

THE SALEM MONARCH

*Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
is called to be faithful to God's love made known in Jesus Christ,
loving and serving others and one
another, growing together in discipleship. Respecting the dignity
and diversity of all, we invite and welcome everyone into fellowship and service.*

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Epiphany

SALEM – A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13: 2

I am not sure if the Salem congregation has ever entertained angels. Who knows? But I do know this: visitors to our Sunday worship services tell me time and time again how warmly they were welcomed by Salem members. You take the initiative to extend hospitality to strangers and it is a powerful witness to our life in Christ. Visitors are made to feel that this is a community that welcomes them just as they are; with all of their gifts and needs, their anxieties and their hopes. Thank you for being so attentive to those who come to us. Maybe these folks are not angels but you can be certain the angels in heaven are smiling.

In Christ,

Pastor Dave

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 4

8:00am—1:30pm

Please sign up on the kiosk, or call Lynda Bell at 410-869-0832 to schedule your life-saving donation.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- FEB 1** **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**
7:30AM
- FEB 5** **THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
Stephen Ministry Sunday
8:15 and 11:00AM,. Holy Communion
Mark 1:29-39
- FEB 12** **THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
Youth Sunday
8:15 and 11:00AM,. Holy Communion
Mark 1:40-45
- FEB 15** **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**
7:30AM

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL—9:35AM

VISIT US ON THE WEB

www.salem-catonsville.org

The **Monarch** is posted on the site. If you would like an email notification with a link to the current issue, please send a request to salemtech@salem-catonsville.org.

Please send any announcements or church news you would like to have posted on the web to salemtech@salem-catonsville.org.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT MONARCH

is February 2.

YOUTH SUNDAY

February 12

Come to be heartened and inspired by the faith and enthusiasm of our parish youth, who will lead both services.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A FEW GOOD RINGERS

Our Salem Ringers is in need of a few good men or women! That is what it will take to replace our wonderful Matt Medicus. He will be leaving us for a while to be the good Papa his little baby deserves. Please see me if you are interested. Music reading is a must.

-Mary Miller

“WITH US IN THE WILDERNESS”

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT, MARCH 2-3

There's still time to sign up for Salem's inaugural Young Adult retreat at Mar-Lu Ridge camp from Friday evening, March 2nd, to Saturday evening, March 3rd. We have confirmed a volunteer to provide young children's activities during adult Bible study times, so we encourage parents to take the whole family along. The cost is \$35 for adults, \$15 for children 3-10, and free for children under 3. Sign up in the narthex today!

HISTORICAL OLD SALEM BUS TRIP

Historical Old Salem invites you to join us on our next **bus trip to Cruise to the Hawaiian Islands!** OK, it's not exactly like it sounds, but we'll still have a great time enjoying a delicious luncheon cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia before heading to the Philadelphia Flower Show where the theme this year is Hawaii! Our mini-vacation will take place on Friday, March 9th from 9:30am until 7:30pm. The cost is \$95 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 410-744-2448 by February 6th.

GREEN ATTENDANCE CARDS

Just a reminder that it is very helpful for parish record keeping if every communing member completes the “Members” side of the green card once a year. The green card is found in your bulletin each week. One side of the green card is for visitors and the other is for members. It is not necessary to complete the card each week. But please use it to convey information such as change of addresses, a new telephone number or email updates, and other information or requests as needed. All the unused green cards are used again. Bulletins and other inserts are recycled.

MEAL TIME BLESSINGS

Grace Prayers for Epiphany from *100 Graces*.

Gracious Lord, open your hand and provide for the needs of all in your realm. Bless our families and give to them a plentiful harvest and an open heart to your word. Amen.

May he who is a guest at our table let us know of his presence among us. May he be our ever-present guest. Give him thanks-giving and praise him. Amen.

PASTOR ANTENEH

We knew him as Seminarian Anteneh Gebresselassie and now he is Pastor Anteneh Gebresselassie, the new Associate Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington, Virginia. Pastor Anteneh and Sofia, and Jonathan and their new daughter Joanna are living in the church parsonage at:

6201 Washington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22205

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SALEM SUNDAY MORNINGS—9:35-10:35am

February 5 – Stephen Ministry Presentation

February 12 – “In My Own Voice”– A Discussion Regarding
Mental Illness – led by Marcie Schuett

February 19 – A Look at the St. Dysmus Ministry - Pastor Gerry
Rickel

BOOK GROUP

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month September thru June,
7:30pm

February 13—Clara and Mr. Tiffany, by Susan Vreeland

March 12—Dawn’s Early Light, by Walter Lord

April 9—Cutting For Stone, by Abraham Verghese

May 14—The Zookeepers Wife, by Diane Ackerman

June 11—Quite a Year for Plums, by Bailey White

YOUNG ADULTS: NEXT “SUNDAY BRUNCH” BIBLE STUDY FEBRUARY 5

Join Pastor Tim at his home (520 Charing Cross Rd) at 1pm Feb. 5, for our second installment of a study of Acts. Appropriately enough for “Super Bowl” Sunday in Baltimore, we’ll take a look at what wonders God can do even in a community that’s had the “wind taken out of its sails.” If for some reason you still want to watch the big game, we’ll get you home in plenty of time! Bring your Bible, bring your children if needed, and dig into the Word with us!

Salem Youth Group Thermal Lunch Tote Fundraiser



The Salem Youth Group will be selling great thermal tote lunch bags from Thirty-One Gifts between services every Sunday from January 29 through February 19 and at the Annual Meeting. The name Thirty-One comes from the verses of Proverbs 31. The Proverbs 31 woman is dearly loved and respected by him and her children, yet she is an individual in her own right.

The fundraiser includes the original *Thermal Totes* in 12 designs for \$18 or the NEW *Cinch-It-Up Thermal Tote* in 5 designs for \$23. **Price includes tax and shipping.** (Thermal totes are priced \$15 and Cinch-It-Up totes are priced \$20 before tax and shipping.)

Both totes are thermally lined (non-mercury containing liner) to keep warm food warm, and cold food cold and feature a sturdy handle and front pocket for napkins, utensils, or little notes. The Guardians of Eden hopes you will buy these “green” lunch totes as a way to cut down on use of disposable plastic or paper bags!

You can personalize the thermal tote for only \$7 with a name or initials or a cute saying like “lunch time” or “snack attack”. If you have a child with food allergies embroidering their tote with “peanut allergy” may be a helpful way of warning others. They are also great for refrigerated medicines you need to bring on the go.

Orders will be available for pick-up from church approximately 2-3 weeks after the fundraiser ends.

A portion of proceeds from each tote will be donated to help support the Salem Youth trip to New Orleans for the 2012 Lutheran National Youth Gathering.

If you have any questions about Thirty-One Gifts or would like to schedule a party, please contact Beth Wise at 410-493-2454 or bethsthirtyonegifts@gmail.com.

Julia Graham and Tricia Morgan

DELAWARE-MARYLAND SYNOD DELEGATES

The 2012 Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly will be held Thursday, May 31 to Friday, June 1 in Ocean City, Maryland. If you are interested in attending as a Salem delegate please see David Rau for more information.

NEWS IN THE PARISH

Congrats to Amanda Yerkey who graduated in December from Penn State.

Amy Asendorf was elected in January to the Board of Directors of Mar-Lu-Ridge. Amy, a junior at Muhlenberg College, is studying in France this semester, and reportedly will be joining the Board of Directors meetings via Skype.

January Church Council Highlights

The Council received a request from Barbara Beem and Sharon Stanton to support the National Road Yard Sale event on June 2, 2012. The Council voted to purchase 10 spots.

Sharon Stanton asked the Council to consider signing up for Showcase Displays sometime in the coming year.

The Visioning-Long Term Strategy Team will be led by Pastor Jahn and Pastor Asendorf. Barb Mann and Carolyn Moore have volunteered to serve on the team. More members of the task force will be recruited.

The Council will advance the 2013 budget process by a month to afford more time to deliberate on our increasingly complex annual budget.

The Council authorized the Property and Finance Committees to make a decision regarding having Salem sign up for an energy purchase program.

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Church Council will temporarily move \$16,000 from the General Fund to the General Reserve. Pending a Property Committee recommendation these monies could be used to help paint the nave.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Mari and Vivian Carney – Mari is the daughter of Salem members Jim and Sue Carney. She and her infant daughter Vivian live in the Westgate neighborhood. Employed by an office furniture firm, Mari has worked for years with upholstery and fabric design products. Vivian was baptized at Salem on January 8th.

Bob Gracie, Lucy Campbell and Anna Campbell - Bob, Lucy and Anna live in the Phoenix area. Lucy has deep ties to Salem as her mother Dorothy Campbell and uncle Charles Essig were longtime members of the congregation. Bob works as a real estate appraiser, Lucy as a manager for Wachovia bank and Anna is a high school senior planning to attend college to study musical theater. And, it's a small world: Lucy and Pastor Dave were in the first grade together at St. John's Lane Elementary School and graduated with the Class of 1971 from Mt. Hebron High School.

John Morris - John has deep ties to Salem, too, as his wife Denise and children Christen, Matthew and Andrew are Salem members. They live just down the street from church on Newburg Avenue. When John isn't biking you can find him laboring at the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn.

Barb Myers - Barb is enjoying her retirement and came to Salem from Holy Nativity in Arbutus. She and her husband live right here in Catonsville. Barb knows several Salem members from their high school days.

Megan Simmons – No stranger to the Youth Group, Megan has been active in Salem youth activities for years. She lives on Forest Lane with her parents and family and works at the EZ Driving School on Frederick Road.

Rudi Timmel – Raised in Wisconsin, Rudi spent most of his working career working in Omaha, Nebraska as a financial and management consultant. He moved to Charlestown several years ago to be closer to his family. On Sunday morning you can often see Rudi with his nephew Paul Timmel and Marilyn and their children who have been members of Salem since 2006.

YOUTHNEWS

DROP IN DATES-

Drop-Ins—Friday, 7-10pm

February 3

February 10—8:00pm, lock-in for those working on Youth Service only! No visitors that evening.

February 17, March 2, 16

Schedule of events—

February 12—Youth Sunday, both services

February 21—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper,
served by the youth

February 28—POSSIBLE New Orleans Gathering
meeting in the evening. Time is to be Announced.
Tee-Shirt designs are due

Confirmation Class



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNINGS

January 15 thru February 12

9:35-10:35am

teacher, Don Schwartz , Youth Room

NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS

February 12, 5-8pm, at Second English
Apostle's Creed—3rd Article

WOULD YOU BE IINTERESTED IN.....

VBS In the Summer of 2012

It's been a long time since we have had a Vacation Bible School in the summer for Salem kids. But with the steady growth in the Sunday School we feel it may be a good time to explore launching a one-week VBS for the week of July 16th, Monday to Friday. The session would begin in the morning and end mid-afternoon (9:00am-3:00pm). We are planning to have Mar-Lu-Ridge counselors lead our program.

To assess interest we would like to know how many children would be interested in attending as well as finding out whether there are parents or teenagers who would be interested in assisting with the program. Please let Pastor Dave know via email, pastordave@salem-catonsville.org, of your interest or complete the info below and place it in the offering plate.

_____ My child/children would be interested in attending VBS at Salem the week of July 16 2012.

_____ I would be interested in being a helper for the VBS.

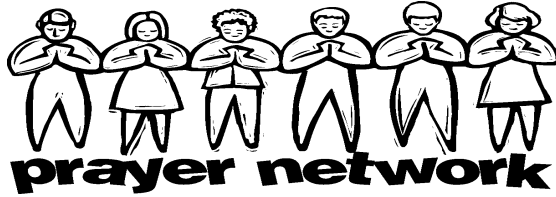
Name _____

A Christmas Day Service on Tuesday, December 25, 2012

That's right we are already thinking about Christmas 2012. We had such a good response to our Sunday, December 25, 2011 worship service we can't help thinking that we need to explore whether to have 10:00am service on Sunday morning in 2012. If you think it is a good idea to pursue this please drop an email to Pastor Dave at pastor-dave@salem-catonsville.org.

A New Year's Eve Watch Service and Party at Salem

We are on a roll. Several Salem folks have expressed interested in having a New Year's Eve worship service followed by a party in Reformation or Bethany Hall. If that appeals to you please contact Pastor Tim at pastortim@salem-catonsville.org. Please indicate your preference for the time of the service and what kind of activities you would like to see afterwards.



SALEM'S PRAYER TREE

“Intercessory prayer can penetrate the hearts of those we cannot open and shield those we cannot guard and teach where we cannot speak and comfort where our hearts have no power to soothe. Prayer with its unseen hand, can enter where we may not.”

If you would like to join the Salem Prayer Tree, please contact Sue O'Connor at ssusie770@verizon.net or 410-869-0242.

SNOW POLICY

We do our best to keep to our regular schedule, but it's not always possible. On Sunday if weather is difficult, you can go to Salem's web site - www.salem-catonsville.org—for any closing announcements. We'll also do our best to have an announcement on the answering machine.

For other meetings and activities, call the person in charge. Generally if schools are closed, meetings that evening are canceled.

SIGN UP TO FEED THE HOMELESS

February 5

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer, and we ask you to bring food if you are able. Your food donations are much appreciated. The sign-up sheet lists what food is needed each month. If you'd like to know more about Lazarus Caucus or this Salem ministry, call Sue O'Connor at 410-301-2140. Thanks for your help!

SALEM'S MONTHLY CALENDAR

weekly - Salem Choir - Sunday, 9:30 - 10:30am

Salem Brass - Sundays, 7 - 9pm

Men's Prayer Breakfast-Wednesday, 7:00am,

Café on the Grove

Stitchcrafters - Thursday, 10am - 12noon

St. David's Choir - Thursday, 6 - 7pm

Salem Choir - Thursday, 7:30 - 9:00pm

bimonthly Wednesday Worship - 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm

Wednesday Worship Practice-2nd and 4th Wednesday, 1-3pm

LWR Quilting - 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 - 3pm

monthly - Church Council - 3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry - 1st Monday, 7 - 9pm

Book Group - 2nd Monday, 7:30pm

HOSPITALIZED

We ask your prayers for the following members of our congregation known to be hospitalized: Norm Brewer—St. Agnes.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

February 19

During the distribution of Holy Communion on this date, members who desire may go to the rear of the nave and receive the Laying on of Hands for Healing and Anointing with Oil.

LETTERS OF THANKS RECEIVED FROM:

Baltimore Lutheran Campus Ministry—for \$1,000

Lutheran World Relief—for \$5,691.75

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service—for \$215.25

You can view their letters in the first floor hallway.

Notes of Thanks

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone at Salem Church for the beautiful poinsettia. It was so nice and huge! I enjoyed it very much and thought that other folks here at Ridgeway would too. So now it's in the dining room here.

Thanks again and Blessings to all,

Bernice Petri

Dear Salem Family,

Thank you for all the prayers and the beautiful poinsettia and the pretty card from the children and also Ruth McAleer for bringing the poinsettia to our home. We are so grateful to have such wonderful people.

Happy New Year to all,

Russell and Rachel White

Dear Salem Family,

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers brought to me by Margaret and Carl Milleker. I enjoyed our visit and the flowers helped to brighten my day. Also, thank you for all the cards, phone calls and concerns. You are all so thoughtful and I am so blessed to be a part of Salem.

Thank you again.

Sincerely, Carolyn Vasold

Dear Salem,

May thanks for all the thoughts at Christmas time—the card from the Sunday School, the lovely poinsettia delivered by Melton Hoffman, the visits from Pastor Dave and Pastor Tim, the wonderful cards from kind friends at Salem. All were much appreciated!

With best wishes to all,

Fondly, Glenice Ritter

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
AT CHARLESTOWN
11:30am at Brookside Classroom

February 8—Pastor Bob Stevens

March 14—Pastors Dave Asendorf and Ryan Roberts

April 11—Pastors Kristi Kunkel and Tim Jahn

MARCH HAPPENINGS

Morgan State Choir Fundraiser for Campus Ministry

Be wowed by the Morgan State Choir in concert on Saturday, March 3 at 3:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church, Inner Harbor. This is the 3rd Annual Fundraiser for the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Morgan State. See Pastor Dave for tickets.

Salem's *Cultivating Wellness Day*

More details will be in the next Monarch but make plans to attend a health retreat for Salem members to be held on Saturday, March 10 from 10am to 2pm. Chair massage, acupuncture, Reiki, Taize music, *Lectio Divina*, Labryinth and lunch will be the activities offered at this firsttime event. The cost is free.

Potluck for Hunger Will Be Held Sunday, March 25th

Salem's 2nd Annual Potluck for Hunger will be held on Sunday, March 25 in Bethany Hall. Sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee, the event is a fundraiser for the Amazing Grace Lutheran Church's food pantry. Salem has a long-standing relationship with Amazing Grace as our Parish Nurses have actively supported the church's summer-long children's program. Amazing Grace is located eight blocks east of Johns Hopkins Hospital in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Baltimore City.

SAVE THE DATE

June 10, 2012

Annual Worship Service and Picnic in the Park

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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