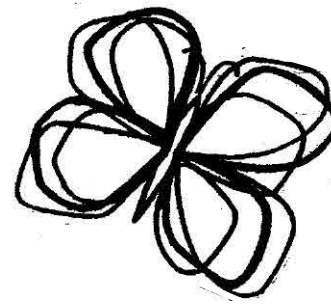


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Jesus Christ, loving and serving others and one
another, growing together in discipleship. Respecting the
dignity and diversity of all, we invite and welcome everyone into fellowship and service.*

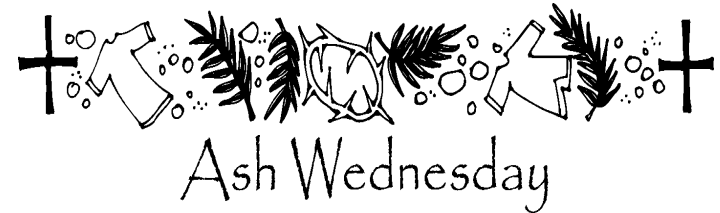
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Epiphany

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER
Tuesday, February 21
5:30-7:00PM**

Free will offering to support Youth Transportation Fund.



**FEBRUARY 22
HOLY COMMUNION AND THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES
2:00 and 7:30PM**

Be with us to begin a journey through Lent together, beginning with awareness of our need for turning, turning from the brokenness and self-centeredness of our lives to the life to which God calls us. Join us as often as you're able for the fellowship and devotion of our mid-week services, our daily life.

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Change Service Requested
TIME VALUE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- FEB 15** **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**
7:30AM
- FEB19** **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**
8:15 and 11:00AM,. Holy Communion
Mark 9:2-9
- FEB 22** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
2:00 and 7:30PM
- FEB 26** **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**
8:15 and 11:00AM,. Holy Communion
Mark 1:9-15
- FEB 29** **WEDNESDAY IN LENT**
Evensong, 7:30PM

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL—9:35AM

VISIT US ON THE WEB

www.salem-catonsville.org

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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 23.

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Old Salem, *Sharon Stanton*

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

March 14—Pastors Dave Asendorf and Ryan Roberts
April 11—Pastors Kristi Kunkel and Tim Jahn
May 9—Susan Beck and Bob Stevens
June 13—Pastor Dave Asendorf and Ryan Roberts
July 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.

**“TALKING OF FAITH”
EVENSONG 7:30PM
SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER 6:30PM**

Come Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm and share in a time of song and prayer. And listen to fellow members offer their reflections on their faith.

Come to the Soup and Bread Supper before the service, 6:30pm. Look for the sign up sheet for soup and bread on the kiosk.

**“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!

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES
TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 25
9:00 -10:30AM**

A letter went out this week to those children in Second Grade regarding preparation for First Communion. Beginning February 25, they will meet for 5 Saturday's in Lent and receive First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 5 at the 7:30pm service. If your child is in 3rd grade or above and has not received Holy Communion instruction please contact one of the pastors.

Notes of Thanks

GO TO COLLEGE AND HIT THE BOOKS

"Hitting the books" may take different forms these days--since books are now not just print, but electronic. But college-bound students (and their parents) are often stunned by the cost of required texts, one more reminder of the financial commitment involved in the pursuit of a college education.

Fortunately, for 19 years the Salem Scholarship program has assisted 56 Salem members in their pursuit of a higher degree. Salem Scholarships and Educational Grants recognize academic achievement; Christian character, service, and citizenship; and educational and career goals. They may take financial need into consideration, but it is not a necessary requirement. They are renewable for up to four years.

Application deadline for this year's scholarships is April 15. Fliers on the program and applications may be picked up from the church office. For information or questions, contact the church office, one of the pastors, or Ed Orser, chair of the Scholarship Committee (410-566-2230).

WELCOME PASTOR RICKEL AND ST. DYSMUS

Pastor Gerry Rickel, the new pastor of the Community of St. Dysmus, now has his office here at Salem. St. Dysmus is a prison congregation composed of several correctional facilities at Jessup and Hagerstown. It was the very first prison congregation in the United States. Pastor Rickel will be preaching here at Salem on Sunday, February 19th and will share with us the Gospel and information about his ministry among some of the most forgotten in our society. Pastor Rickel also has responsibility for the new Lutheran Seafarer's Ministry located in Baltimore.

COMMUNITY MEETING AT SALEM ON FEBRUARY 21

Our pastors have called a meeting for February 21 at 11:00am of the faith based communities in Catonsville along with several of the prominent social service organizations and ministries. Baltimore County Councilman Tom Quirk will be in attendance at the meeting as well as John Monck from the Catonsville Emergency Food Ministry and John Brown, the director of the Catonsville Men's Homeless Shelter.

Dear Salem Family,

I would like to thank Rod and Miriam Anderson for the beautiful poinsettia plant they surprised me with on January 1st. I truly enjoyed their visit and I hope to come back to Salem soon. I would also like to thank Pastor Dave for his visit on January 9th. It meant a lot to my family and myself to receive Holy Communion to be strengthened, not only by the word, but also the Body and Blood of Christ.

Peace and Blessings be upon you always,

Paula Turyna

OFFICIAL ACTS

AT THE FONT: "We pray you...keep our children in the covenant of their baptism and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and godliness."

William James Holiday—January 29, 2012

Sarah Elaine Jonsson—February 5, 2012

FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

2 Susan Gundlach	18 Anna Lassen
5 Sarah Jonsson	19 Eric Lynch
6 Lynda Miller	20 Andrew McDivitt
9 Andrew O'Connor	20 Camden Fleischer
10 Kevin Krabitz	21 Donna Reuter
11 Janice Ryden	21 Pastor Asendorf
14 Eric Reuter	23 Matthew Medicus
15 Brian Capano	28 Lisa Krickbaum
17 Veronica Merriman	29 Ellen Foard

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—Ridgeway Manor.

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:

ELCA Disaster Response—\$2,255.49
Wounded Warrior Project—\$1,538.49

You can view their letters in the first floor hallway.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

SALEM SUNDAY MORNINGS—9:35-10:35am

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

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: "SUNDAY BRUNCH" BIBLE STUDY February 19

Our next meeting will be at Erica and Ken Krabitz's home (215 Osborne Ave., 21228) beginning at 1:00pm. Bring your Bible, bring your children if needed, and dig into the Word with us!

LENTEN RETREAT AT MAR-LU-RIDGE BECOMING WHO YOU WERE CREATED TO BE: EXPLORING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Saturday, March 10

9:30am—3:30PM

Cost: Individuals \$30—Couples \$45. A hot lunch is included. To register, contact Mar-Lu-Ridge 1-800-238-9974. See the kiosk for more details.

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. **Pricing 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



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-catonville.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

March 4

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!

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED 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 _____

HISTORICAL OLD SALEM'S CRAFT FAIR & FLEA MARKET At Salem Saturday, March 24 9am-1pm

Please save the date and come search for treasures, enjoy a delicious breakfast or lunch, and take home a treat from the bake table. Admission is \$1 per person and all proceeds from the day benefit Historical Old Salem's preservation efforts. Have something to sell? Vendors wanted also-\$20 for a 3x8 table (provided). Call Sharon for more details 410-744-8724 (evenings).

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.

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME

To a Lutheran German, French, or Norwegian exchange student
For the coming 2012-2013 school year.

Caring host families are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the one or two semesters starting in late August. EMF Students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org.

MEAL TIME BLESSINGS

From *100 Graces*:

Heavenly Father, bless our souls with your word.

Bless our bodies with this bounty.

Bless our lives with your love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

From *Grace Before Meals*:

Heavenly Father, as your Son has taught us by his word and example, we thank you for this bounty. Amen.

BLOOD DRIVE

Many thanks to all who participated. 100% of Salem Members who had signed up for Saturday came to donate. The Red Cross goal for our drive was 28 units. We had 41 units which means that 123 persons will benefit from our drive.

Thanks again, The Parish Nurses

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 31, 2012

General Fund

Budget to Date	\$37,243.00
Beginning Balance	\$50,257.00
Expenses to Date	(\$27,720.00)
Receipts to Date	\$35,539.00
Ending Balance	\$58,076.00

R.S.V.P.

Beginning Balance	\$20,296.00
Receipts to Date	\$4,179.00
Disbursements to Date	(\$2,090.00)
Balance in Fund	\$22,385.00

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

January 1	115	January 18	20
January 4	18	January 22	200
January 8	268	January 29	272
January 15	224		

YOUTHNEWS

DROP IN DATES-

Drop-Ins—Friday, 7-10pm
February 17,
March 2, 16

Schedule of events—

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNINGS

February 19—
9:35-10:35am
teacher, Vicky Whetstone

NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS

March 11, 5-8pm, at Second English
Reformation History