



# The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“People and their leaders will come from all over to see what’s going on. The leaders will confer with one another: ‘Shouldn’t we try to get in on this? Get in on GOD’s blessings? Pray to GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies? What’s keeping us? Let’s go!’ Lots of people, powerful nations—they’ll come to Jerusalem looking for what they can get from GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, looking to get a blessing from GOD...”

“Let us go with you. We’ve heard that God is with you.”

The prophet was voicing good news of God’s mercy and grace to the post exilic peoples. They had returned to Jerusalem and although they saw all the work ahead of them to rebuild their houses, the Temple, and their lives, God’s Words through Zechariah’s lips, lifted the peoples’ chins to see the goodness and grace in this place and time. In fact, God’s plan all along included all nations to draw near to and know God through the faith and grace seen in God’s people.

This is how I am imagining the Salem’s coming annual Craft Fair and Flea Market. I see it as a marketplace where the joy of giving to the community is found within ourselves. Not only in material goods, baked goods, and a few hours of fond fall activities and memories on this day at Salem, but seeing Jesus’ love, goodness, and grace flowing from each of you.

YOU say this fundraiser is more about giving what we have away. And, when it’s all said and done, people do come to see what’s going on, to receive a blessing here and there. Yet most importantly, people do see

## ***Pastor's Ponderings***

This last week in September and the tiptoeing into October is looking like a swarm of bees buzzing in and out of the church building. I say bees, but then that can conjure up a few stinging memories from a couple weeks ago. I heard someone, used the term, “fleas,” to refer to YOU as running up and down, and all along the pews sorting clothes, pricing items, and setting up specialty booths, like the Christmas section, all in preparation for this Saturday’s Craft Fair and Flea Market. Whether you use think in terms of bees or fleas we are busy!

During this morning’s devotion time I read in The Message version of the bible from Zechariah 8:20-23,



and sense that God is here, in this place and it is the Lord's grace and love that is given freely away. We are truly blessed to be a blessing!

Giving thanks to God for the gift of grace and for the blessings you pass on,

Yours in Christ's love, Pastor Betty Lou

### Our President's Perspective

From Lynn Cox

The corn in the fields is drying, pumpkin stands are appearing, and mums are everywhere. Now if the weather would get cooler, we would know fall is around the corner with the official arrival on September 22nd to be exact.

October 2nd is our annual craft fair. In gratitude for our giving to Thrivent, they have graciously donated funds to help purchase the apple sauce for our famous apple butter. The apple sauce is in house and ready for the apple butter stirring during the day on Wednesday, September 29th. Stop by any time that day to chat and help stir; we will be stirring from 5:30 am to 7 pm.

Craft fair donations for the food table are still needed. If you are providing food for the bake table,



remember that the County requires all food for purchase to have a clear list of ingredients on the package, and it protects someone from innocently eating something to which they could have an allergic reaction (like

peanuts, dairy, eggs, gluten, etc.).

We also need workers for Friday night for set up. We are also looking for volunteers during the fair and people to help take down and clean up.

Sign up sheets are in Narthex on the round table.

Please come and enjoy, and bring your friends and neighbors.

The stitchers have a long heritage and attachment to the craft fair, and they want to thank you for all of your continued support.

The windows and doors will be open, so plenty of fresh air will be circulating through church and all of the buildings

### Worship Assistants

Here is the schedule for worship assistants for the remainder of 2021. We are constantly looking for people to assist in worship. If anyone would like to assist in the Sunday service, as an usher, lector, or Communion assistant, please contact Sharon Lukens. The next schedule for early 2022 will be developed in late December.

DATE	USHER/CONTACT	TRACING LIST	ACOLYTE	LECTOR
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Sunday, October 3, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	Mike Whitacre	Usher	Ruth Phoebus
Sunday, October 10, 2021	Dennis Lukens	Timothy Lukens	Usher	Mark Hoefler
Sunday, October 17, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	Mike Whitacre	Usher	Diane Grove
Sunday, October 24, 2021	Dennis Lukens	Timothy Lukens	Usher	Lynn Cox
Sunday, October 31, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	Mike Whitacre	Usher	Glenn Deuchler
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Sunday, November 7, 2021	Dennis Lukens	Timothy Lukens	Usher	Carol Temple
Sunday, November 14, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	Mike Whitacre	Usher	Mike Whitacre
Sunday, November 21, 2021	Dennis Lukens	Timothy Lukens	Usher	Ruth Phoebus
Sunday, November 28, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	Mike Whitacre	Usher	Mark Hoefler
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Sunday, December 5, 2021	Dennis Lukens	Timothy Lukens	Usher	Diane Grove
Sunday, December 12, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	Mike Whitacre	Usher	Glenn Deuchler
Sunday, December 19, 2021	Dennis Lukens	Timothy Lukens	Usher	Carol Temple
Friday, December 24, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	Mike Whitacre	Usher	Mike Whitacre
Sunday, December 26, 2021	Dennis Lukens	Timothy Lukens	Usher	Ruth Phoebus
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>		<b>SPECIAL SERVICES</b>		
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Sunday, October 3, 2021	Ruth Phoebus	Jean Weimer		
Sunday, October 10, 2021				
Sunday, October 17, 2021	Lynn Cox	Doris Karoll		
Sunday, October 24, 2021				
Sunday, October 31, 2021				Reformation Day
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Sunday, November 7, 2021	Doris Karoll	Ruth Phoebus		24th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 14, 2021				25th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 21, 2021	Carol Temple	Jean Weimer		Christ the King Sunday
Sunday, November 28, 2021				1st Sunday of Advent
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Sunday, December 5, 2021	Doris Karoll	Ruth Phoebus		2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 12, 2021				3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 19, 2021	Carol Temple	Jean Weimer		4th Sunday of Advent
Friday, December 24, 2021	Doris Karoll	Ruth Phoebus		Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 26, 2021				1st Sunday of Christmas
*IF THERE IS A WEEK YOU HAVE A SCHEDULING CONFLICT, PLEASE TRY TO SWITCH WITH ANOTHER MEMBER AND MARK UP CORK BOARD COPY.				
THANK YOU, SHARON LUKENS				

## ***Teller Schedule***

Here is the schedule for Tellers for the remainder of 2021:

- Oct:   3: Stearns, Bortmes  
      10: Wilson, Regan  
      17: Whitacre, Phoebus  
      24: Saffran, Garner  
      31: Stearns, Bortmes
- Nov.   7: Stearns, Bortmes  
      14: Wilson, Regan  
      21: Whitacre, Phoebus  
      28: Saffran, Garner
- Dec.   5: Stearns, Bortmes  
      12: Wilson, Regan  
      19: Whitacre, Phoebus  
      26: Saffran, Garner



## ***God's Work, Our Hands***

On Sunday, September 12, several members volunteered some time after worship to do some outdoor maintenance around Salem, while others assembled 40+ Personal Care packages. Following approximately an hour of “joyful work”, many of the workers gathered to share a delicious gourmet potluck lunch. All in all, those who participated accomplished a lot and enjoyed the fellowship as well. Here are a few pictures, courtesy of Ruth Phoebus, that show what many hands can achieve in a short amount of time. Thanks to all who shared their hands for God’s Work.





### ***Appreciation for our Donation***

The following note was received:

*“Dear Salem Lutheran, Thank you for your very generous donation of school supplies as well as the food and personal care. We truly appreciate your partnership to help those in need on our community. The kindness and generosity shown in your donation to our agency is deeply appreciated. Thank you for joining us in making a real difference in our community.”*

From Jane Skrzypiec, Highland Center Director  
Mason-Dixon Community Services, Inc.

## Lion's Club Fruit Sale

From Ned Cockey

The Jarrettsville Lions Club is having its annual fruit sale this fall. It is one of their fundraisers. Here is a copy of the official flier.

### Jarrettsville Lions Club Fruit Sale

Last day to order – Nov 20, 2021

Call - 410-343-0921 or order from a Lions member

Pickup – Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 8 AM to 1 PM at Blackhorse Fire Station

**Prices are the same as 2019!**

Fruit not picked up may be resold



#### NAVEL ORANGES

10 lb. Carton 14-20 Oranges \$20.00  
 20 lb. Carton 28-40 Oranges \$30.00  
 40 lb. Carton 48-80 Oranges \$42.00



#### RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT

10 lb. Carton 8-10 Grapefruit \$20.00  
 20 lb. Carton 16-24 Grapefruit \$30.00  
 40 lb. Carton 36-48 Grapefruit \$42.00



#### MIXED ORANGES AND RED GRAPEFRUIT

20 lb. Carton 14-20 Navel 8-10 Grapefruit \$32.00  
\*2.00 higher than 2019

To Order – Ned Cockey 410-459-9650

## What's Happening at SLCC...

We are so excited for our school year to begin at SLCC! Our preschool and daycare classes have been busy learning school routines and getting acquainted with each other. With the theme "All About Me, My Family, and My Home" this month, the 3 and 4-year old children are having fun making new friends as they learn about each other.

Each month every preschool and daycare class focuses on 3-4 letters to learn. The 3's daycare class made banana bread for the letter B this month. One of the 4's preschool classes completed a science experiment with bones and vinegar to extend learning with a sight word that starts with B.



Thankfully, we are able to reopen our before and after care program this school year since Harford County Schools are back in session. We have two

classes each of before and after care for our school-aged children.

We are currently looking for substitute teachers and aides for our classrooms. We have openings immediately for flexible candidates who are willing to work with children in any classroom, from preschool to school-aged, depending on the need. We are willing to train, so no experience is necessary. Contact the office today for details.

Cherie Johnson  
 SLCC Director

## Notes from our Council Secretary

Notes from Parish Council Secretary, Diane Grove:

- After the summer months off, your Parish Council members reconvened on September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss church business once again.
- COVID-19 still remains with us and the Council discussed whether any changes to the in person service were needed. A motion was passed to keep the service as it is for now – communion offered without gathering around the altar, hymns and readings printed in the bulletin, and an online service emailed weekly for those who can't attend in person.
- COVID-19 concerns for the Craft Fair were also addressed. Signs will be posted requesting masks be worn by all who enter the Rainbow Room or the church that day.
- Council also approved a Girl Scout service project. A local troop is constructing a "Blessing Box" which will be installed on church property and stocked with items for needy members of the community. More information to come as this worthy project continues.



## ***From the Editor***

Once again, I want to thank those who took the time to submit articles for the newsletter. As summer comes to a close, we are in the process of resuming the activities that traditionally start in the fall, so this newsletter provides information on a lot of those activities.

There are so many ways that you can apply your time and talents to contribute to the Salem community and make it a better, more diverse place to worship and share fellowship. Please give prayerful consideration to being a more active part of Salem.

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