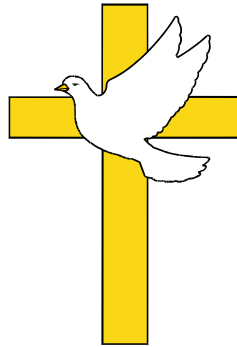


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Ponderings from the Pastor

Here's an opportunity to practice putting a Faith Practice into practice!

Give this a try. It is an excellent way for families to grow in faith and to deepen their relationship with each other.

Join **Southwestern Texas Synod** in a Faith Practice weekly online via Zoom **Mondays @ 7:15 PM ONLY**

Faith 5 is a faith practice in which we come together to share highs and lows, read a scripture verse, talk about it, pray for one another, and bless one another. We will do the same: break into small groups, share highs and lows, read a scripture verse or two, talk about it in our groups, pray with and for one another, and be sent out with a blessing. (15 minutes at most)

God invites us to be in community with God and others. Faith practices are regularly repeated practices that can, both personally and communally, enrich our attentiveness to the Holy Spirit, cultivate the life and character of Jesus Christ in us, and strengthen our love for God and others. These practices equip us to serve God and our neighbor better. We invite all, including families with kids, to participate in this meaningful practice.

The Zoom Link will be shared on the [website www.swtsynod.org](http://www.swtsynod.org) and on [our Facebook page](#) The Southwestern Texas Synod. We invite all, including families with kids, to participate in this meaningful practice.

Practicing Faith 5 connects people to God and one another, church to home, and faith to daily life. It enriches communication, deepens understanding, and promotes mental and spiritual health.

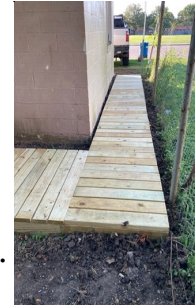


Caring for our Neighbors

Look at this gorgeous walkway at the Oasis Showers!

It was made possible completely through donations of materials and labors of love. Thank you to Marty Strakos for the materials and thank you to Bobby Hahn and his band of brothers for the carpentry work.

This walkway paved the way not only for dry feet, but for kindness, compassion and “Sharing the Love of Christ”.



Dear Church Family,

The response team would like to thank you all for your support of our recent community outreach project to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center. As you may know, the PHC is a free service which offers a compassionate place that offers testing, ultrasounds, and a caring, Christian environment for pregnant women of our community. Your donations of food and your time spent cooking dinner for the center were truly appreciated!

We are so grateful to have such a caring and supportive church family.

As we continue our journey of serving our community, we look forward to more opportunities to come together and make a positive difference.

Blessings,
Lindsey Smith, Response



OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX OCTOBER

Wow!! Already October!

Time to put the finishing touches on our Christmas Shoeboxes. All year we have been putting items in our boxes.

I still have some items to put in. So far the things put in boxes are: hygiene items, toys, clothing, school supplies and games. All boxes should contain hygiene items and school supplies. Please remember no toothpaste or food of any kind.

We still have some of the plastic boxes from Operation Shoebox.

For October a letter could be enclosed with a photo, if you desire. A copy of the letter was enclosed in the plastic bag when you got your box. Please pray over your box. We will also need \$10 per box for shipping. \$10 is really a bargain! All boxes should be turned in by Sunday, Nov 17. National collection week is Nov.18-25.

Thank you so much for participating in this most worthwhile project.

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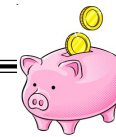
Messages from the Church Council



Thank you for all the continued support of Salem's community outreach ministries. The "Baby Bottle Boomerang" campaign for the Pregnancy Help center was a big hit!

Our cabinets are full, EXCEPT Oasis Showers need small and medium underwear for Men and Women.

In September we helped one family with rent, two people with food, and two Clothing God's Children.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Third Quarter Giving Statements have been printed and are available to pick up in the Narthex.

*A full report wasn't ready for the October newsletter.
September's offering totaled - \$ 16,544.
We need approximately \$18,000
per month to reach our expenses.*



A Womens Walk to Emmaus is scheduled for March 27-30, 2025.

This is not a physical walk. It is a three-day spiritual retreat based on Jesus appearance on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:11 – 35). It seeks to inspire, challenge, and equip participants for Christain action in their homes, places of work, and communities.

Feel free to contact any of the following if you have any questions or are interested in attending: Pam Bales, Cathy or Retha Hahn.

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ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of September:</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>
Worship Service:	39	57	50	55	58



4th: Wanda Flisowski

7th: Southern Strakos

8th: Scott Burton

12th: Brent Marek

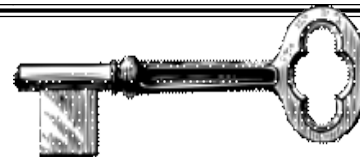
21st: Haley Bales

Kathy Riske

24th: Mike Rothmann

30th: Marty Strakos

If you have an addition or correction to the Birthday's and Anniversary's, please call the church office.



If you have a church key that you no longer use, please turn it in. We have no extras and we can not make duplicates of the key.

Thank you!





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.

Please make sure the person for whom you are requesting prayer wants to be on the prayer list. Non-member names will be removed from the prayer list after two weeks. Requesters should inform Pastor or the Church Secretary should the non-members still request to remain on the prayer list.

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

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Kristel Knipling	Rita Boudreaux	Matthew Haynes
Jack Thormahlen	Dorthy Caraway	Kenneth Eilers
Debbie Vitanza	Lisa Peitz	Janie Garza
Kelly Tomlison	Billy Guenther	Debra Harabis and family

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Damon Vickery	Chase Piwetz	Doris Malaer
Whitney McAfee	Cecil Boyd	William Witt
Nelson Scroggins	Joyce Schaefer	

MORADA SENIOR LIVING RESIDENT: Ruth Hahn

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

