

Salem Lutheran Church  
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December 2024

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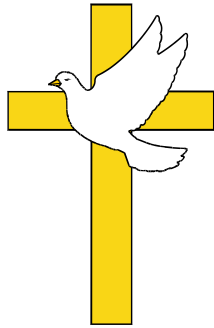
*Pastor's Corner*

*Advent Mid-Week Meal at 6:00PM  
Advent Holden Evening Prayer Service  
at 7:00PM;  
Wednesdays December 4th,  
December 11th and 18th  
(Seadrift Community Choir joining us on Dec. 11th!)*



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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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Clothing God's Children		
	Gail Wehmeyer	920- 0826
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### **Executive Council**

President	Lydia Strakos	920-5088
Vice President	Eddie Witt	482-8025
Secretary	Cheryl Caraway	801-244-1368
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### **Council Ministry Teams**

Proclaim	Dorothy Witt	782-8186
Nurture	Dottie Caldwell	571-0668
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## *Pastor's Corner*

Greetings all,

I pray this advent is a time of peace, reflection and contentment as well as preparation. There is usually too much to do at this time of the year. It seems there is not enough time or energy to get everything ready for Christmas. Waiting and patience are not strong points of our culture.

Yet, taking time to be still for a few minutes, to savor a sunrise or a sunset, the warmth of loved during a hug, to remember God's promise of love and care, to remember that God wants us to be in community-to reach out to others and receive others when they reach out to us.

This holiday season God encloses you in a warm embrace whether you are hurting or rejoicing, singing or crying, alone or with many people, have feast or a simple meal.

May this Advent be a time of blessing and joy.  
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 December 25 thru  
December 27th for Christmas.*

*The office will also be closed on January 1, 2025  
for the New Year.*



*We will go Caroling on December 22nd, meeting  
here at Salem at 3PM. If you know of a family,  
who enjoy the caroling, 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 30 thru January 6, 2025.  
Please do not hesitate to call  
the church office  
or ask a councilperson if you need anything.*



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX**  
**WOW! 27 Boxes**  
and \$230 extra to help with shipping costs

WOW! Salem Lutheran Church members did 27 shoeboxes and provided an additional \$230 for shipping to Samaritain's Purse.

Thanks to everyone who participated: filling a box, helping pay for shipping. 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 2025 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 4th ...*

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

*Come join us!*

## *From the Church Council*



*December 8, 2024 - next Council meeting*

### *TREASURER'S REPORT*

*November's offering totaled: \$ 19,627.20  
(we need approximately \$20,000 per month  
to meet our expenses)*



*We are purchasing Christmas poinsettias from  
Marvelous Gardens this year for our Christmas Eve  
service. The cost is \$15. An order form and  
dedication form can be found in the Narthex.  
Please return the form by December 18th.*



*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 26, 2025 -  
Annual Congregational Meeting*



*Dear Salem Friends.*

*Thank you so very much for providing a delicious  
meal to our moms for their parenting class in  
September. Thank you for showing them love.*

*Heather Beard*

*"Sharing the Love of Christ"*  
**ATTENDANCE:**

SUNDAYS of November:    03   10   17   24  
Worship Service:            53    56    52    55

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*December Birthdays*

- 2nd: Damon Vickery*
- 4th: Bernice Haith*
- 7th: Clint Myers*
- 8th: Martha Vickery*
- 12th: Ronnie Riske*
- 16th: Hannah Bales*
- 20th: Bethanie Caldwell*
- 21st: Laurel Myers*
- 24th: Marvin Strakos*
- 29th: Gail Wehmeyer*

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

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*December Anniversary's*

*9th: Steve & Pam Bales*





**ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Lauree Aschen	Jack Thormahlen	Kenneth Eilers
Lisa Peitz	Janie Garza	Kelly Tomlison
Billy Guenther	Debra Harabis and family	

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Damon Vickery	Doris Malaer	Whitney McAfee
Cecil Boyd	William Witt	Joyce Schaefer
Rita Boudreaux		

**TRINITY SHORES RESIDENTS:** Vera Hahn

**MORADA SENIOR LIVING RESIDENTS:** Ruth Hahn

**VITALITY COURT RESIDENTS:** Delvin and Marilyn Jaster

**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.