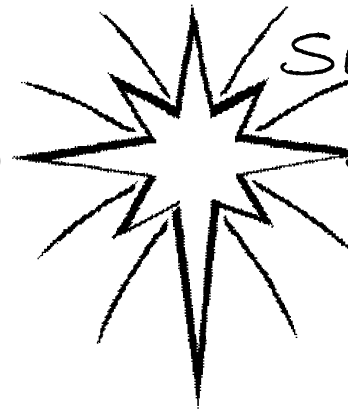


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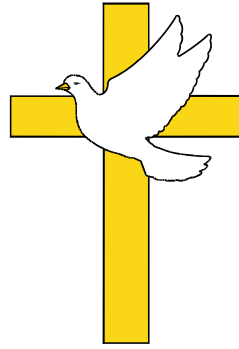


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**MAY 2026**

**Mother's Day, May 11, 2026**  
**Senior Sending, May 17, 2026**  
**Office closed May 25th for Memorial Day**





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### **Executive Council**

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### **Council Ministry Teams**

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

# May

## Announcements

The church office will be closed on Monday,  
May 25th for Memorial Day

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Terri will be on vacation May 26 - June 1, 2026.  
Pastor will be in the office if you need anything!

### Looking Ahead ...



Sunday, May 3rd:

Children will be playing the hand bells for us!

Sunday, May 10th;

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 17th;

Senior Sending

Sunday, May 24th;

Pentecost Sunday

**WEARRED!**

Worship Services will be held in the Fellowship Hall during  
the summer - be on the look out for more information!

During the summer, Pastor will be leading a multi-  
generational Catechism Bible study.

The study is for any non confirmed member or confirmed  
members who would like a refresher!

Please ask Pastor about the class, all are welcomed!

We will be printing a June/July Salem Star mid-June.  
If you have any announcements please let the church  
office know and we will print them in Sunday's bulletin.

Salem Lutheran Church  
April 12, 2026, at 10:15 AM  
(unofficial)

Council Members Present: Pastor Nancy Jaster, Steve Bales, Cheryl Caraway, Bobby Hahn, Larena Benedick, Brittney Rothmann

Prayer Concerns: Dorothy Caraway and Debbie Harabis

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: An acolyte guide has been established. It will be introduced when school starts in the fall this year. Discussed getting the older kids involved with reading, helping with offering and communion.

Nurture: Nothing to report.

Response: Easter Sunday Brunch was excellent. Cathy Hahn retired from the Easter egg hunt duty. Larena or designate will be in charge of the hunt next year.

Property: Need to schedule a work day to pick up rocks in the front where the dirt was spread, attach the gutter covers, and any other projects.

Old Business: Pastor stated that the new office copier is such a blessing!

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• Next SLC Council Meeting -  
• Sunday, May 10th at **10:15AM.**  
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New Business:

- Discussion on updating the way we video the church service. Ideas: use a more user-friendly system such as simply using an iPad, utilizing a team instead of having one person, ask other congregations how they video and publish it on Facebook.
- Discussed having the church service in the fellowship hall again in July and August to help save on energy cost.
- Time to start thinking about the Fall Festival. Need volunteers.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Pastor on vacation, April 20-27, 2026
- Synod Assembly May 1-3, 2026
- Children's Sunday School to play handbells May 3, 2026
- Senior Sending, May 17, 2026

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary



Mother's Day is  
 Sunday, May 10, 2026



# MOTHER'S DAY

## Word Search

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| CANDY     | DEVOTION   | HONOR         | SPECIAL    |
| CELEBRATE | DINNER     | JEWELRY       | SPRING     |
| CHERISH   | FAMILY     | MEMORIES      | SUNDAY     |

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**ATTENDANCE:**

SUNDAYS of April:            05   12   19   26  
Worship Attendance:        105   41   35   49



**Happy Anniversary in May to:**

May 3rd: Lynn & Cathy Hahn

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May 4th: Jacob Ham  
May 10th: Ashley Anderson  
May 10th: Karla Rothmann  
May 13th: Jared Awalt  
May 13th: Layla Myers  
May 17th: Kora Polson  
May 31st: Keith Ueckert

**If your birthday and/or anniversary is not printed in the newsletter,  
please call the church office.**

## *Our Prayer Concerns ...*

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:**

Oliver Kluna	Dorothy Caraway	Debra Harabis
Melissa Baugh	Marvin Strakos	Lloyd Bales
Jack Thormahlen	Martha Smith	Courtney Felder-Dodd

### **CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Virginia Hahn	Damon Vickery	Joyce Schaefer
Janie Garza	Rita Boudreaux	

**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:**

The family of Pastor Jaster in the death of her mother, Marilyn Jaster.