



THE MONARCH

ELCA WORLD HUNGER LEADERSHIP GATHERING

This September I attended the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering. This event gathers World Hunger synod teams, feeding ministry leaders, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders from across the ELCA for a weekend of learning, networking and planning for shared ministry.

I am on the Delaware Maryland Synod's World Hunger Task Force, and I went with our chair Rev. Fred Melton. It was held this year in Ohio; due to airport delays, I ended up driving to make my way to Columbus. It felt fitting to drive by acres of farmland on my way to an event to combat world hunger.

It felt even more fitting as our main service-learning opportunity was at the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. This nonprofit, in addition to operating a food pantry and eight free food markets, also runs an urban farm. With only 2.7 acres, this collective produces sustainable local produce for their food pantry and markets. Their main crop is lettuce and other greens, but they also grow tomatoes and squash and are planting fruit trees. It was extraordinary to see the modern hydroponics and greenhouse produce so much from so little space. My highlight was a converted shipping container turned greenhouse that produces an acre's worth of lettuce!

With lettuce from the farm in our bus, we then stopped at Mid-Ohio Fresh Market, which enables customers to access a no-cost grocery store experience. Bought from an old Aldi, this market offers a dignified shopping experience. It was inspiring to know that the lettuce these customers bought came from a farm only a few miles away.

We also visited St. Philip's Lutheran Church, a historically black congregation in Northeast Columbus. After receiving their generous hospitality with a meal, we toured a local community garden. It's run by the Growing and Growth Collective, a nonprofit started by three members of St. Philip's. They maintain six community gardens and partner with farmers markets for their gardeners to sell their goods.



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Through donations to ELCA World Hunger, you support not only international efforts but also domestic programs like these that work for a world where all are fed.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Carolyn



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

Intercepted – Thank-you notes that might have been written by those who benefitted from Salem's participation in God's Work. Our Hands.

Dear Salem,

Thank you, on behalf of my child who, along with 329 other students, now have brand-new school supplies.

Thank you for the 31 layette kits, with hand-stitched hats and sweaters, just what we new moms need to get our newborn babies off to a good start.

We at the Men's Westside Men's Shelter relished the delicious breakfast casseroles and other goodies that you sent us.

My pantry was empty, so I went to CEA to pick up some food to hold me over. The shelves had 265 pounds of food donated by Salem.

Thanks to you, I, along with 105 other neighbors living in west Baltimore, will stay warm and feel your love tonight, thanks to your handmade blankets.

Those of us who love Mother Earth appreciate your work to keep invasive plants under check at Lighthouse and in Salem's "backyard."

And even if I don't write back, your letters of encouragement touched my heart as I know that I haven't been forgotten.

Once again, "God's Work. Our Hands" was a special day of service and fellowship. Participating in this Lutheran Day of Service is special, and we often receive more than we get.

Mark your calendar for next year, September 6, 2026.



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

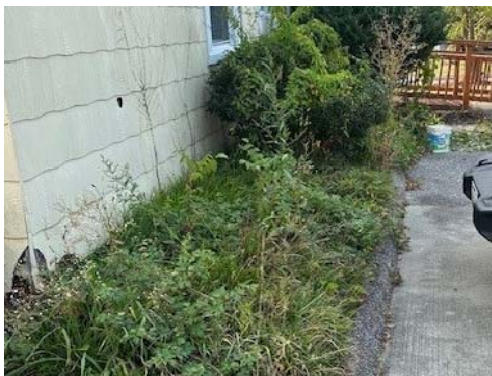




Before



After



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This year's Sunday School theme is God A to Z. We had 22 children join us on Rally Sunday where they decorated the first letter of their name. Some of the lessons we will be covering in September and October are:

- A - Awesome / Almighty: Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:4);
- B - Brave: David and Goliath;
- C - Compassionate: The Woman at the Well;
- D - Dependable: The Red Sea;
- E - Extraordinary: Walking on Water; and
- F - Faithful: Daniel and the Lions.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS? DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT'S LOCATED??

This is an **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)**. It's a portable, life-saving device designed to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, a medical condition in which the heart stops beating suddenly and unexpectedly. It can analyze the heart's rhythm and deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm or beat.

Why do I need to know?? If an individual collapses in church and someone is performing CPR, they may tell YOU to retrieve the AED! Fast!

It is located to the RIGHT of the church entrance, when entering from the parking lot! CHECK it out next time you come to church. If interested more education coming your way.



GUARDIANS OF EDEN NEWS

The Hart-Miller Island tour took place on Tuesday, September 30th. Seventeen {17} people traveled to the restored Island to enjoy the guided tour and learn all about the island's restoration. Wildlife is abundant on the island and we saw evidence of it.

The Committee is working on several areas of interest for future months. We hope to schedule a tour of the Serenity Ridge Natural Burial Cemetery located on Ridge Road, Windsor Mill. It is not only a natural burial cemetery but also a nature preserve and arboretum. Ken is working on this endeavor as he is a member of the Ridge's Board of Directors. You will remember in the Spring, Joe Freed, the Ridge's Community Liaison, led our Adult Forum sharing Serenity Ridge's purpose and goals. More information to come as available.

We plan to continue the maintenance of and beautifying Salem's parking lot periphery area with native azaleas as well as protecting the slopes with retainers. Going forward, October work on this project includes planting 2 species of native grasses, removal of non-native vines and adding organic compost to amend and enrich the soil where needed.

The Committee now meets on the second Monday of each month {note the change in DAY as available space is a challenge on the First Monday of each month}. The next date is October 13th at 7 p.m. Join us in the Katie Luther Room, 2nd floor and bring your preservation and environmental suggestions with you.

Ken Scarlatelli and Sharon Schueler are Co-Chairs of the GOE committee. Reach out to them should you have questions or would like to become a part of the committee. Ken's email is kenscarlatelli@gmail.com and Sharon's email is sharonpisces57@gmail.com.

CALL PROCESS UPDATES FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

By Emily D'Avella

The call process continues to move forward! Thank you to all of those who completed the profile questionnaire and/or attended a profile listening session. The Profile Committee has been working hard to summarize all of the data and comments they have received. They are currently putting the finishing touches on Salem's Ministry Site Profile, and once it is approved by Church Council, they will submit it to the Synod to be made available to all rostered ministers in the ELCA.

In addition, the Call Committee has now been formed. The goal in choosing members for this committee is to represent as many facets of our Church body as possible. Church Council and Pastor Carolyn worked together to select a group that they feel both represents various demographics and will thoughtfully lead the next stage of the search for our new senior pastor. It was not an easy decision, as Salem is blessed with so many dedicated members!

As per Salem's Church Constitution, the Call Committee is made up of seven members. Melanie Gibbons will chair the committee. Other members include Zoë Dell, Michael Fitch, Anthony Liberto, Sharon Rossi, Pete Salmon, and Meghan Tress. Their work will begin after the Profile is submitted, when the Synod sends Salem a group of candidates to interview. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to begin this important task!

SERVICE OF HEALING

Service of healing will be a part of our services on October 19th to celebrate the Feast of St. Luke. Anointing and laying of hands will be offered to those who will like to receive the blessing.



70, GIRLS, 70

book by **Fred Ebb and Norman L. Martin**
music by **John Kander**
lyrics by **Fred Ebb**

directed by
Tommy Rinaldi

**October 17,
18, 24, 25**

at 7:30 pm

October 19, 26

at 2:00 pm

tickets:

<https://salemcatonsville.seatyourself.biz>



905 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228



70, Girls, 70 is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com

FAIR TRADE

Thank you, Salem for your continued support of Fair Trade. As you probably noticed, we added the following items.

- Organic French Roast Coffee, 10oz bag, whole bean
- Toffee Caramel Coffee, 12oz drip grind
- Hazelnut Crème Coffee, 12oz drip grind
- Hazelnut Crème Decaf Coffee, 12oz drip grind

We purchase coffee, tea, cocoa and some of the chocolate bars (e.g., Panama Extra Dark) from Equal Exchange (<https://shop.equalexchange.coop/>). Other chocolate bars, which are larger (e.g., 70% Dark with Raspberries), are purchased from SERRV (<https://www.serrv.org/food/chocolate/>). Please let Jim Kempton know if you find other products offered by Equal Exchange or SERRV that we should add to the fair-trade cart.

Fair Trade Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa will be available for purchase in the narthex at the following times in October.

- After the 5 pm service on Saturday, October 11
- After the 8:30 am service on Sunday, October 12
- Before and after the 11 am service on Sunday, October 12

Please contact Jim Kempton if you are interested in helping sell Fair Trade coffee, chocolate, and tea.



Trunk or Treat returns to Salem for its THIRD year!

When: Saturday October 25

When: 3-4 p.m.

Sign Up to Decorate a Car: QR Code or in Narthex

You can help out by donating Halloween candy in the basket in the Narthex.



REFUGEE UPDATE

The Noori family (sponsored by New Hope) is in need of:

1. Fabric for Fatima; she is an excellent seamstress.
2. Mirwais is in need of a job.
3. A sofa, 73" L X 37" W, 29-inch-tall back.
4. Fatima is also 9 weeks pregnant with their second child.
5. Osman, 2 1/2 could use a new bed. He also needs winter clothes; I will get sizes. He is small for his age.

Please continue to pray for refugees in this time of uncertainty.

Please reach out to me if you can help with any of their needs.

- Beth Rodgers



FAITH & FILM SERIES

A series of feature films celebrating faith in our lives

2025 – Fall/Winter

Fridays, 7 PM in Reformation Hall at Salem Lutheran Church

905 FREDERICK ROAD. CATONSVILLE, MD. (410) 747 – 0720

All are welcome to attend, bring your favorite snack, shown with closed captions



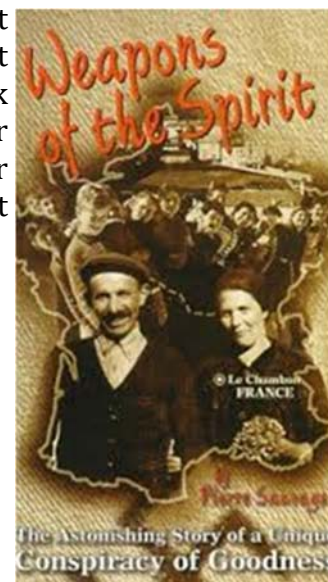
The Faith and Film series is about celebrating life and inspiring each of us through the power of story. Since the advent of the movies, there have been countless stories that have reached in and touched the soul. Consider the power of story to move you along in your journey. Consider the power of story to remind each of us of the importance of faith, hope and love. Consider the potential for the world to be a better place. And consider the possibility that films change people and people change the world. This series will be shown in the Reformation Hall at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church and the community is invited to attend. All showings are at 7 PM. All films are shown with closed captions. All this information and more can be found on the church web page: <https://salem-catonville.org> or call the Church Office: 410-747-0720

WEAPONS OF THE SPIRIT

Friday, October 10, 2025

7:00PM

As the Nazi war machine marched across Europe and Jews were rounded up and killed, a small town in France became an unlikely haven for the persecuted. The small village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, which was inhabited mostly by Huguenots (devout Protestants whose own history involved being persecuted), became a place where families took in 5,000 Jews and hid them in their houses and on their farms. The villagers risked their lives, and their bravery is evident in interviews with residents who recall the Nazis searching house to house for Jews in hiding. Produced by Pierre Sauvage, who was born in the village while his parents were being sheltered, this documentary is a moving look at ordinary people who performed extraordinary feats. What is perhaps most impressive is how the elderly villagers interviewed on camera seem to think what they did wasn't very heroic at all, but rather a simple expression of their religious faith. It is humbling to hear them describe how it was impossible for them to do anything other than protect their fellow humans from great evil. Not Rated. 91 minutes.



THE MONK AND THE GUN Friday, November 7, 2025 7:00PM

The Monk and the Gun captures the wonder and disruption as Bhutan becomes one of the world's youngest democracies. Known throughout the world for its extraordinary beauty and its emphasis on Gross National Happiness, the remote Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan was the last nation to connect to the internet and television. And if that weren't enough change, the King announced shortly afterwards that he would cede his power to the people via their vote and a new form of government: Democracy." Not only is watching *The Monk and the Gun* such a pleasant and uplifting experience, it's the kind of film that will leave you profoundly affected by the original story" New Yorker Magazine. Winner of several Best Picture

awards at various film festivals, *Monk and the Gun* was also nominated for the AA as Best Film in a Foreign Language. PG-13. 107 minutes.

A MAN CALLED OVE Friday, November 14, 2025 7:00PM

Stepping from the pages of Fredrik Backman's international best-selling novel, Ove is the quintessential angry old man next door. An isolated retiree with strict principals and a short fuse, who spends his days enforcing block association rules that only he cares about, and visiting his wife's grave, Ove has given up on life. Enter a boisterous young family next door who accidentally flattens Ove's mailbox while moving in and earning his special brand of ire. Yet from this inauspicious beginning, an unlikely friendship forms and we come to understand Ove's past happiness and heartbreaks. What emerges is a heartwarming tale of unreliable first impressions and the gentle reminder that life is sweeter when it's shared. One of the best reviewed films from several years ago, this film was nominated for the Best Foreign Language Film at the Academy Awards. "*A man Called Ove is Sweden's answer to Frank Capra's Yuletide classic, It's a Wonderful Life.*" Time Magazine. Released in December, 2016.

PG-13. 116 minutes

**SALEM SUPPER CLUB**

Save the Date!

The December Salem Supper Club will be held at 6:30 PM on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at the FOP Lodge at 2832 Nine Mile Circle in Catonsville, MD.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex on November 2, 2025.

AUGUST FINANCES

General Fund	
Receipts to Date	394,820.66
Expenses to Date	441,050.73
Difference	46,230.07
Budget to Date	432,330.00
R.S.V.P	
Receipts to Date	24,356.00
Disbursement to Date	23,094.60
Difference	1,261.40
(Carryover balance from 2024: \$30485.05)	

PASTORAL THOUGHTS

It is a challenge to write an article like this as I need a spark of inspiration to occur, so I feel what I say is worth the time it takes to read the article. My inspiration doesn't work on a schedule so it can be frustrating. For the article I have had a sort of writer's block which can cause a delay, but at some point, you must just bear down and write! So, my spark for this article is the poem: *Speech to the Young* by Gwendolyn Brooks.

Say to them,
Say to the down-keepers,
The sun slappers,
the self-spoilers,
the harmony hushers,
'Even if you are not ready for the day
It cannot always be night'
You will be right
For that is the hard home run.
Live not for the battles won,
Live not for the end-of-the-song.
Live in the along.

This poem was written during the Civil Rights years. It spoke to those in the fight to not be deterred or lose hope for the journey is the prize rather than the destination. It struck me for we are living in a time that the '*down keepers, the self spoilers, the harmony hushers*' surround us. We can easily feel overwhelmed and tired along with our anxiety about what is to come. What I appreciate in this poem is the last line: '**Live in the along.**' It calls us to live in the present even if we feel helpless and defeated. As children of God and disciples of Jesus we are reminded that even in defeat there can be victory, in darkness there is light, in death there is life. The journey is what defines us.

On trips we concentrate on the destination rather than the journey which leads to blindness of the beauty of the journey. When we would travel to South Carolina or North Carolina to visit my parents, I would seek out attractions to explore along the way like a late summer county fair, a historic place or house, the exploration of a cave or the discovery of a delicious restaurant or a place serving unique and special ice cream. It was the journey where memories are made, where exploration takes place and the discovery of unknown places. Jesus sought to inspire his followers in the journey where his miracles took place, where his powerful teaching was heard and where he feed, he thousands. So, yes our times are difficult and we may feel overwhelmed with the down keepers, the sun slappers and the rest bur if we can live in the song/journey we will discover that all is not lost and we will see others who are in the same song/journey and we will find that all is not lost and that Jesus with the Holy Spirit is present with us and will carry us forward to the promised new day. - **Pastor Stan**

**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF***Thank You!*

August 20, 2025

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$2,170.00. I am so grateful for your generous support of Lutheran World Relief! It is because of caring congregations like yours that Lutheran World Relief has been able to serve our hurting world for 80 years, and it is because of your compassion that our ministry together will continue helping children and families who need it most.

I pray that one day, our work together will no longer be needed. I pray that one day, all our neighbors near and far will live in a world free of poverty, injustice and suffering. Until that day, I am grateful to count on your church to answer the call to help people in their time of need. It is no exaggeration to say your generosity truly saves lives and makes a brighter future possible.

Our team loves hearing from you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 800 597 5972 or at congregations@lwr.org. You'll also find inspiring stories and videos to share with your church at lwr.org/congregations. And of course, please connect with us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates on your impact.

Yours always in Christ,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$2,170.00-LWR.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

August 27, 2025

Thank You

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

Dear Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,500.00 to the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

*"From [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."
-John 1:16*

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

With your gifts, you support all the powerful ways we work together around the world — supporting leaders, inspiring young people, fueling ministries and championing global mission. Your generosity allows this church to continue to spread the good news of Jesus Christ by supporting and sustaining the people, congregations, synods and ministries working around the world to realize the hope-filled future God promises.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind

Rachel Wind
Executive for Development

Gift date: 8/18/2025

Gifts are designated for:

ELCA: Where needed most

\$1,500.00

Total contribution:

\$1,500.00

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

3200 Mar Lu Ridge Road

📞 301.874.5544

Jefferson, MD 21755

📧 mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org**WITH OPEN ARMS**

MAR-LU-RIDGE

Salem Lutheran Church
Rev. Carolyn Lawrence
905 Frederick Rd.
Catonsville MD 21228

Dear Pr. Carolyn and 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 \$11,500 has been received and is greatly appreciated. Your generous gift helps us as we move toward our goal. Thanks so much for your support. The community of Salem Lutheran has donated over \$100,000 to our campaign and we are so grateful!

We are pleased to share that work on the Ridge Inn is complete, and we hope to soon begin work on Cabin 3. It is very exciting to watch it take shape and know that these changes will improve our guest's experience. We appreciate 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

September 8, 2025



Salem Lutheran Church
905 Frederick Rd.
Catonsville MD 21228

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you! We truly appreciate your gift of \$1,600, given to Mar-Lu-Ridge. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, I offer my thanks and appreciation for this gift in support of our outdoor ministry.

These gifts directly benefit our ministry by supporting programming and staffing costs, and by helping us bring youth to experience summer camp. We served over 400 campers this year, many of whom needed financial support. We just finished up a wonderful summer camp season at Mar-Lu-Ridge, and we are grateful for the thousands of people like yourself who believe in this ministry, and who help us carry on the traditions while creating new programming for all.

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

Thank you again for your gift.

God's peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Lefler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sarah" being more prominent.

Sarah Lefler
Executive Director

*Mar-Lu-Ridge provides no goods or services in return for this contribution, thus meeting the requirements of a charitable contribution.

Dear Salem Lutheran Community,
The Lighthouse family
can never thank you
adequately for your
generous support. This
endowment gift will
be our anchor in the
coming years and
continue to support our
work. Thank you.
God bless all of you.
Lighthouse Donna

Dear Salem Family,
I want to
thank everyone for their
good thoughts and
prayers. My surgery
went well and I am
recovering everyday.
The flowers that Marge
and Bob were beautiful.
Thanks so much.
With love,
Carole Thomas



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			6am - AA Meeting 8am - Prayer Breakfast 10am - Salem Quilters 1pm - Chair Yoga 1pm - Worship Life	8am - Business Builders 10am - Stitchcrafters 6pm - Community Meal 6pm - St. David's Choir 7pm - 70 Girls 70 7:30pm - Salem Choir	10am - Catonsville Garden 12pm - AA Group 6pm - Girl Scout Troup 7pm - 70 Girls 70 7pm - Faith & Film Night: Babette's Feast	10am - Players Rehearsal 1:30pm - Baltimore VE 5pm - Contemporary Worship
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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."

Adam Julio Braham 09/24/2025*

**Not a Salem member*

PARISH LEADERS

Altar Guild: Mary Krebs

Archive Committee: Judy LeGath

Arts Committee: Tricia Morgan

Child Protection Committee: Linda Fleischer

Children's Ministry Committee: Eileen Merriman,
Zoë Dell

Christian Fellowship Committee: Darla Sando, Pam
Wilsey

Communications Committee: Guy Davis, Karen Amy

Evangelism Committee: Nicki Fatherly

Finance Committee: Ken Wolfram

Guardians of Eden: Ken Scarlatelli, Sharon Schueler

Health Resources: Beth Rodgers, Lynda Bell

Historic Old Salem: Sharon Stanton

Memorial and Bequests: Paul W. Krabitz

Prayer Tree Coordinators: Karen Amy, Barbara
Beem

Property: Rusty Schaefer

Salem Players: Lisa Yerkey

Scholarship: Sue Gdovin

Social Ministry: Mary Kay Willing

Stewardship Committee: John Brohawn

Technology Support Committee: Lisa Yerkey

Ushers: Mary Krebs, Ray Hamelin

Youth Ministry Committee: Melissa Miller, Veronica
Merriman

Worship Life: Jane Stolte

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service		Livestream	Weekly* Total
		First	Second		
Aug 30/31	24	49	84	9/9/24	199
Sept 6/7	33	80	78	9/9/32	241
Sept 13/14	35	53	93	9/9/13	212
Sept 20/21	30	54	90	14/4/21	213
Sept. 27/28	28	49	91	11/5/22	206

*Week reflects Saturday through Friday



NO PHISHING
Don't take the bait!

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

WIFI AT SALEM

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

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

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