



THE MONARCH

SALEM HAS CALLED A NEW PASTOR

During a Congregation Meeting following services on Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26, Salem called Pr. Kristi King to be our new Senior Pastor. This process began over a year ago with input from the Congregation to create a Profile that described Salem and what we desired for a new Senior Pastor. This profile became available to all ELCA pastors nationwide. Interested pastors submitted their Rostered Minister Profile (resume) to the Synod, which then selected the best five candidates to Salem’s Call Committee. After Zoom and in-person interviews, the Call Committee recommended Pr. Kristi to our Church



Council, which interviewed Pr. Kristi and recommended her name to the Congregation for approval. The congregational vote was 112-8 and Pr. Kristi immediately accepted the call. She is scheduled to start at Salem on September 14.

Pr. Kristi has twenty years of pastoral experience. Firstly, at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Lansdowne and most recently at New Light Lutheran Church in Dundalk. She has a Bachelor of



Arts in Theology from Valparaiso University, a Master of Social Work from the University of Chicago, and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. She is married to Jamen (Jamie) King and has a seven-year-old daughter Cora. We will have an extended article on Pr. Kristi in the September Monarch.

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FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

PASTOR CAROLYN, MIN AND JULIAN

ODE TO PASTOR CAROLYN

BY TIM VAN SANT

Pastor Carolyn, we feel a mixture of emotions this day:
We are sad to see you leave;
And also excited, pleased and proud about your new call;
Most of all, we are grateful for all you have done for Salem Lutheran Church, in a time of transition.

You arrived nearly four years ago, partners.
You leave us now, a family.
And part of our family too.
Our family in Christ.

So we bid you to:
Keep sharing—your faithful love of Christ.
Keep preaching the Gospel and its message of the abundance of God’s grace.
Keep running—with urgency toward God and toward God’s people,
Keep singing—with joy about the resurrection of our Lord.
Keep turning your discerning eye—upon sacred visual arts and share your insights.
Keep acting— through pastoral ministry to the people in all their joys and sorrows; strengths and weaknesses.

In turn, you, your family, and your new congregation will be in our prayers. We welcome you back for visits, in-person and virtual. [Your Sundays may be busy but Saturday worshippers are here for you.]

We pray: God bless Carolyn, Min and Julian. Strengthen and fortify Pastor Carolyn in her new call. Together, we pledge to remain your family in Christ. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

–Read at the conclusion of Pastor Carolyn’s final Saturday service on July 18.



SALEM REFLECTIONS BY PASTOR STAN

My time as Interim Senior Pastor at Salem has come to an end. These past 13 months have been a blessing of renewal for me. Having the opportunity to share ministry with a dedicated, faithful, and community minded church has strengthened my hope for the church. The worship, music, faith and life discussions have fed my soul and faith. To share in this ministry with Pastor



Carolyn was not only rewarding but inspiring as well. To have the opportunity to be on stage and be a part of a community of artists opened my eyes again to my love for the theater. Thank you to Salem Players for this experience, any future as an actor was born here and who knows how far it will take me (not very far I suspect!!). I leave Salem as a different person and pastor due to each of you.

Salem and I now move into a different chapter of life. The journey for all of us will be full of challenges, new experiences, and I hope a sense of joy. As Jesus has been with us all these last months I know Jesus will continue to be our guide, strength and comforter. While we will be apart, we will still take with us the impact of knowing each other and the knowledge that we are connected by the Holy Spirit no matter where we are or what we are doing. I will lift Salem and Pastor Kristi in my prayers as I hope you will pray for me. I truly believe God has great plans for Salem and I know each of you have the faith and will to be the light of Jesus shining hope to all in need and those searching for God's presence.

So my sisters and brothers I leave you with these simple words; Be Joyful! Encourage each other. Welcome the stranger. Live in harmony and peace. Share the Good News of Jesus with all. Pray to God for wisdom and courage. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Pastor Stan

*Farewell &
Godspeed*

PASTORS JIMMIE SCHWARTZ AND ED WHETSTONE TO SERVE AS BRIDGE INTERIM PASTORS AUGUST 3 UNTIL NEW PASTOR'S START

Salem's Church Council has made plans to provide a pastoral presence through the remaining weeks of this transition. Pastors Jimmie and Ed, both members of Salem, have agreed to serve this Bridge Interim. They will together lead worship each Sunday, alternating to preach and preside over Holy Communion. Both will be present for most Saturday evening services. The pattern begins with Pastor Jimmie on duty August 3-9.

They will also, alternating weeks, have weekday office hours four days a week, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, making hospital, homebound and other calls as needed in the afternoon. They'll cover any meetings where a pastor's presence is needed or requested, and be available should there be pastoral emergencies or occasion for a funeral. Generally, Thursday will be their day off.

Their contact information is as follows:

Pr. Jimmie Schwartz

home phone: no home phone

cell phone: 443-812-3226

email address: cjlschwartz@verizon.net

Pr. Ed Whetstone

home phone: 410-788-5475

cell phone: 410-782-5483

email address: edward-victoria@verizon.net

Should they not be available when you call, please send a text or leave a message stating the purpose of your call and suggesting a good time to reach you. You may also leave a message at the church office: 410-747-0720 or office@saalem-catonville.org. General office hours are still 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Read on to learn more about both of our Bridge Interim pastors!



PASTOR JIMMIE SCHWARTZ'S BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

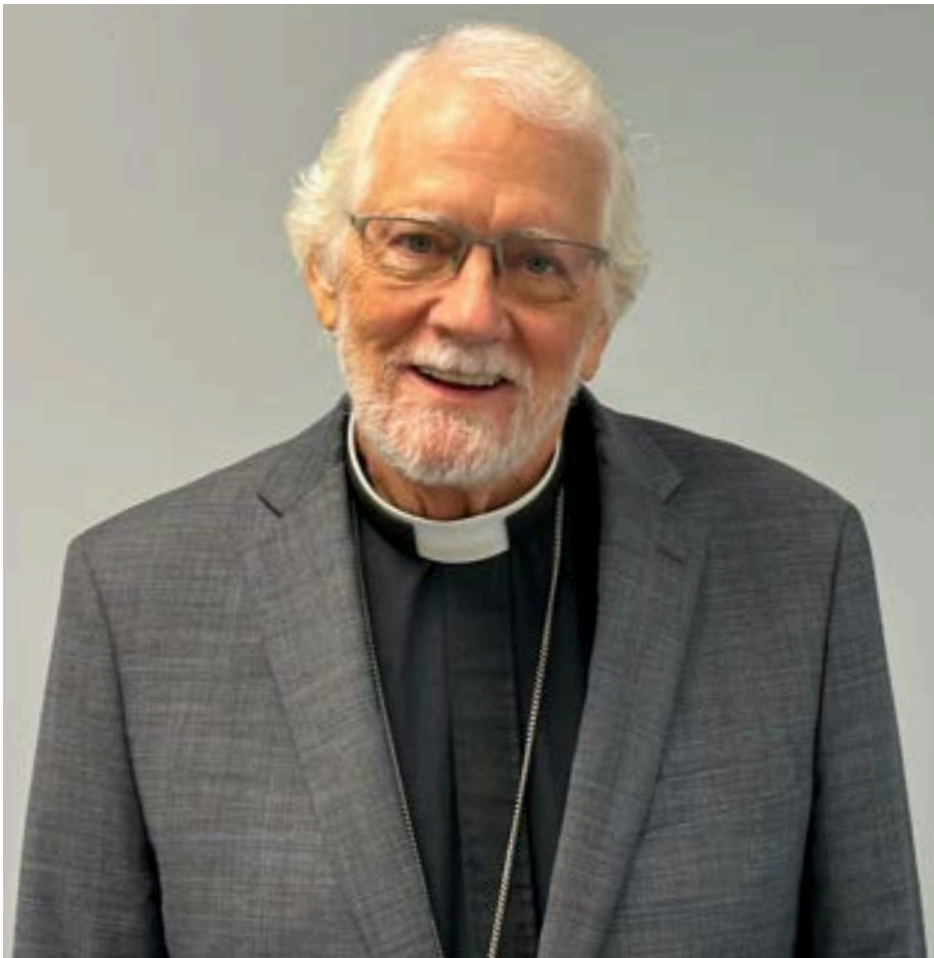
Pastor Jimmie and Meredith became active members of Salem Lutheran Church after having lived in Ellicott City since 1982. Pastor Jimmie, a graduate of Susquehanna University, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (now ULS), and Loyola University has just celebrated 46 years in ordained ministry. He has previously served on the staff of First Lutheran Church, Ellicott City (1982-1987), the Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers of Greater Baltimore (1988-1991) and has rather recently been named Chaplain Emeritus of Carroll Lutheran Village having served there from 1992 to 2019.

In 2019 a tragic accident occurred where Jimmie, while sitting still at a traffic light, was rear-ended by

a woman driving while under the influence of drugs. This life-altering accident spared his life but physically rendered him a paraplegic with an incomplete T8-T9 spinal cord injury forcing his disability retirement that same year. Jimmie continues to improve miraculously by remaining an active patient with the International Center for Spinal Cord Injury (Kennedy Krieger Institute at Johns Hopkins). He serves as a Peer Mentor with the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. He continues a counseling practice out of his home office as he serves on the Candidacy Committee of the Delaware-Maryland Synod under Bishop William Gohl's appointment. Jimmie and Meredith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 5, 2026, at a dinner hosted by their two adult sons and wives and their four granddaughters. Jimmie considers it a true and humble blessing to serve Salem in this time of Bridge Interim transition as well as the opportunity to serve alongside Pastor Ed, a treasured friend and colleague since 1982.



PASTOR ED WHETSTONE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



Pastor Ed grew up in Harrisburg, then moved to Hagerstown where his father had accepted a new pastoral call. Upon graduation from Gettysburg College, he attended Northwestern Lutheran Seminary in St. Paul. He and Marsha were married in 1967. Having accepted a call from the three congregations of the Sharpsburg, Maryland Parish, he was ordained June 6, 1971. Pr. Ed was called to serve as Salem's pastor in 1977. Micah was two years old. During his years at Salem, he served the wider church in a number of capacities including chair of the synod's Campus Ministries Committee, chair of the Bishop-Synod Relations Committee and a member of the local Suburban Pastoral Counseling Board for several terms. Ed and Marsha separated in 1985, but have continued to be close friends. He and Vicky were married in 1988; her daughter Linsey was six years old. Linsey and her husband now live in Belair; their granddaughter Makayla is four years old. Micah and his wife live in St. Paul; grandsons Benjamin and Abram are 19 and 17 years old. During the early '90s, Salem gradually increased its staff with part-time lay associates. A major renovation project was launched with building plans and capital campaigns. The \$1.3M renovation was dedicated in 1997. A second financial campaign was undertaken to discharge the debt, fund several new

major building projects and provide a reserve to call a full-time associate pastor. Salem’s 2004-2005 intern Pastor Dave Asendorf was called as associate in 2006 and in 2008 he was called to serve as co-pastor.

Pastor Ed retired in 2010. He and Vicky left the congregation so that Salem, and he, could accept and adjust to this reality. In 2012 Pr. Dave invited them to return and they’ve welcomed worship, service and fellowship again with this congregation. Vicky volunteers in multiple areas in congregational life. Pr. Ed’s primary involvement has been with the congregation’s refugee resettlement ministry, for a decade taking a turn with its leadership.

He’s pleased for the opportunity to again provided pastoral service here, and for the opportunity to serve with Pr. Jimmie, a cherished colleague and friend since the early ‘80s when he first came to Ellicott City.

SALEM SUPPER CLUB RETURNS

Save the date

All adults are invited to Salem Supper Club on August 22, 2026, at 6:30 PM.
The event will be a fun-filled evening with delicious food and held in host homes.
For additional information contact:
Lynda Bell [410-314-1706] or Jane Stolte [443-279-8772]
If you are interested in being a host home, please contact Lynda or Jane.

Invitations are now on the table in the Narthex along with a sign-up sheet.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday July 12, we welcomed several new members to our Salem family:

- Chris and Lizzy Hubbard
- Jeff & Haley Meyer
- Beverly Schlenker

Read on to learn more about our new members and be sure to say hello next time you see them!

CHRIS AND LIZZY HUBBARD



Chris and his family have lived in Catonsville since about 2014. He and his wife both went to UMBC and loved the area. Chris is an engineer for Baltimore City and helps to put all the overhead lines underground. He has been working in this position for about a decade now. Chris’s wife, Kathleen, works for the State of MD as an HR Generalist for the Department of Housing and Community Development. They have two daughters, Elizabeth, 6, and Natalie, 1, who are both great! Elizabeth (Lizzy) is starting school in the fall. *(continues on next page)*

Lizzy and Chris have been attending Salem for a few months now. She wanted to go to church, and so they looked up which was closest to our house and found Salem. She really likes the Sunday School atmosphere and can't wait for it to start up again.

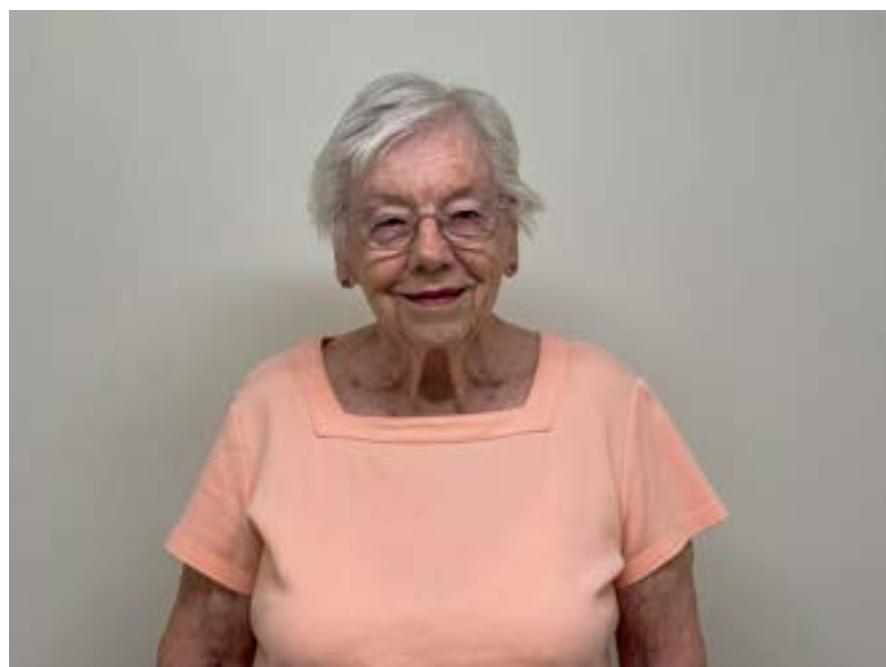
Most of their hobbies revolve around their family – day trips, hiking, family fun – Chris also enjoys watching movies, playing games, and general DIY stuff around the house. Lizzy wants to try out the children's choir, and Chris is interested in being a reader if there is a need. Chris and Lizzy generally attend the 8:30 service on Sundays so that when we get home, Natalie has had her morning nap and we can start the day. Chris lets Lizzy pick their seat, and she switches between the very last row and the very first row on the right side of the church.

JEFF AND HALEY MEYER

We welcome our newest members, Jeff and Haley and their son Thomas, baptized on July 12. Haley is from the Ohio area and Jeff is originally from Connecticut. She is a Senior Project Manager at Ascendent Program Services and Jeff works for T. Rowe Price. Haley's interests include hiking, walking, baking, cooking and music and Jeff's interests include working out and running. Jeff and Haley both love the friendliness of Salem and also the liturgy of the Lutheran Church. They are busy working raising a family and living with their 2 cats. We welcome them both.



BEVERLY SCHLENKER



Beverly recently joined Salem after a year of attending worship services and many other Salem activities. She grew up in a Methodist congregation, Evangelical United Brethren Church, located in West Baltimore City. Eventually the congregation moved to Paradise on Frederick Road and became Emanuel United Methodist. Beverly attended there for at least 65 years and was a faithful member of the congregation, sharing with friends that she attended “the only Church in Paradise”.

For many years, Beverly has been a member of the Historic Old Salem board. Several years ago, her Methodist congregation held evening worship services on Thanksgiving Eve at Old Salem, with their choir, members and Pastor leading the service. She has participated in many events and activities here at Salem Newburg as an Old Salem Director. She joined us at “905” after many changes with her Methodist congregation and some persuasion from Sharon. You can find her about three pews back from the Lectern during the 11:00 (9:30 for now) service and actively involved in Salem's programs, committees and events.

Beverly is blessed with her son, Eric, daughter-in-law Sarah, and three wonderful grandsons: Ben, Emmett, and William, who live near her.

BMORE COMMUNITY FRIDGE NETWORK

No offices, no headquarters, no personnel hierarchy. No money changes hands. No one is reimbursed for mileage. There is no grant money. And no questions are asked.

All the same, the BMore Community Fridge Network connects those who have more than enough with those who are hungry. What began with four Baltimore women identifying a need has grown into a grassroots project that provides much-appreciated food to some of the area’s neediest residents. Today, approximately three dozen refrigerators in and around the city are regularly stocked, often several times a day, with donated food. Word of mouth and social media connect participants.



And, as it happens, that is how Salemite Sue O’Connor became involved. Looking through Facebook posts, Sue saw that a longtime friend, Catonsville resident Melissa Hook, was involved in the project. Sue followed up, and today, her enthusiasm is contagious: An ad hoc group of Salem members stocks a refrigerator on Pulaski Street four days a week. Food donations are gathered in the wicker chest in Salem’s foyer, as well as the bottom shelf of the church kitchen’s refrigerator.

As for the recipients, they live in Carrollton Ridge, a community located about five miles east of Salem as the crow flies. Several times a day, residents anxiously await food deliveries. Within minutes, the parking lot of the community resource center, which hosts the black double-door refrigerator, is the destination of hungry people, arriving on foot or by bike.



The distribution process is orderly. And the unexpected variety of food and people sparks an atmosphere that feels almost festive, in spite of the dire straits in which many of the recipients find themselves: a visit from the neighborhood dog, a member of the Muslim community pleased to find food that meshes with his dietary restrictions. People who, quite simply, are desperate for food. They all come together.

A highlight of any visit is meeting with Judson “Pop” Davenport. Himself a local resident, Pop is the facilities manager of The Food Project, a local non-profit that serves the community and supplies an outdoor electrical outlet for the refrigerator. Assessing the community, Pop, quite simply, says that everyone in the neighborhood is in need. By way of example, he points to a nearby house and says that ten children live there, all dependent on donations to the refrigerator for their meals.

It’s easy to be a part of this food ministry, where nothing goes to waste. Ride along, and see for yourself how a fully stocked refrigerator is cleared out in less than an hour. Be

assured that those in need are treated with dignity and care. Alternatively, you can donate what's needed most. Water bottles and juice drinks are in high demand these days. Sandwiches are eagerly snapped up. Sweets, pastries, cereal, canned goods, bananas, yogurt. . .nothing goes to waste, and everything is genuinely appreciated.

One-time or some-time contributions are always welcome: Think leftovers from parties or family gatherings. Or maybe you'd rather prepare a specific dish every week. Just saying, you can't go wrong with sandwiches.

If you prefer, leave non-perishable ingredients (jars of peanut butter and jelly, loaves of bread, brownie mixes, and the like) in the wicker basket, and someone will take it from there. There is always a need for zip-lock bags. Thanks to a number of Charlestown residents, their continued donation of

containers eliminates the need to purchase them, making it possible to offer single-sized meals. Consider riding along one day to see for yourself. It will open your eyes.

Questions? Leaving something in Salem's refrigerator? Text or call Sue at (410) 302-2140.

Oh, and one more thing: There are no committee meetings.



REFUGEE DINNER A BIG SUCCESS

Hi Friends in Christ!

The June Refugee Potluck sponsored by Social Ministry and the Refugee Task Force was a huge success. The free will offering raised over \$7,000 for Global Refuge! There were over 80 folks in attendance including our refugee families. Andrew Steele, from Global Refuge spoke and updated us on the current challenges. He also brought a co-worker, a refugee from Syria, to share her experience and how much all of our hard work and donations means to these families. Salem should be very proud of the successes we share with our families, helping them on their road to independence and security in the US.

Thanks to all who brought so much delicious food to share. We had enough leftovers to package for delivery to the Pulaski St community refrigerator!

Many thanks to the faithful committee members for setting up and organizing this wonderful afternoon. Many hands lightened the load.

I am always in awe of Salem's generosity and loving kindness to all. Pr. Ed has been a bulwark in keeping this ministry running smoothly over so many years. I thank him for his guidance and sage advice after passing the baton to me in chairing this group. I could not do it without his support and the others on the task force!

Beth Rodgers



God's work.
Our hands.

Save the date, Saturday, September 12, 9:00 AM to approximately 12:00 PM, as once again, Salem joins in with a synod-wide day of service.

God's Work. Our Hands was originally intended as a way to mark 9/11 in a positive manner. Over the years, GWOH has come to include a variety of projects. We've gardened, cooked, knitted/crocheted, written cards, packed Lutheran World Relief kits for students and babies, and more.

What will we do this year?

In this, Salem's season of renewal, is there a project near and dear to your heart that might have been missed over the years? Care to head up a project? Contact Pat Jennings at (410) 227-9438.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Rally Day is September 13 at 9:45 AM! All families with children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to join us as we kick off the Sunday School year in Bethany Hall (younger siblings are welcome to attend Rally Day!). Registration forms will be located in the church announcement and weekly emails toward the end of August. If we are still only having the one service at 9:30 am due to the air conditioning the start of the Sunday School year will be delayed. For more information or any questions, email Eileen Merriman at salemsundayschool905@gmail.com or call/text 443-904-0256.



SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

August is Back To School time for teachers and students and it's Back To School shopping for parents. It's also become time for Salem members to donate school supplies so that we can create school kits for LWR to distribute worldwide where they are needed.

A former LWR employee once described the arrival of the truck bearing the school kits like "Christmas". Salem has long been a big contributor of the school kits and so once again, there will be a collection bin for the congregations to drop off the supplies.

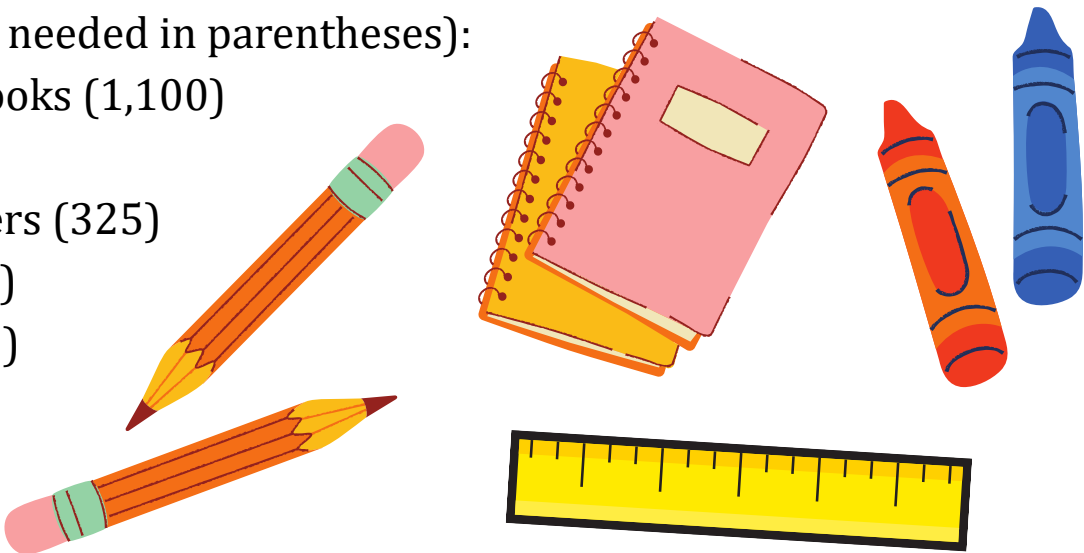
Below you see the items and quantities needed. The drawstring bags that hold the items are

currently being sewn by Congregation members. Last year, the challenge was to fill 250 and we ended up sending 333. So, 325 this year seems very easy.

Supplies can be ordered online and sent right to the church office. Please notify the office if you choose to do so that they're on the lookout. We will assemble the kits on God's Work, Our Hands Day. Deadline for the supplies is September 4. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Items for each school kid include (quantities needed in parentheses):

- 4 1-subject 70-page spiral-bound notebooks (1,100)
- 2½ inch eraser (250)
- Wooden ruler with inches and centimeters (325)
- 5 blue or black ink ballpoint pens (1,625)
- 5 #2 non-mechanical lead pencils (1,200)
- BLUNT point scissors (325)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons (300)
- Pencil sharpener (120)



Note: we only need the above amounts since we retained extra donations of certain items from last year.

FAIR TRADE CART

The fair-trade cart will be in the Narthex on the following dates and times in August.



- After the 5:00 PM service on Saturday, August 8
- Before and after the 9:30 AM service on Sunday, August 9

In the past couple of months, we have added the Element spicy cayenne and coffee chocolate bars and Peppermint Herbal Tea. Please drop by the cart to see the various varieties of tea, chocolate, and coffee; the latter includes drip, whole bean, caffeinated and decaffeinated.



HISTORIC OLD SALEM NEWS

The Board of Directors is celebrating our formation 50 years ago in 1976 throughout 2026. Several bus trips and Special Programs have been scheduled and are open to everyone.

Bus trips hosted: June 17th – Our trip to Cambridge and the Harriet Tubman Visitor Center, with a seafood lunch at Old Salty's Restaurant on Hoopers Island and ending at Layton's Chance Vineyard & Winery for a tour of the winery was a great trip. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day.

August 7th – 4th Annual Crabs N' Cruise out of Suicide Bridge Hurlock, Maryland. Reservations closed on July 7th and we are hoping again for a beautiful cruising day while enjoying those delicious Maryland steamed blue crabs and other Eastern Shore delicacies.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

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Taking reservations for: October 9th - Western Maryland Railroad bus trip; travel by train from Cumberland to Frostburg with lite fare lunch on board; \$165 pp due September 9th

December 9th – American Music Theater “Winter Wonderland” Christmas Show; family style lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant; \$160 pp inclusive due November 9th

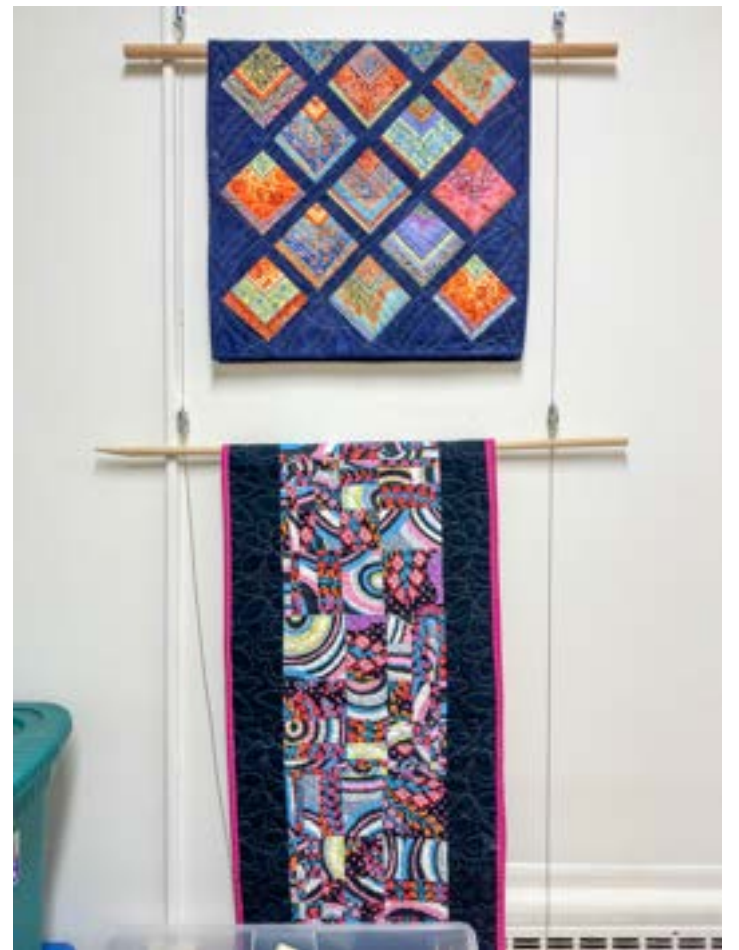
Mark your calendars now for Sunday, September 20th at 2:00 pm at Old Salem itself for our Annual Open House and Program. Also, join us at our Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 12th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We’ve been in contact with members of the Heart of Maryland Chorus to join us with Christmas tunes. Santa will definitely be there to welcome young and young-at-heart visitors. Bring your wish list. Refreshments too.

Our next Board of Directors’ meeting is Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 PM; we meet in the Katie Luther room on the 2nd floor at Salem. Come if you are interested in joining the Board or just want to hear what we do and what we are planning with our preservation efforts at Salem’s original worship site built in 1849. Everyone is welcome.

Questions/Reservations: contact Sharon at memsha7311@gmail.com or 410-744-8724

WHAT’S IN THE SHOWCASE

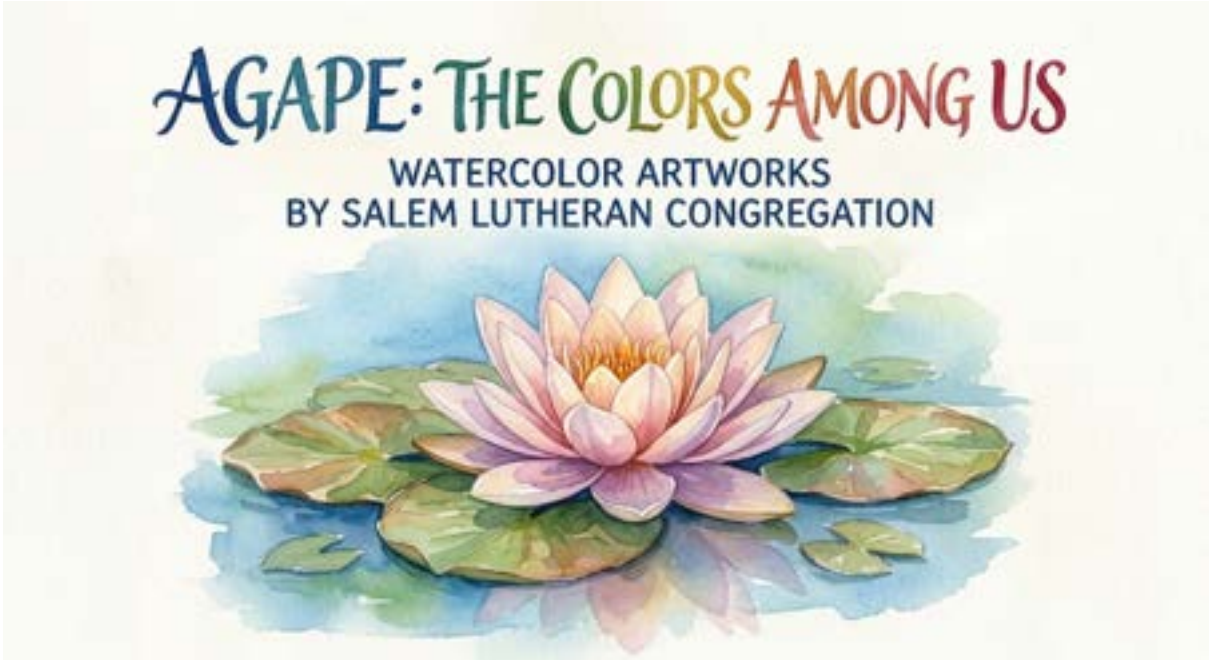
July’s showcase welcomes the Village Quilters and their beautiful creations. Thanks to Jane Stolte and Rene Stiebing for their showcase display and hope you were able to enjoy their larger creations in the Agape Gallery, 2nd floor at Salem. The wonderful ladies of Salem’s Stitchcrafter group who meet every Thursday morning at 10:00 AM in the Wittenburg Room will share some of their caring ministry projects in August. If you would like to share your committee’s projects/events or your own private collection, please contact Sharon-memsha7311@gmail.com or leave a note with your name, showcase request date and idea in the Historic Old Salem mailbox outside the main church office. I’ll contact you. Thank you.



MORE QUILT PHOTOS



AUGUST PREVIEW



Agape Hall in August will feature watercolors from Salem members! For more details, see Tricia Morgan or contact her at (703) 966-8090 or tricia.sue.morgan@gmail.com.

COUNCIL UPDATES

June meeting:

The council interviewed the Senior Pastor candidate that was chosen by the Call committee, and approved the candidate for consideration by the congregation. Congregational meeting was set for July 25, 2026.

July meeting:

The council approved Pastor Ed Whetstone and Pastor Jimmie Schwartz to serve as bridge pastors for 25 hours a week to include preaching, office coverage, and visiting beginning on August 3 through September 13.

A building use request for a new Daisy Girl Scout troop led by Alexandra Cunniff and Rachel Clingerman was approved. They will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the scout room.

The next council meeting will be September 22.

SALEM’S MISS MARYLAND

Holly Plank, Mary Miller’s daughter, was crowned Miss Maryland USA 2026 last weekend and will represent Maryland at the Miss USA competition on August 26 and 27 in Miami, Florida. The Miss USA competition will air live nationwide on The CW Network on Thursday, August 27, from 8 to 10 p.m. ET. As Miss Maryland USA, Plank will compete alongside contestants from across the country for the national title.



THANK-YOUS



Dear Salem family -
Thank you so very much for all you did during my recent incident. For the prayers, the cards, the visits, meals from the Salem Angels, and most of all kind nursing care from Salem nurses. It reinforces my belief that Salem is one of the best things in my life.
Karen Arny



June 10, 2026

Salem Lutheran Church

Dear Salem Lutheran Church,

Lighthouse, Inc., thanks you for your generous donation of **\$1350.00**. We remain most appreciative that you remembered us and are so thankful for your continued support.

Lighthouse is a community-based counseling service that serves youths, families, veterans, and individuals who can benefit from our therapeutic treatment. Your gift enables Lighthouse to reach more citizens of Maryland who may need our assistance.

Lighthouse is a tax-exempt, 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation and, as such, this generous donation is fully tax deductible. If more information is needed regarding our organization or this gift, please contact me at the information below.

Kindest regards,


Rosalind Ceasar, DHS LCPC NCC
(Executive Director)

Dear Pastor Caroline & Salem Lutheran,
Thank you very much for your
donation of
It is very much appreciated in
these dire times.
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Delaware-Maryland Synod Hunger Task Force

"That all may be fed"

July 2026

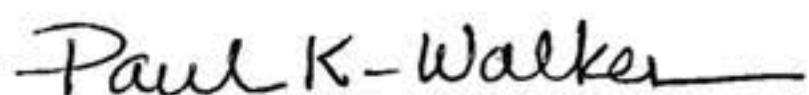
To Pastor Stan Steele and the People of Salem Lutheran Church,

Jesus says "I was hungry and you gave me food" (Matthew 25). In response, churches, individuals, and organizations related to the Delaware-Maryland Synod gave **\$292,491**--an amazing amount--to the ELCA World Hunger ministry in 2025! This ministry is our denomination's major program to empower, support, and feed those in need both domestically and internationally.

I serve on the Hunger Task Force (HTF) of our synod. One of our tasks is to inform congregations about this ministry and to encourage them to support this joint effort in service. I am writing to thank you and the people of Salem Lutheran Church for your support of that excellent ministry. Yes, as a synod we can make a big difference. Praise God for the part your gifts have played!

For other ways to support ELCA World Hunger, see the program's website: www.elca.org/hunger. Also feel free to contact me paul.walker1945@gmail.com or by text (410-960-1099) or the HTF Chair, Pastor Fred Melton (fmelton@comcast.net).

Sincerely, in Christ,



Paul K. Walker, Ph.D.
Hunger Task Force, DE-MD Synod

Salem Church							Aug 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
9:30am - Single Worship 7pm - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 7pm - AI-Anon Meeting @ Classroom 4	26	8:30am - Drama Camp @ Youth Room & 1pm - Fourth Monday Bible Study @ Katie 1:30pm - Drama Camp After Care @ Youth 7pm - AA Women's Group 7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout 7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youth		8:30am - Drama Camp @ Youth Room & 12:30pm - English Country Dance Music @ 1:30pm - Drama Camp After Care @ Youth 4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @ 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 @ Scout 7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop		6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am - Drama Camp @ Youth Room & 10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther 1:30pm - Drama Camp After Care @ Youth 5:30pm - AA Meeting		8am - Professional Business Builders 8:30am - Drama Camp @ Youth Room & 10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg 1:30pm - Drama Camp After Care @ Youth 7pm - Drama Camp Final Performances -		8:30am - Drama Camp @ Youth Room & 12pm - AA Group 1:30pm - Drama Camp After Care @ Youth 7pm - Drama Camp Final Performances -		1:30pm - Baltimore VE Team Exam @ 5pm - Contemporary Worship 6pm - Farewell Reception for Pastor Stan	
	2	12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Brass Quintet Rehearsal @ Katie 7pm - Prayer Stitches @ Wittenberg 7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout 7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youth		4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @ 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 @ Scout 7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop		6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther 12pm - Chair Yoga @ Bethany Hall 5:30pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout		8am - Professional Business Builders 10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg		Historic Old Salem Suicide Bridge Bus Trip 12pm - AA Group		5pm - Contemporary Worship 6pm - Fair Trade Car Sale	
	9	12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Guardians of Eden Meeting @ Katie 7pm - Lazarus Caucus Board @ 7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout 7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youth		4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @ 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 @ Scout 6pm - Salem Tech Meeting @ Katie Luther 7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop		6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther 12pm - Chair Yoga @ Bethany Hall 5:30pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout		8am - Professional Business Builders 10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg		12pm - AA Group 6pm - Girl Scout Troop 1015 @ Scout		8am - Card Expo 5pm - Contemporary Worship	
	16	12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall 7pm - AA Women's Group 7pm - Prayer Stitches @ Wittenberg 7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout 7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youth		4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @ 4:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 628 @ Scout 7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop		6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther 12pm - Chair Yoga @ Bethany Hall 5:30pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout 6:30pm - Old Salem Quarterly Board		8am - Professional Business Builders 10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg		12pm - AA Group		11:30am - Wedding @ Sanctuary 5pm - Contemporary Worship 6:30pm - Salem Supper Club	
9:30am - Single Worship 7pm - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 7pm - AI-Anon Meeting @ Classroom 4	23	12pm - Yoga @ Bethany Hall 1pm - Fourth Monday Bible Study @ Katie 7pm - AA Women's Group 7:30pm - Nar-Anon Meeting @ Scout 7:30pm - Overeater's Anonymous @ Youth		4pm - Girl Scout Troop 628, 700, 995 @ 7pm - Heart of Maryland Barbershop 7pm - Tuesday Night Fellowship Zoom		6am - AA Meeting @ Bethany Hall 8am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 10am - Salem Quilters @ Katie Luther 12pm - Chair Yoga @ Bethany Hall 5:30pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 1598 @ Scout 7pm - AA Meeting		8am - Professional Business Builders 10am - Salem Stitchcrafters @ Wittenberg		12pm - AA Group		5pm - Contemporary Worship	
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BAPTISM OF THOMAS BECKETT MEYER
JULY 12, 2026



PASTOR CAROLYN'S FINAL SUNDAY SERVICE AND RECEPTION
JULY 19, 2026







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ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JUNE 2026

Date	Saturday Evening	Sunday Service 8:30/11:00	Other	Livestream	Weekly* Total
June 6/7	28	49/65		3/18	163
June 13/14	25	57/82		13/14	191
June 20/21	27	55/69		9/18	178
June 27/28 (begin 1 Sunday Service)	23	143		9/28	203
July 4/5	0 (no service)	105		25	130

*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 Commiee 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 connecons throughout the building. The password for all connecons is **SalemChurch**.
If you have any quesons about our network please contact the Technology Commiee, Lisa Yerkey, at salemtech@salem-catonsville.org.

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