

**NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**If you need to speak to someone immediately, we're here to help.** Call the church office at 410-742-6595. Office hours (Monday-Thursday, 8 am-12 Noon). For after hours contact, please use the Emergency Pager: 410-380-7052. Leave a call back number and a Vestry member will contact you as soon as possible.

**The Vestry invites the congregation to discuss the possible shared ministry with Faith Lutheran Church** or to ask questions during any of the following meetings next week:

- > Today, October 19 from 7-8 p.m. on Zoom [Click Here](#)
- > Wednesday, October 20 from 7-8 p.m. on Zoom [Click Here](#)
- > Sunday, October 24 after the 9:30 a.m. service, in person in the parish hall

Additional information was sent by e-mail or letter.

**Mini-chalices**, are available Monday-Thursday 9am-12 Noon. If you are unable to come into the office, please call Stephanie and she will bring them outside. If you need mini-chalices delivered to your home, call Stephanie to make arrangements.

**The Nominating Committee** comprised of Maarten Pereboom (chair), Judy Gracey (Registrar), Beth Jones, Katherine West and Arlene White seek your suggestions and / or self-nominations for Vestry (2022-2024) and alternates to the 2023 Diocesan Convention. Please contact them as soon as possible.

**It's time for the fall cleanup!** Bring your light jackets and your own work gloves to the church grounds on Saturday, Oct. 23, between 9:30 and noon. Work includes some light weeding, tree and bush trimming, strategic raking and sweeping. This is a great way to get some fresh air and commune with your fellow congregants while beautifying our church property! For more information, contact vestry member Richard Hunter at [rbhunter@salisbury.edu](mailto:rbhunter@salisbury.edu).

**Eve the mother, bible study** (meeting October 24, and October 31 @ 5 pm) We'll interpret the scripture, then dive into some poetry, music, and art as we reconcile Eve's power as the Mother of all Living with her powerlessness as the mother of two feuding sons. All sessions will use zoom, shortcut to the zoom invitation -> <https://tinyurl.com/dwcpwpxyw>  
Please email Alisha at [alishamking@gmail.com](mailto:alishamking@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

**The Forward Day by Day daily devotional booklets:** The November 2021, December 2021, and January 2022 Day by Day Issue booklets are now available in the Parish Hall.

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On Sunday, October 17 we had 54 people attend in-person, we had 6 people join us via Zoom and 0 on Facebook! Come and join us!

**OCTOBER**

**Masks/Singing** – Masks are again recommended in general in church or on church property. People sitting in the front of the church should feel free to sing softly during the service, and people seated in the back part of the church are requested to refrain from singing.

**Seating / Social distancing** -The front area of the nave from the breezeway doors forward, including all pews and 1 row of red chairs, is open with no restrictions regarding social distancing. You may sit wherever you choose, with whomever you choose. The back of the church, primarily with red chairs, will still have social distanced seating. People will self-select where they wish to sit and feel the most comfortable and safe.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21:**  
**Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24:**  
**Deacon Mass, Rite II Service, 9:30am**

**LECTORS: Maarten Pereboom, Jeremy Cox**  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jim Cockey**  
**TECH TEAM: Katherine West, Brian Raygor**  
**VESTRY PERSON/USHER: Jeremy Cox**  
**ALTAR GUILD: Jim Cockey**


**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
**Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28:**  
**Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31:**  
**NO SERVICE AT ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH**  
**Worship at Faith Lutheran Church, 11:00am**

**SUNDAY MORNING TECH CHANGES:** On November 14, we will no longer have services on Zoom. Services will be livestreamed on the parish's Youtube channel instead. This move will improve sound quality and allow us to reach a wider audience, as well as enable viewing of services at a later date. More information as well as specific instructions will be coming out soon.

**Happy Birthday**  
**Rebecca Jones-Hochmuth 10/20**  
**Rod Layton 10/20**  
**Ryder Yackel 10/23**



**Happy Anniversary**  
**Al & Judy Gracey 10/23**  
**Walt & Katherine West 10/24**



**Link to Vestry Minutes and Financials:**  
Please click [HERE](#) for the approved Vestry Meeting Minutes and approved Financial Statement.  
(Minutes and Financial are posted once they are approved.)

### **Join the tech team and exercise your brain!**

Did you know that learning a new skill involves the generation of new neural activity patterns?(1) The benefit of learning a cognitively demanding new skill is that it can ward off dementia through the development of new neural pathways, giving your brain a good workout (2). If you'd like to build more brain cells, please consider joining the tech team. We welcome anyone who would like to join - no prerequisites required! If you're interested in joining, please contact Katherine West ( [kwoodywest@gmail.com](mailto:kwoodywest@gmail.com) )

(1) Oby, M. et al. New neural activity patterns emerge with long-term learning. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 2019; 201820296 DOI

(2) <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2014/05/05/309006780/learning-a-new-skill-works-best-to-keep-your-brain-sharp>

**On October 31, 1517**, legend has it that Martin Luther approached the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany and nailed a piece of paper to it containing the 95 revolutionary opinions that would begin the Protestant Reformation. This October 31st, Faith Lutheran Church is inviting us to celebrate Reformation Day with them at their 11:00 a.m. service at 1416 Old Ocean City Road in Salisbury. Maarten Pereboom will be speaking about the historical implications of the day. We have been invited to wear something RED as part of the celebration. Wearing a mask is encouraged, specifically when singing. Please come and celebrate our common heritage! There will be no service at St. Alban's that day.

**Wanted! Looking for volunteers** to help provide transportation for those who are unable attend functions at St Alban's for various reasons. Contact Kim O'Grady at [pkograde3@yahoo.com](mailto:pkograde3@yahoo.com) if you are able to help out.

**Cold weather shelter update** for those of you that haven't been involved in the planning meetings this year for the newly renamed CESP. The cold weather shelter has now been wrapped into a new nonprofit called Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness. The shelter project will become a year round project, which opens in November 2021 at Park Seventh Day Church located at 31525 John Deere Dr, Salisbury, MD 21804. The shelter project will focus on providing compassionate solutions to ending homelessness. The co-directors are Walter Davidson and Kathy Cannon. The project is currently seeking volunteers to serve at the shelter, and that link is here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49acae2da6f4c43-check>. There will be a meal sign up created and shared very soon. The shelter is also seeking board members. Please contact Walter Davidson by text/phone call at 410-251-4890 if you would like to volunteer or need additional information.

**Bens Red Swings clean up day** Saturday, November 27 at 9am. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Please bring rakes, pitch forks, brooms, wheelbarrows and/or work gloves. Volunteer hours for high school students are available. Coffee, hot chocolate, bagels and donuts provided.

**All Saints Day/ All Souls Day:** St. Alban's will celebrate the Feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day on Sunday, November 7th. As part of our celebration, a display will honor the dearly departed friends and family of the congregation. If you have photos, obituaries, or other visual remembrances of someone who has passed away, please provide them to Mike Mathers during the month of October so that we can prepare for the display. Digital photos can be emailed to [Mikemathers@gmail.com](mailto:Mikemathers@gmail.com) and printed photos can be left in an envelope in the office, attn: Mike Mathers.

**New Dean of the Southern Convocation Announced.** Bishop San recently announced the appointment of a new Dean for the Southern Convocation, The Very Rev. David Michaud of St. Peter's in Salisbury, who accepted the Bishop's appointment during a meeting last week. The Very Rev. Michael Moyer recently resigned the position to accept a call to be Rector of St. Alban's in Tokyo, Japan.

**The Annual Christmas party for Agape Ministry** will be Saturday, December 4th, 12-3 p.m. at Christ Church, Cambridge. Can you help stock the "gift shop" where children will be shopping for their family and caregivers? Contact Pat Layton, 410-202-6049 if you have questions or donations to drop off.

**SAVE THE DATE** - 154th Diocesan Convention To Be Virtual Save the Date – March 5th, 2022



Volunteers are needed for Lower Shore Land Trust Seeding Day at St Alban's. (Pollinator Butterfly Garden). The meadow has a lot of weeds, but happens often during the first year of a meadow. We are also going to be adding some more seed to what's already been planted to try and crowd out the weeds for next spring even more.

This is an opportunity to engage some volunteers from St. Alban's in the seeding process. We want to do this seeding before the first frost, Dates TBD

The process would involve raking some small areas or "pockets" within the meadow and sprinkling seed by hand with direct contact into the soil and then tamping it down. The rest of the seed will be broadcast by hand as well as possible to have it reach the seedbed.

If you are interested in volunteering, email Suzanne Ketcham at [sketcham@lowershorelandtrust.org](mailto:sketcham@lowershorelandtrust.org).