

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## April 2025 Newsletter



### APRIL SERVICES

6 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
13 Palm Sunday  
18 Good Friday  
20 Easter Sunday  
27 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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Join our live stream services at: [Facebook.com/SalemLutheranWooster](https://Facebook.com/SalemLutheranWooster)

**9:00—Bible Study & 10:00—Worship**

Our Bible Study is also offered on Zoom - click on the link on our website if you wish to participate in the group.

### Tim's Time—Lay Leader Thoughts

As we step into the beauty of the Easter season, I am reminded of the resilience of our faith. Our sanctuary now stands beneath a new standing seam steel roof, a symbol of our collective determination and stewardship. And yet, even with this accomplishment, we face the persistent challenge of a leak in the sacristy, traced not to the roof but, instead to the bell tower. This setback, though frustrating, offers us a deeper reflection on the journey of our faith.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 5:3-5 (NRSV), *"And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."*

Like the disciples who witnessed the crucifixion, we may feel the weight of disappointment. But Easter reminds us that God's story never ends in despair. Through Christ's resurrection, we are called to rise above challenges with renewed strength and joy. Just as our bell tower still stands tall despite the wear of time, so too do we stand, upheld by God's unwavering love.

Our Holy Week observances will lead us through the solemnity of Good Friday on April 18th and into the radiant joy of Easter Sunday on April 20th. These moments invite us to lean into the full story of Christ's passion and resurrection. They are opportunities to bring our sorrows, joys, doubts, and hopes before God, trusting that through it all, new life is always on the horizon.

*(Tim's Time continues on page 3)*



Lois Phillips, Debra Sears, Sherri Hammil, Charlie Hammil, Trisha Hammil, Little Charlie Hammil, Paxton Galvin, Alyssa Snyder, Willy Zamora, Kathy Bond, Barbara Fedor, Kenny Wise, Sherri Snyder, Mike Fiser Jr., Regina Carson, Sheril Buchwalter, Shirley Delefave, Chet Molzen, Marvin Hartman, Tari Lowe, Patty Stuart, Bill Buchwalter, Mike Ringgenberg, Amanda Herbert, Monica Crawford, Sue Haumesser Miller, Jean Shoup and the families who have lost loved ones this year.

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



01 Ben Zimmerman  
01 Roger Hughes  
01 Eden Kohler  
02 Leslie Garst  
07 Colin Fickes  
10 Amanda Herbert  
11 Mike Hemmann  
13 Pastor Alan Nathan  
13 Cade Raudebaugh  
16 Rickey Cavendish  
22 Andy Hartman

#### **Nursing Home Ministry:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—2:00 p.m.  
Brookdale Senior Living  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday—2:00 p.m.  
Avenue of Wooster



Ron & Leslie Garst -4/20  
Tim & Beth Ann  
Zimmerman—4/23

### **Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting—February 23, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 12:17 p.m. by Garald

Devotions: Led by Tim as part of assignment from his DIACONIA program. Reading from 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. Opening prayer read together. Sharon = devotions for March

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

Minutes: Minutes from January council meeting accepted as presented moved: Sherrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>: BethAnn, carried.

Treasurer's Report: reports for December & January presented. We now have a complete and accurate report of our financials.

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports presented. A sizeable discrepancy between FSR and TR to be addressed through Tabitha (FNS report short)

Cards of Concern: Terry & Kathy Bumgardner, Judy & Jim Vitaro, Hostetler family.

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all services in January=4, plus 2 nursing home ministry services. 1 funeral. Hymn selections for March with the help (Amanda). 1 home communion visit. 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 March.

Report of Council Chair: Volunteer for March devotional=Sharon, Garald offered special thank you to congregation for the support following his fathers passing.

**Many thanks to all who purchased lilies and spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary. Your orders will be marked and you may take them with you after the Easter Sunday service on April 20th.**

*(Council Meeting minutes continued from page 2)*

#### 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 break in weather. Fund raising events and pledge campaign to continue. Advertisements updated on Massillon Cable TV PSA channel for events: Bike Raffle. Final push for ticket sales to continues.

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

Fellowship: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): Sub sale was a great success=raised over \$600 after expenses. Next event Feb: 02/23/25) Soup meal March 16<sup>th</sup>, Progressive meal 03/30/25 noon-3pm, Easter Breakfast set for April 20th. Motion to hold meals and services as discussed: BethAnn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sherrill, 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. Pantry is seeing a lot of use. Our next date for Zion Meal is April 27.

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

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. 4-H club use of building – motion to continue allowing them to use our church throughout 2025: Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> :Sherrill, carried.

Adjournment: Motion: Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup>: BethAnn, carried. (next council meeting 03/23/25 12:00 pm) We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy J Barrage

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I encourage all to come and celebrate this season with hearts open to God's transformative power. Let the music, the prayers, and the light of Easter morning fill you with renewed energy and faith. And may we, like the early church, support one another through every challenge, knowing that God is always at work among us.

With hope and gratitude,  
Tim Barrage



### **Women's Bible Study**

**Join the Facebook Group**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/WomenOfSalem](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WomenOfSalem)

### **Bike Raffle Ends 04/15/25**


Please consider supporting our roof fund raising program with a designated gift by marking "roof" on your offering envelope. It is indeed unfortunate that having a new steel roof did not correct the leak in the sacristy. The tower will need repaired as well. Thank you for your consideration and continued generosity.

## 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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MONDAY 7:00 p.m.

**CHOSEN**


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Join us on the week of resurrection  
or on Wednesday by searching for "Salem Lutheran Wooster"

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## Easter Celebration Activities for April 20th 2025

Join us for one or all of the festivities planned for:

**Holy Week and Easter:**

**04/13/25—Palm Sunday Service—10:00 a.m.**

**04/18/25—Good Friday Tenebrae Service—7:00 p.m.**

**04/20/25—Easter Breakfast—8:30 a.m.**

**04/20/25—Easter Egg Hunt—9:30 a.m.**

**04/20/25—Easter Celebration Service—10:00 a.m.**

### FINANCIAL

Regular Offering	\$ 2183.00
Designated Offering	\$ <u>2678.00</u>
Total Offering for February	\$ 4861.00

*A special Thank-You goes out to all who have contributed to our Raise the Roof campaign. Your contributions have helped a great deal.*

### Wednesday Night

#### Lenten Bible Study:

On the books of Psalms

Join us on zoom, Facebook livestream or in person for our Deep Dive into the books of Psalms

7:00 p.m. through April 9

### EASTER SYMBOLS AND TRADITIONS

**Easter Eggs** are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Some have considered egg rolling symbolic of the stone blocking Jesus' tomb being rolled away.

**The Easter Bunny** - Rabbits usually give birth to a big litter, so they became symbolic of new life. Legend has it that the Easter bunny lays, decorates and hides eggs as they are also a symbol of new life.