

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2023 Newsletter



APRIL SERVICES

- 02 Palm Sunday
- 07 Good Friday 7:00 p.m.
- 09 Easter Sunday
8:30 Breakfast - 9:30 East Egg Hunt - 10:00 Worship
- 16 2nd Sunday of Easter
- 23 3rd Sunday of Easter
- 30 4th Sunday of Easter

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9:00—Bible Study & 10:00—Worship

Join our Bible Study by - clicking on the link at www.slcw.org.

Tim's Time - Lay Leader Thoughts

God's blessings to you and your family in this Easter Season. This newsletter will be arriving to you just before the beginning of Holy Week. I hope it finds you healthy. I hope it finds you ready to break the discipline of the Lenten season with a celebration of hope. A celebration of salvation.

I have been leading worship now for two months. I remain in discernment about the path of Seminary for which I am about to embark. There is so much to be thankful for in our church community. I have been reflecting over the people I miss. The people, that for some reason, have not returned to regular worship since the pandemic began. I miss you. I miss your fellowship. I miss talking with you face to face. And what I miss most is how we used to grow in Christ, by the sharing of our good times, as well as the bad.

Church is not just a building that we meet in. It's not just a worship space. Church is the community of believers who share Christ with one another. Not one of us is perfect. Not one of us is deserving of Christ's grace. All of us are broken. I hope as you read this that your heart is filled with the warmth of a strong embrace. Because that is how it should feel. I want you to experience the full presence of God in our midst. Because God truly is with us here at Salem Lutheran Church. The love we share with each other is only the tiniest speck in comparison to what Christ showed to us by his death on the cross. This Easter Season, I personally invite you to share with me the Joy of the Resurrection. Here, in the Sanctuary of Salem Lutheran Church. Come and worship with us.

Jesus said "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:17)

Come join us as we celebrate Christ's gift. The gift of salvation.



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Clair Kieffaber
 Mike Ringgenberg
 Melanie Raymond
 Jane Coy
 Emily Hernandez
 Lorna Metzger
 Joyce Smith
 Zane Cleverly
 Amanda Herbert
 Barbara Coulter
 Monica Crawford
 Lynne Dilyard Molzen
 Sue Haumesser Miller
 Family of Triton Fritz
 Bill Buckwalter
 Marian Martin
 Jean Shoup
 Family of Toni Weiser
 Family of Sharon Salmons
 Family of Zachary
 Family of Andy
 Family of Molly Herbert
 Family of Sam Woods
 Family of Dick Ullery
 Patti Stuart
 Kirk Baker
 George Wise

***Please let us know of any changes that need to be made to the prayer list.**

Happy Birthday!



- 01 Ben Zimmerman
- 01 Roger Hughes
- 01 Eden Kohler
- 02 Leslie Garst
- 07 Colin Fickes
- 10 Amanda Herbert
- 11 Mike Hemmann
- 13 Pastor Alan Nathan
- 13 Cade Raudebaugh
- 16 Rickey Cavendish
- 22 Andy Hartman



Tim & Beth Ann
 Zimmerman—4/23

WORSHIP LAY ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We need help in continuing our online as well as our in-house services.

Consider being a part of this ministry. If you have never performed any of these duties before, we will be happy to show you the ropes.

If you have a beautiful voice or are musically inclined, please let us know.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ZION MEAL

This note is to inform you of our next opportunity to help others through our connection to the Zion Meal (04/16/23). Barbara Buchwalter is heading up this program and is requesting help. If you are able to help her provide food items for the meal, please give her a call or make a point to talk to her during one of our fellowship gatherings following the service.

Many thanks to all who purchased lilies and spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary. Your orders will be marked and you may take them with you after the Easter Sunday service on April 09th.

Salem Lutheran Church Council
Minutes 27 February 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotions: We opened our meeting with devotions by Tim Barrage. Asking us to look for Jesus in our daily lives. The Bible lessons of the day throughout the week seemed to address timely events and would have been missed if he failed to seek them out. God inspires right in front of our face – sometimes we miss it while staring right at it. Sharon to do devotions in February.

Members: Barb Buchwalter, Dick Ullery (deceased), Garald Wise, Lila Woods, Sharon Salmons (Tim Barrage, Tabitha Burchett, Pastor Alan Nathan) Absent: Lila, Tabitha, Alan.

Additions to Agenda: None

Minutes: Accepted as presented. Without objection.

Treasurer's Report: February numbers match with FS report.

Financial Secretaries Report: Reports match.

Cards of Concern: Kirk, James, Dick, Amanda.

Pastoral Report: Tim did not conduct services in January. 5 Services conducted in February including Ash Wednesday, created new service for the Easter season when communion would not be offered, selected hymns for March & April. Pastor Nathan continues with Sunday morning Bible study (parables of Jesus.) Worship at the Avenue was attended by 14-15 people. Going well. Pastor will offer communion on both Palm Sunday and Easter due to wanting to conduct his grandchildren's baptism. Tim will hold office hours of Tue, and Thurs 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm ongoing.

Report of Council Chair: Pastor Nathans Thank you meal was a great success! Wonderful fellowship & good food. President planning to appoint at least two additional council members in the coming weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith Formation: The Women's Bible Study will restart during the Lenten Season to meet on Wednesday mornings. Women's Group still meeting The first Wed. of the month at Brunch, held at Buehler's downtown. To show the TV Series The Chosen for discussion during Lenten season – this may continue beyond the Lenten season.

Property: see old business

Evangelism: Cards made available for Lenten Season to promote mailing out invites to friends and family who might want to join us for our Lenten study as well as other special events.

Fellowship: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): February: (02/26/23) "Fish & Chips" Sunday; March : (03/26/23) "Venison" Sunday; April: (04/09/23) "Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt." May: to be determined



Women's Bible Study

Join the Facebook Group
[www.facebook.com/groups/
WomenOfSalem](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WomenOfSalem)

Please consider supporting our livestream ministry with a designated gift by marking "livestream" on your offering envelope. For us to be able to fully utilize this technology we should continue to upgrade our system with a high end camera system, and dedicated control surfaces. Thank you for your consideration and continued generosity.

Minutes 27 February 2023 (cont.)

Social Ministry: Next Zion Meal is slated for April 16th.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Roof repaired, and in near future may need replacement. Community Pantry in process – in painting stage. Organists Tim Mann, Ethan Mann, and Sandra Smith still filling needs as needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Secretary was hired, looked promising, but it appears that her other work decided to increase her workload, and make it impossible for her to continue with us. Secretary resigned on February 17th. Hoping to expand nursing home ministry – potentially to Smithville Western.

Adjournment: Motion by Barb B. 2nd by Sharon S. Carried.
We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Timothy J Barrage



Our last Wednesday night session will be on April 05 with the viewing of The Passion. Starting on April 10, we will move the Chosen viewing and Bible study to Monday nights. Please join us as we watch an episode and then immerse ourselves into the Bible. Pick up a postcard to invite a friend to join us.

FINANCIAL

Regular Offering	\$	1,978.78
Designated Offering	\$	117.00

YEAR-TO-DATE

Total Income	\$	5,693.77
Disbursements	\$	11,874.29
Difference	\$	-6,180.52

Receipts through February 2023

MONTHLY WORSHIP AT THE AVENUE

Our next Avenues service will be on April 26th at 2:00 pm. If you would be willing to help with this service, please let Tim know.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY - MAY 12-13, 2023

This year's assembly will include two days— Synod Assembly is where the business of our greater church is completed. Votes are conducted on everything from social statements to budgets. If you are interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church and its mission, you may be just the right person to attend as our representative. We will be sending two representatives to be our voice in our synod. More information will be available in the near future.