

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Tim's Time—Lay Leader Thoughts

A Year of Hope and Progress

As 2025 begins, our church stands in a season of anticipation. Due to unforeseen weather delays, the sanctuary roof project is not yet completed, but we trust that it will be finished in God's perfect timing. This journey has been a powerful reminder of our congregation's resilience and faithfulness.

The temporary inconveniences of the project have not deterred our mission. Instead, they've strengthened our resolve to be a light in this community. Our ministries, from the Monday Night Meal to Baker's Pantry, continue to thrive because of your dedication and the grace of God. These efforts remind us that the church is far more than its building; it is the people, united in faith and service.

While we wait for the roof's completion, we remain in the midst of a fundraising campaign to cover its costs. We encourage everyone to contribute by purchasing raffle tickets for the two electric bikes being raffled off and participating in our "25k in 2025" pledge drive. Your support is essential in helping us complete this important project.

As we look ahead, let's keep trusting in God's perfect timing. 2 Corinthians 5:7 encourages us: "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Even as we await the completion of the roof, we know that God's hand is guiding us.

This new year presents opportunities to deepen our faith and expand our outreach. Whether it's inviting a neighbor to join us in worship or volunteering with our ministries, each step brings us closer to fulfilling our mission as followers of Christ.

May 2025 be a year of hope, service, and shared blessings as we walk together in faith, trusting that God is leading us to something greater.

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2025



***Faith by Praying for
God's Guidance,
Hearing God's Word,
Sharing God's Grace,
Serving God's Children***

JANUARY SERVICES

- 05 Second Sunday after Christmas
- 12 Baptism of Our Lord
- 19 Second Sunday after Epiphany
- 26 Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 am—Bible Study

10:00 am—Worship Service

Bible Study and Worship Services are being live-streamed on Facebook.

Visit us online at:

Facebook: SalemLutheranWooster.

YouTube: @salemlutheranwooster

X: @SalemELCtweet

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering accepting on Sunday mornings, through PayPal, Drop offs at the church office, and by mail. Your new envelopes are available below the church mail slots. Pick them up today. If you wish to have your offering envelopes for 2025 mailed to you, please call us.

We are on YOUTUBE!

Make sure you subscribe to Salem Lutheran Wooster on YouTube so as to follow all of our videos that we post.

Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes November 2024

Meeting called to order at 12:09p.m. by Garald

Devotions: Prayer of Luther offered by Barb. Opening prayer read together. Sharon = devotions for December

Members: Barb Buchwalter, Garald Wise, Sharon Salmons, Beth Zimmerman, Sherrill Wise (Tim Barrage, Tabitha Burchett, Pastor Alan Nathan) Absent: Tabitha, Alan.

Minutes: Minutes from October council meeting accepted as presented moved: BethAnn, 2nd: Sharon, carried.

Treasurer's Report: reports for July through October presented. All looks good, still differences due to computer failure, but this will all be zeroed out on Jan 1. Motion to accept: Sheryll, 2nd Barb, carried

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports Motion to accept as presented Sharon, 2nd BethAnn, carried.

Cards of Concern: Morris Richmond, Amanda Herbert, Lila Woods, Ed Blake, Jessica & Jordan Hostetler, Jim and Judy Vitaro

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all services in October =4, plus 2 nursing home ministry services. Hymn selections for December with the help (Amanda). 0 home communion visits. Pastor Nathan continues with Sunday morning Bible Study. Pastor will consecrate elements once per month for Avenue & Brookdale services. Tim will continue to hold office hours as previously listed. NEOS/NWOS Lay Leader program continues. Organists secured for all services through November /December, with one exception – no organist on 11/24/24 – service set up to be able to completed with recordings provided by Sandy Smith.

Report of Council Chair: Still planning to appoint one additional council member. Community pantry signage to be installed soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith Formation: Women's Group still meeting The first Wed. of the month at Brunch, held at Buehler's downtown. Monday night bible study will continue on Monday nights. Looking to start women's bible study.

FINANCIAL

Regular Offering	\$ 2,392.00
Designated Offering	\$ 1,420.00

YEAR-TO-DATE

Total Income	\$ 38,154.11
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Receipts through November 2024



- 02 Garald Wise
- 03 Joseph Mernagh
- 14 Sherry Hughes
- 18 Joy Hendrix
- 22 Shirley Wise
- 29 Marianne Powrie

Prayer Requests

Alyssa Parish, Willy Zamora, Kathy Bond, Barbara Fedor, Kenny Wise, Sherri Snyder, Mike Fiser Jr., Regina Carson, Sheril Buchwalter, Shirley Delelave, George Wise, Chet Molzen, Marvin Hartman, Tari Lowe, Patty Stuart, Bill Buchwalter, Mike Ringgenberg, Amanda Herbert, Monica Crawford, Sue Haumesser Miller, Jean Shoup, Family of Betty Wise, Family of Randy Ross, Family of Don Fry.



COUNCIL MEMBERS 2025

Alan Nathan
Sharon Salmons
Garald Wise
Sherrill Wise
Beth Ann Zimmerman



Women's Bible Study

Join the Facebook Group

www.facebook.com/groups/WomenOfSalem



Wave goodbye to the old and embrace the new with hope, dreams, and ambition. Wishing you a Happy New Year full of happiness!

Have you considered Salem Lutheran Church in your estate planning? Have you prepared your will or Living Trust?

Have you considered earmarking a gift to Salem Lutheran Church out of your life insurance death benefit?

If this might be something you might consider, contact a council member to learn more.

Do you have something of value that you would like to donate to our Raise the Roof fund raising program?

If so, contact any of our church council members and let us know.

THE SALEM SUPER-(BOWL)SUB FUNDRAISER

Join us as well get ready for some football this February as we make subs for the Super Bowl. Order forms are available in the narthex or give Beth Ann a call at 330-749-7662. Orders need to be turned in by February 2 to get your sub by the big game day.



Suggested donation of \$6.00 per sub. These are not just meant for Salem members—mention the sale to family and friends who might like a tasty sub available for the big game.

N.F.L.

Monday Night:

N.F.L. Stands for Nourishment, Fellowship, & Learning.

Join us every Monday night for a hot meal at 6:00 pm, and stay for a viewing of an episode of The Chosen Series.

Bible study to follow viewing. Join us for this educational and enlightening program every week.

THANK YOU...
to all who purchased poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

THANK YOU...
to all who donated to the Mitten Tree!
Donations were sent to People to People.

Baker's Pantry:

Donations being accepted to help with stocking the parking-lot pantry. Items of need include: canned goods, shelf stable milk, cereal, ramen noodles, basic hygiene items.



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Property: Roof repair — to present bid from Twin Creek Roofing for approval at Congregational meeting. Motion: Sherrill, 2nd: Beth Ann, carried. Fund raising events and pledge campaign to continue. Advertisements needed for Holiday Bake Sale and Craft Show, Bike Raffle, and Pie Sale. To be placed on Massillon cable.

Evangelism: Working with Fellowship to share events to the community.

Fellowship: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): Mexican Feast (10/27/24-went well), Next event Pot Luck meal for Congregational meeting. December 1, caroling, soup and decorating to be completed. January: (01/26/25) Spaghetti Meal (fund raiser), Feb: 02/23/25) Meat Loaf Sunday. Motion to hold meals as scheduled: Barb, 2nd BethAnn, carried.

Social Ministry: Monday Night Meal and Bible Study AT SALEM Meal at - 6p.m. with Bible Study to follow. Items needed for Baker's Pantry listed as: Mac& Cheese, Cereal, Canned meats. Cereal, shelf stable milk, personal hygiene items, tooth brushes. Served 24 people at Zion Meal, passed out flyers for our own.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) roof repairs (see property) (2) Community Pantry signage in process. (3) Organists Tim Mann, and Sandra Smith still filling needs as needed. (4) Tim is still completing the duties for Secretary. (5) Nursing home ministry- going well (6) NFL Meal going well. (7) nominations for council discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget for 2025 reviewed. Motion to accept budget as presented Barb, 2nd Beth Ann, carried – to present budget for congregational approval on 11/24/24.

Endowment committee clarifying options for distribution. To present donation to MOCA house, and Pantry for approval at congregational meeting. Motion: Sharon, 2nd: Sherrill, carried. November 30th planning for Holiday Bake Sale & Craft Show.

Adjournment: Motion: Beth Ann, 2nd: Sharon, carried. (next council meeting 12/22/24 12:00 pm)

We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy J Barrage

**SALEM LUTHERAN
BIKE RAFFLE**



**\$50 /
TICKET** **\$2000
VALUE**

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO SALEM LUTHERAN BIG BIKE RAFFLE
4873 CLEVELAND ROAD, WOOSTER OHIO 44691
(A TOTAL OF 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD BEFORE DRAWING)

**SALEM LUTHERAN
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**\$25 /
TICKET** **\$1500 VALUE**

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WORSHIP AT BROOKDALE
Join us on January 12th at 2:00 pm.
Please contact Barbara Buchwalter to join us at 330-317-7906

WORSHIP AT THE AVENUE
Join us on January 26th at 2:00 pm.
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