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December 2022

WHAT'S NEW!

Pastor's Corner

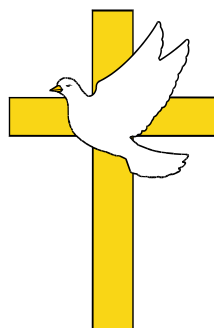
*Advent Mid-Week Meal at 6:00PM
Advent Holden Evening Prayer Service
at 7:00PM;
Wednesdays November 30th, December 7th,
December 14th and 21st*

Christmas Poinsettia Dedication due December 21st



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“... When the shepherds came they
had a place to park their sheep.”



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" Sharing the love of Christ "

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secretary@salemportlavaca.org

Pastor	Pastor Nancy Jaster	630-605-8528
Office Manager	Terri Malaer	920-4013
Financial Secretary	Retha Hahn	920-1248
Choir Director	Altus Aschen	552-3085
Organists	Altus Aschen	552-3085
	Linda Hahn	552-1971
	William Hahn, Jr.	552-7750
	Kathy Riske	484-0835
Prayer Ministry		
Clothing God's Children		
	Gail Wehmeyer	920-0826
Altar Guild Leader	Retha Hahn	920-1248

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

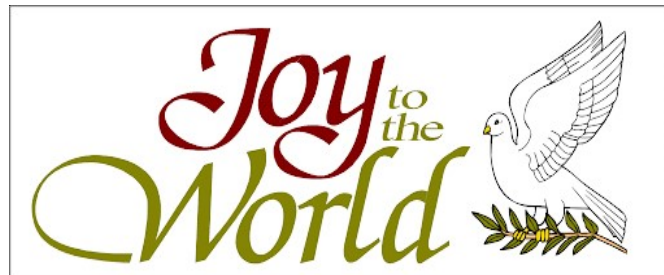
Proclaim	Dorothy Witt	782-8186
Nurture		
Response	Lindsey Smith	676-4268
Property	David McAfee	484-0414

Pastor's Corner

Tidings of Great Joy to all of you!

I am so thankful for you. Your faithfulness blesses so many people- those that are known, those we are getting to know and those we only know from a distance. By looking out for others the ministry of Jesus is carried out through you. When we gather, we are reminded that we are much better and much stronger than as individuals. Together we are able to support each other and be supported. If you wonder if you make a difference, the answer is, "Yes, you do!" A person never knows what actions will inspire, encourage, lift up and help someone along their path. Advent is means "to come." Hope, peace, joy and love are the themes of advent. Your presence brings hope, peace, joy and love come to the world because Jesus as at work through you. Blessings this December and may hope, peace, joy and love shine in your lives.

Pastor Nancy





Special Holiday Announcements

*December 24th at 7:00PM is our
traditional Candlelight
Christmas Eve Worship*



*The church office will be closed on December 23rd
and December 26th for Christmas.*

*The office will also be closed on January 3, 2023
for the New Year.*

PLEASE NOTE THE ENCLOSED CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA
INFORMATION FORM. Forms are also available in the Narthex
with an Usher and on-line on our webpage; salemportlavaca.org.

Order forms are due by December 21, 2022



*We will go Caroling on December 18th, meeting
here at Salem at 3PM. There are currently 15
families on our list to visit, if you know of a
family, please let Virginia Hahn know. If you
would like to join in the Caroling fun, please let
Virginia know that too!*



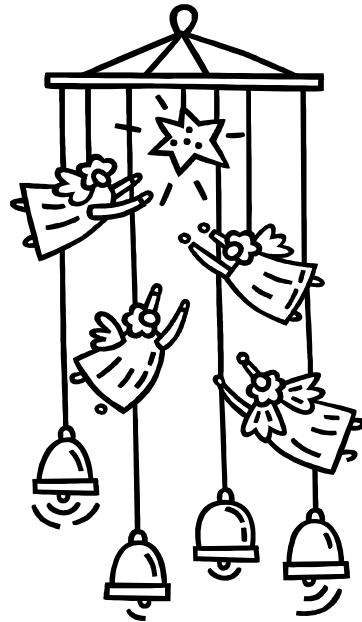
Starting Wednesday, December 1st ...

*Advent Mid-Week Meal at 6:00PM with The
Holden Evening Pray Service following at 7PM.*

*Come join us as we will be looking at
darkness during Advent.
(A sign-up sheet for the Wednesday evening meal has
been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.)*

Advent's Offering Designation

*Advent's offering is designated to the
Calhoun County Food Pantry.*



OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX
WOW! 45 WOW!

WOW! Salem Lutheran Church members did 45 shoeboxes!!

Thanks to everyone who participated: filling a box, helping pay for shipping, Terri for helping everyone bringing boxes to the office, and Vera Hahn who donated crocheted hats! These boxes are a blessing to everyone, recipients and those filling boxes.

Thanks again for supporting this ministry of Salem Lutheran Church.

De Colores!



We will be printing a 2023 Church Telephone Directory.

A clipboard with information I currently have will be passed during the December worship services.

PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE! check it for you and your family to make sure all information is correct.

**Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting
October 9, 2022**

Council members in attendance: Pastor Jaster, Lydia Strakos, Eddie Witt, Dorothy Witt, Dave McAfee, and Cathy Hahn met in the workroom following Church Service.

Prayer Concerns: We shared prayer concerns for Doris Mills and Clay Bates

Approval of Agenda: Dave moved to approve the agenda, Cathy seconded. Motion passed

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: No minutes were available.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy presented the Treasurer's report. We do have a shortfall of \$12,150.00 for the 2022 year in operations checking account. Preparations for the upcoming budget workshop on Oct. 30 will be starting. Report presented as information.

Pastor Report: There will be a Christmas Day Service. The new doors are great. Presented as information

Proclaim: Dorothy had no report.

Response: No report

Property: Will be meeting with Castle Construction about keying new doors. Discussion was held on new wireless alarms and new internet and phone interactions. Lydia moved to give Pastor, Dave and Eddie permission to okay a new internet provider. Dorothy seconded. Motion passed. They will be gathering more information on this.

Old Business: Pastor will be getting in touch with Clarice and Joel about nominations for upcoming Council positions.

New Business:

Salem will be hosting Bluebonnet Conference meet Nov. 17. Luncheon will be served.

Salem will also host Calhoun County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Dinner in Dec.

Oct. 30 will be Pancake Brunch and Budget Workshop.

Dave moved the meeting be adjourned. Cathy seconded. Motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Hahn, Acting Secretary



From the Nominating Committee

This is the recommendation for the 2023 SLC Council positions that are open:

President: Lydia Strakos
Treasurer: Karen Caraway
Response Ministry: Lindsey Smith

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the open positions, and speak to a Council Member.



TREASURERS REPORT



November's Offering totaled: \$ 23,748.
(rounded to the 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
August	\$ 11,170.00	\$ 18,324.00	\$ (7,154.00)
September	\$ 20,818.00	\$ 18,668.00	\$ 2,150.00
October	\$ 19,291.00	\$ 18,600.00	\$ 691.00

YEAR END TOTALS \$ 171,483.00 \$ 182,942.00 \$ (11,459.00)

"Sharing the Love of Christ"
ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of November:</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>
Worship Service:	50	49	47	44

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December Birthdays

2nd: *Damon Vickery*

3rd: *Sara Cain*

4th: *Bernice Haith*

7th: *Clint Myers*

8th: *Martha Vickery*

12th: *Ronnie Riske*

16th: *Hannah Bales*

21st: *Laurel Myers*

29th: *Gail Wehmeyer*

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

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December Anniversary's

1st: *Kenneth & Ruthie Boyd-Robertson*

9th: *Steve & Pam Bales*



Christmas Word Search



CANDY CANE
CAROLS
CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER
ELVES
GINGERBREAD
JINGLE

HOLLY
LIGHTS
MERRY
NORTH POLE
ORNAMENTS
PRESENTS
REINDEER

SANTA
SLEIGH
STOCKING
TREE
WINTER
WREATH





ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Dustin Caraway	Frankie Caraway	Michael Harabis
Johnny Ray Tumlinson	Cathy Raven	Deborah Machicek
Doris Mills	Carolyn Gordon	Elentha Griggs

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Oliver Kluna	Nelson Scroggins	Joyce Schaefer
Ruthie Boyd-Robertson	Leah Sparks	Cecil Boyd
Shelton Albrecht	Rita Boudreaux	Candice Harabis
Lloyd Bales		

MORADA SENIOR LIVING RESIDENT: Ruth Hahn

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

Shaughnessy Howell - Assigned in Korea
Joe Workman (nephew of Kay Ham)

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

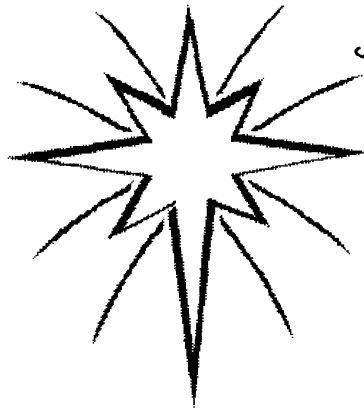
The family of Annie Halliburton in her death.

Please help us keep our Prayer list up to date and call the church office at 361-552-9379 with Answered Prayers, New prayer concerns or Continued prayer concerns.

Our Prayer list helps us focus on those with specific needs whether they are members, family or friends.

"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.