



The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

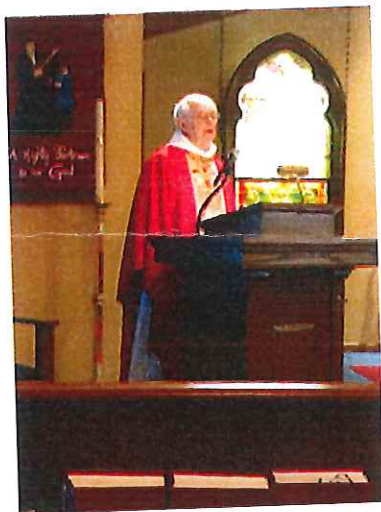
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PASTOR'S DIARY

Our Interim Pastor has been kept very busy caring for the needs of our Salem family.

He has provided worship leadership on Sundays paid hospital and shut-in calls, and presided over the funerals for our church family. He is providing teaching and bible study to our adults, and children, participating in church council and school meetings, (and pitches in to make casseroles!)



We have enjoyed having Pastor Laird leading and sharing the Thanksgiving, Advent and the Christmas holiday season with us. We appreciate Pastor Laird's continued friendship and leadership, and look forward to celebrating the Easter season with him in 2018.

As we begin the Lenten season, we are reminded that the time after Epiphany, marking the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, is sometimes called the "bread and butter" Christianity. It is the basis of our faith—the divinity of our Lord with his baptism, his first miracle with the turning of water to wine at the wedding of Cana, his teachings in his Sermon on the Mount and ending with Transfiguration. It is a time when our Lord is coming to us and making all things new. Let us look forward with joy to this new year!



Sunday Worship Assistants January – February 2018

January 7, 2018 **Baptism of Our Lord**
Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre
Acolyte: Ellie Maddox
Lector: Mike Whitacre
Communion Assistants: Doris Karoll - Jean Weimer
Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

January 14, 2018 **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
Ushers: Dennis Lukens - Richard Newsome
Acolyte: Thomas Maddox
Lector: Ruth Phoebus
Tellers: Wilson, Regan

January 21, 2018 **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
Ushers: Ned Cockey - Larry Dreyer
Acolyte: Tessa Grove
Lector: Mark Hoefler
Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler - Carol Temple
Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

January 28, 2018 **4th Sunday after Epiphany**
Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre
Acolyte: Skylar Dishon
Lector: Jennifer Maddox
Tellers: Dreyer, Newsome

February 4, 2018 **5th Sunday after Epiphany**
Ushers: Dennis Lukens - Richard Newsome
Acolyte: Ellie Maddox
Lector: Carol Temple
Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey - Sandra Bail
Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

February 11, 2018 **I Love You Sunday**
Ushers: Ned Cockey - Larry Dreyer
Acolyte: Thomas Maddox
Lector: David Petr
Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Wednesday

February 14, 2018 **Ash Wednesday**
Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre
Acolyte: Tessa Grove
Lector: Sandra Bail
Communion Assistants: David Petr - Ruth Phoebus

February 18, 2018 **1st Sunday in Lent**
Ushers: Dennis Lukens - Richard Newsome
Acolyte: Skylar Dishon
Lector: Mike Whitacre
Communion Assistants: Doris Karoll - Jean Weimer
Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

February 25, 2018 **2nd Sunday in Lent**
Ushers: Ned Cockey - Larry Dreyer
Acolyte: Ellie Maddox
Lector: Ruth Phoebus
Tellers: Dreyer, Newsome

Worship and Event Schedule

January – February 2018

News of Note: *In 2017 we had the longest Epiphany season possible with eight Sundays. Ash Wednesday began Lent March 1, 2017. In 2018, we will have the shortest. Ash Wednesday will occur on February 14th, Palm Sunday March 25th, and Easter on April 1st (see 2017 highlights)*



Sunday, February 4th "SOUPER" Bowl Sunday

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with communion
- Bring in cans of soup for Mason Dixon

Sunday, February 11th "I Love you Sunday" is the first Sunday event looking forward to our 50th Anniversary. Look for hearts to decorate and sign in the narthex.



Tuesday, February 13th

- 7:00 PM Committee Meeting
- 7:30 PM Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

(Sign up for Bread & Soup Supper before Service)

Sundays (except Special Services) 9:20 AM Sunday School

Thursdays 7:00 PM Choir

Looking Ahead ☺☺

March 25th – Palm Sunday. Children of Salem will present Palms. See Mike Whitaker to reserve an Easter Lily to decorate our altar!

April 1st – Easter Sunday – 9:00 AM, no Sunday School, Extended Coffee Hour – Watch for Sign up Sheet in the Narthex

OUTREACH

Our Daily Bread – Please continue to support

Mason-Dixon – Food, paper goods, toiletries are always needed

Furnace Fund – Thank you for your support and please continue to help us reach our goal.

CALL COMMITTEE

We have met all the relevant needs of the Synod to allow the Bishop to review calls from possible candidates. The call Committee has interviewed 3 candidates to date. We will have two new candidates in January 2018.

MEMORIALS

A Memorial Fund has been established for our friend Betty Adams. See Pastor or Lynn Cox to contribute.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS 2018

Welcome One Homeless Shelter Bingo

April 2018, Watch our Church Bulletin for dates and ticket sales!

Salem members, family and friends, are asked to support the Basket Bingo fundraiser to benefit FCCAU and the Welcome One Homeless Shelter.

It is always a sell-out, and an evening of fun and fellowship!

In 2017, our Salem group had several Bingo and door prize winners!

Lynn Cox made up Salem's donation to the event! A special thank you, Lynn, for sharing your talent!



May 6th – Our Annual "Ladies" Tea – this year's theme is Peter Pan



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SALEM

Salem is celebrating its 50th BIRTHDAY this year! Yes, Salem first met for worship 50 years ago in the Fall of 1968!! Your Salem Celebration Committee is planning several special events to mark this milestone.

We will **KICK-OFF** our year of celebration on "I Love You Sunday," **February 11th!** If you haven't already picked up and returned your red paper heart, please do so and TELL US WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT SALEM!! Hearts are due back to church by Sunday, February 4th.

Be sure to watch out for the **"UNDER CONSTRUCTION ZONE"** in the front left corner of the sanctuary! Over the coming months, SALEM'S HISTORY WILL COME ALIVE!! A creative and unique display will gradually be constructed and revealed!!! Be sure to check this

Please mark your personal calendars now for our **CULMINATING EXTRAVAGANZA** - a two day event set for the weekend of **November 10 - 11, 2018!** We are planning a festive GALA-STYLE CELEBRATION filled with visual displays, fun, music, fellowship, and of course, FOOD, on Saturday afternoon, November 10th! On Sunday, November 11th, we will gather with excitement, joy, and thanksgiving to continue our celebration of Salem's history with a SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE followed by a traditional wonderful Salem BRUNCH!! We are hoping that people instrumental to Salem's past will be able to join us for this weekend!!!

In order to make these events successful, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** Please bring in **COPIES of your special memories** - family pictures and events, notes, etc. - to us! We want to include **YOUR piece** of Salem's history in a comprehensive and exciting power point slide presentation! AND... Don't forget to bring in **addresses of former members and other important people from Salem's past** so that invitations can also be sent to them! Gold covered boxes are located in the narthex for these items!!!

So, come on Salem, let's **CELEBRATE!!!** Let's come together and make Salem's 50th anniversary year one we will remember and cherish for years to come!

If you have more ideas, wish to help, or have questions, please see one of us on the Celebration Committee!

(We meet on the first Tuesday of each month.)

YOUR Celebration Committee

WORSHIP NOTES FROM PASTOR DICK



2nd English Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Md. closed after a ministry of 176 years

When 2nd English Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Md. closed after a ministry of 176 years, the people of God there wanted to continue the legacy of their congregation by sharing specific items with congregations in the Delaware/Maryland Synod. Salem received from 2nd English Lutheran Church the following to help in our ministry of worship:

A Paschal Candle - is traditionally used during the time of celebrating a baptism, during the 40 days of Easter, and throughout the year as desired. This candlestick can be seen in Salem Church to the left of the pulpit.



Also gifted to Salem were copies of a blue hymnal "With One Voice". This hymnal contains worship services and hymns which are not found in our new hymnal.

Third, the choir was gifted with the choir robes used at 2nd English Church.



SLCC Corner



2017-2018 school year got off to a great start. Our Before and After School care, Extended Day Preschool programs and three-day preschool classes are full. Attendance is high in the other preschool programs. **67 preschoolers graduated on May 14th 2017!**

There have been many staff changes for the **2017-2018** school year roster. Several of our young ladies graduated colleges with education degrees and went on to be employed by public schools. We are happy to have our new dedicated employees being coached and mentored by skilled, knowledgeable senior staff.

Last year we improved the playground out back, and added new fencing. The sandbox has been completed and on warm days the children are enjoying the "beach" at Salem. The children will be able to enjoy lunch and snacks outside again soon. Our playground area will be a wonderful place for the children to enjoy in the summer.

This January we updated SLCC restrooms, and accessible height toilets were added in the church. SLCC put gutter guards on the school and church.

Some of our classes went on their first field trips of the year to places like the Fire Museum of Baltimore, Maze Quest and local farms. Our school-age children had the pleasure of visiting Forest Hill Lanes on an HCPS scheduled closing.

To help fund these beneficial trips, we have planned popular fundraisers. Claire's Gourmet is always a favorite. World's Finest Chocolate will be sold closer to Thanksgiving. If anyone is interested in buying or assisting in selling, please contact the office any time at noahsrainbow@verizon.net, or call us at 410-557-6612.

Laura Mason, Director



LOOKING BACK - 2017 SALEM HIGHLIGHTS

January 29, 2017

To get the year off to a good start, we shared a **Mystery Dish Brunch**. Participants prepared 23 new and interesting recipes, including appetizers, snacks, breads, soups, main dishes and desserts to include in our cookbook! Proceeds from the dinner and cookbook sales benefited **Welcome One Homeless Shelter** (\$400 and counting)!



January 17, 2017

Shelter for Homeless at Harford County Churches

"Helping Harford County's Homeless" set up a network of area churches as shelters during the winter. Fourteen churches hosted the homeless overnight. Each church housed a maximum number of people of 15-20 from 5 PM to 8 AM. Since Salem had no facilities for overnight, we joined other churches to help needy people at food banks at Ayers Chapel in Norrisville and at Lord of Life Lutheran in Edgewood. New Hope Methodist in Edgewood collects and provides people with socks, hats, gloves, and jeans (sizes 30-34, some 36).

Mason-Dixon Community Services

February 1, "Souper" Bowl Sunday Drive - We were well on our way to exceed our \$1,179.17 in giving in 2016! We donated 240 items of soup and goodies to **Mason/Dixon** for their work with the needy from our "Souper" Bowl Sunday drive.

March 6-10 Book Fair held for our **SLCC** kids at Salem!

In April we donated and delivered 70 food items and 41 toiletries.

In May, our congregation delivered 174 food items and 54 toiletries. Last Summer Salem members responded to the needs of the Mason-Dixon Community services clients in a big way.

Back to School, As of **August 27th**, we were able to donate 111 school items and backpacks. By **October** we were able to donate **290 school items, 560 food items, and 54 toiletries!** Items were delivered to Mason-Dixon every two weeks.

MAY 7TH LADIES TEA

As usual, we enjoyed another magical Ladies Tea. Complete with an appearance by Mary Poppins and singing chimney sweeps!





Reformation Happenings at Salem

Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 PM - A discussion of the concept of God's people of faith to be simultaneously saints and sinners.

Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 PM - A discussion of the concept of the Priesthood of all believers, and a discussion of Luther's Small Catechism. (We had delicious German cookies at these events!)

September 17, 3:00 PM - Luther 500 - sponsored by the Harford Conference of the Delaware/Maryland Synod - at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1515 Emmorton Road, Bel Air. - A layman's understanding of what he learned as he traveled in Germany. bring the Reformation to life with stories, photos and historical insights.

September 24th - Pie Sunday - a Salem Tradition YUM!

Retirement-to-Colorado Time Has Come

Mr. Lynn and I thank all of you for your kindnesses - prayers, cards, gifts, etc. We leave **July 7** for our retirement home in Colorado, but will truly miss all of you. God bless you and your ministry in the Jarrettsville area. We know God will be with you as your move forward and call a new pastor. *Pastor Jeanne*



We said goodbye to Pastor Jeanne and Mr. Lynn, and Welcomed Pastor Laird.



Casseroles for Daily Bread

We got off to a good start, donating **19 casseroles in January, 2017**. We kept up the good work, donating **23 casseroles in March and 24 in April**- Our members who also prepared and helped serve Lenten Soup and Bread. **May thru December** we averaged 18 - 20 casseroles and Mac and Cheese dinners each month.

Additional Outreach and Donations in 2017

- \$50 to "On Eagle's Wings"
- \$50 to St. Dysmus prison ministry
- \$500 to "Wells of Living Water"
- \$50 to the "Jarrettsville Fire Fund"
- Cash donation to the "North Harford High School Parent Teachers Association" for the Baccalaureate Service.
- \$400 to sponsor David Petr to attend "Gettysburg Seminary" Seminar.
- \$65 to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church" for Luther Day at "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church"
- \$1,000 sent to "Lutheran World Relief" for Irma and Harvey victims.

October 7 - Annual Salem Craft Fair and Flea Market

Our 2017 craft fair, flea market and baked goods, and apple butter sale were a resounding success. We had our best weather ever, and we raised a grand total of \$3,673.82. The flea market made over \$1,000 - for the third year in a row.

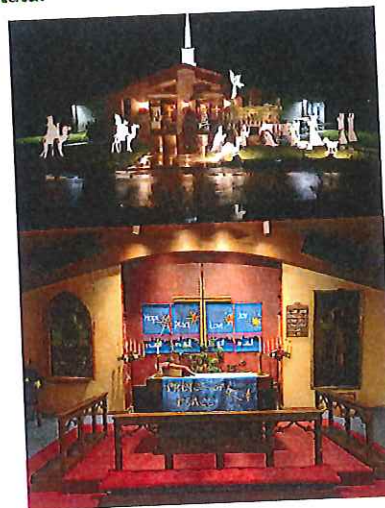
Beginning in **November** we brought items for Thanksgiving, along with turkeys from SLCC, for four families in our **Mason-Dixon community**.

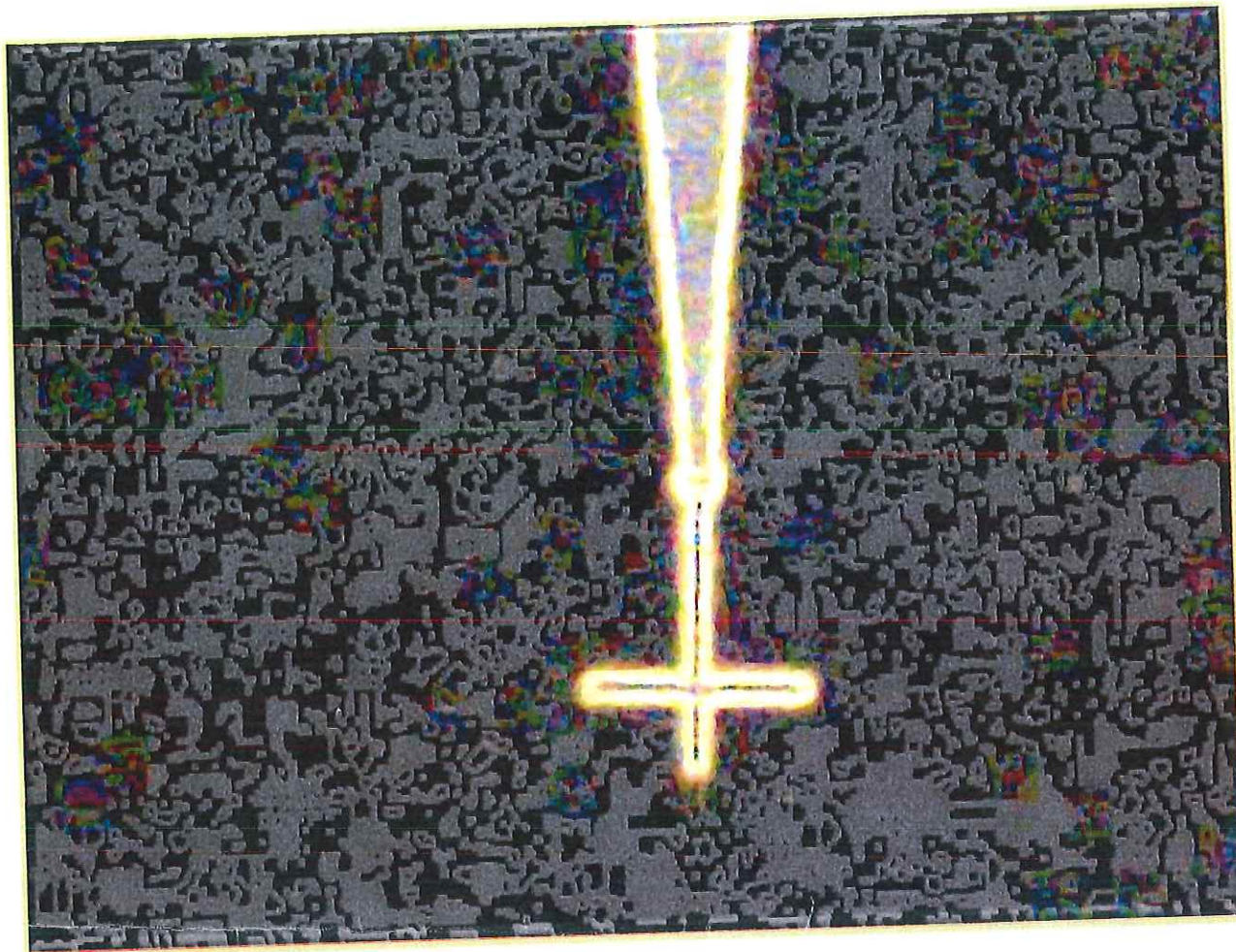
November 12 - Gather Together Sunday - family and friends brought a dish or dessert for fun and fellowship.

November 19 - Congregational Meeting - We held a brief meeting to discuss this years successes and plans for future for Salem family.

December -We were able to fill the Christmas gift tree wishes for **FOUR** Mason-Dixon families!

December 17 - Our Choir and young people presented our annual Christmas Cantata.





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