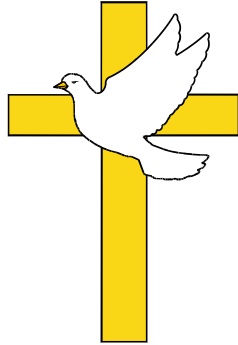


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# Summer June/July 2026





## **Salem Lutheran Church**

*" Sharing the love of Christ "*

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Organists	William Hahn, Jr.	552-7750
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Clothing God's Children		
	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

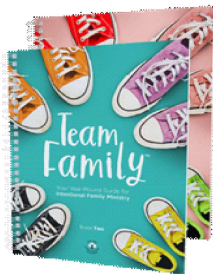


*Your family's copy of the first  
six months  
Giving Statements can be picked  
up in the Narthex on July 5th.*

Coming in July ...

Salem Church Council has called a Special Congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, July 5, 2026, in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. The meeting is to discuss a new phone system to replace the current one.

**TEAM FAMILY DAY;**  
**July 12th ~ 2:00-4:00PM**  
(in the Fellowship Hall)



Team Family events are fun, seasonal, faith-based, interactive stations for families to enjoy together. Our first summer event focuses on kindness and Ephesians 4:32. We will distribute take-home Power Paks for faith shaping moments.

Next SLC Council Meeting - Sunday, July 12, 2026



## THE OASIS SHELTER

1504 AUSTIN ST,  
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Port Lavaca, TX 77979  
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Dear Pastor, Church Leader(s) and Church ministries,

Thank you for taking time to read this letter. This comes from the heart of our Executive Team at The Oasis Shelter.

**First**, we want to let you know a little about ourselves. Our project and work started a little over 4 years ago, along with a big push from the Calhoun County Ministerial Alliance. In mid-2023 we formed The Oasis Shelter, a 501 c3 Faith-based nonprofit. Our opening day was March 5, 2024. Currently we are located at 1504 W. Austin St. Port Lavaca.

At present we are serving our community with a place to shower, get a change of clothes and other resources, that's why we call this part The Oasis Showers. These last 2 years in operation have allowed us to begin building relationships with many within our community including other non-profit groups and specially building trust with our homeless and underserved population.

We are actively planning and hope to open a mid-sized shelter in the upcoming future; this will be just outside the city limits. We have the land, an Architect and very possibly our General Contractor for starters.

**Secondly**, we want to ask for your help in finding volunteers. We already have some amazing volunteers from different denominations that work so beautifully. What a joy to know we all share the same heart of Christ for our local underserved neighbors.

All new volunteers will fill out an application and undergo orientation and work with experienced Lead Volunteers. We are convinced the best place to recruit for volunteers is from the Local Churches.

If you would please make mention to your congregation about our work and need for volunteers that would help us immensely. Also, do not hesitate to contact any one of us if you have comments or questions, desire a presentation or should you just want to drop by and take a mini tour of the facility. We would be very happy and would welcome it. We are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 pm, except for certain holidays.

Thank you so much, from the Executive Board of The Oasis Shelter,

Joel Flores President	(361) 550-9322
Cristal Fruedensprung Vice President	(979) 997-9317
Nancy Jaster Secretary & Treasurer	(630) 605-8528



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD July

From Belize to Botswana and from Chad to Cambodia, God is using Operation Christmas Child to help expand His Church to the ends of the earth. A simple gift can bring joy and comfort to hurting children and open door for entire communities to hear the message of love and redemption from sin through Jesus Christ. As these eternal truths take root, broken families find restoration, churches are established, and a new generation of believers bear witness to the Lord's faithfulness.

July is a good time to pack some clothing items for your shoebox child. "One of my favorites in my shoebox was white socks because in the orphanage you get bad quality socks that always stink and have holes in them." Timur, Central Asia. Amazing to want something so simple as socks!!! One child in Grenada was delighted to find his shoebox packed with underwear his exact size. His family was so poor that they could not afford to buy this for him. You could also get shirts, flip-flops, hats, caps, scarves, short sets, shoes for small children, bandanas, gloves, and mittens. Hygiene items are needed also. Soap, toothbrushes, wash cloths, and small towels. No toothpaste or soap! These are just some suggestions.

We will have plastic boxes from Samaritan's Purse in August. You may use these boxes or other plastic boxes from Dollar Tree or Wal-Mart.

You can go to Samaritan's Purse website for more information. There is also a Facebook page you can "like" and you will be able to read letters from children who have received these boxes!

De Colores!

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

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

Prayer Concerns: None at this time.

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: Nothing to report.

Response: Discussed getting the cake for the high school seniors.

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: Steve and Pam Bales attended the Synod Assembly in Austin.

New Business:

- Discussed having the church service in the fellowship hall again in July and August to help save on energy cost. However, it was decided that with the energy efficient AC unit we now have, it probably would not save that much because the AC would still need to be on in the church. Pastor moved and Cheryl seconded, to stay in the church for the summer months.
- DEW to come out and give a quote on updating the phone system.
- Blessing of the backpacks will be August 9, 2026.
- Steve Bales volunteered to lead the service on June 28, 2026, while Pastor is on vacation. Discussed having a Hymn-fest. He will also lead the confirmation class.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Senior Sending, May 17, 2026
- Confirmation Class begins May 31, 2026
- Pastor on vacation, June 22-28, 2026

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

Salem Lutheran Church  
June 14, 2026, at 10:15 AM  
(unofficial)

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

Prayer Concerns: None at this time.

Approval of Agenda: Dottie moved to approve, Bobby seconded, motion passed to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Cheryl moved to approve, Steve seconded, motion passed to approve May minutes.

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information; will be cashing in a CD this month to help with summer expenses.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Decision to have the first acolyte training class on August 9 after church; will send invitations to the prospective participants.

Nurture: Team Family Day in July.

Response: Nothing to report.

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:

- Decision to have DEWW I.T. update the phone system and install boosters. The estimate is \$7,617.82 with a \$158.24 monthly fee. The money in the Continuing Repair Fund can be used. Steve moved to call a special congregational meeting on July 5, 2026, to recommend accepting a bid of \$7,617.82 to update the telephone system, Bobby seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

- The office staff is prepared and has plans in place in the event of disaster. All the fire extinguishers were inspected on June 2, 2026, with a recommendation to get another fire extinguisher for the education building. Cheryl moved to purchase an extra fire extinguisher for the education building, Brittney seconded, motion passed.
- Steve Bales will lead the service on June 28, 2026, while Pastor is on vacation; will have a Hymn-fest. He will also lead the confirmation – Sunday School class.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Pastor on vacation, June 22-28, 2026
- Team Family Day, July 12, 2026, 2:00 – 4:00PM
- Blessing of the Backpacks, August 9, 2026

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary





**June:**

- June 5th: Dante Ham
- June 6th: Lorena Barjenbruch  
    & Margaret Gosnell
- June 12th: John Barjenbruch
- June 18th: Paul Kelm
- June 26th: Dianna Hahn
- June 29th: Clay Bates
- June 30th: Sean Strakos

**July:**

- July 1st: David Barjenbruch
- July 8th: Michael Barjenbruch
- July 10th: Karen Blinka
- July 11th: Hillary Franke  
    and Lynn Hahn
- July 15th: Ervin Berger
- July 17th: Cynthia Hons
- July 18th: Dottie Caldwell  
    and Eddie Strakos
- July 22nd: Colby Vickery
- July 30th: Kayden Caraway
- July 31st: Kirby Albrecht

**June:**

- June 7th: Clint & Laurel Myers
- June 18th: Damon & Martha Vickery
- June 27th: Michael & Cheryl Caraway
- June 29th: Bobby & Retha Hahn
- June 30th: William & Virginia Hahn

**July:**

- July 4th: Kirby & Elizabeth Albrecht
- July 7th: Mike & Brittney Rothmann
- July 9th: Rob & Lorena Barjenbruch
- July 27th: Al & Rhonda Nielsen

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*Please call the church office for any  
 additions or corrections.*  
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*May your trips, vacations, gatherings be blessed,  
 and stay safe during your travels.*

## *Our Prayer Concerns ...*

**ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

Billy Guenther's knee surgery went well and he is healing!

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Clay Bates	Ashley Ruddick	Dana Durham
Krysten Smalley	Debra Harabis	Esther Horn
Nate Smith	Oliver Kluna	Lloyd Bales
Courtney Felder-Dodd		

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Marvin Strakos	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:**

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.