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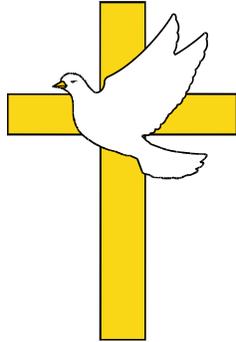
# July 2019

"Pastor's Corner"

SAVE THE DATE!:

July 14, 2019 -

Special Called Congregational Meeting



## **Salem Lutheran Church**

*" Sharing the love of Christ "*

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Organists	Altus Aschen	552-3085
	Linda Hahn	552-1971
	William Hahn, Jr.	552-7750
	Kathy Riske	484-0835
Prayer Ministry	Jennifer Hahn	676-7348
Clothing God's Children		
Altar Guild Leader	Retha Hahn	920-1248

### **Executive Council**

President	Mike Rothmann	552-6893
Vice President	Joel Anderson	882-6872
Secretary	Lindy Cain	773-576-7845
Treasurer	Cathy Hahn	552-5100

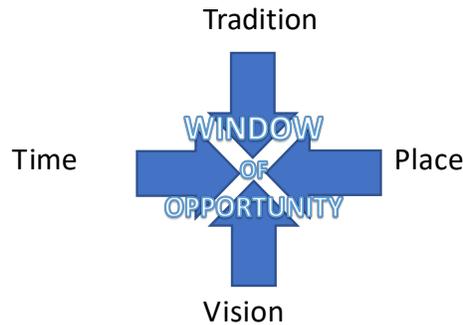
### **Council Ministry Teams**

Proclaim	Clairce Thiede	281-685-7409
Nurture	Debbie Martin	920-9851
Response	Wanda Hahn	676-2046
Property	Retha Hahn	920-1248

## Pastor's Corner

The "motto" for our Synod is: God's grace transforms and connects us to learn, to love, to lead. These three things are very interrelated, but this year the Assembly emphasis was on learning. In the following years it will be on loving and leading. I am excited to see each of these.

The Assembly theme was *Open Eyes Burning Hearts*, based on the Walk to Emmaus story. There were five talks by the keynote speaker, Peggy Hahn, on the topic *Sacred Shifts*. She used the following diagram for the base of her talks:



The times in which we live and the places in which we find ourselves come together with our traditions and our visions to create a Window of Opportunity; or, to create a Perfect Storm of Chaos. In layman's terms that I understand a little better: *Change is inevitable, how we respond to it varies and our response greatly influences the outcome.* And she was there to help us shape the outcome. Now whether or not we agreed with her was another thing.

She told a story about a caterpillar going into the cocoon phase and emerging as a butterfly. We had been working on fear of change making it hard to recognize change as a window of opportunity and not a destructive thing. The questions that came to mind were: Does the caterpillar experience fear as it turns upside down on a twig and starts forming the cocoon? Does it know it is about to cease to exist when it starts the cocoon? Does it hurt when everything in it turns into something else?

Sometimes it feels this way in the church, that everything is turning upside down, that nothing will ever be the same. I have no idea how a caterpillar might feel about the dramatic changes in his life. But I know that sometimes there is a limit to the amount of change I want in my life. I want the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm always to be in the KJV and the old songs I love to sing, I want them sung all the time. I look around and ask, "Why can't it be like I remember it being?" As much as I love that question, it may not be the best question, if change is to bring a window of opportunity.

Then there was a little video of a guy dancing like he had fire ants biting him. The sun bathers on the hillside by the lake were ignoring him as best they could. Then one guy got up and danced with him. Now the nut dancing like a fool had a follower and that made him a leader. Then, others followed, like Arlo Guthrie's *Alice's Restaurant*. Not sure the lesson I was supposed to get, but.... All I need is to find a follower and I will no longer be a nut! So, I'll follow you if you will follow me and we will all follow Jesus and none of us will be nuts.

Have a safe and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July.  
And do not neglect the coming together on the Sabbath.

Peace and blessings  
Pastor Wiggins



# JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a special  
Called Congregational Meeting  
on Sunday, July 14, 2019.  
Please come!

The office will be closed July 1-5th. Pastor Wiggins will be in the office Tuesday, July 2nd as usual.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to call her at 512-773-6356.



**Save the Date!**  
**Fall Festival;**  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>!**



*Treasurer's Report*  
*A full Treasurer's Report was not available at  
press time but June's offering currently totals  
\$11,463.03*

## **Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 10, 2019**

**Attendees:** Mike Rothman, Joel Anderson. Cathy Hahn, Pastor Wiggins, Clarice Thiede. Debbie Martin, Wanda Hahn, Lindy Cain

**Devotional:** Nehemiah 8:5-6, 8-12 Lead by Debbie Martin

**Prayer and Concerns:** Billy Hahn and Fred Knipling are both having surgery this week.

**Approval of Agenda:** Joel 1<sup>st</sup>, Lindy 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Approval of Minutes from the previous board meeting:**  
Joel 1<sup>st</sup> Clarice 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Cathy Hahn presented a Treasurer's Report with some information that led to a special called Congregational Meeting. This information will be made available to the congregation in a mailed letter. Joel Anderson made a motion for the meeting to be held, and held on July 14<sup>th</sup> after worship. Cathy 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Pastor:**

**Proclaim:** Nothing

**Nurture:** There will be an upcoming meeting on our Sunday schools.

**Response:** The Pentecostal celebration was a success.

**Property:** Retha was unable to attend this meeting.

**Old Business:** The call committee is getting very close to sending all necessary paperwork back to the Synod.

**New Business:** We booked the polka band for our Fall Festival on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Lindy 1<sup>st</sup>, Clarice 2<sup>nd</sup> Approval of minutes from our special council meeting on June 2, 2019 Lindy 1<sup>st</sup> and Joel 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Calendar:** Added the Special Congregational meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Closing Prayer**

**Adjourn:** Joel 1<sup>st</sup>, Lindy 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectfully Submitted by: Lindy Cain Council Secretary

## **Prison Prayer Miracle**

***So Peter was kept in prison,  
but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. Acts 12:5***

Nadia was in a prison in the Middle East for some months because she was a believer from Muslim background. She told the prison officials that she would not give them any information about the people she knew or about her husband, only about herself. This led her to being placed in an isolation cell for four days. The cell was small and extremely cold. There was no toilet or washing facilities at all.

"At one point," Nadia reported, "I was feeling very cold and found the whole experience tough. Suddenly though, I felt warm air blowing in my face. So warm, in fact, that when I breathed in and the air hit my lungs I had to cough."

She had no idea where the warmth was coming from and at the same time she became very joyful. This sense of joy overwhelmed her so much that she began to dance in the cell. Yet, at the same time, she also felt confused. *How could she feel warm and joyful in a cold prison cell*, she asked herself?

"Then I heard a voice," said Nadia. She emphasized that it wasn't an internal voice but audible, "as if someone in the cell was saying, 'That is because people are praying for you. This is the Spirit of happiness that has come upon you. Receive it.'"

Later on, after her release, Nadia shared her amazing experience in the cell with her sister. Asking when it had happened, Nadia's sister mentioned the same exact day and time when thirty-two believers had met to pray for Nadia and another believer in prison. Two of the participants had been appointed to represent Nadia and the other Christian. The remaining thirty believers gathered around them to ask God to comfort them, to fill them with joy and send His Spirit of happiness upon them." They were deeply encouraged to hear Nadia's experience.

Pastor Gambo Boka from northern Nigeria was falsely accused and sentenced by the Islamic court to three years of imprisonment. When he was put in prison, together with five other falsely accused Christians, he said, "God has a purpose in all of this. My soul is at rest."

Though he lost weight and became weak, his faith became increasingly strong. He shared the gospel with many fellow prisoners, who were almost all Muslims. "I experience comfort in this terrible place," said Gambo. "I know that God's promises are true."

The Islamic court gave Pastor Gambo thirty days to appeal. While members of Pastor Gambo's church prayed, God performed a miracle. Gambo and the other five Christians were acquitted by an Islamic court because of a lack of evidence.

"This is God's grace," said one of the church members. "Our prayers have been heard and my faith has been strengthened. God's promises are so special!

"Pastor Gambo and the other five Christians left the court singing, thanking God for His intervention.



# July

JULY 1ST:	DAVID BARJENBRUCH	JULY 15TH:	ERVIN BERGER
	LESLIE BOYD	JULY 17TH:	CYNTHIA HONS
	DORIS MILLS	JULY 18TH:	DOTTIE CALDWELL
JULY 5TH:	AUDRY SMITH	JULY 22ND:	DOUGLAS HOWELL
JULY 6TH:	CALLI BROWN		COLBY VICKERY
JULY 7TH:	NORMAN SANDERS	JULY 25TH:	TAMMY BOEHL
JULY 8TH:	MICHAEL BARJENBRUCH	JULY 26TH:	BETTY SUE KUPATT
	LUCILLE WINDER	JULY 29TH:	JENNIFER HAHN
JULY 9TH:	KASEY POLSEN	JULY 30TH:	KAYDEN CARAWAY
JULY 11TH:	SHELTON ALBRECHT	JULY 31ST:	KIRBY ALBRECHT
	HILLARY FRANKE		
	LYNN HAHN		



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JULY 4TH:	KIRBY & ELIZABETH ALBRECHT
JULY 7TH:	MIKE & BRITTNEY ROTHMANN
JULY 9TH:	ROB & LORENA BARJENBRUCH
JULY 27TH:	AL & RHONDA NIELSEN
JULY 27TH:	KEITH & ANNETTE UECKERT

*Please call the church office for any additions or corrections.*

*“Sharing the Love of Christ”*

*ATTENDANCE:*

<u>SUNDAYS of June:</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>30</u>
Worship Service:	49	N/A	57	67	N/A



June 02, 2018:  
None

June 09, 2018:  
None

June 16, 2019:  
Ronny & Darla Dentler

June 23, 2019:  
Eddie & Dorothy Witt

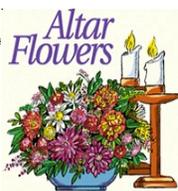
June 30, 2019:  
Not Available



When God Gives you a  
“NO”,  
Give Him a  
“THANK YOU”.  
He was only  
protecting you  
From less than His best.

**July**

July 7th: OPEN  
July 14th: OPEN  
July 21st: Kristel Knipling  
July 28th: OPEN





Remember in your prayers ....

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:**

Fred Knipling                      Shelton Albrecht                      Mickey and Mary Beth Harris

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Waymon Boyd	Dorothy Caraway	Vera Hahn
Leroy Hahn	Joyce Schaefer	Gabrielle Rodriguez
Sandra Ruddick	Karen Fowler	John Mills
Cindy Schneider	Rita Boudreaux	Candice Harabis
Lloyd Bales	Buddy Winder	Wynde Albrecht
Pustejovsky		

**BROOKEDALE RESIDENT:**

Ruth Hahn

**PORT LAVACA NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:**

Annie Halliburton  
Annette Ueckert

**TODAY'S ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENT:**

Betty Sue Kupatt

**TRINITY SHORE RESIDENT:**

Sonny Gottschalt

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

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

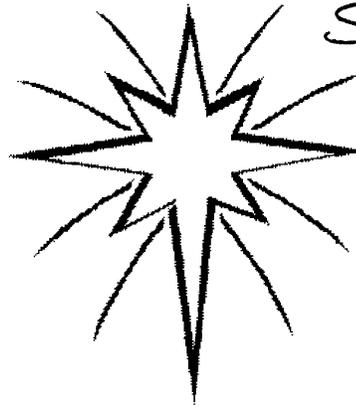
**THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**

The family of Hunter Smith in his death.  
The family of Paul Kelm in the death of his son Todd Kelm.  
The family of Nelson Marek in his death.



"We have seen his star in the east and  
have come to worship Him."  
Matthew 2:2

The  
Salem  
star



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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.