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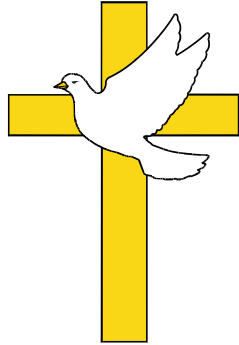
July 2019

"Pastor's Corner"

SAVE THE DATE!:

July 14, 2019 -

Special Called Congregational Meeting



Salem Lutheran Church

" Sharing the love of Christ "

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| Transitional Pastor | Pastor Sharon Wiggins | 512-773-6356 |
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| Organists | Altus Aschen | 552-3085 |
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| | William Hahn, Jr. | 552-7750 |
| | Kathy Riske | 484-0835 |
| Prayer Ministry | Jennifer Hahn | 676-7348 |
| Clothing God's Children | | |
| Altar Guild Leader | Retha Hahn | 920-1248 |

Executive Council

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| President | Mike Rothmann | 552-6893 |
| Vice President | Joel Anderson | 882-6872 |
| Secretary | Lindy Cain | 773-576-7845 |
| Treasurer | Cathy Hahn | 552-5100 |

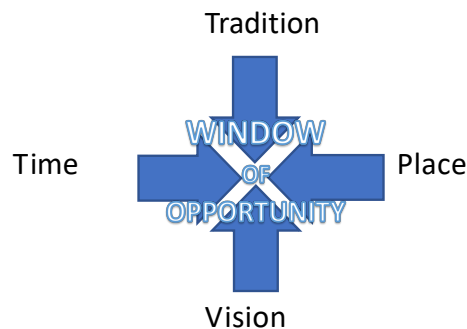
Council Ministry Teams

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| Proclaim | Clairce Thiede | 281-685-7409 |
| Nurture | Debbie Martin | 920-9851 |
| Response | Wanda Hahn | 676-2046 |
| Property | Retha Hahn | 920-1248 |

Pastor's Corner

The “motto” for our Synod is: God’s grace transforms and connects us to learn, to love, to lead. These three things are very interrelated, but this year the Assembly emphasis was on learning. In the following years it will be on loving and leading. I am excited to see each of these.

The Assembly theme was *Open Eyes Burning Hearts*, based on the Walk to Emmaus story. There were five talks by the keynote speaker, Peggy Hahn, on the topic *Sacred Shifts*. She used the following diagram for the base of her talks:



The times in which we live and the places in which we find ourselves come together with our traditions and our visions to create a Window of Opportunity; or, to create a Perfect Storm of Chaos. In layman’s terms that I understand a little better: *Change is inevitable, how we respond to it varies and our response greatly influences the outcome.* And she was there to help us shape the outcome. Now whether or not we agreed with her was another thing.

She told a story about a caterpillar going into the cocoon phase and emerging as a butterfly. We had been working on fear of change making it hard to recognize change as a window of opportunity and not a destructive thing. The questions that came to mind were: Does the caterpillar experience fear as it turns upside down on a twig and starts forming the cocoon? Does it know it is about to cease to exist when it starts the cocoon? Does it hurt when everything in it turns into something else?

Sometimes it feels this way in the church, that everything is turning upside down, that nothing will ever be the same. I have no idea how a caterpillar might feel about the dramatic changes in his life. But I know that sometimes there is a limit to the amount of change I want in my life. I want the 23rd Psalm always to be in the KJV and the old songs I love to sing, I want them sung all the time. I look around and ask, "Why can't it be like I remember it being?" As much as I love that question, it may not be the best question, if change is to bring a window of opportunity.

Then there was a little video of a guy dancing like he had fire ants biting him. The sun bathers on the hillside by the lake were ignoring him as best they could. Then one guy got up and danced with him. Now the nut dancing like a fool had a follower and that made him a leader. Then, others followed, like Arlo Guthrie's *Alice's Restaurant*. Not sure the lesson I was supposed to get, but.... All I need is to find a follower and I will no longer be a nut! So, I'll follow you if you will follow me and we will all follow Jesus and none of us will be nuts.

Have a safe and fun 4th of July.
And do not neglect the coming together on the Sabbath.

Peace and blessings
Pastor Wiggins



JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a special
Called Congregational Meeting
on Sunday, July 14, 2019.
Please come!

The office will be closed July 1-5th. Pastor Wiggins will be in the office Tuesday, July 2nd as usual.

If you need anything please do not hesitate to call her at 512-773-6356.



Save the Date!
Fall Festival;
November 11th!



Treasurer's Report

A full Treasurer's Report was not available at press time but June's offering currently totals \$11,463.03

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 10, 2019

Attendees: Mike Rothman, Joel Anderson. Cathy Hahn, Pastor Wiggins, Clarice Thiede. Debbie Martin, Wanda Hahn, Lindy Cain

Devotional: Nehemiah 8:5-6, 8-12 Lead by Debbie Martin

Prayer and Concerns: Billy Hahn and Fred Knipling are both having surgery this week.

Approval of Agenda: Joel 1st, Lindy 2nd

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Cathy Hahn presented a Treasurer's Report with some information that led to a special called Congregational Meeting. This information will be made available to the congregation in a mailed letter. Joel Anderson made a motion for the meeting to be held, and held on July 14th after worship. Cathy 2nd.

Pastor:

Proclaim: Nothing

Nurture: There will be an upcoming meeting on our Sunday schools.

Response: The Pentecostal celebration was a success.

Property: Retha was unable to attend this meeting.

Old Business: The call committee is getting very close to sending all necessary paperwork back to the Synod.

New Business: We booked the polka band for our Fall Festival on November 11th. Lindy 1st, Clarice 2nd Approval of minutes from our special council meeting on June 2, 2019 Lindy 1st and Joel 2nd

Calendar: Added the Special Congregational meeting on July 14th

Closing Prayer

Adjourn: Joel 1st, Lindy 2nd

Respectfully Submitted by: Lindy Cain Council Secretary

Prison Prayer Miracle

***So Peter was kept in prison,
but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. Acts 12:5***

Nadia was in a prison in the Middle East for some months because she was a believer from Muslim background. She told the prison officials that she would not give them any information about the people she knew or about her husband, only about herself. This led her to being placed in an isolation cell for four days. The cell was small and extremely cold. There was no toilet or washing facilities at all.

"At one point," Nadia reported, "I was feeling very cold and found the whole experience tough. Suddenly though, I felt warm air blowing in my face. So warm, in fact, that when I breathed in and the air hit my lungs I had to cough."

She had no idea where the warmth was coming from and at the same time she became very joyful. This sense of joy overwhelmed her so much that she began to dance in the cell. Yet, at the same time, she also felt confused. *How could she feel warm and joyful in a cold prison cell*, she asked herself?

"Then I heard a voice," said Nadia. She emphasized that it wasn't an internal voice but audible, "as if someone in the cell was saying, 'That is because people are praying for you. This is the Spirit of happiness that has come upon you. Receive it.'"

Later on, after her release, Nadia shared her amazing experience in the cell with her sister. Asking when it had happened, Nadia's sister mentioned the same exact day and time when thirty-two believers had met to pray for Nadia and another believer in prison. Two of the participants had been appointed to represent Nadia and the other Christian. The remaining thirty believers gathered around them to ask God to comfort them, to fill them with joy and send His Spirit of happiness upon them." They were deeply encouraged to hear Nadia's experience.

Pastor Gambo Boka from northern Nigeria was falsely accused and sentenced by the Islamic court to three years of imprisonment. When he was put in prison, together with five other falsely accused Christians, he said, "God has a purpose in all of this. My soul is at rest."

Though he lost weight and became weak, his faith became increasingly strong. He shared the gospel with many fellow prisoners, who were almost all Muslims. "I experience comfort in this terrible place," said Gambo. "I know that God's promises are true."

The Islamic court gave Pastor Gambo thirty days to appeal. While members of Pastor Gambo's church prayed, God performed a miracle. Gambo and the other five Christians were acquitted by an Islamic court because of a lack of evidence.

"This is God's grace," said one of the church members. "Our prayers have been heard and my faith has been strengthened. God's promises are so special!"

"Pastor Gambo and the other five Christians left the court singing, thanking God for His intervention.



July

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| JULY 1ST: | DAVID BARJENBRUCH | JULY 15TH: | ERVIN BERGER |
| | LESLIE BOYD | JULY 17TH: | CYNTHIA HONS |
| | DORIS MILLS | JULY 18TH: | DOTTIE CALDWELL |
| JULY 5TH: | AUDRY SMITH | JULY 22ND: | DOUGLAS HOWELL |
| JULY 6TH: | CALLI BROWN | | COLBY VICKERY |
| JULY 7TH: | NORMAN SANDERS | JULY 25TH: | TAMMY BOEHL |
| JULY 8TH: | MICHAEL BARJENBRUCH | JULY 26TH: | BETTY SUE KUPATT |
| | LUCILLE WINDER | JULY 29TH: | JENNIFER HAHN |
| JULY 9TH: | KASEY POLSEN | JULY 30TH: | KAYDEN CARAWAY |
| JULY 11TH: | SHELTON ALBRECHT | JULY 31ST: | KIRBY ALBRECHT |
| | HILLARY FRANKE | | |
| | LYNN HAHN | | |



July

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| JULY 4TH: | KIRBY & ELIZABETH ALBRECHT |
| JULY 7TH: | MIKE & BRITTNEY ROTHMANN |
| JULY 9TH: | ROB & LORENA BARJENBRUCH |
| JULY 27TH: | AL & RHONDA NIELSEN |
| JULY 27TH: | KEITH & ANNETTE UECKERT |

*Please call the church office for any
additions or corrections.*

"Sharing the Love of Christ"

ATTENDANCE:

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| <u>SUNDAYS of June:</u> | <u>02</u> | <u>09</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>30</u> |
| Worship Service: | 49 | N/A | 57 | 67 | N/A |



June 02, 2018:
None

June 09, 2018:
None

June 16, 2019:
Ronny & Darla Dentler

June 23, 2019:
Eddie & Dorothy Witt

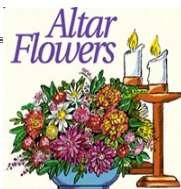
June 30, 2019:
Not Available



When God Gives you a
"NO",
Give Him a
"THANK YOU".
He was only
protecting you
From less than His best.

July

July 7th: OPEN
July 14th: OPEN
July 21st: Kristel Knipling
July 28th: OPEN





Remember in your prayers

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 Pastor Wiggins at 512-773-6356 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.

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Fred Knipling Shelton Albrecht Mickey and Mary Beth Harris

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

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| Waymon Boyd | Dorthy Caraway | Vera Hahn |
| Leroy Hahn | Joyce Schaefer | Gabrielle Rodriguez |
| Sandra Ruddick | Karen Fowler | John Mills |
| Cindy Schneider | Rita Boudreaux | Candice Harabis |
| Lloyd Bales | Buddy Winder | Wynde Albrecht |
| Pustejovsky | | |

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 Hunter Smith in his death.

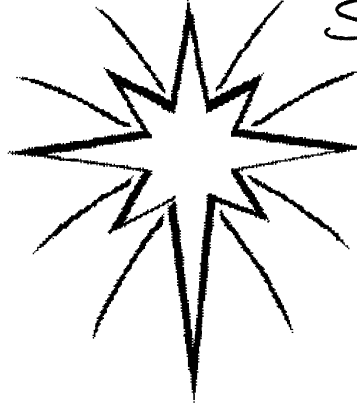
The family of Paul Kelm in the death of his son Todd Kelm.

The family of Nelson Marek in his death.



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

The
Salem
star



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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.