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Tim's Time—Lay Leader Thoughts

As we enter the season of Lent, our congregation finds itself in a time of waiting and reflection. We are waiting for the contractors to begin work on our church roof, just as we wait upon the Lord to renew us. We are also mourning the loss of two faithful servants—our beloved George Wise and former pastor Terry Parker. Their absence is deeply felt, yet their faith and legacy remind us of the hope we have in Christ.

Lent is a season of journeying through the wilderness, a time of repentance, but also of perseverance. It is in these times of waiting and uncertainty that we cling to the promises of God. Isaiah 40:31 reminds us, *"but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."* This is not a passive waiting, but one of faith and trust. Though the days may seem long, God is at work in ways we cannot yet see.

Likewise, in our grief, we remember that death does not have the final word. The resurrection of Christ assures us of the victory over death and the promise of eternal life. George and Pastor Terry lived in this hope, and we honor them by carrying forward the faith they held so dear.

As a congregation, we stand firm on the foundation of Christ. This brings to mind the hymn *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less."* The refrain declares: *"On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."* No matter what storms we face—whether the physical wear of our building, the grief of loss, or the uncertainties of life—we know that Christ is our firm foundation.

Let this Lent be a time of deep trust, knowing that God is working in our waiting, bringing renewal even in loss, and leading us toward the joy of resurrection. May we walk together in faith, supporting one another and looking forward with hope.



March Birthdays

5	Patty Cavendish Alicia Kunkler
7	Derek Haumesser
14	Kerrie Carlisle Matt Woods
15	Beth Ann Zimmerman
19	Kayla Fisher
21	Denny Heimbuch
26	Destiny Weiser
27	Chad Uhler
28	Tarah Kelley
30	Debbie Dunlap
31	Sally Mills Marianna Lehr

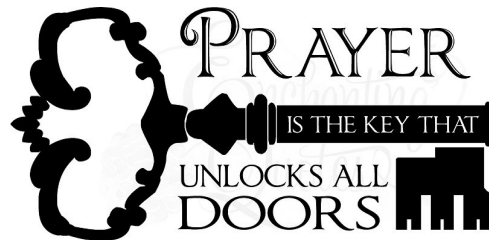
Happy Anniversary

6	Andrew & Amanda Hartman
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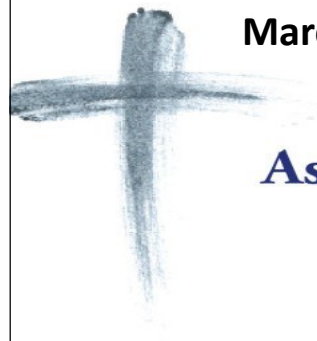
IN OUR PRAYERS:

Paxton Galvin, Alyssa Snyder, Willy Zamora, Kathy Bond, Barbara Fedor, Kenny Wise, Sherri Snyder, Mike Fiser Jr., Regina Carson, Sheril Buchwalter, Shirley Delefave, 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 Pastor Terry Parker, Family of Laura Keys, Family of George Wise, Family of Betty Wise, Family of Randy Ross, Family of Don Fry.

If you are aware of any updates, please contact the office. Thanks!



March 5th -7:00 p.m.



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

Soup Sunday

Sunday, March 16, 2025 following worship

Progressive Meal

Sunday, March 30, 2025 starting at 12:00 noon.

We will be the last stop for dessert
Orrville and Smithville participating

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to give a flower in memory of or in honor of a loved one this Easter, please fill out the form below and turn it in to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Please note: the price of the flowers has gone up this year.

The price of each flower is **\$15.00**.




ORDERS MUST BE TURNED IN BY MARCH 16, 2025.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Please indicate number of each plant ordered.

	Lilies	_____
	Tulips	_____
	Daffodils	_____
	Amount Enclosed:	
	\$	_____



Salem Lutheran Church
Congregational Council

**Salem Lutheran Church Council
January Meeting
February 2, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Garald

Devotions: Prayer of Luther offered by BethAnn from Genesis 6:6, Opening prayer read together. Sharon = devotions for February

Members: Alan Nathan, Garald Wise, Sharon Salmons, BethAnn Zimmerman, Sherrill Wise (Tim Barrage, Tabitha Burchett) Absent: Tabitha

Minutes: Minutes from December council meeting accepted as presented moved: Alan, 2nd: Sharon, carried.

Treasurer's Report: reports for December not available.

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports presented. Offering reports mailed. Note: giving as compared to last year – up 10%.

Cards of Concern: Lila Woods, Bill Buchwalter, Regina & David, George & Shirley. BethAnn handling COC

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all services in December =4, plus 2 nursing home ministry services. Hymn selections for February 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 February with one exception (02/16/25). Awaiting response from back up. Motion for a bible study on zoom/ livestream led by Tim based on Psalms: Alan, 2nd Sharon, carried.

Report of Council Chair: Election of officers. Alan nominated: Garald Wise, president, 2nd Sharon; Garald nominated: Sharon Salmons, VP, 2nd BethAnn; BethAnn nominated Tim Barrage, Secretary, 2nd Alan. Accepted by acclamation.

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.

Property: Roof repair — awaiting contractors to begin project. Fund raising events and pledge campaign to continue. Advertisements placed on Massillon Cable TV PSA channel for upcoming events: Bike Raffle, Sub Sale. Motion for Bike Raffle to come to a conclusion on April 15th and winner selected on that date at 5:00 pm: BethAnn, 2nd Sharon, carried. Final push for ticket sales to begin.

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

Fellowship: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): Spaghetti Meal (fund raiser) went well, raised= \$boat load. Next event Feb: 02/23/25) Meat Loaf Sunday. Change in Lenten Ash Wednesday 03/05/25 Service to be held at 7:00 pm and NOT include Soup meal following service. Soup meal moved to March 16th, Easter Breakfast set for April 20th. Motion to hold meals and services as discussed: Alan, 2nd Sherrill, carried. currently, no plans to hold Wednesday evening Lenten services, instead, see Pastoral report.

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. Our next date for Zion Meal is April 27.

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:

Adjournment: Motion: Beth Ann, 2nd: Sherrill, carried. (next council meeting 02/23/25 12:00 pm) We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy J Barrage

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Nathan is Sunday morning Bible Study on the books of Psalms Sunday mornings at 9:00a.m.

Wednesday night
Lenten Zoom Bible Study
with Tim
Starting March 12th 7:00 p.m.
Via zoom and livestream



JANUARY

Regular Offering	\$ 2,506.31
<u>Designated Offering</u>	<u>\$ 1,250.00</u>

Total Offering \$ 3,756.31

Receipts through January 2025

Send prayers for the roof to be replaced this month. Hoping for nice weather and spring to arrive.

Stay tuned to Facebook for announcements about a "Raise the Roof" party to watch the contractors work.

WORSHIP AT BROOKDALE

Join us on March 09th at 2:00 pm.

Please contact Sharon Salmons to join us at 330-416-5882

WORSHIP AT THE AVENUE

Join us on March 23rd at 2:00 pm.

Please contact Sharon Salmons to join us at 330-416-5882

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.

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 12 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.

**SALEM LUTHERAN
BIKE RAFFLE**

\$50 /
TICKET



\$2000
VALUE

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO SALEM LUTHERAN BIG BIKE RAFFLE
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