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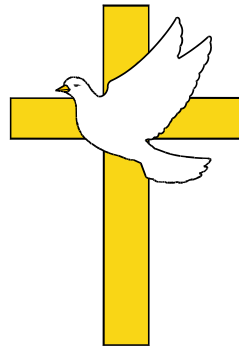
MAY 2023

Pastor's Corner

Mother's Day, May 14, 2023

Office closed May 29th for Memorial Day





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" Sharing the love of Christ "

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President	Lydia Strakos	920-5088
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Secretary	Gail Wehmeyer	920-0826
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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

As I think about the month of May, changes come to mind. The school routine ends, and the summer routine begins. Outside activities pick up with longer days. Trips are planned and taken. In our worship we move from the season of Easter to the season of Pentecost. As the world of nature experiences growth, we look at how we grow as disciples and how to deepen our faith through exploring the stories of Jesus ministry. Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter. This year it is the last Sunday in May. It is when the promise that Jesus made before his death about sending another, the Advocate to come, takes place. With the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, the followers then and now are empowered to share the good news of God being with us and loving us. It reminds us that we are not only enabled to tell this story but are sent out to do so. To help mark this special Sunday please wear red. Also, please bring a red flower to put on the cross.



Blessings,
Pastor Nancy

The church office will be closed on Monday,
May 29th for Memorial Day and on
Friday, June 2nd.

May Announcements



coming soon ...

May 28th

bring red flowers for our
cross in the Narthex!



*Last Choir Rehearsal is on
May 24th; then on break
for the summer!*

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Salem Lutheran Church,

I received the items you gave to the food pantry
and distributed them to Travis Middle School and
Calhoun High. Thank you so much for your thoughtful
gifts of blankets, laundry detergent, and hygiene
products bags! What a blessing these things will be.
Many lives will be touched by your generosity!



In Christ,
Alamo Heights Baptist Church
"Backpack Ministry"

Salem Lutheran Church
Church Council 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, 22nd and 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

Next SLC Council Meeting -
Sunday, May 14th at **10:15AM.**

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	\$ 13,577.00	\$ 20,589.00	\$ (7,012.00)
YEAR END TOTALS	\$ 55,384.00	\$ 58,566.00	\$ (3,182.00)

*April's offering totaled - \$16,819.
A complete expense report was not finalized
for the May newsletter.*

CCISD Summer Kits

With the help of your generous donations, we have been able to make 11 kits so far for the CCISD summer request. Keep up the good work! There are a lot of kiddos!



Kits include light blanket, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, bath soap and clothes soap.

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ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of April:</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>30</u>
Worship Attendance:	49	112	50	45	

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Happy Anniversary in May to:

May 3rd: Lynn & Cathy Hahn



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May 8th: Dallas Sparks

May 10th: Ashley Anderson

May 10th: Karla Rothmann

May 13th: Jared Awalt

May 13th: Layla Myers

May 17th: Kora Polson

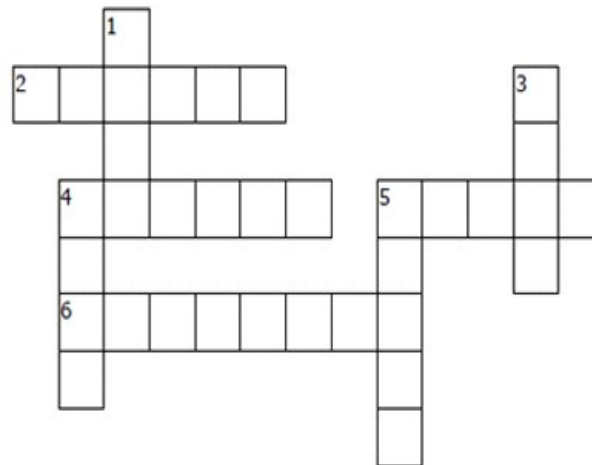
May 31st: Keith Ueckert

**If your birthday and/or anniversary is not printed in the newsletter,
please call the church office.**

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE	FIRE	HOLY	WIND
SPIRIT	HEAVEN	SOUND	SPEAK

MOTHERS

hold their
children's
hands

FOR JUST
a little while



AND THEIR
hearts
FOREVER

Our Prayer Concerns ...

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:

Kyle & Paula Boyd-Robertson		Billy Guenther
Tyler Tesch	Altus Aschen	Harlen Aschen
Regina Jordan	William Witt	Gunner Moore
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

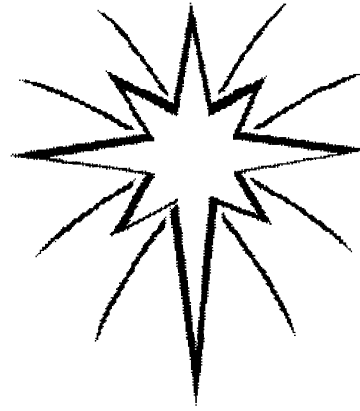
THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

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

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.