

Salem Lutheran Church
2101 North Virginia
Port Lavaca, Tx 77979
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September 2018



FROM PASTOR'S COMPUTER

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Wednesday, 9/5/2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH!
Polka Worship with Pot-Luck Lunch



Salem Lutheran Church

" Sharing the love of Christ "

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From the Pastor's Computer:

Calling all Acolytes

It is quite simple...

Can your child reach the candles to light them?

Can your child sit relatively quiet up front?

Does your child want to be an acolyte? If so...

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New Members?

I am currently visiting with our visitors who have expressed an interest in joining Salem. Please don't wait for me to get to your name on my list. Call me at 361-652-3214. I will answer any questions that you might have about this process.

Children in Worship

Salem's Nurture Team has decided to discontinue Children's Church effective immediately. We are currently looking into a new process which invites the younger children to stay in the sanctuary throughout the worship service and have a space where their attention can be focused. What might that look like???

Since our members do not use my home phone number to call me, we have cancelled that line. Please call or text me at 361-652-3214.

Have a blessed month.

Your servant in Christ,

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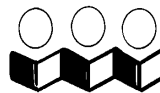
September Announcements

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Breakfast
Wednesday - September 12th
@ 7:00AM

The Bible study group that meets at the home of Ruthie Boyd-Robertson will start back up on Monday, September 10th at 5:30PM. They will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month, as before. The first study will be on the readings from 1Kings.

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The Thursday Study Group will begin on Thursday, September 13th at 6:00PM in the church office Conference Room. They will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The first study will be on writings that have stood the test of time and seek to form our soul's toward God. If you are interested in this study group, please let Ruthie Boyd-Robertson or Terri know so everyone will have a study guide. Everyone, all ages men and women, are invited to join in. Hopefully, this will be a time of Spiritual Formation and growth in various areas of our lives as individuals and as a group.



CHOIR NOTES:

Choir Rehearsals;

Wednesday nights at 7PM:

Sept. 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

Choir Sunday Worship Services:

Sept. 9th and 23rd



Welcome back to Sunday School!

As you may have noticed, the youth Sunday School program took a break this summer. The teachers used this time to meet, research and discuss new ideas. We are very excited about the future of Salem's Sunday School program!

We are happy to announce that Sunday School will start back up on **September 9th!** Rally Day will be **September 23rd!**

This year we are starting something a little different, all of the children will be in one class together. Parents and/or family members are encouraged (but not required) to join in as valued members of their children's faith journey! We will be working our way through the bible using *The Family Bible Devotional* (Sarah Wells), songs, and activities that all ages can relate to. We hope to encourage and support families as they study together and share their faith.

Also, we have decided to immediately stop Children's Church and focus on creating new ways for the youngest members of Salem to be actively involved and engaged in the worship service. Stay tuned for updates!

Dottie Caldwell
Nurture Ministry Team

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

*August's Council meeting lacked a quorum,
therefore there are no
August Council meeting Minutes.
The next council meeting will be held
Tuesday, September 11, 2018 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	\$ 18,433.00	\$ 21,046.00	\$ (3,429.00)	\$ (2,760.00)
April	\$ 20,690.00	\$ 17,521.00	\$ 21,046.00	\$ 3,169.00	\$ 409.00
May	\$ 13,101.00	\$ 18,976.00	\$ 21,046.00	\$ (5,875.00)	\$ (5,466.00)
June	\$ 14,973.00	\$ 16,608.00	\$ 21,046.00	\$ (1,635.00)	\$ (7,101.00)
July	\$ 19,605.00	\$ 19,182.00	\$ 21,046.00	\$ 423.00	\$ (6,678.00)

*A full treasurer's report was not ready at
"Press-time" for the September Salem Star,
but August's offering totaled \$ 17,612.98.
We collected \$ 1,391 for the local Food Pantry!*

Continued ...

Continued Treasurer's Report

Salem Lutheran Church 2018 Designated Offering

FUND NAME	MONTH								YEAR TO DATE	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	TOTAL	
Building	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00			\$ 80.00	
Building Use		\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00		\$ 75.00				\$ 300.00	
Clothing God's Child			\$ 90.00			\$ 50.00		\$ 105.00	\$ 245.00	
Continued Repairs	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 800.00	
Emmaus			\$ 50.00			\$ 240.00			\$ 290.00	
F.H./Kitchen			\$ 250.00						\$ 250.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 81.00	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 1,391.00	\$ 3,713.00	
Harbor	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 160.00	
Lutheran Bible Transl.	\$ 57.41	\$ 115.45	\$ 81.76	\$ 78.60	\$ 81.88	\$ 94.03	\$ 52.50	\$ 100.14	\$ 661.77	
Youth	\$ 437.00			\$ 175.00					\$ 612.00	
Other Designated Offering				\$ 2,399.61	\$ 2,935.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 3,409.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 9,993.61	
TOTALS:	\$ 715.41	\$ 2,196.45	\$ 787.76	\$ 2,844.21	\$ 3,387.88	\$ 1,725.03	\$ 3,632.50	\$ 1,816.14	\$ 17,105.38	
ITEMIZED "OTHER DESIGNATED" OFFERING:										
April - Synod Assembly										
May - Tiemann Endowment Fund										
June - Playground Installation										
July - Puerto Rico Mission Trip										
August - Postage for Christmas Boxes										



*Salem's Fall Festival –
Sunday,
September 30th*



Southwestern Texas Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

At the end of this week I will finish my third term as the Bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod. As I pondered a Scripture passage that might encapsulate my feelings, I settled on Ephesians 3:20-21: "Now to God, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

It has been an honor to serve these eighteen years. It has been filled with blessings and heartaches, joys and sorrows. I have blessed to experience the width and depth of this church, visiting all the ministries in our synod, as well as the churchwide office on many occasions, all eight seminaries, other synods, our Companion Synod - The Lutheran Church in Costa Rica, and Lutheran partners around the world. The good far outweighs any difficult times.

I thank my wife, Debbie, and our children, Daniel and Rebecca, who were 15 and 11 when I was first elected, for their continued support and patience with my busy schedule and being away from home so often. Also, Debbie and I thank you for your generous gifts to the Tiemann Endowment for Leadership Development. The synod's leaders will be truly blessed with over \$60,000 in that fund already, and we pray that this will be a continual blessing to all types of leaders in our synod.

I especially thank our pastors and deacons, lay leaders and youth ministers, Deans and Synod Council, synod officers and synod staff, Lutheran social ministry organizations and agencies, colleagues in the ELCA Conference of Bishops and churchwide offices, and ecumenical and interfaith partners. We have worked together to "accomplish abundantly far more (together) than all we can ask or imagine."

I plan to "take a deep breath" until the end of the year with just some supply preaching, home projects, and relaxation, but when you see me in the future, call me "Pastor." The title of "Bishop" now belongs to Pr. Sue Briner, and I will remember her as my Bishop in my daily prayers. She has many gifts that will serve this synod well, and I ask you to support her in that important calling as you supported me.

God's peace,
Bishop Ray Tiemann



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SEPTEMBER

Already September!! If you have been shopping all year for things to put in a Christmas Shoebox for a child, it is getting a bit full! We now have plastic shoeboxes available if you would like to use one. These boxes are from Operation Christmas Child, so they are the correct size. The lid snaps on. They are available at no cost to you, pick up one or two to fill up. This month toys are recommended for your shoebox.

Here are a few items you may include: coloring books, small cars, trucks, jump rope, paddle ball, Slinkys, dominoes, yo-yo, Play Doh, puzzles, inflatable beach balls, small Etch-a-Sketch, craft kits, checkers, jacks/ball, toy tool set, Legos, tic-tac-toe and card games. There are more listed in a Shoebox Item hand out list. Two things are not to be included are no candy of any kind and no toothpaste. We have lists and boxes available after services on Sunday and Terri has more in the office. Also shipping costs are \$9.

These items are fun to find and know what joy a child will feel when received!
De Colores!



STANDING STRONG THROUGH THE STORM

June 3

*But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost,
because a great door for effective work has opened to me,
and there are many who oppose me.* 1 Corinthians 16:8-9

Open Doors of Opportunity

The Apostle Paul was always focused on opportunity. Yet he was a realist who knew the opposition he faced from the enemy of our souls. He expresses here an interest in visiting the Corinthian Church for a significant period of time. But it would not be until after Pentecost because of great open doors for effective work in spite of much opposition. In doing kingdom work we should always expect opposition but that should not blind us to the great opportunities.

A young pastor in the southern Philippines who attended a Standing Strong Through the Storm (SSTS) seminar, shares his personal experiences with this principle:

The SSTS taught me a lot of things. First, it taught me to stand firm in the Lord during tough times. Second, it taught me to establish my relationship with God and not to focus on difficulties. Third, it taught me to lead my whole family to serve and obey God even though hardship and persecution come. And also it taught me to continue on with the ministry, even if others abandon us.

"My wife and I were newlyweds and fresh graduates of a Bible school when God called us to start a work among the Muslims. We were afraid of them and did not know how to minister to them. Open Doors gave us books on how to love the Muslims. In one community we started literacy classes among the children.

"But the more we grew in our desire to obey God, the more our faith was tested. In 2004, I was diagnosed with stage-four pancreatic cancer. But my sickness did not stop the Lord in accomplishing His purpose for our lives. In 2008, He led us to permanently settle in a place where most Christians dared not go. As we obeyed God, we experienced His great power—that same year, my doctor told me that I was cancer free!

"The Lord also paved the way for us to reach one Muslim tribe through an adult literacy project. We built relationships with our students and eventually shared the gospel with them. We seized every opportunity to help them with their needs, more so with their relationship with Jesus Christ." I would say that the biggest test of our faith was not when I got sick, but when our sending church abandoned us and cut our support. I felt alone, but God sustained me and my family.

“The Lord is continuously opening more opportunities for us to minister to our Muslim brothers. Right now, with Open Doors’ help, we are holding literacy classes among the three Muslim tribes in our area. We are also distributing the *JESUS* film when there is any opportunity to do so.”

STANDING STRONG THROUGH THE STORM

June 6

Memorizing God’s Word

When China’s best-known pastor, Wang Ming-dao, was finally released from prison, he stated, “In these past twenty years, I have not had a copy of the Bible. Happily between the ages of twenty-one to twenty-four, I spent my time at home doing the housework and studying the Scriptures. I memorized many passages. These passages in my heart came out one by one and strengthened me. Had it not been for those words of God, then not only I, but many others, would also have been defeated.”

Pastor Lamb in southern China was in prison for many years at that same time. “I understood then why I had memorized so much of God’s Word while in Bible school,” he says. “I kept my sanity only by repeating Bible verses over and over.”

The best way the church can prepare for trials and persecution is by seriously studying and learning the Word of God. Christians need an overview of the whole Bible. Understanding God’s outline for mankind in the Bible aids in memorization as well.

What is the right attitude to bring to Bible study? Some read and study the Bible with the intent to get something from it to teach to others. But first, we should approach the Bible with the desire to see the goodness and loving-kindness of God and understand how “wide and long and high and deep” is His love for us (Ephesians 3:17-19). Let His love show you His supply for your own need and then you are better able to meet the needs of others.

Second, approach the Bible with humility. Study the Bible to discover what God has said. Bible study is meant not merely to inform but to transform.

In restricted countries where Bibles are in short supply, pastors are often in a quandary as to which of the many spiritually needy he should share these precious books with. Progress in Bible memorization is one method they can use for determining who will receive the available Bibles. One house church group in Vietnam decided to give them to the believers who were most determined to use them. The criterion used was memory work. So Bibles were shared only with those who recited flawlessly Psalm 119—all 176 verses!

Open Doors is committed to provide God’s Word to those for whom it is not



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st:	William Boehl	22nd:	Kathy Vickery
2nd:	Lindsey Smith	25th:	Jason Bales
	Jason Yarborough		Waylon Powell
3rd:	Iris Boyd-Robertson	26th:	Janie Berger
	Saylor Garcia		Kody Franke
	Shaughnessy Howell		Pat Gyllenband
4th:	Sophie Jo Franke		Julie Konrad
6th:	Emily Hahn	30th:	Katie Anderson
15th:	Ashley Ruddick		
18th:	Kaylie Moore		
19th:	Cecilia Dolezal		

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 1st:	Bobby & Margaret Gosnell
September 2nd:	Marshall & Lindsey Smith
September 9th:	Buddy & Lucille Winder
September 12th:	Leroy & Vera Hahn
September 20th:	Forest & Nancy Canion
September 24th:	Kody & Hillary Franke
September 24th:	Steven & Tina Tschatschula
September 29th:	Dale & Linda Hahn



If you have an addition or correction to the Birthday's and Anniversary's, please call the church office.



POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE AND FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 30th

Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.

Music will be provided by the Polka Spirit Band from Shiner

Coffee and Light Snacks in the Fellowship Hall
after worship

German Potluck Lunch - 11:30 a.m.



Ice Cream, Brownies, and Ice Cream Toppings for dessert



Bingo, Dominoes after lunch

Face Painting, 9 Square, and Bouncy House for the kids



Invite your children, aunts, uncles, neighbors, or random
strangers to attend this
fun-filled day.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



"Sharing the Love of Christ" ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAYS of August: 05 12 19 26
Worship Service: 79 74 71 70

Welcomed Visitors:

August 5, 2018:

Cheryl Billo
Joe Bonuz
Kayla & Iris Boyd-Robertson
Tommy May
Daniel Mueller

August 19, 2018:

Cheryl Billo
Jeffery Ueckert Family

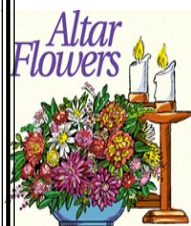
August 26, 2018:

Kayla & Iris Boyd-Robertson

August 12, 2018:

Joe Bonuz
Kayla Boyd-Robertson
Tommy May
Daniel Mueller
Craig Parker Family
Bonnie Pierson & Adolph

*Salem's Fall Festival –
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September

Sept. 2nd: OPEN
Sept. 9th: Buddy and Lucille Winder
Sept. 16th: OPEN
Sept. 23rd: OPEN
Sept. 30th: Polka Worship Flowers



*Sundays - All Sundays of September
are OPEN for sharing
Congregational Fellowship snacks.*

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 DanPastor Dan



Remember in your prayers

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Annette Ueckert	Todd Kelm	Camille Flisowski
Sandra Ruddick	Vera Hahn	Geri Caraway
Dustin Caraway	Levi Weber	Ben Anderson
Cathy Propst	Leroy Hahn	Cindy Schneider
Dorothy Caraway		

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

TRINITY SHORE RESIDENTS:

Sonny Gottschalt

TODAY'S ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENT:

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:



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



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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.