

August 2024 Newsletter

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tim's Time—Lay Leader Thoughts



AUGUST SERVICES

- 4 11th Sunday
After Pentecost
- 11 12th Sunday
After Pentecost
- 18 13th Sunday
After Pentecost
- 25 14th Sunday
After Pentecost

9:00 AM—BIBLE STUDY

If you wish to participate online create an account on Zoom and click on the link on our website.

10:00 AM—WORSHIP

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

Bible Study and Worship may be viewed live or at a later time on Facebook.

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

Please keep us in the loop! We would like to know if you have moved, if you have a new phone number or email address, or if you would like to make any changes to the prayer list or church directory. Thanks!

As we navigate the chaos of this election season and the controversy surrounding the recent Olympic opening ceremony, we are reminded of the many challenges and divisions facing our world today. Yet, in the midst of this turmoil, we are also given opportunities to reflect, come together, and find solace in our faith and community.

In Luke 23:34, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." These words resonate deeply as we witness the misunderstandings and conflicts unfolding around us. They remind us of the importance of compassion, forgiveness, and striving for unity, even when it feels difficult.

We are blessed to be part of a community that embodies these values. Our Monday Night meal ministry and Baker's Pantry food ministry continue to serve those in need, offering nourishment and kindness in times of uncertainty. These ministries are vital, and we encourage everyone to participate and support these efforts. Your involvement makes a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors and reflects the love of Christ in action.

Additionally, we invite you to join us for our Sunday outdoor worship services, where we gather in fellowship, prayer, and song under the open sky. These moments of worship are a breath of fresh air, a chance to reconnect with God and each other in a beautiful setting.

We also have a special celebration on the horizon. On September 29, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., we will come together to celebrate George and Shirley Wise's 70th wedding anniversary at the church pavilion.

This milestone is a testament to enduring love and commitment, and we hope you will join us in honoring their remarkable journey.

As we continue our study of John 6, let us reflect on Jesus' message of abundance and provision. In a

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**AUGUST
WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

Betty Snyder,
Mike Weber,
Melba Toler,
Sami Nenadal,
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,
Families of those who have
gone before us.

- 2 Rick Hemmann
- 4 LaVonne Hider
- 6 Lila Woods
- 18 Braden Haumesser
- 26 Barbara Buchwalter
- 29 Tim Barrage
- 31 Morris Richmond

- 1 Dennis & Susan Wise
- 23 Terry & Kathy Bumgardner
- 30 Roger & Sherry Hughes
- 31 Tom & Shelley Carraway

**WORSHIP AT
BROOKDALE**
August 11 @ 2:00 pm
If you would be willing to assist with
this service, please contact
Barbara Buchwalter
330-317-7906

**WORSHIP AT THE
AVENUE**
August 25 @ 2:00 pm
If you would be willing to assist with
this service, please contact
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FINANCIAL - Receipts through June 2024

Regular Offering	\$ 3,029.00
Designated Offering	\$ 100.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	
Total Income	\$ 20,529.60

WOMEN'S GROUP

Join the Facebook Group
www.facebook.com/WomenOfSalem

Meets on the
first Wednesday of every month at
Buehler's Downtown 10:00 a.m.

(Continued from page 1—Tim's Time:)

world where scarcity and fear often dominate the narrative, we are called to trust in God's providence and share generously with others.

Let us move forward with hope and determination, knowing that even in the midst of chaos, we can be a source of light and love. Your participation and support in our ministries and worship services are more important than ever. Together, we can make a difference and find strength in our shared faith.

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting—Sunday June 30th 2024

Meeting called to order at 12:07p.m. by Garald

Devotions: Prayer of thanksgiving offered by Garald. Opening prayer read together. BethAnn = devotions for July

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

Minutes: " minutes from May council meeting accepted as presented moved: BethAnn, 2nd: Sherrill, carried.

Treasurer's Report: no report.

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports accepted as presented w/o objection.

Cards of Concern: Martin/Alexander Family, Lila Woods, Bill Buchwalter, Jim & Judy Vitaro, Jessica Hostetler,

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all services in May & June totaling 9 services, plus Avenue, plus Brookdale, plus Martin Funeral = 12. Hymn selections for August with the help (Amanda). 4 home communion visits. Pastor Nathan continues with Sunday morning Bible. Worship at the Avenue as well as Brookdale service will continue. Communion service provided well received. Pastor will offer communion ongoing on the first Sunday of each month and consecrate elements for Avenue & Brookdale services. Tim will continue to hold office hours as previously listed. Luther Seminary Lay Leader program continuing. Organists secured for all services through August. Tim reported on class that he attended as provided by NWOS-very good class, hoping to connect with future classes offered by same.

Report of Council Chair: Still planning to appoint one additional council member. Community pantry signage needed.

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.

Property: Roof repair — planning for fund raising events and pledge campaign. Tree removal scheduled for 07/05/24 am.

Evangelism: Working with Fellowship to share events to the community. Flyers delivered to several local places for distribution. Regina offering to help with door to door invites.

Fellowship: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): Summer Cook out (06/23/24) went well. Due to several conflicts, dates of upcoming monthly fellowship meals were discussed. Motion to move all events back one month, Mo: Sharon, 2nd: BethAnn, carried: Chili Cook off (NOW 08/25/24), Ice Cream Social (09/22/24), Mexican Feast (10/27/24)

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. School packets donations needed: newsletter for list; grant from Thrivent received for school kits (\$200).

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: Change of council meeting date in July: Motion to postpone meeting one week to 08/04/24: Motion: BethAnn, 2nd: Sharon, carried. Estimates on roof repair need secured. Grant proposal writers to be sought.

Adjournment: Motion: Sherrill 2nd: BethAnn, carried. (next council meeting 08/04/24 12:00 pm) We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy J Barrage

LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

SCHOOL KITS

Each year the members of Salem Lutheran Church have been generous in donating school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are calling on you again to participate in such a worthwhile program. Below are guidelines and a supply list to assist you with your purchases. Please drop your kits off at the church. The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings until Noon; you may also leave the kits in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. For further information, contact Beth Ann Zimmerman at 330-749-7662. Thank you in advance for your assistance and generosity.

GUIDELINES:

- If you are looking to purchase backpacks, the preferred style is often used in the U.S. for youth to carry athletic equipment. Try your local sporting goods store or search online using the keywords, "buy drawstring backpacks."
- Before purchasing backpacks, make sure they meet the size requirements (14" x 17") and General Assembly Instructions. You can download a list from our website of suppliers who have appropriate bags available for purchase in bulk.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT:

- ___ FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½";
no loose leaf paper
- ___ ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ___ ONE pencil sharpener
- ___ ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ___ FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ___ FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ___ ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons ONE 2 ½" eraser
- ___ ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

In addition to School Kits, LWR gladly accepts Personal Care (Health) Kits, Baby Care Kits, Fabric Kits and Quilts. For more detailed information on these types of kits, visit the LWR website: [HTTPS://LWR.ORG](https://lwr.org). Ingathering dates for the School Kits are **October 19 & 20** and need transported to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville. If you have an SUV or truck and would be willing to take the boxes to Seville, please contact Beth Ann Zimmerman at 330-749-7662. Also let Beth Ann know if you would be willing to assist with assembling the kits. If you would be interested in simply donating to the school kit drive, please make your checks payable to SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH and we will purchase the items for you. Please mark your envelope **2024** School Kits. Thanks!