



# Salem Messenger

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

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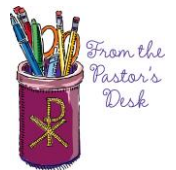
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**May 2026**

### People of Salem!

The following caught my attention. It's written with children in mind but is a useful directive for all of us in the Christian Church. "Stop raising soft, nice Christian children. Raise warriors. The devil is not playing gentle with your kids. He is targeting their identity, their purity, their attention, their calling. And we are responding with cartoons and powerless religion. Enough.



In Scripture, young Samuel heard the voice of God (1 Samuel 3). David as a teenager killed a giant (1 Samuel 17). Jeremiah was called before he felt ready (Jeremiah 1:6–7). God has never waited for adulthood to release authority.

There is no junior Holy Spirit. Acts 2 says the promise is for you and your children. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in believers. Not a diluted version. Not a smaller measure. Stop introducing your children to a powerless God.

Show them He heals. Let them pray for the sick. Teach them how to walk the floor and intercede. Let them hear you cast out devils in the name of Jesus, so they know authority is real.

Demons do not respect age. They respect authority.

If you do not train your children in spiritual power, culture will train them in spiritual confusion.

Raise children who know how to worship. Who know how to fast. Who know how to discern. Who know how to open their mouth and command darkness to move. We do not need well-behaved spectators. We need warriors! Train them now. (Credit to Kelton Hughes)

A challenge to all of us! So true!

Dr. Craig, Pastor

### Graduates Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we will recognize and celebrate high school and college graduates.

Please join us that day to support our young men and women in their important milestone.

And if you are a graduate, please let the church office know if you will be attending that day so we can list you in the bulletin and prepare a gift for you.



### Services on Sunday, May 24



We will gather at the Salem Cemetery at 7:30am for worship. We will also have 8:45am & 10:45am services and KFC. Dress is casual. Bring your own lawn chair. Some metal chairs will be available. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to the church, and we will have the regular services. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7:30am, 8:45am, & 10:45am services.

**Senior Citizens Fellowship** will **not** meet in May. You are invited to come spend time together in fellowship and playing cards and dominoes on June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.



### Salem Women of the Church News

Circle meetings: Dorcas Circle – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.

Rachel Circle – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

Visiting Committee members for May are: Cindy Becker and Sandy Wellbrock.

Y'all come! Women's Bible study – no homework! Just bring your Bible on the first Thursday of every month at 2 p.m. with the Dorcas Circle or at 6 p.m. with the Rachel Circle. Both groups meet in the Education Building. Come visit ... you'll enjoy the sisterhood while learning more about Jesus! Rachel Circle is studying "Experiencing Contagious Joy." It's a wonderful study of finding JOY in the events in our lives. There are wonderful treasures to be found each month!

Don't forget the monthly Knot Therapy! Join the ladies quilting each month – it's really knot therapy. YOU can do it! And it's fun! Check the calendar for May's day!

SAVE THE DATE! The annual Christmas Luncheon for local Women of the NALC is Friday, December 11. More later, but put it on your calendar!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL DISASTER RALLY

Rally Day is Saturday, June 13 beginning at 10 a.m. at Welcome Lutheran Church. WE HAVE 5 WEEKS to gather 600 3-MIL Contractor Bags, 300 large rubber gloves, and 300 small (4 oz) shampoos. Also needed are rags, rakes, shovels, brooms, hoes & cards of encouraging words to be put into the buckets. A display will be in the Gathering Place. Bring your gifts & plan to join the Rally Day ... it is fun to gather with the other 7 NALC churches in our area to help neighbors in need.

Blessings! – Terry Boeker, Chair Salem WNALC

**Congratulations to Sean Cherry who will be graduating from Texas A&M Aggie Achieve Program.**



**Salem Youth Group Bake Sale Fundraiser**

Help support the Salem Youth Group as we raise funds to cover travel expenses for Camp this summer!

Our goal is to raise \$2,000 to help cover transportation costs to and from camp. Every purchase and donation helps make it possible for our youth to attend!

**Bake Sale Dates**

Join us Sunday mornings between the two services.

- April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Bake Sale**  
Full-size baked goods perfect for your Easter celebrations!
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Individual Treats**  
Grab a sweet snack or dessert after service.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Individual Treats**  
Another chance to support our youth and enjoy homemade goodies.

**Come hungry and support a great cause!**  
Thank you for helping our youth get to camp this summer!

**MAY 3**

**YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT**

**HELP CLEAN UP**  
— AT THE —  
**SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**  
*Love our neighbors. Make a difference together!*

**OUR DAY TO SERVE**

- 10:45 AM SERVICE**  
We meet to attend the 2nd service all together.
- 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM LUNCH**  
We'll eat together and fellowship before we head out.
- 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM SET UP & TRAVEL**  
We'll set up and travel to our destination together.
- 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM SERVICE ACTIVITY**  
We'll serve and make a difference!

**BENEFITING HOSPICE BRAZOS VALLEY**

*Together, we can make a lasting impact!*

Salem's

# BEGINNING OF SUMMER Pool Party

Food - Fun - Jesus - Friends - Family

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH**  
AQUATIC CENTER  
BRENHAM, TX

5:30PM - 7:30PM

# FAMILY SKATE NIGHTS

WHEELS, WORSHIP, AND FAMILY FUN

SILVERWINGS BALLROOM

**JUNE 3** 6:00 PM TO  
**JULY 1** 9:00 PM  
**AUGUST 5** **FREE ENTRY**

FOR SALEM MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

BRING MONEY FOR FOOD AND GAMES

# FUN YOUTH OUTING!

**JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fishing, Dinner, Corn Hole, and Hanging Out!

@ THE WITTE'S PROPERTY

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED BY Jeff and Judy Witte

GOOD TIMES. GREAT FRIENDS. Lasting Memories.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- FISHING**  
Cast a line and enjoy the day!
- DINNER**  
Delicious food and great fellowship!
- CORN HOLE**  
Friendly competition and lots of laughs!
- HANGING OUT**  
Relax, connect, and make memories!

FUN. FELLOWSHIP. FAITH.  
Let's make memories together!

# FUN YOUTH OUTING!

A DAY AT the Lake!

**JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

ROCKY CREEK @ SOMERVILLE LAKE

Join us for a full day of sunshine, fun, and fellowship!

- BOATING**  
Cruise, relax, and enjoy the views!
- SWIMMING**  
Cool off and make a splash!
- HANGING OUT**  
Good friends. Great memories.

Bring your towel, sunscreen, and your sense of adventure!

BOAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY Aaron and Britney Oquinn

LUNCH & DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED BY Jim (James) and Gloria Arnold

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- BOATING**  
Fun on the water!
- SWIMMING**  
Make a splash!
- RELAXING**  
Soak up the sun!
- MAKING MEMORIES**  
Moments that last!

GOOD TIMES. STRONG FRIENDSHIPS. Memories that last!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SPEND THIS DAY WITH YOU!

# LET'S PLAY BINGO

**MAY 27TH @ 2:00PM**

**New Members**



**Douglas Borchardt**



**Berrie & Darlene Etzel**



**Kyle, Katie, Lexi, Lena, & Tucker Krenek  
Jay & Donna Petrash**



**Robert & Ann Gibbs**



**Al, Lyndell, Tinley, Rhyder, Axle Woodruff**



**Danielle, Blaine, Raelynn Nelson**



**Mateo, Julie, Hannah, Damian, Kacie Guillen**



**John, Crystal, Owen, Sage Burke**



**Darrell & Jane Marek**



**David & Julia Lampenfield**



**Heath, Brooke, Duke, Decker Durham**

## Baptism's



**Hollis Keith Easley**, son of Charlie & Ashlyn Easley, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism April 19. His God parents are Kaylee Kettler, Rayven Wehmeyer, Brian Adams, Travis Medve, Scott Sommerlatte.



**Wade Kevin Warmke**, son of Payton & Brooke Warmke, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism April 12. His God parents are Ali Stortroen, Caden Warmke, & Robin Wilson

## 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, Doris Draehn, Mikey Hueske, Otto Kemper, Nora Mills, Florine Raska, Cody Sanders, Chad Schlabach, Rosalie Wendler

Members requesting prayers: Hunter Schaper

Members in Care Centers:

Brenham Nursing & Rehab- Martin Wiesepape  
San Saba Rehab & Nursing- Dorine Hall  
Kruse Village- Annie Marie Fritz, Rhonda Wehmeyer

Members in Assisted Living Facility –

Argent Court- Jan Wilhelsem

Family and Friends:

Joe Al Picone, friend of Nancy Roesler;  
Tina Bartsch, Thana & Otto Kemper's niece;  
Kelly Bauerkemper, sister of Nancy Roesler;  
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 Barbara Dietzmann;  
Cameron Fitzcharles, nephew of Mark & Kristin Wiesepape;  
Shelly Ganske, friend of Salem Members;  
Christian Garcia, co-worker of Nora 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;  
Gail Green, friend of Nancy Roesler;  
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;  
Sheila McAnally, friend of Nancy Roesler;  
Monica Mikeska, niece of Joe Green;  
Keith Mikolajchak, friend of Salem members;  
Christopher Miller, great nephew of Mallanee Vercher;  
Beckham Morgan, Debby Peele's sons friend;  
Rachel Niebuhr, cousin of Becky Kuecker;  
Aaron Nelson, Lynette Nelson's husband & Janet & Joseph Green's son-in-law;  
Chris Parker, friend of the Schaper family;  
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;  
Consuelo Reyes, Helen Ladewigs friends mother;  
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;  
Michael Teinert, grandson of Gary & Lavada Teinert;  
Lincoln Tiemann, great-nephew of Nancy Roesler;  
Sue Vierus, co-worker of teachers at Krause Elementary;  
Yvonne Wait, cousin of Carloyn Goeke and Kathy Gummelt;  
Boyce Weiman, Michael Ray's father-in-law;  
Glenn Wellbrock, brother of Leonard, Kenny, & Ricky Wellbrock  
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]

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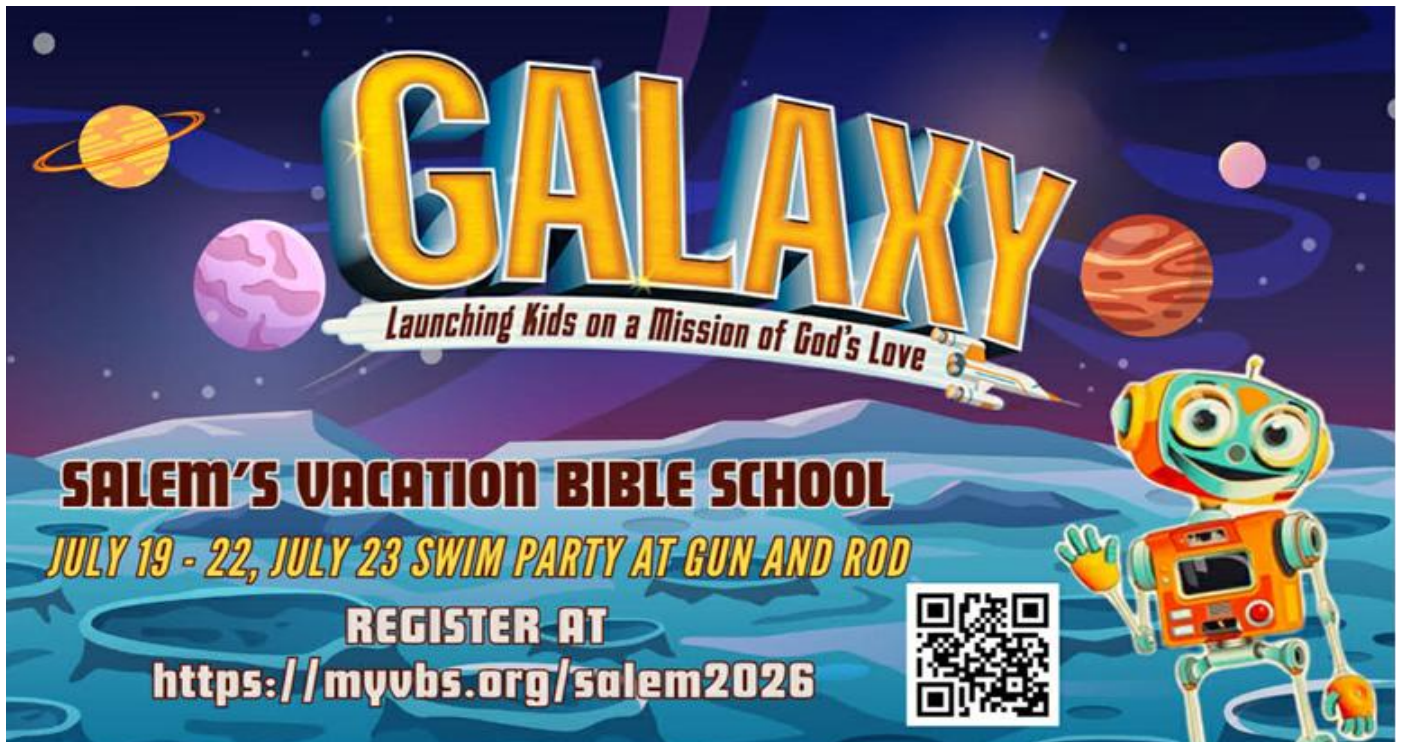
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 **May** 2026

Reaching out to:

**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.*



**GALAXY**  
*Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love*

**SALEM'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JULY 19 - 22, JULY 23 SWIM PARTY AT GUN AND ROD**

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