

Salem Lutheran Church
2101 North Virginia
Port Lavaca, Tx 77979
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HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 2020

Pastor's Corner
Ladies Luncheon - Jan. 11th at 11:30AM
Annual Congregational Meeting & "Pot-Luck"
January 26th



Salem Lutheran Church

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“ Sharing the Love of Christ “

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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

How in the world have we gotten to 2020 already? It seems only yesterday and also worlds away that we thought the planes were going to fall out of the sky and no one would be able to get their money out of the banks and the world as we knew it would come crashing down because the calendar flipped over from 12/31/99 to 01/01/00. But babies have been born, grown up, and graduated from high school having no memory whatsoever of those dire times. And here we are about to enter the second decade of the New Millennium which is not at all that new any more is it? The Oldest Person Alive at the turn of this millennium into the new New Millennium has already been born. And for that matter a large percentage of the babies born in this decade will be around to see the new New Millennium.

It is an old, old story, this flipping of the calendar and the beginning of a New Year. And, it is a new, new song we sing each year. It is amazing how new the world is each millennium, each decade, each year, each day. How new our song can sound with all the new technology that changes the appearance of everything. But no matter what the technology we use to wash our clothes, grow our food, prepare the food to eat or the technology and science and traditions around the birth and raising of children, or any of the activities of daily life, the basic things remain the same.

And the new, new song is telling the old, old story of family and community and work and play and love and loss and joy and tears that come with life. And the new, new song is also telling the old, old story of Jesus and his love. The saying, "the more things change, the more they stay the same" is pretty accurate. And I was thinking that we have a lot of sayings to back it up, but when I got right down to it the only one I could come up with was: There is nothing new under the sun. You can probably come up with a whole bunch of others without having to rely on Ecclesiastes to come up with something.

So, whatever the song you are singing as the old decade fades away and the new decade takes its place, the story is an old, old story. And the making of New Year's Resolutions is so old that we think of it as

passé and make jokes about it like we do about Christmas Sweaters and Fruit Cakes. But, it is .like Jesus says, in Matthew's Gospel, after he tells them about the sower who sows on different soils and has different results and tells them the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant finding a fine pearl, or treasure in a field. After he asks if they have understood everything, he says,

“Therefore every scribe who has been trained for
the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a
household who brings out of his treasure what
is new and what is old.”

So, whether it is a new day, a new year, a new decade, or a new millennium, when we sing the new, new song may it always be telling the old, old story of Jesus and his love. And may the story of your life be heard in the words of John 10:10:

I came that they may have life,
and have it abundantly.

And, passé or cool, how about a New Year's Resolution to come to church every Sunday—at least?

Peace and blessings
Pastor Wiggins



2020



Choir Rehearsals will resume on
January 8, 2020 at 7:00PM.
Rehearsals in January are;
January 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th.

Ladies Luncheon
Saturday, January 11 at 11:30AM



Starting Sunday, Jan. 12th,
Leigh Burton will be leading a
Women's Bible study; Divine Design
written by Charlotte Sharla.

Please be sure to write down
your New Year's Prayer on
Sunday morning and pin it
on our Tree in the Narthex.



**Schedule for Sunday
January 26, 2020:
Worship and Sunday School
at regular times,
"Pot-Luck" Luncheon at 11:30AM
Annual Congregational Meeting Following**

The **2019 Annual Report** will be available at the **Annual
Congregational Meeting on January 26th.**

A new 2020 Telephone Directory will be available at the
2019 Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26th.

Please check the binder in the Narthex for
your family's up-to-date information!!!

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 12, 2019

Attendees: Mike Rothmann, Cathy Hahn, Joel Anderson, Clarice Thiede, Retha Hahn, Wanda Hahn and Lindy Cain

Devotional-Retha Hahn

Prayer and Concerns – Debbie Martin recovering from surgery.

Approval of Agenda: Retha 1st Clarice 2nd L

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting Reports:
Joel 1st Clarice 2nd

Treasurer- Council discussed Terri's son's health insurance. It was determined that they could be kept on her insurance and make the additional monthly payments to Salem. Cathy made the motion and it was 2nd Retha

Pastor – Unable to attend

Proclaim – Nothing today

Nurture – Debbie was unable to attend today's meeting.

Response – Nothing today

Property -

1. The 10 gallon water heater under the cabinet in the Education Building kitchen began leaking. It was removed, and there are no immediate plans to replace it. The heater provided hot water to the kitchen sink and the two restrooms. The faucets in the bathrooms had become very difficult to turn, and the stops were frozen. Had a plumber replace the stops, and repair or replace the faucets. He also installed new tubing and a shutoff valve in the kitchen in the event we decide to put a water heater back in that location.

2. The concrete around drain at the corner of the sanctuary and office has collapsed creating a safety hazard. We have received two bids to demo the corner, reinforce the drain edge and repour. One is \$1565, and the other is \$1250. We have accepted the lower bid. 3. The electrical line leading to the first light pole in the south parking lot is sagging and the light box it is attached to is loose. We contacted AEP to see if they could help us. They cannot since the lights are ours. We are checking with electricians we have worked with recently to see if they can help us correct this problem.

Old Business – Call Committee is investigating one more name. Also, the nominating committee needs to meet soon. Need to ask Terri who all is on the nominating committee.

New Business – When the church starts a new project fund, we need to know where to apply the left-over funds (possibly the operations account) and eliminate that project fund on completion.

Calendar- Add Annual Congregational Meeting to Calendar on January 26, 2020

Dates to Remember – Christmas Karaoke Party – Retha bought a new karaoke machine for this event!!!! **(Thank You)**

Closing Prayer – All - The Lord's Prayer

Motion to Adjourn: Mike 1st, Retha 2nd

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Meeting will be held on
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Treasurer's Report

A complete Treasurer's Report was not ready for the printing of the Salem Star but our total offering for the month of December was - \$ 37,089.94!

We gave the Calhoun Co. Pregnancy Crisis Center \$1350.00 from our offering during Advent

Please remember to make check payable to:
Salem Lutheran Church and in blue or black ink
(the bank is really getting picky with this and the counters would really appreciate the help with this matter!)

THANK YOU!

Are you interested in signing up for
automatic electronic giving thru **SIMPLY GIVING?**

SIMPLY GIVING forms are located in the Narthex,
or you can contact Kristel Knipling for more
information.

Year End, 2019 Giving Statements are printed and
available to pick up in the Narthex. They will be
mailed out on January 27, 2020.

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8th: Kristi Rothmann
Alma Wehmeyer
13th: Rob Barjenbruch
14th: Kevin Hahn
Retha Hahn
15th: Joyce Schaefer
18th: Jason Anderson
William Hahn, Jr.
21st: Harlen Aschen
25th: Bobby Hahn



January 10th;
Pat and Kathy Gyllenband

January 28th;
Bill & Cynthia Hons

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

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ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of December:</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>
Worship Service:	55	79	51	76	45

WEDNESDAY Advent Services:

December 4th: 36 December 11th: 38 December 18th: 38
Christmas Eve Service Attendance: 100

Welcomed Visitors:

December 1, 2019:

No Visitors

December 8, 2019:

No Visitors

December 15, 2019:

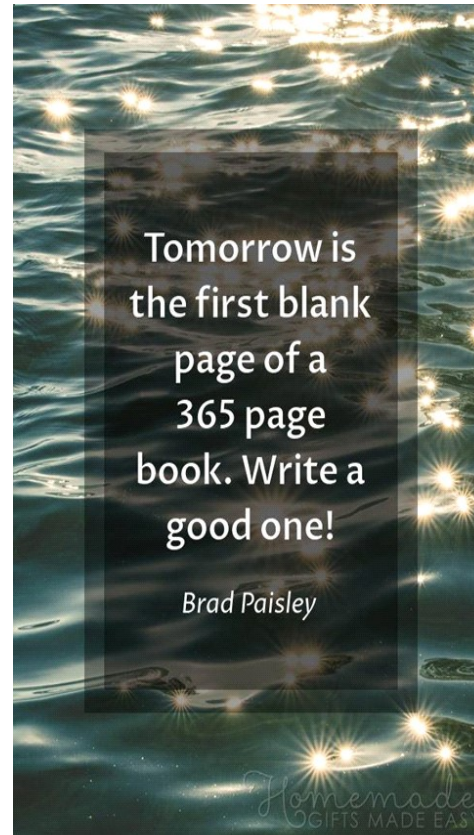
Carol Haverfield
Ruth Plumb

December 22, 2019:

Marcia Alex
Dana Durham
Brilen & Tallen Dworkaczyk
Carol Haverfield
Ruth Plumb
Albert & Susan Wax

December 29, 2019:

Carol Haverfield
Ruth Plumb
Albert & Susan Wax



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A new 2020 Altar Flower chart has been posted in the Narthex! Please mark your special day for the upcoming year for Altar Flowers!



Remember in your prayers

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

This is Time of Intentional Prayer and Discernment, please pray for our Call Committee and our future pastor (whomever that may be) daily.

Tommy May	Joshua Duhon	Paul Kelm
Cecil Boyd	Jerry Dykes	

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Martha Vickery	Donald Wehmeyer	Shelton Albrecht
Waymon Boyd	Dorothy Caraway	Vera Hahn
Leroy Hahn	Joyce Schaefer	Karen Fowler
Cindy Schneider	Rita Boudreaux	Candice Harabis
Lloyd Bales	Buddy Winder	

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)

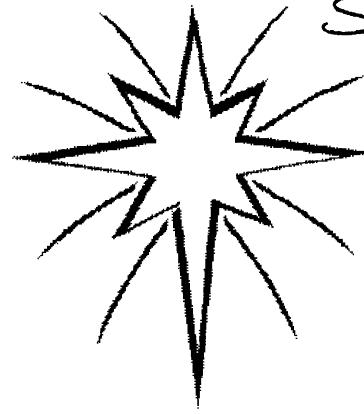
Joe Workman (nephew of Kay Ham)

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

The family of Mary Beth Harris in her death.

The family of Tooter Meeks in her death.

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



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