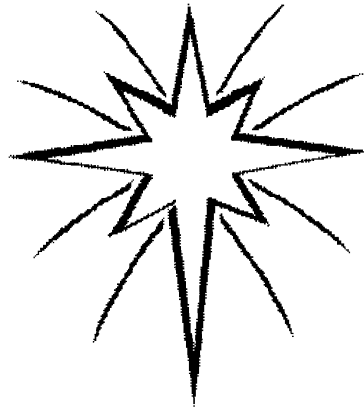


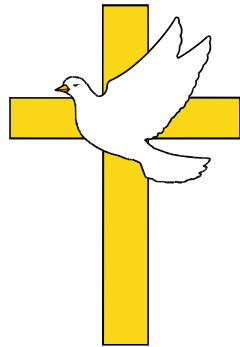
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August
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**AUGUST IS
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
MONTH!**



Salem Lutheran Church

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

Pastor's Ponderings,

Summer is coming to an end, as preparations are being made for the start of school, vacations are finishing up. However, the weather remains hot!

I am encouraged by your faithfulness in generously giving of your resources-time, money, energy and caring for others during these summer days. You continue to be a blessing to the community, putting into action Jesus' call to care for our neighbors as ourselves.

*Thank you!
Pastor*



Attention Salem Youth,

Have you ever wondered what it means to serve as an acolyte? We would love for you to join us for a brief Acolyte Training following worship on **August 9**, our **Backpack Blessing Sunday**. This training will introduce the role of the acolyte, explain the importance of their contribution to our weekly worship service, and provide an opportunity to learn how young people can actively participate in leading worship. Acolyting is a meaningful way for our young people to grow in their faith, serve the church, and take an active role in our worship community. We hope to see you there! If you cannot attend but would still like to serve, please contact Brittney Rothmann at (361) 537-7960.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Choir Rehearsal starts back
up for the fall on
Wednesday, August 12th
at 7:00PM!*

ATTENTION:

The first day of school is August 12, 2026.

On Sunday, August 9th we will be blessing the backpacks, brief cases, book-bags and totes!
Oh My!



Teachers and ALL Students (college, grad-school, etc!)
you are invited to bring them to worship to be blessed.

On Sunday, July 5, 2026 the Congregation voted to approve a proposal for updating the church's antiquated phone system from DewIT out of Victoria.

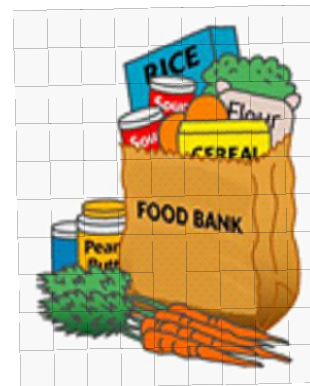
The plan has already been put in the works, and the new phone project should be completed very soon.

AUGUST IS SALEM'S TURN TO COLLECT FOR THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

**These are especially needed
items:**

Canned Pasta
Canned Chili
Paper Towels
Vienna Sausage
Hamburger Helper
Crackers

Jam/Jelly
Instant Potatoes
Oatmeal/Cereal
Mac N Cheese
Spam
Toilet Paper
Canned Fruit





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

AUGUST

Time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Shoeboxes! These boxes go all over the world. Last year the boxes Salem collected went to Mozambique! Some stay here in the USA for children affected by disasters. Please try to include some new socks and a new T-shirt. Hard to believe socks are a big deal.

The boxes are here! The boxes are free of charge. Please pick up one and fill it! Please do NOT include toothpaste, liquids of any kind and NO food. Apparently different countries have different shipping rules. The boxes are due November 16, 2026.

School supplies are in plentiful supply now. There are so many neat items available. The main items needed in each box are notebook paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens, Crayons, markers, mini-staplers, staples, ruler, glue stick, notepads, highlighters, school scissors, paper clips, and composition books. All children need these supplies. Some are able to go to school for the first time because these items were in their shoebox. We take Crayons for granted, but in other countries, Crayons are very expensive. Most families cannot afford to buy them, so please include a box in your shoebox.

Shipping is \$10.00 per box. You may donate money for shipping if you wish.

It is a lot of fun to go shopping for these items and know they are appreciated and needed.

De Colores!

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

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

Be sure to mark your calendars for these dates!

August is Salem's turn for collect items for the Food Pantry.

Sunday, August 9th, Blessing of the Backpacks.

Sunday, August 16th, First Baptist Men's Quartet

Salem Lutheran Church
(Un-official Minutes from last meeting)
July 12, 2026, at 10:15 AM

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

Prayer Concerns: None at this time.

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

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Dottie moved to approve, Larena seconded, motion passed to approve June minutes and the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on July 5, 2026.

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: Nothing to report.

Response: Nothing to report.

Property: New pads have been ordered for the AED located in the back of the church.

Old Business:

- The congregation voted unanimously in favor of the new telephone system. The contract has been signed with DEWW I.T. and will be moving forward with the installation.
- Wehmeyer Services has still not billed us the remaining balance for the AC units installed last year. Pastor moved and Cheryl seconded, motion passed to pay PJ Wehmeyer the amount of the bid minus what we already paid. Steve will call PJ with this information

New Business:

- A 6-month CD at First National Bank matured and was deposited into a checking account. Then it was realized that these funds are dedicated and not needed at this time for their allocations. Pastor moved and Dottie seconded, motion passed to open a new CD with these same funds and their earnings equaling \$7,337.53 to another CD.

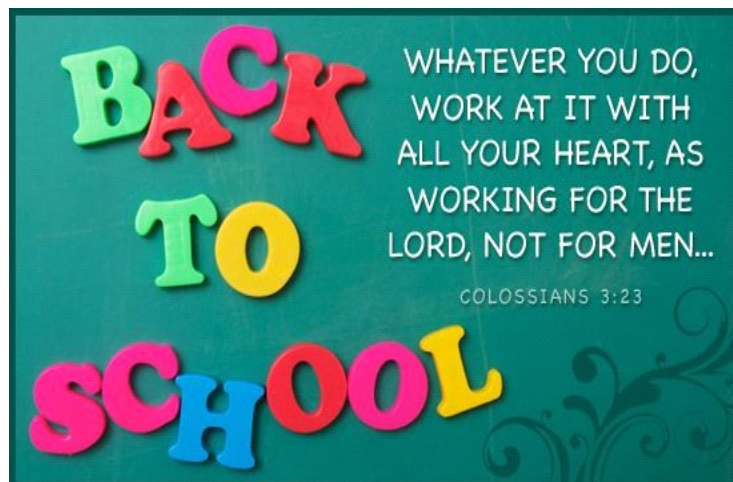
Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- 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



FROM THE SLC COUNCIL

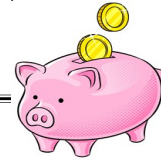
Next Council
Meeting -
Sunday,
August 9th
at **10:00AM.**

Thank you for your continued generosity to all Salem's ministries.

During the months of June and July we helped 6 people with food, electricity, phones and a trip to Galveston for housing.

Salem Lutheran Church is blessed to be a blessing.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Income/Expenditure Chart (Rounded off to nearest dollar)

	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (Loss)
January	\$ 37,061.00	\$ 19,906.00	\$ 17,155.00
February	\$ 14,207.00	\$ 18,649.00	\$ (4,442.00)
March	\$ 18,398.00	\$ 19,625.00	\$ (1,227.00)
April	\$ 21,681.00	\$ 18,912.00	\$ 2,769.00
May	\$ 16,014.00	\$ 20,256.00	\$ (4,242.00)
June	\$ 23,113.00	\$ 18,773.33	\$ 4,339.67
YEAR TOTALS	\$ 130,474.00	\$ 116,121.33	\$ 14,352.67

*July's offering totaled - \$ 19,695.39
We need roughly \$20,000 per month to meet our
monthly expenses.*

*A complete expense report was not finalized
for the August newsletter.*

“Sharing the Love of Christ”
ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of June:</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>
Worship Service:	64	49	33	38
<u>SUNDAYS of July:</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>
Worship Service:	44	49	40	35

August



4th:: Glenda Franke
10th: Susan Wax
13th: Pam Bales
Linda Hahn
Mark Howell
Al Nielsen
26th: Nicholas Yarborough
28th: Leigh Burton

August 4th:
Marty & Holly Strakos
August 16th:
Joel & Katie Anderson
August 21st:
Harlen & Altus Aschen

*Please call the church office for any
additions or corrections.*



Remember in your prayers



ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bernice Haith	Dianna Hahn	Brad Keller
Julie Barjenbruch	Jill Williams	Nate Smith
Ashley Ruddick	Oliver Kluna	Esther Horn
Lloyd Bales	Courtney Felder-Dodd	

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Clay Bates	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.

Our Prayer list helps us focus on those with specific needs whether they are members, family or friends.