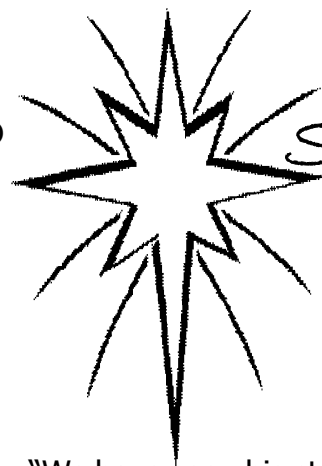


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"We have seen his star in the east,
and have come to worship Him."
Matthew 2:2



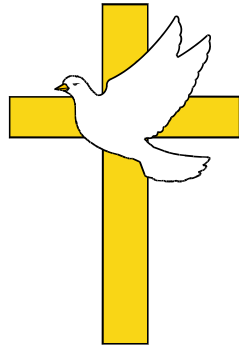
MAY 2018

From the Pastor's Computer

*Sunday, May 13, 2018
Mother's Day!*

*May 16, 2018 at 7:00AM
Men's Fellowship Breakfast*

*Sunday, May 20, 2018
Senior Sending*



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" Sharing the love of Christ "

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President	Mike Rothmann	552-6893
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Proclaim	Clairce Thiede	281-685-7409
Nurture	Dottie Caldwell	571-0668
Response	Wanda Hahn	676-2046
Property	Retha Hahn	920-1248

FROM THE PASTOR'S COMPUTER:

"You have moved?" "You are gone already?"

Yes and no.

Our goal, as I approach retirement, has been to be closer to our daughters and our grandchildren. Because one option that we were considering was to buy land and build a home, we started looking in February. About the time that we were figuring out that that option was out of our price range, our realtor sent a new listing for us to look at online ... on Ash Wednesday ... interestingly enough.

Long story short, it is a fairly new home and met the majority of the items (including being on 2 acres in the country) on our wish list. We were able to buy it and we moved a couple of weeks ago. Our new address is 3277 FM 2615, Victoria TX 77905. Our home phone is still 361-552-6069 and my cell is 361-652-3214.

And no, we are not gone already. I have only added 20 minutes to my drive to the church and Debbie and I will be very intentional about being present at church and in the community. Besides, we still have a lot to accomplish this year. Like planning Fall Festival which will be a Polka Worship Service, lunch and activities on Sunday, Sept. 30th. Have a blessed month.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Dan".

May Announcements

The church office will be closed on Monday,
May 28th for Memorial Day.

Salem's Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00a.m.



Salem will be honoring the following seniors on
May 14th during worship with a Senior Sending.
Please let Terri know if there is a senior (high school
or college) we are missing.



Sara Cain Wesley Hahn Karla Rothmann



CHOIR NOTES

Chancel Choir Schedule

May 2nd - Rehearsal 7:00PM

May 9th - Rehearsal 7:00PM

May 13th - Worship

May 16th - Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

May 23rd - Rehearsal 7:00PM

May 27th - Worship

Break for summer!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting April 10, 2018

Council Members in Attendance: Pastor Dan, Wanda Hahn, Cathy Hahn, Retha Hahn, Mike Rothmann, Joel Anderson, Dottie Caldwell and Lindy Cain

Devotional- Kathy Hahn

Prayer and Concerns – Sandra Ruddick is in the hospital

Approval of Agenda – Retha 1st, Cathy 2nd

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – Retha 1st Cathy 2nd

Reports:

Treasurer- We are a little in the hole. ~\$2795

Pastor – Still retiring at the end of 2018 so he and Debbie bought a new house in Victoria. After doing a few repairs in the new house they will be moving to Victoria and listing their home in Port Lavaca. He stated his drive from home is only 15 minutes longer and Debbie and he will be very intentional about being “present” in Port Lavaca.

Castle construction is still working on parts of the church

A person is coming by on Friday, April 13, to work on adjusting the PA system

Proclaim – Nothing this meeting

Nurture – Community Vacation Bible School has been delayed for the next year. Sunday school ages very immensely and there are some discipline problems in children’s church as well as Sunday school. Research is being done on a cross-generational Sunday school system where all generations get together to learn of Christ. This system is called Faith 5 — Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless

There is a camp in Colorado to train Sunday school teachers in this program. We discussed other training which might be closer to home.

Response – Need a stewardship focus to acknowledge gifts and give thanks.

Property – Lighting is getting much better! We are almost finished with the walkways. A time was set for Monday, May 1st to discuss the janitorial contract for the church. Bozart will be replacing all of the locks on every building at Salem. We are switching over to a less expensive key that still keeps our facility safe and secure. Yard work- Retha will be accepting bids from lawn care companies to handle the ongoing maintenance necessary to keep our grounds looking good.

Old Business –

Special Called Congregational meeting was set for Sunday, June 10, 2018 immediately following our worship service. The agenda will include motions to rename our existing Endowment Funds and consolidate all funds into two separate new accounts. Several Constitutional amendments and By-law amendments will be presented for approval to define the two funds and establish guidelines for future bequests.

New Business –

All council members filled out a background check information sheet. Pastor Dan will be gone to the synod assembly on Sunday May 6th. Senior sending for the Calhoun High School graduates was changed from Sunday, May 27th to Sunday, May 20th because a few of the graduates had huge conflicts in their schedule on May 27th. Mike has requested information to begin the process for hiring a new pastor.

Calendar – The last choir practice before summer break is Wednesday May 23rd.

Motion to Adjourn: Mike 1st Joel 2nd

Closing Prayer – The Lord's Prayer



Next SLC Council Meeting -
Wednesday, May 9th at **5:30PM.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expenses	Budget	Month Gain (Loss)	Year Gain (Loss)
Dec. 31, 2017 Balance					\$ 2,644.00
January	\$ 18,765.00	\$ 17,694.00	\$ 21,046.00	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 3,715.00
February	\$ 16,185.00	\$ 19,231.00	\$ 21,046.00	\$ (3,046.00)	\$ 669.00
March	\$ 15,004.00	\$ 18,468.00	\$ 21,046.00	\$ (3,464.00)	\$ (2,795.00)

*April's offering totaled \$ 20,688.43
We collected \$2,399.61 for the Synod Assembly Offering
and \$1935 for the Tiemann Endowment Scholarship*

Property Team Update

This is a list of current projects and their progress that hopefully suggest that we are alive and eager to grow. If you are interested in leading and/or participating in any of these projects, please let us know.

ALMOST COMPLETE Courtyard Lighting: New dusk-to-dawn lights have been installed and are temporarily hooked up. Permanent wiring will be completed soon. (Outside Contractor) The old courtyard lights have been disconnected and removed.

ALMOST COMPLETE Outdoor Sanctuary & Walkway Lights: The lights outside the sanctuary and at the walkway by the parking lot have been rewired to work with new walkway lights. Some minor detail work is still needed, but they are all in service. (Outside Contractor)

COMPLETE

Playground Cleanup: The fence and borders are down, and once the ground dries up a bit more, the rubber mulch will be removed. The area will be filled with fresh soil, and sod will be laid in preparation for the new playground equipment. *Help will be needed to spread the soil and lay the sod.*

Playground Equipment: The equipment has been purchased and is being stored in Clint Myers barn. Once the new sod takes hold, this equipment will be installed. Plans are underway for this work.

PROGRESSING Harvey Repairs: Most of the repairs are being completed by Castle Construction. These primarily include repairs to sheetrock in the education building and sanctuary. Other items, such as replacing the damaged door on the south end of the education building, and removing the skylights and re-roofing the office building will also be done. (Outside Contractor)

IMPORTANT Door Handles & Keys: New handles will be installed on the Fellowship Hall, education building and exterior parlor door. **New keys will issued for all doors.**

Courtyard Fencing: The wooden portion of the courtyard fence will be replaced with iron fencing. This will include a matching handrail on the steps of the walkway going to the sanctuary that will extend to the brick pillars. A cost estimate has been requested. (Outside Contractor)

Landscaping: The diseased sago palms have been removed, and the courtyard landscaping will be updated. There will also be landscaping added to the highway side of the office building and sanctuary. Bids are being obtained for bi-weekly lawn service. *Ideas and help will be needed for these projects.*

Education Building: Two rooms currently used for miscellaneous storage will be cleaned out. Broken and unwanted items will be hauled off. The rest will be organized so that they can be accessed when needed. The baseboards and trim in the hallways will be sanded down and prepped for painting. *Help will be needed for these projects.*

EXIT & Emergency Lighting: New EXIT signs with emergency lighting have been purchased and will be installed in the sanctuary and education building. (Outside Contractor)

Just like our homes, continuous repairs and improvements are required to maintain our physical assets.

Please help where your time, skills and abilities allow.

Retha Hahn
Property Team Leader
361-920-1248



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child will be an ongoing ministry for Salem Lutheran Church. If you would like to participate, you might pick up shoebox items throughout the year. Donations to help defray the shipping costs for the boxes (\$9) would be welcome also. This is a wonderful way to help children all over the world. This past Christmas over 11 million boxes were sent out by Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child! Overseas shipping rules will no longer allow toothpaste, candy or gum to be placed in the shoeboxes! De Colores!

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP

Hello all. Many of you know and have heard me speak of a mission trip I take with a group from a Church in Kennedy (a relative of mine goes to church there). Last year Gary went with me and this summer not only will Gary be going again but my son, Joshua and his son – my oldest grandson, Tyler will be joining us! To say I am excited about sharing this calling with my family is simply a huge understatement. **PLEASE begin to pray for us...** for safe travels ... that God would give us the energy and capabilities to serve where we are called... that He guides every venture we undertake and that the people we meet feel and experience God's love through each of us!

The theme this year is Vision in Action – Sharing God's Love & Truth.

As Salem's mission statement is "Sharing the Love of Christ" I feel this trip works hand in hand with our mission. During our trip we will do construction at local schools and churches, hold two separate afternoon VBS classes, teach sewing to a group of ladies, and visit an orphanage. Naturally on these trips we are told to be "fluid" as changes can happen at the drop of a hat and we may be sent to a different church, school or orphanage but all the while we are simply following God's call and directions.

The people of the DR that we minister to are not a wealthy group and there are many things that we take with us as gifts and signs of love. Some of these items are listed below. If you feel led to reach out to these DR people, please feel free to purchase any of these items or get a donation to me and we will use the funds to buy what is needed. We have another meeting on **May 30th** so I'd like to be able to take any donations to the meeting if possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me or Gary about this trip.

Yours in Christ, Lorie Paul

School Supplies: backpacks, erasers (small), pencils, crayons, markers, small individual pencil sharpeners, ballpoint pens or extra fine rolling pens, foamy paper

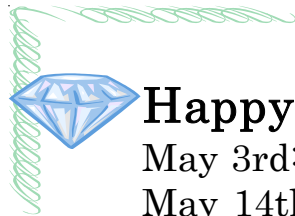
Clothes: **Boys 2-12 yr old:** t-shirts, polo shirts, pants/jeans, shoes; **Girls 3-12 yrs old:** shirts, skirts, shoes, sandals.

Medicines: children's chewable multivitamins (no gummy vitamins), prenatal vitamins, children's Tylenol, children's ibuprofen.



Happy birthday in May to:

May 4th: Jacob Ham
May 7th: Cerenity Venglar
May 10th: Ashley Anderson
May 10th: Karla Rothmann
May 13th: Jared Awalt
May 13th: Layla Myers
May 17th: Janna Powell
May 22nd: Sandra Ruddick
May 24th: Michael Farmer
May 25th: Kayla Boyd-Robertson
May 31st: Keith Ueckert



Happy anniversary in May to:

May 3rd: Lynn & Cathy Hahn
May 14th: Walter & Wanda Hahn
May 18th: Mark & Cynthia Mueller
May 18th: Pastor Dan & Debbie Zellmer

**If your birthday and/or anniversary is not printed in the newsletter,
please call the church office.**



"Sharing the Love of Christ"
ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAYS of April:	<u>01</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>
Worship Service:	155	69	68	74	62

April's Welcomed Visitors:

April 1, 2018:

James Adcock Family
Marcia Alex
Martha & Jackson Blackman
Joe Bonuz
Kyle & Paula Boyd-Robertson
Debbie Caldwell
Debra Harabis
Russell Hartl Family
Kati & Cooper Hartman
Alison Jecker
Laura Jecker
Jeff, Kyleigh & Laina Kolos
Spencer Lowery
Erik & Diane Luxhoj
Serenity Oliphant
Bonnie Pierson
Mark Robinson
Elizabeth Schneider
Matthew & Kimberly Schneider
Kim Spree
Shannon Spree
Tatum Stratton
Albert & Susan Wax

April 8, 2018:

Adrian Awalt
Joe Bonuz
Tommy May
Albert & Susan Wax

April 15, 2018:

LA & Agnes Hannes
Tommy May
Tatum Stratton

April 22, 2018:

Bonnie Pierson and Adolph
Tommy May
Albert & Susan Wax

April 29, 2018:

Cheryl Billo

Happy Mother's Day !

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 me on my cell at 361-652-3214 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.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Dan

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Sandra Ruddick	Vera Hahn	Geri Caraway
Leroy Hahn	Dustin Caraway	Levi Weber
Ronald Squyres	Karen Fowler	Ben Anderson
Ricky Marek	Kathy Konrad	Cindy Schneider
Cathy Propst		

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

John Mills	Rita Boudreaux	Candice Harabis
Dorothy Featherston	Major and Daphne Dodd and their parents	
Wynde Albrecht Pustejovsky		Buddy Winder
Fred Knipling	Lloyd Bales	

TRINITY SHORE RESIDENTS:

Sonny Gottschalt L.C. Gossett

TODAY'S ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENT:

Betty Sue Kupatt

BROOKEDALE RESIDENT:

Ruth Hahn

VITALITY COURT RESIDENT:

Nelson Marek

PORT LAVACA NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Rick Turpen 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)

