

Salem Lutheran Church
2101 North Virginia
Port Lavaca, Tx 77979
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IMPORTANT!

PASTOR'S CORNER

Ministry Site Profile Info!

VOM Action Packs Info!

Choir Rehearsal - Aug. 28th!

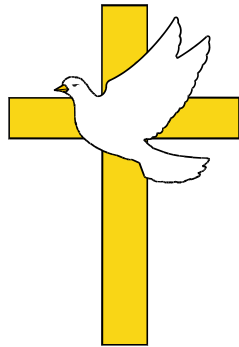


**Rally Day;
September 8th!**

**Fall Festival;
November 10th!**



**AUGUST is
FOOD PANTRY
COLLECTION
MONTH!**



Salem Lutheran Church

" Sharing the love of Christ "

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| | Kathy Riske | 484-0835 |
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| Clothing God's Children | | |
| Altar Guild Leader | Retha Hahn | 920-1248 |

Executive Council

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| President | Mike Rothmann | 552-6893 |
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| Treasurer | Cathy Hahn | 552-5100 |

Council Ministry Teams

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| Nurture | Debbie Martin | 920-9851 |
| Response | Wanda Hahn | 676-2046 |
| Property | Retha Hahn | 920-1248 |

Pastor's Corner

Did you know that Double Entry Bookkeeping, the basis of all accounting everywhere in the world, was invented by a 15th century monk? That was the first thing I learn in my Accounting classes at UT. Further, I have always asserted that Double Entry Bookkeeping could only have been invented by a monk.

Until I just googled it, that is what I believed. But, maybe, my facts were not completely accurate. It seems debits and credits have been around since as early as the 1100's and a Croatian published a little something on the topic in 1458. But it is the Franciscan monk, Luca Pacioli, whose descriptive writings were published in 1494 who is known as the Father of Modern Accounting. Perhaps it was the illustrations by Leonardo da Vinci in his book that gave his work the edge.

And the reason I have always said double entry bookkeeping could only have been invented by a monk is because one of the hardest things for people to understand about accounting for an entity is that nothing belongs to the entity. Everything on the Balance Sheet, every asset that is a part of the business belongs to someone else. And, whether that someone is the owner or a creditor, it is someone or something outside of the business.

For a monk this would be easier to understand because the monk knows that nothing, he has, belongs to him. Everything belongs to God and is only his to use for the time being. Like we say in one of our hymns, "We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee."

QuickBooks is based on old fashion double entry bookkeeping. But, in its attempt to make it "user" friendly, some of the things that have made double entry such a good system have been changed. The QuickBooks system is not fatally flawed but, in the "quickness" of establishing a set of books some of the inherent checks and balances of the old fashion, not-so-quick books, can easily be by-passed.

Some options offered to the keeper of the books look so reasonable that the bookkeeper naturally uses them. And, Bingo, the QuickBooks are in a mess quicker than you can bat your eye.

Without looking at the books with an “old fashion” double entry eye, one may not notice the problem. Because, the bills are properly paid, wages and payroll taxes and deductions are all accounted for properly on reports generated by QuickBooks. And everyone’s donations are recorded and accounted for in exactly the way the donor wanted them done. And the payments are made and not made to the charities designated. And the Auditors every year have checked this all out—and all is well.

The debits and credits of the old-fashioned double entry bookkeeping are still there. But, somehow making things “user friendly” doesn’t always keep everything in balance.

I was wondering if we do that in our lives and in our communities and in our churches—sometimes in our attempts to make things more modern or “user” friendly something gets overlooked. Maybe we can think about that and talk about it sometime.

*Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Wiggins*

RALLY DAY! - September 8th



Fall Festival; November 10th!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Dear Salem Family,

Please find on the next two pages a summary outline of our Ministry Site Profile. Many months, weeks, days, and hours from your Call Committee have gone into researching and preparing this document.

We would like to let the congregation review some of the information that is relative to what we are looking for in a pastor. In addition to conversations and discussions many of you have shared with us, we have also utilized information collected from our discussions during our “Farewell to the Past, Hello to the Future” service held back in March. We ask each of you to continue praying for our Call Process, for our Call Committee, for our church, and for our new leader, whomever that may be.

The Ministry Site Profile will be submitted to our Council for approval at their next meeting, August 12th. Once approved by the Council, it will be submitted to the Synod and we will start to receive candidates to interview. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

In Christ,

Salem Lutheran Call Committee

Brittney Rothmann, Chairperson

Kirby Albrecht

Jennifer Hahn

Terry Thiede

Pam Bales

Laurel Myers

Ministry Site Profile

Summary:

Salem Lutheran Church is looking for a full-time pastor to lead us in growing our relationships with Christ, growing our talents for ministry, and growing our church. We are located in beautiful Port Lavaca, Texas, located along the coast between Corpus Christi and Houston. We are excited to welcome a new pastor that will lead, teach, and encourage us in our faith journey while helping us build and grow our congregational family.

Goals:

Although we do not have an officially adopted Strategic Plan, we do have many goals that we have set for our congregation and our Ministry Teams this year.

1. First and foremost, we are in active prayer for a new pastor.
2. Continue to support and enrich the worship service at Salem.
3. Support and encourage every member to get involved in the worship activities of Salem by making sure everyone is given an opportunity to use their spiritual gifts.
4. Encourage members to be involved in the clothing of God's Children.
5. Encourage members to increasingly respond to the need for prayer through the Prayer Ministry.
6. Continue to support shut-in members with in-home communion.
7. Encourage members to prayerfully consider becoming an usher. Ushers are the first contact a visitor has with Salem and the ushers can do so much to enhance our worship services.
8. Continue to increase participation in youth Sunday school classes.
9. Complete other service projects that share God's love with our community.

Top 5 Ministry Tasks For Our New Pastor: *(in no particular order)*

1. Innovation/Creativity
2. Inter-Personal Climate
3. Pastoral Care and Visitation
4. Youth and Family Ministry
5. Preaching/Worship and Leadership

Giftedness:

Pastor Needs to be able to:

1. Help people develop their spiritual life
2. Be active in visitation to members and non-members
3. Be effective in working with youth
4. Have a strong commitment and loyalty to the Lutheran Church
5. Be creative and innovative about his/her tasks

Very helpful if they:

1. Provide care and nurture
2. Are effective in working with children
3. Help others develop their leadership abilities and skills for ministry
4. Are an effective communicator
5. Have talents in the areas of music, arts, and writing

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHANCEL CHOIR REHERSALS RESUME:

August 28th @ 7:00PM



RALLY DAY! - September 8th



All Yard Teams Workday: August 17th

AUGUST ...

IS SALEM'S TURN

TO COLLECT FOR THE LOCAL **This is what is packed in every bag they give out:**

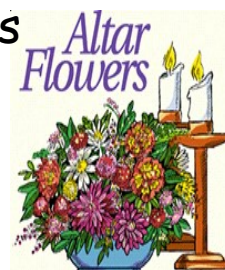


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| Dry Milk (box with individual packs) | |
| Canned Spinach | Pork & Beans |
| Mixed Vegetables | Spam |
| Dry Beans | Canned Carrots |
| Small Peanut Butter | Refried Beans |
| Mac & Cheese | Canned Potatos |
| Boxed Jello | Toilet Paper |
| Pasta Sauce | Bar Soap |



**Fall Festival;
November 10th!**

**All Sundays
in August
are open
for Altar
flowers!**



From the Musical Church Mice:



August already?!? School supply lists, school registrations, and fall events are already on the calendar. Late August is the time for the Chancel Choir to resume after our summer recess. David Hahn said recently, “My phone rings every Wednesday night for choir practice.” And yes, David, it is time to think about that and begin our plans.

Yet as this previous May came and went, we (the choir) often discussed our limited attendance at rehearsals and if it was truly something that we should strive to continue. Now is the time to consider if this is something you would like to do. Everyone from sixth grade to mature senior is welcome. Church choir anthems are not performances. They are more important than that, they are an enhancement to the worship service. You don’t have to be a soloist; you just have to have the desire to make a joyful sound.

Regularly participating in the church choir and rehearsals can become an important part of your life and your worship experience as it is for many of us. The more people who participate, the easier it is for someone to miss when there is a conflict in their busy calendar.

Please come and make the Chancel Choir a part of your life. Even if you can not come each week and know you will not be able to do so, please come for the times you can. We can work together with all the busy schedules to keep our Chancel Choir a vibrant, spirit filled part of our worship services.

The Chancel Choir meets for rehearsal every Wednesday evening at 7 o’clock for an hour. Anthems are prepared for the second and fourth Sundays and other special services.

Please give this some serious thought and join the choir in adding enrichment to our worship services.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

AUGUST

Time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Shoeboxes! These boxes go all over the world. Some stay here in the USA for children affected by disasters. Please try to include some new socks and a new T-shirt. Hard to believe socks are a big deal.

School supplies are in plentiful supply now. There are so many neat items available. The main items needed in each box are notebook paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, Crayons, markers, mini-staplers, staples, ruler, glue stick, notepads, highlighters, school scissors, paper clips, and composition books. All children need these supplies. Some are able to go to school for the first time because these items were in their shoebox. We take crayons for granted, but in other countries, crayons are very expensive. Most families cannot afford to buy them, so please include a box in your shoebox.

It is a lot of fun to go shopping for these items and know they are appreciated and needed.

Plastic boxes to pack for Operation Christmas Child are being handed out after Sunday church services. Some will be left in the office for pick up. The boxes are free of charge. Please pick one up and fill it!

De Colores!

Take Action to Help Our Persecuted Family

Our persecuted brothers and sisters are asking for more Action Packs.

Each Action Pack includes a variety of practical items for persecuted Christians in need: a pair of sandals for a barefoot Sudanese woman; a T-shirt for a displaced Iraqi Christian child who has little clothing; a warm jacket for the child of a Pakistani brick-kiln worker. When they receive Action Packs, our persecuted family members are reminded that Christians in the United States have not forgotten them.

VOM has shipped more than 8,000 Action Packs in the last 12 months, and our international staff are asking for more. When you order an Action Pack, The Voice of the Martyrs will send you a special pre-printed bag to be filled with items you select from a list included with your pack. After you pack the bag, you will ship your Action Pack back to The Voice of the Martyrs, and VOM contacts will then distribute your Action Pack along with a Bible or gospel story book.

Examples of the types of items sponsors place in Action Packs:

blanket • jacket or windbreaker • light sweater • socks • solid-color T-shirt • bed sheet • towel • bar of soap • sponge or foam ball • family photo and note or drawing (*optional, but appreciated by our persecuted Christian family members*)

A pair of sandals for a barefoot Sudanese woman. A T-shirt for an Iraqi refugee child who has been wearing the same worn clothing day after day. Warm jackets for the children of Pakistani laborers. These are the gifts of love provided in VOM Action Packs.

VOM has shipped thousands of Action Packs to persecuted believers, and yet the need is far greater than we are fulfilling. Put your love in action by giving the gift of Action Packs.

Each Action Pack is filled with daily necessities like soap, blankets, bed sheets and clothes. With each pack, we also include a Bible. The Voice of the Martyrs is currently distributing Action Packs in countries where Christians lack basic necessities and where they suffer for their faith in Christ.

Action Packs You Fill the Pack \$7 Each:

When you choose to fill an Action Pack, VOM will send you an Action Pack kit that includes large plastic bag and a list of items that would be appropriate to put in the bag. Once you have filled the bag, mail it back to VOM. VOM will then ship your Action Pack to the field, where it will be given to a Christian family.



Action Packs We Fill the Pack \$30 Each:

When you choose to have VOM fill the Action Pack, we will purchase the daily essentials (including perishables and other items that cannot be shipped from the U.S.), fill the bag and then distribute it in the country where it's needed most.

• 2019 The Voice of the Martyrs. •

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Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting July 8, 2019

Attendees:

Mike Rothmann, Joel Anderson, Cathy Hahn, Pastor Wiggins, Debbie Martin, Retha Hahn, and Lindy Cain

Devotional-Pastor Wiggins Philippians Chapter 4 Verses 8-14

Prayer and Concerns –

Fred and Kristal Knipling. Fred broke his hip and is still struggling with recovery.

Approval of Agenda: Lindy 1st Cathy 2nd

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting –

A change was made in the date for the Polka Band it should be November 10th. Cathy 1st Retha 2nd

Reports:

Treasurer- Electricity contract expired. We renewed for the next five years to get the best discount but not before the June usage so that months bill is a little higher than normal. Also, Cathy and Pastor Wiggins recommended that we have the bookkeeper from Christ the Victor come over next week and help with the organization of our payroll account in QuickBooks. Currently the payroll account is being duplicated and we need to get this corrected. Retha made a motion to let the bookkeeper come in and help and Joel 2nd.

Pastor – Nothing today

Proclaim – Nothing today

Nurture – Debbie has had 2 meetings on the future of Sunday school. She is looking into having a cross-generational Sunday school class for all ages once a month. They will also try to promote a service project each month. Also, Rev. Dentler would like to teach the kids camp songs during Sunday school when he preaches each month.

Response – Nothing today

Property – The air conditioning unit in the Fellowship Hall has a severe Freon leak that cannot be repaired. Wehmeyer A/C Services will be replacing the condenser, air handling unit and anything else needed on Wednesday, July 10th. The cost will be roughly \$2,500.

Old Business – Call Process Update – the committee is ready to show council the profile that they plan to send in.

New Business –
the council devotional will be done by Retha in August.

Calendar Closing Prayer – All The Lord's Prayer

Motion to Adjourn: Mike 1st, Joel 2nd

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindy Cain, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

July's offering totaled- \$ 15,400.94

“Sharing the Love of Christ”

ATTENDANCE:

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| SUNDAYS of July: | <u>07</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>28</u> |
| Worship Service: | 62 | 52 | 72 | 48 |



Welcome
Visitors

July 7, 2019

None

July 14, 2019:

None

July 21, 2019:

Carol Galore
Bob Peterson

July 28, 2019:

Ronny and Darla Dentler

August



4TH: GLENDA FRANKE

5TH: RIVER WOLF

7TH: HEATHER CAIN

13TH: PAM BALES

LINDA HAHN

MARK HOWELL

AL NIELSEN

15TH: BUDDY WINDER

17TH: WANDA HAHN

22ND: JOYCE JETTON

26TH: NICHOLAS YARBOROUGH

27TH: WESLEY HAHN

28TH: LEIGH BURTON

31ST: DEBBIE MARTIN



AUGUST 16TH: JOEL & KATIE ANDERSON

AUGUST 21ST: HARLEN & ALTUS ASCHEN

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



Remember in your prayers



ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Cody Starns Donald Wehmeyer Shelton Albrecht
Mickey and Mary Beth Harris

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

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| Waymon Boyd | Dorothy 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

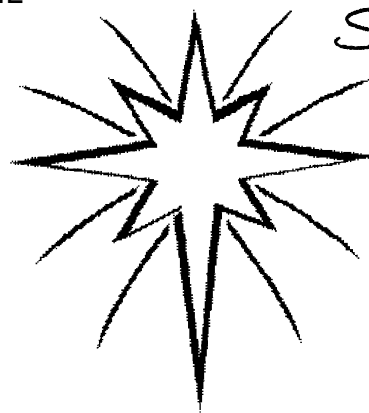
THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

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 Fred Knipling 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.