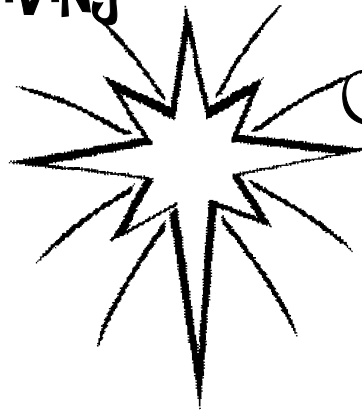
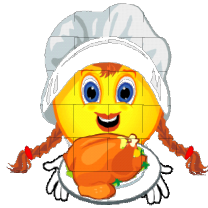


Happy THANKSGIVING



*The
Salem
Star*

November 2019

PASTOR'S CORNER

BIG NEWS!

*** POLKA MASS & FALL FESTIVAL;**

November 10th

*** OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD;**

BRING YOUR BOX BY November 17TH



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“ Sharing the Love of Christ “

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

Pastor's Corner

Change is not only inevitable, it is desirable. We say of the children in our lives, "They grow so fast! Why can't they stay little longer?" But, we would REALLY be upset if they did not grow and change and mature into adults living independent lives and making their own decisions.

Sometimes we are delighted to greet the changing seasons and the passing of each year. Sometimes it fills us with complaints or sadness. That is life.

When some things change, we wonder, "Is that good? Is that bad? Or, is it simply progress?" Many changes bring mixed messages—the advances can be used for good or for bad. Nuclear fission can be used to produce electricity, or it can be used to produce atomic bombs. The jury is still out on other advancements such as CRISPR for genetic modification and AI, or is it IT? IT is Information Technology, but the AI, Artificial Intelligence, of current Robotics far exceeds IT. The astonishing development in AI and CRISPR far exceeds our philosophical and theological development to incorporate them into our ethical and cultural systems. But they have deep ethical and practical implications for our everyday lives and the lives of every human being on our planet. And, not just our lives, but the way we see each other and even the way we see God. Just google AI and look at the IBM ads—some of them are downright frightening!

Important as all these things are, I really wanted to talk about the way the word *nice* has become a dirty word. I first encountered the idea that *nice* was a dirty word almost 20 years ago at a church workshop when a Pastor told us that the problem with Christians is that we are too nice! And I am still sitting here wondering how one can be too nice? I grew up being told "Behave yourself, be nice. That wasn't nice. If you don't have anything good to say, say nothing." Nice was good. Nice was admirable. Nice was what I strived to be. I often fell short, but I tried. Nice was what I wanted to be, to do.

But, either, the Pastor in the workshop was on to something, or he was contagious. Because, "nice" may not always be a "dirty" word, but it sure has picked up a lot of baggage over the years.

Recently someone told me they were going to stop being a People Pleaser. My ears perked up, I heard, “I am going to stop being a nice person!” My heart leaped out to them, “NO, you can’t do that!” Nice is good! I like you nice! What kind of a world will we have if people aren’t nice to each other?”

Well, thinking about it—there are dangers and pitfalls in being a *People Pleaser* or in being *Too Nice*. If *being nice* means you sacrifice your values or your personal well being to satisfy the whims of the other person, it can be a bad thing. But if *being nice* means following the Golden Rule and *Doing unto others as you would have them do unto you*, then it is a good thing.

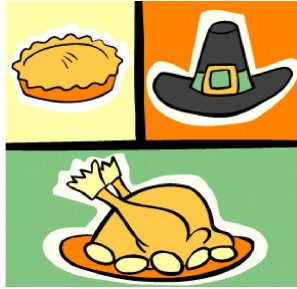
When Cain asks, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” The answer is a resounding, “YES!” But it is a mutual responsibility and not an invitation to manipulate our brothers and sisters to suit our personal whims. Like nuclear fission, AI, and CRISPR, *being nice* carries some good and some bad.

May we find the good and learn to contain and minimize the bad—in all of it.

*Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Wiggins*



**Polka Mass Service and
Fall Festival; November 10th!**



November Announcements

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 2019 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FEAST.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Budget Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30PM



OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

The time has finally arrived to finish packing our shoeboxes! Sunday, November 17, is the last day for turning in shoeboxes. Pastor Wiggins or Ronnie Dentler will bless the boxes during the service. So be sure and have your box there on Nov. 17. National collection week is Nov. 18-22. You can turn in your boxes anytime before that. As the boxes come in, we will take them to the sanctuary. Hopefully, we will have a big pile of them!

Vera Hahn is donating caps again! So the caps will be in the office. You may put one in your box. Thanks for Vera for providing these warm caps!

Tags for the shoeboxes are in the office. You can designate if your box is for a boy or girl and the age of the child.

We will need \$9 for shipping for each box.

Thanks to everyone for participating in making this a successful ministry for Salem Lutheran Church.

De Colores!

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 14, 2019

Attendees: Mike Rothmann, Cathy Hahn, Pastor Wiggins, Clarice Thiede, Retha Hahn, Wanda Hahn and Lindy Cain

Devotional: Pastor Wiggins

Prayer and Concerns: Keep Dale Hahn in prayers, he has the shingles

Approval of Agenda: Cathy 1st Lindy 2nd

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting Reports:
Retha 1st Clarice 2nd

Treasurer- Terri took a Quickbooks class at Victoria College. New Quickbooks for Non Profits costs \$50/year. This will put all of the church's monies into one operating system. Cathy would like to form a Budget workshop in November for any members who would be interested in working out a good budget for Salem.

Pastor – Pastor Wiggins passed out a Congregational Vitality Survey for all of the present council members to fill out. Council took about 10 minutes to fill them out and handed them back to Pastor Wiggins.

Proclaim – It was decided that acolytes would receive communion at the beginning with council member of the week.

Nurture – Debbie was unable to attend today's meeting.

Response – Wanda is having a meeting after church on October 20th to discuss making care packages for the seniors in nursing homes. There are plans to decorate the church for the Christmas holidays on December 2nd. National Day of Prayer November 3rd.

Property – NOTHING!!! First time in the last YEAR and a HALF!!!!

Old Business – The call committee is in their second round of interviews. The Fall Festival Polka Service is November 10th! Wine Tasting was suggested..... (Lindy is all in on that idea)

New Business – When we voted on the changes to the endowment fund the changes need to be sent to the synod.

Retha wants a review of our funeral policy. She is organizing a committee to make recommendations for changes and any changes made need to be approved by Pastor Wiggins.

Calendar Closing Prayer – All - The Lord’s Prayer

Motion to Adjourn: Mike 1st, Retha 2nd

Respectfully Submitted by:
Lindy Cain Council Secretary

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: *The next council meeting* :
: *will be held Monday,* :
: *November 11th at 5:30PM.* :
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: TREASURERS REPORT :
: October’s Offering totaled: :
: \$ 14,587.71 :
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HAVE YOU

TALKED

TO GOD

TODAY?



**LADIES LUNCHEON
SATURDAY,**

DECEMBER 7, 2019

11:00 – 2:00PM

Bring your favorite salad dish, sandwiches
or dessert.

We will have fun eating, fellowshiping
and making care packages for
the Nursing Home residents.



ITEMS FOR THE NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

- 1 - Shampoo and Conditioner
- 2 - Kleenex
- 3 - Hand and Body Lotion
- 4 - Hand and Body Soap
- 5 - Scarfs
- 6 - Gloves
- 7 - Beanies
- 8 - Throw Blankets
- 9 - Large Print Word Search Books
- 10 - Large Print Coloring Books
- 11 - Crayons
- 12 - Large Print Books to Read

10 WAYS *to pray*

FOR OUR PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN FAMILY

1. Sense God's presence (*Heb. 13:5*)
2. Know we are praying for them (*2 Tim. 1:3*)
3. Experience God's comfort (*2 Thess. 2:16-17*)
4. See God open doors to evangelism (*Col. 4:3*)
5. Boldly share the gospel (*Acts 4:29*)
6. Mature in their faith (*Col. 1:28-29*)
7. Be granted wisdom in covert ministry work (*Acts 9:23-25*)
8. Remain joyful amid suffering (*Acts 5:41*)
9. Forgive and love their persecutors (*Matt. 5:44*)
10. Be rooted in God's Word (*2 Tim. 3:16-17*)

November Birthdays

1st: Colt Morris

2nd: Altus Aschen

3rd: Rhonda Nielsen

Dianna Sturm

4th: Steven Tschatschula

5th: Bobby Willmann

8th: Bobby Gosnell



11th: Jeanette Bales

Ruth Hahn

14th: Bill Hons

15th: Clarice Thiede

16th: Nancy Canion

23rd: Dorothy Buehring

27th: Joel Anderson



November Anniversaries

18th: Scot & Leigh Burton

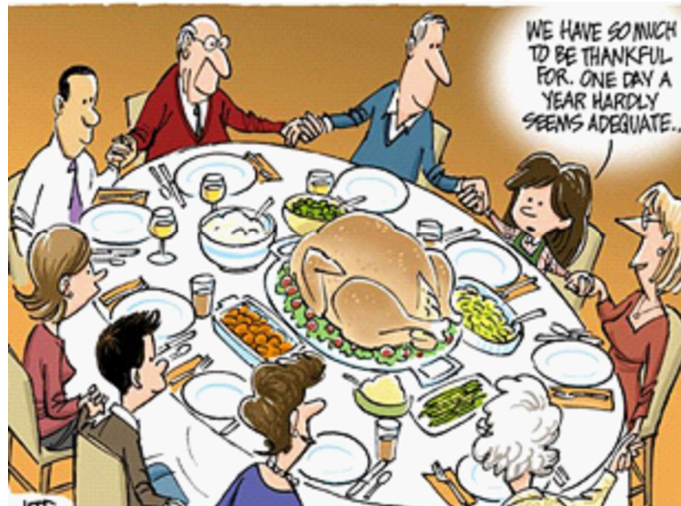
21st: David & Dianna Hahn

25th: Mark & Lauren Howell

27th: Ronnie & Kathy Riske

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

Happy Thanksgiving



"Sharing the Love of Christ"
ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of October:</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>
Worship Service:	57	67	72	52



**Welcomed
Visitors**

October 6, 2019:
No Visitors Today

October 13, 2019:
No Visitors Today

October 20, 2019:
Cassie Adcock & Laina
Karen Caraway
Ronny & Darla Dentler
Mario Guzman
Codi Starnes
Albert & Susan Wax

October 27, 2019:
Dr. Rev. Judith Spindt



Gobble, gobble, gobble
It's time to do a trot ...
and say a little thanks
for all that you have got!

Gobble, gobble, gobble
It's time for me to say ...
Stuff yourself with fun & food
and have a
Happy Turkey Day!



If you know of anyone who would like to receive a monthly Salem Star, please let Terri know.

If you have any changes to your address, email address or phone contact information, please let Terri know as it is time to start updating our telephone directory for 2020!

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:

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

Debbie Martin	Martha Vickery	Sanda Ruddick
Cody Starns	Donald Wehmeyer	Shelton Albrecht
Mickey and Mary Beth Harris		

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: