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



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## **July Services**

www.SLCW.org

07 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

14 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

21 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

28 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

## 9:00 AM—BIBLE STUDY

If you wish to participate online, click the link at our www.slcw.org website.

#### 10:00 AM—WORSHIP

Join us in-person or view our live stream services on facebook.

Worship may be viewed live or at a later time on facebook.

<u>Facebook.com/</u> SalemLutheranWooster

Or YouTube
www.YouTube.com/
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Submissions for the August newsletter will be accepted through July 15. Please contact the church office.

## July 2024 Newsletter



# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Tim's Time—Lay Leader Thoughts

## Patriotism and Faith: A July Reflection

As we approach the 4th of July, our hearts swell with pride and gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy in this great nation. It's a time to reflect on the blessings of liberty, the sacrifices of those who have fought for our independence, and the responsibilities we hold as citizens. But as Christians, our reflection goes deeper, intertwining our patriotism with our faith.

In Romans 13:1-7, we are reminded of the importance of respecting and obeying our authorities: "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established." This passage challenges us to recognize the divine hand in the establishment of our government and to fulfill our civic duties with a spirit of obedience and respect.

Similarly, 1 Peter 2:13-17 encourages us to submit to every human authority for the Lord's sake, whether to the emperor or to governors. This act of submission is not just a civic duty but a testament to our faith, reflecting our trust in God's sovereignty and His ultimate plan.

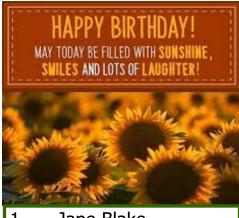
As we celebrate Independence Day, it's also a time to humble ourselves and seek God's guidance for our nation. 2 Chronicles 7:14 offers a powerful promise: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." In this, we find hope

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Sami Nenadal, Regina Carson, Ashley Parish, 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 loved ones gone before us.

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



- Jane Blake 1
- 2 Don Palmquist
- 5 Patti Baumgartner
- 11 Catrina Dunlap
- 14 George Wise
- 22 Sue Haumesser



Allen & Sherry Parish July 1

Chris & Jane Fickes July 5

Wayne & Colleen Alexander-Green July 11

## FELLOWSHIP

Please join us after the Sunday morning worship services at the pavilion behind the church for fellowship and refreshments. look forward to seeing you there. We hold a special monthly fellowship with the hopes of inviting friends and family to join us. Postcards are available for invitations.

## **WORSHIP AT** THE AVENUE

Services at the Avenue will be held on Sunday, July 28 at 2:00 pm. If you would be willing to help with this service please contact:

> Babara Buchwalter 330-317-7906.

## **FINANCIAL**

Regular Offering 1316.00 Designated Offering 0.00 TOTAL 1316.00

## YEAR-TO-DATE

Total Income 17,333.34

Receipts through May 2024

## **WORSHIP AT BROOKDALE**

Services at Brookdale will be held on Sunday, July 14 at 2:00 pm. If you would be willing to help with this service please contact:

> Babara Buchwalter 330-317-7906.

## COUNCIL MEETING—June 02, 2024

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

<u>Devotions</u>: Opening prayer read together. BethAnn led devotions, BethAnn = devotions for June <u>Members</u>: Barb Buchwalter, Garald Wise, Sharon Salmons, Beth Zimmerman, Sherrill Wise (Tim Barrage, Tabitha Burchett, Pastor Alan Nathan) <u>Absent</u>: Tabitha, Alan.

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

Treasurer's Report: no report.

<u>Financial Secretaries Report</u>: Income Reports accepted as presented without objection.

Cards of Concern: Sheryl Buchwalter, Allyssa Parish, Betty Snyder,

<u>Pastoral Report</u>: Tim conducted all services in April totaling 5 services, plus Avenue =6. Hymn selections for August with the help (Amanda). 2 home communion visits. Pastor Nathan continues with Sunday morning Bible. Worship at the Avenue was attended by 5 people in April, 11 in May. Communion service provided well received. Pastor will offer communion ongoing on the first Sunday of each month and consecrate elements for Avenue as well as Brookdale service. Tim will continue to hold office hours as previously listed. Luther Seminary Lay Leader program continuing. Organists secured for all services through July. Tim reported on the Concord program that he has been attending, great program put on by Norwest Ohio Synod.

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**

<u>FAITH FORMATION:</u> 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.

<u>PROPERTY</u>: Roof repair — planning for fund raising events and pledge campaign. Tree removal in process. Insurance renewal in process.

**EVANGELISM**: Working with Fellowship to share events to the community.

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and responsibility. Our prayers and actions can contribute to the healing and prosperity of our nation.

Psalm 33:12 declares, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance." As we wave our flags and light up the sky with fireworks, let's remember that our true blessing comes from acknowledging God as the foundation of our nation. Our patriotic celebrations are enriched when we recognize that our freedom is a gift from God, and our national strength is rooted in our collective faith.

This 4th of July, let us celebrate with gratitude and prayer. Let us honor the legacy of those who have gone before us, and commit ourselves anew to being responsible, prayerful citizens. As a church, let us lead by example, demonstrating how faith and patriotism can coexist harmoniously, inspiring others to seek God's will for our nation.

May God bless you, and may God bless America.

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<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): Mens cook out went well (05/26/24) Summer Cook out (06/23/24), Chili Cook off (07/28/24), Ice Cream Social (08/25/24), Mexican Feast (09/22/24),

<u>SOCIAL MINISTRY:</u> Monday Night Meal and Bible Study AT SALEM. Meal at - 6p.m. with Bible Study to follow. Flyer created for meal. 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: Committee to be formed to address pledge and fund raising planning, Motion to continue holding worship at Brookdale nursing home ongoing made by BethAnn, Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried.

Adjournment: Motion: BethAnn. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sharon, carried. (next council meeting 06/23/24 12:00 pm) We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy J Barrage

#### SCHOOL KIT COLLECTIONS BEGIN THIS MONTH:

We are collecting items for the Lutheran World Relief School kits. Items needed per kit are:

4 single subject notebooks (70 count pages)

Pack of 16 or 24 crayons

Pair of scissors

Pencil sharpener

12 inch ruler

5 no.2 pencils (unsharpened)

5 black or blue pens

1 2.5 inch eraser

Backpacks will be purchased so that they are all the same.

# BAKERS PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

As you may be aware, the little pantry in the back of our lot is getting a lot of traffic. This means that keeping it stocked is a challenge. There are many who have donated throughout this ministries life, and we are truly appreciative to all who have gone the extra mile in providing supplies. The items that seem to be most utilized are the following: Cereal in boxes; canned meats (tuna, chicken, beef); shelf stable milk; canned items with a pull tab (soups, Manwich, chili, spaghetti os, mac & cheese, etc.); personal hygiene items (toothbrushes, tooth paste, toilet paper, deodorant, combs) plastic bags. Hamburger helper; Tuna Helper. Rice; Spaghetti; Sauce. Please drop your items in the rear pew in the sanctuary for our team of pantry workers to distribute.





