

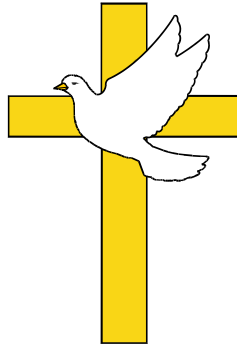
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MAY 2025

Pastor's Corner
Mother's Day, May 11, 2025
Office closed May 26th for Memorial Day





Salem Lutheran Church

" Sharing the love of Christ "

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

Pastor's Ponderings

I have a heads up for you and an update for you!

The update first concerns flowers. For the longest time only live flowers have been used on the altar. That was a lovely thought especially when many people had flowers in their gardens and flower beds. It was also great when flowers and plants were not so expensive. Now that flowers and plants are so expensive it is time to update our thinking for the altar flowers. If possible, we will still have live plants and flowers. If it is not possible then nice silk flowers will be good.

The heads up concerns the NRSV Bible that is used for the lectionary. The Lectionary Bible edition that the church uses for bulletins and inserts will be the NRSV update version beginning July 1. We already have some difficulty between the pew Bibles, which are NIV and the Lectionary.

I propose we update the pew Bibles as we will have to update the Lectionary for Worship books. We have plenty of money in the Living Memorial fund to do so. We can purchase NRSVue pew Bibles and the Lectionary Books and everything will then match the bulletins. At Council I will ask that a special congregational meeting be called on June 1 to vote on the purchase. The pew Bibles are \$17.00 each. There are 3 Lectionary for Worship Books we will need at around \$150 each (price hasn't been set yet).

Blessings,
Pastor



Heads up! The Hard-Head Derby is coming in August and Salem's job is to supply 300 pairs of scissors for the kids backpacks!

May

Announcements

Terri will be on vacation May 19-22, 2025.
Pastor will be in the office if you need anything!

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The church office will be closed on Monday,
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THANK YOU!

Friends of Salem,

Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts. The team in Tanzania is doing well. I just returned from a two week trip there. We finished Leviticus and half of Exodus.

God bless all of you. We hope we can come visit and share news of this great ministry.

God Bless,
Michael Megahan

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**Treasurer
Report**

A complete Treasurer's Report was not available for the Salem Star, but April's offering totaled:
\$ 19,053.99

(we need approximately \$20,000 per month to meet our expenses)

Salem Lutheran Church

(unofficial minutes)

April 13, 2025 at 10:15 AM

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

Prayer Concerns: No new concerns.

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: The First Communion Class went well.

Response: Had good response with the Lenten suppers. Sign-up sheets have been passed around for the Easter brunch.

Property: The digital sign in front of the church has been repaired. The AC in the Sanctuary seems to be leaking.

Efficiency Air will be called on Monday.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Ministry 360 is offered by the SYNOD. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Fellowship Hall carpet to be cleaned on April 16, 2025.
- Good Friday Prayer Vigil is April 18 from 7 AM – 7 PM.
- Easter Sunday, brunch and Easter egg hunt is April 20, 2025.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

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• Next SLC Council Meeting -
• Sunday, May 11th at **10:15AM.**
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"Sharing the Love of Christ"

ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAYS of April:	06	13	20	27
Worship Attendance:	43	57	99	48

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Happy Anniversary in May to:

May 3rd: Lynn & Cathy Hahn

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May 4th: Jacob Ham

May 10th: Ashley Anderson

May 10th: Karla Rothmann

May 13th: Jared Awalt

May 13th: Layla Myers

May 17th: Kora Polson

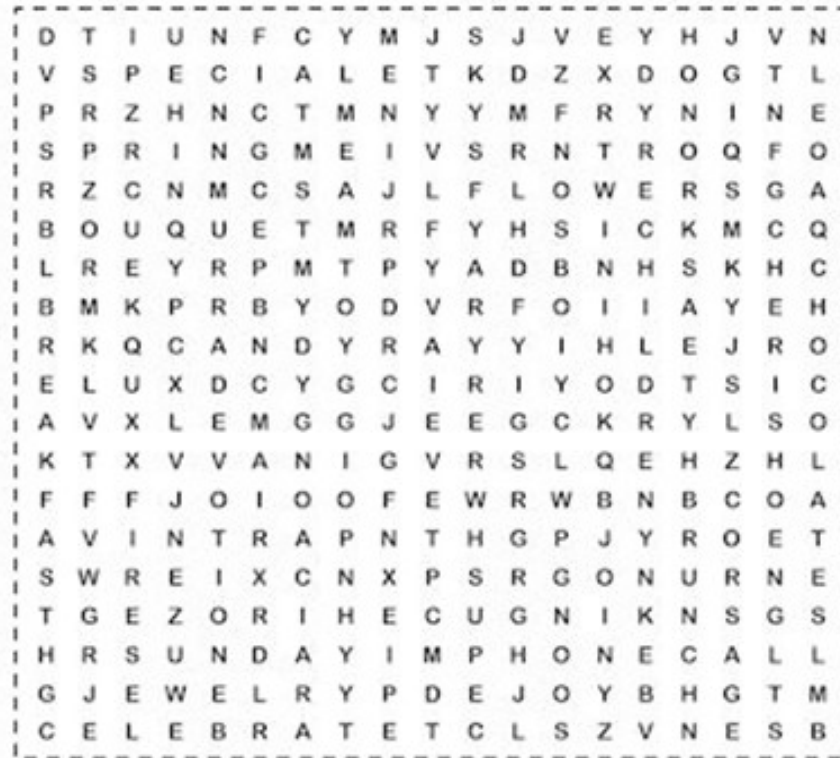
May 31st: Keith Ueckert

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

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11, 2025



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BREAKFAST
BRUNCH
CANDY
CELEBRATE
CHERISH

CHILDREN
CHOCOLATES
CORSAGE
DEVOTION
DINNER
FAMILY

FLOWERS
GIFTS
GREETING CARD
HONOR
JEWELRY
MEMORIES

ORCHID
PHONE CALL
PRESENTS
SPECIAL
SPRING
SUNDAY

Our Prayer Concerns ...

When you call the office with a new prayer request, please let Terri know what you want in the bulletin and next newsletter. Please call for your answered prayers too! I see the "Answered Prayers" list as an opportunity to give God and all those who prayed for your loved one the thanks that is appropriate and to share good news of God's blessings.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Jaster

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

Arvin Williams is doing well and back to walking, and thanks everyone at Salem for the prayers.

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Dustin Caraway	Jack Thormahlen	Margaret Gosnell
Martha Smith	Lisa Peitz	Janie Garza
Kelly Tomlison	Billy Guenther	

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Virginia Hahn	Dorothy Caraway	Damon Vickery
William Witt	Joyce Schaefer	Rita Boudreaux

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:

The family of Pastor Nancy Jaster in the death of her father, Delvin Jaster.