



Salem Messenger

"Where God is Seen... Love is Felt... Lives are Changed"

Salem Lutheran Church

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December 2025



Advent



Our Advent Wednesday services begin on
December 3rd. Please join us December 3rd, 10th, and
17th for a lite meal starting at 5:15pm and service starting at 6:00pm.
December 3rd -
December 10th- The Worship Team
December 17th-



**2025 Annual Reports for all committees and organizations are due
January 5, 2025. Any questions, contact Jenny at the church office.**



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas child has been completed. 101 boxes were delivered on Monday, November 17th with the help of Linda Thomas. Thanks for all the help packing these boxes and collecting the items. Two Thrivent Action Team Visa Cards of Maxine Schwarze and Alice Dannhaus, contributed towards purchasing new various items.

Our Salem Women, Alice Dannhaus, Betty Thomas, Jan Wilhelmsen and I met to pack boxes. Thanks goes to Betty Thomas for the hats & purses that were hand crocheted which we placed in as many boxes as possible. We begin this project in February of every year until pick up time in November. This is a worldwide mission project to demonstrate the Good News of Jesus' love for children. I wish that you could have attended a program this year in which the speaker was someone who had received one of the boxes as a child. Can you imagine someone who had to share a toothbrush, a bar of soap, or walk 3 miles one way to attend church every day? We should be thankful for what we have here in America and in our own church. Maybe next year I can get our church involved and we can do more. Our wish is that each child who receives one of these boxes will know that others care for them and make their Christmas a little brighter. Thanks again, Maxine Schwarze

From the Pastor

Dear People and Friends of Salem!

It's the appropriate time to say, "Merry and Blessed Christmas!" We have many Christmas activities planned and designed to "make your Season Bright!" All you have to do is participate! By doing so you will be assured that your family and you will experience the true meaning of Christmas. After all, "It's the most wonderful time of the year."

One more very appropriate item to share is a "HUGE THANK YOU!" for making the 169th anniversary of Salem and the 50th anniversary of the Ordination of yours truly extremely wonderful and positive. Words cannot truly express the love and joy Meredith, and I experience from knowing and serving you, each of you, in this splendid congregation. Jesus, bless you mightily and generously!!!!!!

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

Dr. Craig Dohse

NO Senior Citizens Group this month at Salem.



Salem Women of the NALC News

Circle meetings: Dorcas Circle Christmas Party and Meeting –The Dorcas Circle will hold their Christmas Party on Dec. 4^h @ 11:30am @ Salem.

December 4th - 6pm – Rachel Circle Christmas Party/Special Event at Salem

Visiting Committee members for December are: Betty Wiesepape, Debbie Young and Stacy Hartfield

Hey, sisters! It's happy holidays time! Dorcas & Rachel Circles have their holiday celebrations Thursday, December 4. Make plans to join either of them on the 1st Thursday of every month to study God's word & fellowship with your sisters! Watch for quilting dates- come enjoy that ministry! Sunday, December 7 is the last day to get your tickets to the local NALC Women's Christmas lunch on Friday December 19. It looks to be a great time - come join us! See me or Thana Kemper for your ticket! Blessings to you as you prepare your hearts to receive our coming baby Jesus! Terry Boeker



Offering Envelopes for 2026

The 2025 Offering Envelopes are in the narthex at the end of December. Please pick up your envelope packet when you come to church. If you cannot find a packet with your name on it, please talk to Jenny. The envelope packets are in alphabetical order by last name.

Notes:

1/If you desire to give an offering to Salem Lutheran Church by the end of the year, please have it to the church office by December 31, 2025 to have it posted to your 2025 giving statement.

2/Do you wish to receive a weekly update email from the church office? You can sign up on Salem's website: www.salembrenham.org. You will see a link "Weekly Email Signup".



The 2026 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the narthex of our church. Please sign up soon for the Sunday you would like to place flowers on the stands beside the altar. Or you may contact Pam Grantham (979.451.2503) or Jenny at the church office (979.836.9320).

The Worship Team invites you to come to Salem each Wednesday evening @ 6:00pm & Sunday morning @ 8:45am to prepare your heart in Advent to welcome the expected baby.

Baptism



Raelynn Marie Walker, daughter of Andrew Walker and Malyiah Ausby, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism November 9th. Her God parents are William Mann, Andrea Walker, and Briyanna Searcy.

Xianni Nova Ausby, daughter of Jadyn Ausby, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism November 9th. Her God parents are Tyler Williams and Aleecia Norris.



On Our Prayer List

The people below have requested our prayers and support. We pray for them every Sunday in worship and we invite you to remember them in your daily prayers.

In an effort to keep our prayer list updated, please let us know about your family or friends whose names can be removed from this prayer list.



Remember these folks in your daily prayers:

Salem members: Thomas Cook, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Deloris Draehn, Nora Mills, Florine Raska, Louis Resendez, Cody Sanders, Chad

Schlabach

Members requesting prayers: Hunter Schaper

Members in Care Centers:

Brenham Nursing & Rehab- Betty Wiesepepe, Martin Wiesepepe

San Saba Rehab & Nursing- Dorine Hall

Kruse Village- Annie Marie Fritz, Rhonda Wehmeyer

Members in Assisted Living Facility -

Family and Friends:

Joe Al Picone, friend of Nancy Roesler;

Tina Bartsch, Thana & Otto Kemper's niece;

David Beckendorf, friend of Cindy Holle;

Paul Bennett, friend of Salem member;

Theresa Clemons, sister of Nora Mills;

Janice Crook, friend of Ray Weiss;

Erin Eddings, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;

Barbara Eldridge, friend of Dick & Barbara Dietzmann;

Cameron Fitzcharles, nephew of Mark & Kristin

Wiesepepe;

Shelly Ganske, friend of Salem Members;

Christian Garcia, co-worker of Norma Mills 10yrs.old son;

Debbie Garner, Pam Grantham's sister-in-law;

George Gilmore, friend of Nora Mills;

Tammy Glasemann, friend of Cindy Holle;

France Glueck, great-niece to Mitch & Carolyn Hall;

Leo Gunnels, uncle of Tiffany Gold;

Betty Haevischer wife of Gary Haevischer;

Paul Henschke, father of Tennille Lange;

George Jurica, friend of Jerry & Elizabeth Swonke;

Carolyn Kopyschinski, friend of the Ladewig family;

Brylon Kelly, grandson to Nora Mills;

Crystal Kelly, daughter of Nora Mills;

Marsha Killen, mother to Billy Killen;

Kasen King, Daine Ashorn's friends son;

Barbara Kokemoor, friend of Doris Draehn;

Lynnlee Kocurek, friend of the Gummelt family;

Johnnie Kopyschinski, friend of the Ladewig Family;

Gayle Kunkel, cousin of Linda Hueske;

Loretta Laird, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;

Wayne Laird, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;

Gwen Lamascus, sister of Grover Sebastian;

David Lange, Jason Lange & Dewayne Lange's father;

Willie Ludwig, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;

Jean Luedke, friend of Cindy Holle;

Mike McAnally, friend of Nancy Roesler;

Charlie McReynold, friend of Bruce Bockhorn;

Monica Mikeska, niece of Joe Green;

Keith Mikolajchak, friend of Salem members;

Christopher Miller, great nephew of Mallanee Vercher;

Rachel Niebuhr, cousin of Beckey Kuecker;

Aaron Nelson, Lynette Nelson's husband & Janet &

Joseph Green's son-in-law;

Lauren Parker, friend of Jeanell Dallmeyer;

Wesley Paul, Janell Dierking's God Child;

Sheree Pence, friend of Salem Members;

Katie Ray, granddaughter of Marsha Ray;

Olivia Ray, granddaughter of Marsha Ray;

Pam Richardson, friend of Cindy Holle's;

Annie Rybarski, mother of Cathy Fritz;

Doug Schreiber, cousin of Danica Kenjura;

Sue Schwartz, cousin of Jeanell Dallmeyer;

Aiden Simmons, Nora Mills' great great nephew;

John Simmons, Nora Mills' nephew;

Collin Smith (senior graduate from Brenham 2021);

Teddy Stansbury, Nora Mill's daughter's uncle;

Lincoln Tiemann, grandnephew of Nancy Roesler;

Sue Vierus, co-worker of teachers at Krause Elementary;

Yvonne Wait, cousin of Carloyn Goeke and Kathy

Gummelt;

Choya Walling, friend of Bruce Bockhorn;

Boyce Weiman, Michael Ray's father-in-law;

Lia Weiss, niece of Bridget Bolten;

Glenn Wellbrock, brother of Leonard, Kenny, & Ricky

Wellbrock, & Beverly Schlabach;

Bonnie Wellmann, mother of Kelly Kwiatkowski;

Sandy Winkelmann, sister of David & Kenneth Dreyer;

Lynda York, mother of Tiffany Weiss;

Military Personnel: Salem members: *Lawson Swor*

(Marines, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina), *Dylon*

Engstrom (Marine Corps., Virginia), *Craig Flentge* (Air

Force, Texas), *Shane Shupak* (Army Reserves, Texas).

Family and Friends: *Mitchel Havard* (Army, Fort Hood,

TX) [Clarence Meinholdt family's friend]; *Cody Paul*

(Air Force, San Antonio, TX) [Charles Dierking

family's friends]; *Weston Wilson* (Marines, Iraq)

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Mission Statement of Salem Lutheran Church

As Christ's Disciples, we strive to love and serve all people, sharing the good news of God's grace.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Cost per poinsettia is \$13.00 (includes sleeve & delivery). Poinsettias are being purchased through Plants & Things.

Place this order and payment in an envelope and put in the box on the counter in the narthex or mail to the church office (1500 Salem Rd., Brenham, TX 77833) by **Sunday, December 7.** ***So please, take care of ordering your poinsettias early. No late orders will be taken.***

Checks made payable to: **Salem Lutheran Church.**

You may pick up your poinsettia following the 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day worship service or on the following two Sundays after the worship services.

Name _____

Quantity _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

