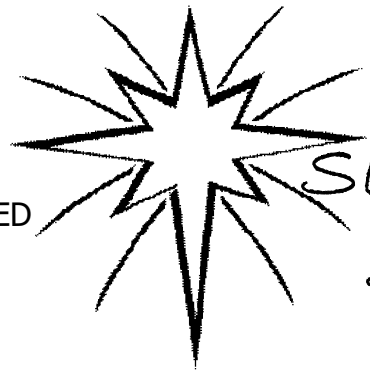


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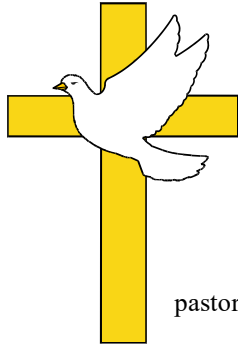
The
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February 2025

**NEW* From Pastor's Corner*
February is Salem's
Food Pantry Collection month!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!





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Nurture	Dottie Caldwell	571-0668
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Property	Bobby Hahn	655-4318

Pastor's Corner

Greetings all!

There is a wonderful opportunity coming this month, February, for those with diabetes or pre-diabetes. Texas A&M Health is sponsoring a seminar that will cover many helpful topics. Salem is providing the space and A&M is providing the rest of the resources. In order for the seminar to be held there have to be at least 10 people registered.

If you are interested, please register on Monday, February 10. You will receive glucose strips and a monitor. Then come on the 17th, from 9-2 for the seminar.

It is free! It is open to everyone that has a diagnosis of diabetes or prediabetes. If you have any questions, please call 1-866-524-1408.

Blessings,
Pastor





FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terri will be on vacation the week of February 2, 2025. The church office will be closed on Friday, February 7th.

If you need anything and don't get an answer, please call or text Pastor as she will be in, but does have mid-day meetings.



We would like to thank Lydia Strakos for her loyal service as Council President, Dave McAfee as Property Ministry Leader and Lindsey Smith as Response Ministry Leader.

Steve Bales is our new Council President. Bobby Hahn is our new Property Ministry leader and Larena Hahn is our new leader of our Response Ministry!

Next time you see any of these six people - give them a hug and tell them THANK YOU!

It is our turn!

February is Salem's month for collecting canned goods or non perishable food items for the Calhoun County Food Pantry!



**Food
Pantry**

The food pantry is particularly in need of:

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- 1LB. bags of Rice

Salem Lutheran Church

January 12, 2025, at 10:15 AM
(unofficial)

Council Members Present: Pastor Nancy Jaster, Lydia Strakos, Cheryl Caraway, Karen Blinka, Eddie Witt

Prayer Concerns: No new concerns.

Approval of Agenda: Walk to Emmaus added to New Business. Pastor moved to approve, Karen seconded, motion passed to approve the agenda.

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

Reports:

Treasurer: November & December were good income months, but (\$18,559.00) at year end.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: Nothing to report.

Response: Nothing to report.

Property: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Nominations for 2025 Church Council Members will be Steve Bales – President, Bobby Hahn – Property, Larena Hahn – Response.
- Still in the air about having a council meeting in February since the Annual Congregation Meeting is January 26, 2025; will decide then.
- Windstorm Insurance is in place as of January 6, 2025, for H” \$20,000 through Texas Farm Bureau in Victoria with Rob Barjenbruch.
- Need to have discussion about moving to “self-insurance.”

New Business:

- Looked at the agenda for the Annual Congregation Meeting. Making an appointment of Nomination Committee – Lydia, Gail, and Lindsey; Making appointment of the 2025 Audit Committee – Retha, Diana, & Eddie; will ask for volunteers to be delegates to attend the Synod Assembly. New Business will include: budget – the ongoing deficit, utilities (electricity), all insurance is going up – discuss self – insuring, looking for alternative income – empty building, utilizing the church parking lot, inform congregation of the current Windstorm Insurance & CDs.
- Texas A&M would like to hold a Diabetes class for the community if there are more than 10 people willing to attend. We will host it in our church fellowship hall. Retha Hahn has volunteered to draw up a rental agreement for such purposes.

- Dorothy Caraway needs help with heating her home. Gail, Lydia, Dave and Eddie are willing to look into the details.
- Lydia shared a brochure and sign-up sheet for the ladies “Walk to Emmaus” on March 27.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Pastor’s vacation January 27 – February 2, 2025
- Terri’s vacation February 3-8, 2025
- Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025
- Annual Congregation Meeting January 26, 2025, with potluck brunch following.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

Treasurer’s report

January offering currently totals: \$ 16,715





Anniversary of
Brian & Dottie Caldwell;
on February 3rd

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



Virginia Hahn; 2nd
Dale Hahn; 3rd
Ryan Strakos; 7th
Michael Caraway; 8th
Forest Canion; 9th
Marshall Smith; 9th
William Bales; 10th
Sheridan Franke; 10th
Logan Smith; 10th

Brittney Rothmann; 10th
Katelyn Rothmann; 14th
Martha Caldwell; 20th
Kelli Kurtz; 21st
Dorothy Caraway; 26th
Kristel Knipling; 26th
Alfred Adame; 28th



*A new Altar Flower chart has been posted
on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please
mark your special date and share your cel-
ebration with us!*



“Sharing the Love of Christ”

ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAYS of January:

<u>05</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>
41	56	50	48



Don't forget to pick up your copy of the 2024 Annual Report and the new 2025 SLC Telephone Directory! You can find the in the Narthex.

HEADS UP!

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner;
March 5th and the beginning of Lent.

On the Wednesday evenings of Lent, we will be holding the Holden Evening Prayer Service and will have a Soup & Sandwich meal at 6PM before worship.

Coming soon ...



SENIOR SENDING
Do you know a graduating senior that needs to be recognized?
Please let Pastor know,
or call the church office

SALEM'S PRAYER REQUESTS:

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Martha Smith	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	Whitney McAfee	Cecil Boyd
William Witt	Joyce Schaefer	Rita Boudreaux

SOLDALIS SENIOR LIVING RESIDENTS: Ruth Hahn

TRINITY SHORES RESIDENTS: Vera Hahn
Paul Kelm

VITALITY COURT RESIDENTS: Delvin and Marilyn Jaster

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

The family of Doris Malaer in her 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.