



The Salem Light

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Pastor's Ponderings

May has opened up long awaited possibilities! Salem has one of her own children, Tim Lukens, who graduated from Penn State University and has been offered a position at APG. Lynn and Nick enjoyed the graduation of their granddaughter, Sara West, from James Madison University. Sara will be headed to Wyoming to continue graduate music studies on full scholarship in one of the West's finest institutions. And, Glenn and I enjoyed the graduation of our oldest grandson, Michael, from Towson University. He will begin teaching science at South West Academy in Woodlawn MD. I am certain each of you has someone or knows of someone who has graduated also, whether from pre-school, kindergarten,



elementary, secondary, college or graduate studies. And we pray for each one to find success and fulfillment in their life's dream journey. Oh, but May has more possibilities.

About half of the United States has reported at least 50% of their State's population has been fully vaccinated, including Maryland. Children from the ages of 12 and up are able to receive the Pfizer vaccine and trials for younger than 12 years of age are underway. What this means is a steady and gradual return to Pre-COVID time. Something we have been waiting for.

I was in the store today and a lady was standing in the middle of the aisle with her mask on and questioning folks who were not wearing their masks. "Why aren't you wearing a mask? Has something happened that I don't know about?" Her words are worth remembering because believe it or not, not everyone knows about the vaccine and what it means to getting the world back to some normalcy. We can have a part in helping folks know about getting the vaccine by spreading the news. The choice will always be for the individual to make, but there is little excuse for not sharing the news of the vaccine availability.

I could go on with examples of May's possibilities but I find myself thinking about the dismissal spoken at the end of the worship service during May, "Go in Peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!"



Sharing the good news of our faith in Jesus Christ is like telling someone about a vaccine to save a life. We cannot assume everyone has heard about or knows much about the Lord and the gift of life He has given to us. We really don't know how long the COVID vaccine will remain effective in our bodies, but what we do know is this: believing in Jesus comes with a lifetime guarantee. This is really good news and something Jesus asks us to do for the sake of all human life.

God's blessing to you and yours, Pastor Betty Lou+

Our President's Perspective

Lynn Cox shares...

Calling all stitchers and crafters! Meeting time is weekly on Thursday 9-11:30 AM in the church narthex.



Bring projects to work on, or we will supply you with a craft kit.

Help us brainstorm some new craft ideas for our upcoming fall festival fundraiser .

Come Join us for fun, lots of laughs, and plenty of talk,

Time is flexible, so if you cannot stay the whole time, or need to come a little later, feel free.

Just join us, you don't know what you are missing.

Altar Guild Schedule

From Ruth Phoebus...

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

May – Linda Brannan

June – Claudette Wilson

July – Carol Temple

Altar Paraments:

White on May 30th, the Holy Trinity

Green on June 6th thru August 8th



Salem Craft Fair Returns!

From Lynn Cox:

Here we go! We are back. If all goes well in the coming months, our annual craft fair will return in October. Check for more details in the next newsletter.

Save Fleas for the flea market

Apple Butter

Lend a helping hand that day

Enjoy the smell of hotdogs cooking

Make goodies for the bake table

Crafts, crafts, please we need crafts!

Rings, lids and pint-sized jars for apple butter

Apples, pies and apple dumplings

Fun and games for kids

Tap your feet to live music

Face painting and pumpkin painting

Antique cars

Invite friends and neighbors. All are welcome

Ride the hay tractor

For fall preschool, we currently have openings in the PM three-year-old class, the PM four-year-old class, and the M-F 9:00 am-12:00 pm four-year-old class. Church members do not need to pay the registration fee so if you are interested in registering for the preschool program, please contact the office.

SLCC Happenings

Cherie Johnson, Director



We are extremely lucky and thankful to have so many dedicated teachers here at SLCC. We just finished Teacher

Appreciation Week where we showered them with notes and gifts for all of their hard work in making Salem the special place that it is for children.

Our preschool and daycare classes have taken advantage of Spring to teach the life cycle of plants. They planted grass seeds, sunflowers, and marigolds. The 3's daycare class also planted milkweed to

cultivate a butterfly garden. The 4's daycare classes have also been learning about animals and pets this month.



Children have been bringing in photos of their pets to share with their classes. The 4's preschool classes have been having fun with hands on science experiments this month learning about density, layering liquids, and sinking and floating. We can't believe that Preschool Graduation is right around the corner!

From the Editor

Once again, my sincere thanks to those of you who have contributed to this edition of our newsletter. I encourage everyone to support our newsletter by sending in articles of interest to our congregation. Without your contributions, there would be no newsletter.

Below you will find copies of two posters that I have received. I could not edit or replicate the relevant information in a better or more interesting format, so I am including them intact. Both describe worthy events; please take a few moments to read them and prayerfully consider supporting the events.

Glenn Deuchler

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Salem Craft Fair Returns!



**Annual Craft Fair
and Flea Market**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
9 AM TO 2 PM

- APPLE BUTTER
- BAKE TABLE
- HAYRIDE
- PUMPKIN PAINTING
- FOOD TABLE
- MOON BOUNCE
- ANTIQUE CARS
- FACE PAINTING

**Live Music throughout the Day
by Start2Finish**

Salem Lutheran Church
3825 Norrisville Road
across from Jarrettsville Elementary School

Happy Father's Day! Enjoy lunch for a worthy cause!



FATHER'S DAY FOOD TRUCK!

WHEN:
FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021
11AM-2PM

WHERE:
MCCOMAS CELEBRATION
OF LIFE CENTER
1114 BALDWIN MILL ROAD
JARRETTSVILLE, MD

LUNCH PROVIDED BY  JDHOUSEOFBACON.COM
Get Some!

To show our appreciation for all of the guidance, provision, and protection fathers and father figures give to our community, **lunch is on us!** All fathers and father figures can enjoy a FREE lunch at **McComas Celebration of Life Center** in Jarrettsville.

All others are welcome to come along to eat and enjoy the day for a \$5 donation that will benefit the Sunflower Fund to help families in need in our local community.

*A FATHER IS SOMEONE YOU LOOK UP TO,
NO MATTER HOW TALL YOU GROW.*

 **McComas**
Family Funeral Homes
Celebrating a Life Lived