

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Tim's Time—Lay Leader Thoughts

Love That Perseveres: A Reflection for February

February brings to mind love—Valentine's Day reminds us of the deep affection we share with family, friends, and those we cherish. But love is more than just romance; it is the foundation of how we are called to live as followers of Christ. The Apostle Paul reminds us in *1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NRSV)*: "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

This kind of love is the same love we are called to extend beyond our close relationships—love that perseveres through hardship, love that works for justice, love that reaches across divisions.

February being Black History Month, is a time to honor those who have fought for justice and equality, often through incredible hardship. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., inspired by Christ's love, lived out the words of *Micah 6:8 (NRSV)*: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

To love as Christ loves means to seek justice, to show kindness, and to walk in humility. It means meeting every person not with fear or suspicion, but with the same warmth we show to those we love most. It means listening, learning, and working together to make the world reflect God's kingdom.

The weather has not been in our favor as to our roof replacement, but we trust that in time, it will happen. This waiting reminds us of another call to perseverance:

Galatians 6:9 (NRSV) says, "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."

We are not just waiting for a roof—we are continuing to serve, to love, to reach out to our community. Whether through our Monday night meal, our food pantry, or our worship together, we are called to keep doing good, even when progress seems slow.

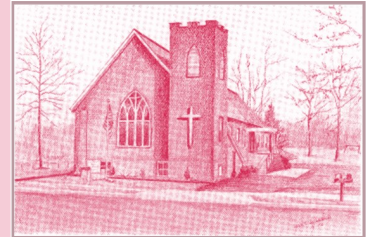
This month, let us love boldly, work for justice humbly, and persevere with faith. Just as love endures, so will we.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you wish to have your offering envelopes for 2025 delivered to you, please call us. We are accepting offerings in person on Sunday mornings and by mail; however, if you would prefer to give electronically, please utilize our PayPal button at: www.SLCW.org.

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FEBRUARY SERVICES:

- 2 Presentation of Our Lord
- 9 5th Sunday After Epiphany
- 16 6th Sunday After Epiphany
- 23 7th Sunday After Epiphany

**9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship Service**

Bible Study and Worship Services continue to be live-streamed on Facebook..

Bible Study:
Sunday mornings 9:00am

Meal:
NFL Monday Night 6:00pm

Monday Night Bible Study:
Chosen Series 7:00pm



- 2 Jim McKinley
- 3 Ron Garst
- 3 Christian Haley
- 7 Toni Weiser
- 9 Amanda Hartman
- 11 Shelley Carraway
- 11 Jessica Zimmerman
- 11 Faith Hemmann
- 11 Courtney Dunlap
- 14 Amanda Miller
- 20 Tabitha Zimmerman
- 23 Kathy Bumgardner
- 25 Natalie Kohler
- 26 Kelly Miller
- 27 Sharon Salmons

INSTALATION OF 2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS	
The installation of our 2025 council members took place on January 5 during the Sunday worship service. Designated positions were assigned at the January council meeting as follows:	
President	Gerald Wise
Vice-President	Sharon Salmons
Secretary	Tim Barrage
Cemetery, Endowment, and Stewardship Liaison	Sherrill Wise
Church Property Liaison	Gerald Wise
Evangelism Liaison	Sharon Salmons
Faith Formation Liaison	BethAnn Zimmerman
Fellowship Liaison	Sharon Salmons
Social Ministry Liaison	BethAnn Zimmerman
Cemetery Sexton	Gerald Wise



Prayer Requests

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

If you are aware of any up-dates, please contact the office. Thanks!

TAKING WORSHIP ON THE ROAD

Our next services at Brookdale & The Avenue are scheduled for Sunday:

February 9th at 2:00 pm & February 26th, at 2:00 pm

(respectively)

Women's Bible Study

Join the Facebook Group

www.facebook.com/groups/WomenOfSalem

FINANCIAL

Regular Offering \$ 3,381.00
 Designated Offering \$ 2,937.00

YEAR-TO-DATE

Total Income \$ 44,942.11

Receipts through December 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 05, 2025

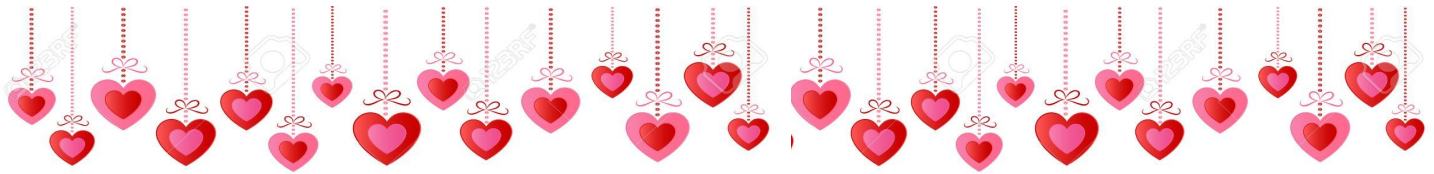
Ash Wednesday is important because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter, when Christians believe Jesus was resurrected. The ashes symbolize both death and repentance. During this period, Christians show repentance and mourning for their sins, because they believe Christ died for them. **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary** (and live streamed) with imposition of ashes (if desired).

OFFICE HOURS:

The scheduled hours of the church are as follows:

Monday and Friday 9:00am—1:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 pm—9:00 pm



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.

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 29, 2024

Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Garald

Devotions: Prayer of Luther offered by Sharon. Opening prayer read together.

BethAnn = devotions for January

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

Absent: Tabitha, Alan.

Minutes: Minutes from November council meeting accepted as presented moved: Sharon, 2nd: Barb, carried.

Treasurer's Report: reports for November not available. All will be zeroed out on Jan 1.

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports presented. Reporting that offering reports are available in the mail boxes of every giving member. Will be mailed out if not picked up by end of January.

Cards of Concern: Morris Richmond, Sherri Wise, Lila Woods, Regina & David, Judy Vitaro. Thank you to Roger & Sherry Hughes, Thank you to Roberts Funeral Home

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all services in November =4, plus 2 nursing home ministry services.

Hymn selections for January with the help (Amanda). 1 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 December/January.

Report of Council Chair: Reminder to be at Sunday January 5th service for council member installation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith Formation: Women's Group still meeting The first Wed. of the month at Brunch, held at Buehler's downtown. But due to the new year falling on the first – moving it to second Wednesday for January.

Monday night bible study will continue on Monday nights. Looking to start women's bible study.

Property: Roof repair – Bid was accepted and contractor advised. Moved on Calendar to week of Jan 6 due to weather – if weather permits. Fund raising events and pledge campaign to continue. Advertisements placed on Massillon Cable TV PSA channel for upcoming events: Bike Raffle, and Pie Sale, Spaghetti Dinner, Sub Sale.

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

Fellowship: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): Pot Luck meal for Congregational meeting went well. Thank you to all who helped with decorating the church for Christmas: next



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES — DECEMBER 29, 2024 (cont.)

event (01/26/25) Spaghetti Meal (fund raiser), Feb: 02/23/25) Meat Loaf Sunday. Lenten Ash Wednesday Service to be held at 5:00 pm and include Soup meal following service. Motion to hold meals and services as discussed: Barb, 2nd BethAnn, carried. currently, no plans to hold Wednesday evening Lenten services.

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.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget approved at congregational meeting. Discussion about pay raises held. Motion to give Tabitha 10% increase over last year: BethAnn, 2nd Sharon, carried. Motion for 5% increase for Tim: Sherrill, 2nd BethAnn, carried.

Adjournment: Motion: Beth Ann, 2nd: Sherrill, carried. (next council meeting 01/26/25 12:00 pm) We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy J Barrage

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Bike Raffle will conclude on April 15, 2025 and the drawing held at 5:00 p.m. The winner will be selected by random drawing and notified of their winning by Friday April 18. Please share this information with any and all potential ticket purchasers. Encourage any and all interested parties to contact Tim Barrage at 330-465-5763 if they would like to purchase tickets for either bike. The purchases must be completed by !2 noon on April 15 to be included in the drawing. Right now, there are less than 100 tickets purchased which means your chances of winning are great. Purchase your ticket today and get in on the fun.