

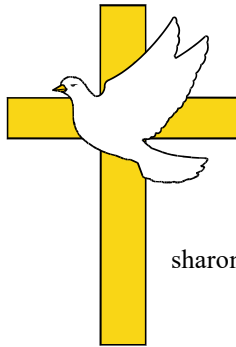
Salem Lutheran Church
2101 North Virginia
Port Lavaca, Tx 77979
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 February 2019

**NEW* From Pastor's Corner*
February is Salem's
Food Pantry Collection month!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!





Salem Lutheran Church

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“ Sharing the Love of Christ “

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings and Salutations! It has been a real honor and a privilege to be here with you these last two Sundays and I am looking forward to the coming Sundays and other times that we will be together.

Most of you will recall that our message from last Sunday ended with *"to be continued"* because our Gospel reading was cut in half. We heard Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, reading from Isaiah and telling the people that "today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." But we did not hear how the people responded—our story was cut off just when it was getting good and we got the *"to be continued"* message instead of the juicy part of the story.

I started to say that much of life is like that *"to be continued"* and it is a frustrating thing sometimes. When a pastor leaves, it is a little like being left with the *"to be continued"* flashing across the screen wondering what comes next. With Pastor Dan, you had come to have a pretty good feeling about what would come next as you had gotten to know each other over the years. Then, suddenly—even though his retirement had been in the works for a while—suddenly he was gone and the *"to be continued"* flashed across the screen.

But I heard someone saying, life is not *"to be continued"*, life is continuing. Ministry is continuing, worship is continuing, changing a little maybe but continuing. First, Pastor Dan is really gone, even though he is just a few miles down the road. Then, there is a transitional pastor—what do we do with her? She is only here for who knows how long, but a short period. Then the excitement of thinking about what you, as a congregation want in a new pastor. Then the anticipation and wondering what the Call Committee is really up to and who will they find for you.

Then, at a day that is not as predictable as the TV *"to be continued"* you will meet this new pastor and start a new chapter getting to know each other and working together.

Life and ministry and worship are never put on hold “to be continued” later, they just keep on keeping on, continuing day by day. There are two thoughts I would like to leave with you for this month. They are both from Philippians:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. ... Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 4:4-5, 8

And

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 1:6

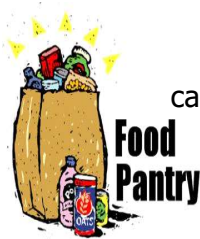
Peace and blessings
Pastor Wiggins



FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new 2019 Salem Lutheran Church Telephone Directory is ready and available for you to pick up in the Narthex!

Copies of the 2018 SLC Annual report are available in the Narthex if you didn't get one yet. Just pick one up!



It is our turn!

February is Salem's month for collecting canned goods or non perishable food items for the Calhoun County Food Pantry!

The food pantry is particularly in need of:

Dry Milk (box with individual packets)

Canned: Spinach, Mixed Vegetables, Black Eyed Peas,
Carrots, Ranch Style Beans, Refried Beans, and Pork & Beans
Small Peanut Butter, Small Soups
Boxed Jello and Pasta Sauces
Bar Soap and Wrapped Toilet Paper

**Attention: All Disciples of Salem Lutheran Church
Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 10:00AM - there will be
a Stewardship and Witness Ministry Teams
Organizational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Please come, and bring your ideas. All are
welcome to attend. For questions, and information
call Wanda Hahn
(Response Ministry Coordinator) 361-676-2046 or
email whahn@fnpportlavaca.com**

The next Salem Lutheran Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:30PM.

Satan's Tactic of Gossip

China's house church leaders representing more than ten million members met some years ago for a conference to discuss the main problems facing their churches. They ranked their top three problems, and came up with strategies to solve them. At the top of the list was gossip. Leader after leader told stories of how their ministries had been compromised by this subtle sin. One house church leader from Henan Province shared the following experience:

"I went into an area to lead Bible studies for coworkers and they wouldn't let me into the house where we were to hold the seminar. I asked them through the closed door what the problem was, but they wouldn't tell me. They just told me to go away. It was winter and I went a little ways outside the town, knowing I must start a fire to sleep beside or I would freeze to death. I wondered what on earth could have made those brothers and sisters turn me away on such a cold night without a word of explanation.

"But a brother took pity on me and brought me secretly to his home. I eventually pried the truth out of him. The leaders in the area had received an anonymous letter denouncing me as a 'lover of many women.' Try as hard as I might, I could not get them to listen to me or let me see the letter. Later in another part of the country, I learned the letter had been sent by a brother I had disciplined for moral laxity, and he had sent it out of spite.

"I went to him and he repented. He sent another letter, but because the first one was unsigned, they didn't believe him. Both of us offered to go there, but we weren't welcomed. The testimony of the church was ruined. I still have to explain myself wherever I go. It's a victory for the devil.

"I went with the offending brother out to the countryside and told him to pluck a chicken. We walked along while he did; the wind blew the feathers far over the fields. When he was finished, he asked, 'What now?' I told him, 'Pick up every feather, and put it back on the chicken.' He said, 'That's impossible.' I replied, 'You are right. It is impossible, just as the damage your words have done cannot be repaired.' "

The house church leaders pledged to be more loving, and to hold more face-to-face meetings with each other to minimize the sin of gossip in the future.

He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1 John 3:8



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Calhoun County

WHEN: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

WHERE: Quality Control Testing

709 Hwy 35 S, Ste. C

Port Lavaca

- **Bring your child and know child's weight and height**
- **For more information contact Karen Lyssy, Calhoun**

County Extension, 361-552-9747

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Valentine's Day Word Search



love	candy	caring	hugs
cupid	cards	February	pink
valentine	flowers	red	gifts
heart	kindness	kiss	roses



February Anniversaries

Brian & Dottie Caldwell; 3rd
Terry & Clarice Theide; 25th

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



Virginia Hahn; 2nd
Dale Hahn; 3rd
Kathy Gyllenband; 7th
Michael Caraway; 8th
Forest Canion; 9th
Marshall Smith; 9th
William Bales; 10th
Sheridan Franke; 10th
Logan Smith; 10th
Brittney Rothmann; 10th

Walter Hahn; 14th
Katelyn Rothmann; 14th
Kelli Rothmann; 21st
Annette Ueckert; 22nd
Dorthy Caraway; 26th
Kristel Knipling; 26th
Alfred Adame; 28th



We still have plenty of open dates for
Altar flowers, reserve your special date!



"Sharing the Love of Christ"

ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAYS of January:	<u>06</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>
Worship Service:	65	72	77	66

Visitors:

January 6, 2019

Joe Bonuz
Mark & Terri Malaer
Tommy May
Hunter Rubin

January 13, 2019

Joe Bonuz
Brian Caldwell
Richard & Cheryl Johnson
Stefanie Tshatschula

January 20, 2019

No Visitors Today!

January 27, 2019

Brian Caldwell
Tommy May
Daniel Mueller



Dear Members of Salem Lutheran Church,

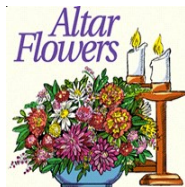
It is easy to lose track of who has done what, so let us say this:

Your funeral service for Davey was beautiful, couldn't have been any more meaningful. Lovely!

Your prayers and kindness, food and care and concern are more that appreciated!!

Thank you again.

Truly and Sincerely,
Mark, Lauren, Douglas,
Shaughnessy Howell
(and Dave in spirit)



Feb 3rd:	Open
Feb 10th:	Kristen Sparks
Feb. 17th:	Open
Feb. 24th:	Open

SALEM'S PRAYER REQUESTS:

In order to keep track of our members and their unfolding need for prayers and support, we have to rely on you and your family members to keep us updated. Please call the church office at 361-552-9379 or Pastor Wiggins at 512-773-6356 when there is a change in your or your loved one's condition or treatment plan. That includes when surgery is scheduled and especially when you return home. Making sure your family members have these phone numbers as well.

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Joyce Schaefer	Mike Ramsey	Todd Kelm
Camille Flisowski	Dorothy Caraway	Sandra Ruddick
Vera Hahn	Geri Caraway	Leroy Hahn
Dustin Caraway	Levi Weber	Cindy Schneider
Cathy Propst		

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Karen Fowler	John Mills	Rita Boudreaux
Candice Harabis	Lloyd Bales	Fred Knipling
Buddy Winder		
Wynde Albrecht Pustejovsky		

BROOKEDALE RESIDENT:

Ruth Hahn

PORT LAVACA NURSING HOME RESIDENT:

Annette Ueckert

TODAY'S ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENT:

Betty Sue Kupatt

TRINITY SHORE RESIDENT:

Sonny Gottschalt

VITALITY COURT RESIDENT:

Nelson Marek

YOAKUM NURSING AND REHABILITATION RESIDENT:

Annie Halliburton

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

Shaughnessy Howell - Tripler AMC, Honolulu
Zane Williams (grandson Buddy and Lucille Winder)
Joe Workman (nephew of Kay Ham)



THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

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

Matthew 2:2



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

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