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

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Tim's Time - Lay Leader Thoughts

When I was younger, I thought that all I needed to do was to invite Christ into my life, and all of my problems would just poof—go away. But even though I did, the problems remained. I still had issues: anger, resentment, sinfulness, regret, uncertainty.

As a Lutheran, I attended church religiously, I was baptized as a baby, attended Sunday school and church camp, graduated from catechism, was confirmed—and still, my problems remained.

It was not until later that I had come to realize, that I was making the relationship about me. I was saying to God—hey, I invited you in, and now its time you started doing things for ME. It was on my schedule, with my agenda, with my problems for HIM to fix. Maybe you hear this and say—that's how it was for me to?

Then, I realized that it wasn't about me. It was always supposed to be about HIM. That is when I came to a better understanding of God. When I made my life about HIM, my problems seemed to start getting fixed. Jesus was chasing me down to show me how much he loved me, and I had been busy looking the other way. Wondering why he hadn't answered my prayers. All the while, answering my prayers.

It is about Jesus, not about me. Instead of trying to control the outcome of our own desires, we need to spend our efforts becoming what our world needs more of—a loving community of believers seeking to serve Christ every day. Sharing Christ by how we treat each other. Sharing Christ by being that change that we want to see. Sharing Christ through God's work, with our hands.



SERVICES THIS MONTH:

04—Holy Trinity 11—2nd Sunday after Pentecost 18—3rd Sunday after Pentecost 25—4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM—BIBLE STUDY

If you wish to participate create an account on Zoom and click on the link on our website: <u>www.SLCW.org.</u>

10:00 AM-WORSHIP

Join us in-person or view our live stream services on Facebook at:

Facebook.com/ SalemLutheranWooster

Bible Study and Worship may be viewed in real time or at a later time on our Facebook page.





George Wise, Patti Stuart, Bill Buckwalter, Marian Martin, Jean Shoup, 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 Phyllis Maley, Family of Triton Fritz, Family of Sharon Salmons, Family of Zachary, Family of Andy, Family of Molly Herbert, Family of Sam Woods, Family of Dick Ullery, Family of Kirk Baker.

(Please contact the church office with updates or changes)



- 8 Susan Grossenbacher
- Jim Vitaro 9
- 14 Bob Alexander
- 16 Tom Carraway
- 18 Helen Raudebaugh
- 20 Judy Vitaro
- 28 Brielle Ann Burchett
- 30 Betty Snyder



Rick & Christine Hemmann June 19

> Ed & Jane Blake June 27

Mark & Patti Baumgartner June 29



WORSHIP AT THE AVENUE

Services at the Avenue will be held on Sunday, June 25 at 2:00 pm. Willing to help? please contact Barbara Buchwalter at 330-317-7906.

TACO TRINITY Taco Bar with all the fixins. Fellowship

Bring your favorite dessert to share

You're Invited

Church Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday June 25, 2023 Meal Following Service

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LAPPY

DAY

FATHER'S

JUNE 18, 2023 Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that your own father has made to your life. Father figures can include fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers and great-grandfathers and even other male relatives. There are a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day. One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in

1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907. We wish all of you father figures a happy day!

SALEM LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES – Sunday April 23, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

<u>Devotions</u>: Garald opened meeting with devotions (Luke 24:30-31). Barb to provide devotions for May.

<u>Members</u>: Barb Buchwalter, Garald Wise, Lila Woods, Sharon Salmons (Tim Barrage, Tabitha Burchett, Pastor Alan Nathan) **<u>Absent</u>**: Lila, Tabitha, Alan.

Additions to Agenda: None

Minutes: Accepted as presented. Without objection.

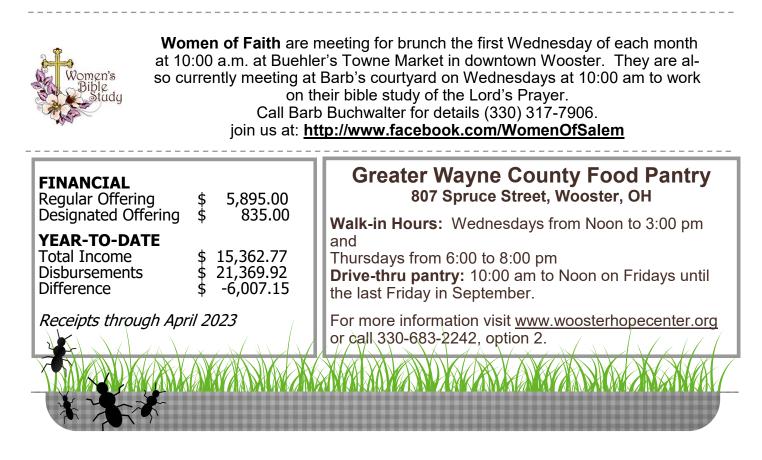
<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Report shows payments for whole-year on taxes and other expenses. \$800 gift received for use of land.

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports match.

Cards of Concern: Lila.

<u>Pastoral Report</u>: Tim conducted all services in April (02, 09, 16, 23, 30). selected hymns for June & July. Pastor Nathan continues with Sunday morning Bible study (parables of Jesus.) Worship at the Avenue was attended by 13 people. Going well. Pastor will offer communion ongoing on the first Sunday of each month. Tim will continue to hold office hours of Tue, and Thurs 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm ongoing. Monday night bible study of The Chosen series moved to Mondays 7:00 pm.

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<u>Report of Council Chair</u>: Easter breakfast and easter egg hunt went well. Still planning to appoint at least two additional council members. Community pantry is complete, and now to install it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Faith Formation:</u> The Women's Bible Study will continue weekly on Wednesday mornings – Barb hoping to have the women meet in her apartment courtyard for the Lord's prayer study – Sharon Motioned to establish the courtyard Bible Study, Bard 2nd, carried. Women's Group still meeting The first Wed. of the month at Brunch, held at Buehler's downtown. Moved The Chosen series bible study to Mondays – more people can attend.

<u>Property</u>: Insurance claim needs to be made for the roof damage and debris removal after the storm. Tim to contact Mennonite Mutual.

<u>Evangelism</u>: Cards made 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.

<u>Fellowship</u>: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): 05/21/23: "Stuffed Tator Fellowship" | 06/25/23: "Taco Sunday" | 07/23/23: Cold Cut Sunday | August: 08/27/23: Chili Cook-off. Barb motioned to hold these meals as an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to Salem, Sharon 2^{nd} , carried. Post cards to be created and made available.

<u>Social Ministry</u>: Next Zion Meal is slated for October 15th. Community Food pantry (see council chair report)

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>: (1) Roof being addressed through insurance claim. Community Pantry to be installed soon. Organists Tim Mann, Ethan Mann, and Sandra Smith still filling needs as needed. Scheduled through May. Tim is still completing the duties for Secretary. Hoping to expand nursing home ministry – potentially to Smithville Western – Inquiry still in process.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Adjournment</u>: Motion by Barb B. 2nd by Sharon S. Carried.

We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Timothy J Barrage

