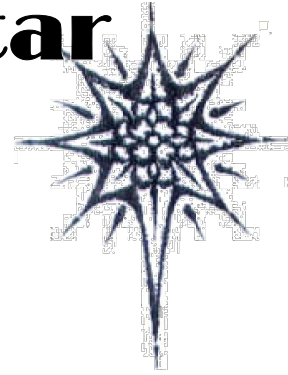
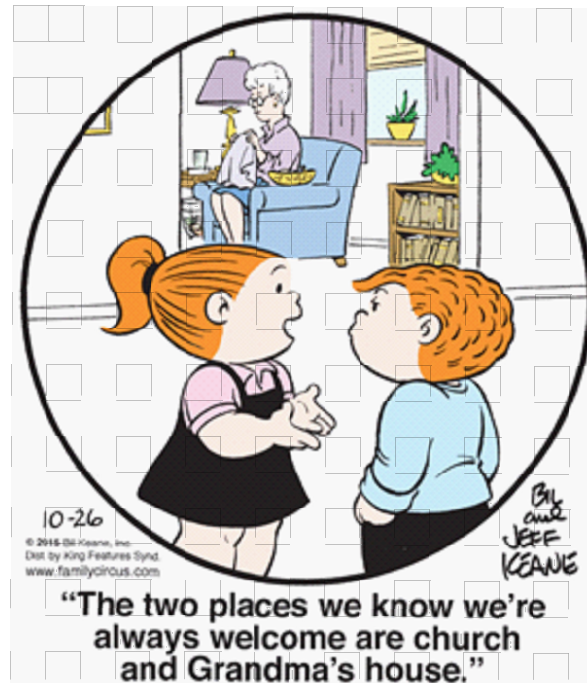


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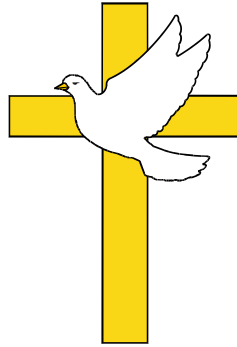
# The Salem Star



October 2019



"The two places we know we're  
always welcome are church  
and Grandma's house."



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*" Sharing the love of Christ "*

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## Pastor's Corner

School is well underway. We have even celebrated, not only the beginning of a school year but our Homecoming here at Salem. And now the Confirmation Class is getting down to business. This year we will be studying the Bible—both the Old and the New Testaments. We will be tying together the stories we know and learning some new ones as we deepen our appreciation of the importance of the Bible as the Word of God and in our daily lives.

In the first class we all took a Pop Quiz and now I would like to share that quiz with everyone:

1. The story of Noah and the Flood is found in the Book of Genesis.

What are two other stories that are found in Genesis?

2. In which book of the Bible does Moses first appear?

3. How many books of the Bible are about:

Moses \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham \_\_\_\_\_  
King David \_\_\_\_\_

4. Who was the first King of Israel?

Who chose him to be the king?

Was God happy about this happening?

5. Match the names in the first column with their description in the second column

Esther	Was turned into a column of salt
Daniel	where people's languages were mixed up
Nathaniel	Sarah's husband, father of Isaac
Abraham	Was thrown into a Lion's den
Lot's Wife	Rescued and raised Moses
Pharaoh's Daughter	David's friend
Tower of Babel	Jewish Queen who saved her people,
Jonathan	Prophet who chastised King David

6. True or False

\_\_\_\_\_ The story of the birth of Jesus is only in three of the four Gospels.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Angels spoke to the Wisemen in the Gospel of Matthew.

\_\_\_\_\_ When Abraham died, his two sons joined together to bury their father.

\_\_\_\_\_ The story of the Angels visiting the Shepherds in the fields is in Luke and Mark.

\_\_\_\_\_ The story of Jesus feeding over a thousand people with only 2 loaves of bread is in all four Gospels.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Transfiguration of Jesus is in all 4 Gospels.

\_\_\_\_\_ The story of the death and resurrection of Jesus is in all four Gospels.

7. Are the following in the Old Testament (OT), in the New Testament (NT) or not in the Bible (NIB):

_____ Jeremiah	_____ Hezekiah	_____ Paul
_____ Romans	_____ Levitations	_____ 2 Corinthians
_____ 1 Chronicles	_____ Isaiah	_____ Hebrews

8. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles is about the history of the early Church.

One of the early stories in Acts is about the day of Pentecost. What is another story in the Book of Acts?

9. What does Jesus say is the greatest commandment of all?

10. Jesus told his disciples many parables, stories that have more than one meaning, briefly tell your favorite parable.

Let the kids know how you did and which stories you think they should know or which verses or passages of the Bible have meant a lot to you at various times in your life.

*Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Wiggins*

PS—the answers are in the Narthex



**Fall Festival;  
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# OCTOBER EVENTS!

Every year there is a Life chain to bring attention to the children who are aborted. The Life Chain is a pro-life social movement which was started in 1987 by a small California based pro-life ministry called Please Let Me Live. Every first Sunday of October Life Chain invites various churches across the United States to stand to pray and rally for one hour.

14th Annual Life Chain  
Sunday, October 6th  
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Pick up your signs at 1:45 p.m. at the Donut Palace and stand and pray with us for 1 hour along Hwy 35.



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## **CHOIR NOTES:**

Choir Rehearsals;

Wednesday nights at 7PM:

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Choir Sunday Worship Service:

October 27th

*We will have a brief Response Ministry meeting on Sunday, October 20th after worship. We will be discussing dates for the start-up of the Ladies Luncheon and Community Service projects.*

*If you have any questions,  
please contact Wanda Hahn.*

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

September's Offering totaled:

\$ 16,468.69

**Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
September 9, 2019**

**Council members in attendance:** Pastor Wiggins, Joel Anderson, Retha Hahn, Wanda Hahn, Debbie Martin, Clarice Thiede and Cathy Hahn.

Joel Anderson shared a devotional

**Prayer Concerns-**We shared prayer concerns for Pastor Wiggins, Call committee to have peace of mind, and Great day of Thanksgiving for Sunday, Sept, 9, 2019.

**Approval of Agenda** – Added Pastor Wiggins contract extension to New Business. Clarice moved to approve agenda with addition. Wanda seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes from previous meeting-**Retha made a motion to add Salem might do a Christmas Dinner Theater and to approve Minutes with that addition. Clarice seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer** – Questions regarding budget spread sheet. Cathy will check with Terri and email answers to questions. Income was \$11,931.40 and expenses were \$12,826.24. This left a minus of \$894.84 for August. We have a Net gain for the year of \$9,636.13 for the year.

**Pastor** – Thank everyone for the success of Rally Day.

**Proclaim-**Folks signed up to shop for Clothing God's Children.

**Nurture-**Rally Sunday went well. Received 4 names to help. Put one of the posters for the different ministries in the Narthex each month. Confirmation in the works.

**Response -** Some folks signed up to help. International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on Nov. 7

### **Property-**

1. The air conditioning unit in the east/west hallway of the education building has a Freon leak. It's either the condenser or coil. If condenser, the whole unit will have to be replaced. If coil, they're hoping they can just change that portion. Should know this week.
2. We have purchased a portable sound system for use in the Fellowship Hall and as needed in other areas.
3. Lutheran Disaster Recovery / Long Term Recovery Group may have a location in Victoria that can house all the workers. Their contact will hopefully let me know this week if that pans out.

**Old business**-Call process update: Have names of candidates, looking over resumes.

**New Business**- Transitional Pastor contract to be extended, same as the old contract with addition of 2 week's vacation. Cathy moved to renew contract and Retha seconded. Motion passed.

**Calendar** approved with the addition on Oct. 14 of Salem Council meeting.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hahn, Acting Secretary





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX OCTOBER

Wow!! Already October! Time to put the finishing touches on our Christmas Shoeboxes. All year we have been putting items in our boxes. I still have some items to put in. So far the things put in boxes are: hygiene items, toys, clothing, school supplies and games. All boxes should contain hygiene items and school supplies. Please remember no toothpaste or food of any kind.

We still have some of the plastic boxes from Operation Shoebox.

For October a letter could be enclosed with a photo, if you desire. We have some copies of the letter in the office and in the narthex. Please pray over your box. We will also need \$9 per box for shipping. \$9 is really a bargain! All boxes should be turned into the office by Sunday, Nov. 17. National collection week is Nov. 18-25.

Thank you so much for participating in this most worthwhile project.

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## Love For The Brethren

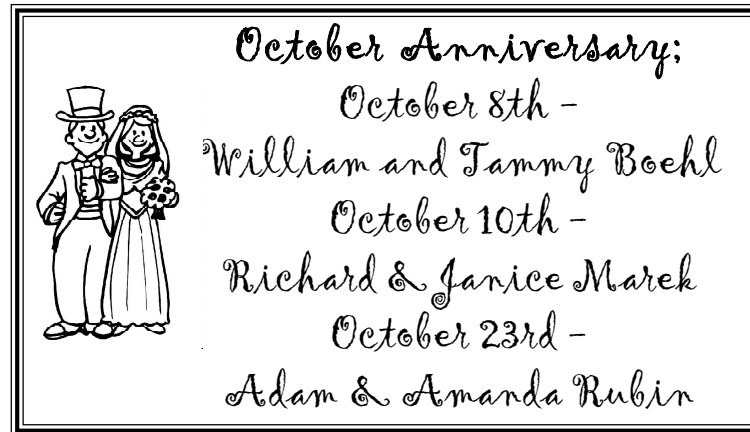
*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14*

Salim Manayer who heads a significant reconciliation ministry in Israel between Israeli believers and Palestinian believers tells this story in his newsletter of learning about true love for others in the body of Christ during a visit to Denmark: I experienced something so beautiful. The love and acceptance of the Messiah through the lives of the people who took me around, opened up their homes, took me shopping, took care of me when I was sick and took time out of their busy lives to drive me from one end of the country to the other. I was so moved by their kindness, their hospitality, their compassion, their honesty and their love. Through long country drives they shared and explained to me their reasoning for various traditions and teachings. And who were these people? Well, if you want to get technical they were Lutherans. Lutherans who belong to the state church – many of them pastors. Yes, we are different – I am an Israeli believer who does not hold to these traditions, but we are called to love each other in spite of our differences. Put all of these labels aside, these amazing people were my brothers and sisters, they are my family because we belong to the family of God and they embraced me as their family. I was moved as I sat around the kitchen table drinking coffee after confirmation class with one pastor and while eating apple crisp on Rosh Hashanah with another pastor, attentively listening to them as they shared their passion to see the lost people in their communities and parishes find God and believe in him. It left an impression on my heart and encouraged and inspired me to reach the people in my own community. Sometimes stereotypes and prejudices are there in the back of your head and you don't realize it until God places those same people you held stereotypes about in your face and they begin to show you the love God requires of his children... Maybe I was sent to Denmark to impress upon, encourage, challenge and impart to the Danish believers to become reconcilers in their local communities; to bless them and show them that it is possible to break down the walls of bitterness and hatred, demolish their stereotypes and prejudices and to love their brothers and sisters. And yet, that is exactly what they taught me.



4<sup>th</sup>: Wanda Flisowski  
 6<sup>th</sup>: Ruthie Boyd-Robertson  
 8<sup>th</sup>: Scot Burton  
 9<sup>th</sup>: Lee Schmidli  
 11<sup>th</sup>: William Sturm  
 12<sup>th</sup>: Brent Marek  
       Dana Morgenroth

18 <sup>th</sup> : Richard Marek	23 <sup>rd</sup> : Dustin Caraway
19 <sup>th</sup> : Tia Brown	24 <sup>th</sup> : Mike Rothmann
21 <sup>st</sup> : Haley Bales	28 <sup>th</sup> : Taylor Caraway
	Loretta Martin
22 <sup>nd</sup> : Dylan Konrad	
Pastor Wiggins	



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

# *"Sharing the Love of Christ"*

## *ATTENDANCE:*

SUNDAYS of Septmber:      01   08   15   22   29  
Worship Service:                55   68   58   51   63



Welcome Visitors!

### September 1, 2019:

Kayla & Iris Boyd-Robertson  
Carol Hartfield  
Bonnie Pierson  
Ruth Plumb

### September 8, 2019:

No Visitors

### September 15, 2019:

Ronny & Darla Dentler

### September 22, 2019:

Carol Hartfield  
Ruth Plumb

### September 29, 2019:

Cheryl Billo  
Avery Huddleston

# Happy Halloween!



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**Q: Why did the  
monster eat  
the light bulb?**

**A: Because he needed a  
light snack!**

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:**



Remember in your prayers ....

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

This is Time of Intentional Prayer and Discernment, please pray for our Call Committee and our future pastor (whomever that may be) daily.

Sanda Ruddick  
Shelton Albrecht

Cody Starns  
Mickey and Mary Beth Harris

Donald Wehmeyer

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Waymon Boyd

Dorothy Caraway

Vera Hahn

Leroy Hahn

Joyce Schaefer

Gabrielle Rodriguez

Karen Fowler

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:**