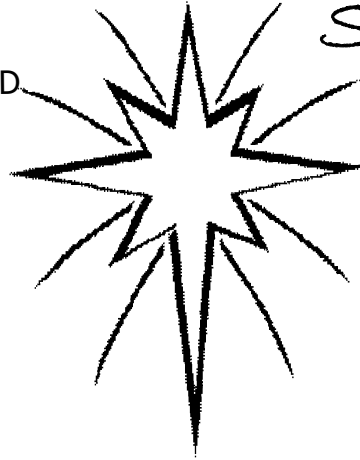


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### **“ Sharing the Love of Christ “**

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM  
(Closed for lunch from 11:00-1:00PM)

Pastor	Pastor Nancy Jaster	630-605-8528
Office Manager	Terri Malaer	920-4013
Financial Secretary	Retha Hahn	920-1248
Choir Director	Kay Ham	484-5386
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	Kathy Riske	484-0835
Prayer Chain	Steve Bales	482-6646
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	Gail Wehmeyer	920-0826
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### **Executive Council**

President	Steve Bales	482-6646
Vice President	Lindsey Smith	676-4268
Secretary	Cheryl Caraway	801-244-1368
Treasurer	Karen Blinka	649-8241

### **Council Ministry Teams**

Proclaim	Brittney Rothmann	537-7960
Nurture	Dottie Caldwell	571-0668
Response	Larena Hahn Benedick	746-0999
Property	Bobby Hahn	655-4318

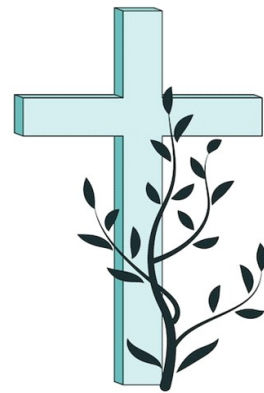
## Pastor's Ponderings

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We will be celebrating Easter a couple of weeks after you get this newsletter. It is a joyous time of remembering that God has chosen to be with us in Jesus, Immanuel. We also remember that the light is shining in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

This is a hope and promise to which we can cling with our world in such a state of uncertainty.

We may not know how high gas and diesel will go, or how much groceries will cost, or what our physical situation will be, or when it will next rain enough to make a difference. But we do know that Jesus died and rose so that we know we are enough, that God loves us, that God is with us.

Alleluia, he is risen for you.  
Pastor

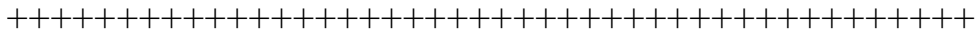




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Coming up ...

During the summer, Pastor will be leading a multi-generational Catechism Bible study. The study is for any not confirmed member or confirmed members who would like a refresher! Please ask Pastor about the class, all are welcomed!



Senior Sending 2026, Sunday May 17, 2026

Seniors we will be recognizing are Jason Anderson, Kayden Caraway and Layla Myers.

If you know of a Senior who needs recognizing, please let Pastor know.

## **Salem Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

March 8, 2026, at 10:15 AM

*(unofficial)*

Council Members Present: Pastor Nancy Jaster, Steve Bales, Lindsey Smith, Cheryl Caraway, Karen Blinka, Bobby Hahn, Larena Benedick, Dottie Caldwell, Brittney Rothmann

Prayer Concerns: Marvin Strakos

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Moving forward with an acolyte program.

Nurture: "Team Family PowerPaks" have been purchased. Will be looking for volunteers to help with this.

Response: Time to organize the Easter egg hunt. Suggestion to have a separate area for younger kids age 5 and under to hunt at their own pace. Decision to have a small cake during fellowship to welcome the new members on March 15.

Property: Dirt has been delivered to the front field of the church. Derek Blinka will be contacted to spread the dirt. Need to schedule a work day for the lawn, trees and flower beds.

Old Business:

- Senior Sending for 3 Calhoun High School students on May 17.
- A \$10,000.00 CD was opened for 4 months at 3.01% interest rate.

New Business:

- Karen moved for Council to approve the update of signature cards for all First National Bank accounts with the new council members' signatures, Brittney seconded, motion passed.
- Pastor moved to accept bid for a new copying machine from Office Systems which includes a 5-year service plan at \$200.00/month, Karen seconded, motion passed.

- Cheryl volunteered to accept the Good Friday Prayer Vigil responsibility.
- Decision to have the Easter brunch potluck again. Need to pass around sign-up sheet. Get with Cathy Hahn to organize the Easter Egg hunt.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- New Member Sunday, March 15, 2026
- Good Friday is April 3, 2026
- Easter is April 5, 2026

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

Next Council Meeting is Sunday, April 12th.

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
<i>(Income/Expenditure Chart (Rounded off to nearest dollar))</i>			
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Month Gain (Loss)</b>
<b>January</b>	\$ 37,061.00	\$ 19,906.00	\$ 17,155.00
<b>February</b>	\$ 14,207.00	\$ 18,649.00	\$ (4,442.00)
<b>YEAR END TOTALS</b>	\$ 51,268.00	\$ 38,555.00	\$ 12,713.00
<p><i>March's offering currently totals - \$ 18,184.45 A complete March expense report was not finalized for the April newsletter. We donated \$ 1,758. to the Food Pantry from our Lent offerings.</i></p>			



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**ATTENDANCE:**

<u>SUNDAYS of March:</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>
Worship Service:	49	51	37	59	53

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5th: Cathy Hahn  
14th: Trace Myers  
17th: Steve Bales  
17th: Vera Hahn  
17th: Caroline O'Donnell  
22nd: Larena Benedick  
22nd: Ron Riske, Jr.  
22nd: Albert Wax  
30th: David Hahn

**Please call the office with  
corrections or additions  
to Birthday's and  
Anniversaries**

## *Our Prayer Concerns ...*

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.

### **ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

### **NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Marvin Strakos	Dorothy Caraway	Brent Marek
Lloyd Bales	Debra Harabis	Serenity Harabis
Aaron Ray Harabis	Asher Harabis	Dustin Caraway
Jack Thormahlen	Martha Smith	Courtney Felder-Dodd

### **CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Virginia Hahn	Damon Vickery	Joyce Schaefer
Janie Garza	Rita Boudreaux	

**HIS SAFE HARBOR:** Marilyn Jaster

**SOLDALIS SENIOR LIVING RESIDENTS:** Ruth Hahn

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

**THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:**