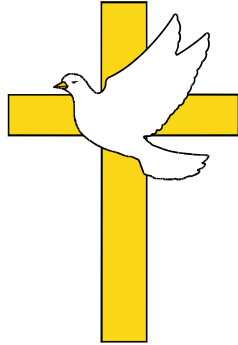


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Pastor's Ponderings,

I've been thinking about time lately. As I drive by the cornfields, I notice that the stalks are starting to dry and turn brown. Harvest is not far away. Yet up north the corn will not have tasseled yet. I used to drive to Colorado on the 3rd weekend of June and the corn might be knee high or waist high. When I would get back around July 4th and it would be over my head. Harvest was still several months away with the goal of being done by Halloween.

Now that it is the middle of Summer for us in the Northern Hemisphere, we have time to take vacations or enjoy staycations. As I think of time, we all have time, yet it is different for all of us. How do we make the most of our time when our time for growing and harvesting may not be at the same time as others? In the Bible there are two types of time, *chronos* and *kairos*. Our word chronological comes from *chronos*. It is the order of things. *Kairos* is the appointed time, season or opportunity. God at work in the *chronos*.

One example of *kairos* in the Bible is when Jesus teaches on the parable of the weeds in [Matthew 13](#). Jesus uses the example of wheat and weeds to illustrate the kingdom of heaven, noting that a farmer doesn't pull up the weeds when they first begin to grow, as this might also pull up the wheat along with it. Instead, the weeds and wheat are to grow together until the harvest, the right/appointed time (*kairos*). That is when the harvesters will "first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn" ([Matthew 13:30](#)).

I'm thinking now is the time for us to continue to be faithful, bear fruit, care for the neighbors and each other and to be grateful for God's presences in our time.

You are here for this time.

Pastor



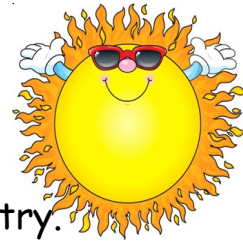


*The church office will be closed
on Friday, July 4th
for Independence Day!*

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*Your family's copy of the first six months
Giving Statements can be picked up in the Narthex.*

Coming soon in August ...



Salem's turn to collect for the Food Pantry.

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**Sunday, August 10th Blessing of the
Backpacks**

**Bring your backpack, your bookbag, your
briefcase or what ever you want for a
special blessing. Let's start the school
year with joy! All are invited to come.**



TREASURER'S REPORT

*June's offering totaled: \$22,495.61
We need roughly \$20,000 per month
to meet our monthly expenses.*

Next SLC Council Meeting - Sunday, July 13, 2025

Salem Lutheran Church

June 8, 2025, at 10:15 AM

(unofficial)

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

Prayer Concerns: No new concerns.

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: Nothing to report.

Response: Nothing to report.

Property: The AC unit in the sanctuary will continue to be monitored, while we wait for a bid from Efficiency Air to repair the A-coil.

Old Business: The Ministry 360 program will meet on August 17 from 5-7 pm.

New Business:

- Pastor made a motion to authorize Karen to renew CDs at First National Bank, Steve seconded, motion passed. The \$7,000.00 CD will be rolled over for another 6-month term and the \$15,000.00 CD will be put into a 12-month term from a 6-month term.
- Pastor made a motion to approve having Signe with ELCA Endowment Fund to come meet with us on September 21, 2025, Eddie seconded, motion passed.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Holy Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025.
- Pastor on vacation June 23-30, 2025.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary



Dear Pastor Nancy and Church Members,

We would like to thank you all for your generous donations to the Oasis Shelter. Your donations are greatly appreciated by us and the community we serve.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,
The Oasis Shelter

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Dear Members of Salem,

On behalf of Cross Trails Ministry, I would like to thank your congregation for the generous expression of support of \$87.90.

It is because of the financial gifts of congregations like Salem Lutheran Church that we are able to continue the ministry we provide to individuals, families, and groups as a direct extension of your congregational ministry. Your gift will help us to minister to thousands of people in our summer camp programs.

All of the amazing opportunities we offer could not happen without congregations like yours who believe in this ministry. Please continue to keep the annual fund of Cross Trails Ministry in your budget so that we may continue to serve the hundreds of individuals we do each year.

Thank you for your prayers, support and partnership. We are truly grateful! If there is anything we can do to assist your ministry work, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are delighted to assist in your ministry work and look forward to partnering with you soon.

Yours in Christ,
Deanna Christensen



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Shoeboxes! These boxes go all over the world. Last year the boxes Salem collected went to Mozambique! Some stay here in the USA for children affected by disasters. Please try to include some new socks and a new T-shirt. Hard to believe socks are a big deal.

We have ordered plastic shoeboxes. The boxes should be in soon. They will also be available in the church office. The boxes are free of charge. Please pick up one and fill it! Please do NOT include toothpaste, liquids of any kind and NO food. Apparently different countries have different shipping rules. The boxes are due Nov. 16, 2025.

School supplies are in plentiful supply now. There are so many neat items available. The main items needed in each box are notebook paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, Crayons, markers, mini-staplers, staples, ruler, glue stick, notepads, highlighters, school scissors, paper clips, and composition books. All children need these supplies. Some are able to go to school for the first time because these items were in their shoebox. We take Crayons for granted, but in other countries, Crayons are very expensive. Most families cannot afford to buy them, so please include a box in your shoebox.

Shipping is \$10.00 per box. You may donate money for shipping if you wish.

It is a lot of fun to go shopping for these items and know they are appreciated and needed.

De Colores!



June:

June 5th: Dante Ham
June 6th: Lorena Barjenbruch
 & Margaret Gosnell
June 12th: John Barjenbruch
June 18th: Paul Kelm
June 26th: Dianna Hahn
June 29th: Clay Bates
June 30th: Sean Strakos

July:

July 6th: Calli Brown
July 8th: Michael Barjenbruch
July 9th: Kasey Polsen
July 10th: Karen Blinky
July 11th: Hillary Franke
 and Lynn Hahn
July 15th: Ervin Berger
July 17th: Cynthia Hons
July 18th: Dottie Caldwell
 and Eddie Strakos
July 22nd: Douglas Howell
 and Colby Vickery
July 30th: Kayden Caraway
July 31st: Kirby Albrecht

June:

June 7th: Clint & Laurel Myers
 Bill & Dianna Sturm
June 18th: Damon & Martha Vickery
June 27th: Michael & Cheryl Caraway
June 29th: Bobby & Retha Hahn
June 30th: William & Virginia Hahn

July:

July 4th: Kirby & Elizabeth Albrecht
July 7th: Mike & Brittney Rothmann
July 9th: Rob & Lorena Barjenbruch
July 27th: Al & Rhonda Nielsen

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*Please call the church office for any
additions or corrections.*
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*May your trips, vacations, gatherings be blessed,
and stay safe during your travels.*

Our Prayer Concerns ...

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Debra Harabis	Serenity Harabis	Aaron Ray Harabis
Asher Harabis	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

HIS SAFE HARBOR: Marilyn Jaster

SOLDALIS SENIOR LIVING RESIDENTS: Ruth Hahn

TRINITY SHORES RESIDENTS: Bobby and Margaret Gosnell
Vera Hahn and Paul Kelm

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.

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.