

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Building Faith by:

*Praying for God's Guidance,
Hearing God's Word,
Sharing God's Grace,
Serving God's children*



BIBLE STUDY

9:00 AM

click on the link on our website:

www.SLCW.org

**Or watch livestream on FB
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM**

03 14th Sunday after Pentecost

10 15th Sunday after Pentecost

17 16th Sunday after Pentecost

24 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Tim's Time - Lay Leader Thoughts

“Reading the Psalms Together” is a reading plan that I started in July 2023. I managed to read the entire book of Psalms in just 30 days. I had invited others to do the same, but at first, I had not offered a formal leadership of the program. In August, I provided videos on Facebook for those interested in continuing with this process of reading the Psalms every month. I produced 60 videos that are available on Facebook in the Salem Lutheran Church, Wooster, playlist called “Reading the Psalms together.” During the month of September, I have started reading the Book of Psalms once again, and this time, provided links to those same videos as part of our Facebook Page “Story.” Every day you will be able to jump to the readings of the day from the Facebook Story. A list of daily readings is listed here.

Through the Psalms in a Month (Book of Common Prayer)		
Day	Morning	Evening
1	1-5	6-8
2	9-11	12-14
3	15-17	18
4	19-21	22-23
5	24-26	27-29
6	30-31	32-34
7	35-36	37
8	38-40	41-43
9	44-46	47-49
10	50-52	53-55
11	56-58	59-61
12	62-64	65-67
13	68	69-70
14	71-72	73-74
15	75-77	78
16	79-81	82-85
17	86-88	89
18	90-92	93-94
19	95-97	98-101
20	102-103	104
21	105	106
22	107	108-109
23	110-113	114-115
24	116-118	119:1-32
25	119:33-72	119:73-104
26	119:105-144	119:145-176
27	120-125	126-131
28	132-135	136-138
29	139-140	141-143
30	144-146	147-150

I hope that you all will join me on this journey of Reading the Psalms Together. It has shown that every time I read them, I see different things. The words impact me differently. The faithfulness and angst of the psalmist becomes clearer. The Psalms are called the General Book of Prayer, for good reason. These Psalmists teach how regular prayer and trust in God is essential in a life of serving Jesus. Take the time to create a new habit this month and join us in Reading the Psalms Together—as a community of faith, all praying in unison for our troubled world.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

George Wise
Patti Stuart
Bill Buckwalter
Marian Martin
Jean Shoup
Mike Ringgenberg
Jane Coy
Emily Hernandez
Lorna Metzger
Joyce Smith
Zane Cleverly
Amanda Herbert
Monica Crawford
Lynne Dilyard Molzen
Sue Haumesser Miller
Raudbaugh Family
Kennedy Family
Fritz Family
Salmons Family
Family of Zachary
Family of Andy
Herbert Family
Woods Family
Baker Family
Cronick Family
Coulter Family

**please update us as needed*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Alyssa Parish Greenwald
09 Chad Kohler
14 Dennis Wise
16 Christy Haley
22 Jared Cavendish
22 Madison Cavendish
22 McKenna Cavendish
24 Christine Hemmann
25 Brittany Haumesser
26 Gregory Carraway
27 Jane Fickes



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11 Mike & Carla
Raudebaugh
25 George and
Shirley Wise



WORSHIP AT THE AVENUE

Join us on September 24th at 2:00 pm. Please contact Barbara Buchwalter at 330-317-7906 if you are able to help with this service.

Women of Faith

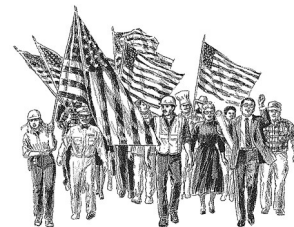
has created a Facebook group called "Women of Salem." This group meets for brunch at Buehler's Towne Market at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month

<http://www.facebook.com/WomenOfSalem>

Fourth Sunday Fellowship

So far we have had Potatoes, Tacos, Cold Cuts, Chili. We are planning our next special event for September 24, 2023 and we want you to bring your favorite Ice Cream toppings or dessert item to our Ice Cream Sunday Social event. We will provide the ice-cream and whipped cream. This will be a great opportunity to **bring a friend** and celebrate the changing seasons.

Post cards are available in the narthex to send out invitations to friends. Fill out your friends address, jot down a note, and put it in the offering plate (we will mail it out).



HAPPY LABOR DAY

September 4, 2023
A national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

FINANCIAL - Receipts through July 2023

Regular Offering \$ 3,409.62
 Designated Offering \$ 510.00

YEAR-TO-DATE

Total Income \$ 23,919.62
 Disbursements \$ 42,119.42
 Difference \$ -18,199.80

COMMUNITY PARKING LOT PANTRY PROJECT

The Kirk Baker Memorial Food Pantry has been busy over the past few months. The need truly is great. If you would be interested in taking part in this project, donations should be made to the back pew in the sanctuary, or designated in the offering plate. If wanting to become involved in the maintenance and stocking of the pantry please contact Tim Barrage 330-465-5763. Thank You.

Pavilion Worship has been blessed:

An anonymous benefactor has made available to our congregation a 65 inch flat screen T.V. that has been installed in our pavilion. This T.V. brings the familiarity of our indoor service, outside. We would like to thank this anonymous person for their generous gift. Thank you!

Also, Pastor Nathan was extremely gracious in his offering to provide the funds to install speakers/p.a. system in the pavilion for outside worship and pavilion use. His gift has allowed us to improve the audio quality of the in-person worship as well as the on-line livestream service. A very special thank you is warranted. Thank you Pastor!

In addition to making worship more user friendly, these gifts have also opened up the pavilion for use in other ways.

Since the installation, the Monday night Bible Study has taken advantage of the screen while watching the episodes of the Chosen series. It will continue to be used on Monday nights for the foreseeable future as the group has intentions of watching religious based movies every Monday night (7:00 p.m.) with a similar biblical discussion following each viewing.

Once the fourth season of The Chosen is released, they will go back to viewing episodes.

There has been talk of hosting a community movie night at the pavilion where we would personally invite those who live around the church to join us to watch a movie and join in fellowship as a community. If you are interested in helping with such a community event, please contact Tim Barrage at 330-465-5763.

During the warmer months that we still have available, our pavilion should be buzzing with activity. If you have ideas as to what kind of programming or use for the pavilion that you would be interested, let us know. We want to get the most out of the facility before it gets too cold, and we move everything back inside for the winter months.

Help us become a well-known force for faith and community here in the north end of Wooster.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
 THANK YOU!**

Beth Ann Zimmerman would like to extend her gratitude to the volunteers, donors, and the Madisonburg Pioneers 4-H Club for, once again, successfully providing time and materials for school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Your generosity is awesome!

First Wednesday of
 Every Month:

Join the women of Salem at Buehler's Downtown 10:00 a.m. for our monthly brunch.

Come for fellowship, conversation and support.



Happening at Salem:

- Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Nathan: 9:00 a.m. Facebook Livestream / Zoom via www.slwv.org
- Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Facebook Livestream / In-person (Sanctuary or Pavilion)
 - Sunday Evening YouTube replay: 5:00 p.m. on ▶ www.youtube.com/@salemlutheran786
 - Monday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. In-person (Sanctuary or Pavilion)
- Wednesday Woman's Brunch: First Wednesday of every month - 10:00 a.m. Buehler's' Downtown
- Wednesday Courtyard Bible Study: (*except 1st week*) 10:30 a.m. College Hills Retirement Village Courtyard
 - Monthly Worship at The Avenue: 2:00 p.m. Fourth Sunday of every month.



Lessons for the Fall Harvest

God desires that all be fed. When some feast sumptuously and others starve, we have created a system at odds with the desires of God's heart. Our stewardship has failed. Amos notes the reality of injustice in the food system, thundering against the moral ruin caused by injustice toward the poor. Luke gives us a story of God's creation and human hunger. For the rich man living behind gates and walls, the good things of creation are brought lavishly to his table to feed an insatiable hunger. For poor and hungry Lazarus, the good things of creation are kept from him by those same walls and gates. The barriers in our social systems limit access for some while protecting it for others, dividing us from each other and distorting God's intention for creation. And yet, God's grace is persistent as rain, calling us to justice and renewing us in hope. This month, let us consider how we can engage a project or program that can support those most in need. Consider a designated offering for our Parking Lot Pantry, or consider volunteering for its maintenance. As we move into the fall months, some may not have a harvest as large as our own. Let us pray for those less fortunate, and take action for those we can assist in this trying time.

