

FAITH BY PRAYING FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE, HEARING GOD'S WORD,  
SHARING GOD'S GRACE, SERVING GOD'S CHILDREN

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Tim's Time—Lay Leader Thoughts

As we navigate these challenging times, one thing has become clear: our community is feeling the strain of division, particularly when it comes to political views. It's a tension that can creep into our relationships, making it harder for us to come together as one body in Christ. But as followers of Jesus, we are called to rise above the fray and embody a spirit of unity and love.

The role of the church in government and politics has always been a delicate balance. Martin Luther himself urged us to engage with the world while keeping our focus on the Gospel. In Romans 13:1, we are reminded, *"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God."* This doesn't mean blind allegiance, but rather a call to participate thoughtfully and prayerfully in the public sphere, always anchored in our faith and values.

Our church's involvement in the community, such as our weekly Monday Night Community Meal, is a perfect example of how we can bridge divides through service. This meal is more than just food; it's an opportunity for fellowship and understanding. When we gather around the table, political affiliations fade, and what remains is our shared humanity and our commitment to serve one another as Christ served us.

Following our Community Meal, the weekly Chosen Bible study offers

JUNE  
2024

### SERVICES THIS MONTH:

02—2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
09—3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
16—4th Sunday after Pentecost  
23—5th Sunday after Pentecost  
30—6th Sunday after Pentecost

### 9:00 AM—BIBLE STUDY

If you wish to participate create an account on Zoom and click on the link on our website:  
[www.SLCW.org](http://www.SLCW.org)

### 10:00 AM—WORSHIP

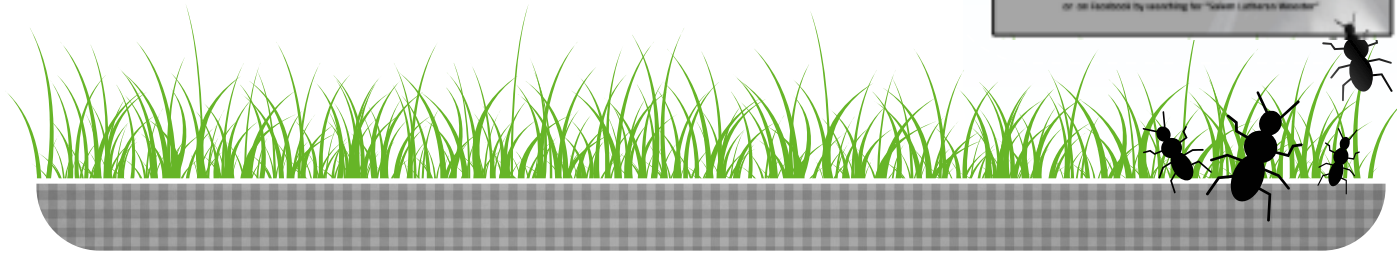
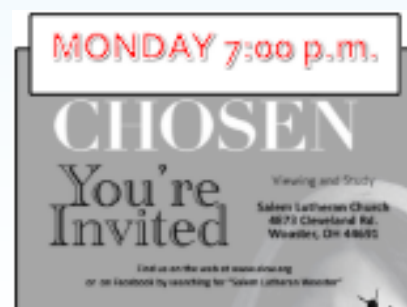
Join us in-person following or view our live stream services on Facebook

[Facebook.com/  
SalemLutheranWooster](https://www.facebook.com/SalemLutheranWooster)

### CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.

Come for a meal at 6:00p.m





Ashley Parish,  
 Sheril Buchwalter,  
 Shirley Delefave,  
 George Wise,  
 Chet Molzen,  
 Marvin Hartman,  
 Tari Lowe,  
 Patty Stuart,  
 Bill Buchwalter,  
 Marian Martin,  
 Mike Ringgenberg,  
 Amanda Herbert,  
 Monica Crawford,  
 Sue Haumesser Miller,  
 Jean Shoup,  
 Family of loved ones  
 gone before us.



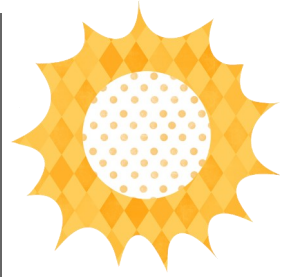
8 Susan Grossenbacher  
 9 Jim Vitaro  
 14 Bob Alexander  
 16 Tom Carraway  
 18 Helen Raudebaugh  
 20 Judy Vitaro  
 28 Brielle Ann Burchett  
 30 Betty Snyder



Rick & Christine  
 Hemmann  
 June 19

Ed & Jane Blake  
 June 27

Mark & Patti  
 Baumgartner  
 June 29



**WORSHIP AT  
 THE AVENUE**

Services at the  
 Avenue will be  
 held on Sunday,  
 June 26 at 2:00  
 pm. If you would  
 be willing to help  
 with this service  
 please contact  
 Barbara  
 Buchwalter at  
 330-317-7906.



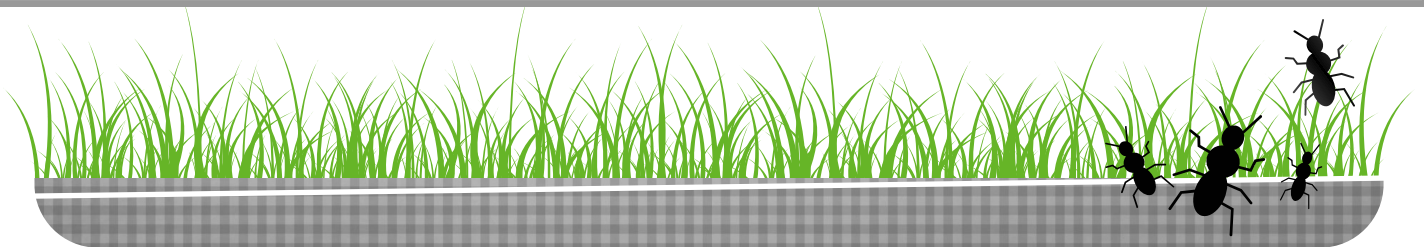
**Women of Faith** have been meeting for brunch the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Buehler's Towne Market in downtown Wooster. Stay tuned to the Facebook and slcw.org for updates on Courtyard Bible Study that will soon restart. join us at <http://www.facebook.com/WomenOfSalem>



**Nourishment, Fellowship and  
 Learning  
 FREE**

Community Meal every Monday Night  
 Serving a hot meal open to all who are hungry.

**COOKBOOK SALE:** Copies of Favorite Recipes of Past & Present, a collection of recipes provided by members of Salem Lutheran Church, are still available at \$10 each. Money collected will be used to fund our roof replacement. This 120 page booklet offers recipes from Appetizers to Desserts and are available in the Narthex.



JUNE 16, 2024



Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that your own father has made to your life. Father figures can include fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers and great-grandfathers and even other male relatives. There are a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day. One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907. We wish all of you father figures a happy day!

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another chance to deepen our connections. Studying the life of Jesus together can remind us of His example of radical love and compassion. Jesus dined with tax collectors and sinners, engaged with those who society had cast out, and always led with love. We are called to do the same.

We all have seen our share of turbulent times. We've witnessed how love, faith, and community can bring about healing and change. Now is the time to share that wisdom with younger generations, to model for them what it means to live out our faith in practical ways. Let's use our gatherings to mentor and to listen, to bridge generational divides as well as political ones.

**WORSHIP AT BROOKDALE**

Services at Brookdale Senior Living will be held on Sunday, June 09 at 2:00 pm. If you would be willing to help with this service please contact Barbara Buchwalter

Let's also take to heart the words of 1 Corinthians 1:10: *"<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose."* This does not mean we will always agree on everything, but it calls us to focus on what unites us rather than what divides us.

As we move forward, let's commit to being a church that leads with love. Let's be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry (James 1:19). Let's show our community that despite our differences, we are united in Christ and dedicated to His mission of love and service.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next Service, Community Meal or Chosen Bible study. Together, let's continue to build a church that reflects the heart of Jesus.

**FINANCIAL**

Regular Offering     \$ 2,413.87  
Designated Offering     \$ 1,024.00

**YEAR-TO-DATE**

Total Income     \$ 14,960.72

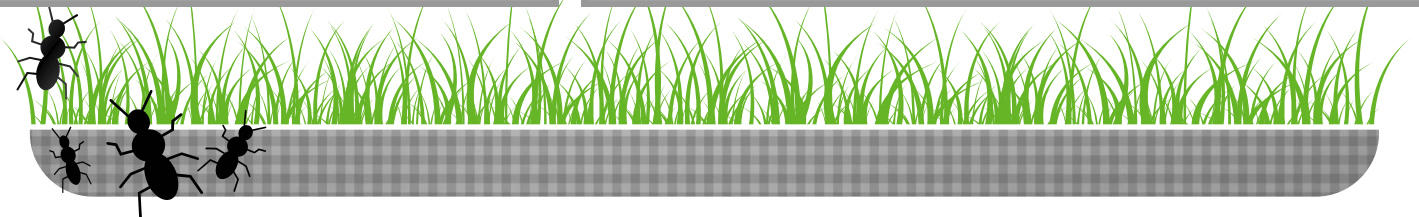
*Receipts through April 2024*

**Greater Wayne County Food Pantry**  
807 Spruce Street, Wooster, OH

**Walk-in Hours:** Wednesdays from Noon to 3:00 pm and Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Drive-thru pantry:** 10:00 am to Noon on Fridays until the last Friday in September.

For more information visit [www.woosterhopecenter.org](http://www.woosterhopecenter.org) or call 330-683-2242, option 2.



# Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting

## Minutes 28 April 2024

Meeting called to order at 12:06p.m. by Gerald

**Devotions:** Opening prayer read together. Sharon led devotions, BethAnn – devotions for May

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

**Minutes:** " minutes from March council meeting accepted as presented w/o objection

**Treasurer's Report:** no report.

**Financial Secretaries Report:** Income Reports accepted as presented motioned by Sherrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb, carried.

**Cards of Concern:** Lila Woods, Chris Hemann,

**Pastoral Report:** Tim conducted all services in March totaling 9 services, plus Avenue = 10. Hymn selections for June with the help (Amanda/ Kathy). 2 home communion visits. Pastor Nathan continues with Sunday morning Bible. Worship at the Avenue was attended by 9 people in March. Communion service provided well received. Pastor will offer communion ongoing on the first Sunday of each month and consecrate elements for Avenue service. Tim will continue to hold office hours as previously listed. Luther Seminary Lay Leader program continuing. Meal and Bible study on Monday night continues. Meal going well, new hungry people have attended, some staying for programming. To encourage members to join us on Mondays to partake in meal. Organists secured for all services through May. Tim asked to attend a class offered by NEOS Confessions and Creeds of the Lutheran Faith – cost \$65.00, Motion by Barb to cover cost, BethAnn 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried.

**Report of Council Chair:** Still planning to appoint one additional council member. Community pantry signage needed. Donations to keep pantry filled requested (see Social Ministry).

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

**Property:** Roof repair — planning for fund raising events and pledge campaign. Posts pulled in cemetery. Tree removal in process.

**Evangelism:** Cards are available for upcoming special Sunday meals, as well as the Monday movie night series — still promoting mailing out invites to friends and family who might want to join us for our Bible study and beyond and other special events. Working with Fellowship to share events to the community.

**Fellowship:** Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): Sub Sunday was not well attended. Next fellowship meal to be held on, (05/26/24) Men's cook out, Summer Cook out (06/23/24), Chili Cook off (07 /28/24), Ice Cream Social (08/25/24), Mexican Feast (09/22/24), **Social Ministry:**Monday Night Meal and Bible Study AT SALEM, meals secured for May. Meal at 6p.m. with Bible Study to follow. Flyer created for meal. Panera Bread not accepting requests for donations at this time. 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, adding Brookdale on 06/09/24. (6) NFL Meal going well.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Fund raising ideas: Auction, Pledge drive, Cake Auction, Meals, Rummage sale, car show. Council to establish committee to look into best practices, motion Sherrill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon, carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion: BethAnn, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sharon, carried. (next council meeting 05/26/24 12:00 pm) We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy J Barrage

