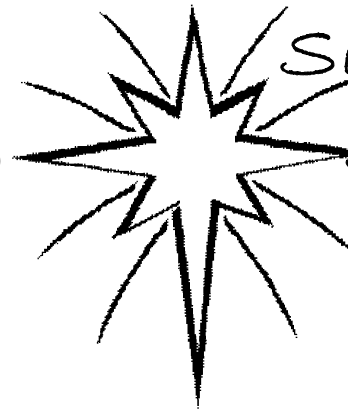


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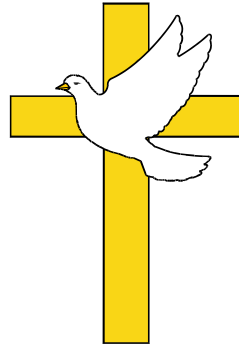


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**MAY 2024**

Pastor's Corner  
Mother's Day, May 12, 2024  
Office closed May 27th for Memorial Day





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President	Lydia Strakos	920-5088
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### **Council Ministry Teams**

Proclaim	Dorothy Witt	782-8186
Nurture	Dottie Caldwell	571-0668
Response	Lindsey Smith	676-4268
Property	David McAfee	484-0414

## *Pastor's Ponderings*

*Greetings this Merry month of May.*

*It is a month with lots to enjoy and celebrate with the school year ending, graduations, new beginnings, and travels to plan. We will be hosting the Polk Band for worship on May 5. On May 19 we will be sending off our high school seniors to their next adventure. We will also be celebrating Pentecost on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Pentecost is often considered the birthday of the church. The seniors will be sent out on their journey, and we shall continue our journey as the faithful followers of Jesus.*

*Pentecost is a day to wear red as a reminder of the Holy Spirit being sent to the disciples to continue the ministry of Jesus. We too are given the Holy Spirit to continue to spread the Good News.*

*Blessings,  
Pastor Nancy*

The church office will be closed on Monday,  
May 27th for Memorial Day

# May Announcements



coming soon ...

May 19th

bring red flowers for our  
cross in the Narthex!



*Last Choir Rehearsal is on  
May 22nd; then on break  
for the summer!*



*Senior Sending 2024, Sunday  
May 19, 2024*

*Seniors we will be recognizing  
are Ashley Anderson, Callie  
Brown and Ebin Ham.*

+++++ **THANK YOU!** +++++

*Thank you to everyone who came out and helped  
with our Property Work-day! The yard looks  
great! The gutters are not growing gardens!  
And the Sunday School building is AWESOME!*

# Salem Lutheran Church

(unofficial minutes)

April 14, 2024, at 10:15 AM

Council Members Present: Pastor Nancy Jaster, Lydia Strakos, Cheryl Caraway, Karen Caraway, Dave McAfee, Lindsey Smith, Dottie Caldwell, Dorothy and Eddie Witt

Prayer Concerns: Robert and Margaret Gosnell are declining.

Approval of Agenda: Dave moved to approve, Karen seconded, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Dave moved to approve, Dottie seconded, motion passed to approve March minutes. Previous (January) minutes still need to be approved.

## Reports:

Treasurer: Two items were off budget: Vanco and Utilities.

Discussion: Vanco is an online donation site that has service charges. Gas was higher that month because the gas was left on.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: Discussed possibilities of having a "First Communion Class" and getting group together for church camp. Made mention of Cross Trails Ministry Summer Camps held at Ebert Ranch and Camp Chrysalis.

## Response:

- Will have Potluck Brunch on Polka Band Sunday, May 5.
- Senior Sendoff on May 19 - will have cake and punch and need to ask for senior pictures. Seniors will receive a shawl and special gift. Had discussion about Ebin... whether he will be able to attend. If not, get cake and gifts to him.
- Still thinking about having a movie night this summer.
- Made mention of having a bingo night for possible fundraiser.

Property:

- Made mention of scheduling property workday to clean out rain gutters and clean out education building.
- Lindsey gave Dave some phone numbers for quote recommendations for gutters and painting.

Old Business: The Craig Sturm family received our donation and were thankful.

New Business:

- Discussed renewing the cleaning contract for Lindy.
- Discussed providing flowers for mothers on Mother's Day.
- Discussed paying the Polka Band. Donations will be collected, but they also get paid by a check that Pastor or Teri will get ready. Need to get a sign-up sheet for brunch on that day.

Calendar: Checked; noticed misprint on May 26; will make correction.

Dates to Remember: Polka Band Service is May 5<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day is May 12<sup>th</sup>, Senior Sendoff is May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment: Karen moved to adjourn, Lindsey seconded, motion passed and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

Next SLC Council Meeting -  
Sunday, May 12th at **10:15AM.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Income/Expenditure Chart (Rounded off to nearest dollar)

	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (Loss)
January	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 19,382.00	\$ (2,782.00)
February	\$ 23,915.00	\$ 19,112.00	\$ 4,803.00
March	\$ 14,701.00	\$ 18,109.00	\$ (3,408.00)
<b>YEAR END TOTALS</b>	\$ 55,216.00	\$ 56,603.00	\$ (1,387.00)

*April's offering totaled - \$15,884.  
A complete expense report was not finalized  
for the May newsletter.*

## Thank You!

**Thank you to the Smith Family, Janice Marek and Remax for stocking up Oasis! We have lots of pants, shorts and shoes in all sizes now!**



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**ATTENDANCE:**

SUNDAYS of April:	07	14	21	28
Worship Attendance:	49	52	42	52



**Happy Anniversary in May to:**

May 3rd: Lynn & Cathy Hahn



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May 4th: Jacob Ham  
May 10th: Ashley Anderson  
May 10th: Karla Rothmann  
May 13th: Jared Awalt  
May 13th: Layla Myers  
May 17th: Kora Polson  
May 31st: Keith Ueckert

**If your birthday and/or anniversary is not printed in the newsletter,  
please call the church office.**



## *Our Prayer Concerns ...*

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:**

### **NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Craig Sturm	Damon Vickery	Alma Wehmeyer
Doris Malaer	Ebin Ham	Krysten Smalley-Navarro
Chase Piwetz	Whitney McAfee	Dorothy Caraway
Wayne Caraway	Dustin Caraway	Janie Garza
Kelly Tomlison	Kathy Raven	Billy Guenther
Ruthie Boyd-Robertson		

### **CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Bill Sturm	Tyler Tesch	William Witt
Nelson Scroggins	Joyce Schaefer	Cecil Boyd

**MORADA SENIOR LIVING RESIDENT:** Ruth Hahn

### **THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

### **THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**

The family of Bree Howlett in her death.