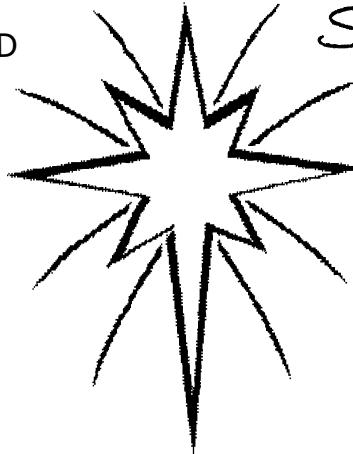


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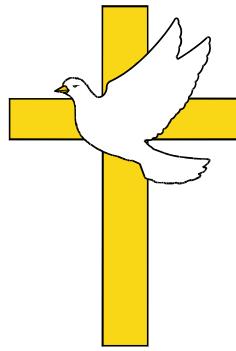
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Pastor's Corner

Holy Week Worship Schedule
Property Workday, April 6th @ 9AM
Acolyte Training, Sunday April 7th after worship



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Pastor's Corner

So! did you know which one of the Fruits of the Spirit I left out last month? Had to look it up, but figured it out. It was *Gentleness*. That surprised me, but maybe it should not. For a very long time I always left out self-control. The other Fruits of the Spirit have such a nice soft, poetical sound than the list ends with the loud, matter-of-fact: Self-Control. But, over the years I have learned that it is indeed one of the Fruits of the Spirit even if it sounds more like something out of a military academy than out of a Sunday School lesson.

This time I left out *gentleness*. The first things that come to mind are the taming of an animal or the quieting of a show animal at the live stock show while you are waiting for your turn with the judges. Way back when we were all in high school, a friend and his brother went to all the shows. And Bobbie was older and got his pick of the animals to show. But, Larry, my friend, always beat him—no matter which animal. Larry had a way with animals that his brother did not. And I think that way that he had is the essences of *gentleness*.

When I started looking up exactly what is gentleness—besides a lighthanded touch on the gas pedal, or being short and not having a booming voice, I discovered that maybe I am not a *gentle* person after all. In Proverbs we read: *A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.* Pr. 5:4 And, again: *A gentle tongue's a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.* Pr. 15:4 And in the 4th chapter of Philippians Paul tells us “*let your gentleness be known to all*”. How does one determine if they are “*gentle*” enough?

Well, the story of the yellow cat comes to mind. Someone convinced me to take in a yellow stray cat. Now, usually cats just appear and disappear and I put out food and water while they are around. But this one was different, I had accepted some level of responsibility for this particular cat. And, immediately after I took it in, it started losing hair and looking bad. So, I got a carrier to take the cat to the Vet. But was not sure how I would get the dumb cat into the crate. By the way, at the Vet's office, they refused to accept Dumb Cat as the cat's name, but the cat knew what its name was.

In the 15 years I have lived here, I have had one salesman at my door— the day the cat needed to go to the Vet. It was a young man selling insurance and I was a little short with him as I had to get to the Vet place by a certain time. I don't remember how it came about, but I agreed to listen to his spiel if he would help me get the cat into the carrier. And he did, but he also made it conditional that I would be nicer to the next person to come to my door.

And the moral of the story is: When you start digging around in your roots during Lent, you may be a little surprised at what shows up.

May your Lenten disciplines shed light where it is needed. And, in the words of Martin Luther, may we all become a little more like Christ to our neighbors and the stranger at the door. And, if I am not Christlike, may I at least be a little nicer.

Peace and blessings
Pastor Wiggins



**Thank you to everyone who helped make our
Festive Goodbye to the Past and Hello to the
Future a success.**

Those who brought food, those who set it out, those who ate the food and those who cleaned up. And all those who sang, prayed, remembered, thanked, moved on and opened their hearts and minds to the future.

Thank you all, Pastor Wiggins



The office will be close on
Good Friday,
April 19th at Noon and will
remain closed on
Monday, April 22nd for Easter.

Pam and Steve Bales were elected at the annual congregational meeting to attend the 2019 Synod Assembly.

They will not be able to attend. So, we need to elect two new delegates. Please give this opportunity thoughtful prayer and consideration. Salem needs to be represented at the assembly. Please contact Mike Rothmann if you are interested in being a delegate.



Don't forget to order your Easter Lily.
Forms are available with an Usher or on our website.
Orders and dedication must be returned by April 19th.

Work Day!

Saturday, April 6th, 9 am

It is time for some spring cleaning around the church.

We would like to:

- Clean out the gutters
- Clean up the flower beds and trim trees
- Pressure wash the sidewalks
- Dust the sanctuary



Bring your tools and maybe some gloves. We will have a few extra tools if you don't have any and just want to help. But please, know your limitations!!



Anyone interested in becoming an Acolyte?
We will be having a training, Sunday,
April 7th after worship.



April 14th Palm Sunday—9am

Worship with Holy Communion

Procession with Palms and Passion Story

April 18th Maundy Thursday—7pm

Worship with Holy Communion

April 19th All Day Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Good Friday—7pm

Tenebrae Service

April 21st Easter Sunday—9am

Worship with Holy Communion

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 Easter Sunday Morning for our cross!

FROM THE SLC COUNCIL

Salem Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Meeting March 4, 2019

Attendees: All council Members were present along with transitional Pastor Sharon Wiggins.

Devotional-Pastor Wiggins – Read and discussed Luke 13 verse 6. Joel volunteered to do the devotional next month.

Prayer Concerns – Joyce Shafer was moved to Warm Springs; Connie Hurt at Citizen's in Victoria; caregivers for dementia and Alzheimer's patients; Pastor Wiggins' face pain; continued prayers for Mark and Lauren Howell

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – Joel 1st Lindy 2nd

Reports:

Treasurer-Since meeting took place a week earlier than usual it was too early to have completed February numbers.

Pastor – Pastor Wiggins requested feedback from the previous Sunday's brunch/festival and how the council will move forward in our search for a new pastor.

Proclaim – Altar Guild is ready for the Lenten Season. A training is being scheduled for the new acolytes.

Nurture – Carol Heraldspeed at Trinity Lutheran in Victoria is trying to organize a monthly event for 6-12th graders.

Response – Pastor Wiggins will be helping us with witness and discipleship classes. The classes will help us learning to tell our personal faith story and witness to others.

Property – Work has begun on installation of LED lights in the education building. We will also replace the fluorescent lights in the choir loft and sacristy. The wooden fence at the courtyard has been removed and replaced with iron fencing.

Old Business – The call committee got some really good information to work with from the meeting this past Sunday. They are having their first meeting March 6, 2019. 2019 Council person schedule is made and Terri will be sending it out this week.

New Business – Designated “The Quilt Angels” to receive all Lent offerings. Cathy 1st Lindy 2nd Designated “Pregnancy Help Center” to receive all Advent offerings. Cathy 1st Lindy 2nd

Steve Bales presented the suggestions from the Endowment Fund committee on the one-time distribution of \$1600. The committee recommended \$500 for the bible translators, \$600 for the ELCJHL (schools in the Holy Land), and \$500 World Relief – greenhouses in Syria and Lebanon. The recommendations were accepted. Retha 1st Lindy 2nd. Pam and Steve Bales will be unable to attend the synod assembly. We will be looking for two other delegates.

Calendar: Council thought that the calendar for February events seemed to be off one day and we need to confirm with Terri

Closing Prayer – All The Lord’s Prayer

Motion to Adjourn: Joel 1st, Mike 2nd

TREASURER'S REPORT



<i>Income/Expenditure Chart (Rounded off to nearest dollar)</i>					
	Income	Expenses	Budget	Month Gain (Loss)	Year Gain (Loss)
Dec. 31, 2018 Balance					\$ (1,065.00)
January	\$ 13,640.00	\$ 11,563.00	\$ 21,161.00	\$ 2,077.00	\$ 1,012.00
February	\$ 15,126.00	\$ 12,114.00	\$ 21,161.00	\$ 3,012.00	\$ 4,024.00

March's offering currently totals: \$ 10,080.70
So far ... We have collected \$1030 for the Quilt Angels.

When making your giving by check, please remember to have the complete name, Salem Lutheran Church on the "Pay to order" line.
Thank you!

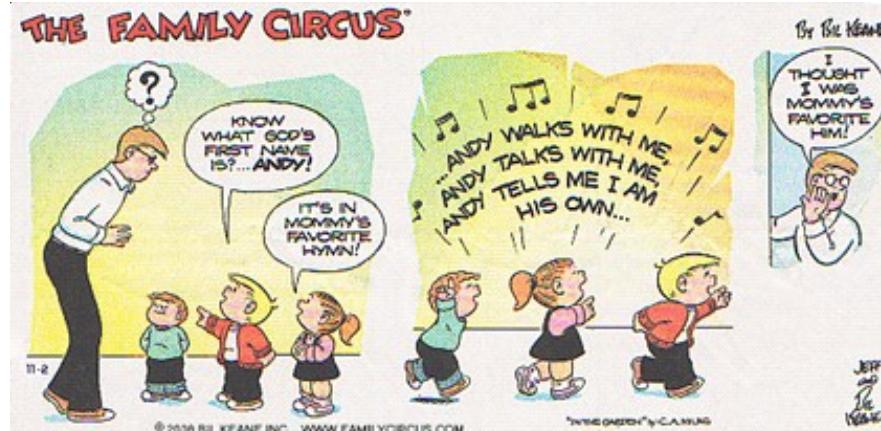


Quilt Angels

This year's Lent offerings will be gifted to the
Calhoun County Quilt Angels.

This group hand quilts small quilts for people who are sick, in the hospital, lost a loved one; people that a Prayer Shawl would receive. The Quilt Angels depend only on donations and are in need NOW of batting and threads.

If you would like to join them, they meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00AM at the 1st United Methodist Church or if you would like more information, Doris Mills is a member.





5th: Cathy Hahn
6th: Kenneth Boyd-Robertson
10th: Brooke Ruddick
11th: Jackson Powell
14th: Trace Myers
17th: Steve Bales
17th: Vera Hahn
17th: Caroline O'Donnell
22nd: Larena Kern
22nd: Ron Riske, Jr.
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:

SUNDAYS of March:
Worship Service:

03 10 17 24 31
65 57 60 65 N/A

Welcomed Visitors:

March 3, 2019
Albert & Susan Wax

March 10, 2019
Ronny & Darla Dentler
Kathy Dooley
Albert & Susan Wax

March 17, 2019
James Adcock Family
Ronny & Darla Dentler
Dorothy Kirby
Bonnie Pierson
Arvin Williams
Eddie Witt
Vila Witt

March 24, 2019
Albert & Susan Wax

March 31, 2019
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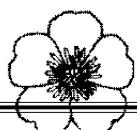


One Palm Sunday, little Johnny was sick and stayed home from church. When his brothers and sisters came home carrying palm branches, Johnny asked where the palms came from.

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."

A new sign-up sheet for Gathering Fellowship snacks
has been posted and there are
several dates open for Altar flowers.



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

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Joyce Schaefer	Todd Kelm	Camille Flisowski
Dorthy Caraway	Sandra Ruddick	Vera Hahn
Geri Caraway	Leroy Hahn	Dustin Caraway
Cindy Schneider		

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

BROOKDALE RESIDENT:

Ruth Hahn

PORT LAVACA NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Annie Halliburton

Annette Ueckert

Betty Sue Kupatt

Sonny Gottschalt

Nelson Marek

TODAY'S ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENT:

TRINITY SHORE RESIDENT:

VITALITY COURT RESIDENT:

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:

