

Salem Lutheran Church  
2101 North Virginia  
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*From the Pastor's Computer*

*Holy Week Schedule:*

*April 9, 2017*

*Palm Sunday 9:00AM Worship  
7:00PM Community Worship Service  
at Our Lady of the Gulf Gymnasium*

*April 13, 2017*

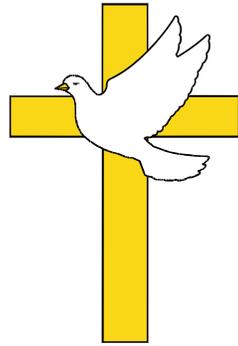
*7:00PM Laying of the Hands and Holy Communion*

*April 14, 2017*

*6AM-7:00PM Good Friday Prayer Vigil  
7:00PM Good Friday Worship*

*April 16, 2017*

*Easter Sunday Worship  
Easter Sunday Brunch  
Easter Egg Hunt for the Children*



## **Salem Lutheran Church**

*"Sharing the love of Christ"*

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	William Hahn, Jr.	552-7750
	Kathy Riske	484-0835
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### **Executive Council**

President	Rob Barjenbruch	484-0281
Vice President	Mike Rothmann	552-6893
Secretary	Lindy Cain	773-576-7845
Treasurer	Kristel Knipling	552-2263

### **Council Ministry Teams**

Proclaim	Jennifer Hahn	676-7348
Nurture	Dottie Hahn	571-0668
Response	Wanda Hahn	676-2046
Property	Clint Myers	551-2774

# From the Pastor's Computer:

Several of us from Salem were at a meeting at John Wesley United Methodist church in Victoria last Saturday. They already have their Easter Sunday cross with chicken-wire wrapped around it setup in the front of their worship space. Only they don't have flowers stuffed into the mesh in anticipation of Easter morning, they have little slips of paper rolled up and placed in the mesh. According to the pastor at John Wesley that I talked to earlier this week, they spent some time on Ash Wednesday writing down their Lenten "New Year's Resolutions."

They wrote down what they desired to give-up or take-on or get-rid-of during these forty days. They stuffed them into the cross as a sign to God of their commitment. They will be removed in time for beautiful flowers to take their place on Easter morning.

It may be mid-stream in the season, but our cross is now in our narthex along with similar slips of paper. We will also have a special time during our Maundy Thursday worship to place slips that we have written our sins that we desire forgiveness for as we come forward to receive absolution.

Have a blessed month.  
Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Dan".



## Holy Week

**April 9, 2017, PALM SUNDAY SERVICES:**

**At Salem: 9:00AM**  
**Procession with Palms and Holy Communion**

**At Our Lady of the Gulf Gymnasium: 7:00PM**  
**Calhoun County Ministerial Alliance**  
**Palm Sunday Community Service**

**April 13, 2017, MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00PM**  
**Laying on of Hands and Holy Communion**

**April 14, 2017, Good Friday Prayer Vigil 7AM-7:00PM**

**April 14, 2017, Good Friday 7:00PM**

**April 16, 2017, Easter Sunday;**  
**9:00AM**

- Holy Communion Worship
- Easter Sunday Brunch
- Easter Egg Hunt after Brunch

All are invited to Salem's Annual Easter Sunday Brunch held following worship.

After brunch in lieu of Sunday School, there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children.

**(BYOB; Bring Your Own Basket, eggs will be provided!)**



Be sure to bring your fresh cut flowers to worship service on Easter Sunday morning for the cross in front of the Altar.

The church office will be closing at Noon on Friday, April 14th and will open back up after Easter on Tuesday, April 18th.



**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00AM**

*We will have a brief Altar Guild meeting on Sunday, April 2nd, immediately after worship. Please contact Retha Hahn, 361-920-1248, if you have any questions.*



The Seredipity Bible Study class will start back up on Sunday, April 23, 2017 in the office's Conference Room. Please join us!

Chancel Choir Schedule: April 5th - Rehearsal following worship  
April 9th - Worship  
April 13th - Rehearsal following worship  
April 16th - Worshp  
April 26th - Rehearsal 7:00PM  
April 30th - Worship



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Operation Christmas Child will be an ongoing ministry for Salem Lutheran Church. If you would like to participate, you might pick up shoebox items throughout the year. Donations to help defray the shipping costs for the boxes would be welcome also. This is a wonderful way to help children all over the world. This past Christmas over 11 million boxes were sent out by Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child! Overseas shipping rules will no longer allow toothpaste, candy or gum to be place in the shoeboxes!

De Colores!



**APRIL 14, 2017**

**6:00AM – 7:00PM**

We will once again be holding a Good Friday prayer vigil on April 14, 2017 from 6am until Good Friday church service at 7pm.

The GOAL of this prayer vigil time is to collectively enter into prayer during this holiest time of year. As a church family we are joining together from wherever we are, handing off the vigil from one person to the next. It's a way of joining together even when we are apart. It's a way of trusting that we are partnering together, taking turns to cover our church, our community, our world with prayer as we dwell in the darkness of Good Friday. It's an opportunity to be FUELED by a closeness to God and create a culture in which prayer is woven into the fabric of our daily live and our relationships with each other.

We are asking that each of our church family commit to at least 30 minutes during this time period to dedicate themselves to prayer. You can pray at home, work, in the car, wherever you can find a quiet place to have a conversation with God. We will try to have the church open throughout the day starting at 8am for those that who to pray there.

We will have signup sheets after church service for the next couple of Sundays. Please find a time slot(s) that works for you and make the commitment so we can cover every minute with prayer.

Thanks,  
Prayer Team

A few Prayer Suggestions are listed on the next page.

- ✓ Preparation: Ask God to help you spend this time profitably with him. Give yourself to him for this time.
  
- ✓ Confession: Spend a moment going over with him recent sins that weigh on you, but don't dredge up old ones. Ask for his cleansing, and then accept it by faith and thank him for it.
  
- ✓ Praise and thanksgiving: Thank God for his goodness to you and your friends. There's a special sense in which God "inhabits" the praises of his people. As your heart begins to adore him, you'll sense his presence more deeply.
  
- ✓ Petition: Pray about life's difficulties. Use this time to talk over with the Lord your own struggles. Discuss with him your relationship with your loved one or spouse, your family, your financial needs, your studies or job.
  
- ✓ Intercession: Pray for friends, loved ones, relatives, neighbors, fellow workers. Don't just read a list of names to God, but talk to him about their lives and needs. You can boldly ask him for their salvation. Ask God to bring Christians into their lives, to alter circumstances, and to give you opportunities for witness.
  
- ✓ Prayer for the church: Call on God for a deep renewal of love for him. Pray for your pastor and church leaders. Intercede for the Sunday school children and the youth, the families, the singles, the widows, the sick and shut-ins. Call on God for an increase in giving so the church can accomplish its work. Pray for the Christian organizations working with the college students, children, military personnel, and the homeless in your community.
  
- ✓ Prayer for the nation: Pray that God will guide our president and legislators, our justices and judges, our governors and mayors, our police and firefighters. Pray for righteousness in government and a public policy sensitive to the needs of the oppressed both here and abroad.
  
- ✓ Prayer for other nations: Pray for the work of Christ throughout the world. Intercede for unreached peoples. Pray for missionaries, for Third World pastors and churches, for the people of God who are suffering persecution. Pray for peace. Ask God to give food, shelter, and hope to the hungry.

## Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 14, 2017

### **OPENING:**

Pastor Dan Zellmer opened the meeting with a prayer.  
Inspirational devotional on Spiritual Disciplines provided by Jennifer Hahn.  
Present members: Kristel Knipling, Dorothy Hahn, Wanda Hahn, Dan Zellmer, Jennifer Hahn, Clint Myers, and Rob Barjenbruch.

### **MINUTES/AGENDA:**

Pastor Dan motioned to approve the agenda; Kristel Knipling 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried  
Wanda Hahn motioned to approve the minutes from previous meeting with corrections; Pastor Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried

### **REPORTS:**

Treasurer: Kristel Knipling – Reviewed 2017 Operating Fund Income and Expenditures, Balance Sheet as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and Report. It was noted that we are in the red due to low contribution, not going over budget. The offering for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in March totaled \$10,000. It was agreed that Rob Barjenbruch would make an announcement on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> to inform the congregation on where we financially stand. The Expenses for month to month are as budgeted except for #64 *Office Equip Rep & Main*. Monthly budget is \$166.67, but in February \$565.00 was spent. This was due to a yearly subscription for a computer program used at the office being due. Pastor Dan suggested adding a software line item to the Operating Fund Income and Expenditures for the computer programs used at the office. Kristel stated that social security was figured incorrectly on taxes and a refund check was received and deposited on Monday. She will have the figures at the next meeting on how much was put back into *Employer Social Security*. It was asked of there were still bills to pay for the sign from the Sign Fund and the possibility of using the money left over for replacing the signs around town. Yes, the electrician still needs to be paid and need to talk to Eclipse about redoing signs around town with left over funds.

Pastor: Pastor Dan – We are within one day of getting electrical part of sign completed and get an inspection. Clint Myers will follow up with wind storm engineer and wind storm insurance for sign. Also, there has been no input from the congregation regarding content for the new website.

Proclaim: Jennifer Hahn –There was a hymn selection meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, however she was not sure what date the hymns were selected through since she was unable to attend the meeting. She will have the dates for the next meeting.

Nurture: Dorothy Hahn – Starter kits for VBS 2017 have been ordered. Dorothy will email Terri about putting an announcement in the bulletin about having VBS and needing volunteers.

Response: Wanda Hahn – Needs to get with Ruthie about the surveys.

Property: Clint Myers – Electrician is still working on the sign (*during the meeting, the electrician completed his job and sent in a request for an inspection*). Clint held off on the delivery of new playground until talking with Lorie Paul to head up workdays to install new playground. He will be working on getting the lawn ready for Easter. After discussion during the treasurer's report, Clint will look into working with Eclipse on refurbishing the church signs around town. The next big project is to hire out for plumbing repairs. It was stated that there are 4 more people interested in helping with property maintenance. Pastor Dan requested for someone to be responsible for air filter upkeep for the air conditioners. April 8<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled workday and will be added to the calendar for the newsletter.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Council Duties and New Meeting Time – If a council member is scheduled for council person on a Sunday he or she is not able to attend, it is his or her responsibility to secure a replacement and inform either Terri or Pastor Dan of the change. Designate Lent Wednesday night offerings – The specific Global Missions that the offering will be designated for is Youth Missions – funding to send youth on missionary trips around the world.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Kristel Knipling stated that fees for automatic withdrawal will be increasing for offering.

It was suggested that Pastor look into placing a donation button on the church website page.

#### **CALENDER**

April calendar was reviewed and approved by all present members with the addition of the workday on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CLOSING**

The Lord's Prayer was said together during closing.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennifer Hahn

Proclaim

# FROM THE SLC COUNCIL



Saturday, April 8th at 8:00AM

will be a church WORKDAY!

We will be working on the lawn and flower beds and doing general clean up getting ready for Easter.

**PLEASE BRING ANY GARDEN TOOLS YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR US TO USE!**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

March's offering totaled - \$20,295.38  
~ AND ~

We have collected \$967 for the Synod Assembly offering

*Income/Expenditure Chart (Rounded off to nearest dollar)*

	Income	Expenses	Budget	Month Gain (Loss)	Year Gain (Loss)
Dec. 31, 2016 Balance					\$ (1,683.00)
<b>January</b>	\$ 17,906.00	\$ 19,520.00	\$ 20,219.00	\$ (1,614.00)	\$ (3,297.00)
<b>February</b>	\$ 15,235.00	\$ 17,883.00	\$ 20,219.00	\$ (2,648.00)	\$ (5,945.00)

On the first Sunday of the month, I am sure most have seen the kits on the Altar and members going up to get them after communion. These are the kits used by The Home Communion teams to take communion to members unable to attend church services. If anyone knows of someone who would like for a team to visit them, please let Terri in the office know. Also if anyone may want to serve on a team, please let myself or Pastor know. Thank you for your support and ask for continuing prayers for this ministry.

Doris Mills





The Harbor Children's  
Alliance & Victim Center

"Celebrate the Child" Picnic  
Proclamation Signing &  
Bubble Blowing Ceremony



10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Saturday April 8th

at The Bayfront Peninsula

In observance of

Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month

The Day's events include:

Ducks in a pond

Bean Bag Toss

Moonwalk

Arts & Crafts

Face Painting

Ring Toss

Toy Spin

Fingerprinting

Fire Truck

Appearances by :

The Cat in the Hat

Sparky the Firedog

Sonic Mascot

HEBuddy



Food & Fun for the ENTIRE FAMILY!!!!

First 100 kids receive a free shirt



# Blöe Süunday

Child Abuse Prevention Initiative

Praying For Abused Children Since 1994  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The day when churches take time in their service to pray for the victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them.

We pray because they shouldn't have to pray alone.

It's free. Nothing to join. Just prayer.



WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE LITTLE CHILD LIKE  
THIS IN MY NAME RECEIVES ME  
MATTHEW 18:5



5th: Cathy Hahn  
6th: Kenneth Boyd-Robertson  
10th: Brooke Ruddick  
11th: Jackson Powell  
14th: Trace Myers  
17th: Steve Bales  
17th: Vera Hahn  
22nd: Larena Kern  
22nd: Ron Riske, Jr.  
23rd: Mark Muller  
30th: David Hahn



12th: Ervin & Janie Berger  
26th: Ryan & Janna Powell

**Please call the office with corrections or additions to  
Birthday's and Anniversaries**



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**ATTENDANCE:**

<u>SUNDAYS of March:</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>
Worship Service:	89	74	94	76

Welcomed Visitors:

March 5, 2017

Marcia Alex  
Cheryl Bilo  
Brian Caldwell  
Michael & Kayden Caraway  
Taylor Caraway  
Jessica Martinez  
Bonnie Pierson  
Gloria Trollinger  
Joe & Vera Wiatt

March 12, 2017

Brian Caldwell  
Brittney Clark  
Bonnie Pierson and Adolph  
Matt & Kim Schneider  
Albert & Susan Wax  
Joe & Vera Wiatt

March 19, 2017

Joe Bonuz  
Brittney Clark  
Sharon Nielsen

March 26, 2017

Chip & Sheron Citzler  
Brittney Clark  
Andrew Hahn  
Chase Polsen  
Albert & Susan Wax

*Hosanna!*



One Palm Sunday, little Johnny was sick and stayed home from church. When his brothers and sisters came home carrying palm branches, Johnny asked where the palms came from.

His father replied, "When Jesus walked by, people held palm branches over his head."

"Just my luck!" Johnny said.  
"The one time I don't go to church, Jesus shows up."

## *Our Prayer Concerns ...*

When you call the office with a new prayer request, please let Terri know what you want in the bulletin and next newsletter. Please call for your answered prayers too! I see the "Answered Prayers" list as an opportunity to give God and all those who prayed for your loved one the thanks that is appropriate and to share good news of God's blessings.

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Dan

### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

#### **ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

#### **NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Ricky Marek

Rick Turpen

Betty Sue Kupatt

Jack Hatih

Buddy Winder

Fred Knipling

#### **CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Hunter David Rubin

Lloyd Bales

Tom Crenshaw

Kenneth Canion

Tony Marek

Rick Turpen

Gerald Carter

Dorothy Featherston

Sonny Wehmeyer

David Willmann

Joann Hahn

Geri Durham

Kathy and Bobby Raven

#### **TRINITY SHORE RESIDENTS:**

Sonny Gottschalt

L.C. Gossett

Betty Sue Kupatt

#### **NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:**

Annette Ueckert

Annie Halliburton

#### **THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

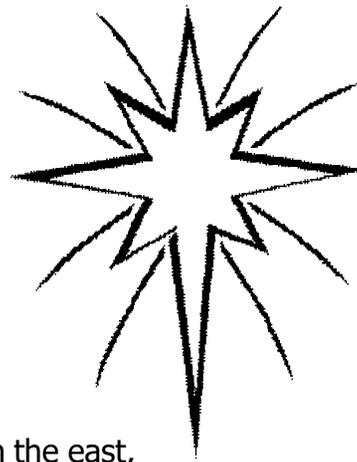
Shaughnessy Howell - Advanced Army Training - Fort Sam Houston, TX

Zane Williams (grandson Buddy and Lucille Winder)

Joe Workman (nephew of Kay Ham)

#### **THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**





The  
Salem  
Star

"We have seen his star in the east,  
and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:2

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**OFFICE HOURS**

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Closed for Lunch from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.