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# The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark is: "How do we move through suffering and endurance?" Let's ponder this question.

We can agree the United States and the world have suffered greatly. Salem, like many churches, has not held in-person services for almost a year. Although this has brought sadness, Salem has kept her ministries going. The church continues to be vital in the Jarrettsville Community and in its outreach ministries extending globally.

The word vital, having vitality, being essential speaks to who we are and how we have supported each other and Salem ministries. Yes, we Salem's Family, are vital to this time and place, the here and now. You have supported financially, spiritually, and emotionally. Thank you for being the church God planted in Jarrettsville! We are hopeful that with the availability of COVID vaccines and the positivity rates declining we can re-gather for worship in the near future. Council will consider re-gathering for Palm / Passion Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Yes, these are uncertain times; yet they are hopeful times. One phrase that stays with us is this: each Sunday is a resurrection Sunday! You have lived this through all the ways you have given and served as the body of Christ especially this last year. Thank you!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Betty Lou+

## Pastor's Ponderings

I began reading a book written by Alexander John Shaia about a concept named *Quadratos*:

*Four Paths, One Journey*. It has been a slow yet interesting read about the four New Testament Gospels and how they can lead to a four-part spiritual journey and transformation.

Currently the church is using the Cycle B lectionary readings, which means we are reading the Gospel of Mark. Shaia's question for the *Quadratos* path from



## Our President's Perspective

Lynn Cox

Dear Salem Families,

Spring is just around the corner. How do I know? I dug away 4 inches of snow and ice yesterday, to see if my Lenten rose had survived. God is good!

There it was, just frozen in time, a fresh pink bud waiting for the Spring thaw.

We at Salem are like that Lenten rose waiting for the hope and warmth of God's love to bring us all together again.

Many thanks to all of our congregational families for their constant prayers and support of our beloved Salem church. WE are good. GOD IS GREAT!



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## From Our Members

Salem Friends, Thank you for your caring thoughts, prayers, and sympathy cards after the loss of my mother, Barbara Vogel. Please keep my father, Ed Vogel, in your prayers. **Jean Weimer**

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## A Musical "Note"

Cathy Hoefler, Music Director

Psalm 100:1 says "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! So how do we share that joy? Through music, of course!

First, a heartfelt thank you to the brave and faithful choir members who have continued to meet weekly to record hymns for our online worship services.

Please feel free to join us! Come masked on Tuesdays at 3:45.

As we look to re-opening for in-person worship, we would like to begin a Christian contemporary music group beginning in mid-April. The day of the week and time we meet is TBD based on schedules and availability. We are flexible! We would LOVE to include God's children of all ages. The only requirement to join this group is the ability to read, a willingness to open your heart in song, and the desire to make that joyful noise!

So... will you give this a try? Please contact me at 410-692-9619 or email me at [cathybhoefler@gmail.com](mailto:cathybhoefler@gmail.com).

Thank you! May God continue to bless you and yours with His abundant love! And remember, whether you are able to join us or not, KEEP SINGING!

Your singing sister in Christ,

Cathy 🎵

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## An Easter Cookie – "It is risen!"

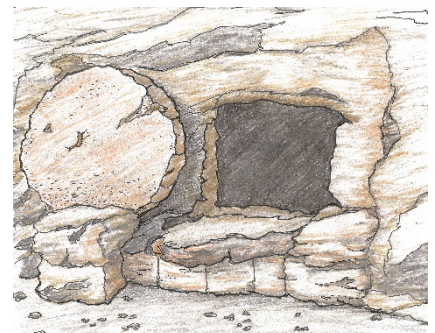
Cathy Hoefler

Easter Story Cookies  
(To be made the evening before Easter)

### YOU WILL NEED:

whole pecans	1 cup
vinegar	1 tsp.
egg whites.	3
pinch of salt	
sugar	1 cup

Also needed:



1 zipper baggie, wooden spoon, masking tape, Bible

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. (This is important; don't wait until you're half done with the recipe!)
2. Place pecans in zipper baggie and beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. [After Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.]
3. Smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into the mixing bowl. [When Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.]
4. Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. [Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.]
5. Sprinkle a little salt into your hand. Taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. [This represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.]
6. So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup of sugar. [The sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16.]
7. Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. [The color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.]
8. Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto a wax paper-covered cookie sheet. [Each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60.]
9. Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. [Place a piece of tape on each side of the oven door to

represent that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66.]

10. GO TO BED! There may be a feeling of sadness to leave the cookies alone in the oven over night. [Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 & 22.]
11. On Easter morning, open the oven and remove the cookies. Notice the cracked surface of the cookies and take a bite out of one of the cookies. The cookies are hollow! [On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9.]

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

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### ***Dates and Events to Remember***

**Soup and Bread** for curbside pick-up on March 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm



Choose from Vegetable, Potato or Matzo Ball soup.

This will include a cup of soup, bread, and dessert. Free will offering at time of pick up.

**Contact Lynn Cox at 410-557-8614 by March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Fish Fry** for curbside pick-up on Good Friday, April 2 from 4-6pm



Dinner includes your choice of one or two servings of Tilapia, ½ of a twice baked potato, choice of coleslaw or potato salad and dessert. Free will offering at time of pick up.

**Contact Lynn Cox at 410-557-8614 by March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## From the Deacon's Desk

Mark Hoefler

- We welcome Glenn Deuchler as the new editor of Salem's newsletter. We appreciate his willingness to take on this important role and responsibility.
- It was definitely a TOUCHDOWN for the "Souper" Bowl Sunday soup collections. Salem and SLCC families joined forces and donated 229 cans of soup in just a few weeks. Seed money from Thrivent Financial was used to match our donations and our soup cans doubled to 458 cans! Thanks to everyone who unselfishly contributed and made this outreach project so successful.
- Each month our members have the opportunity to prepare an Italian casserole for Our Daily Bread in Baltimore City. The recipe for the casserole is an easy one to follow and takes very little time and expense to prepare. Each casserole that's made feeds approximately eight needy people. Since our last congregational meeting was held, Salem Lutheran provided 68 casseroles for the months of December, January and February. This means that in the first quarter of our church year at Salem, participating members provided a nourishing meal for 544 people. [If you'd like to become a part of this outreach, the pans and recipe can be found in the narthex.]



## Go for the Goats – Salem's Goat Project

Mark Hoefler

### The Gift that Keeps on Giving

As you are already aware, during our 2021 Lenten season, Salem

Lutheran is reaching beyond the borders of our Jarrettsville community and working through ELCA World Hunger to

purchase goats at a cost of \$50 each. This important community outreach continues through Easter Sunday with the hope that our goal of at least 20 goats will be reached.

But what does the monetary contribution towards the purchase of the goats really provide? The funds for these creatures truly do so much to improve the day-to-day lives of families in poverty in over 60 countries



throughout the world. The gifts of livestock, like the goat, provide people with food to eat and drink, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market which provide funds to meet daily living expenses. The goats allow impoverished families to become independent so that they do not have to rely forever on handouts. In fact, those who are actually

helped through our gifts, are soon able to support others who are in need within their local communities.

When we give, as disciples of Christ, we're also sharing the Good News. Through our sacrificial offering, we're providing the opportunity for non-Christians to be exposed to the Word of our Lord.



So, if you are able and you have not yet donated, may your heart be moved by the Holy Spirit to give to this important Lenten outreach opportunity. \*

(\*Anyone who donates may also put his/her name in a drawing to win Gruff, the stuffed goat that's being used by Pastor during the Lenten services. The drawing will take place on Easter Sunday.

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### ***From the Editor***

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of the Salem Light newsletter. This is my first effort at producing the newsletter, and my primary goals were to get the newsletter to the congregation quickly; and to use this first edition as a baseline to get more input and suggestions from the congregation on how to make it more beneficial to everyone. I will be asking certain positions within the congregation to make contributions relative to the responsibilities of that position, and I also welcome any input from anyone in the congregation. This is OUR newsletter, so EVERYONE should feel welcome to contribute.

In order to serve everyone and to help ensure compatibility with the maximum number of people, I am requesting that entries be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.doc file formats). Going forward, I

would also like everyone to try to keep the length of each article to approximately 150 words, so we can keep the overall size manageable to print and to send electronically.

I look forward to your contributions and your comments.

Thanks,

Glenn Deuchler

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### ***Community Health Programs***



This poster describes an important public health message for all:



**Don't Forget**  
HARFORD COUNTY  
**Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program**  
*You may be eligible at no cost to you*

**CANCER Screenings SAVE LIVES**  
Breast exams, mammograms and Pap tests help detect breast and cervical problems early, when they are most treatable.

The program provides:

- Mammograms
- Breast exams
- Pap tests
- HPV tests
- Pap and HPV tests for women 21 and older are covered through the program

You may be eligible to receive **mammograms and breast exams at no cost** if you:

- Are 40 years or older
- Have limited income
- Have no health insurance or insurance that does not pay for mammograms or breast exams
- Have health insurance, but have not been able to be screened or get follow-up testing/care

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