

Salem Lutheran Church  
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
January 2023

Pastor's Corner

Annual Congregational Meeting  
January 29, 2023



## **Salem Lutheran Church**

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### **“ Sharing the Love of Christ “**

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM

(Closed for lunch from 11:00-1:00PM)

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	746-0667
	William Hahn, Jr.	552-7750
	Kathy Riske	484-0835
Prayer Chain	Steve Bales	482-6646
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*

Happy New Year everyone!

It will be interesting to see what this year brings. I am looking forward to working together to further the ministry and mission Salem is given. My heart is very grateful for the cards, gifts and well wishes I received this Christmas. You have been so faithful in your care of each other, our community and those in other places. Thank you so much for your generosity in finances, time, energy and your talents. Through your sharing you show Jesus' love and that Jesus is indeed Immanuel- God with us. In 2023 we will continue our journey together, sharing our joys and sorrows, our abilities and our needs, encouraging each other with faith in God's love and presence.

Hope, joy and peace!  
Pastor





Year End, 2022 Giving Statements are printed and available to pick up in the Narthex. They will be mailed out on January 30, 2023.

It's that time of year again! time to start updating our member information for the 2023 telephone directory. A copy of last year's is in the Narthex for you to make corrections for your family.

Are you interested in signing up for  
automatic electronic giving thru  
SIMPLY GIVING?

SIMPLY GIVING forms are located in the Narthex, or you can contact Retha Hahn for more information.

## **Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting November 13, 2022**

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

Prayer Concerns: Doris Mills

Approval of Agenda: Dave McAfee motioned to approve, Cathy seconded, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Eddie Witt motioned to approve, Gail Wehmeyer seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted as information. Good Budget Workshop, Cathy thanked everyone. We have met our expenses for the past two months from contributions.

Pastor's Report: Submitted as information, Pastor will be taking last week of vacation time December 26-January 3, 2023

Proclaim: Nothing to report

Response: Nothing to report

Property: Working on getting keys for the new doors.

Old Business: The 2023 Council nominations are complete. The Deanery Luncheon will be held here on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Pastor and Cathy will check on our Safety Deposit box on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Salem is still hosting the Ministerial Alliance December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting from 5:30-8:00PM at the Fellowship Hall.

New Business: The Advent Offering was motioned by Gail Wehmeyer and seconded by Dave McAfee to go to the Food Pantry. The Living Lutheran Subscription is due. We have 29 members who receive this. Cathy Hahn will check into who is receiving this and if they still want it. The date for the Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 29, 2023. The MIF Youth Savings Account will remain in tact, but suggested after the 2023 Council election Pastor and Karen Caraway be the new names on the signature card.

Dates to remember:

- 11/17 Deanery Luncheon (coffee & rolls in the morning)
- 11/30 First Wednesday Advent Service (soup and sandwiches)
- 12/1 Ministerial Alliance Christmas Dinner
- 12/14 Seadrift Choir will sing
- 12/18 Christmas Caroling
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service
- 12/26-1/3/23 Pastor Off

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Wehmeyer, Secretary



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## ***Notes from the church council ...***



### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

December's offering totaled - \$ 25,235  
(rounded to the nearest dollar)

Salem Lutheran Church purchased a Good Gifts Water Well  
on the ELCA's matching gifts day!  
(that meant 2 for the price of 1)

With generous donations SLC was able to give \$ 2,755.  
to the Calhoun Co. Food Pantry

THANK YOU!

The **2022 Annual Report** will be available at the **Annual  
Congregational Meeting on January 29th.**

A new 2023 Telephone Directory will be available at the  
**2022 Annual Congregational Meeting on January 29th.**

\*\*\*Please check the binder in the Narthex for\*\*\*  
your family's up-to-date information!!!

### **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
Proclaim Ministry:	OPEN



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



8th: Kristi Rothmann  
Alma Wehmeyer  
13th: Rob Barjenbruch  
14th: Kevin Hahn  
Retha Hahn  
15th: Joyce Schaefer  
18th: Jason Anderson  
William Hahn, Jr.  
21st: Harlen Aschen  
25th: Bobby Hahn



January 28th;  
Bill & Cynthia Hons

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

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## **“Sharing the Love of Christ”**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

<u>SUNDAYS of December:</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>25</u>
Worship Service:	38	38	48	48

Christmas Eve Service Attendance: 79



**“Mommy, can I have a cup of kindness before I go to bed tonight?”**

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Remember in your prayers ....

**ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

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

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Oliver Kluna	Nelson Scroggins	Ruthie Boyd-Robertson
Joyce Schaefer	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)

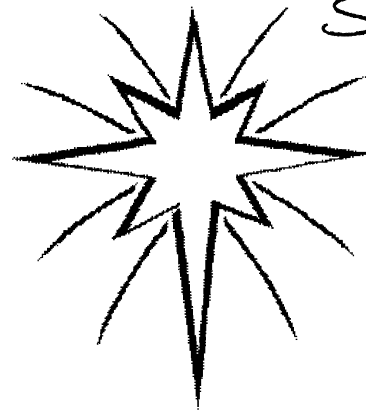
**THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**

The family of Dorothy Caraway in the death of her daughter-in-law,  
Frankie Caraway.

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.