

The  
Salem  
Star

December 2017



*From the Pastor's Computer*

*Advent Meals at 6:00PM ~  
Advent Worship following at 7:00PM;  
Wednesdays December 6th, 13th and 20th*



**Salem Lutheran Church**

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**“ Sharing the Love of Christ “**

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM  
(Closed for lunch from 11:00-1:00)

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	William Hahn, Jr.	552-7750
	Kathy Riske	484-0835
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Clothing God's Children		
	Lorie Paul	874-4213
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**Executive Council**

President	Rob Barjenbruch	484-0281
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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:**

1. This Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the beginning of the Advent season. We prepare for and anticipate the coming celebration of Jesus' birth.

2. This Sunday is also our Stewardship Celebration Brunch. We are celebrating our third quarter giving that ended just shy of a positive balance despite missing one Sunday due to Hurricane Harvey. That is worth celebrating.

3. This Sunday, during the brunch you are being invited to join in the conversation about the future location of our new playground equipment and design options for our courtyard fence.

4. Next Wednesday is the first of three Advent Soup and Sandwich meals at 6 pm and worship with Holden Evening Prayer at 7 pm.

5. Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> will include Advent 4 worship at 9 am and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 pm.

6. Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> will include our New Year's Prayer Concert during worship. Come and be blessed by this experience.

Have a blessed month.  
Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



## Special Holiday Announcements

*On Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th,  
we will have worship as usual,  
with our traditional candlelight service  
at 7PM that evening.*

*The church office will be closed on December 25th  
and December 26th for Christmas.*



PLEASE NOTE THE ENCLOSED CHRISTMAS  
POINSETTIA INFORMATION FORM.

Forms are also available in the Narthex with an Usher and  
on-line on our webpage; [salemportlavaca.org](http://salemportlavaca.org).

Order forms are due by December 18, 2017!

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This year's Wednesday Evening Advent Worship  
services will begin at 7PM. Please come and join in the  
celebration of the anticipation of Christ. Salem will hold  
the traditional Soup and Sandwich meal before worship  
at 6PM. Everyone is invited to join!

The dates of the Wednesday evenings are:  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.



## Monthly news ...

Choir Rehearsals for the month of December are as follows:

Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th at 7:30 p.m.  
(or directly after Advent Service)



**The choir will sing at the December 10th service and  
December 24th morning service.**

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We are in need to add Assisting Ministers to our roster for 2018. Please pray about this and if you can find it in your heart to enhance our worship services please contact Pastor Dan.  
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We will be printing a 2018 Church Telephone Directory.

A binder with current information is in the Narthex.

**PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE!** check it for you and your family to make sure all information is correct.

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**Would you like pre-printed Offering envelopes with your Contribution number? A request form is located in the Narthex with the Ushers. Please note how many you would like and Terri will have them ready by the last Sunday of December to start the new year.**



**We are low on church keys again.  
If you have a key that is not being used,  
please turn it in to the church office.**

## **Salem Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

### **Meeting November 14th, 2017**

#### **Council Members in Attendance:**

Pastor Dan, Rob Barjenbruch, Clint Myers, Dottie Hahn, and Lindy Cain

**Devotional**- "Understanding" shared by Pastor Dan

#### **Prayer**

**Approval of Agenda** – Pastor Dan moved, Clint seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from previous meeting** – Pastor Dan moved, Clint seconded, motion carried.

**\*New Business: Retha Hahn** was present at our meeting and gave council an overview of what the **Salem Lutheran Financial Secretary** role in our church and described the difference between this role and the role of the council treasurer position. The financial secretary is not allowed to serve on council nor are they allowed to count offerings. Retha has diligently held this position for several years and asked to resign at this council meeting, to be effective when the position has been filled. The congregational council appoints the Financial Secretary. After resigning, she recommended Kristel Knipling as a good choice to take her place. Since Kristel is presently the treasurer for council, the Nominating Committee would need to fill the position for the remaining year of her term.

#### **Reports:**

**Treasurer** – Written report was reviewed in Kristel's absence

**Pastor** – Stewardship Brunch rescheduled for December 3rd

**Proclaim** – Nothing this meeting

**Nurture** – Dottie reported that the Sunday School teachers had decided not to do a Christmas program this year. Also, due to lack of Sunday school attendance they would like to combine the Pre-K and moved. Also, a family integrated Sunday school was suggested, and Pastor Dan volunteered to look into what options are available.

**Response** – Nothing this meeting

**Property** – Lindy asked about the playground progress and Clint said that it would take time, volunteers, and a ton of work to prepare the current playground area to put in the new (already purchased) playground set. Jennifer recommended that we move the playground to the space inside of the windbreak behind the Fellowship Hall.

All present thought that this was an excellent idea and decided to give all of the church members that attended the Stewardship Brunch the opportunity to discuss the options.

**Old Business** – Need to notify nominating committee that they need to meet soon. Also, need to put a cleaning contract together.

**New Business –**

1) Roof Estimate is \$23,000. The cash received for all the damage is \$32,000. The money required to complete the roofing of the Fellowship Hall and the Education Building is in hand and is scheduled. The bid for the remaining repairs will be received soon and the council will keep the congregation informed as we make progress. A special congregational meeting will be called if needed to expend extra funds.

Clint also suggested that the church look at the infrastructure of the plumbing. It was also noted that the rain gutters on the office building are rusted all the way through.

2) Pastor Dan has been talking to other churches and they are discussing a community vacation bible school for next summer.

3) Advent offering will be given to Bloomington School Teachers and staff as a loving gift of support. Pastor Dan moved, Clint seconded, motion carried.

**Calendar**

**Closing Prayer “The Lord’s Prayer”**

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Pastor Dan moved, it was seconded, motion carried.

**Closing Prayer – The Lord’s Prayer**

**Next Church Council:**

**Congregational Council Meeting January 9, 2018 at 5:30PM**

***Treasurer’s Report***

*A full Treasurer’s Report was not available for the newsletter but, November’s offering totaled: \$ 16,534.86. We donated \$348.84 to the Harvest Kitchen from special Thanksgiving offerings!*



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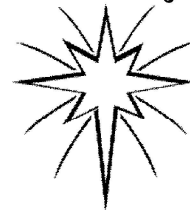
### **2017 Advent Offering**

The Salem Lutheran Church Congregational Council voted to designate our 2017 Advent Offerings to purchase gift cards for the teachers and staff of Bloomington ISD. Advent Offerings include undesignated offerings from Wednesday evening and offerings marked "Advent" on Sunday mornings. The request came from Machaela Zellmer who works with some visually impaired students on their campuses. Machaela shared the following:

*"Teaching is a challenging and vastly rewarding profession. Teaching in an open building with 6 other classes happening at the same time with limited material resources makes it exponentially more challenging. Each campus in Bloomington ISD suffered severe damage to at least one building. Very few teachers in the district have been able to teach in the classrooms they had prepared for their students before the storm.*

*In spite of this, the staff and teachers of Bloomington ISD have risen to the challenge. They have loved and nurtured their students and have helped them navigate life post-Harvey."*

As a congregation, we have the opportunity to "share the love of Christ" with them. The congregational council has designated the Advent offering to go towards the purchase of gift cards for each of the 145 teachers and staff members at Bloomington ISD. Included with the gift card will be a note of encouragement cheering them on. Along with your prayers, please consider giving, so we can place in their hands a tangible reminder of Christ's love and our encouragement.







# Omar's

1404 Broadway, Port Lavaca

## Cheeseburger Dinner

Includes all the trimmings, chips and dessert

Benefiting

## The Harbor

Children's Alliance & Victim Center

### Children's Christmas Shopping Program



December 9, 2017

11 am – until sold out

\$ 8.00

Orders of 10 plates or more

to be delivered call:

361-212-1767 (Shirley)

361-676-8548 (Maria)

**Live Auction to be held at 1:30 pm**



## *December Anniversary's*

*1st: Kenneth & Ruthie Boyd-Robertson*

*9th: Steve & Pam Bales*

*19th: Kyle & Larena Kern*



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



## *December Birthdays*

*2nd: Damon Vickery*

*14th: DaLissa Spaeth*

*3rd: Sara Cain*

*16th: Hannah Bales*

*4th: Bernice Haith*

*21st: Laurel Myers*

*7th: Clint Myers*

*23rd: Gary Paul*

*8th: Lorie Paul*

*28th: William Boehl*

*Martha Vickery*

*29th: Gail Wehmeyer*

*10th: Leroy Hahn*

*31st: Terry Thiede*

*Elaine Thormahlen*

*12th: Ronnie Riske*



**Happy Birthday!**



***"Sharing the Love of Christ"***

**ATTENDANCE:**

<u>SUNDAYS of November:</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>
Worship Service:	60	71	75	77

***Welcomed Visitors***

**November 5, 2017:**

Kayla & Iris Boyd-Robertson  
Debbie Eilers  
Stefanie Gossett

**November 12, 2017:**

Joe Bounz  
Stefanie Gossett

**November 19, 2017:**

Adrian, Chevy & Jet Awalt  
Cheryl Billo  
Gloria Billo  
Janice Caraway  
Keater Caraway  
Robbie Caraway  
Stefanie Gossett  
Jessica Martinez  
Tatum Stratton

**November 26, 2017:**

Brian Caldwell  
Dorothy Kirby  
Doris Medlin  
Craig Parker Family  
Judy Self  
Tatum Stratton  
Albert & Susan Wax  
Eddie Witt



*Special thanks to everyone  
who brought a  
Operation Christmas Child shoe-  
box. We collected 47 boxes !!!*



Remember in your prayers ....

**ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Rick Turpen	Ronald Squyres	Sandra Ruddick	Ben Anderson
Levi Weber	Ricky Marek	Kathy Konrad	John Mills
Cathy Propst	Cheryl Garrison	Cindy Schneider	

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Major and Daphne Dodd and their parents

Wynde Albrecht Pustejovsky

Joann Hahn	Buddy Winder	Fred Knipling
Vera Hahn	Lloyd Bales	Rita Boudreaux
Candice Harabis	Dorothy Featherston	

**TRINITY SHORE RESIDENTS:**

JoAnn Hahn   Sonny Gottschalt   L.C. Gossett   Betty Sue Kupatt

**BROOKEDALE RESIDENT:**

Ruth Hahn

**VITALITY COURT RESIDENT:**

Nelson Marek

**PORT LAVACA NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:**

Annette Ueckert   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:**

The family of Joyce Schaefer in the death of her sister, Gypsy Cole  
and her cousin, Bobby Lee Drozd.

The family of Betty Sue Kupatt in the death of her daughter,  
Brenda Kupatt Ruppe.