

September 2026

Salem Lutheran Church
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SEPTEMBER 2026

Pastor's Corner

Office closed September 7th for Labor Day

Grandparents Day, September 13, 2026



Salem Lutheran Church
" Sharing the love of Christ "

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Council Ministry Teams

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

Pastor's Corner



Hi dear friends,

It hardly seems possible that September is here.

I, for one, am looking forward to cooler temperatures and rain. While waiting for them it is good to pray not only for those two things to happen, but also for us to be faithful until they do.

We continue to care for those who are struggling, for those who the heat and drought are weighing heavily on them, for those who have no a/c. In continuing to care for others we are being Jesus to the community, showing them God's love during difficulties. Well, done all!

Blessings,
Pastor

It's that time again!

Nominations for the 2027 Salem Church Council will be starting soon. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding open positions.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one!

September



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

Dear Members of the Salem Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Oasis Showers. Because of your support we can assist our local neighbors with a clean shower and fresh clothes.

Your kindness is truly making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,
The Oasis Shower Team



Thank you for your continued support of Salem's Mission Statement: "**Sharing the Love of Christ**".

During the month of August we helped a 3 families with utility bills and gave 3 people HEB food cards.

Your generosity is un-wavering!

The next Salem Church Council meeting will be held on September 13, 2026 at 10:15AM

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

August's offering totaled - \$ 17,934.83
AND
we collected \$1,107 for the Food Pantry!

Messages from the Church Council ...

**Salem Lutheran Church
(Un-official Minutes from last meeting)
August 9, 2026, at 10:15 AM**

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

Prayer Concerns: No new ones at this time.

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Acolyte training will be rescheduled.

Nurture: The Team Family Event went well, however, not many participated.

Response: Remind Larena to pass out sign-up sheets for the Deanery Luncheon.

Property: Be aware of wasp nests out by the playground. May need to spray.

Old Business:

- The new telephone system will be installed as soon as one piece of equipment arrives.
- Wehmeyer Services has still not billed us the remaining balance for the AC units installed last year. Pastor moved and Brittney seconded, motion passed to pay PJ Wehmeyer \$12,411.21.

New Business:

- Pastor moved to accept David Butcher as a member, Bobby seconded, motion passed.
- Steve Bales will lead the worship service on August 30, 2026, while Pastor is on vacation; will have a hymn-fest.
- Salem is hosting the Deanery Luncheon on October 15, 2026.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Pastor on vacation Augst 24 - August 31, 2026.
- Deanery Luncheon on October 15, 2026.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Caraway, Secretary



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SEPTEMBER

Already September!! Thanks to everyone who has already picked up a box! This month toys are recommended for your shoebox. We have 2 left.

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 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. 8, 2026. Pastor will bless the boxes and then it is off to Alamo Heights Baptist Church for collection week Nov. 9 thru 16.

De Colores!

“Sharing the Love of Christ”
ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of August:</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>30</u>
Worship Service:	44	51	49	54	33



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

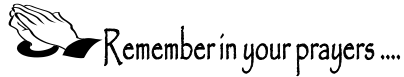
2nd: <i>Lindsey Smith</i> <i>Jason Yarborough</i> 4th: <i>Sophie Jo Franke</i> <i>Russell Kremling</i> <i>Lydia Strakos</i> 5th: <i>Pastor Jaster</i>	6th: <i>Emily Hahn</i> 7th: <i>Brian Caldwell</i> 19th: <i>Cecilia Dolezal</i> 21st: <i>Abigail Riske</i> 26th: <i>Kody Franke</i> 30th: <i>Katie Anderson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

September 1st: September 2nd: September 12th: September 20th: September 24th: September 29th:	<i>Bobby & Margaret Gosnell</i> <i>Marshall & Lindsey Smith</i> <i>Marvin & Lydia Strakos</i> <i>Forest & Nancy Canion</i> <i>Kody & Hillary Franke</i> <i>Dale & Linda Hahn</i>
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If you have an addition or correction to the
 Birthday's and Anniversary's, please call the church office.



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:

Nelson Scroggins	Debbie Caldwell	Betty Lee Sistare
Roxanne Harabis	Marvin Strakos	Bernice Haith
Brad Keller	Julie Barjenbruch	Ashley Ruddick
Oliver Kluna	Esther Horn	Lloyd Bales
Courtney Felder-Dodd		

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Clay Bates	Virginia Hahn	Nate Smith
Jill Williams	Damon Vickery	Joyce Schaefer
Janie Garza	Rita Boudreaux	Jason Boyd

SOLDALIS SENIOR LIVING RESIDENTS: Ruth Hahn

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

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: