



# THE MONARCH

## *175 Years of Salem Church!*

### *Celebrating our past, present, and future*

#### ***Salem Anniversary Concert***

***Sunday, November 10, 2024, 3 p.m., Salem Nave***

Salem Church's Director of Music Mary Miller, the Salem choirs, other musicians, and vocalists will be presenting a lively concert to celebrate our rich musical heritage over these past 175 years.

#### ***Salem Anniversary Dinner and Program***

***Sunday, November 17, 2024, 5 p.m.***

***Held at the FOP Lodge, 2832 Nine Mile Circle, Oella MD. (Just off Frederick Road before you enter Ellicott City.)***

Our program includes greetings from Bishop Bill Gohl and special guests. The new goals for the coming years will be shared for the first time.



#### **MONARCH ON-LINE**

Salem's Monarch is available on-line at [www.salem-catonville.org](http://www.salem-catonville.org). If you would like notification that a new issue has been posted or would like a Monarch (PDF form) emailed to you, please contact Guy Davis at [guyddavisphd@gmail.com](mailto:guyddavisphd@gmail.com).

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**ADULT FORUM FOR NOVEMBER**

Nov. 10 - Guest speaker Alyssa Cobb, The University of Maryland Lutheran Campus Ministry

Nov. 17 - No adult forum for fellowship event between services

Nov. 24 - Guest speaker Deacon Emily Orner, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area

## SALEM WELCOMES NEW DISCIPLES

**Matthew and Anna Fairchild** married in July, not so long after they began worshiping at Salem. For both of them, their faith journey and life in a Christian congregation has been formative and fundamental in their lives. Anna's home congregation was Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Montgomery Village. Matthew was raised at Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster. Both were active in youth activities and congregational life.

They met through their involvement in Campus Ministry at the University of Maryland in College Park with the chaplain Pastor Ray Ranker. They actively took part in the group's fellowship and ministries, known as The Humble Walk.

Following graduation they attended Christ Lutheran on 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Washington for a couple years before moving to Elkridge. Anna teaches Middle School English in Howard County and is energized by the opportunity to use composition and literature to widen the students' worlds.

Matthew is studying for his Master's degree in Genetic Counseling at the University of Maryland Baltimore. Presently he is rotating among genetic components of various medical fields such as pre-natal, cancer, pediatrics. He will graduate in May.

They have fun cooking together, especially with various pasta, and particularly enjoy preparing meals for their families and friends. They're both avid readers, and continue to enjoy hiking, swimming, tennis and biking together, and are dutiful Ravens and Orioles fans.

Upon moving to Elkridge, they began their search for a new church home. They checked websites online, gathered recommendations and visited some churches in the area. But upon visiting Salem, they remarked, their search was over. Arriving so soon after COVID, they appreciated that this congregation was using the challenges, learnings and adaptations of those years to reshape its goals and mission. Already Matthew has given Children's Sermons, and they both look forward to active membership at Salem.



**Neva Gatzke's** early life was on the Eastern Shore but most of her life has been in Catonsville. She graduated from Catonsville High School and lived in Woodbridge Valley and Ocean City before moving to Charlestown. She is a widow with two daughters, Karen and Kris, and 2 granddaughters, Kasie and Samantha, who are all living in the area. She has been a Lutheran since 1955. She worked at a local bank and a Real Estate Office. She loved going to Ocean City and relaxing on the beach. Her hobbies are reading, walking and listening to music, and she has a fantastic collection of Teddy Bears.

Two members of her family, Karen & Sharon, surprised her, and delighted her with the information they are joining her in becoming members of Salem. She is very happy to be part of the "Salem Family."

**Karen Gatzke and Sharon Rossi** grew up in Baltimore and have lived all their lives in this area. Karen was baptized at Sts. Stephen and James down in south Baltimore. Her family moved to Woodbridge Valley and then to Catonsville where they became members of Second English Lutheran Church. She has fond memories of the youth activities there and summer camp at Mar-Lu-Ridge.

Sharon grew up in east Baltimore and later in Anne Arundel County. She was raised in the Roman Catholic Church. Entering the field of nursing, she was pleased to assist in visiting the ill and homebound of her congregation and taking them Holy Communion.

When Karen and Sharon made their commitment to be life partners, they joined Christ Lutheran Church, attracted by its music, outreach, architecture and genuine welcome. There Sharon was able to resume her visitation ministry and serve the sacrament to the ill and homebound. When it became possible to marry eleven years ago, they celebrated their wedding.

Karen now works in real estate with a special interest and expertise in assisting longtime elder homeowners. She finds this to be a very meaningful engagement and a kind of ministry. Her active enthusiasm for her community was expressed for years in her developing the Facebook *We Love Catonsville* campaign. Karen also coined the slogan *Life Is Great in 21228*, and has designed the magnets. Their dog's name is Freddie Eddie, chosen for Catonsville's main streets.

Sharon served as a nurse for 41 years, first at Howard County General and then GBMC, where she retired after years as Director of Surgical Services. During the COVID pandemic, she also served as Incident Commander overseeing, organization, supplies and personnel for those special purposes.

Sharon was a volunteer for Neighbor Ride in Howard County, and was on the Board of the Catonsville Historical Society, serving as its president its last several years.

They've appreciated the Disciples' Classes and acknowledge that it seems very special to become a member along with Karen's mother Neva, joining as a family. They look forward to active involvement in the life, ministry and mission of Salem.

Together they love gardening, and Sharon much enjoys cooking and Karen her craftwork with salvaged materials. For twenty years now they've lived in their 101 year old house. They're neighbors and good friends of Ed and Vicky Whetstone.



**Matthew Henning** is joining Salem with his 2-year-old child Finnegan. Finnegan was baptized here this summer. Matthew is 38 years old and married. It was his wife's work that brought them to Maryland. After deciding to look for a new church, we are fortunate that his search brought him to Salem. He looks forward to joining in on some of our myriad activities.

Matthew teaches music in the Anne Arundel Public School System. He teaches in the elementary system – grades K thru 5. Music and teaching are also among his favorite interests. His other hobbies include fishing, exercise, cycling and hiking.

He comes to Catonsville from Illinois where his former church is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard, Il. Other prior church membership includes the Catholic Church of Monmouth, Il.. Matthew usually attends the 11 a.m. service – seated near the back on the left.

One Sunday last April, **Will McBride** found himself back in Catonsville, having dropped off a friend at the airport for an early flight. After grabbing a bite to eat for breakfast, Will realized that it was still in the eight o'clock hour. He'd lived in Catonsville for a number of years before, he said, and he'd driven by Salem many times and seen the sign. But on that particular Sunday morning, he thought, "Maybe I should just walk in."

Born in New York, Will was baptized and confirmed in an ELCA church in Atlanta. He moved to Baltimore in 2001 and was awarded a law degree from the University of Maryland in 2004. Living downtown and working there as a personal injury lawyer, he attended Christ Lutheran at the Inner Harbor for a while. "But I drifted away. Life happens."

These days, since his momentous decision to check out Salem, Will generally worships at the 11 a.m. Sunday service. When visiting his Mom in Philadelphia, he joins her at her ELCA congregation. Sometimes, he attends the Saturday evening service at Salem. He generally sits in the back part of the nave.

At Pastor Dave's suggestion, Will hopes to get involved in the Community of St. Dysmas and the Lazarus Caucus. Meanwhile, he said that "the parts of the puzzle" just seem to fit now that he is in his new church home.



## GUARDIANS OF EDEN {GOE} LENDING LIBRARY

The Lending Library's main purpose is to support GOE's mission statement. Our committee's hope is to generate awareness and education about the diversity of environmental topics. Additionally, it is to be a resource for folks interested in natural landscaping. The books are a collection from various people who wanted to help start this Library for everyone's use.

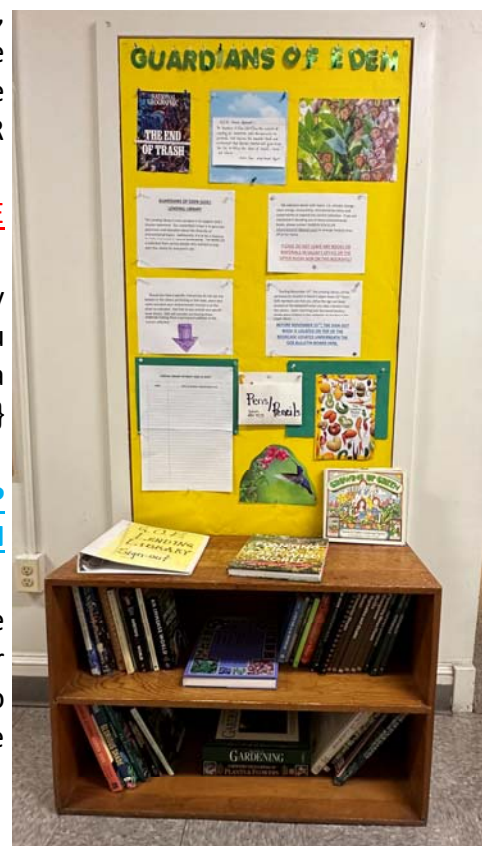
We welcome books with topics, i.e., climate change, clean energy, stewardship, environmental ethics and sustainability to expand the current collection. If you are interested in donating any of these environmental books, please contact SHARON SCHUELER [sharonpisces57@gmail.com](mailto:sharonpisces57@gmail.com) to arrange book{s} drop-off at her home.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY BOOKS OR MATERIALS IN SALEM'S OFFICE OR THE UPPER ROOM NOR ON THIS BOOKSHELF**

Starting November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Lending Library will be permanently located in Salem's Upper Room {2<sup>nd</sup> floor}. GOE members ask that you utilize the sign out book located on the bookshelf when you take a book{s} from the Library. Upon returning your borrowed book{s} simply place it/them in the container so marked in the Upper Room.

**BEFORE NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, THE SIGN OUT BOOK IS LOCATED ON TOP OF THE BOOKCASE LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE GOE BULLETIN BOARD HERE.**

Should you have a specific interest but do not see any book{s} in the Library pertaining to that topic, place your name and what your environmental interest is on the sheet so indicated. Feel free to also include any specific book title{s}. GOE will consider purchasing those materials making them a permanent addition to the current collection.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The children learned about John the Baptist and how he baptized many people making the way for Jesus. We played a game of pin the locusts on John and had a locust snack. The following Sunday, we learned that God spoke to Moses through a burning bush telling Moses to ask the Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt. We also discussed that we are all baptized in God's Love. On our third Sunday, we all enjoyed a visit from the Catonsville Fire Department who talked to us about fire safety and having a meeting place in case of a fire to make sure everyone is safe at Church and home. Everyone was invited to try on the oxygen tank, hold the water hose and explore through the fire engine. We finished the month learning about Martin Luther and the Reformation. We watched a movie on the Reformation and built a mighty fortress



## SALEM DISCIPLES RACE

*“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus...” Hebrews 12:1*

Congratulations to Katie Leisher on completing the Chicago marathon on Sunday, October 8! Here are her reflections on running and what it means for her faith journey:

“Running was the start of my spiritual journey as it helps connect mind, body and soul. It has given me a greater awareness of myself and the energy of God. Every run or race is an opportunity to connect with my higher self and express gratitude for all the blessings life has to offer. Completing the Chicago marathon was not only a test to my limits but a reminder that when things get hard in life, there’s always the strength of God to pull me through the finish line” –Katie Leisher

Congrats as well to Pastor Carolyn who completed the Baltimore Half Marathon on October 19. Pastor Carolyn’s sister Alivia visited so they could run the race together. Alivia’s reflection on her run through

Baltimore: “The race course was a nice tour of Baltimore, but I think they found every single hill possible! My legs are so tired! But I’m so glad we did this together 🧡🧡 And I think this is the best medal I’ve ever gotten from a race!”



## PASTORAL CARE WITH PERCY

(Contributed in part by Marge Diss)

Marge Diss likes to call Pastor Percy “Sir Percy” because he is a noble and gallant as a knight. He is of course, a cat!

Pastor Carolyn has steadfastly brought “Pastor” Percy, her most loving and amiable cat, for visits to Marge’s mom Mitzi (Mitsuko) living in assisted living. Mitzi is a transplant from Connecticut and at 89, still feels a stranger in her environs. She loves animals, and cats in particular, so Percy is a welcome companion on Pastor Carolyn’s visits. Mitzi thrives when she gets visits and has social contacts – especially from Salem, as she only attended one church for over 65 years in her past state. Percy sprawls out on Mitzi’s couch completely at ease or saunters to check out her other rooms.



Please say hello to Mitzi when you see her in church – she loves to make friends like Norma, Christy, and the Bells as well. She loved the Salem cards sent by various members like Sharon Stanton, Norma, Christy, and Mary, too. We are most grateful for both Pastors visits Pastor Dave and Pastor Carolyn, and ‘Pastor Percy’ and for the Salem community.

*A P.S. by Pastor Carolyn:* Percy is not a therapy animal, but his presence can be a comfort and a source of joy for others. If you have a homebound loved one who loves cats but can no longer have them, or if you’d like a visit, Percy (and Pastor Carolyn and Pastor Dave) are available for pastoral care.

## FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE

The fair-trade cart is now trying to be available on a regular basis. We have several varieties of coffee, tea, and chocolate from Equal Exchange and chocolate from Divine. The cart is typically out between services and after the late service on Sunday and after the service on the preceding Saturday. Our schedule for the remainder of 2024 and early 2025 is the following:

- Marketplace (November 2nd)
- November 23rd and 24th
- December 7th and 8th
- December 14th and 15th
- December 22nd and 23rd
- January 4th and 5th

We currently have Advent calendars but we will not be reordering any more after our supply is exhausted.

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

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.



## ANCHORS AWEIGH!

Even though Christmas is still weeks away, the Salem Stitchcrafters' gifts for seafarers passing through Baltimore's port are already wrapped and ready to go.

On Thursday, October 24, members of the group that meets weekly at Salem assembled 305 gifts, each one including a handcrafted hat and scarf, a copy of the New Testament, and a handwritten Christmas greeting. Blessed by Pastor Carolyn, these gifts will soon be on their way for points around the globe. There, on Christmas Eve, ships' captains will preside over Christmas Eve services and distribute our gifts.

We remember in prayer these crew members, whose lives are often difficult and lonely. May our gifts remind them that they are appreciated.

But that's not all!

Thinking locally, the Stitchcrafters have embarked on an eight-week challenge: How many hats can we make to warm the 150 heads (and hearts) of those at the Westside Emergency Men's Shelter? Our deadline is Thursday, December 19. We supply patterns and yarn.

Join us! All are welcome. We are a community group that meets most every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. Drop in and chat or stay for all two hours and knit and/or crochet with us.



## SALEM'S MOLLER PIPE ORGAN

During this anniversary year, our Salem congregation will have had a number of opportunities to celebrate our 175 years musically. In September "Salem the Musical" put the words of our history to music, and all who attend the anniversary concert on November 10th will be lifted up with an afternoon of inspiration in the sanctuary. Music at Salem has had a fine history of its own, and since March 10, 1929, it has often been accompanied by our Moller organ.

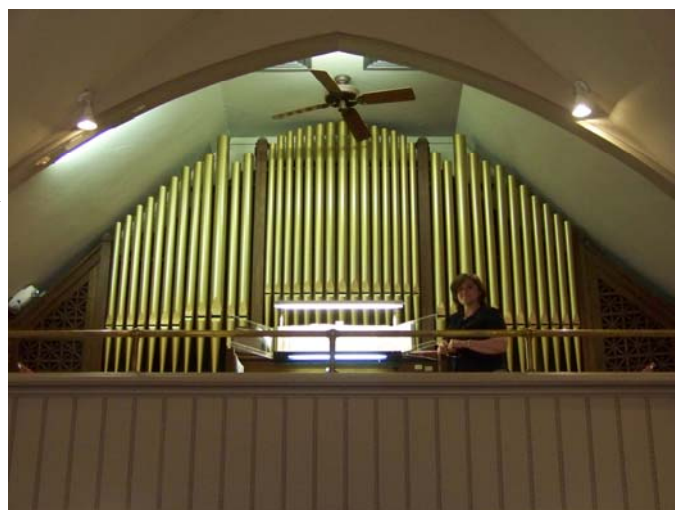
In his history of his ministry, Pastor John Bowers wrote that on that day, described by him as a day of "unusual gladness," a congregation "filled the pews and aisles." Pr. Bowers preached on Psalm 66:2, "sing the glory of God's name, give to him glorious praise." He went on to report that "After the offering Mr. Moller, Sr., a close friend of our family for years, was introduced. He complimented us on the acquisition of such a suitable organ with all modern attachments and our cash payment for it." The purchase of a Moller organ was undoubtedly a step up for Salem. The original organ in the 1903 church was donated by a local group and certainly could not compare.

From 1875 to 1992, M.P. Moller, Inc. was a well-respected and prolific manufacturer of more than 11,000 fine instruments that served a broad United States market but in addition filled orders from Denmark, Japan, Mexico, England, South Africa, and Uruguay. Clearly churches were frequent customers, but Moller organs were sold to schools, concert halls, movie theaters, and private residences as well. They also manufactured many "Artiste" type instruments, smaller mass-produced instruments which were built to standard specifications with fewer sets of pipes.

The firm was founded in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania in 1875 by Danish immigrant Matthias Peter Moller. Achieving early success, he was persuaded to move his business to Hagerstown as the city worked to build its reputation as a manufacturing center. Pr. Ed Whetstone has shared the information that the founder's son, also named Matthias Peter Moller, was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Hagerstown where Pr. Ed's father served as pastor in the 1950s and 1960s.

M.P. Moller, Inc. closed in 1992 after undergoing a series of labor disputes as well as a decline in orders. By that time, potential customers were selecting organs operating with solid-state electronics and a price below that of the traditional pipe organ.

Although M.P. Moller, Inc is no longer in business, we at Salem continue to appreciate the beauty of the instrument that we purchased in 1929 and give thanks that it has led us for 95 of our 175 years as we make a joyful noise together.



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## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR SALEM MEMBERS TO ASSIST REFUGEES, TO WELCOME THE STRANGER

During this time when the Refugee Task Force is not actively sponsoring a family, there are still many meaningful opportunities to welcome newcomers to our community.

Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA) continues to welcome new neighbors on a weekly basis across the D.C. metro area, with offices in Greenbelt, Arbutus, Frederick, Fairfax, and Woodbridge, as well as a Resource Center in Alexandria that serves as both a donation hub and a shopping experience for program participants. Our staff work tirelessly to support new arrivals, but we rely on volunteers to help meet the ongoing needs of these families. Volunteer opportunities include assisting families with setting up internet connections, driving them to appointments, or entertaining children during the case intake process. Volunteers who can assist with finding housing are also greatly appreciated, as housing remains a persistent challenge for many families.

Although my role at LSSNCA is not directly related to resettlement (I work as an IT project manager), I witness firsthand the impact that community support can have. I imagine that there are those who might be interested in occasional or more frequent opportunities to help ease the burdens of our refugee neighbors.

If you would like to learn more about engagement or volunteering, please contact our team at [engagement@lssnca.org](mailto:engagement@lssnca.org).

If you'd like to speak with me personally about my work and experience with LSSNCA, please feel free to contact me at [millerl@lssnca.org](mailto:millerl@lssnca.org).

If volunteering is not an option, please consider making a donation to support this important work: [Donate to LSSNCA](#).

Thank you for your consideration!

Laura Miller

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## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN . . . ?

Children's Message - contact Pastor Dave at [PastorDave@salem-catonville.org](mailto:PastorDave@salem-catonville.org)

Senior Choir, Bell Choir, or St. David's Choir – contact Mary Miller at [marymiller359@gmail.com](mailto:marymiller359@gmail.com)

Salem Brass - contact Michael Fitch at [mjfitc2718@gmail.com](mailto:mjfitc2718@gmail.com)

Lector or Communion Assistant – contact Nancy Asendorf at [nancy.asendorf@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.asendorf@gmail.com)

Sunday School Helper – contact Eileen Merriman at [esavage109@yahoo.com](mailto:esavage109@yahoo.com)

Sponsor the weekly bulletin with a \$25 donation to Lutheran Disaster Response. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway

Sponsor altar flowers. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway

Buy or make bread for Communion. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Be a greeter before worship. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway

Serve on the Altar Guild. Contact the church office and leave a message for Mary Krebs

Be a donor at the Red Cross Blood Drive at Salem, Thursday, November 21, 12:30 to 6 p.m. Call 1-800-RED CROSS

Join the Stitchcrafters. Join us most every Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon in the Wittenberg Room.

Join the Communications team to contribute to the Monarch or website. Contact Guy Davis at [guyddavisphd@gmail.com](mailto:guyddavisphd@gmail.com).

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## HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** – American Music Theater Christmas Show bus trip is full. We'll depart from the Southwest Park & Ride lot located on South Rolling Road near the Rt 195 exit to the Airport. We leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. returning approximately at 7:30 p.m. Lunch will be 11:30 a.m. at 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}. Questions, please contact Sharon Stanton at memsha7311@gmail.com

**Christmas will be here** before we realize it. We look forward to start the holiday celebration with our Annual Christmas Open House at Old Salem on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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}

If you are interested in joining the Old Salem Board of Directors or would just like to see what it's all about, our next Board meeting is Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Katie Luther Room at Salem Newburg. Everyone is welcome so please think about attending the meeting or joining the Board. We meet 4 times a year and host programs, events and bus trips throughout the year to raise funds to help in the preservation of Salem's original worship site built in 1849.

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

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## WHAT'S IN THE SHOWCASE

Thanks for the Salem Players' showcase about *The Odd Couple*.

Check out Christy Hensler-Davis' delightful showcase display, "Cacti on the Mind."

## NEW BICYCLE PAD COMPLETE

Thanks to the great work of David Rau, our bicycle rack near the parking entrance is resting secure on a new concrete pad. David is dedicating the pad to Jo and Ed Orser who years ago would occasionally bike to church and various church activities. We appreciate the continued improvements of our building and church grounds.



## THANKSGIVING

**T**hanks to God for all the vibrant skills of the Salem community.

**H**elping all in need that we are able.

**A**ctive in helping homeless, orphans, battered women, seniors, natural disasters, churches, congregants and personal struggles, worldwide help and prayers for political repression and natural disasters.

**N**ewborn outfits, seamen's kits and scarves, quilts to all who need comfort. Flowers for those suffering and ailing.

**K**ingdom of heaven for all who believe through grace and not deeds

**S**alvation through Christ

**G**od eternal and loving

**I**nternal spirits of all who are guided to help others through faith

**V**ictorious in death for those who believe will live again

**I**n living history and remembrance, communion for all.

**N**ever giving up hope, feeling abandoned, or forsaken.

**G**oodness and mercy following us all the days of our lives and inspiring all.

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

The congregation will gather on Wednesday evening, November 27th, at 7:30 pm for a worship service. This is a wonderful way to give thanks to God for our many blessings and for our beautiful live together.

**MAR-LU-RIDGE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**

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MAR-LU-RIDGE

October 20, 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

The seasons are shifting here on the Ridge, and the beautiful autumn colors are beginning to show. We are grateful for the joy of this season, with retreat guests and weddings, Scout gatherings and campfires.

Our capital campaign, With Open Arms, is coming along quite well, thanks to you! To date, we have secured \$906,000 in pledges and gifts toward our goal. Many people just like you are excited about the accessibility improvements we will make at Ridge Inn and in Cabin 3.

We have received word that our permit for the work at Ridge Inn is moving forward, and the contractors are on track to begin work December 2. To think that the elevator and accessible restrooms will be a reality by next spring brings great joy!

You have helped make all of this possible, and we are thankful. Your continued prayers are appreciated. If you feel led to make an additional gift this calendar year, while it is not expected, your support will help us toward our next projects: siding for the Potomac Lodge and Cabin 3, and upgrading additional Ridge Inn rooms. We look forward to improving Mar-Lu-Ridge facilities so we can truly welcome ALL.

In peace,

Sarah Lefler

Executive Director

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09/27/2024

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Catonsville, MD 21228-4517

Amount received: \$1,200.00 (Direct Deposit)  
Gift Purpose: United Lutheran Seminary Fund

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10

Warm greetings from United Lutheran Seminary. We write to express our sincere appreciation for your ongoing support. At this year's commencement, we celebrated the graduation of 43 leaders representing various degree programs. These graduates have been profoundly shaped by their experiences at ULS and are ready to apply their learnings to the diverse contexts where they are called to serve.

As we reflect on the impact of your partnership, we are reminded of our shared vision: to empower individuals to preach, teach, lead, and cultivate flourishing communities within a just and sustainable world. Your commitment to this vision has helped us create welcoming learning environments where our more than 300 students can thrive and grow into faithful servant leaders.

Thank you once again for your generosity and belief in the transformative power of theological education. Together, we are making a difference in the world, one graduate at a time. I invite you to reach out to us at [advancement@uls.edu](mailto:advancement@uls.edu) if our team can assist you in any way and to keep up to date with ongoing learning opportunities through ULS Kindling Faith Continuing Education - <https://www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/academics/kindling-faith>.

With sincerest gratitude,

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Thank you very much  
for your continued  
support. Meetings  
are very important to  
us and having such  
a nice place to go  
is much appreciated  
with gratitude

Wed Wake Up Group AA

**Lutheran Disaster Response – Hurricane Relief**

Thank you! Thank you, for your powerfully generous response to helping those in the South who were so terribly affected by the recent hurricanes. We have raised nearly \$10,000 and in addition the Salem Church Council is directing \$4,000 that has been in the Mission Fund for years be sent with our gifts. We will help make a positive difference for those in need.

Nov 2024 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					9am - Catonsville Garden 12pm - AA Group 5:30pm - Girl Scout Troop	10am - Marketplace 5pm - Contemporary Service
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8:15am - Early Service 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Salem Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 11am - Late Service 2pm - All Saint's Service	4pm - Yoga 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer 7pm - Guardians of Eden 7pm - Prayer Stitchers 7:30pm - Nar-Anon	4pm - Girl Scout Troop 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 7pm - Heart of Maryland 7pm - Tuesday Night 7:15pm - Salem Bell	6am - AA Meeting 8am - Men's Prayer 10am - Salem Quilters 4pm - Chair Yoga 5:30pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop	8am - Professionals Group 10am - Stitchcrafters 6pm - St. David's Choir 7pm - Trombone Practice 7:30pm - Salem Choir	12pm - AA Group 5:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 6pm - Girl Scout Troop 7pm - Movie Night	5pm - Contemporary Service
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:15am - Early Service 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Salem Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 11am - Late Service 3pm - 175th Choir	4pm - Yoga 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer 7:30pm - Nar-Anon 7:30pm - Overeater's	4pm - Girl Scout Troop 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 6pm - Salem Tech 7pm - Heart of Maryland 7pm - Zoom Fellowship	6am - AA Meeting 8am - Men's Prayer 10am - Salem Quilters 4pm - Chair Yoga 5:30pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop	8am - Professionals Group 10am - Stitchcrafters 6pm - St. David's Choir 7pm - Trombone Practice 7:30pm - Salem Choir	175th Homecoming Weekend 12pm - AA Group 5:30pm - Girl Scout Troop	10am - Electronics Recycling Service 5pm - Contemporary Service
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:15am - Early Service 9:30am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Salem Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 11am - Late Service 7pm - AA Meeting	1pm - Bible Study 4pm - Yoga 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Centering Prayer 7:30pm - Nar-Anon 7:30pm - Overeater's	4pm - Girl Scout Troop 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 7pm - Heart of Maryland 7pm - Zoom Fellowship 7:15pm - Salem Bell	6am - AA Meeting 8am - Men's Prayer 10am - Salem Quilters 4pm - Chair Yoga 7:30pm - Thanksgiving Service	8am - Professionals Group 10am - Stitchcrafters 6pm - St. David's Choir 7pm - Trombone Practice 7:30pm - Salem Choir	12pm - AA Group 5:30pm - Girl Scout Troop	5pm - Contemporary Service



## 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.*

*Betty Jane Beachy\* 10/15/2024*  
*Patricia Thorne Curry\* 10/25/2024*

*\*Not a Salem member*

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### September Church Council Meeting

- Received Listening Task Force Report – will pray on the results. Tentative 7 goals teased out.

#### October Church Council Meeting

- Finalized the goals for the next few years. Eight specific goals will be shared with the congregation at the 11/17 Anniversary Dinner
- Approved \$4,000 to be taken from the Mission Fund and gifted to Lutheran Disaster Response for Hurricane Relief
- Received recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Salem Staff be given a 2.5% COLA for 2025.
- Sent information back to the Finance Committee regarding merit pay increases for the staff.

### PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs	Mutual Ministry (Pastor Asendorf): Vacant
Archive Committee: Judy LeGath	Mutual Ministry (Pastor Lawrence): Sharon Stanton
Arts Committee: Vacant	Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara Beem
Child Protection Committee: Linda Fleischer	Property: Rusty Schaefer
Children’s Ministry Committee: Eileen Merriman, Zoë Dell	Salem Players: Lisa Yerkey
Christian Fellowship Committee: Darla Sando, Pam Wilsey	Scholarship: Sue Gdovin
Communications Committee: Guy Davis, Karen Amy	Social Ministry: Mary Kay Willing
Evangelism Committee: Nicki Fatherly	Stewardship Committee: John Brohawn
Finance Committee: Ken Wolfram	Technology Support Committee: Lisa Yerkey
Guardians of Eden: Ken Scarlatelli, Sharon Schueler	Ushers: Mary Krebs, Ray Hamelin
Health Resources: Beth Rodgers, Lynda Bell	Youth Ministry Committee: Melissa Miller and Veronica Merriman
Historic Old Salem: Sharon Stanton	Worship Life: Jane Stolte
Memorial and Bequests: Paul W. Krabitz	

**ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024**

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Other	Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second			
Oct. 5/6	19	48	106		9/25	207
Oct. 12/13	28	41	90		10/24	193
Oct. 19/20	26	57	89		17/12	201
Oct. 26/27	28	69	113		14/31	255

\*Week reflects Saturday through Friday

Livestream data are not available. A future Monarch edition will provide this information.



**NO PHISHING**  
**Don't take the bait!**

Occasionally we hear about members receiving an email from one of the Pastors asking for gift cards or for us to pay a bill, etc.; because 'they are in a meeting' (or whatever) and 'can't take care of this right now.' This is ALWAYS a scheme to get something from you by someone else and this is NEVER from Salem's Pastors. Please, if you are contacted by anyone asking for money or gift cards and they say it is an emergency; contact us yourself first. Please don't take the bait in their phishing scheme!

**WIFI AT SALEM**

The Technology Committee has installed WIFI access throughout the church. This free internet access is available to members and guests. Users may access any of our four networks connections throughout the building. The password for all connections is **SalemChurch**.

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

**SMART PHONE QR CODE**  
**AVAILABLE FOR GIVING**

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



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