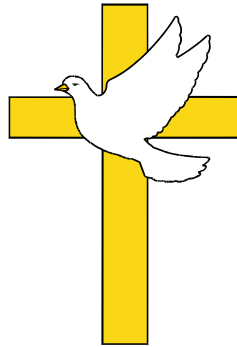


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Proclaim	Dorothy Witt	782-8186
Nurture	Dottie Caldwell	571-0668
Response	Larena Hahn	746-0999
Property	Bobby Hahn	655-4318

Ponderings from the Pastor

Heartfelt thanks are extended to all for your patience and generosity as we look forward to enjoying the new air conditioning units for the sanctuary. The materials are here and now we are waiting on the installers. Worshiping in the fellowship hall has been a blessing. It is a joy to see and hear the conversations and fellowship before and after the service. Several folks have commented that maybe we can do this in the summer as a way to cut down on the A/C bills. I'm all for that.

I am looking forward to our First Annual Fall Festival and Market Day. You have excelled in supporting this endeavor with the donations of time, money and goods. It is promising to be a wonderful day with food, fellowship and fun. It is October 18, 9-4, mark your calendars.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX OCTOBER

Wow!! Already October!

Time to put the finishing touches on our Christmas Shoeboxes. All year we have been putting items in our boxes.

I still have some items to put in. So far the things put in boxes are: hygiene items, toys, clothing, school supplies and games. All boxes should contain hygiene items and school supplies. Please remember no toothpaste or food of any kind.

We still have some of the plastic boxes from Operation Shoebox.

For October a letter could be enclosed with a photo, if you desire. A copy of the letter was enclosed in the plastic bag when you got your box. Please pray over your box. We will also need \$10 per box for shipping. \$10 is really a bargain! All boxes should be turned in by Sunday, Nov 17. National collection week is Nov.18-25.

Thank you so much for participating in this most worthwhile project.

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Messages from the Church Council

**Salem Lutheran Church
(Un-official Minutes from last meeting)
September 14, 2025, at 10:15 AM**

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

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, Larena seconded, motion passed to approve August minutes.

Approval of Minutes from the called Special Congregational Meeting: Pastor moved to approve, Larena seconded, motion passed to approve Special Congregational Meeting minutes from September 7, 2025.

Reports:

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

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: Nothing to report.

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

Property: The congregation has voted Wehmeyer Services for the AC repair/replacement. Wehmeyer Services are waiting for a response from the manufacturer to move forward.

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: Today was the Zoom meeting with the Ministry 360 representative. At the next council meeting, we will decide when to have the Ministry 360 meeting with the congregation.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Pastor on vacation October 20 – October 27, 2025.
- Terri's vacation October 27 – November 7, 2025.
- Upcoming Fall Festival on October 18, 2025.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT



*Third Quarter Giving Statements have been printed
and are available
to pick up in the Narthex.*

*A full report wasn't ready for the October newsletter.
September's offering totaled - \$ 13,589.
We need approximately \$20,000
per month to reach our expenses.*

*We have collected \$23,370 in donations for our new
A/C units needed for the Sanctuary.*

“Sharing the Love of Christ”
ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of September:</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>
Worship Service:	52	53	43	46



4th: Wanda Flisowski
7th: Southern Strakos
8th: Scott Burton
12th: Brent Marek

21st: Haley Bales
Kathy Riske
24th: Mike Rothmann
30th: Marty Strakos

October 1st:
Anniversary of Eddie and Leah Strakos

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





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:

Richard Horn	Lloyd Bales	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:

