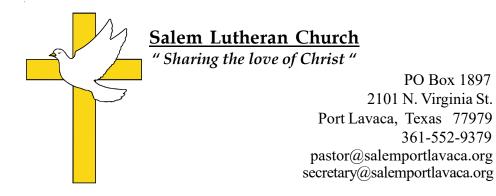
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AUGUST IS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION MONTH!



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Pastor's Corner

Greetings all,

As I looked at the Church Calendar this week, I was stuck by a couple of commemorations observed the last week in July and August 10th and 13th.

July 25th commemorates James, an apostle, and the brother of John. James and John have the nickname of "sons of thunder". In the Bible they ask Jesus to grant them the honor of sitting on his right and left. They also get bit zealous in proclaiming the good news by asking if it is okay to call down fire to destroy a Samaritan village when that village did not welcome them. James is the first of the 12 to be martyred and his is the only one recorded in the Bible, Acts 12.

July 28th Johann Sebastian Bach died in 1750. Bach contributed over 200 cantatas, at least two for each Sunday and festival day in the Lutheran Church calendar of his time.

On August 10th the martyrdom of Lawrence, deacon, who died 258 is observed. Lawrence was responsible for financial matters in the church and for the care of the poor. He lived in Rome during a time of persecution under the emperor Valerian. Valarian ordered Lawrence to hand over all the treasures of the church. Lawrence gathered the lame, the lepers, the blind and orphans. He took them to Valerian and said, "Here are the treasures of the church." Valerian was furious and order Lawrence to be killed.

August 13th Florence Nightingale is commemorated. She died in 1910 She is often remembered for her contribution to nursing. It is not quite so readily recalled that her family was horrified that she wanted to be a nurse. At that time caring for the ill and infirmed was what people did who could do nothing else to earn some money. Florence though went Kaiserwerth, Germany where she studied and trained with a Lutheran order of deaconesses. She later led a group of 38 nurses to tend others in the Crimean War in dismal conditions. These are just four dates from very long ago to more recent times of people serving others in various ways in difficult times. We, here at Salem, continue down that path by proclaiming God's presence in our lives as we care for each other, those in Port Lavaca and surrounding communities, young and old, those like us and those different people outside our communities. We may not know what tomorrow or next year will bring, but we do know God is faithful and so we continue to be faithful.

Blessings as the summer routine ends and the fall routine begins.

Pastor



Please call the church office for any additions or corrections.



ATTENTION: the first day of school is August 10, 2022.

On August 7th we will be blessing the backpacks, brief cases, book-bags and totes! Teachers and ALL Students (college, gradschool, pre-med!) you are invited to bring them to worship to be blessed. After worship, we are having a Pancake Breakfast. The pancakes will be provided, you bring the breakfast "sides".





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.

We have the boxes available after Church services on July 25. They will also be available in the Church office. The boxes are free of charge. Please pick up one and fill it! Please do NOT include toothpaste, liquids of any kind and NO food. Apparently different countries have different shipping rules. The boxes are due Nov. 13, 2022.

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.

De Colores!

FROM THE SLC COUNCIL

We held our Called Congregational Meeting on July 31st as planned regarding the new Doors Project. We did not vote thanks to member donations and pledges the entire project was funded. The deposit and contract are mailed and Castle Construction will be able start soon. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our church and its ministries.

Next SLC Council Meeting -Sunday, August 14th at **10:00AM.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expenses	G	Month ain (Loss)
January	\$ 20,450.00	\$ 18,038.00	\$	2,412.00
February	\$ 13,034.00	\$ 16,924.00	\$	(3,890.00)
March	\$ 12,634.00	\$ 19,564.00	\$	(6,930.00)
April	\$ 16,635.00	\$ 18,501.00	\$	(1,866.00)
May	\$ 24,614.00	\$ 18,620.00	\$	5,994.00
June	\$ 12,383.00	\$ 17,609.00	\$	(5,226.00)

 YEAR END TOTALS
 \$
 99,750.00
 \$
 109,256.00
 \$
 (9,506.00)

July's offering totaled - \$20,424. A complete expense report was not finalized for the August newsletter.

