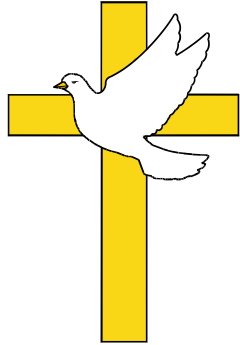


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June/July  
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## **Salem Lutheran Church**

*" Sharing the love of Christ "*

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Pastor	Pastor Nancy Jaster	630-605-8528
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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
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### **Executive Council**

President	Lydia Strakos	920-5088
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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*

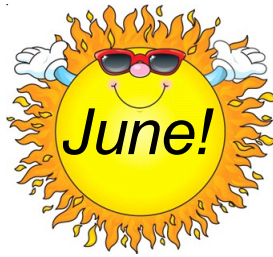
I have been singing summer songs to myself, "Summertime", "In the Good Ol Summertime", "Summertime, Summertime, Summertime" to name a few. Summer is full of memories of vacations, reunions, mowing, swimming pools and swimming holes. Summer is also a time of harvest here in south Texas. It is fitting for us when we read Matthew's passage about sending out laborers for the harvest in the summertime. It is time for harvesting gardens and field crops. It is also a time to be about bearing fruit as faithful followers of Jesus. So, we continue to care for the poor, those with no home, those who are lonely, those who are trying to make a new home in this area, those who are discovering that Jesus loves them, those that are learning they are cherished and wanted in God's eyes and in ours.

Keep up the good and faithful work.

Blessings,  
Pr. Nancy



*What we did in*



*We had \$200 donated for our Personal Care out-  
reach project. With the heat approaching for the  
summer, we were able to purchase 8 fans!  
And what a treat some families had at the local  
Food Pantry fresh tomatoes and sweet corn.*

*Thank you for your continued support  
and generosity  
during the summer months  
to Salem's Ministries and outreach.*

*"Sharing the Love of Christ"*  
ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAYS of June:                      04   11   18   25  
Worship Attendance:                    55   33   38   49

TREASURER'S REPORT

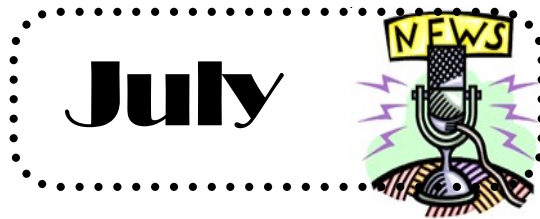
*June's offering currently totals \$14,552.  
We need roughly \$18,000 per month  
to meet our monthly expenses.*



	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (Loss)
<b>January</b>	\$ 17,161.00	\$ 18,669.00	\$ (1,508.00)
<b>February</b>	\$ 24,646.00	\$ 19,308.00	\$ 5,338.00
<b>March</b>	\$ 13,577.00	\$ 20,589.00	\$ (7,012.00)
<b>April</b>	\$ 19,259.00	\$ 19,105.00	\$ 154.00
<b>May</b>	\$ 13,355.00	\$ 18,252.00	\$ (4,897.00)
<b>YEAR END TOTALS</b>	\$ 87,998.00	\$ 95,923.00	\$ (7,925.00)



And - we celebrated our fathers!



Samaritan Sunday  
(the fourth Sunday of every month)

July collection:

Personal Care Project HARD-HEAD DERBY STYLE

(please leave supplies by July 30<sup>th</sup>)

Personal Care Project List of Needs:

Hard Head Derby is Saturday, August 5th

Spirals

Red Pens

Map Colors

Scissors

Binders

Composition Books

Pencils

Crayons

Glue Sticks

Elmers Glue

Rulers

Pens

Markers

Highlighters

Folders

Wide ruled notebook paper

**HELP NEEDED!**

We are looking for Volunteers to help hand out socks during the Hard-head Derby on August 5th. Please ask Pastor for all the details, thank you in advance!

Coming soon in August ...



Sunday, August 13th Blessing of the Backpacks with a Back to School Breakfast following worship!

Bring your backpack, your bookbag, your briefcase or what ever you want for a special blessing. Let's start the school year with joy! All are invited to come.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AUGUST

Time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Shoeboxes! These boxes go all over the world. Some stay here in the USA for children affected by disasters. Please try to include some new socks and a new T-shirt. Hard to believe socks are a big deal.

We have the boxes available after church services on July 23. They will also be available in the church office. The boxes are free of charge. Please pick up one and fill it! Please do NOT include toothpaste, liquids of any kind and NO food. Apparently different countries have different shipping rules.

The boxes are due Nov. 12, 2023.

School supplies are in plentiful supply now. There are so many neat items available. The main items needed in each box are notebook paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, crayons, markers, mini-staplers, staples, ruler, glue stick, notepads, highlighters, school scissors, paper clips, and composition books. All children need these supplies. Some are able to go to school for the first time because these items were in their shoebox. We take crayons for granted, but in other countries, crayons are very expensive. Most families cannot afford to buy them, so please include a box in your shoebox. Shipping is \$10.00 per box. You may donate money for shipping if you wish.

It is a lot of fun to go shopping for these items and know they are appreciated and needed.

De Colores!

## *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:**

Craig Parker	The Smith Family	Jason Bales
Matt Bates	Clay Bates	Billy Guenther
Altus Aschen	Harlen Aschen	Regina Jordan
Keith Ueckert	Cathy Raven	
Kyle & Paula Boyd-Robertson		

#### **CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Tyler Tesch	William Witt	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:**