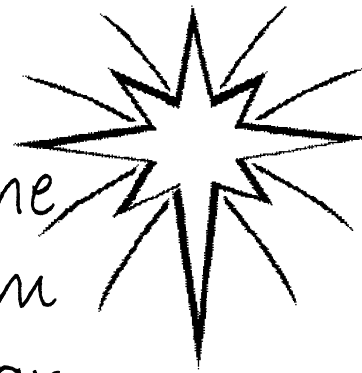


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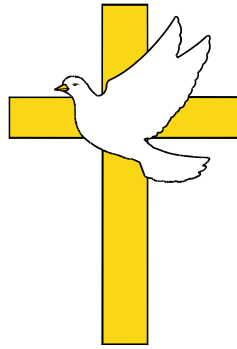
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**OFFICE HOURS**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Closed for Lunch from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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Prayer Chain	Steve Bales	482-6646
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	Retha Hahn	920-1248
Altar Guild Leader		

### **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



Hi everyone,

I am ready and waiting for fall! To wake up to temperatures under 80 degrees will be a treat.

As I look forward to cooler temps, I'm also looking forward to continuing our spreading the good news in the community through prayer, supporting the Food Pantry, shawls, Clothing God's Children, The Harbor, The Pregnancy Help Center, and Harvest Kitchen to name a few ways. In our reaching out we become conduits for God's love to touch other people. It is putting into action Jesus' command to love our neighbors. I am so very thankful for your willingness and faithfulness in being disciples-caring for those in need.

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SEPTEMBER 10-  
OCTOBER 1, 2023

615 N VIRGINIA ST  
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# September



*The church office will be  
closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.*



*Looking ahead ...*

- \* Baby Bottle Collection - September ~ October 1st  
(more information to come!)*
- \* Budget Planning Workshop and Brunch:  
(the date to come soon)*
- \* Operation Christmas Shoebox Due Date:  
November 12th at 9:00AM*
- \* Non-Profit Expo: November 14th at 6-8:00PM*
- \* Salem to Host Bluebonnet Conference Deanery:  
November 16th at 9:00AM*
- \* First Sunday of Advent: December 3rd!*
- \* Seadrift Community Choir coming to sing on  
Wednesday, December 13th!*

*The Choir will start singing again and holding rehearsals  
starting in October.*

## ***Messages from the Church Council ...***

*There are no Salem Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
as we did not have a meeting in August.*

*The next council meeting will be held  
Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 10:15AM*

We have been updating our Simply Giving link to add more giving opportunities. Please follow this link and check them out!: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YH26/home>



### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

*August's offering totaled - \$13,301.  
We collected \$ 810. for the Food Pantry!*

**THANK YOU!**  
*thank you!*

Thank you for your continued support of Salem's Mission Statement: "Sharing the Love of Christ".

During the month of August we clothed 4 children, donated so many school supplies, donated our time handing out socks, helped 3 families with household needs and give fans and an A/C unit during this record breaking heat.

Your generosity is un-wavering!

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It's that time again!

Nominations for the 2023 Salem Church Council will be starting soon. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding open positions.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one!



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### SEPTEMBER

Already September!!

We have some shoeboxes plastic shoeboxes available if you would like to use one. These boxes are from Operation Christmas Child, so they are the correct size. The lid snaps on. They are available at no cost to you, pick up one or two to fill up. Thanks to everyone who has already picked up a box! This month toys are recommended for your shoebox.

Here are a few items you may include: coloring books, small cars, trucks, jump rope, soccer balls (deflated), hand air pump to fill soccer balls, paddle ball, Slinkys, dominoes, yo-yo, Play Doh, puzzles, inflatable beach balls, small Etch-a-Sketch, craft kits, checkers, jacks/ ball, toy tool set, Legos, tic-tac-toe and card games. There are more listed in a Shoebox Item hand out list. Things not to be included are no food of any kind and no toothpaste. We have lists and boxes available after services on Sunday and Terri has more in the office. Also shipping costs are \$10.

These items are fun to find and know what joy a child will feel when received!

De Colores!

## ***“Sharing the Love of Christ”***

### **ATTENDANCE:**

<u>SUNDAYS of August:</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>
Worship Service:	44	49	40	48

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### ***SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

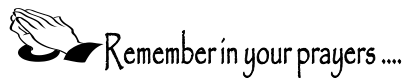
2nd: <i>Lindsey Smith</i>	7th: <i>Brian Caldwell</i>
<i>Jason Yarborough</i>	18th: <i>Kaylie Moore</i>
4th: <i>Sophie Jo Franke</i>	19th: <i>Cecilia Dolezal</i>
<i>Lydia Strakos</i>	26th: <i>Kody Franke</i>
5th: <i>Pastor Jaster</i>	30th: <i>Katie Anderson</i>
6th: <i>Emily Hahn</i>	

### ***SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES***

September 1st:	<i>Bobby &amp; Margaret Gosnell</i>
September 2nd:	<i>Marshall &amp; Lindsey Smith</i>
September 12th:	<i>Marvin &amp; Lydia Strakos</i>
September 20th:	<i>Forest &amp; Nancy Canion</i>
September 24th:	<i>Kody &amp; Hillary Franke</i>
September 29th:	<i>Dale &amp; Linda Hahn</i>



If you have an addition or correction to the  
Birthday's and Anniversary's, please call the church office.



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:**

Thanks be to God, Lynn Hahn is cancer free!

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Ida Rubin	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

**MORADA SENIOR LIVING RESIDENT:** Ruth Hahn

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

**THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**

The family of Dorothy Rokyta in her death.