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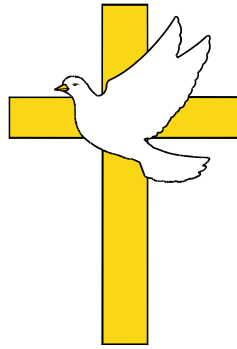


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Pastor's Corner

Office closed September 1st for Labor Day

Grandparents Day, September 7, 2025



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*" Sharing the love of Christ "*

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Nurture	Dottie Caldwell	571-0668
Response	Larena Hahn	746-0999
Property	Bobby Hahn	655-4318

## *Pastor's Corner*



Greetings all,

I am thinking how grateful I am to have air conditioning as I write this.

My thoughts and prayers are with those who don't as we swelter through the month of August.

I hope those who are without a/c can find a cool place to be during the hottest part of the day at least. For me it highlights how important it is that we do what we can to help, provide food, assistance with rent and utilities, clothe the children, provide showers, to name just a few.

Thinking of air conditioning, Salem needs to replace, for sure, one of the units that cools the sanctuary. There are two 7-ton units. They are not made in the configuration that we have anymore. We are waiting for the bids to come in. Because they are not made that way anymore, the new one which has the new freon and new configurations. I'm not able to answer all the questions, but I do want to let you know it is more complicated than simply replacing a pan, or condenser, and so forth. It is also quite a bit more expensive.

As soon as we know the details we will let you know with updates in the bulletin and at the worship services. If you feel the urge to help with the replacement financially in addition to your regular giving, your gift will be greatly appreciated. It is a way to keep the ministry of Salem vital and active in our community.

Thank you and blessings,  
Pastor

# September



We will be holding a  
Special Called  
Congregational Meeting  
on September 7, 2025 to  
vote on spending funds  
for A/C repairs in the  
Sanctuary directly  
following worship.  
Please come to vote!

*Choir Rehearsals have begun!  
Choir meets every Wednesday night  
at 7:00PM, come join us!*

## Salem's Fall Festival and Fall Market



**October 18, 2025**

**9:00AM - 4:00PM**

**Important Details**

We will be passing around Volunteer and Donation sheets first Sunday in September. We will be selling BBQ plates and they will include Brisket, Sausage, Green Beans, and German Potatoes \$20 a plate. Tickets will be available starting September 2nd.

*The church office will be  
closed on Monday, September 1st  
for Labor Day.*

## ***Messages from the Church Council ...***

### **Salem Lutheran Church**

(Un-official Minutes from last meeting)

August 10, 2025, at 10:15 AM

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

Prayer Concerns: No new concerns.

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information, noted high electric bill (normal for summer months).

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: Children's Sunday School starts on August 17 with a new curriculum for smaller churches.

Response: Mentioned how well the planning of the Fall Festival is coming along.

Property: Discussion on repairing the AC units for the Sanctuary.

Will get a good bid on replacing the ACs in entirety and bid on replacing parts with new hard to find parts. Decision was made to ask for donations from congregation to help pay for this expense.

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.
- Ministry 360 will now be a Zoom meeting during the council meeting on September 14.

*The next Salem Church Council meeting will be held on  
September 14, 2025 at 10:15AM*

New Business:

- The Gosnell's 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary is on September 1. Discussed doing something special for them at Trinity Shores such as reception, cake and card; will get hold of their children before making a plan as to not interfere with their plans, if any.
- Discussion on assessing our education building again for leasing possibilities. Bobby will look at the restrooms and decide what all needs to be done to finish those up. It was proposed to have a "workday" for that building.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Pastor on vacation August 25 – September 1, 2025.
- Dorothy Buehring Memorial on September 6, 2025.
- Upcoming Fall Festival on October 18, 2025.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*August's offering currently totals - \$16,030.  
So far, we have collected \$ 842. for the Food Pantry!*

*It's that time again!*

*Nominations for the 2026 Salem Church Council  
will be starting soon. Please be on the lookout for more  
information regarding open positions.*

*Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one!*



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### SEPTEMBER

Already September!!

We have some shoeboxes plastic shoeboxes available if you would like to use one. These boxes are from Operation Christmas Child, so they are the correct size. The lid snaps on. They are available at no cost to you, pick up one or two to fill up. Thanks to everyone who has already picked up a box! This month toys are recommended for your shoebox.

Here are a few items you may include: coloring books, small cars, trucks, jump rope, soccer balls (deflated), hand air pump to fill soccer balls, paddle ball, Slinkys, dominoes, yo-yo, Play Doh, puzzles, inflatable beach balls, small Etch-a-Sketch, craft kits, checkers, jacks/ ball, toy tool set, Legos, tic-tac-toe and card games. There are more listed in a Shoebox Item hand out list. Things not to be included are no food of any kind and no toothpaste. We have lists and boxes available after services on Sunday and Terri has more in the office. Also shipping costs are \$10.

These items are fun to find and know what joy a child will feel when received!

Collection day is Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025. Pastor will bless the boxes and then it is off to Alamo Heights Baptist Church for collection week Nov. 17 – 24.

De Colores!

## ***“Sharing the Love of Christ”***

### **ATTENDANCE:**

<u>SUNDAYS of August:</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>31</u>
Worship Service:	44	51	49	55	N/A

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### ***SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

2nd: Lindsey Smith	6th: Emily Hahn
Jason Yarborough	7th: Brian Caldwell
4th: Sophie Jo Franke	18th: Kaylie Moore
Russell Kremling	19th: Cecilia Dolezal
Lydia Strakos	21st: Abigail Riske
5th: Pastor Jaster	26th: Kody Franke
	30th: Katie Anderson

### ***SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES***

September 1st:	Bobby & Margaret Gosnell
September 2nd:	Marshall & Lindsey Smith
September 12th:	Marvin & Lydia Strakos
September 20th:	Forest & Nancy Canion
September 24th:	Kody & Hillary Franke
September 29th:	Dale & Linda Hahn



If you have an addition or correction to the Birthday's and Anniversary's, please call the church office.



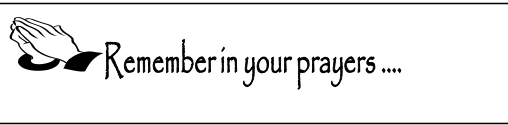


*What is a Scarecrow's favorite fruit?  
Straw - Berries!*



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APPLES  
PUMPKINS  
MAPLESYRUP  
SCARECROW  
CORN  
RAKE  
SQUIRREL  
HAY  
TURKEY



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:**

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Richard Horn	Lloyd Bales	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:** Bobby and Margaret Gosnell  
Vera Hahn and Paul Kelm

**THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**