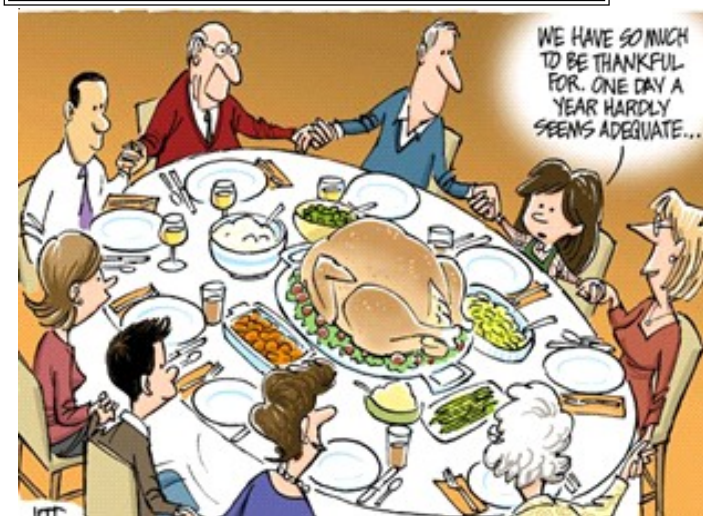
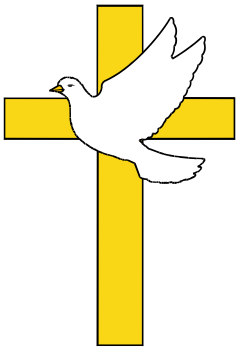
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Nurture	Dottie Caldwell	571-0668
Response	Larena Benedick	746-0999
Property	Bobby Hahn	655-4318

Blessings you saints.

The Reformation commemoration and Pastor Apperciation pot luck was lovely. Your card and fellowship warmed my heart. Thank you so very much! You bless me each and every day.

As we enter the holidays with Thanksgiving and Advent just around the corner, remember in all the busyness, planning, and chaos that you are enough and that God loves you. As we think on that we move forward in planning for a new year in ministry to each other and to our community. Salem has so much to offer, you each have a part in the mission of loving, caring, and helping our neighbors.

I am so thankful for your thoughtful generosity this past year. As we near the end of the year, please check your statements as we recover from the computer meltdown glitch. We are almost back up to speed. We lost all of 2025 and the first 10 months of 2026. Terri did a great job of entering them all by hand, one by one. It is easy to make mistakes. If you find one, please let us know so we can get that corrected.

One of the things we need this coming year is someone to be our Treasurer. Karen has served 2 terms and cannot serve another. If you are interested, or feel the Spirit nudging you please contact me.

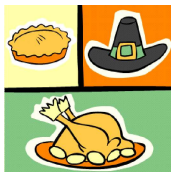
Peace,
Pastor





Saturday, November 1st, turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed!!





The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday feast.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

There are a few Giving Statements left to pick up in the Narthex. Please, please, please, make sure yours are correct. We had a few mishaps with our QuickBooks program and need to make sure everything has been corrected correctly.

Altar Guild will meet immediately after worship on Sunday, November 22th. If you have any questions, please contact Retha Hahn at 920-1248.

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!

COMING SOON …

Advent Mid- Week Worship meal and services, starting Wednesday,December 2nd.

COMING SOON …

SLC Annual Congregational Meerting; Sunday, January 24, 2027

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX NOVEMBER

The time has finally arrived to finish packing our shoeboxes! Sunday, November 15th is the last day for turning in shoeboxes. Pastor Jaster will bless the boxes during the service. So be sure and have your box there on Nov. 15th. National collection week is Nov. 16-23, 2026.

You can turn in your boxes anytime before that. As the boxes come in, we will take them to the sanctuary. Hopefully, we will have a big pile of them!

Tags are on the shoe boxes. Please designate if your box is for a boy or girl and the age of the child.

We will need $10 for shipping for each box.

Thanks to everyone for participating in making this a successful ministry for Salem Lutheran Church.

De Colores!

Salem Lutheran Church
October 11, 2026, at 10:15 AM

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

Prayer Concerns: St. James Lutheran Church in Ganado

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information. The unexpected $3,000.00 electric company change fee was put under additional expense.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Nothing to report.

Nurture: The October Team Family Day was cancelled; hoping a December date will work out.

Response: A signup sheet to update the congregation call list for help with dinners will be passed around during church service.

Property: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

· Salem will host the Deanery Luncheon on October 15, 2026.

· Time to start thinking of 2027 Council nominations for Treasurer.

New Business:

· All agreed to have Signe Frederickson come back and go over financial stewardship options with the congregation again.

· Terri's computer crashed due to not enough memory space. The 2025 Quick books was lost and she is now manually entering. Pastor's laptop is getting old as well. Pastor moved to purchase office computers – business desktop and business laptop and a battery backup for $4,329.85 and possibly a 2 Terabyte hard drive, Karen seconded, motion passed. DEWW I.T. will set it all up and transfer all data to make it ready to go. The money in the continuing repair fund will pay for this, however, Steve will mention it in church service for possible donations.

· Portico insurance went up 15% for 2027, which is about $100 a month.

· All agreed to roll over the maturing October CD and discuss the maturing November CD at next meeting.

· Pastor moved to approve the memorial gift of a bench and planting a tree in memory of Lynn Hahn by his family. Cheryl seconded and motion passed.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

· Deanery Luncheon on October 15, 2026.

· Annual Congregational Meeting on January 24, 2027

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

TREASUER'S REPORT

October's offering totaled: $14,351.00

(rounded to the nearest dollar)

The next council meeting will be held Sunday, November 8th at 10:30AM.





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HAPPY THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

P	C	O	W	X	Y	W	O	C	O	W	X	Y	W	W
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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

1.	THANKSGIVING	5.	THANKFUL	9.	STUFFING	13.	PUMPKIN
2.	HOLIDAY	6.	FOOD	10.	SALAD	14.	PIE
3.	FAMILY	7.	TURKEY	11.	BREAD	15.	VEGETABLES
4.	FRIENDS	8.	POTATOES	12.	YAM	16.	HAM

"Sharing the Love of Christ"
ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAYS of October:	04	11	18	25
Worship Service:	30	40	43	39



It's that time of year again! Time to start updating our member information for the 2027 telephone directory. A copy of last year's is in the Narthex for you to make corrections for your family.



November Birthdays

2nd: Altus Aschen
Rhonda Neilsen
3rd: Dianna Sturm
8th: Bobby Gosnell
11th: Ruth Hahn
14th: Bill Hons
15th: Clarice Kremling
16th: Nancy Canion
27th: Joel Anderson
Eddie Witt
29th: Dorothy Witt



November Anniversarys

18th: Scot & Leigh Burton
21st: David & Dianna Hahn
25th: Mark & Lauren Howell
27th: Ronnie & Kathy Riske

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



In order to keep track of our members and their unfolding need for prayers and support, we have to rely on you and your family members to keep us updated. Please call the church office at 361-552-9379 when there is a change in your or your loved one's condition or treatment plan. That includes when surgery is scheduled and especially when you return home. Making sure your family members have these phone numbers as well.

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Nelson Scroggins	Roxanne Harabis	Marvin Strakos
Bernice Haith	Brad Keller	Julie Barjenbruch
Oliver Kluna	Esther Horn	Lloyd Bales

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Clay Bates	Virginia Hahn	Nate Smith
Jill Williams	Damon Vickery	Joyce Schaefer

SOLDALIS SENIOR LIVING RESIDENTS: Ruth Hahn

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

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: