



# The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## From the Pastor's Desk –



Greetings to you,

It is now the height of summer. I'm sure many of you have been or will be enjoying vacation whether nearby or for away from home. In June Lynn and I celebrated our anniversary back where we started married life—Seattle. We also were able to spend time with family. It is so important to take time away and to spend time with family and friends. Time passes so quickly that we need to take these opportunities.

Even so, remember that Salem is still open and welcoming in the summer! As we read in Psalm 122, "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!" I encourage you that when you are away, worship in different churches, have different experiences, and be refreshed. When you are home, come to Salem. We will have third Saturday casual worship too.

This summer we are planning a number of different Sunday experiences. On July 17th, Pr. John Burk will be with us leading worship and preaching. He retired from Holy Communion and he is now working with Food for the Poor. On July 31, we will be singing many of our favorite gospel hymns along with our Order of Healing. See what is coming up on other summer Sundays in this newsletter.

Summer is a wonderful time with the crops growing, the flowers blooming and the gardens producing. Let us rejoice in the beauty of God's creation. As Psalm 96 says, "O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth."

May God be with you and bless you, Pastor Jeanne

## Sunday Worship Assistants July-August 2016

**July 3, 2016** **Communion**  
Ushers: Dennis Lukens -Timothy Lukens  
Acolyte: Ellie Maddox  
Lector: Mike Whitacre  
Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey – Karen DeMey  
Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

**July 10, 2016**  
Ushers: - Ned Cockey – Larry Dwyer  
Acolyte: Arielle Simon  
Lector: Ruth Phoebus  
Tellers: DeMey - Phoebus

**July 17, 2016** **Communion**  
Ushers: Scott McAlister – Mike Whitacre  
Acolytes: Ashley Simon  
Lector: Mark Hoefler  
Communion Assistants: Betty Adams - Ruth Phoebus  
Tellers: McAllister - Lukens

**July 24, 2016** **Communion**  
Ushers: Richard Newsome –Timothy Lukens  
Acolyte: Thomas Maddox  
Lector: Jennifer Maddox  
Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey – Karen DeMey  
Tellers: Newsome - Hoos

**July 31, 2016** **Communion, Healing Service**  
Ushers: Ned Cockey – Larry Dwyer  
Acolytes: Madeline DeMey  
Lector: Karen DeMey  
Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler – Carol Temple  
Tellers: Stearns - Bortmes

**August 7, 2016** **Communion**  
Ushers: Scott McAlister – Mike Whitacre  
Acolyte: Tessa Grove  
Lector: Sandra Bail  
Communion Assistants: Betty Adams - Ruth Phoebus  
Tellers: Stearns - Bortmes

**August 14, 2016** **Pulpit Exchange**  
Ushers: Dennis Lukens-Sharon Lukens  
Acolytes: Timothy Lukens  
Lector: Betty Adams  
Tellers: DeMey - Phoebus

**August 21, 2016** **Communion**  
Ushers: Scott McAlister – Mike Whitacre  
Acolyte: Kylee Niederberger  
Lector: Carol Temple  
Communion Assistants: Sharon Lukens - Jean Weimer  
Tellers: McAllister - Lukens

**August 28, 2016**  
Ushers: Dennis Lukens-Sharon Lukens  
Acolyte: Timothy Lukens  
Lector: Mike Whitacre  
Tellers: Newsome - Hoos



**Worship and Event Schedule**  
**JULY - AUGUST, 2016**

**July 3**—This is the Fourth of July Weekend. Remember that church is open! Plus we will have our music led by Mary Wills on the flute and organ and Mike Whitacre on the guitar. Dot actually gets a Sunday off!

**July 10**—Let's collect canned goods for Mason/Dixon. Summer is often so hard for people because donations are down—but people still need food. Casseroles for Our Daily Bread will be collected on Monday the 11th.

**July 17**—Pr. Pastor John Burk, retired from Holy Communion Lutheran Church, will lead worship and preach. He is presently working with Food for the Poor. Come hear about his work.

**July 24**—We will observe the Festival of Mary Magdalene, the first apostle of Christ. Let us consider the example she has set for us. Ace 2.0, Mike Whitacre's musical group, will sing Mary Magdalene's song, "In the Garden."

**July 31**—This is the Sunday of our Healing Service and we will be singing our favorite gospel hymns. Ace 2.0, Mike's musical group, will have the special music.

**August 7**—We will use various hymns as our liturgy. Thus we will look at our liturgy in a different light!

**August 14**—A pulpit exchange with our neighbors the Methodists and Presbyterians. Pr. Nick Bufano, of Jarrettsville and Ayres Chapel Methodists, preaching. We will begin collecting school supplies for Mason/Dixon. School starts August 25th!

**August 21**—Let us observe the festival of Mary Mother of Jesus. Too often we only see Mary at Christmas. What example has she set for us as both a child of God and mother of Jesus?

**August 28**—We will be blessing teachers and others involved in educating our children. We will also bless our children and their back packs and wish them a great new school year.

**Salem Church Council**

**Executive Committee:**

Lynn Cox, President  
 Ned Cockey, Vice President  
 Ruth Phoebus, Treasurer  
 Karen DeMey, Secretary

**Committees:**

Ned Cockey, Trustees  
 Lynn Cox, Elders  
 Karen DeMey, Deacons  
 Carol Temple, SLCC Liaison

**Members at Large:**

Sam Keller  
 Mike Whitacre  
 George Woods  
 Darla Lynch  
 Jennifer Everett

**Come to Saturday Summer Casual Worship**



This summer we are pondering three of the Marks of Discipleship. Consider what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Come celebrate our Lord's Supper. Also enjoy the music with guitar, flute, drums and more.

**June 18th**—The theme was *Pray Daily*. Our Lord Jesus wants us to come to him with everything! And to take time to listen to him.

**July 16**—The theme will be *Worship Weekly*. How can we not want to praise and thank our Lord for all he has done? How can we not want to share in his meal of life and forgiveness?

**August 20**—The theme will be *Study the Bible*. How can we not want to read and study what God has provided us via his prophets and apostles? What does God want of us?

**September 17**—We will conclude our summer series with our annual *Blessing of the Animals*. We give thanks to God for all God's living creatures--dogs, cats, horses, fish, guinea pigs and many more. Bring your pet for blessing-it is outdoors.





## Outreach at Salem

Our benevolence to the Delaware-Maryland Synod remains at 12.5% of our regular offerings. Of this amount, our synod passes on half to the national ELCA. These contributions are used to support struggling congregations, pastoral leaders and mission programs in our community, seminaries, campus ministries and so much more. Thanks to all at Salem for this effort.

### Casseroles for Daily Bread

As of June 16, we donated 19 casseroles, each of which will serve 8 needy people. Thanks to all who give to this important cause. Please make a casserole for the next casserole due dates: **July 11, Aug.8, Sept.12**

### Special Events and Highlights in May and June

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Benjamin Walter Satterfield, son of Amanda & Rob Satterfield received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Our annual “Tea” Masquerade and Fashion Show was a sell-out success!

May 5<sup>th</sup> –Salem’s choir members participated in the Joint Ascension Service with Harford County Lutherans and Episcopalians at Emanuel Episcopal Church in Bel Air

May 15<sup>th</sup> - Arielle and Ashley Simon, having completed their studies of Luther’s Small Catechism, the Bible and teachings of the Lutheran Church were Confirmed (also called Affirmation of Baptism, affirming the vows which were made for them at their Baptism).

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Music Fest, featuring ACE 2.0, and Dan’s Pulled Pork BBQ, kicked off Memorial Day Weekend.

June 2 – 4 – Pastor Jeanne and Mr. Lynn attended the Synod Assembly in Ocean City.

June 1 thru 27 -Carl’s Messiest Garage Contest

“**Carl’s Door Service,**” together with “**Sappari Solutions,**” and junk hauling company, “**Bumble Junk**” sponsored the **Messiest Garage Contest** for the third year, awarding a prize package valued at more than \$1,600 to the winner. Contest accepted entries from June 1 thru 27, with winner announced on June 30. Mike Whitacre will let us know “which one of us” is the winner!



## Salem Stitchers

Come Join us **Thursday** mornings in the narthex from 9am to noon, January thru September. We make craft items for our **October Craft Fair and Flea market** which will be held on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please start gathering your items Now! Check with families, friends and neighbors, too. And please invite them to attend!

## Summer Bible Study

Wednesdays 7 pm June 29, July 13 & 27, August 10

We will look at the Christian church following Pentecost with all its conflicts, persecutions, heresies and interesting leaders. One interesting person we will look at is Emperor Constantine (300’s) and his influence on the church. Even if you cannot attend all the classes, come to the classes you can.

### SLCC Two Year Old Program

Our two-year-old program meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. It is designed to expose children to a world of learning, sharing, and exploring through hands-on activities and meaningful play. The theme based curriculum gives children the opportunity to explore in a safe and loving environment. (The registration fee is waived for Salem members!!)

## SLCC Corner



Another class of Salem Lutheran Children Center students graduated on May 25, and are looking forward to attending kindergarten in September.

SLCC exciting summer program began on June 20<sup>th</sup>. If you or you know someone interested in registering for the summer program please call the office at [410-557-6612](tel:410-557-6612).

Salem Lutheran Children Center is currently registering for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. We are going to offer free registration for the months of June and July. We currently have openings in our three year old and four year old classes. Please contact the office at [410-557-6612](tel:410-557-6612) with any questions.

Elizabeth Smithson, Director

Salem Lutheran Children Center

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## THE SALEM "LIGHTER" SIDE



### Complaints about new hymns

**So you think you don't like learning new hymns? See if you can guess which hymns are described in the following letters**

***(The surprising Correct Answers at Bottom)***

1. "What's wrong with the inspiring hymns with which we grew up? When I go to church, it is to worship God, not to be distracted with learning a new hymn. Last Sunday's was particularly unnerving. While the text was good, the tune was unsingable and the new harmonies were quite discordant."

*(Letter dated 1890)*

2. "Was it the organist's idea or yours that our peaceful worship service was shattered by that new hymn last Sunday? The music was sacrilegious, something one would expect to hear in a den of iniquity, not a church! Don't expect me to attempt to sing it next time!

*(Letter dated 1874)*

3. "Pastor, I am no music scholar, but I feel I know appropriate church music when I hear it. Last Sunday's new hymn, if you call it that, sounded like a sentimental love ballad one might expect to hear crooned in a saloon. If you persist in exposing us to rubbish like this in God's house, don't be surprised if many of the faithful look for a new place to worship. The hymns we grew up with are all we need." *(Letter dated 1865)*

*(Article from Oct. 15, 1998 issue of "The InChoirer")*

### **Answers:**

1. ***What a Friend we have in Jesus*** (Jos. Scriven 1820-1886)

2. ***I Love to Tell the Story*** (Katherine Hankey 1834-1911)

3. ***Just as I am, Without One Plea*** (Charlotte Elliot 1789-1871)



## Worship Notes from Pastor Dick:

After the Prayer of the Day, our worship service enters the second section:

### THE READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

At every worship service in the Lutheran tradition, there is a reading/readings found written in the Holy Scriptures. As the Gathered people of God, we now hear the voice of God as passed down to us from the preceding people of faith. These reading are chosen from the various books of the Bible in both the Old and New Testament. The Bible was never meant to be read in small pieces chosen from here and there in God's Word. You need to read the individual books of the Bible as they were meant to be read: in one sitting. However, for the public worship of the church, it soon became a custom to read three short readings.

The First Reading comes from the Old Testament [except in the time of Easter]. One cannot really understand and/or appreciate the message of salvation in the New Testament without hearing the witness of the Old Testament. The Old Testament is the record of people of faith who are looking forward to God's keeping the promise to send a Messiah who would rescue them.

As noted above, during the time of Easter, the first reading is taken from the book of Acts telling the beginning of the witness to the resurrection and the power unleashed by God through the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Also from the Old Testament is the Psalm appointed to be read for a specific Sunday. The book of Psalms is the largest book in either the Old or New Testaments. It is a collection of songs of praise, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. The singing of a psalm for a specific day of worship is an Old Testament practice which was continued by the church. As used in our worship service, the preference is for the psalm to be sung, for the Psalms are also hymns of faith.

Next newsletter: the readings from the New Testament.

**Note: Pastor Dick is currently filling in for a few months at Second English Lutheran Church in Baltimore. He assures us that he and Elfriede will stop in from time to time during his interim time there. We know that he will be a blessing to that congregation.**



**In May, we masqueraded in vintage gowns and shared tea and memories!**

