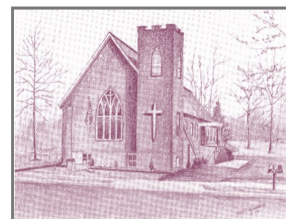


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**BIBLE STUDY—9:00 AM**

Create an account on Zoom and click on the link on our website at [www.SLCW.org](http://www.SLCW.org) to join, or watch on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/SalemLutheranWooster](http://www.facebook.com/SalemLutheranWooster) any time.

**WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM—November Services:**

3— All Saints Sunday

10—25th Sunday after Pentecost

17—26th Sunday after Pentecost

24—Christ the King / Congregational Meeting

## Tim's Time—Lay Leader Thoughts

November brings us both a national election and our own annual congregational meeting—a season rich with decisions that will shape the future. The call to participate thoughtfully, responsibly, and prayerfully is upon us as we consider our choices and commitments.

In a world where opinions are so often divided and emotions run high, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. This time of decision-making, however, offers a unique opportunity for us as people of faith. Instead of adding to the noise, we can be bearers of a different tone—one marked by humility, respect, and an unwavering commitment to the truth of the Gospel. As Ephesians 4:3 reminds us, "Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Let's remember that our highest calling is not to a particular side or party, but to live out Christ's commandment to love one another, even when our perspectives differ.

As we prepare for our congregational meeting on November 24, let us approach it with the same spirit. This is a time for all voices in our church family to be heard, for ideas to be shared, and for our hearts to be united in discerning God's will for our congregation. Whether you're considering joining the council or simply participating in the vote, your presence matters deeply.

In this season, I encourage each of you to hold both our nation and our congregation in your prayers. Let us be instruments of peace and unity, recognizing that our commitment to one another reflects our love for God. May we be a church community known not just for our votes and decisions, but for the love and grace we show to one another every step of the way.

Yours in Christ,  
Tim Barrage

***Building Faith by Praying for God's Guidance, Hearing God's Word,  
Sharing God's Grace, Serving God's Children***

**Poinsettia’s Orders Now Being Taken**

This year in an effort to help raise the needed monies to cover the expense of Raising our Roof, we have increased the price of the flowers that we share for the Christmas Holiday. Please consider purchasing the flowers for your loved ones, knowing that the added price will help our congregation provide a safe place to worship for generations to come. Thank you in advance for your help in this project. Orders are due by November 17th. So utilize the form here to order yours today:

**4.5 inch pots \$15.00** Color options: Red, White, Jingle Bells, Pink, Marble

If you wish to give one in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and turn it in to the church office or place it in the offering plate. The price of the plants is **\$15.00 each**. Your order must be turned in to the Church office on or before **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

<b>In Honor of:</b> _____	<b>In Honor of:</b> _____
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<b>In Memory of:</b> _____	<b>In Memory of:</b> _____
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<b>Given by:</b> _____	<b>Given by:</b> _____
<b>Number of Poinsettias Ordered:</b> _____	<b>Number of Poinsettias Ordered:</b> _____
<b>Amount Enclosed:</b> _____	<b>Amount Enclosed:</b> _____

**Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
September 22, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 12:11 p by Garald

Devotions: Devotions offered by Sharon – offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Opening prayer read together.

Garald = devotions for October

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Still attempting to get Treasurer balance sheets to work out.

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

Cards of Concern: Amanda Herbert, Lila Woods, Jim & Judy Vitaro, Jessica & Jordan Hostetler, Velda Cross

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all services in August totaling 4 services, plus Avenue, plus Brookdale, = 6. Hymn selections for October with the help (Amanda). 2 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. Asking that council approve funding for NEOS/NWOS lay leader programming for coming year. Organists secured for October. We completed todays service with recordings and it worked out well. NEOS/NWOS programming costs for Tim. Motion Barb, Sherryll 2<sup>nd</sup>, car- ried.

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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!*



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

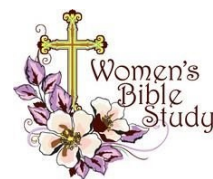
- 1 Max Powrie
- 12 Kelly McKinley
- 17 Adam Baumgartner
- 23 Tim Zimmerman
- 23 Candace Ressler
- 26 Justin Carraway
- 27 Silas Kohler

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Chad & Natalie Kohler

Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? Let us know.



### Women of Faith

has created a Facebook group called "Women of Salem." If anyone is interested in meeting for brunch at Buehler's Towne Market at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month, please let us know: 330-345-6727.

<http://www.facebook.com/WomenOfSalem>

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
 to sing praises to your name, O Most High.*

Psalm 92:1

### Happy Thanksgiving



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### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**November 24, 2021**

Please join us after the Sunday worship service in the sanctuary to review the annual report, elect council members and vote on roof replacement.

### WORSHIP AT BROOKDALE

Join us on September 08th at 2:00 pm. Please contact Barbara Buch-walter at 330-317-7906

### WORSHIP AT THE AVENUE

Join us on September 22nd at 2:00 pm. Please contact Barbara Buch-walter at 330-317-7906

### Why is Thanksgiving important in Christianity?

Thanksgiving Day marks an annual celebration of family, food, football. But for Christians, Thanksgiving has a much deeper meaning that goes to the core of their spiritual beliefs. The ultimate display of thanksgiving should be in reverence to God for all of His blessings to mankind through His son Jesus Christ.

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**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. Estimates on roof repair need secured. Grant proposal writers to be sought. Troyer Roofing referred us to Walnut Creek Roofing who specializes in Standing Seam Metal Roof – awaiting estimate. Twin Creek Roofing awaiting estimate.

**Evangelism:** Working with Fellowship to share events to the community. Flyers still available.

**Fellowship:** Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): dates of upcoming monthly fellowship meals: Ice Cream Social 09/29/24), Mexican Feast (10/27/24), Pot Luck Meal – annual meeting fellowship (11/24/24), Chili cook off raised \$233.40.

**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. Zion meal is October 20. Looking for volunteers.

**Worship & Music:** Organists secured through October, Organ maintenance should be scheduled.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (1) roof repairs (see property) (2) Community Pantry signage in process. Sharon to pick up in coming week (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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Avenue 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. (6) NFL Meal going well. (7) Jeepers Creepers – date set as October 19, 12p to twilight. MCTV will advertise fund raisers for free. Corn hole games, crafts for kids, bake sale. Raffle baskets (same day drawing), Bikes raffle (once goal raised),

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Adjournment:** Motion: Beth Ann: 2<sup>nd</sup> , Sharon, carried. (next council meeting 10/27/24 12:00 pm) We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:28 p.m.

**Bike raffle tickets on sale now.** Give Tim a call to help sell these raffle tickets. This sale helps us in two ways: (1)raising money for our roof, and (2)giving us a reason to bring up our church community. Talk to your friends about the chance to purchase these tickets and the possibility of winning one of these valuable bikes. Maybe they might join us on Sunday.



Small bike on left \$25.00/ticket. Larger bike on right \$50.00/ticket. Send your check payable to Salem Lutheran Church ( RTR) on the comment line.



<b>FINANCIAL - Receipts through September 2024</b>	
Regular Offering	\$ 3,504.37
Designated Offering	\$ 0.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	
Total Income	\$ 30,217.11

