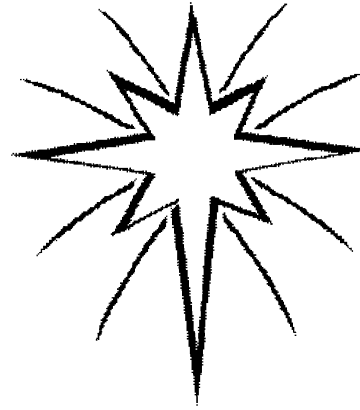


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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
January 2024



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"Mommy, can I have a cup of kindness before I go to bed tonight?"

Pastor's Corner  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
January 28, 2024



## **Salem Lutheran Church**

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### **“ Sharing the Love of Christ “**

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM  
(Closed for lunch from 11:00-1:00PM)

Pastor	Pastor Nancy Jaster	630-605-8528
Office Manager	Terri Malaer	920-4013
Financial Secretary	Retha Hahn	920-1248
Choir Director	Altus Aschen	552-3085
Organists	Altus Aschen	552-3085
	Linda Hahn	746-0667
	William Hahn, Jr.	552-7750
	Kathy Riske	484-0835
Prayer Chain	Steve Bales	482-6646
Clothing God's Children		
	Gail Wehmeyer	920-0826
Altar Guild Leader	Retha Hahn	920-1248

#### **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*

Welcome to 2024!

I hope and pray that this is a year filled with joy and blessings for each and every one of you. Thank you so much for your cards, gifts and well wishes. I am grateful for the support you have shown me, and I look forward to working alongside you as we journey through the year in faith.

It is only with your support and participation that Salem is able to be a witness to those in our community of God's presence. Your talents, energy and insights are needed and appreciated. If you feel the Spirit nudging, please say yes!

Thank you and peace in the coming year.  
Pastor





Year End, 2023 Giving Statements are printed and available to pick up in the Narthex. They will be mailed out on January 31, 2024.

It's that time of year again! time to start updating our member information for the 2024 telephone directory. A copy of last year's is in the Narthex for you to make corrections for your family.

### TREASURERS REPORT

December's offering totaled - \$ 24,471  
(rounded to the nearest dollar)

Salem Lutheran Church purchased TWO Good Gifts Water Well  
on the ELCA's matching gifts day!  
(that meant 4 for the price of 2)

With generous donations SLC was able to give \$ 615.  
to the Calhoun Co. Food Pantry and  
the Harbor Children's Alliance

THANK YOU!

## **Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

### **November 12, 2023**

Council Members present: Pastor Nancy Jaster, Lydia Strakos, Dave McAfee, Karen Caraway, Gail Wehmeyer, Eddie and Dorothy Witt  
Approval of Agenda: Gail moved to approve and Dave seconded; motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Karen motioned that the minutes be approved, Dave seconded. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Submitted as information. Balance sheet and proposed new budget thru August submitted. Budget workshop 12/3/2023 after church. Council will bring snacks and coffee.

Pastor's Report: Submitted as information. Pastor will be out Nov. 20-27<sup>th</sup> on vacation. Pastor will be in booth at Non-profit Expo on 11/14/23 from 6-8:00PM, to be held at the Bauer Community Center. Seadrift Choir will sing 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Advent. First Wednesday is December 6<sup>th</sup>. Salem to host Deanery on November 16<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Ministerial Alliance Dinner on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Proclaim: Nothing to report

Nurture: Nothing to report

Response: Nothing to report

Property: Nothing to report.

Old Business: 11/14/23 Non-Profit Expo @ Bauer Community Center  
12/3/23 Budget Planning Meeting  
(Council provides refreshments)  
01/28/24 Annual Congregational Meeting  
(immediately after service in Sanctuary)

New Business: Christmas Poinsettia will be brought to the office. Everyone brings their own. None will be ordered. Looking for Council secretary, Gail Wehmeyer has to go off. The Polka Band group has not yet returned our phone call. Council was in agreement that there would be a \$500 limit on help for people requesting assistance for hardships, such as rent and utilities.

Closing: the Lord's Prayer.

Dates to remember:

12/3/23 Budget Brunch and workshop

11/16/23 Deanery Luncheon

11/14/23 Non-Profit Expo

12/6/23 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Service & Soup and Supper@ 6PM

12/7/23 Ministerial Alliance Christmas Dinner @ 5:30PM

1/28/24 Annual Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Wehmeyer, Secretary

**Schedule for Sunday**

**January 28, 2024:**

**Worship at regular time,**

**Pot-Luck Luncheon at 11:30am**

**Annual Congregational Meeting Following  
in the Sanctuary**



**Annual Congregational  
Meeting will be held on  
January 28, 2024!!!**

**“Sharing the Love of Christ”**

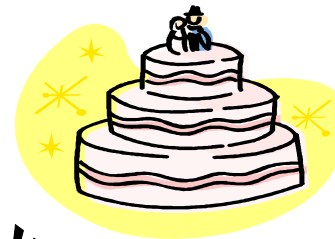
**ATTENDANCE:**

<u>SUNDAYS of December:</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>31</u>
Worship Service:	50	44	48	54	34

Christmas Eve Service Attendance: 106



8th: Kristi Rothmann  
Alma Wehmeyer  
13th: Rob Barjenbruch  
14th: Kevin Hahn  
Retha Hahn  
15th: Joyce Schaefer  
18th: Jason Anderson  
William Hahn, Jr.  
21st: Harlen Aschen  
25th: Bobby Hahn



January 28th;  
Bill & Cynthia Mons

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

**Annual Congregational  
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Remember in your prayers ....

**ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Altus Aschen	Keith Ueckert	Dana Durham
Ruthie Boyd-Robertson	Janie Garza	Chase Piwetz
Kristen Sparks	Betty Sistare	Kelly Tomlison
Kathy Raven	Debra Harabis	Billy Guenther
Johnny Ray Tomlison		

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Bill Sturm	Alma Wehmeyer	Craig Sturm
Damon Vickery Tyler Tesch	William Witt	Oliver Kluna
Nelson Scroggins	Joyce Schaefer	Leah Sparks
Cecil Boyd	Rita Boudreaux	Deborah Machicek

**BETHANY SENIOR LIVING:**

**MORADA SENIOR LIVING RESIDENT:** Ruth Hahn

**THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

**THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**

The family of Rudy Sturm in his death.

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.