

Salem Lutheran Church  
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December 2023

*WHAT'S NEW!*

*Pastor's Corner*

*Advent Mid-Week Meal at 6:00PM  
Advent Holden Evening Prayer Service  
at 7:00PM;  
Wednesdays December 6th,  
December 13th and 20th  
(Seadrift Community Choir joining us on Dec. 13th!)*



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"... When the shepherds came they  
had a place to park their sheep."



## **Salem Lutheran Church**

*"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**

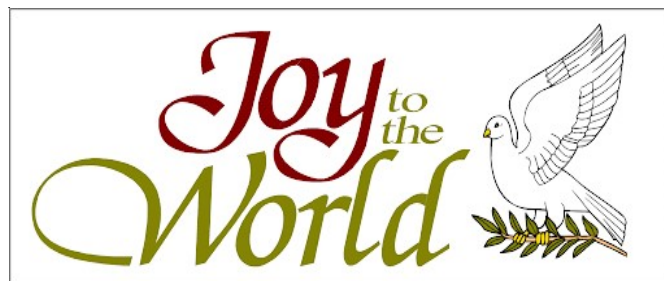
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## *Pastor's Corner*

Christmas Joy to all!

Getting ahead of myself as first we have Advent. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. Most folks are not very fond of waiting. I don't like waiting either for the most part. However, I've found that getting worked up over having to wait just makes me miserable. I prefer not to be miserable. What I have found to be helpful is to see what I can do while I'm waiting that is productive and life giving and faithful. For me that is one of the gifts of Advent. We are given time to find ways to be productive, faithful, gracious and generous while we wait for Christmas, but most importantly, while we wait for the fullness of God presence to be know.

Grace and peace while we wait.  
Pastor





## Special Holiday Announcements

*December 24th at 7:00PM Salem  
will hold our annual  
traditional Candlelight  
Christmas Eve Worship*



*The church office will be closed on December 25  
and December 26th for Christmas.*

*The office will also be closed on January 1, 2024  
for the New Year.*

*Choir Rehearsal will resume on Wednesday nights  
directly following the Advent worship services.*



*We will go Caroling on December 17th, meeting  
here at Salem at 3PM. There are currently 15  
families on our list to visit, if you know of a  
family, please let Virginia Hahn know. If you  
would like to join in the Caroling fun, please let  
Virginia know that too!*

*Pastor Jaster will be on vacation  
December 26th thru January 3, 2024.  
Please do not hesitate to call  
the church office  
or ask a councilperson if you need anything.*



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX WOW! 41 WOW!

WOW! Salem Lutheran Church members did 41 shoeboxes!!

Thanks to everyone who participated: filling a box, helping pay for shipping, Terri for helping everyone bringing boxes to the office, and Vera Hahn who donated crocheted hats! These boxes are a blessing to everyone, recipients and those filling boxes.

Thanks again for supporting this ministry of Salem Lutheran Church.

De Colores!

We will be printing a 2024 Church Telephone Directory.

A clipboard with information I currently have will be passed during the December worship services.



**PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE!** check it for you and your family to make sure all information is correct.



*Starting Wednesday, December 3rd ...*

*Advent Mid-Week Meal at 6:00PM with The Holden Evening Pray Service following at 7PM.*

*Come join us as we will be looking at darkness during Advent.*

*(A sign-up sheet for the Wednesday evening meal has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.)*

## *From the Church Council*



*December 3, 2023 - Budget Planning Workshop in Fellowship Hall directly after worship.*



*December 10, 2023 - next Council meeting*

### *TREASURER'S REPORT*

*November's offering totaled: \$ 14,686.13*

*(we need approximately \$18,000 per month to meet our expenses)*



*If you would like to bring a Poinsettia to help decorate our church for Christmas Eve, please bring it anytime Christmas Eve, for morning worship or for the 7PM candlelight service.*



*Are you a Thrivent member and have "Choice Dollars"? Consider sharing them with Salem Lutheran Church for a Christmas gift or a simple tax donation.*



*January 28, 2024 - Annual Congregational Meeting*

*"Sharing the Love of Christ"*  
ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAYS of November:      05    12    19    26  
Worship Service:                52    47    41    53



*December Birthdays*

2nd: *Damon Vickery*

3rd: *Sara Cain*

4th: *Bernice Haith*

7th: *Clint Myers*

8th: *Martha Vickery*

12th: *Ronnie Riske*

16th: *Hannah Bales*

21st: *Laurel Myers*

29th: *Gail Wehmeyer*

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

*December Anniversary's*

1st: *Kenneth & Ruthie Boyd-Robertson*

9th: *Steve & Pam Bales*





Remember in your prayers ....

**ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Alma Wehmeyer	Chase Piwetz	Damon Vickery
Kristen Sparks	Bill Sturm	Betty Sistare
Johnny Ray Tomlison		Kelly Tomlison
Kathy Raven	Debra Harabis	Alma Wehmeyer
Craig Sturm	Billy Guenther	

**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:**

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.