



### WORSHIP SERVICES

18th Sunday After Pentecost	October 01
19th Sunday After Pentecost	October 08
20th Sunday After Pentecost	October 15
21st Sunday After Pentecost	October 22
REFORMATION SUNDAY	October 29

*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](http://www.SLCW.org).  
**WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM**

## Tim's Time - Lay Leader Thoughts

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OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

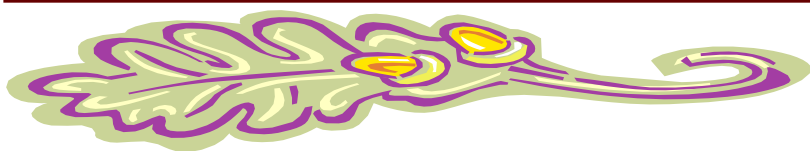
SALEM EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

As we go through the weeks of Pentecost, we have been given snippets of scripture each Sunday that have revealed tiny aspects of the book of Matthew. Each time we have studied these passages, we have jumped back to previous verses or forward to future chapters as we make efforts to fully understand the messages that are to be taken from the scripture.

Over the past few months, several of us have been reading and re-reading the book of Psalms as part of an effort to immerse ourselves in the Word on a more frequent basis. In doing so, a lot has been revealed about this common book of prayer and the lessons that are learned in reading them. If you haven't joined into this practice of Reading the Psalms Together, I encourage you to do so. The passages are set up in a way that twice daily you get a glimpse of the Bible and a lesson in how we are not unlike those who came before us: regular humans, struggling, hurting, fearful, angry, with cries for God to help us when we feel the world is crashing in around us. Take this walk with me.

Since reading the book of Psalms has been so beneficial to those who have become a part of this journey, this month, I am starting another reading exercise. I will read the entire book of Matthew in one session. I will repeat this process once a week for the month of October. Opening the book and reading it from chapter 1 to the end. I believe that this will allow me a better understanding of the bigger picture of this book and a more meaningful experience as we venture deeper into scripture and its meaning.

As we all seek to better understand the meaning of scripture, we not only need to open our Bibles and read. We must also share what we are learning. Take time to speak with someone about what you are reading and what you have learned in this process. I pray that this added practice of immersing oneself in the Bible blesses you today.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

6 Seth Snyder  
 7 Alex Fickes  
 8 Ciera Kohler  
 13 Joey Raudebaugh  
 22 Chris Fickes  
 24 Terry Bumgardner  
 28 Sherrill Wise  
 29 Sheila Snyder

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

October 10 Jim & Judy Vitaro  
 October 12 Max & Marianne Powrie



#### WORSHIP AT THE AVENUE

Join us on Sunday, October 22nd at 2:00 pm. Give Barbara Buchwalter a call at 330-317-7906 if you are able to help with this service.

#### Women of Faith

Is on Facebook with a group called “Women of Salem.” If anyone is interested in meeting for brunch at Buehler’s Towne Market at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month, please let us know: 330-345-6727

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

#### ZION MEAL—OCTOBER 15

Every third month Salem provides a meal at Zion Lutheran Church. Help is needed in preparing and serving the (approximately 40) meals in their lower level fellowship hall. Barbara Buchwalter has been heading this project. If you are willing to help with these meals and, more specifically, be willing to volunteer to help out, please contact the office by phone: 330-345-6727, or by email: slcmain@gmail.com. Many thanks!

#### FINANCIAL - Receipts through August 2023

Regular Offering	\$ 2,355.62
Designated Offering	\$ 0.00

#### YEAR-TO-DATE

Total Income	\$ 25,949.01
Disbursements	\$ 48,848.22
Difference	\$ -22,899.21

### **SCHOOL KITS for Lutheran World Relief**

Thanks to all who have donated supplies for this year's school kits. With the help of the Madisonburg Pioneers 4-H Club 100 kits were assembled. We would like to thank Beth Ann Zimmerman for supervising this project and the volunteers who helped make it happen. We appreciate you all!

**The Wise family would like to thank all who came out to celebrate with their family on the 69th anniversary of George and Shirley. They were surprised and thankful for the love and support offered by all.**

**OCTOBER 22, 2023  
SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP  
PIE BAKE OFF!**

### **OCTOBER IS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS MONTH**

Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. However, mental illness affects everyone directly or indirectly through family, friends or coworkers. That is why each year, during the first week of October, NAMI and participants across the country raise awareness of mental illness, fight discrimination and provide support through Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW).

NAMI Wayne and Holmes Counties is the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. They serve Wayne and Holmes Counties, offering free educational programs and support groups for individuals with mental illness, their families and caregivers. Learn more at: <https://www.namiwayneholmes.org>

**MOCA House Recovery Center**—2525 Back Orrville Road, Wooster. MOCA House Recovery Center is a peer run program of NAMI Wayne and Holmes Counties. They offer support, social benefits, activities, projects and programs for anyone recovering from a mental illness. They provide special activities which encourage social interaction with peers and offer supportive and educational opportunities which can strengthen coping and life skills. MOCA House is a drop in center, and all programs are free and open to the public. It's a friendly, safe place where people with mental health concerns may come to relax and make new friends. The program is staffed with Recovery Aides and volunteers who are available to assist and educate participants in their recovery. Please call 330-264-1590 if you have any questions or would like to drop by for a tour. Van transportation is available Monday through Friday, to and from the MOCA House program for individuals who wish to work on their mental health recovery. Call the program van at 330-466-4765 to schedule transportation.

### **CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY — OCTOBER 08**

Clergy Appreciation Day on the second Sunday in October reminds us to recognize the work of ministers, pastors, and priests in the United States. This national day also falls in National Clergy Month, which is observed each October. In Timothy 1 (5:17), **Paul** began the concept of clergy appreciation when he stated that the elders of the church are worthy of double honor. Pastor Nathan - we sincerely appreciate your devotion, your dedication, your spirit, your teachings, and your wisdom. Thank you for your leadership.

## SALEM LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES Sunday July 23, 2023

Meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Devotions: Barb opened meeting with devotions. BethAnn to provide devotions for September.

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

Minutes: Accepted as presented. BethAnn mo., Barb 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried.

Treasurer's Report: June balances, income less than last year at this time.

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports - giving increased in July, still behind last year.

Cards of Concern: Lila Woods, Pastor Nathan, Sharon, James

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all but one service in June and July. Hymn selections for August, September and October 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 15 people in June, 12 in July. 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 ended during this month – and we continued with watching other religious movies continues Mondays 7:00 pm. Began offering home bound communion to members.

Report of Council Chair: Chili cook-off went well. Still planning to appoint at least one additional council members. Community pantry was dedicated on July 16<sup>th</sup> as part of the outdoor service. Signage to be created for entrances and at box. Special fellowship meals to continue: BethAnn mo., Barb 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried. No meeting in August.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith Formation: The Women's Bible Study will continue weekly on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am—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. Monday night bible study will continue on Monday nights

Property: Looking for a contractor that would be able to submit a report to the insurance company regarding the need for them to cover roof repair.

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): |08/27/23 Chili Cook-off / 09/24/23: Ice cream social. Post cards to be created and made available.

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

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Roof being addressed through insurance claim. No report (2) Community Pantry had been dedicated. (3) Organists Tim Mann, Ethan Mann, and Sandra Smith still filling needs as needed. Scheduled through end of September. (4) Tim is still completing the duties for Secretary. (5) 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. No report.

Adjournment: Motion by Beth Ann. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Carried.

We closed with The Lord's Prayer. Passing of Peace. 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Timothy J Barrage