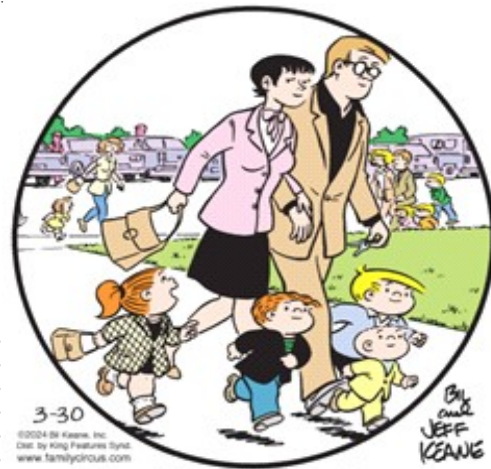


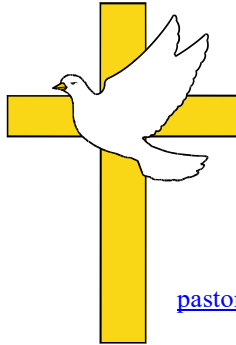
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"I like it in church on Easter
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“ Sharing the Love of Christ “

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Response	Larena Hahn	746-0999
Property	Bobby Hahn	655-4318

Pastor's Ponderings

We have almost reached the end of Lent and are getting ready to enter into the Easter season.!

A season of joy, hope and gratitude.

Please plan to join in celebrating Jesus resurrection by attending worship on Sunday, April 20 at 9:00 am. Following the worship please stay and enjoy brunch and fellowship.

During the Lenten journey we looked at our needs and the importance of having needs. A need that gets fulfilled on Easter is the need to be able to rejoice and share joy, hope and well-being with each other.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Blessings,
Pastor





The church office
will be closed on
Monday, April 21st

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Would you like a richer prayer life? The prayer vigil is a time-tested method of challenging and stretching people in prayer. Setting aside a significant time of prayer, with nothing else to do, helps people put aside their busyness and concentrate on prayer. Benefits of participating in a prayer vigil include learning to intercede for one another and to care for each other's needs. Vigils renew our motivation as well. Instead of praying out of guilt, we find ourselves praying because we want to spend time with the Lord.

We are inviting all members to participate in a **Good Friday prayer vigil**. This is a special time set aside to come to our Lord to request to, meditate on, converse with, and listen for Him. We would like to have constant prayer on Good Friday, April 18, 2025, beginning at 7 am and ending with Worship Service at 7 pm.

Often participants like to pray in their home, but we are offering to anyone who would like to join us a place at the church that is peaceful and comfortable. We will offer a time of silence with prayer interspersed with readings to help you focus on the day of remembrance on which Jesus died on the cross for your sins. And if you are in special communion with the Lord, that will allow the Holy Spirit to work within you.

We ask that you pray and ask God's will for signing up to pray on Good Friday.



April 13, 2025 - PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00AM Procession with Palms and Holy Communion

April 17, 2025 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00PM Holy Communion

April 18, 2025 - Good Friday Prayer Vigil 7:00AM-7:00PM

April 18, 2025 - Good Friday Worship Service 7:00PM

If you want to help decorate the church Sanctuary with Easter Lillies, bring them Easter morning with your fresh cut flowers to worship service for the cross in front of the Altar.

April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday;

9:00AM

- Holy Communion Worship
- Easter Sunday Brunch
- Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids

(BYOB; Bring your own Basket)



All are invited to Salem's Annual Easter Sunday Brunch held following worship.

Salem Lutheran Church

March 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: No new concerns.

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Nothing to report at this time. Steve volunteered to present a "Temple Talk" to the congregation on options for giving offering.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: A First Communion Class will be held during the Sunday School hour on March 30, 2025. Dottie will reach out to neighboring churches to enquire about sharing Vacation Bible School activities.

Response: To our knowledge, no seniors to send this year. Getting ready for Easter brunch.

Property: A "LifeVac Home Kit" (a suction device used to help a choking victim) will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. The lawnmower has been serviced and ready for the mowing season.

Old Business: Terri, who is experienced in vending in markets, confirmed that our church facility is definitely doable for holding a fundraising market and charging \$40 per vendor is acceptable.

New Business:

- The Salem Men's Emmaus Reunion Group will move out the furniture in the Fellowship Hall on April 15 to get ready for the carpet cleaning the next day.
- Pastor will get with Cathy Hahn about the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Discussed and agreed upon having the Good Friday prayer vigil again; will need to get a sign-up sheet ready.
- The council members shall take the minutes from the January Annual Congregational Meeting home to review; will discuss any additions or corrections at the next meeting.

Calendar: All ok.


Dates to Remember:

- Fellowship Hall carpet to be cleaned on April 16, 2025.
- Easter Sunday is April 20, 2025.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

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



Treasurer Report
(rounded to the nearest dollar)

	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (Loss)
January	\$ 16,887.00	\$ 19,338.00	\$ (2,451.00)
February	\$ 30,865.00	\$ 18,771.00	\$ 12,094.00
YEAR END TOTALS	\$ 47,752.00	\$ 38,109.00	\$ 9,643.00

March's offering currently totals: \$ 13,068.39
(we need approximately \$20,000 per month to meet our expenses)

“Sharing the Love of Christ”
ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAYS of March: **02 09 16 23 30**
Worship Service: 43 54 35 46

**happy
birthday
to you!**

5th: Cathy Hahn
14th: Trace Myers
17th: Steve Bales
17th: Vera Hahn
17th: Caroline O'Donnell
22nd: Larena Kern
22nd: Ron Riske, Jr.
30th: David Hahn

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:

Altus Aschen	Margaret Gosnell	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

BIG SAFE HARBOR:

Delvin Jaster

LAVACA BAY NURSING AND REHAB:

Margaret Gosnell

PORT LAVACA NURSING AND REHAB: L.C. Gossett

SOLDALIS SENIOR LIVING RESIDENTS: Ruth Hahn

TRINITY SHORES RESIDENTS: Vera Hahn and Paul Kelm

VITALITY COURT RESIDENTS: Marilyn Jaster

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: