

August 2023 Newsletter



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AUGUST SERVICES

- 06 10th Sunday After
Pentecost
13 11th Sunday After
Pentecost
20 12th Sunday After
Pentecost
27 13th Sunday After
Pentecost

Council meeting:

No council meeting in
August

The Avenues

Worship:

August 27, 2023
2:00 p.m.

YouTube Worship:

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
Search for
"Salem Lutheran
Church Wooster"
and subscribe

9:00 AM—BIBLE STUDY

If you wish to participate
online click on the link on our
website. www.slcw.org

10:00 AM—WORSHIP

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

Tim's Time - Lay Leader Thoughts

Hebrew Phrase: ZEH YADATI KI ELOHIM LI

I don't speak Hebrew, but I have a friend that does. He told me this phrase because somehow he knew that I was going through a rough spell. I was struggling. I was worrying. I was hurting. I was angry. I was upset about how I was treated. I was dwelling on the past. I was concerned about the future. It isn't every day that one finds something that can help in many situations, but this one moment in time proved me wrong here. This one phrase did make a difference—even before I fully understood the meaning that it holds. I hope that when reading this phrase in the Hebrew language that you get the same sense of comfort. I hope that you get the same sense of peace that washed over me when he spoke these words. I provided my own pronunciation in parenthesis, it was the closest I could get to speaking these words as they were intended to spoken.

Say them with me. ZEH YADATI KI ELOHIM LI
(zay yah-DAH-ti KEY el-lo-HIM ley)

"This I know: That God is on my side."

Say it with me again: "This I know: That God is on my side."

This phrase comes from the book of Psalms chapter 56. As I continue to read the Psalms daily in an effort to read the entire book each month, over and over again, this is one of the phrases that keeps sticking in my mind. The chapter is full of so many troubles: Hounded by people, slanderous words being spoken, physical attacks. Enemies plotting at every turn. Hopelessness, fear, and sadness consumes.

But David calls on the Lord in his troubles. When he is afraid, he puts his trust in the Lord. He calls on the Lord, and he knows that his foes will retreat. Why? Because he knows that with God by our side, there is nothing that can overcome us. We will always be victorious, because of his presence in our lives. Who can be against God and prevail? No one can. God prevails. God overcomes. God rescues. Be assured by this that nothing can overcome the love of God in our lives.

Join me as I re-read the Psalms this month. I will be posting videos of my progress from last month. The version in NRSV. Read along with me as we Read the Psalms together. If you want to join me, there is a link at slcw.org.



- 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
- Raudbaugh Family
- Kennedy Family
- Maley Family
- Fritz Family
- Salmons Family
- Family of Zachary
- Family of Andy Herbert
- Family of Andy Herbert
- Woods Family
- Ullery Family
- Baker Family



- 02 Rick Hemmann
- 04 Noreen Miller
- 06 Lila Woods
- Lynne Dilyard Molzen
- 18 Braden Haumesser
- 26 Barbara Buchwalter
- 29 Tim Barrage
- 31 Morris Richmond



AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 Dennis & Susan Wise
- 08 Charles & Lynne Molzen
- 23 Terry & Kathy Bumgardner
- 30 Roger & Sherry Hughes
- 31 Tom & Shelley Carraway

WORSHIP AT THE AVENUE
August 27 @ 2:00 pm
 If you would be willing to assist with this service, please contact Barbara Buchwalter 330-317-7906

WOMEN'S GROUP
 Join the Facebook Group www.facebook.com/WomenOfSalem
 If you are interested in brunch, please contact the office at 330-345-6727.

T-SHIRTS ORDER

Represent Salem Lutheran Church with this special T-Shirt available for only a short time. Order yours by either signing up on the list posted on the bulletin board or by contacting the church office and letting us know the number and sizes that you would like. Each shirt costs \$12.00. The deadline for this T-Shirt order is August 13th. Don't Delay! Get your Salem Lutheran Church T-Shirt TODAY! Be sure to pick up both a Green and Cobalt version!



Parish Setary Job Opening

Please pass the word that Salem Lutheran Church is in search of a Parish Secretary. Contact Tim Barrage at the church or at 330-465-5763 if you or someone you know may be interested in this job opportunity.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—JUNE 25, 2023

Meeting called to order at 12:40 p.m.

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

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—JUNE 25, 2023 (cont.)

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

Treasurer's Report: no report.

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports increased in May.

Cards of Concern: Lila Woods, Helen Raudebaugh,

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all services in May (07, 14, 21, 28). Reviewed hymn selections for June & July, selected hymns for August with the help of Music and Worship committee (Kathy & Amanda). Pastor Nathan continues with Sunday morning Bible study (parables of Jesus.) Worship at the Avenue was attended by 12 people. Communion service provided – 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 of Tue, and Thurs 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm ongoing. Bible study of The Chosen series continues Mondays 7:00 pm.

Report of Council Chair: Tater Meal went well. Still planning to appoint at least one additional council members. Community pantry will be dedicated on July 16th as part of the outdoor service. Sharon mo., Barb 2nd, carried. Barb motioned to appoint Beth Ann Zimmerman as 1st year, 1st term council member effective immediately, Sharon 2nd. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith Formation: The Women's Bible Study will continue weekly on Wednesday mornings – Barb leads group 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 returned for repairs inside sacristy – roof repair not included in estimate. Insurance company stating that if roofer comes to them with a statement of need to repair roof, that they would consider. Tim questioned that if we move forward with the interior repairs without repairing the roof that caused the damage, it seemed that the repair would be needed again very soon.

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): | 07/23/23: Lunch Meat & Greet 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 installed. 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)Connecting with financial advisors to consider adjustments of investments. (2)To open discussion with St. Christopher, as well as Church of the Cross United Methodist (in full communion partnership).

Adjournment: Motion by Beth Ann. 2nd by Sharon S. Carried.
We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:20 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Timothy J Barrage



LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

SCHOOL KITS

Each year the members of Salem Lutheran Church have been generous in donating school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are calling on you again to participate in such a worthwhile program. Below are guidelines and a supply list to assist you with your purchases. Please drop your kits off at the church. The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings until Noon; you may also leave the kits in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. For further information, contact Beth Ann Zimmerman at 330-749-7662. Thank you in advance for your assistance and generosity.

GUIDELINES:

- If you are looking to purchase backpacks, the preferred style is often used in the U.S. for youth to carry athletic equipment. Try your local sporting goods store or search online using the keywords, "buy drawstring backpacks."
- Before purchasing backpacks, make sure they meet the size requirements (14" x 17") and General Assembly Instructions. You can download a list from our website of suppliers who have appropriate bags available for purchase in bulk.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT:

- ___ FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½";
no loose leaf paper
- ___ ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ___ ONE pencil sharpener
- ___ ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ___ FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ___ FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ___ ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons ONE 2 ½" eraser
- ___ ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

In addition to School Kits, LWR gladly accepts Personal Care (Health) Kits, Baby Care Kits, Fabric Kits and Quilts. For more detailed information on these types of kits, visit the LWR website: [HTTPS://LWR.ORG](https://lwr.org). Ingathering dates for the School Kits are October 16 and 17 and need transported to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville. If you have an SUV or truck and would be willing to take the boxes to Seville, please contact Beth Ann Zimmerman at 330-749-7662. Also let Beth Ann know if you would be willing to assist with assembling the kits. If you would be interested in simply donating to the school kit drive, please make your checks payable to SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH and we will purchase the items for you. Please mark your envelope **2023 School Kits**. Thanks!

DEADLINE TO ACCEPT SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL BE September 17th