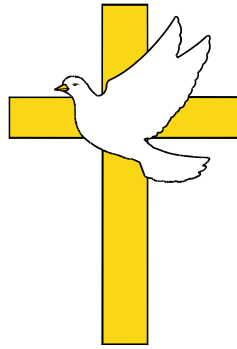


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Altar Guild Leader		

### **Executive Council**

President	Lydia Strakos	920-5088
Vice President	Eddie Witt	482-8025
Secretary	Gail Wehmeyer	920-0826
Treasurer	Cathy Hahn	552-5100

### **Council Ministry Teams**

Proclaim	Dorothy Witt	782-8186
Nurture		
Response	Lindsey Smith	676-4268
Property	David McAfee	484-0414

## *Pastor's Corner*

Greetings all,

I am enjoying this rainy morning. It has been a long time since we have seen this. I hope you are smiling as well.

There are some very positive things happening here at Salem and in Port Lavaca. I am pleased with the wonderful response to getting the doors fixed, the kids set for school and the sharing of meals and company. Well done!

Sheltering Port Lavaca (caring for the homeless and those who need a helping hand) is moving forward. A team is in place and is meeting to set goals, get a board and directors in place, and get some of the in-between things up and running.

The council has also been working hard to get a security plan in place. Dave McAfee and I met with a police officer. He made suggestions how to improve the security. More information to follow as he is getting a written report ready for us.

Looking forward to seeing you all this month in worship!

Pastor



# September



*The church office will be  
closed on Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.*

***Pastor Nancy Jaster's will be on vacation September 12-26, 2022.  
Please do not hesitate to call the church office if you need  
anything! OR - you may contact any Council Member.***

*A group called OASIS will be making sandwiches for the homeless and delivering them at  
the Tilley Park on the Saturday's of September 10th, 17th & 24th.  
We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 3:30PM, and then head to Tilley Park at 5PM.  
Everyone is welcome to join us!*

Choir Rehearsals started back!  
We meet Wednesday nights at 7PM, won't you join us?!

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AND - Singing at the Nursing Home started back!  
We meet the second Sunday of every month at 10AM,  
won't you join us?!

*It's that time again!*

*Nominations for the 2023 Salem Church Council will be starting soon. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding open positions.*

*Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one!*



**Personal Care Project List of Needs:**

Cake Mix & Frosting  
Jello                      Pudding  
Canned Fruit  
Hard Candy  
Cereal                      Dry Pinto Beans  
Vienna Sausage

In July and August - along with the usual toiletries, we collected roughly 20 backpacks, we purchased box fans for homes and extra laundry soap!

AND - on a side note, in the month of May Clothing God's Children collected for 2 high school seniors, in July a young middle school aged girl and in August another girl!

Super exciting to be able to help the local community!



***Looking ahead ...***

***Trinity Shores Devotion with Communion:***

***October 9th at 4:00PM***

***Budget Planning Workshop and Brunch:***

***October 30th at 10:30AM***

***Operation Christmas Shoebox Due Date:***

***November 13th at 9:00AM***

***Salem to Host Bluebonnet Conference Deanery:***

***November 17th at 9:00AM***

***First Sunday of Advent: November 27th!***

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July 10, 2022

Council Members present: Lindsey Smith, Lydia Strakos, Cathy Hahn, Pastor Nancy, Dave McAfee, Gail Wehmeyer, Dorothy and Eddie Witt.

Prayer Concerns: Doris Mills

Approval of Agenda: Add Polka Service to agenda. Lindsey motioned to approve, Cathy seconded, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Dave McAfee motioned to approve, Cathy seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted as information

Pastor's Report: Submitted as information, Pastor reported on the Synod Assembly. A class on how to approach difficult topics was very well attended at the assembly. This will be addressed again at the August Council meeting.

Proclaim: Nothing to report

Response: Lindsey thanked everyone who helped with her dad's funeral

Property: Dave will speak to law enforcement about safety assessment for our church

Old Business: The polka service will not be available this year, none of the dates are good. Hope to have them in the spring.

New Business: A possible \$1000 donation from Local Social Ministry to the United Way was lightly discussed and then tabled until the next meeting . Dave got the new smoke detector and will install. Blessing of the Backpacks for school kids will be August 7<sup>th</sup>. Pancakes breakfast will be held also on August 7<sup>th</sup> after service. It is necessary to notify the congregation of a special called congregational meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a current bid for new entry doors for the Sanctuary, new exterior door at the Sacristy, and a new exterior door in the Education Building, all from Castle Construction. \$5000 has already been donated to replacing these doors, \$13,000 more is needed. Permission is needed from the congregation to use Parsonage Funds to confirm and the cost of the bid, and then replace the funds with donations when we receive them. A letter will go out to the congregation to explain.

Dates to remember:

07/31/22	Special Called Meeting
08/07/22	Blessing of the Backpacks and Pancake Breakfast
10/30/22	Budget Workshop and Brunch

Cathy Hahn motioned to adjourn; Dave McAfee seconded. Motion passed.  
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Wehmeyer, Secretary

*The next council meeting will be held  
Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:15AM.*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

*August's offering totaled - \$10,766  
We collected \$ 1440. for the Food Pantry!*

### **Income/Expenditure Chart (Rounded off to nearest dollar)**

	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (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)
July	\$ 20,454.00	\$ 18,094.00	\$ 2,360.00
<b>YEAR END TOTALS</b>	\$ 120,204.00	\$ 127,350.00	\$ (7,146.00)



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SEPTEMBER

Already September!!

We have some shoeboxes plastic shoeboxes available if you would like to use one. These boxes are from Operation Christmas Child, so they are the correct size. The lid snaps on. They are available at no cost to you, pick up one or two to fill up. Thanks to everyone who has already picked up a box! This month toys are recommended for your shoebox.

Here are a few items you may include: coloring books, small cars, trucks, jump rope, soccer balls (deflated), hand air pump to fill soccer balls, paddle ball, Slinkys, dominoes, yo-yo, Play Doh, puzzles, inflatable beach balls, small Etch-a-Sketch, craft kits, checkers, jacks/ball, toy tool set, Legos, tic-tac-toe and card games. There are more listed in a Shoebox Item hand out list. Things not to be included are no food of any kind and no toothpaste. We have lists and boxes available after services on Sunday and Terri has more in the office. Also shipping costs are \$9.

These items are fun to find and know what joy a child will feel when received!

De Colores!



## ***“Sharing the Love of Christ”***

### **ATTENDANCE:**

<u>SUNDAYS of August:</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>
Worship Service:	44	39	38	42

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### ***SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

2nd: <i>Lindsey Smith</i>	7th: <i>Brian Caldwell</i>
<i>Jason Yarborough</i>	18th: <i>Kaylie Moore</i>
4th: <i>Sophie Jo Franke</i>	19th: <i>Cecilia Dolezal</i>
<i>Lydia Strakos</i>	26th: <i>Kody Franke</i>
5th: <i>Pastor Jaster</i>	30th: <i>Katie Anderson</i>
6th: <i>Emily Hahn</i>	

### ***SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES***

September 1st:	<i>Bobby &amp; Margaret Gosnell</i>
September 2nd:	<i>Marshall &amp; Lindsey Smith</i>
September 20th:	<i>Forest &amp; Nancy Canion</i>
September 24th:	<i>Kody &amp; Hillary Franke</i>
September 29th:	<i>Dale &amp; Linda Hahn</i>



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

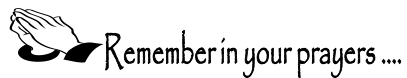


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When you call the office with a new prayer request, please let Terri know what you want in the bulletin and next newsletter. Please call for your answered prayers too! I see the "Answered Prayers" list as an opportunity to give God and all those who prayed for your loved one the thanks that is appropriate and to share good news of God's blessings.

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Jaster

**ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Bill Swope	Kristel Knipling	Deborah Machicek
Doris Mills	Oliver Kluna	Nelson Scroggins
Carolyn Gordon	Elentha Griggs	Cecil Boyd

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Ruthie Boyd-Robertson	Joyce Schaefer	Leah Sparks
Shelton Albrecht	Rita Boudreaux	Candice Harabis
Lloyd Bales		

**MORADA SENIOR LIVING RESIDENT:** Ruth Hahn

**PORT LAVACA NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:**

Annie Halliburton

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

Ethan Adcock (grandson of Myron Spree) - Army Boot Camp  
Shaughnessy Howell - Assigned in Korea  
Zane Williams - Navy Seal  
Joe Workman (nephew of Kay Ham)

**THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**

The family of Myron Spree in his death.

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
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