie LeCourse received an email from an Ohio woman named Sara. "My sister-in-law passed, leaving a significant collection of yarn," she wrote. "Is it possible to drop it off?"

Katie replied that Salem's Stitchcrafters would welcome the donation of yarn. And so, a plan was put into action for Katie to meet with Stephanie, a Baltimore woman whose Aunt Teresa had left behind her stash of yarn. Katie and Stephanie agreed to meet on Salem's parking lot to complete the transaction.

To Katie's amazement, the "significant" amount of yarn turned out to be at least ten oversized "green" bags filled with well more than a hundred skeins of yarn. In a variety of colors, the yarn was brand new and exactly the sort of thing that the Stitchcrafters use for a variety of their charities. Even more amazing, though, was the fact that this was only part of the yarn Teresa's family wanted to donate. There was more, Stephanie said, and so she and Katie met again for another transfer of yarn.

Not surprisingly, a chain of emails among Stitchcrafters ensued, and the big question was how their group had been singled out for this amazing gift. And so, the pieces of the puzzle began to come together. As it happened, Sara said that her late sister-in-law, Teresa Chapman, had devoted her entire life to a ministry of faith and giving. During her lifetime, she had served as a teacher, an evangelist, and an associate minister at a number of churches. She was a licensed funeral director and embalmer, among other careers. She fostered two children, whom she later adopted. She loved to garden, authored three books, and played a number of musical instruments (including the piano, drums, and "especially the harmonica").

And Teresa loved to crochet. "She could whip up a blanket on a cold winter night in a heartbeat," her family remembered. Little wonder that it was important to her survivors that her stash of yarn would continue to serve others. And so today, even though hands other than hers are now working with her yarn, her ministry of yarn lives on.

But how did Sara find the Stitchcrafters, Katie asked. Sara explained that she is "loosely connected" with a local ministry, "Stitching Servants," at her church in Ohio, "so I knew people like you existed." Sara did an online search for "yarn ministry Baltimore." The first "hit" was a Catholic newsletter that spoke of individuals, not a group, with no contact information. But a link to Salem's website, including a description of the Stitchcrafters under the heading "fellowship," kept popping up.

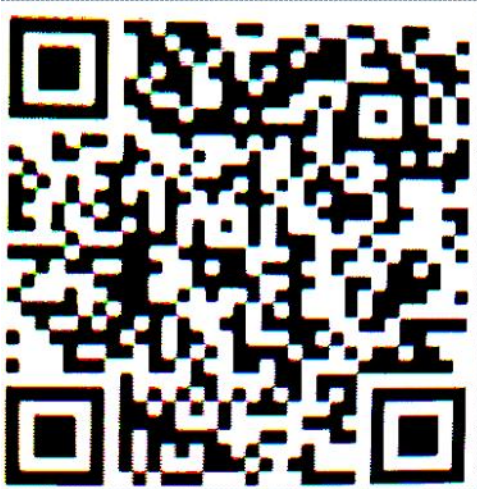
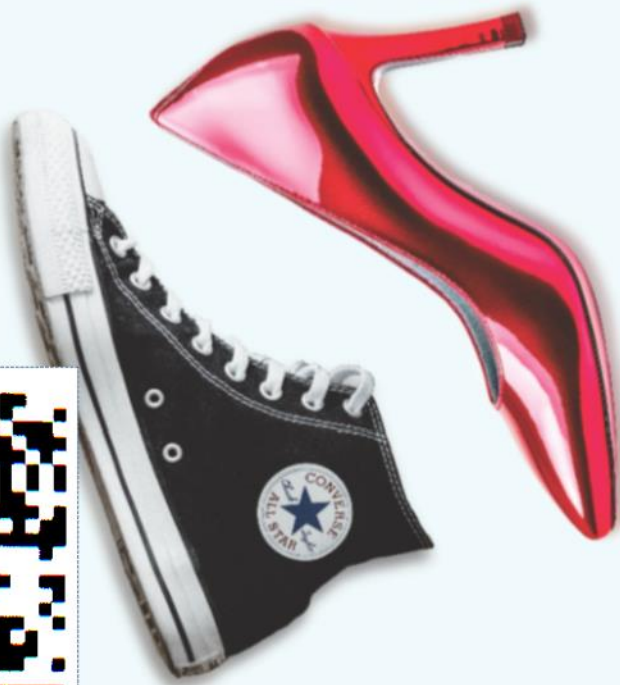
In the end, Cowper was, unwittingly, right in this case: "God is His own interpreter/ And He will make it plain/ In His own time/ In His own way."



Presented by Salem Players

the odd couple

FEMALE VERSION



BY NEIL SIMON

DIRECTED BY WILLIAM HAUSERMAN

October 18, 19 – 7:30 pm

October 20 – 7:30 pm

October 25, 26 – 7:30 pm

October 27 – 2 pm

Salem Lutheran Church, 905 Frederick Rd, Catonsville
Tickets Available at <https://salemcatonsville.seatyourself.biz>

"The Odd Couple, Female Version" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

SALEM'S VERY SPECIAL ARCHIVES TREASURE

The Salem Archives is a repository of a variety of paper materials, from books to photographs to written records, but none includes more interesting and valuable information than the bound ledger whose title page announces that it is the History of the Salem Women's Organizations. This written record starts with 1927, when the Constitution & By-Laws were revised. These documents were to be read aloud at the first meeting of each year. The dues in 1927 were \$0.10/month.

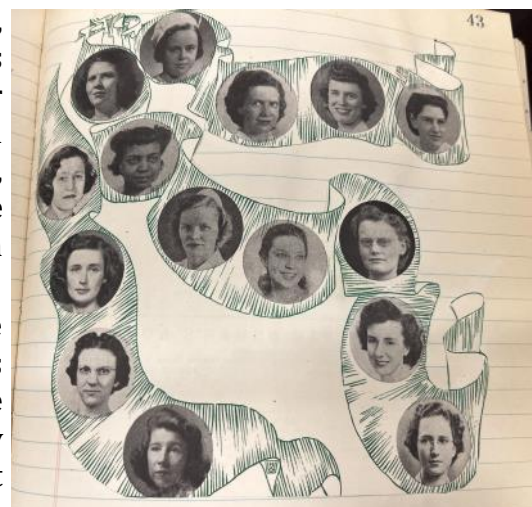
But the book also contains some loose paperwork that takes the history back much further. It appears that the group was founded by some of Salem's early members well before the move to Frederick Road. They were undoubtedly part of the early group of members and probably spoke German when they got together. They met at our original church on Sunday afternoons. Pr. Ebeling led devotions. They chose to call themselves the Damen Verein, the "Women Made One." Eager to benefit the church, they held benefit dinners, renting space in one or the other of Catonsville's gathering halls. When our new church opened in 1903, they paid for the carpeting. Throughout the years their fundraising led to any number of purchases, such as the current brass and marble communion rail and the World War II Honor Roll plaque.

They chose a new name along the way and became the Ladies Aid Society. They enjoyed entertaining. For many years they hosted gatherings including Mother/Daughter and Father/Son banquets, and prior to 1941 they furnished entertainment on Shrove Tuesday with doughnuts and coffee served after the show. And when the men's group, the Brotherhood, formed in February 1940, they served light refreshments at the initial meeting. They also produced the wedding reception for the marriage of Ethel Bowers, daughter of Pr. and Mrs. Bowers.

During World War II, they made sure that each Salem member who was in the military and away from home received a Christmas card and a small gift. In 1942 the Ladies Aid Society joined with the Brotherhood to provide new choir robes. The material was paid for by the Brotherhood and the ladies did the sewing.

Each year they entered into this book a description of their activities during that year, leaving a wonderful record of life at Salem with a wealth of information and detail that often does not appear in any other church records.

By 1944 other women's groups with a variety of purposes and with names such as the Missionary Society had been established. These various groups merged in 1944 as "The Women of the Church". And as times changed and the role of women in the church evolved, groups just for men or women eventually disappeared. The last year summarized in the women's history is 1963. The Salem Archives is greatly enriched by the fact that this wonderful volume has been saved and preserved.



NEWS OF OUR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIPS

The Durrani Family

The Salem Refugee Task Force's sponsorship of the Durrani family from Kandahar, Afghanistan began with their arrival in Catonsville in March, 2022.

Saba and Lima both report that the new school year is going well and that they're glad to be back in school. They have good friends and are happy at Catonsville High. Saba is a Senior and Lima, a Sophomore. Since graduation, Rohail has continued his work as a checker at Giant Food, but is hoping soon to work at Sam's Club believing he'll be given more hours. He's applied for two courses at CCBC this semester.

Masooma likes her job at Forest Haven Nursing Home working in Housekeeping. She began last December, and is pleased to have made friends there. Her niece Sahra, following her wedding last January, moved to Cleveland. She and her husband are expecting their first child in December.

The family, altogether independent for nearly a year now, has become very well adjusted to their life in Catonsville.

The Alaj family

The Task Force's sponsorship of the Alaj family began with their arrival from Pristina, Kosovo in June of 1999.

Kaltrina is newly engaged, asked on a visit to Kosovo. She and her fiancé have bought a house in northern Virginia. Kaltrina has worked as a shock trauma nurse at University Hospital. Albulena, still living in NYC and working in pharmaceutical research, became engaged several months ago on a trip to Paris. Skordie owns a house in the Maryland suburbs of DC where he works as a mechanical engineer. Edona's husband Nick has launched his own plumbing business here in Catonsville, Nick's Plumbing. Lirije will be retiring as sexton at Salem the end of this year. Esat retired several years ago.

SALEM'S WANTS AND NEEDS

Help wanted: Flower Steward needed to deliver flowers after the 11 a.m. service. Four Sundays a year: the first Sundays of February, May, August, and November. Drop-off is fine; visitation is optional. Contact Sharon Stanton, memsha7311@gmail.com or call (410) 744-8724.

For sale: T-shirts commemorating Salem's 175th anniversary. Sizes L, XL, and 2XL. Wear it proudly or sleep in it! \$10. See Sharon Stanton.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN . . . ?

Children's Message - contact Pastor Dave at PastorDave@salem-catonsville.org

Senior Choir, Bell-, or St David's Choir – contact Mary Miller at marymiller359@gmail.com

Salem Brass - contact Michael Fitch at mjfitch2718@gmail.com

Lector or Communion Assistant – contact Nancy Asendorf nancy.asendorf@gmail.com

Sunday School Helper – contact Eileen Merriman esavage109@yahoo.com

EGYPT MEANS COPTIC AND OTHER THINGS!

A couple of weeks ago, a group of six friends including myself visited the St. Mary's Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Church Festival on a lovely 6.5 acre campus on Frederick Road just past the Howard County fairgrounds.

It was a beautiful summer day, and our group took a tour of a most intriguing exhibit filled with warm welcoming Christian friends who are trying to raise funds for a new Church. Our tour included both church areas covered with Coptic Christian Saint icons and paintings and an art filled museum area where the guide relayed stories from Egypt, including the time Christ's family took refuge in Egypt, fleeing Herod's brutality. The group learned that Coptic Christians in Egypt and other places in the Middle East have experienced persecution for generations up until today. Coptic Christians must pay additional taxes in addition to other injustices. We were amazed to learn that this church offers liturgy in three languages: English, Egyptian Arabic, and COPTIC language – both recited and in writing. Egyptian music flowed everywhere. Our guide was very knowledgeable and gave us a run down of various Coptic orthodoxies.

Also it was interesting to note that the monks who became Coptic priests were not allowed to marry, but the ones who had not become monks were allowed to marry.

The savory scents of exotic spices filled the air where church members offered Kebabs, kofta, shawarmas, stuffed grape leaves, falafel, fresh dates and varieties of desserts like kanafah, a cardamom rice pudding, fresh dates and other delights for the fundraiser. The children were offered chances to dress like a pharaoh, ride a horse, play outdoor games, have their faces painted – while adults could be treated to henna paintings on the hands and wrists. Henna treatments are used to celebrate weddings. They also had a table set up with olive wood carvings including crosses, bracelets, and statues from the Holy Land.

There were also art trinkets of pharaohs, the Sphinx, and pyramids. The members also had a display of brightly colored cloths and clothing made in Egypt, Kenya, and Palestine. In fact, they also had a booth set up to help those suffering in Gaza with various headdresses, t-shirts, honey and other foods hand made by Palestinians from Israel, Syria, Gaza and the West bank, to include pickled stuffed eggplant, eggs and other rarities.

It was a delight for those who had visited Egypt before and also a delight for those who have not to explore a distant exotic land that was so close to our early, early original Christian heritage. If next year they repeat this wonderful invitation to explore their world of early Christianity and culture, I recommend you visit! They are a bastion of early Christian stories that will make you feel closer to Christ.

- Marge Zerbyl



WHAT'S IN THE SHOWCASE

Many thanks to Duane Linsenbardt for his fascinating showcase "Life at Salem in the Sixties". His collection, mostly from his parents, through those years is unbelievable. If you've been at Salem for many years, I'm sure you will recognize many of the names on the bulletins and letters.

Next up in September is Nick Mason sharing what to look forward to in Adult Forum this year. Adult Forum meets in the Katie Luther room, 2nd floor, every Sunday at 9:30 am. Lots to learn and hear about. The Forum is open to everyone.

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MAR-LU-RIDGE

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your support for the With Open Arms campaign at Mar-Lu-Ridge. We are grateful for your vision and commitment as we work to upgrade our facilities to be fully inclusive for people with mobility challenges. As our mission statement says, we welcome all. Taking these steps to renovate the Ridge Inn and Cabin 3, as well as create a safer environment throughout our camp, will assure that we truly can welcome and include everyone.

Your gift of \$1,200 has been received and is greatly appreciated. Thanks so much for your support.

We are pleased to share that a contractor has been selected and we will begin work on the Ridge Inn before the end of the year. Thank you again for your support of With Open Arms.

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

Peace,

Sarah Lefler
Executive Director



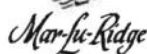
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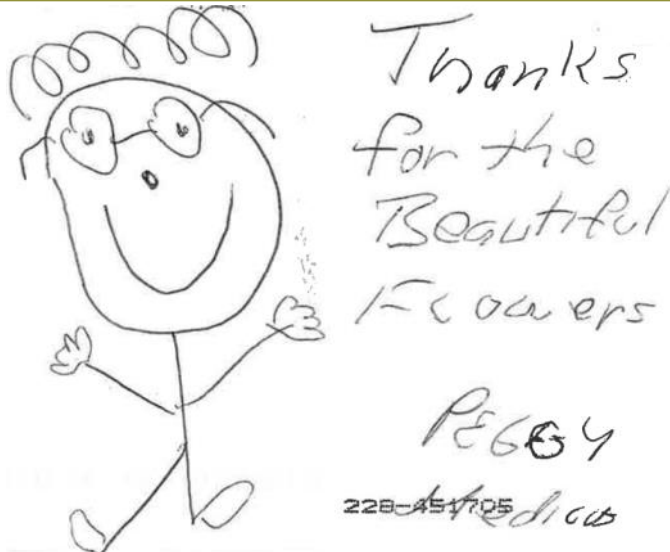
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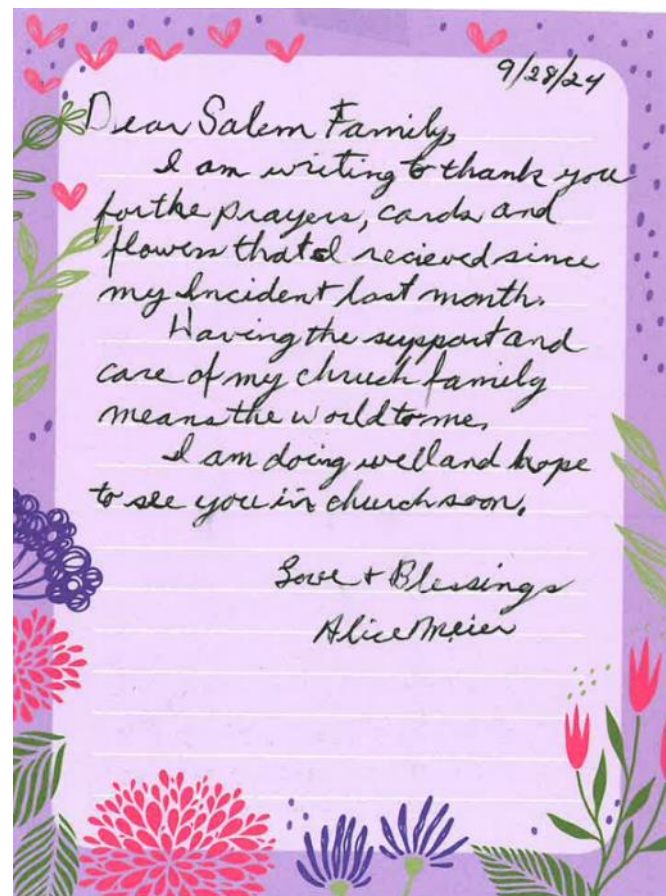
Dear Pastor Dave, Pastor Emeritus Ed, and Pastor Carolyn:

Thank you for your prayers and phone calls.

Thank you to the Salem church family for all your prayers, phone calls, and cards. Thank you to the prayer tree and Sue O'Connor.

- Judy Rotz

Dear Salem Friends,
 Thank you all for
 your wonderful
 "Back Home" notes.
 It made us smile!
 We are all
 doing well. Having
 fun watching the
 "Brands" grow!
 Made it fine
 through the hurricane.
 Take care.
 Peace,
 Liz



Dear Pastor Dave and the Salem Lutheran Family,

Thank you so much for your permission to use your facilities for our meeting September 6. The room was the ideal space for our orientation. We had a successful start to our new year with our interns.

Sincere gratitude,
 Donna

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Thank You!

September 11, 2024

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Catonsville, MD 21228-4517

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your organization's recent gift of \$200.00 to Lutheran World Relief! When you love your neighbors with your generous gifts to LWR, you change lives in amazing ways.

For Walaa Ali al Ali, a Syrian refugee living in Lebanon, your love arrived in the form of a beehive. As the primary breadwinner for her family — including her mother, her developmentally disabled brother, a niece and a nephew — she struggled to find work amid Lebanon's economic crisis. Her family was safe from the war in Syria, but they didn't have access to adequate food or basic medical care.

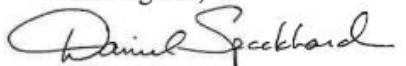
Through LWR, Walaa enrolled in a livelihoods program for refugees and received all the training and supplies she needed to start a business as a beekeeper. With the money she earned, she also planted a vegetable garden to help feed her family. Now she's earning enough to keep her family afloat, and she's even training other women how to produce and sell honey.

Thank you for saving and transforming lives by loving your neighbors like Walaa!

We'd love to show you more examples of your gift in action. Please visit www.lwr.org and sign up to receive the latest updates. If you have any questions, please contact us at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Warm Regards,


Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

To all of our friends at Salem:

What an absolute delight when we opened our mailbox a few days ago and found four pieces of mail from Salem. Apparently the GODS WORK-OUR HANDS crew included a team of letter writers. Thank you so much to everyone for thinking about us. We miss you all a lot. It will be very hard for us to find a church family as wonderful as Salem.

We are absolutely loving our new home. We have both become very involved with the Hanover Area Historical Society. They just recently moved their research library to the Hanover Public Library, which also had a research facility. Both are now being combined into one and it has been a challenge. We are learning a lot about the Dewey Decimal System!!

Through LWR's quilters facebook page, Sally was able to locate a very active group of quilters at St. James Lutheran Church in Gettysburg. We have worshipped with them a few times and have found them to be much like Salem – outgoing, accepting, and diverse. This congregation will most likely be gaining two new members in the near future !!

As we write this (on Friday the 13th), we are getting ready to leave for two weeks in England. But, before we go, we have to make a stop in Catonsville to see "Salem, the Musical". Looking forward to seeing a lot of familiar faces.

Love to all,

Steve & Sally

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.

*Mary Elizabeth Pope**

9/11/2024

**Non-member*

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ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
July 27/28	27	46	76		14/33	196
Aug 3/4	25	44	68		18/35	190
Aug 10/11	24	54	65		18/29	190
Aug 17/18	22	44	98		10/26	200
Aug 24/25	32	71	94		7/23	227
Aug 31/Sept 1	21	60	87		11/30	209
Sept 7/8	30	60	95		12/26	223
Sept 14/15	22	66	105		17/27	237
Sept 21/22	22	58	94		9/28	211
Sept 28/29	25	72	151		17/22	287

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

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 salemttech@salem-catonsville.org.

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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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		4pm - Girl Scout Troop 7pm - Heart of Maryland 7pm - Tuesday Night 7:15pm - Salem Bell	8am - Men's Prayer 10am - Salem Quilters @ 4pm - Chair Yoga @ 5:30pm - AA Meeting 7pm - AA Meeting	8am - Professional 10am - Stitchcrafters 6pm - St. David's Choir 7pm - Trombone Practice 7:30pm - Salem Choir	12pm - AA Group 7pm - Faith & Film Series 7pm - The Odd Couple	11am - Blessing Animals 5pm - Worship
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15am - Early Service 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Salem Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 11am - Late Service 12:30pm - Legacy of 5pm - Salem Evening	4pm - Yoga @ 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer @ 7pm - Guardians of Eden 7pm - Prayer Stitchers @ 7pm - The Odd Couple 7:30pm - Overeater's	4pm - Girl Scout Troop 6pm - Christian 6pm - Salem Tech 6pm - Salem Tech 7pm - Heart of Maryland 7pm - Tuesday Night 7:15pm - Salem Bell	8am - Men's Prayer 10am - Salem Quilters @ 4pm - Chair Yoga @ 5:30pm - AA Meeting 7pm - AA Meeting 7pm - The Odd Couple	8am - Professional 10am - Stitchcrafters 6pm - St. David's Choir 7pm - Trombone Practice 7:30pm - Salem Choir	12pm - AA Group 7pm - The Odd Couple	5pm - Worship
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