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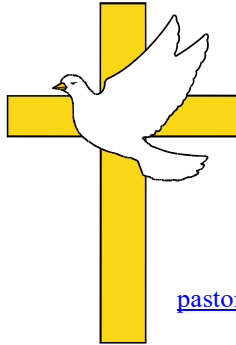
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**"Hear that? People in heaven have  
ever-laughing life."**



## **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	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	Steve Bales	482-6646
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	Larena Hahn	746-0999
Property	Bobby Hahn	655-4318

## *Pastor's Ponderings*

This year Lent starts on March 5, Ash Wednesday. We are going to try something new this year. For Lent we will be following a theme on both Sundays and Wednesdays- All We Need. It is a series put together by Barn Geese Creative Worship Services. Great name, right?!

Most of the time when we think about what we need to survive and thrive, oxygen, food, shelter and water come to mind. Yet those are about surviving. What do we need to thrive? As individuals. As a congregation. As a community. What do we need to thrive as faithful Christians that is different from the people who are not?

To thrive we also need such things as sleep, beauty, and change to name a few. We will look at the needs we have in order to not only survive, but to thrive as we make our way through Lent.

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays, Wednesdays and Holy Week.

Blessings,  
Pastor Nancy





# Salem Lutheran Church

February 9, 2025, at 10:15 AM  
(unofficial)

Council Members Present: Pastor Nancy Jaster, Steve Bales, Cheryl Caraway, Karen Blinka, Bobby Hahn, Dottie Caldwell, Larena Hahn, Dorothy and Eddie Witt

Prayer Concerns: Margaret Gosnell and Arvin Williams

Approval of Agenda: Dottie moved to approve, Cheryl seconded, motion passed to approve the agenda.

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

## Reports:

Treasurer: Nothing to report at this time.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: Starting Sunday School again on February 16, 2025. Looking at VBS programs.

Response: Nothing to report.

Property: Nothing to report.

## Old Business:

- Reminder of Texas A&M Diabetes Class on February 10 and 17 held in Fellowship Hall.
- Update on Dorothy Caraway's heating situation: bigger issue than we can pursue, Lydia ensured she had safe, temporary heating.

## New Business:

- A Task Force was created to get together some ideas for extra income for our church. Volunteers include Dottie, Karen and Larena. We will also ask Lindsey Smith and Hannah Bales to join. Some ideas have already been offered:
  - Rummage sales twice a year
  - Small market days
  - Renting the education building out for office space and/or home school families
  - Renting parking lot
- Lent offerings have been designated for the Harbor and the Food Pantry.

- The Council Member Schedule was handed out and reviewed. The Council will continue to meet on the second Sunday of the month after church service.
- The Council Person Duties were updated and reviewed.


Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Texas A&M Diabetes Class Registration February 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Texas A&M Diabetes Class February 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary



**Treasurer Report**

*(rounded to the nearest dollar)*

	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (Loss)
<b>January</b>	\$ 16,887.00	\$ 19,338.00	\$ (2,451.00)

February's offering totaled: \$ 30,863.  
and we collected \$ 676. for the Food Pantry  
along with A LOT of food items.

The next Salem Lutheran Church Council meeting will be held on Sunday March 9th at 10:15AM.

*“Sharing the Love of Christ”*  
*ATTENDANCE:*

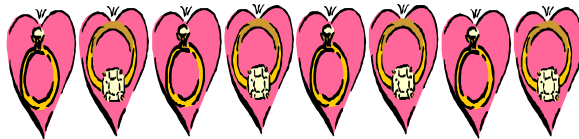
<b><u>SUNDAYS of February:</u></b>	<b><u>02</u></b>	<b><u>09</u></b>	<b><u>16</u></b>	<b><u>23</u></b>
Worship Service:	47	48	41	48



- March 8th: Cecil Brooks
- March 12th: Janice Marek
- March 14th: Lindy Cain
- March 17th: Paisleigh Yarborough
- March 22nd: Lauren Howell
- March 24th: William Myers
- March 26th: Elizabeth Albrecht
- March 27th: Kay Ham



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



Happy Anniversary to:  
March 18th - Chase and Kasey Polsen  
and  
March 30th - Eddie and Dorothy Witt

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

## **SALEM'S PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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.

Please make sure the person for whom you are requesting prayer wants to be on the prayer list. Non-member names will be removed from the prayer list after two weeks. Requesters should inform Pastor or the Church Secretary should the non-members still request to remain on the prayer list.

Our Prayer list helps us focus on those with specific needs whether they are members, family or friends.

### **ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

### **NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Arvin Williams	Martha Smith	Lauree Aschen	Lisa Peitz
Janie Garza	Kelly Tomlison	Billy Guenther	

### **CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Virginia Hahn	Dorothy Caraway	Damon Vickery
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:**