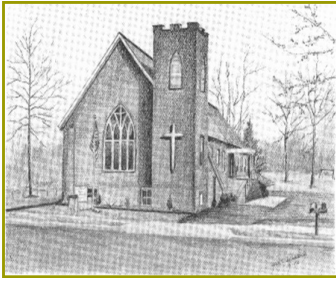


**BUILDING FAITH BY PRAYING FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE, HEARING GOD'S WORD,
SHARING GOD'S GRACE, SERVING GOD'S CHILDREN**



July 2023 Newsletter



SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY SERVICES

02—5th Sunday of Pentecost
09—6th Sunday of Pentecost
16—7th Sunday of Pentecost
23—8th Sunday of Pentecost
30—9th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 AM—BIBLE STUDY

Join us in-person, via Zoom (slcw.org link), or view our live stream on facebook.

10:00 AM—WORSHIP

Join us in-person or view our live stream services on facebook.

**Bible Study and Worship
may be viewed live or at a
later time on facebook,
[Facebook.com/
SalemLutheranWooster](https://www.facebook.com/SalemLutheranWooster)**

**Sunday Services are re-
played at 5:00 pm on
Youtube**

Submissions for the August newsletter will be accepted through July 23. Please contact the church office.

Tim's Time - Lay Leader Thoughts

What is "church" to you?

Is it a country club? Is it a building where you meet up with friends? Is it the music? Is it the worship? Is it the sermons? It could be about these things, but I think it's about so much more than that. It's about growing in faith together. It's about supporting each other and offering a hand when needed. It's about the love we share for each other in the good times, and the bad.

Let me tell you a story about people that have recently been connecting with Salem Lutheran Church through our bible study program on Monday and Wednesday nights. These "strangers" came to hear about Jesus. They came to share God's word among a strong group of believers here at Salem. I want to brag on the ladies and gentlemen that have stepped up and shared themselves and shown the grace of Jesus to these new friends.

In one instance, a need was mentioned. This need was that a mother of two children who just recently were let out of school for summer vacation—needed something to do for the summer. Well, let me tell you, our members stepped up. One handed her a phone number to talk after bible study. Another went looking for activities in the paper and brought her ideas to the next gathering. And still another, invited her and her children to attend our upcoming fellowship meal. These members of Salem, were sharing, were giving, and were encouraging to this family.

The family was so moved by the outpouring of love from the group, that she offered to provide a meal for our Monday night group. She stated outright that she felt welcomed and loved from the moment she walked into the building. Another guest, mentioned that she was considering our church as a possible home.

Additionally, friends from the Wednesday bible study decided to attend our Monday bible study.

God is here at Salem Lutheran Church. The family of Salem continues to reach out and share Jesus with everyone. I feel very strongly about what Salem Lutheran Church is capable of accomplishing in its ministry on the North end of Wooster.

The seeds of faith have been planted and the harvest is being cultivated by the love that is shared. Join us on July 16, 2023 as we bless our newest ministry of the Community Pantry located in our parking lot. This will take place as part of our Salem Outdoor Worship Service in the Pavilion, at 10:00 a.m. We will all take part in filling the pantry with donated goods. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please contact Beth Ann Zimmerman at 330-749-7662. We hope to see you there in person, but if not—we will be Livestreaming the service.



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 Mil-
ler,
Family of Charlie
Raudebaugh,
Family of Gary
Kennedy,
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 Ul-
lery,
Family of Kirk
Baker.

**If you are aware
of any updates,
please contact
the office.
Thanks!*



- 1 Jane Blake
- 2 Don Palmquist
- 5 Patti Baumgartner
- 11 Catrina Dunlap
- 14 George Wise
- 19 Marian Martin
- 22 Sue Haumesser



Allen & Sherry Parish
July 1

Chris & Jane Fickes
July 5

Wayne & Colleen
Alexander-Green
July 11



FELLOWSHIP

Please join us after the Sunday morning worship services every week. If you can't make it, at least come to the events set on the fourth Sunday of each month.

If you are willing to assist with these gatherings, please contact Sharon Salmons.

<p>WORSHIP AT THE AVENUE</p> <p>Services at the Avenue will be held on Sunday, July 23 at 2:00 pm. If you would be willing to help with this service please contact: Babara Buchwalter 330-317-7906.</p>	<p>FINANCIAL</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Regular Offering</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,484.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Designated Offering</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,494.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>YEAR-TO-DATE</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Total Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 18,726.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disbursements</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 27,686.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Difference</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -8,959.94</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Receipts through May 2023</i></p>	Regular Offering	\$ 1,484.00	Designated Offering	\$ 10.00	TOTAL	\$ 1,494.00	Total Income	\$ 18,726.77	Disbursements	\$ 27,686.71	Difference	\$ -8,959.94	<p>Women's Group</p> <p>Join the Facebook Group www.facebook.com/ WomenOfSalem Join our Women of Faith the First Wednesday of every month at Buehler's Downtown, 10:00 am.</p>
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A note from the Raudebaughs:

Thank you Pastor Nathan for the great message.

Thank you for the wonderful meal and all the hard work, it was perfect.

Thank you for the phone calls and cards.

We love you all.

Helen, Mike's Family & Deb's Family

SCHOOL KITS

The needed items are listed here:

Notebooks, pens, pencils,

If you are interested in helping with this especially needed ministry, contact Beth Ann Zimmerman at 330-345-6748.

**LUNCH MEAT
AND GREET**

Fellowship

You're Invited

Church Service

10:00 a.m.

Sunday July 23, 2023

Meal Following Service

Cold Cuts Galore with all the fixins. Bring your favorite dessert to share

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Council Meeting Minutes—May 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 12:44 p.m.

Devotions: Barb opened meeting with devotions. Sharon to provide devotions for June.

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

Minutes: Accepted as corrected. Barb mo., Sharon 2nd, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report shows financial reports catching up with this year, and better than last year overall.

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports match for April.

We still have COOKBOOK's 4 SALE:

Copies of Favorite Recipes of Past & Present, a collection of recipes provided by members of Salem Lutheran Church, are still available at \$10 each. Money collected will be used to continue to upgrade our live stream service technology.

This 120 page booklet offers recipes from Appetizers to Desserts and is available in the Narthex.

(Council Minutes—cont. from page 3)

Cards of Concern: Raudebaughs, Velda Cross

Pastoral Report: 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-requested communion service. 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 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.

Report of Council Chair: Fellowship meal went well. Still planning to appoint at least two additional council members. Community pantry is complete, and now to install it. Request from Don Palmquist to transfer membership to Zion Wooster. Sharon mo., Barb 2nd, carried with sadness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith Formation: The Women's Bible Study will continue weekly on Wednesday mornings – Barb had the first session at her apartment courtyard for the Lord's prayer study. Women's Group still meeting The first Wed. of the month at Brunch, held at Buehler's downtown. Chosen series continues on Monday nights

Property: Insurance claim requested and inspection completed – awaiting response from insurance co.

Evangelism: 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.

Fellowship: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): 06/25/23: "Taco Sunday" | 07/23/23: Cold Cut Sunday | August: 08/27/23: Chili Cook-off. Post cards to be created and made available.

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

OLD BUSINESS: (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 end of July. Tim is still completing the duties for Secretary. Hoping to expand nursing home ministry – potentially to Smithville Western – Inquiry still in process.

NEW BUSINESS: (1)With concern about an impending national financial crisis, methods of protecting assets discussed. To connect with financial advisors and make adjustments with this in mind. Barb mo. Sharon 2nd, carried. (2) St Christopher contacted Salem requesting conversation about some sort of partnership (outgrowing their connection with Seventh Day Adventist). To open discussion with St. Christopher, as well as Church of the Cross United Methodist (in full communion partnership). Barb mo. Sharon 2nd, carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Barb B. 2nd by Sharon S. Carried.
We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 2:23 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Timothy J Barrage

Outdoor Livestream Ministry

A special "THANK YOU" to those who have most recently designated gifts toward the Livestream / Tech fund as those gifts made it possible for us to broadcast a livestream from the pavilion. If you would like to join us for one of our Outdoor Worship Services, they will be held (weather permitting) every week but the first week of the month during the summer months. There is seating available at our picnic tables, or you may want to bring your favorite folding chair. Swing set use is encouraged and the play ground will be open.

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.

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You're
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Viewing and Study

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