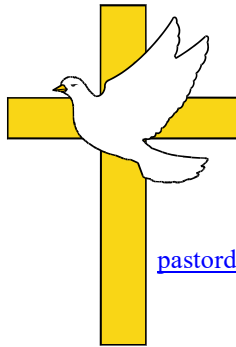


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

 February 2018

February is Salem's  
Food Pantry Collection month!





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### **“ Sharing the Love of Christ “**

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM  
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Pastor	Pastor Daniel L. Zellmer	552-6069 (cell) 652-3214
Office Manager	Terri Malaer	920-4013
Financial Secretary	Kristel Knipping	552-2263
Choir Director	Altus Aschen	552-3085
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		
	Lorie Paul	874-4213
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	Dottie Hahn	571-0668
Response	Wanda Hahn	676-2046
Property	Retha Hahn	920-1248

## FROM THE PASTOR'S COMPUTER

Way too many jokes include the phrase: "I've got good news and I've got bad news. Which do you want first?" The good/bad determination is up to the hearer, but in my article last month I shared my decision to retire at the end of this year. At the annual congregational meeting I shared some data about our attendance and our giving during 2017 that indicates that our vitality and the ability for this congregation to afford a full-time pastor now and in the future needs to be looked at carefully sooner rather than later.

As I sat down to write this article I procrastinated by checking my email. My attention was grabbed by the subject line: "Fly through the crash." Here is what it said:

*By Peggy Hahn, LEAD Executive Director*

The night before I was about to launch the biggest project of my life, I got some of the best leadership advice ever from Sally Ahrens, my partner in ministry. She looked me in the eye and said with all seriousness:

***"No matter what happens, fly through the crash."***

At this point in our preparation, I knew she wasn't kidding, but I also had no idea what she was talking about, so I just gave her the "huh?" look.

**"Fly through the crash. You just might land the plane,"** was her response. This was only a few weeks after the plane had landed in the Hudson River. I got it.

I am sharing this with you today because I have come to realize that the language of "being in survival-mode" that people use regarding their congregation does not fit at all. Every story I know about survival-mode has a high level of "fighting for life" that includes a willingness to fly through the crash.

**Survival behavior is hopeful because it brings an instinct for living that overcomes a willingness to die.**

Here is the link to the rest of the article if you are interested:

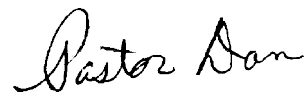
<https://waytolead.org/fly-through-the-crash/>

I believe that this email was a tap on the shoulder from God. In spite of the “facts;” we are still called to be disciples and God is still ready to walk with us as we do ministry in this community. I believe that now is the time to figure out how we might be able to “Fly through the crash” and see where we land.

Part of flying through the crash will obviously be for more of us to step up and become a part of the ministry that is happening. I am quite pleased to share that we were down to four assisting ministers until the meeting that I called for those interested in that role in worship. I now have nine people on that list and I say, “Thank You!!!” to each of them.

Please let our leaders know that you would like to be a part of whatever specific pieces you are interested in. Together we can and will be strong. There is no telling where we will land.

Have a blessed month.  
Your servant in Christ,

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



## *FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS*

The new 2018 Salem Lutheran Church Telephone Directory is ready and available for you to pick up in the Narthex!

Copies of the 2017 SLC Annual report are available in the Narthex if you didn't get one yet. Just pick one up!



### **It is our turn!**

February is Salem's month for collecting canned goods or non perishable food items for the Calhoun County Food Pantry!

The food pantry is particularly in need of:

Dry Milk (box with individual packets)  
Canned: Spinach, Mixed Vegetables, Black Eyed Peas,  
Carrots, Ranch Style Beans, Refried Beans, and Pork & Beans  
Small Peanut Butter, Small Soups  
Boxed Jello and Pasta Sauces  
Bar Soap and Wrapped Toilet Paper

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Ash Wednesday Worship  
February 14, 2018 at 7PM

Wednesday's of Lent  
Soup & Sandwich supper at 6:00PM and then a Holden  
Evening Prayer Service at 7:00PM  
Choir Practice after worship.  
(A sign-up for hosts and meals has been posted)

Wednesday evenings:  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>,  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>

## *FROM THE SLC COUNCIL*

**Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 9, 2018**

**Council Members in Attendance:**

Pastor Dan, Rob Barjenbruch, Jennifer Hahn, Dottie Hahn, Wanda Hahn, Kristel Knipling and Lindy Cain

**Devotional-** Jennifer read "Put God in charge of your work then what you planned will take place"

**Prayer and Concerns** – Nelson Marek, Rick Turpen, Jo Ann Hahn

**Approval of Agenda** – Kristel 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Approval of Minutes from previous meeting** – Rob 1<sup>st</sup> Kristel 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Reports:**

**Treasurer-**Ended 2017 on a positive note!

**Pastor** – Pastor Dan will be retiring at the end of the year. During this year he would like to redefine specific goals of the board members. Add by-laws for the board Pastor Dan talked about the financial situation of the church. Basically, 7 households give over 50% of the income of the church (one of those household is Pastor Dan). Pastor Dan prays that we (as a council) make good decisions this year and that we successfully examine and implement ways to encourage new membership.

**Proclaim** – Nothing this meeting

**Nurture** –Nothing this meeting

**Response** – The response committee met last Thursday to discuss how to get more active church members.

**Property** – Retha Hahn is taking over for Clint next month and she has plans for new exit lights for all the buildings. She has already brought an electrician in for quotes.

## *FROM THE SLC COUNCIL*

**Old Business** – Corrected the form for nominations and ballots  
Castle Construction to continue Harvey repairs February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business** – Pastor Dan and Rob Barjenbruch will work on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. A signup sheet for the annual meeting luncheon will be passed around. The Ballot for the Annual Meeting will be finalized. The Lent offering will be designated to the Synod Assembly; however, it is not known what the Synod's designation is at this time.

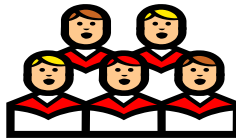
### **Calendar**

#### **Closing Prayer –**

**February's Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 5:30PM**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jennifer Hahn motioned to adjourn the council meeting at 7:19PM.

The next Salem Lutheran Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 5:30PM.



### **Chancel Choir Schedule:**

February 7th - Rehearsal; 7 p.m.  
February 14th - Rehearsal after Worship  
February 21st - Rehearsal after Worship  
February 25th - Worship  
February 28th - Rehearsal after Worship



## Valentine's Day Word Search



love	candy	caring	hugs
cupid	cards	February	pink
valentine	flowers	red	gifts
heart	kindness	kiss	roses





## February Anniversaries

Terry & Clarice Theide; 25th

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



Virginia Hahn; 2nd  
Dale Hahn; 3rd  
Kathy Gyllenband; 7th  
Michael Caraway; 8th  
Forest Canion; 9th  
Cynthia Mueller; 9th  
Marshall Smith; 9th  
William Bales; 10th  
Sheridan Franke; 10th  
Logan Smith; 10th

Brittney Rothmann; 10th  
Walter Hahn; 14th  
Katelyn Rothmann; 14th  
Russell Svetlik; 18th  
Kelli Rothmann; 21st  
Annette Ueckert; 22nd  
Dorthy Caraway; 26th  
Kristel Knipling; 26th  
Alfred Adame; 28th



We still have plenty of open dates for  
Altar flowers, reserve your special date!



*"Sharing the Love of Christ"*

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>SUNDAYS of January:</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Worship Service:</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>72</b>

**Visitors:**

**January 7, 2018**

Cheryl Billo  
 Brian Caldwell  
 Stefanie Gossett  
 Rilyen & Rheanne Hilgart  
 Tommy May  
 Jason & Bonnie Pierson -  
 Corbin & Adolph  
 Branson Ramos  
 Anthony Risken  
 Brittney Rothmann & Caroline  
 Jeffery & Kathryn Ueckert -  
 Reese & Allie  
 Albert & Susan Wax

**January 14, 2018**

Brian Caldwell  
 Tommy May  
 Bonnie Pierson & Adolph  
 Brittney Rothmann  
 Eddie & Dorothy Witt  
 Vila Witt

**January 21, 2018**

James & Cassie Adcock  
 Joe Bounz  
 Teddy Burke  
 Stefanie Gossett  
 Russell & Angie Hartl -  
 Kaitlin & Will  
 Larry & Kay Luther

**January 28, 2018**

Joe Bounz  
 Ralph & Alice Dean  
 Albert & Susan Wax



For all of you who have been praying for Stephanie Erdelt for a while now, please know that she is in a treatment to cure her Hepatitis C and as of this time her viral load is a "ZERO"!!! This is not the first attempt to cure her Hep C so that this trial is working we are all praising God! She will need to continue for 6 more weeks in this treatment. And then after that, because she is part of a drug trial, she will need to do many follow ups over the next few years. There is a very tiny chance that the virus can reappear, but it is very rare. If all you prayer warriors will continue to place it before the Lord that will eliminate even that chance!

The Erdelts are very thankful for all the prayers and just ask that you continue to remember her in your prayers as she still has other issues that they face on a daily basis and please keep Sue and Paul (her mom and dad) in your prayers!

Thanks, Lorie Paul

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:**

Vera Hahn has had a great report from the doctor!

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Dustin Caraway	Levi Weber	Joann Hahn
Ronald Squyres	Karen Fowler	Ben Anderson
Ricky Marek	Kathy Konrad	Cindy Schneider
Cathy Propst		

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

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

**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:**

Rick Turpen	Annette Ueckert	Annie Halliburton
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**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 Larry Kowalik in his death.



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

Matthew 2:2



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