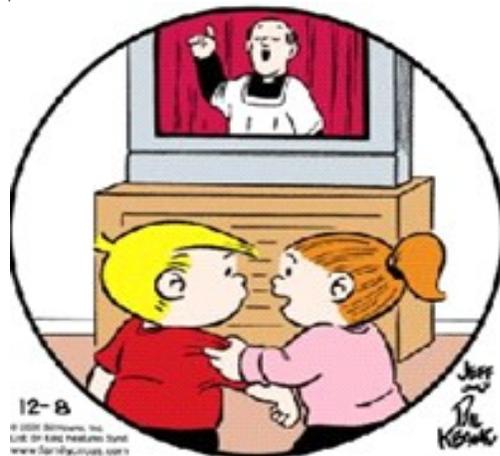


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"Hear that? People in heaven have
ever-laughing life."



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“ Sharing the Love of Christ “

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President	Steve Bales	482-6646
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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

Greetings all!

Lent has begun. For Lent this year we are looking at questions people have but are afraid to ask. I'll be addressing them on Wednesday nights and during the Bible Study hour on Sundays. There are some wonderful questions. The past Sunday we looked at the story of Jesus and the withering fig tree. We concluded that it is a story using what is at hand, a fig tree, to illustrate how important it is to put our faith into righteous (right relationship) action.

We'll start the Wednesday services by exploring how the Bible came to be, why it is assembled the way it is, and does it still have something to offer.

I was asked about Israel and Judah, so on March 1 we'll check out the Northern and Southern Kingdoms, Israel and Judah. We see why Israel split into two and then how Israel remained.

Come join us for Wednesday nights and stay after worship on Sundays to join in finding answers.

Peace,
Pastor



March Announcements

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TIME CHANGE ALERT!!!
March 7th is the time to "Spring Ahead"
Set your clocks up 1 hour.
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Holden Evening Prayer services
will continue on Wednesday,
nights at 7PM with a Lenten Meal before at 6PM.



Offering during Lent will be designated to the
Calhoun Co. Food Pantry.



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Salem Lutheran Church will be welcoming new mem-
bers on Sunday, March 15th during worship.

We would like to invite anyone who might be thinking
of becoming a member to contact Pastor Nancy to be
included on this special day.

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GOOD FRIDAY is coming soon!
Friday, April 3, 2026

Salem would love to hold a Prayer Vigil as in the past,
and we are on the search for a coordinator. Prayfully
consider this ministry and contact Pastor.

Salem Lutheran Church

February 8, 2026, at 10:15 AM
(unofficial)

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

Prayer Concerns: Marvin Strakos

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

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Pastor moved to approve, Brittney seconded, motion passed to approve January minutes.

Reports:

Treasurer: Submitted as information.

Pastor: Submitted as information.

Proclaim: Mention of initiating an acolyte program again and possibly confirmation if there are enough children in the appropriate age group.

Nurture: Children's Sunday School starts again on February 15. Mentioned children will be playing some hymns with the handbells. Discussion on purchasing a curriculum from Group Publishing called "Team Family PowerPaks." Agreed to proceed with this, for there are Sunday School funds available.

Response: Lent suppers are beginning again; sign-up sheets are being passed around.

Property: Request to add dirt and level out the front field of the church property to make mowing easier. Lindsey and Bobby will contact appropriate people to possibly make this happen.

Old Business:

- Senior Sending: Students are Kayden Caraway, Layla Myers, and Jason Anderson. All 3 seniors are from Calhoun High School, so only need one cake. Afghans are already being made.

New Business:

- Pastor moved to accept new member Geraldine Sturm, Steve seconded, motion passed.
- The food pantry was designated for the Lent offering.
- The church received 2 larger checks in the January offering. Pastor suggested to add to the already saved \$3,000.00 using this extra January income for the short-term CD until we need the money later on in the year. Pastor moved to increase the \$3,000.00 CD to a \$10,000.00 6-month

CD at First National Bank with this extra January income, Brittney seconded, motion passed.

- Mention of putting the money saved to pay the second payment for the HVAC system into a short-term CD while we are waiting to receive the invoice from Wehmeyer Services.

Calendar: All ok.

Dates to Remember:

- Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026
- Good Friday is April 3, 2026
- Easter is April 5, 2026

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Caraway, Secretary

The next Salem Lutheran Church Council meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8th at 10:15AM.



Treasurer Report

(rounded to the nearest dollar)

	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (Loss)
January	\$ 37,061.00	\$ 19,906.00	\$ 17,155.00

February's offering totaled: \$ 14,204.57

We collected \$727 for the Food Pantry and \$50 for Oasis
(we need approximately \$20,000 per month to meet our expenses)

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ATTENDANCE:

<u>SUNDAYS of February:</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>
Worship Service:	50	49	54	44



- March 8th: Cecil Brooks
- March 12th: Janice Marek
- March 14th: Lindy Cain
- March 17th: Paisleigh Yarborough
- March 19th: Rita Dornak
- March 22nd: Lauren Howell
- March 23rd: Leah Strakos
- March 24th: William Myers
- March 26th: Elizabeth Albrecht
- March 27th: Kay Ham

Happy Anniversary to:
March 18th - Chase and Kasey Polsen
and
March 30th - Eddie and Dorothy Witt

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

SALEM'S PRAYER REQUESTS:

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:

Marvin Strakos	Ronnie Sturm	Courtney Felder-Dodd
Dorothy Caraway	Brent Marek	Richard Horn
Lloyd Bales	Debra Harabis	Serenity Harabis
Aaron Ray Harabis	Asher Harabis	Dustin Caraway
Jack Thormahlen	Margaret Gosnell	Martha Smith
Janie Garza	Kelly Tomlison	Billy Guenther

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Virginia Hahn	Damon Vickery	Joyce Schaefer
Rita Boudreaux		

HIS SAFE HARBOR: Marilyn Jaster

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: