

SHARING OUR FAITH



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, WOOSTER, OHIO

Tim's Time—Lay Leader Thoughts

As we enter October, we have much to celebrate and reflect upon. Our congregation has been a beacon of faith and community for 197 years. We've weathered storms, rejoiced in blessings, and shared the love of Christ with countless lives. This anniversary is not just a milestone; it's a testament to the enduring faith and resilience of our church family.

Yet, as we honor our past, we must also look to the future. Our sanctuary roof, which has sheltered us through so many seasons, is now in need of replacement. This is not just a financial challenge—it's an opportunity to show our trust in God's provision and our commitment to maintaining a safe and welcoming space for worship and fellowship. Just as those before us laid the foundation for this congregation, we are called to ensure that it remains strong and vibrant for generations to come.

In this season of renewal, we are also looking for leaders who feel called to serve on our church council. With our annual meeting approaching in November, it's a crucial time for new voices and fresh perspectives. Serving on the council is more than just a role—it's a ministry. It's a chance to shape the future of our church and to help guide our community through this period of renewal and growth.

Walking by faith means stepping forward, even when we don't see the whole path. It means believing that with God's help, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. We may be small, but our hearts and our faith are mighty. Together, we can rise to the challenges before us—whether it's raising the funds for a new roof or finding the right leaders to help guide us forward.

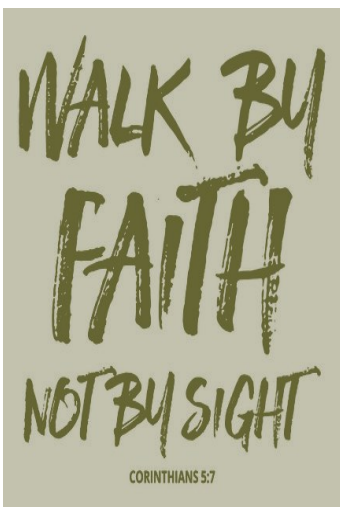
As we celebrate this 197th anniversary, let's honor our past by committing to our future. Let's take this opportunity to show our gratitude for the generations who came before us and to act boldly so that we, too, can leave a legacy of faith for those who will come after. Whether through a financial gift, a commitment to prayer, or a willingness to serve on the council, each of us has a part to play.

May we walk together in faith, trusting that God is with us every step of the way.

Yours in Christ,
Tim Barrage

OCTOBER
2024

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



Congregational Meeting Set For Sunday November 24, 2024

following worship / Pot Luck to follow meeting

Mark your calendars for this important meeting of the congregation. This is the meeting where budgets are approved; elections held; and decisions made regarding the future of Salem Lutheran Church. Voting members are those who have attended worship at least once in the past twelve months; communed; and given an offering of record. Our future depends on your participation; prayers and giving, so be with us as we discuss the hopes and dreams of this congregation for this coming year and into the future.

Birthdays



4	Lynn Hider Wilson
6	Seth Snyder
7	Alex Fickes
8	Corwin Croskey
10	Carrie Croskey
13	Joey Raudebaugh
17	Rachel Weiser
20	Paul Gray, Jr.
21	Chase Meese
22	Chris Fickes
23	Becky Fitzpatrick
24	Terry Bumgardner
28	Lauren Wise Sherrill Wise
29	Sheila Snyder Darrell Cavendish, Jr.

Anniversaries



10	Jim & Judy Vitaro
12	Max & Marianne Powrie
14	Corwin & Jane Croskey

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Mike Fiser Jr., Betty Snyder, Melba Toler, Sami Nenadal, Regina Carson, Sheril Buchwalter, Shirley Delefade, George Wise, Chet Molzen, Marvin Hartman, Tari Lowe, Patty Stuart, Bill Buchwalter, Mike Ringgenberg, Amanda Herbert, Monica Crawford, Sue Haumesser Miller, Jean Shoup, and those who have gone before us.

Bible Study

Each Sunday morning at 9:00 Pastor Nathan leads a Bible study. Currently, we are studying the Psalms.

Women of Faith

The women of Salem meet the first Wednesday of each month at Buehler's Towne Market in Wooster for brunch. All women of Salem are welcome!

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting for July—Held August 4, 2024

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

Devotions: Devotions offered by Beth Ann – Romans 11:33. Opening prayer read together.

Sharon = devotions for September

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

Minutes: " minutes from June council meeting accepted as presented without objection.

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM

Create an account on Zoom and click on the link on our website: www.SLCW.org.

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM

- 06 20th Sunday after Pentecost
- 13 21st Sunday after Pentecost
- 20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
- 27 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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.



Our Annual Meeting will take place next month, which means it will be time to elect Committee and Council members once again.

We need faithful servants to step in and share their gifts with the People of Salem in the following roles: one Cemetery Committee member, one Endowment Committee member, and four council members. *No experience necessary!*

Candidates must have been a member of Salem Lutheran Church for one year and be faithful in your worship and spiritual life.

FINANCIAL NEWS

August Giving

Regular Offering \$ 3,309.00
Designated Offering \$ 233.40

YEAR-TO-DATE

Total Income \$ 26,712.74

Receipts through August 2024

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Treasurer's Report: February thru June reporting without balance sheet. Financial secretary and Treasurer number match overall, but numbers are off month to month – due to timing of deposits.

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

Cards of Concern: Lila, Betty, Regina & David,

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all services in July totaling 4 services, plus Avenue, plus Brookdale, = 6. Hymn selections for September with the help (Amanda). 1 home communion visits. Pastor Nathan continues with Sunday morning Bible study. Worship at the Avenue as well as Brookdale service 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 but first Sunday service, through September. Will nail down.

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 completed on 07/05/24. Terry Bumgardner, Garald Wise, BethAnn Zimmerman, Sharon Salmons, Tim Barrage. Estimates on roof repair need secured. Grant proposal writers to be sought. Troyer Roofing 330-857-7865, Twin Creek Roofing 330-275-7210. Toilets in basement – family toilet repaired, other repairs needed in south side rest rooms.

Evangelism: Working with Fellowship to share events to the community. Flyers delivered to several local places for distribution (hope pantry, antique shop, mission thrift, goodwill).

Fellowship: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): dates of upcoming monthly fellowship meals: Chili Cook off (NOW 08/25/24), motion to mover Ice Cream Social to 29th, Sharon, Sherryll 2nd, carried (09/29/24), Mexican Feast (10/27/24), Pot Luck Meal – annual meeting fellowship (11/17/24),

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: currently have enough for 100 kits.

Worship & Music: Organists secured through September except first Sunday of September – will most likely be secured in the coming week.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) roof repairs (see property) (2) Community Pantry signage in process. Sharon presented design – motion to approve design to be completed at PG Dunn: Sharon, Sherryll 2nd, carried (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, Brookdale 2nd Sunday, Avenue 4th Sunday. (6) NFL Meal going well.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeep club car show offered by Sharon. Date to be determined. Discussion about how a raffle of donated items would be run. Bake sale as part of Car show. Potential dates Oct 19th or 26th or Nov 2nd.

Adjournment: Motion: Beth Ann 2nd: Barb, carried. (next council meeting 09/22/24 12:00 pm – no meeting in August) We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy J Barrage

(no council meeting held in August)

Do you have a year end mandated distribution from your retirement savings coming due? Consider making a contribution to reduce your tax burden by giving toward our Raise the Roof campaign.

Have you considered earmarking a gift to Salem Lutheran Church out of your insurance death benefit? Contact a council member to learn more.

Do you have something of value that you would like to donate to our Raise the Roof fund raising program? If so, contact any of our church council members and let us know.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>October 2024</i>		1 Tim's Hours 5p-9p	2 10:00 Women of Faith Brunch	3 Tim's Hours 5p-9p	4 Secretary hours 9a-1p	5
6 Bible Study 9a Worship 10a Fellowship 11a	7 Secretary hours 9a-1p NFL Meal 6p Chosen 7p	8 Tim's Hours 5p-9p	9	10 Tim's Hours 5p-9p	11 Secretary hours 9a-1p	12
13 Bible Study 9a Worship 10a Fellowship 11a Brookdale 2p	14 Columbus Day NFL Meal 6p Chosen 7p	15 Tim's Hours 5p-9p	16	17 Tim's Hours 5p-9p	18 Secretary hours 9a-1p	19 JEEPERS CREEPERS 12p-twilight
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WORSHIP AT BROOKDALE

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 13TH AT 2:00 PM.
PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA BUCH-WALTER AT
330-317-7906 IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP
WITH THIS SERVICE.

WORSHIP AT THE AVENUE

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 27TH AT 2:00 PM.
PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA BUCH-WALTER
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HELP WITH THIS SERVICE.

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Raffles; food trucks;
door prizes; bake sale

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around our parking lot**

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