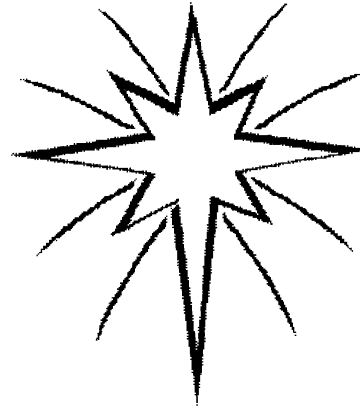


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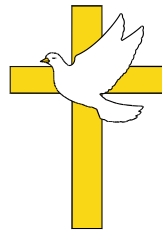
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
January 2025



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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 26, 2025



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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	Kay Ham	484-5386
Organists	William Hahn, Jr.	552-7750
	Kay Ham	484-5386
	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	Cheryl Caraway	801-244-1368
Treasurer	Karen Blinka	649-8241

#### **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 Corner*

Greetings!

I hope 2025 is off to a wonderful start for you. I pray this year will be filled with joy, contentment, hope and a deep sense of God's love for you.

Thank you so much for your gifts, cards and well wishes. I am so grateful we are partners in the ministry. You are a blessing to me. I look forward to our working together in the coming year. We will answer God's call to be faith disciples as we live and work and worship here in Calhoun County.

We don't know what all the coming year holds for us, but we can be a peace knowing that God will be with us each step of the way, in the joyous times and in the struggle. Together we can be people of God.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Nancy





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Year End, 2024 Giving Statements are printed and available to pick up in the Narthex. They will be mailed out on January 31, 2025.



Our storage closet is low on small and medium men's and women's underwear and winter pants. Lightweight sweatpants or windpants are perfect!

PS - socks are always welcome!

**From the Nominating Committee**

These are the 2025 SLC Council positions that are open:

President:

Treasurer: Karen Blinka

Response Ministry:

Property Ministry:

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the open positions, and speak to a Council Member. We will accept nominations from the floor.

**Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes** *(unofficial)*

**December 8, 2024, at 10:15AM**

Council Members Present: Pastor Nancy Jaster, Lydia Strakos, Cheryl Caraway, Karen Caraway, Dottie Caldwell, Lindsey Smith

Prayer Concerns: Dorothy Caraway

Approval of Agenda: Lindsey moved to approve, Pastor seconded, motion passed to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Karen moved to approve, Dottie seconded, motion passed to approve November minutes.

Reports:

Treasurer: Still within the budget; November was a good month for contributions; but still behind for the whole year.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: Dottie reported that the Sunday School kids will have angel and shepherd costumes for when they sing in church on December 22, 2024

Response: Enchiladas left over from the Ministerial Alliance Supper will be used for Wednesday night Advent supper.

Food will be taken over to Dorothy Caraway.

Property: Roof is complete. Locks have been worked on; still have to jiggle the key a bit to get them to open the door.

Old Business:

- Lydia has talked to Joel Anderson and Mike Rothman about being on council again. We still need to speak with Bobby Hahn, Steve Bales and Larena Hahn about being council members.
- We have volunteers that will be taking care of all of our building cleaning responsibilities.
- Start working on the committee's annual reports.
- Pastor and Terri have volunteered not to take an annual raise for year 2025 but requested to raise their retirement to 12% for each of them, which has been agreed upon.

New Business:

- It was discussed at the Budget Workshop to open CDs from various accounts to enhance interest earning. Karen moved and Dottie seconded to approve Pastor opening 2 CDs from the Mission Investment Fund. 1-\$25,000 and 1-\$20,000; motion passed.
- Discussion on opening two 6-month CDs from the FNB Living Memorial Savings Account and the FNB Fund Account. Lindsey moved and Dottie seconded to authorize Karen Caraway to open a \$15,000 6-month CD from the FNB Living Memorial Savings Account and a \$7,000 6-month CD from the FNB Dedicated Funds Account; motion passed.
- Discussion on having a council meeting in February since we have the annual meeting in January. The decision was to schedule it and play it by ear.
- Our Windstorm Insurance is up for renewal on January 6, 2025. Our current agent is out of business. Pastor has talked to Rob Barjenbruch with Texas Farm Bureau in Victoria. We have to wait one month to rewrite and renew our policy.
- Annual meeting is January 26, 2025 right after church, in the church. Will have potluck brunch afterward.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Seadrift Community Choir will perform on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.
- Sunday School Children will sing in worship on December 22, 2024.
- Christmas Caroling on December 22, 2024, at 3:00PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

**“Sharing the Love of Christ”**

**ATTENDANCE:**

<u>SUNDAYS of December:</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>
Worship Service:	54	48	47	90	49

Christmas Eve Service Attendance: 114



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

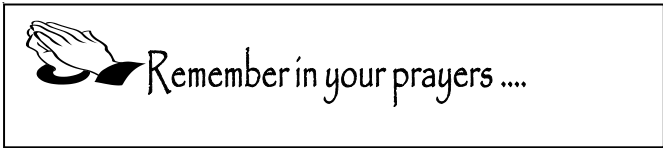


January 28th;  
Bill & Cynthia Hons

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

It's that time of year again! time to start updating our member information for the 2025 telephone directory. A copy of last year's is in the Narthex for you to make corrections for your family.

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**ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Ronnie Riske	Virginia Hahn	Dorothy Caraway
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		

**SOLDALIS 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.