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From the Pastor's Computer
Holy Week Schedule
Good Friday Prayer Vigil Information



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**"I'm gonna say my prayers, Daddy.
Do you have any requests?"**



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“ Sharing the Love of Christ “

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM
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Pastor	Pastor Daniel L. Zellmer	552-6069 (cell) 652-3214
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Prayer Ministry	Jennifer Hahn	676-7348
Clothing God's Children	Lorie Paul	874-4213
Altar Guild Leader	Retha Hahn	920-1248

Executive Council

President	Mike Rothmann	552-6893
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Treasurer	Cathy Hahn	552-5100

Council Ministry Teams

Proclaim	Clairce Thiede	281-685-7409
Nurture	Dottie Caldwell	571-0668
Response	Wanda Hahn	676-2046
Property	Retha Hahn	920-1248

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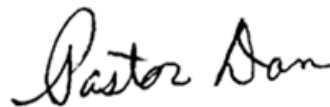
Let's talk about Lent. Two points to ponder:

First, the Easter morning cross that we place our fresh flowers on is in the narthex with a pad of paper for you write on. You are invited to write a note and place it into the mesh that is wrapped around the cross. You may write a Lenten discipline that you have chosen to focus on during this season, a Lenten action that you have chosen to take on or give up, a sin that you are confessing and choosing to remove from your life or even a prayer concern that you desire to place in God's care. They will not be read by anyone and they will be destroyed after our Good Friday service.

Secondly, our Lenten Season Offerings have been designated for the 2018 Synod Assembly. That offering is being gathered to support the ELCA Leadership Fund which provides scholarships for future pastors and leaders for our church. These scholarships are important for the future of the ELCA.

Have a blessed month.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Dan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

March Announcements

The office will be close on Good Friday,
March 30th at Noon and will remain closed on
Monday, April 2nd for Easter.

LACE Luncheon

(Ladies After Christ's Example)

Will start back up on March 17th at 11AM!

**The Men's Fellowship Breakfast group will gather
on March 21, 2018 at 7:00AM. Please join us!**



Spring is on its way and the Salem sanctuary needs a good dusting! The return of the LACE Luncheon is scheduled for March 17th. That would be a great day to work in the sanctuary and then enjoy a wonderful lunch provided by Wanda Hahn in the Fellowship Hall. We will have all the tools and supplies needed, except for "hands". And we all know that many hands make for quick work!

Salem Lutheran Church Sanctuary

9 am, March 17th

NOTE: Gentlemen are more than welcome to come help clean. However, LACE stands for "Ladies After Christ's Example".



PALM SUNDAY, March 25, 2018:

Here at Salem Lutheran Church:

9:00 AM Procession with Palms and Holy Communion

At Alamo Heights Baptist Church (next door to SLC):

7:00 PM Calhoun County Ministerial Alliance

Palm Sunday Community Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29, 2018 – Salem Lutheran Church

7:00 PM Laying on of Hands and Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30, 2018 – Salem Lutheran Church

7:00 AM-7:00 PM Good Friday Prayer Vigil

7:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1, 2018 – Salem Lutheran Church

9:00 AM

- Holy Communion Worship

- Easter Sunday Brunch

- Easter Egg Hunt after Brunch

All are invited to Salem's Annual Easter Sunday Brunch held following worship. After brunch in lieu of Sunday School, there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children. **(BYOB; Bring Your Own Basket, eggs will be provided!)**

Be sure to bring your fresh cut flowers Easter Sunday Morning for our cross!





MARCH 30, 2018

6:00AM – 7:00PM

We will once again be holding a Good Friday prayer vigil on March 30, 2018 from 6am until Good Friday church service at 7pm.

The GOAL of this prayer vigil time is to collectively enter into prayer during this holiest time of year. As a church family we are joining together from wherever we are, handing off the vigil from one person to the next. It's a way of joining together even when we are apart. It's a way of trusting that we are partnering together, taking turns to cover our church, our community, our world with prayer as we dwell in the darkness of Good Friday. It's an opportunity to be FUELED by a closeness to God and create a culture in which prayer is woven into the fabric of our daily live and our relationships with each other.

We are asking that each of our church family commit to at least 30 minutes during this time period to dedicate themselves to prayer. You can pray at home, work, in the car, wherever you can find a quiet place to have a conversation with God. We will try to have the church open throughout the day starting at 8am for those that who to pray there.

We will have signup sheets after church service for the next couple of Sundays. Please find a time slot(s) that works for you and make the commitment so we can cover every minute with prayer.

Thanks,
Prayer Team

A few Prayer Suggestions are listed on the next page.

- ✓ Preparation: Ask God to help you spend this time profitably with him. Give yourself to him for this time.

- ✓ Confession: Spend a moment going over with him recent sins that weigh on you, but don't dredge up old ones. Ask for his cleansing, and then accept it by faith and thank him for it.

- ✓ Praise and thanksgiving: Thank God for his goodness to you and your friends. There's a special sense in which God "inhabits" the praises of his people. As your heart begins to adore him, you'll sense his presence more deeply.

- ✓ Petition: Pray about life's difficulties. Use this time to talk over with the Lord your own struggles. Discuss with him your relationship with your loved one or spouse, your family, your financial needs, your studies or job.

- ✓ Intercession: Pray for friends, loved ones, relatives, neighbors, fellow workers. Don't just read a list of names to God, but talk to him about their lives and needs. You can boldly ask him for their salvation. Ask God to bring Christians into their lives, to alter circumstances, and to give you opportunities for witness.

- ✓ Prayer for the church: Call on God for a deep renewal of love for him. Pray for your pastor and church leaders. Intercede for the Sunday school children and the youth, the families, the singles, the widows, the sick and shut-ins. Call on God for an increase in giving so the church can accomplish its work. Pray for the Christian organizations working with the college students, children, military personnel, and the homeless in your community.

- ✓ Prayer for the nation: Pray that God will guide our president and legislators, our justices and judges, our governors and mayors, our police and firefighters. Pray for righteousness in government and a public policy sensitive to the needs of the oppressed both here and abroad.

- ✓ Prayer for other nations: Pray for the work of Christ throughout the world. Intercede for unreached peoples. Pray for missionaries, for Third World pastors and churches, for the people of God who are suffering persecution. Pray for peace. Ask God to give food, shelter, and hope to the hungry.

FROM THE SLC COUNCIL

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 5, 2018

Council Members in Attendance: Pastor Dan, Wanda Hahn, Cathy Hahn, Clarice Thiede, Retha Hahn, Mike Rothmann, Joel Anderson and Lindy Cain

Devotional- Cathy Hahn read a personal devotional favorite of hers from her devotional book.

Prayer and Concerns – We all celebrated the marriage of Dottie and Brian. Rick Turpen is back in the hospital and still in bad shape. JoAnn Hahn still bravely battling cancer.

Approval of Agenda – Retha moved, Lindy seconded, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – Pastor Dan moved, Lindy seconded, motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer- 2018 has started on a positive note!

Pastor – Still retiring at the end of 2018. Council had a brief discussion as to how soon we should begin our search for a new pastor.

Proclaim – Nothing this meeting

Nurture –Nothing this meeting

Response –Nothing this meeting

Property –

Retha has a list of things we NEED to do on the property.

Safety first-Complete Exterior Lighting before Ash Wednesday

Fix Broken Pews – Will be done before the end of February

Remodel the Sanctuary restrooms and make them unisex.

Finish the playground.

Also, things to do in the future – Handrails at the altar, Lighting in the Sanctuary and more.

Old Business – Pastor Dan made moved to designate the Lent offering for the 2018 Senate Assembly Offering. Wanda seconded, motion carried. Castle Construction has not started construction yet.

New Business –

Council reviewed annual minutes and made a few clarifications and corrections.

Mike Rothmann will be emailing the councilperson schedule this week.

Council decided to keep the monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 and Pastor Dan encouraged council to please “reply all” to the reminder email, if you are NOT going to be able to attend a monthly meeting. March’s Council Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday, March 20th (because of Spring Break)

Endowment Fund update –

Salem Endowment Board is updating the funds. Pastor Dan moved that David Hahn, Keith Ueckert, and Cathy Hahn to be authorized signatories for the ELCA Endowment Fund A. Mike 2nd, motion carried.

Salem will perform background checks on all members who handle money and/or work with kids.

Calendar

Motion to Adjourn: Pastor Dan moved, Joel seconded, motion carried.

Closing Prayer – The Lord’s Prayer.

The next Salem Lutheran Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:30PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

*A full report was not available for the newsletter;
February's offering currently totals - \$16,082.59
~ AND ~
We collected \$ 1,601. for the Food Pantry!*



Property Team Update

This is a list of current projects and their progress that hopefully suggest to strangers that we are alive and eager to grow.

If you are interested in leading and/or participating in any of these projects, please let us know.

Courtyard Lighting: New dusk-to-dawn lights have been installed and are temporarily hooked up so that we can have lights during our Wednesday night Lenten services. Permanent wiring will be completed soon. The old courtyard lights will be disconnected and removed. (Outside Contractor)

Outdoor Sanctuary & Walkway Lights: The wiring for these lights was broken during Harvey, and will have to be repaired. This is next on the electrician's list. Another dusk-to-dawn light will be installed above the sanctuary main entrance that will provide extra lighting, not only for the entrance, but along the sidewalk from the Fellowship Hall. (Outside Contractor)

Playground Cleanup: The fence and borders are down, and once the ground dries up a bit more, the rubber mulch will be removed. The area will be filled with fresh soil, and sod will be laid in preparation for the new playground equipment. *Help will be needed to spread the soil and lay the sod.*

Playground Equipment: The equipment has been purchased and is being stored in Clint Myers barn. *Help will be needed to install this equipment.*

Harvey Repairs: Most of the repairs are being completed by Castle Construction. These primarily include repairs to sheetrock in the education building and sanctuary. Other items, such as replacing the damaged door on the south end of the education building, and removing the skylights and reroofing the office building will also be done. (Outside Contractor)

Courtyard Fencing: The wooden portion of the courtyard fence will be replaced with iron fencing. This will include a matching handrail on the steps of the walkway going to the sanctuary that will extend to the brick pillars. A cost estimate has been requested. (Outside Contractor)

Landscaping: The diseased sago palms will be removed, and the courtyard landscaping will be updated. There will also be landscaping added to the highway side of the office building and sanctuary. *Ideas and help will be needed for these projects.*

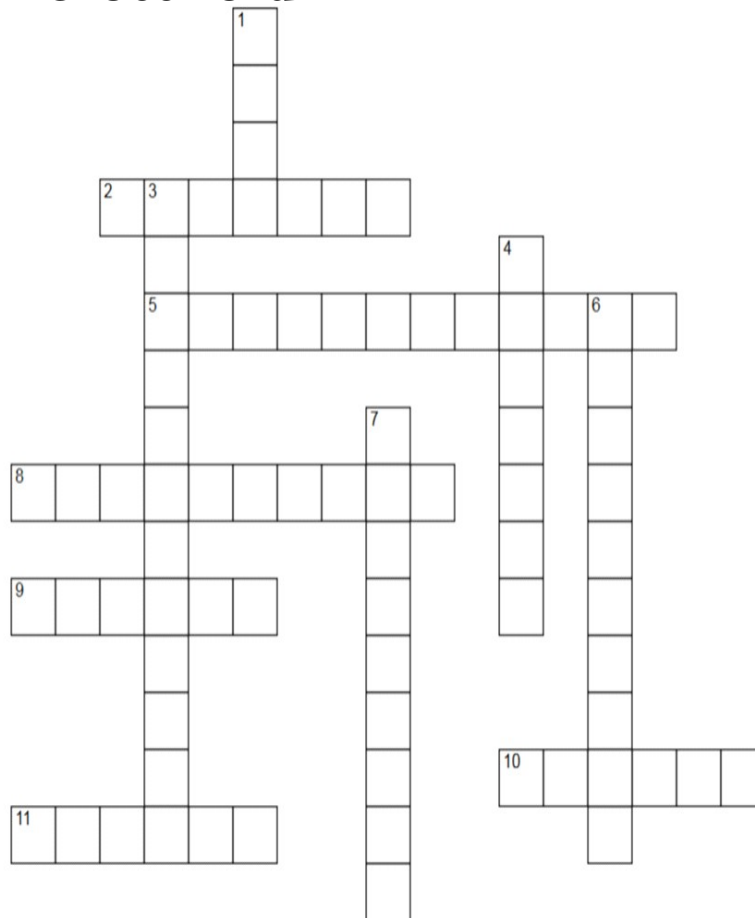
Education Building: Two rooms currently used for miscellaneous storage will be cleaned out. Broken and unwanted items will be hauled off. The rest will be organized so that they can be accessed when needed. The baseboards and trim in the hallways will be sanded down and prepped for painting. *Help will be needed for these projects.*

EXIT & Emergency Lighting: New EXIT signs with emergency lighting have been purchased and will be installed in the sanctuary and education building. (Outside Contractor)

**Just like our homes, continuous repairs and improvements are required to maintain our physical assets.
Please help where your time, skills and abilities allow.**

Retha Hahn
Property Team Leader
361-920-1248

Lenten Crossword



ACROSS

- 2 Restricting the food that we eat
- 5 The last day of Lent
- 8 The day Jesus was crucified
- 9 On Ash Wednesday when you get your ashes:
" _____ and know the Gospel"
- 10 Mini-feast days or days you do not have to fast or sacrifice during Lent
- 11 Talking to God or the saints

DOWN

- 1 The 40 Day period of preparation before Easter
- 3 The first day of Lent
- 4 One day a week during Lent when we fast and pray extra
- 6 Giving of ourselves, money, time, or materials for those less fortunate
- 7 Offering/ giving up something 'good' on earth to focus on our relationship with God.

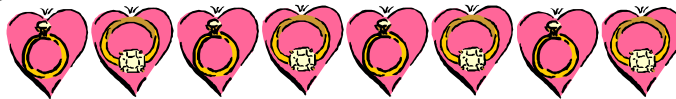
Answers are on the "Attendance" page.



March 2nd: Kendall Farmer
March 3rd: Hunter Rubin
March 6th: Lena Svetlik
March 8th: Cecil Brooks
March 9th: Richard Featherston
March 11th: Dorothy Featherston
March 12th: Janice Marek
March 12th: Amanda Rubin
March 14th: Lindy Cain
March 14th: Cassandra Lawson
March 17th: Ann Halliburton
March 19th: Ryan Svetlik
March 22nd: Lauren Howell
March 25th: Fred Knipling
March 26th: Elizabeth Albrecht
March 27th: Kay Ham

**hope your birthday
is as awesome
as you are!**

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



Happy Anniversary to:
Richard and Dorothy Featherston
on March 9th
and to:
Chase and Kasey Polsen
on March 18th

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ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAYS of February: **04** **11** **18** **25**
Worship Service: 72 117 83 75



Welcomed Visitors:

February 4, 2018

Joe Bounz

February 11, 2018

Cassie & Ethan Adcock

Marcia Alex

Joe Bonuz

Stefanie Gossett

Eugene & Carolyn Hall

Larry & Kay Luther

Donnie & Judy Marek

Joyce May

Tommy May

Brittney Rothmann

Elizabeth Schneider

Matthew & Kimberly Schneider

Gary & Dina Smith & Kara

Steve Steed

Fritz & Geraldine Sturm

Jeanean Williams

February 18, 2018

Joe Bonuz

Sheery Haynes

Tommy May

Tyler, Nolan, Lilly, Marlea

and Annabelle Paul

February 25, 2018

The Adcok Family

Joe Bonuz

Bonnie Pierson

Albert & Susan Wax

Eddie & Dorothy Witt

Lent Crossword Puzzle Answers:

ACROSS

2 fasting

5 Holy Saturday

8 Good Friday

9 repent

10 Sunday

11 prayer

DOWN

1 Lent

3 Ash Wednesday

4 Fridays

6 almsgiving

7 sacrifice

SALEM'S PRAYER REQUESTS:

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 or me on my cell at 361-652-3214 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.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Dan

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

JoAnn Hahn	Dustin Caraway	Levi Weber
Ben Anderson	Ricky Marek	Kathy Konrad
Cathy Propst	Ronald Squyres	Cindy Schneider
Karen Fowler		

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

John Mills	Sanda Ruddick	Candice Harabis
Dorothy Featherston	Major and Daphne Dodd and their parents	
Wynde Albrecht Pustejovsky		Buddy Winder
Lloyd Bales	Rita Boudreaux	Fred Knipling

TRINITY SHORE RESIDENTS:

Sonny Gottschalt	L.C. Gossett	Betty Sue Kupatt
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BROOKEDALE RESIDENT:

Ruth Hahn

VITALITY COURT RESIDENT:

Nelson Marek

PORT LAVACA NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

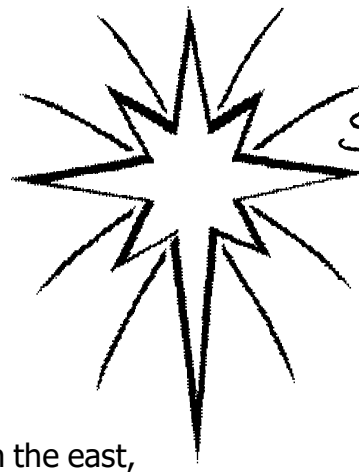
Rick Turpen	Annette Ueckert	Annie Halliburton
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THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

Shaughnessy Howell - Tripler AMC, Honolulu
Zane Williams (grandson Buddy and Lucille Winder)
Joe Workman (nephew of Kay Ham)

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

The family of Gerald Carter in his death.



The
Salem
Star

"We have seen his star in the east,
and have come to worship Him."
Matthew 2:2

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