



The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Page: "What Mean These Rocks"

After their escape from Egypt and the years of wandering in the wilderness had passed, Israel crossed the River Jordan into the Promised Land. The river was held back as they crossed on dry land just as the Red Sea had parted for them 40 years earlier. Then God commands that 12 young men go back into the river and each lift a rock to his shoulder, and they were placed in the new land. And Joshua made a pile of them in Gilgal. **Why?!**

So that in time to come, when your children ask "what do these rocks mean?" you shall tell them the story of entering the land on dry ground, "so that all the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty." And so, Israel remembered and gave thanks. [Joshua 3:14 4:24]

Half a century ago, a community gathered in Jarrettsville to remember the same Lord's doing – to remember the life, teaching, death and rising again of our Lord Jesus. And they too gave thanks. They committed themselves to remember and give thanks in this place week by week – to gather "for the apostles' teaching, the breaking of bread, and the prayers." [Acts 2:41]. They also committed themselves to share the love of Jesus in word and deed in central Harford County and more broadly throughout the world.

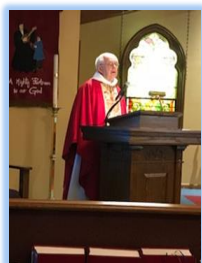
We celebrate that precise date, Nov. 11, with a very special Sunday service of thanksgiving at 9:00 a.m. this year. Our bishop, the Rev. Bill Gohl will be with us to lead worship and to proclaim the good news of God's mighty acts that day.

The prior Sunday, Nov. 4, is All Saints Sunday, and we shall remember and give thanks for the 63 members of the congregation called to the Church Triumphant in these 5 decades. We give thanks for their example of faith as we commend them and ourselves to God's loving care.

Please join us!

And in these things, to God alone be the glory!

Barry+



Sunday Worship Assistants

November - December 2018

Sunday, November 4th All Saints Sunday

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey - Ruth Phoebus

Tellers: Stearns, Whitacre

Sunday November 11th 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Ned Cockey - Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Ruth Phoebus

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday November 18th 26th Sunday After Pentecost

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Mark Hoefler

Communion Assistants: Doris Karoll – Ruth Phoebus

Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

November 25th Christ the King Sunday

Ushers: Ned Cockey - Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Carol Temple

Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler – Carole Temple

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome



December 2nd 1st Sunday in Advent

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Communion Assistants: Doris Karoll – Ruth Phoebus

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmus

December 9th 2nd Sunday in Advent- Christmas Program

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Ruth Phoebus

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

December 16th 3rd Sunday in Advent- Cantata

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre
Acolyte: Skylar Dishon
Lector: Mark Hoefler
Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey – Carol Temple
Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

December 23rd 4th Sunday in Advent

Ushers: Ned Cockey - Dennis Lukens
Acolyte: Timothy Lukens
Lector: Carol Temple
Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre
Acolyte: Tessa Grove – Timothy Lukens
Lector: Mike Whitacre
Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey, Sharon Lukens
Wine Assistant: Dennis Lukens

Sunday, December 30th Healing Service

Ushers: Ned Cockey - Dennis Lukens
Acolyte: Timothy Lukens
Lector: Ruth Phoebus

**Salem Church Council
Executive Committee:**

Lynn Cox, President
Ned Cockey, Vice President
Ruth Phoebus, Treasurer
Larry Dreyer, Secretary

Committees:

Ned Cockey, Trustees
Lynn Cox, Elders
Carol Temple, SLCC Liaison

Members at Large:

Sam Keller
Mike Whitacre
George Woods
Darla Lynch
Jen Everett

OCTOBER 28, 2018 - REFORMATION SUNDAY

Last Year we celebrated 500 Years since the Reformation!



**Worship and Special Upcoming Events
November – December 2018**

Sunday, November 4th All Saints Sunday

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School
- Congregational Meeting-Info Packet by 10/21.
- Please note we need people to serve on Church Council for 3 – year positions. Current members held over until we have a new minister. We have 3 positions open, Children Center and Deacons and Trustees. *IMPORTANT - This meeting will elect council and approve new budget, and hopefully call a new minister. This is your church and these are your representatives. PLEASE HELP!

Thursday, November 8th

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- Choir 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 10th

- 2:00 PM 50th Anniversary Reunion and Fellowship
- Anniversary Choir

**Sunday, November 11th 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Veterans' Day -Fly our Flag**

- 9:00 AM Special 50th Anniversary Service by our Bishop Bill Gohl, Delaware- Maryland Synod
- 9:20 AM Sunday School
- Salem Anniversary Brunch

Monday, November 12

- 10:00 AM Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Daily Bread Casserole Pick-up

Tuesday, November 13th

- 7:00 PM Congregation Council Meeting

Thursday, September 15th

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM - Choir

Sunday, November 18th 26th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
We have invited Betty Lou Deuchler to preach
- Special Meet and Greet, Extended Coffee Hour

Monday, November 19th

- 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day

- Watch Bulletin for Service and Food Drive Details

Sunday, November 25th Christ the King Sunday

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Thursday, November 29th

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

Sunday, December 2nd 1st Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion

- 9:20 AM Sunday School
- Sunday, December 9th 2nd Sunday in Advent**
- 9:00 AM Christmas Program
- Sunday, December 16th 3rd Sunday in Advent**
- 9:00 AM Christmas Cantata
- Sunday, December 23rd 4th Sunday in Advent**
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship
 - 9:20 AM Sunday School
- Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve**
- 7:00 PM Traditional Worship with Communion
- Sunday, December 30th Healing Service**
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship
- Monday, December 31st HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019



Saturday, November 10th, 2:00 PM

Reunion and fellowship with history, music and food and a special Anniversary Choir.

Sunday, November 11th, 9:00 AM

A special anniversary service with our Bishop Bill Gohl. Following, we will have one of our delicious Salem brunches!

We are excited to also be inviting about 65 additional families who have been important to Salem's history. Word is getting out, and people are getting excited.

Let's get ready to CELEBRATE!



SALEM OUTREACH

Mason- Dixon Community Services

Thanks to Salem members have always responded to the needs of the Mason-Dixon Community services clients in a big way. So far this year we have donated 312 items, school supplies and other gifts, and still counting. A special big THANKS to Paige Garner, and to Sam and Sara Keller for stepping up to take over this worthwhile cause.

Souper Sunday

We donated a grand tower of soup for souper Sunday.

Casseroles for Daily Bread

Please continue to bring casseroles, each of which serves 8 needy people. We donated 176 as of October and still counting. THANKS to Tom and Mary Regan

Watch our Bulletins for Thanksgiving food drive, and plan to add a family to your Christmas gift list – coming up soon!

FCCAU, Welcome One

23 Salem members and friends attended the annual basket bingo, and Lynn Cox decorated a beautiful basket from Salem. We supported “Adopt a Bed” fund raiser which provided bed, shower, clothes and three good meals. Salem donated enough to support this effort for 72 people!

Furnace Fund

Thanks to all who donated \$16,929 as of 3/18, to our Furnace Fund.

Our Call Committee and Council

Thanks to our Call committee chaired by Mike Whitacre for their important work. Be sure to attend November 18th to hear Pastor Betty Lou Deuchler, preach. Stay to meet and greet her after the service at an extended coffee hour.

Our Salem History Timeline

- 1966 – Joan Christman,, ALC Home Mission Parish worker conducted a 2 month Survey
- 1967 - Summer -Articles of Incorporation drawn up
- 1967 – Fall - Ground purchased in Jarrettsville
- 1968 – Second Sunday after Easter, Ground Breaking
- 08/22/1968 – Pastor Dornbirer accepted call
- 10/12/1968 - Services began in Jarrettsville Elementary School
- 02/08/1969 – Adopted the Constitution
- January - 1972 – Pastor Dornbirer resigned
- March - 1972 – Pastor Jack Compton became interim pastor
- 09/01/1972 – Pastor Lindsay accepted call
- September – 1974 Nursery School opened
- 1976 – We became self-sufficient, obtained mortgage
- 1976 – Fall began two morning services
- 1977 –Built Sunday School (center) building
- 1979 – Jerusalem Lutheran Mission Church was formed
- September – 1981 – Opened Day Care Center
- 1988 – The ALC merged with CA, forming ELCA
- Spring – 1990 – Rainbow Room, Kitchen and Narthex were built
- 08/25/1992 – Pastor Lindsay resigned

- Fall – 1992 – Pastor Robert Lowden, Interim Pastor
- 05/16/1993 Pastor Meyers accepted call
- 03/06/2011 Pastor Meyers retired
- Ash Wednesday, 2011- Pastor Barry Laird, Interim Pastor
- 01/01/2012 – Pastor Jeanne Larsen accepted call
- November 2014 – Children Center Offices built
- 07/02/2017 Pastor Jeanne Larsen retired
- 09/02/2017 Pastor Barry Laird became interim Pastor



Worship Notes from Pastor Dick:

God's Gift of Time

We live in time – in the past, present, and future. To forget any one of them can cause us problems. God has enriched our lives by enabling us to remember the past, live in the present, and look forward to the future.

God also blesses special moments in time – birthdays, anniversaries, celebrating a special memory, etc. Here at Salem we are just days away from celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our Congregation. Special moments are exactly what they are; special.

So, the people of Salem have every right and privilege to celebrate the past fifty years of Salem's existence, to remember people and places and the special moments down through those 50 years; and we do this in the present, taking time to rejoice in God's special gifts of remembrance – and at the same time to look forward to the future confident that God will continue to bless us.

And in all of these moments of remembering an anniversary, to learn from the past, find joy in the present moment, and trust in God for the future.

Remember God's gift of time. And then take time to thanks, praise, and honor the grace, love, and mercy which God has so generously blessed us with.

Saturday, November 10th, 2 pm take time to look at memorabilia, and relive the 50 years of Salem.

Sunday, November 11, 9:00 a.m. service. Present to celebrate with us and bring greetings from the fellow

congregations of the Delaware/Maryland Synod will be Bishop William Gohl.

Pastor Dick



SLCC Corner



We are back to school, with before and after care for school-aged Jarrettsville Elementary School students and extended day pre-K and day care programming for three and four year-olds. We are also opening our doors to five new preschool classes: two-day AM and PM classes for three year-olds; three-day AM and PM classes for four year-olds, and a five-day AM class for four year-olds. We will also be welcoming a new group of two year-olds into our parent-child **Two and You** fall program. **Two and You** class began September 13, 2018 will run eight consecutive weeks to November 1, 2018.

Enrollment is ongoing for the **Two and You** program, which also includes gingerbread house building in a two week "Holiday Fun" program in December. We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas activities and are looking ahead to a guided tour of the Huber family farm as part of the four week "Down on the Farm" program in spring.

Some spots are still available and enrollment is ongoing in these daycare and preschool programs, and we maintain a waitlist for anyone interested in current and future preschool classes and daycare services. So should you know someone interested in attending SLCC for daycare, preschool or summer camp, encourage them to contact us!

noahsrainbow@verizon.net, or call us at 410-557-6612.

Chris Potts, Director

LOTS OF THANK YOUS!

Many thanks to all for another successful Craft Fair. We need more Apple Butter stirrers during the night and to take down when the fair is over – but we'll work on that next time! We had a lot of people through the church this year, so Jarrettsville still knows we're alive and active. The Flea market again did a super job; and the cooks and kitchen workers sold out of everything, along with our bake table. The music was great, everyone loved the hayrides, and moon bounce. All these extras help to add to the success of our annual fair. I just cannot thank everyone enough for their support of this special event. You all make Salem a welcome place.

We made \$3,279, and still counting, as we still have a few jars of apple butter left!



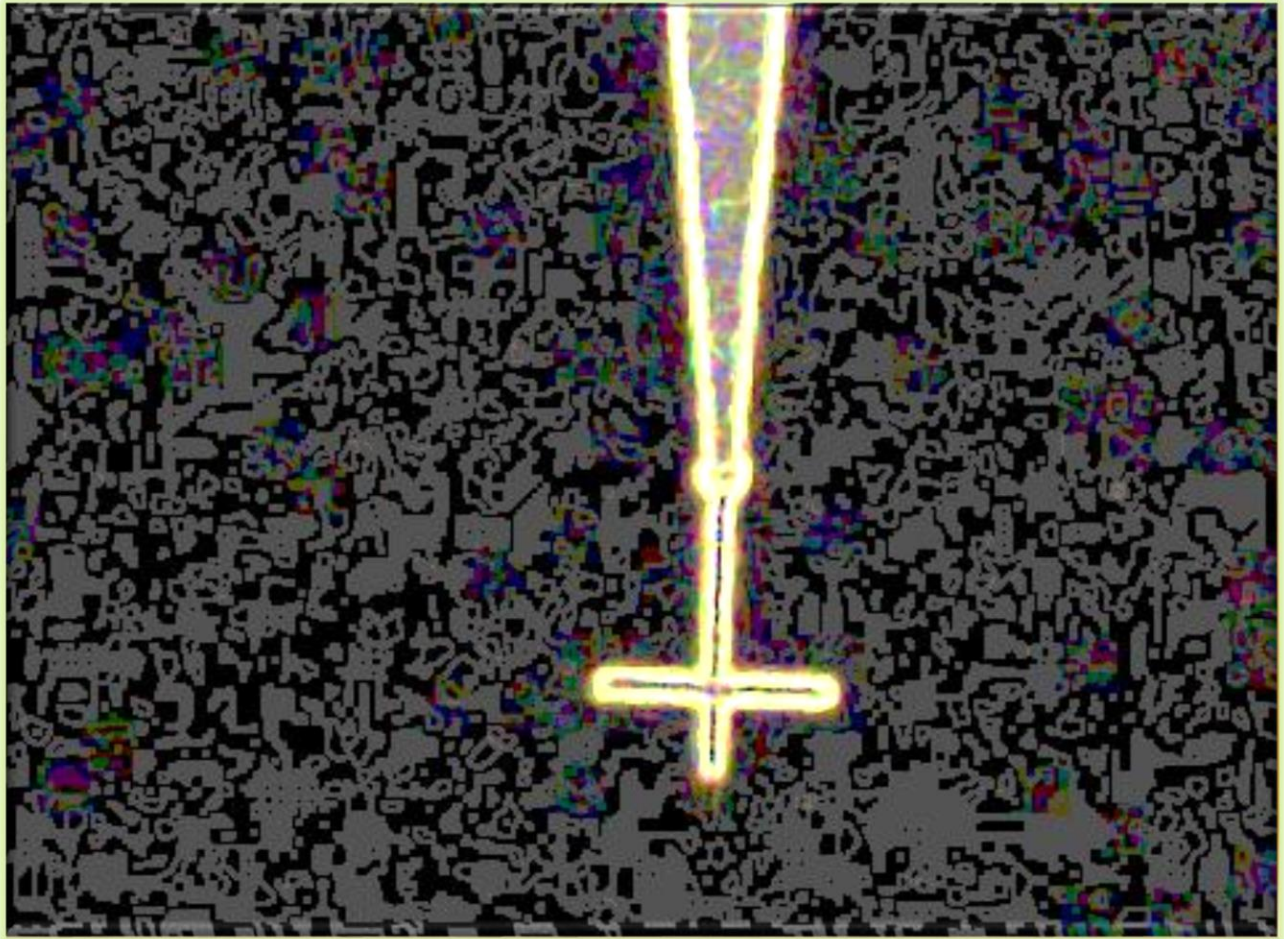
Lynn Cox

Thanks to all who gave many hours for pricing flea market items. We had another successful year making over \$1,000. Thanks for a job well done.



Doris Karoll





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