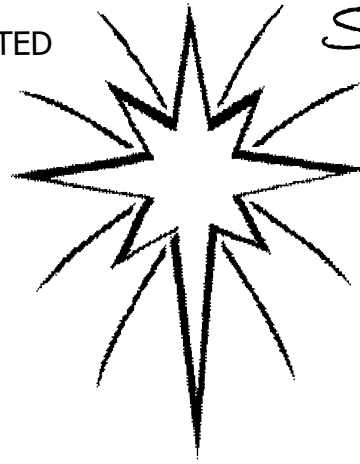
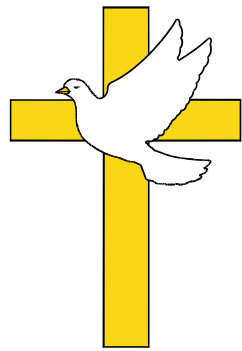


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Nurture	Dottie Caldwell	571-0668
Response	Wanda Hahn	676-2046
Property	Retha Hahn	920-1248

From the Pastor's Computer:

I would like to share the newsletter article that Pastor Paul Muehlbrad wrote in the St. Mark's Messenger (Cuero).

Easter is not just a day – it's a season. It is 50 days of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord encompassing 7 Sundays until the Day of Pentecost on May 20th. Our joy is expressed in the exclamations of "Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!" ("Alleluia" means "praise the Lord.") It is true we celebrate the resurrected Lord every Sunday of the year, but all the 50 days of Easter rise to the greatest celebration of and in Christ.

Easter is not just a season – it's a way of life. Remembering Christ's crucifixion and death, we are always turned toward the hope and joy of the resurrection. As Christians we live in great hope and joy. Our great hope and joy is not based in the things of the world – wealth or health, laurel or luster – but on the things of Christ's living Spirit within and among us. This is especially the knowledge of our own future resurrection and the assurance of the resurrection of all in Christ. But also, everyday is a hope and joy knowing the living, loving Lord is with us (even in our most suffering state) and gives us strength and courage and much grace to live bound in ways of love as children of God and sister and brothers of Jesus Christ.

*Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Pastor Paul Muehlbrad*

I believe that covers this season of the church year very well, don't you?

Hopefully, as you already know our Lenten Season Offerings have been designated for the 2018 Synod Assembly. That offering has been gathered to support the ELCA Leadership Fund which provides scholarships for seminarians. These scholarships are important for the future of the ELCA. Our total is \$2,220. Congratulations!

In a similar but separate focus, the Tiemann Endowment for Leadership Development is being created to celebrate and honor Bishop Ray and his wife Debbie as he retires after serving as our bishop for 18 years. This will generate scholarships for the development of lay and clergy within the Southwest Texas Synod. See the pages in this newsletter that describe this fund or go to <http://www.swtsynod.org/tiemann>.

I am making a request of our Endowment Committee to make a donation to this new fund. In addition, Debbie and I have decided to give a leadership gift of \$1,000.00 to this fund as well. I invite each of you to consider a gift as well. Any donations given through Salem during April will be taken to the Synod Assembly as well. The primary goal is \$39,000, but there will be an ongoing emphasis to build up the fund for the future ministry of this Synod.

Have a blessed month.
Your servant in Christ,

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

MAKING A **DIFFERENCE**
WITH YOU!



**Tiemann Endowment Fund
for Leadership Development**

Each day, our family, friends, neighbors, and those we have yet to meet are impacting our communities in profound ways through the work of the church.

Please join us in honoring the faithful service Bishop Ray Tiemann has given our community of faith! Bishop Ray Tiemann has served our community of faith for the past 18-years as Bishop and a total of 39-years of ordained ministry in this synod. To honor his retirement, the *Tiemann Endowment Fund for Leadership Development* has been established to support the development of congregational lay leaders, pastors, and deacons serving under call.

Imagine what this gift will look like lived out!

Roberto, a volunteer youth worker, will now receive an *Advanced Certification in Youth and Family Ministry* to strengthen the ministry in his congregation.

To further congregational experiences and reach our multicultural community, Sarah will attend an intensive language course, while Katie will journey on a pilgrimage.

Pastor Martin will have financial assistance to participate in continuing education during his sabbatical.

These and other opportunities will be possible with support from the *Tiemann Endowment Fund for Leadership Development*.



How our Congregation is responding.

With your financial support, the *Tiemann Endowment Fund for Leadership Development* will make a significant impact in our community!

Our congregation is collecting gifts for a special appeal. Return your tax-deductible gift or pledge commitment to:

- ✓ **Our Congregation** - Please make checks payable to our congregation and note in the memo line *Tiemann Endowment Fund*.
- ✓ **Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest** - mail a check made payable to the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest with the memo line noted: *Tiemann Endowment Fund*.

Please Mail to: Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest
103 12th Street, Suite 201
Pflugerville, TX 78660

- ✓ **Give Online** - at www.swtsynod.org/tiemann to make a secure gift.

If you have questions, or need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our church office, or Deacon John Dellis at jdellis@lfs.org or (830) 305-2758. We thank you for the support you are providing for every leader who will be blessed deeply by this endowment.



Together with *YOU*, we can make a long-lasting impact in our community while significantly honoring Bishop Ray and Debbie Tiemann.

Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

-2 Corinthians 8:7, NRSV



Wednesday, April 18th
at 7:00AM

Chancel Choir Schedule:

- April 1st - Worship
- April 4th - Rehearsal following worship
- April 8th - Worship
- April 11th - Rehearsal
- April 18th - Rehearsal
- April 22nd - Worship
- April 25th - Rehearsal



To Salem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for all you did to make our mother's service a special one. Joann loved her church family and being a descendant of one of the charter families – she had many memories. She was baptized, confirmed, married and then her funeral service all at Salem.

Thank you also for the many prayers offered on her behalf. We appreciate Pastor Dan helping us plan and then lead the service, the parking attendants, ushers, musicians and the kitchen staff; everything was good! But most of all thank you Jesus, for paying the debt you didn't owe, for us who have a debt we can't pay. To God be the Glory – we know where our mother, Joann is. May Salem continue planting the seeds of faith and point the way to Jesus for the people in Port Lavaca and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,
Debbie Eilers and the family of Joann Hahn

FROM THE SLC COUNCIL

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 20, 2018

Council members in attendance:

Pastor Dan, Mike Rothmann, Clarice Theide, Wanda Hahn, Retha Hahn, Cathy Hahn, Dottie Caldwell, Joel Anderson.

Cathy Hahn shared a devotional

Prayer Concerns-We shared prayer concerns for Dorothy Caraways' family members, Dorothy Featherston and Rick Turpen.

Approval of Agenda-Mike moved, Retha seconded, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting-Cathy moved, Wanda seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer-Income for February was down and expenses were up due to Quikbooks updates and higher than usual gas bill. We are still in the black for the year but only by \$669.00.

Pastor-nothing at this point in the meeting.

Proclaim-Nothing this meeting.

Nurture-Dottie is looking into an intergenerational Sunday School program.

Response-Wanda is checking into a USA Lutheran community service project for Salem to participate in on Sept. 9, 2018, "God's Work, Our Hands". Ladies LACE Luncheon is on hold for the time being.

Property-Retha shared that the fuses have been repaired, courtyard lighting is progressing, finished playground cleanup, mulch from playground was put in flower beds, a sub-team is working on setting up the new playground equipment.

Old business-

Background checks-a list of people needing to be checked will be given to Terri. Members who deal with money, children and council members will be included.

Castle Construction is working in the Fellowship Hall texturing the ceiling in the kitchen and will be painting this week.

New Business-

Endowment Fund Status-Moving forward according to guidelines. Will work on constitutional by-laws. Plan on Congregational meeting to go over by-laws and vote on by-laws on June 3 or June 10. Pastor made motion, Retha seconded, motion passed.

Calendar- approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hahn, Acting Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

A approved Treasurer's Report was not ready for printing for this Salem Star newsletter.

March's offering totaled - \$15,003.95

~ AND ~

We collected \$2220. for the Synod Assembly offering

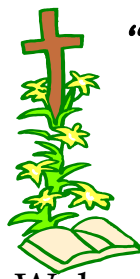


5th: Cathy Hahn
6th: Kenneth Boyd-Robertson
10th: Brooke Ruddick
11th: Jackson Powell
14th: Trace Myers
17th: Steve Bales
17th: Vera Hahn
17th: Caroline O'Donnell
22nd: Larena Kern
22nd: Ron Riske, Jr.
23rd: Mark Muller
30th: David Hahn



12th: Ervin & Janie Berger
26th: Ryan & Janna Powell

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



"Sharing the Love of Christ"
ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of March:</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>25</u>
Worship Service:	80	67	66	100

Welcomed Visitors:

March 4, 2018

Joe Bonuz
Tatum Stratton
Albert & Susan Wax

March 11, 2018

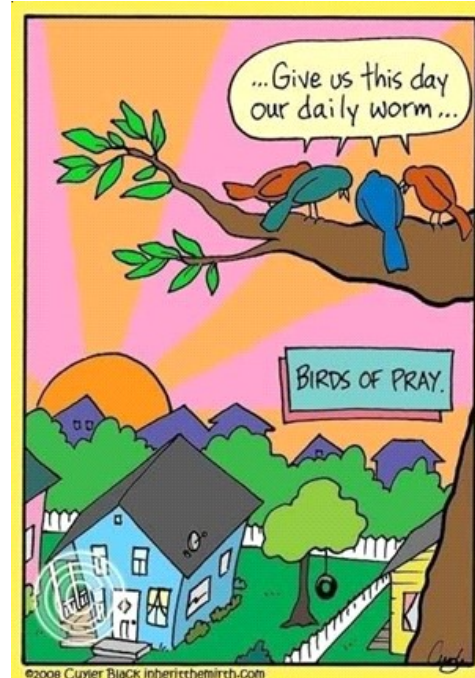
Martha & Jackson Blackmon
Stefanie Gossett
Brittney Rothmann
Leah Strakos
Albert & Susan Wax

March 18, 2018

Joe Bonuz
Brittney Rothmann
Ryan Strakos

March 25, 2018

Martha & Jackson Blackmon
Joe Bonuz
Tommy May
Caroline O'Donnell
John O'Donnell
Brittney Rothmann
Tatum Stratton



A new sign-up sheet for Gathering Fellowship snacks
has been posted and there are
several dates open for Altar flowers.



Our Prayer Concerns ...

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 Dan

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

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 Joann Hahn in her death.

