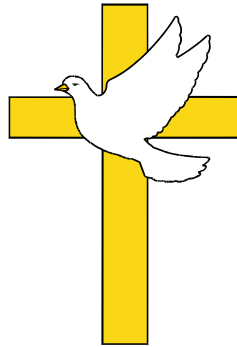


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Ponderings from the Pastor

As I look forward to October I think of the first Sunday in October, 3 years ago. It was a service we will all remember as I was in shorts and a t-shirt and so were many of you. I have given thanks for your welcome and adapting to the situation over and over. The past 3 years have been an adventure with Covid, freezes, heavy rains and drought. Freezes, heavy rains and drought are familiar, and we know how to cope with them. Covid has and is still a learning experience in how to cope with it. I'm grateful for the job you all have done in this new way the world is. We can't go back, so forward we go, not knowing what all the future holds, but knowing that Jesus is walking with us, guiding us, and shining a light for our path.

Blessings and Peace

Pastor



Happy Fall Y'all!

October Happenings



Choir Rehearsals start back up
Wednesday, October 11th at 7PM.
Be there or B-flat!



We need YOU!

Assistant Ministers are needed.

Lectors are needed.

Ushers are needed.

Acolytes are needed.

Choir Members are needed.

Assistant Ministers you do not have to sing!

Save the Dates! ...

All Saints Sunday is November 5, 2023.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 from 6-8PM there will be a "Non-profit" Expo at the Bauer Community Center and Salem will be participating! Be watching for more information!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX OCTOBER

Wow!! Already October! Time to put the finishing touches on our Christmas Shoeboxes.

All year we have been putting items in our boxes. I still have some items to put in. So far the things put in boxes are: hygiene items, toys, clothing, school supplies and games. All boxes should contain hygiene items and school supplies. Please remember no toothpaste or food of any kind.

We still have some of the plastic boxes from Operation Shoebox.

For October a letter could be enclosed with a photo, if you desire. A copy of the letter was enclosed in the plastic bag when you got your box. Please pray over your box. We will also need \$20 per box for shipping. \$20 is really a bargain! All boxes should be turned in by Sunday, Nov 6. National collection week is Nov. 13-20.

Thank you so much for participating in this most worthwhile project.

De Colores!!

Messages from the Church Council



Thank you for all the continued support of Salem's community outreach ministries. The "Baby Bottle Boomerang" campaign for the Pregnancy Help center was a big hit!

Our cabinets are full, EXCEPT SOCKS. (we need socks) and are ready to help with personal toiletries items. In September we helped one family of two with bags.



TREASURER'S REPORT

*A full report wasn't ready for the October newsletter.
September's offering totaled - \$ 13,252.
We need approximately \$18,000
per monthh to reach our expenses.*

Council Meeting Minutes are currently being updated.
We will have minutes to share with the congregation from May, July and September meetings next newsletter.
Council did not meet in June or August.

The next Council Meeting will be held on October 8th at 10AM.

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ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of September:</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>
Worship Service:	39	43	53	44



4 th :	Wanda Flisowski	12 th :	Brent Marek
6 th :	Ruthie Boyd-Robertson	21 st :	Haley Bales
7 th :	Suzhern Strakos		Kathy Riske
8 th :	Scott Burton	24 th :	Mike Rothmann
11 th :	William Sturm	30 th :	Marty Strakos

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



Did you know?

For those of you who are nearing 73 and having to take an RMD on your retirement funds here is something to consider.

You can donate your RMD to a qualified charity to reduce potential taxes on the withdrawn figure. Though you still have to make the annual withdrawal, you'll be supporting an organization that does meaningful work.



Remember in your prayers

In order to keep track of our members and their unfolding need for prayers and support, we have to rely on you and your family members to keep us updated. Please call the church office at 361-552-9379 when there is a change in your or your loved one's condition or treatment plan. That includes when surgery is scheduled and especially when you return home. Making sure your family members have these phone numbers as well.

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Dorothy Caraway	Johnny Ray Tomlison	Alma Wehmeyer
Craig Sturm	Elentha Griggs	Matt Bates
Clay Bates	Billy Guenther	Altus Aschen
Harlen Aschen	Regina Jordan	Keith Ueckert
Cathy Raven	Kenneth and Ruthie Boyd-Robertson	
Kyle & Paula Boyd-Robertson		

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tyler Tesch	William Witt	Oliver Kluna
Nelson Scroggins	Joyce Schaefer	Leah Sparks
Cecil Boyd	Rita Boudreaux	Deborah Machicek

BETHANY SENIOR LIVING: Kenneth and Ruthie Boyd-Robertson

MORADA SENIOR LIVING RESIDENT: Ruth Hahn

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

The family of Shelton Albrecht in his death.

