

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Tim's Time - Lay Leader Thoughts

Do you know what Salem Lutheran Church's mission statement is? I ask this hoping that all will shout—YES! We know! That's an easy question.

If you don't know—our mission statement is at the right ⇨

There are no words that can express the joy that I feel as we work toward accomplishing our goals in ministry through this mission statement . We are most definitely doing so.

Our ministries are making a difference in our community, and the greater community of faith.

Most recently, we created a new ministry. Our N.F.L Monday Night Community meal. It started as an idea to help fill a need of hunger in the Madisonburg area. We really didn't understand how bad times really were and the depth of the hunger that existed in our local community. Baker's pantry made it clear. This pantry is very busy.

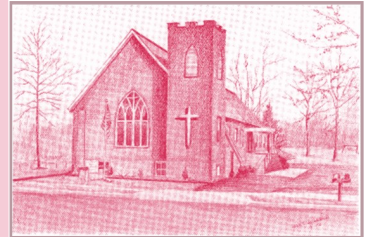
Our Monday Night Bible study group initially had popcorn and chips for watching the episodes of The Chosen—but this morphed into a meal every Monday night for those gathered to watch the episodes. I watched as we welcomed new participants to the group and then watched them offer a meal for all in attendance. We asked ourselves, It seems we have enough to go around plus some. While our group slowly grew, so did what ended up being served.

During our most recent stint of serving a meal as part of the Zion Meal, someone said: "Why don't we host a meal like this at Salem?" While the idea was well received, fear began to show up. "Can we do this?" "Do we really want to do this?" "What resources might be available to accomplish this?" "Are we sure we want to welcome all who might show up?" All of these questions were answered as people one by one started to offer a commitment to a specific number of main courses that they would cover throughout the year. Others stepped up and said—"I can help out if needed." "What ever is needed let us know."

Council voted on starting this endeavor on January 1, 2024. I am please to announce that we have held our weekly meals now for 5 weeks and have been prepared for many more than we had show up. But in the process we did find two new friends.

I am hoping that we can secure more help in the coming weeks as we continue to advertise throughout the community. Salem is here and serving hot meals on Monday nights. I hope that you might stop in as well to have a hot meal, and maybe stay for bible study. As you can see, this new ministry fits well within our mission statement, and will be a constant reminder of how this church family can impact the community in which we reside. I am happy to say that we are Building Faith by: Praying, Hearing, Sharing and Serving,

I am Salem Proud! You should be too.



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

FEBRUARY SERVICES:

04 5th Sunday of Epiphany
11 Transfiguration
14 Ash Wednesday
18 1st Sunday of Lent
21 Holden Evening Prayer
25 2nd Sunday of Lent
28 Holden Evening Prayer

**9:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship Service**

Bible Study and Worship Services are being live-streamed on Facebook for viewing. If you wish to join us live on Zoom. Our Worship Services are also being held in-person .

ATTENTION:

N.F.L. Monday Night-6:00 p.m.

Nourishment!
Fellowship!
Learning!

Come for a hot meal, stay for bible study.

Monday Night Movie Night Bible Study continues with watching and then discussing episodes of The Chosen series. Join us as we make meaningful connections with our neighbors and Jesus.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you wish to have your offering envelopes for 2024 delivered to you, please call us. We are accepting offerings in person on Sunday mornings, through paypal (www.slcw.org) and by mail.

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- 2 Jim McKinley
- 3 Ron Garst
- 3 Christian Haley
- 7 Toni Weiser
- 9 Amanda Hartman
- 11 Shelley Carraway
- 11 Jessica Zimmerman
- 11 Faith Hemmann
- 11 Courtney Dunlap
- 14 Amanda Miller
- 20 Tabitha Zimmerman
- 23 Kathy Bumgardner
- 25 Natalie Kohler
- 26 Kelly Miller
- 27 Sharon Salmons

INSTALLATION OF 2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

The installation of our 2024 council members took place on January 07 during the Sunday worship service. Designated positions were assigned at the January council meeting as follows:

President	Garald Wise
Vice-President	Sharon Salmons
Secretary	Tim Barrage
Cemetery, Endowment, and Stewardship Liaison	Sherrill Wise
Church Property Liaison	Gerald Wise
Evangelism Liaison	Sharon Salmons
Faith Formation Liaison	Barb Buchwalter
Fellowship Liaison	Sharon Salmons
Social Ministry Liaison	BethAnn Zimmerman / Barb Buchwalter
Cemetery Sexton	Garald Wise



Prayer Requests

Catrina Dotson
Shirley Delefave,
George Wise,
Chet Molzen,
Marvin Hartman,
Tari Lowe,
Noreen Miller,
Patti Stuart,
Bill Buchwalter,
Marian Martin,
Jean Shoup,
Mike Ringgenberg,
Beverly Cleverly,
Zane Cleverly,
Amanda Herbert,
Monica Crawford,
Sue Haumesser Miller,
Families of all our re-
cently departed.

Women's Bible Study

Join the Facebook Group

www.facebook.com/groups/WomenOfSalem

Sub Sunday
February 25, 2024

Postcards will be available to send out to friends, family or others whom you would like to invite to this event. Fill out their name and address, and we will mail them out.

FINANCIAL

Regular Offering	\$ 4,060.00
Designated Offering	\$ 298.00

YEAR-TO-DATE

Total Income	\$ 40,414.01
Disbursements	\$ 67,909.33
Difference	\$ -27,495.32

Receipts through December 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday is important because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter, when Christians believe Jesus was resurrected. The ashes symbolize both death and repentance. During this period, Christians show repentance and mourning for their sins, because they believe Christ died for them.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary (and live streamed)

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, Friday— 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday December 17, 2023

Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Garald

Devotions: Opening prayer read together. Barb = devotions for January

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

Minutes: "Motion to accept as presented" Beth Ann, 2nd Sharon, carried

Treasurer's Report: Report accepted as presented w/o objection.

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports – numbers match. November was largest giving month of
entire year.

Cards of Concern: Lynn Dilyard, Lila Woods, Carraways,

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all services in November. 3 children sermons as well. Hymn selections for
February with the help of Music and Worship committee (Amanda). Pastor Nathan continues with Sunday
morning Bible. Worship at the Avenue was attended by 6 people in November - Communion service provid-
ed – 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. Bible study on Monday night continues. 7:00 pm. To start meal on Janu-
ary 1 with Kielbasa & Sauerkraut. Visited 3 families/Home bound communion.

Report of Council Chair: Still planning to appoint at least one additional council members. Community
pantry signage needed. Donations to keep pantry filled requested.

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 – in process of working with contractor that might be able to submit a report to the
insurance company regarding the need for them to cover roof repair – also looking into Vocational School to
see if they would be interested in our roof as a project. 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): Christmas cookies occurred
today and were delicious. Reminder: New Years Eve: 12/31/23.

Social Ministry: Monday Night Meal and Bible Study AT SALEM in January 2024 will begin with January
1st, Sauerkraut and Kielbasa (Tim). Meal at 6p.m. with Bible Study to follow. So far 36 meals have been
committed to.

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- no report (6) Holiday Service Post Card sent to all members on December 10th.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) Name for Monday Meal – Multiple names suggested, Motion to make the name "NFL
Monday Night" standing for Nourishment, Fellowship, and Learning by Barb, 2nd by Beth Ann, carried



(Council Meeting minutes continue from page 3)

Adjournment: Motion by Beth Ann. 2nd by Sharon, Carried. (next council meeting 01/28/24 12:00 pm)
 We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Timothy J Barrage

EASTER LILY AND SPRING FLOWER SALE 2024				EASTER LILY AND SPRING FLOWER SALE 2024			
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6" pot - 1 stem Lily	_____	x \$12.00 =	_____	6" pot - 1 stem Lily	_____	x \$12.00 =	_____
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10" Hanging Fern Basket	_____	x \$23.00 =	_____	10" Hanging Fern Basket	_____	x \$23.00 =	_____
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In honor of: _____				In honor of: _____			
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Your name: _____				Your name: _____			
Phone No: _____				Phone No: _____			

Holden Evening Prayer Service

(starting Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.)

Please join us for our Wednesday night prayer services that will be held during the Lenten Season. A music filled evening with prayers and worship will be followed by a Lenten Bible study called "Beyond Question." Join us on Ash Wednesday to pick up your copy of the text *Lenten Journey: Beyond Question* so that you can follow along throughout the weeks. On Wednesday evenings, we will discuss what we have learned or experienced during the previous week—following the Holden Evening Prayer service. Questions like "Who do you say that I am?" And "Do you love me?" As well as "Where is your faith?" will be asked. Join me as we hear the questions, ponder our own understanding of His path, and prayerfully consider the next steps of our own faith journey together.