

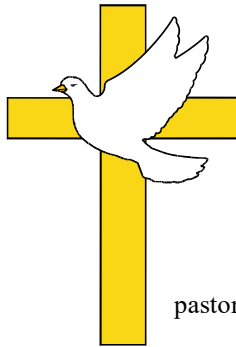
Salem Lutheran Church  
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 February 2023

*\*NEW\* From Pastor's Corner*  
*February is Salem's*  
*Food Pantry Collection month!*

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**





## **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	920-4013
Choir Director	Altus Aschen	552-3085
Organists	Altus Aschen	552-3085
	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	Karen Caraway	649-8241

### **Council Ministry Teams**

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

## *Pastor's Corner*

Greetings all,

Thank you for your participation and insights at the annual meeting. Meetings are not usually something anyone looks forward to in anticipation but they are important to our ministry and our fellowship. It is a time when we gather to focus on the future, reflect on the past and give thanks for both! There is joy that comes in all of us jumping in to do what we can supporting each other as we share God's love with each other and the community. Again, heartfelt thanks go to each of you.

As we look forward there will be ample opportunities to continue to share yourself and your resources. We will continue to look out for the homeless and those in need, contribute to the food pantry, clothe the children, cook meals, worship, pray, keep up the facility, provide worship online, and keep Salem functioning to name a few.

I'm looking forward to working alongside you this coming year!

Pastor





## FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The church office will be closed on Friday, February 3rd.

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Coming Soon ... It's a Polka Party!  
Sunday February 12th



The Polka Band will be here during worship and we will  
have Pancakes in the Fellowship Hall afterwards!  
No Sunday School, just Polka music to wake your soul!

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*A new Altar Flower chart has been posted  
on the bulletin board in the Narthex.  
Please mark your special date and share  
your celebration with us!*

*Special dates open that need flowers:  
February 12th - Polka Party Sunday  
February 19th - Transfiguration Sunday*

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### **It is our turn!**

February is Salem's month for collecting  
canned goods or non perishable food items for the Calhoun  
County Food Pantry!

The food pantry is particularly in need of:  
Dry Milk (box with individual packets)  
Canned: Spinach, Mixed Vegetables, Black Eyed Peas,  
Carrots, Ranch Style Beans, Refried Beans, and Pork & Beans  
Small Peanut Butter, Small Soups  
Boxed Jello and Pasta Sauces  
Bar Soap and Wrapped Toilet Paper

Salem Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
January 8, 2023

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

Prayer Concerns: Doris Mills

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Submitted as information, We are starting the year to the good, thanks to December contributions. New budget was submitted and Lydia Strakos moved to accept the new budget, Dorothy Witt seconded and the motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report

Nurture: Position open.

Response: Absent.

Property: Still working on location of gas leak and getting new keys from contractor, Rusty, to the new doors. The one we have are difficult to get to work.

Old Business: The 2023 Council nominations are complete. Going to approach Pam Bales and see if she will be on nominating committee for 2023. Reminder - annual congregational meeting on January 29, 2023.

<p>The next Salem Lutheran Church Council meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2022 at 10:15AM in the office's Conference Room.</p>
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New Business: Reminder Committee annual reports are due in ASAP. Looked over agenda for the Annual Meeting. Went over the schedule for the Annual Meeting. There will be worship, brunch and then the meeting. The Polka Band will be on February 12, 2023 and a breakfast/pancake brunch afterward. The council meeting will be moved to February 19, 2023, the next Sunday. There will be an Usher meeting on January 22, 2023 to go over with them the new procedures on locking the front doors.

Dates to remember:

January 29, 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting  
 February 12<sup>th</sup> Polka Band with Pancake Brunch  
 February 19<sup>th</sup> February Council Meeting  
 February 16<sup>th</sup> Synod Zoom Meeting at 7PM on Council Orientation

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Gail Wehmeyer, Secretary

### Treasurer's report

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

	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (Loss)
<b>January</b>	\$ 20,450.00	\$ 18,038.00	\$ 2,412.00
<b>February</b>	\$ 13,034.00	\$ 16,924.00	\$ (3,890.00)
<b>March</b>	\$ 12,634.00	\$ 19,564.00	\$ (6,930.00)
<b>April</b>	\$ 16,635.00	\$ 18,501.00	\$ (1,866.00)
<b>May</b>	\$ 24,614.00	\$ 18,620.00	\$ 5,994.00
<b>June</b>	\$ 12,383.00	\$ 17,609.00	\$ (5,226.00)
<b>July</b>	\$ 20,454.00	\$ 18,094.00	\$ 2,360.00
<b>August</b>	\$ 11,170.00	\$ 18,324.00	\$ (7,154.00)
<b>September</b>	\$ 20,818.00	\$ 18,668.00	\$ 2,150.00
<b>October</b>	\$ 19,291.00	\$ 18,600.00	\$ 691.00
<b>November</b>	\$ 23,748.00	\$ 18,700.00	\$ 5,048.00
<b>December</b>	\$ 25,242.00	\$ 18,850.00	\$ 6,392.00
<b>YEAR END TOTALS</b>	\$ 220,473.00	\$ 220,492.00	\$ (19.00)

January offering currently totals: \$ 14,900.



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



Virginia Hahn; 2nd  
Dale Hahn; 3rd  
Michael Caraway; 8th  
Forest Canion; 9th  
Marshall Smith; 9th  
William Bales; 10th  
Sheridan Franke; 10th  
Logan Smith; 10th  
Brittney Rothmann; 10th

Katelyn Rothmann; 14th  
Martha Caldwell; 20th  
Kelli Kurtz; 21st  
Dorthy Caraway; 26th  
Kristel Knipling; 26th  
Alfred Adame; 28th



# Valentine's Day

## Word Search



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### Valentine's Day Trash Recipe

#### Ingredients:

24 oz. vanilla flavored candy coating (almond bark)  
6 cups Kellogg's Crispix cereal  
3 cups round shaped pretzels  
16 oz. M&M'S Peanut Chocolate Candies in Valentine's  
Colors or plain M&M's

#### Directions:

In a medium microwave safe bowl, melt chocolate in the microwave for 2-4 minutes at 30 SECOND intervals until chocolate is melted; set aside.

Add cereal, pretzels, and M&Ms in a large bowl. Pour melted chocolate over the cereal mixture.

Using a large spatula to fold altogether, making sure not to break up the cereal too much.

Once the mixture is coated really well with the chocolate, pour it onto a table lined with waxed paper. Once cooled, break up into pieces and store in an air tight container.



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**ATTENDANCE:**

SUNDAYS of January:

<u>01</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>
47	38	47	55	43



Don't forget to pick up your copy of the 2022 Annual Report and the new 2023 SLC Telephone Directory! You can find the in the Narthex.

Samaritan Sunday  
(the fourth Sunday of every month)

February collection:  
Personal Care Project ~ Food Pantry Style

Personal Care Project List of Needs:



Toilet Paper    Dry Pinto Beans  
Small Laundry Soap  
Jelly    Tuna  
Canned Fruit    Canned Beans  
Vienna Sausage

**HEADS UP!**

February 22, 2023 is Ash Wednesday  
and the beginning of Lent.

On the Wednesday evening of Lent, we will be holding the Holden Evening Prayer Service and will have a Soup & Sandwich meal at 6PM before worship.

## **SALEM'S PRAYER REQUESTS:**

### **ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

### **NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Keith Ueckert                      Cathy Raven

### **CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

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

**MORADA SENIOR LIVING RESIDENT:**                      Ruth Hahn

### **THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

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

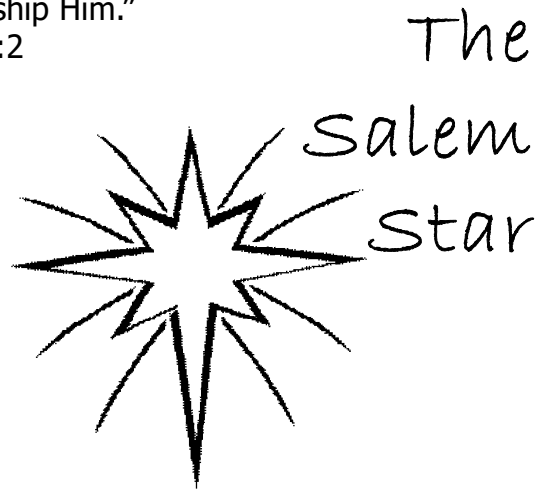
### **THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**

The family of Doris Mills 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



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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.