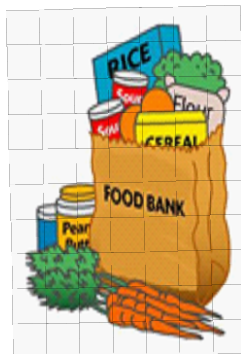


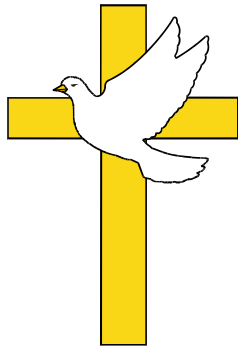
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August

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**AUGUST IS  
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION  
MONTH!**



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	Gail Wehmeyer	920-0826
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### **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,*

I find it hard to wrap my head around the fact that it is August, school is starting and it is time to think about fall things. I'm not sure why this memory came to me but I will share with you as we think about the changing seasons.

I had just moved to North Dakota for my internship and was getting my bearings as my house was in the middle of miles of wheat fields. As I drove along I saw a farmer on a tractor pulling an odd-looking implement. He was going randomly over the field. Nothing was coming out of the implement. I made a note to ask him about it at church. I found out it was a rock gathering machine. The fields are very rocky, and the rocks continually work themselves up to the surface so they have to collect them every so often.

Well, the next time Ecclesiastes 3 came up I mentioned that I learned about how a time to gather stones fit in with North Dakota. The farmer also remembered that and said he knew I'd find a way to talk about that eventually.

As I think about that today, I am reminded that the stones had to be gathered often, so the planting, disking and tilling could take place. So, it is with us. We need to take care of the things that get in the way of our faith being nurtured. One season of growing is coming to an end as the harvest continues, and another season of growing is just beginning as school starts.

"For everything there is a season and a time  
for every matter under heaven..."  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Blessing be upon you in this season and time.  
Pastor





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## ATTENTION:

The first day of school is August 13, 2025.

On August 10th we will be blessing the backpacks, brief cases, book-bags and totes!



Teachers and ALL Students (college, grad-school, pre-etc!) you are invited to bring them to worship to be blessed.

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All the Sundays in August are open for Altar Flowers. One extra special Sunday would be Sunday, August 10th when we have the Blessing of the Backpacks.

Remember, now that flowers and plants are so expensive, nice silk flowers are possible.

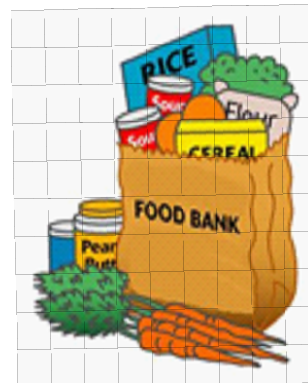
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## AUGUST IS SALEM'S TURN TO COLLECT FOR THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

### These are especially needed items:

Canned Pasta  
Canned Chili  
Paper Towels  
Vienna Sausage  
Hamburger Helper  
Crackers

Jam/Jelly  
Instant Potatoes  
Oatmeal/Cereal  
Mac N Cheese  
Spam  
Toilet Paper  
Canned Fruit





# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

## AUGUST

Time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Shoeboxes! These boxes go all over the world. 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.

The boxes are here! 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!

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
**June 8, 2025, at 10:15 AM**

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

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
**(Un-official Minutes from last meeting)**  
**July 13, 2025, at 10:15 AM**

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

Prayer Concerns: No new concerns.

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: Children's Sunday School starts up again on August 17.

Response: Nothing to report.

Property: The AC unit in the sanctuary has not been leaking anymore. Waiting on a bid from Wehmeyer Services for the AC unit in the parlor to compare with bid from Efficiency Air.

Old Business: Signe with the ELCA Endowment Fund will deliver an informational talk during church on September 21 and be available afterwards in the fellowship hall as well.

New Business:

- Blessing of the backpacks on August 10, 2025
- Ministry 360 program on August 17, 2025

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Blessing of the backpacks on August 10, 2025
- Ministry 360 program on August 17, 2025 from 5-7 pm.
- Pastor on vacation August 25 – September 1, 2025.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

## FROM THE SLC COUNCIL

Next Council  
Meeting -  
Sunday,  
August 10th  
at **10:00AM.**

*Thank you for your continued generosity to all Salem's ministries.*

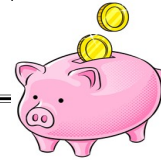
*We collected well over 300 pairs of scissors for the Hard Head Derby.*

*We collected dozens of packages of baby wipes for the Pregnancy Crisis Center.*

*We fulfilled 6 orders for Clothing God's Children.*

*Not to mention the "walk-ins".*

*Our cup surely runs over.*



### TREASURER'S REPORT

*Income/Expenditure Chart (Rounded off to nearest dollar)*

	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (Loss)
<b>January</b>	\$ 16,887.00	\$ 19,338.00	\$ (2,451.00)
<b>February</b>	\$ 30,865.00	\$ 18,771.00	\$ 12,094.00
<b>March</b>	\$ 17,783.00	\$ 18,751.00	\$ (968.00)
<b>April</b>	\$ 19,971.00	\$ 18,638.00	\$ 1,333.00
<b>May</b>	\$ 12,695.00	\$ 20,638.00	\$ (7,943.00)
<b>June</b>	\$ 22,497.00	\$ 18,889.00	\$ 3,608.00
<b>YEAR END TOTALS</b>	\$ 120,698.00	\$ 115,025.00	\$ 5,673.00

*July's offering totaled - \$ 17,078.08*

*We need roughly \$20,000 per month to meet our monthly expenses.*

*A complete expense report was not finalized for the August newsletter.*



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

<u>SUNDAYS of June:</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>
Worship Service:	49	42	40	46	51
<u>SUNDAYS of July:</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>	
Worship Service:	44	56	38	46	

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# August



4th:: Glenda Franke  
8th: Martha Riske  
13th: Pam Bales  
Linda Hahn  
Mark Howell  
Al Nielsen  
26th: Nicholas Yarborough  
28th: Leigh Burton



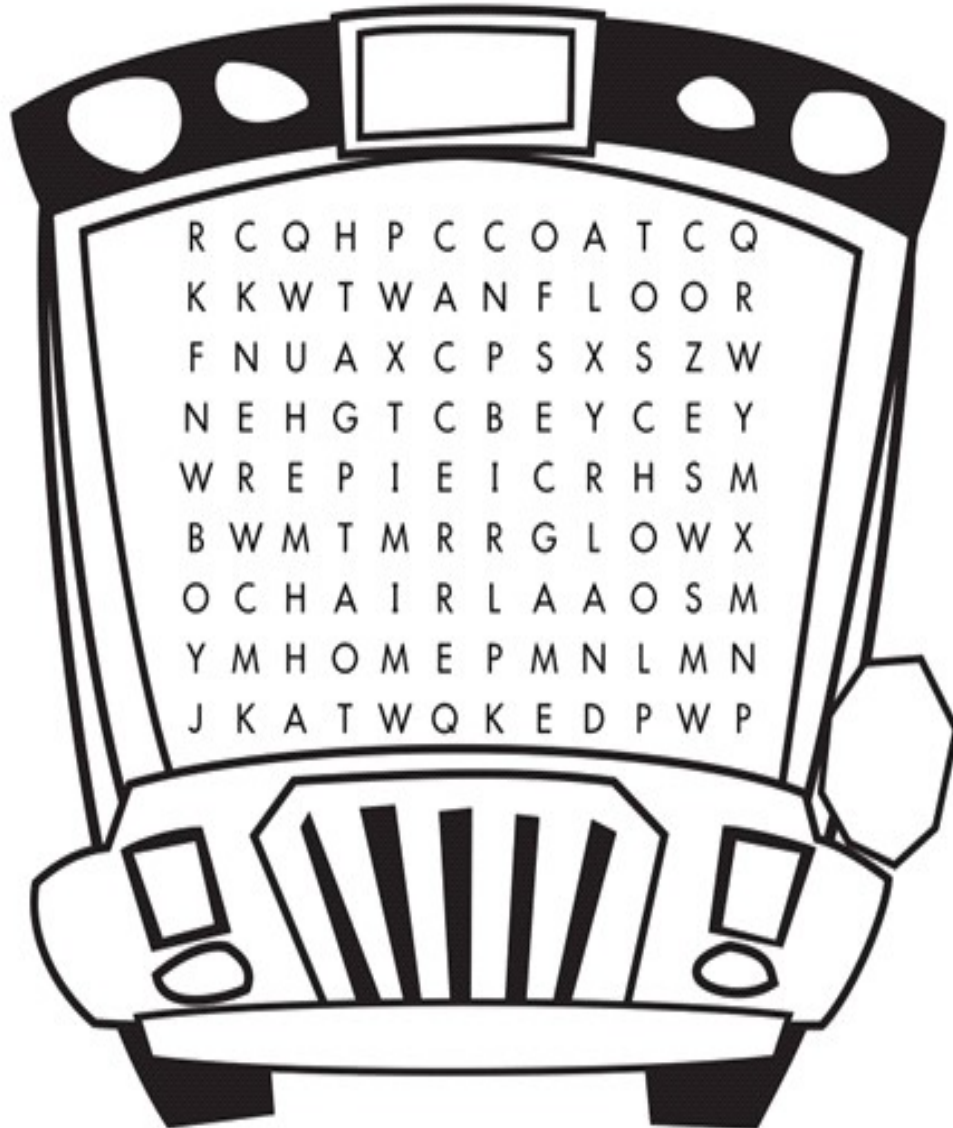
August 4th:  
Marty & Holly Strakos  
August 16th:  
Joel & Katie Anderson  
August 21st:  
Harlen & Altus Aschen

*Please call the church office for any  
additions or corrections.*

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## SIGHT WORDS SEARCH

Find and circle the words.



BOY COAT FLOOR GIRL LAND SCHOOL  
CHAIR FEET GAME HOME PAPER WATER



Remember in your prayers ....



**ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Little Will Myers	Willie Garza	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:** Dorothy Buehring  
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.

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



"We have seen his star in the east and  
have come to worship Him."  
Matthew 2:2

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**OFFICE HOURS**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Closed for Lunch from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)