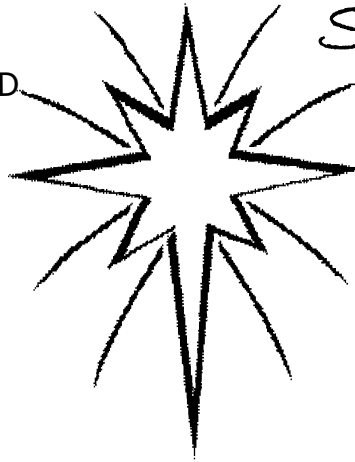
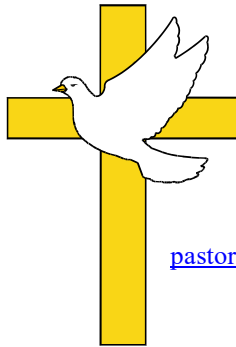


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The office will be closed on
Monday,
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“ Sharing the Love of Christ “

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Council Ministry Teams

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

Pastor's Corner

We look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord with all of you. This is a wonderful time to claim the promise of new life in Christ in the here and now. After Jesus rose he appeared to people in various places and times. In all of them he talked about being faithful and spreading the good news their time. The lives of the faithful were often filled with threats and difficulties. Jesus promise was not that all struggles would disappear, but that there was a way through the struggles. It also meant their struggles did not define them. The same is true for us. Our struggles do not define who we are in God's eyes. We are still valued and God calls and chooses us to be partners in spreading the good news. Christ is Risen and is going before us.

Blessings
Nancy

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL - April 7, 2023

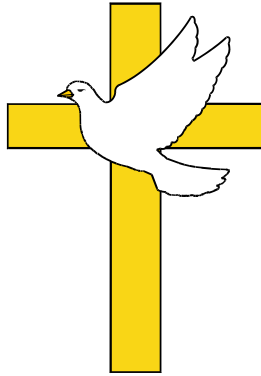
Salem Lutheran will be sponsoring a Good Friday Prayer Vigil.

The Vigil will begin at 8 am on Good Friday and go on until 7 pm when worship service begins. We will pray in 30 minute intervals. A sign up sheet has been started and can be found in the Narthex, sign up for whatever time is convenient for you. You may pray wherever you are or go the Salem's sanctuary. Salem's Sanctuary will be open all day for prayers.

A small prayer packet is available to be picked up for those signing up to pray. If you have any questions, please give me a call, 361-552-5100.

*Peace be with you,
Cathy Hahn - Vigil Coordinator*





Holy Week 2023 Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023
Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9AM

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 7:00PM
Calhoun County Ministerial Alliance Community Service
at Bayside Community Church in Olivia

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023
Worship Service with Holy Communion at 7PM

Good Friday, April 7, 2023
Good Friday Prayer Vigil
Worship Service at 7PM

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

The church office will be closed Monday, April 10, 2023



Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9AM

Easter Morning Brunch following Worship
Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids

Salem's Workday - March 25, 2023

Was a success!

Thank you to everyone who helped and
especially Dorothy Witt for all the pictures!



Salem Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2023

Council Members present: Pastor Nancy Jaster, Gail Wehmeyer, Lydia Strakos, Dave McAfee, Karen Caraway, Lindsey Smith, Dorothy and Eddie Witt met in workroom following Church service. Special guests from the Department of Health and Human Services came to introduce a new grant program.

Approval of Agenda: Lydia motioned to amend the agenda to include our guests from the Department of Health and Human Services, motion carried. Karen Caraway moved to approve the agenda, Dave McAfee seconded, motion passed.

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

Treasurer's Report: Karen submitted report as information and commented the our budget was still in the black. Yeah!

Pastor's Report: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report

Nurture: Position not filled.

Response: Soup suppers are going well, Easter Brunch and egg hunt is being planned. Cathy Hahn is in charge of the egg hunt.

Property: Dave suspects that the gas bill is too high and that the meter is not right. The gas company was supposed to be there on Friday March 9th, but no one showed up. He will contact them again to arrange another time to come out.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: Kirby Cassius and Kristina Rendon, Community Engagement Specialist with the Texas Department of Health Services gave a brief presentation of a new grant programs to help with research efforts to address health disparities in our county. The county health department is reopened and they are looking for groups/or individuals to enter the Calhoun County Photo-voice Project. Pastor will explain at church on March 15th at the soup supper and again at church on March 19th for anyone who would like to participate. Cathy Hahn is in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt. Sign up sheet for the Easter Brunch will be on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Spring Cleaning of flower beds, etc. will be on Saturday m March 25th at 8:30AM

Easter Lilies will be left up to individuals to provide from their own flowers. The ones that we have bought before are not very good this year. Pastor will discuss this Sunday during announcements. The Synod Learning Day is on April 22, 2023. It will be at Galilee Lutheran in Corpus Christi by Zoom. Pastor will probably attend in Corpus.

The April council meeting will be held next month on April 2, 2023.

Dates to remember: Wednesday Soup Suppers left, March 15th, March 22nd and March 29th
Palm Sunday Service – April 2, 2023
Church Council Meeting – April 2nd
Choir sings at the nursing home on April 23rd

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Karen Caraway motioned to adjourn; Dave McAfee seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Wehmeyer, Secretary

FROM THE SLC COUNCIL

Next Council Meeting is Sunday, April 2th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (Loss)
January	\$ 17,161.00	\$ 18,669.00	\$ (1,508.00)
February	\$ 24,646.00	\$ 19,308.00	\$ 5,338.00

March's offering totaled - \$13,537.

A complete March expense report was not finalized for the April newsletter.

The CCISD Counselors have asked for items to fill backpacks to send home with students for the summer. Below is the list that specifically asked for.

Small Soft Throw Blankets
Laundry Detergent
Shampoo/Conditioner

Sunscreen
Bug Spray
Bath Soap

They currently do not need any backpacks.





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ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of March:</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>
Worship Service:	50	42	43	51



5th: Cathy Hahn
6th: Kenneth Boyd-Robertson
10th: Brooke Ruddick
14th: Trace Myers
17th: Steve Bales
17th: Vera Hahn
17th: Caroline O'Donnell
22nd: Larena Kern
22nd: Ron Riske, Jr.
30th: David Hahn

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



EASTER

WORD SEARCH



BUNNY
EGGS
CHICK
JELLYBEAN

BASKET
SPRING
FLOWER
EASTER

GRASS
CANDY
HUNT
DYE

BONNET
SUNDAY
PEEPS
LAMB



Our Prayer Concerns ...

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.

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

William Witt	Gunner Moore	Richard Castillo
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:

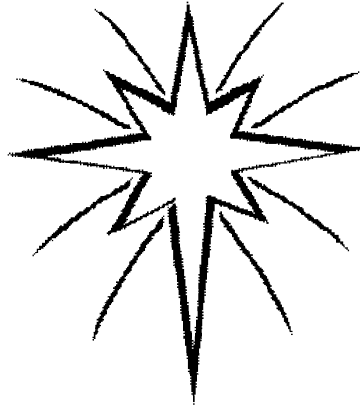
Shaughnessy Howell - Assigned in Korea
Joe Workman (nephew of Kay Ham)

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

"We have seen his star in the east and
have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:2

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