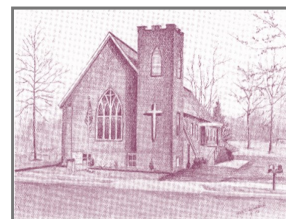


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BIBLE STUDY—9:00 AM

Join us on ZOOM click the link at www.SLCW.org to join.

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM—In person or Livestream

November Services:

05— All Saints Sunday

12—24th Sunday after Pentecost

19—25th Sunday after Pentecost / Congregational Meeting

26—Christ the King Sunday

Tim's Time - Lay Leader Thoughts

As we transition into the beautiful season of November, I find myself reflecting on the warmth and love that permeate our small but strong community. The vibrant colors of autumn and the cozy gatherings remind us of the beauty of togetherness, and it's in this spirit that I invite you to join us for our upcoming Annual Meeting.

The Salem Lutheran Church Annual Meeting is an essential event in the life of our congregation. It's a time for us to come together, share our experiences, celebrate our successes, and make plans for the future. This year's meeting will take place on November 19, 2023 following worship in our sanctuary. I encourage each and every one of you to attend, as your presence is invaluable in shaping the direction of our church community.

I believe that there are three very important matters that each of us must face in the coming year. We must all individually decide how we can participate and engage in our ministry life as a congregation.

First, financial support is crucial for the continued success of our church. Our congregation relies on the generous donations of its members to maintain our worship services, support our ministries, and keep our church building in excellent condition. As we look ahead to the upcoming year, I ask that you consider increasing your ongoing financial support to ensure that we can continue to thrive as a church family.

Second, each of you possesses unique talents, skills, and experiences that can be of great benefit to our church family. We encourage you to think about how you can contribute your gifts, whether through music, teaching, organization, or other talents. Let's work together to strengthen our existing programs and consider new ways to serve our community.

Third, volunteering for new ministries: Our church is constantly evolving, and new ministry opportunities continue to arise. We invite you to consider volunteering your time and energy for ministries that are currently underway as well as those yet to be created. Your input and participation can help shape these new initiatives and allow our church to meet the evolving needs of our congregation and local community. One such ministry, that of the Baker's Pantry, in our parking lot has revealed a need that we intend to address: hunger. Join us by committing to our newest endeavor to feed his sheep.

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

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Throughout the year, we've been blessed with the dedication and passion of our volunteers who have supported our various ministries, from the music ministry to our participation with Zion and their meal. We thank all who helped with these programs and for their unwavering commitment. While we begin a new ministry this January, we urge more of you to join in their ranks. Consider being a member of council; worship and music committee; helping with the Avenues; or some other formal leadership position. Maybe it's a tray of cookies, or a casserole, or maybe you want to help out with setting up or cleaning up afterwards. All hands are needed to do God's work in our community.

This past year has been one of discernment for myself as I investigated options for entering the ministry. I am currently enrolled in a lay ministry program hosted by Luther Seminary. The program has led to the ordainment of others who completed it successfully. I ask that you pray for me as I continue to work toward this call.

Our Annual Meeting is not just a meeting; it's a gathering of the hearts and minds that make up our church. It's a chance to envision a brighter future for Salem Lutheran Church and work together to make it a reality. Please mark your calendars and make it a priority to attend.

Let's celebrate the beauty of our community, support it financially, share our unique talents, and embrace new opportunities for ministry. Together, we can ensure that Salem Lutheran Church continues to be a place of love, hope, and service.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our congregation. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and embarking on this journey together.

In His Service,

Tim Barrage

Lay Leader, Salem Lutheran Church

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2023

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Devotions: Beth Ann opened meeting with devotions Phil2:2. Sharon S = devotions for October.

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. w/o objection

Treasurer's Report: comparing to last year at this time, we are only \$6500 off pace on income, and \$14000 less in spending.

Financial Secretaries Report: Income Reports – numbers match. August giving even with last year.

Cards of Concern: Lila Woods, James Benchot, Family of Barbara Coulter

Pastoral Report: Tim conducted all services in July, and August. Hymn selections for October with the help of Music and Worship committee (Amanda). Pastor Nathan continues with Sunday morning Bible study (parables of Jesus.) Worship at the Avenue was attended by 12 people in July, 10 in August. 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 on Monday night continues. 7:00 pm. Visited 3 families/ Home bound communion.

Report of Council Chair: Still planning to appoint at least one additional council members. Community pantry signage needed. Donations to keep pantry filled requested.

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/meeting place 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. Holiday service schedule: 12/21/23 Blue Christmas; 12/24/23

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 19, 2022

Please join us after the Sunday worship service in the sanctuary to review the annual report and conduct our church business.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

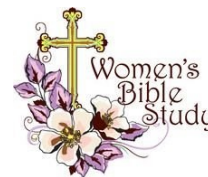


- 1 Max Powrie
- 12 Kelly McKinley
- 17 Adam Baumgartner
- 23 Tim Zimmerman
- 23 Candace Ressler
- 26 Justin Carraway
- 27 Silas Kohler

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Chad & Natalie Kohler



Women of Faith

Join us on a Facebook 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>



The Avenue service will happen as scheduled on November 26th At 2:00 P.M. Please consider helping with this ministry to show support for those not able to spend time with their families this Holiday Season. Give Barbara Buchwalter a call at 330-317-7906 if you are able to help.

Let us know if we are missing any important dates: (eg anniversaries or birthdays.)

Any omission of your special date is accidental. Please help us by updating our records so that we can share these special days with you as we are the family of Salem.

Ready for the Holidays?

Handel's Messiah at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University (car pool to venue leaving 5P.M.)
December 03, 2023 7:00 P.M.

Blue Christmas - December 21, 2023 7:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve. - Morning Service 10:00 A.M.

Christmas Eve. - Candlelight Service 7:00 P.M.

New Years Eve - Morning 10:00 A.M.

New Years Eve - Evening Prayer Service 7:00 P.M.

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.*

Psalm 92:1

Happy Thanksgiving



Yves Lutheran Church - Spa Grand, NM

Why is Thanksgiving important in Christianity?

Thanksgiving Day marks an annual celebration of family, food, football. But for Christians, Thanksgiving has a much deeper meaning that goes to the core of their spiritual beliefs. The ultimate display of thanksgiving should be in reverence to God for all of His blessings to mankind through His son Jesus Christ.

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10AM Advent 4 service; 12/24/23 7PM candlelight service; 12/31/23 10 AM Lessons & Carols; 12/31/23 7PM Evening Prayer Service into Party. Barb Motioned for “all services to be held” Beth Ann 2nd passed.

Property: Switch needing replaced in basement hallway. Roof repair in search of a contractor that would be able to submit a report to the insurance company regarding the need for them to cover roof repair. Tree removal in process.

Evangelism: Cards are 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. Needing sign for pantry, to place notice on lit front sign.

Fellowship: Continuing to plan future events (to pair efforts with Evangelism): | 10/22/23 Pie Bake off / 11/26/23: Salad Bar | 12/24/23 Christmas cookies. BethAnn motioned to continue with special fellowship meal programming through the end of the year. Sharon 2nd. Passed. Post cards to be created and made available.

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

OLD BUSINESS: (1) Roof being addressed through insurance claim. No report (2) Community Pantry needs signage. (3) Organists Tim Mann, Ethan Mann, and Sandra Smith still filling needs as needed. Ethan Mann taking job in Dayton, Scheduled through end of October. (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. In speaking with advisors – no real answers provided. (2) schedule Annual meeting Beth Ann motioned to hold meeting on 11/26/23. Sharon 2nd. Passed. (3) looking for missing tables and chairs.

Adjournment: Motion by Beth Ann. 2nd by Barb Carried.
We closed with The Lord’s Prayer. Passing of Peace. 1:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Timothy J Barrage

PRAYER REQUESTS

Noreen Miller, Patti Stuart, Bill Buchwalter, Barb Buchwalter, Marian Martin, Jean Shoup, Mike Ringgenberg, Beverly Cleverly, Zane Cleverly, Amanda Herbert, Monica Crawford, Lynne Dilyard Molzen, Sue Haumesser Miller, Family of Charlie Raudebaugh, Family of Gary Kennedy, Family of Triton Fritz, Family of Sharon Salmons, Family of Zachary, Family of Andy, Family of Erin Cronick, Family of Barbara Coulter.

FINANCIAL - Receipts through September 2023	
Regular Offering	\$ 4,350.69
Designated Offering	\$ 42.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	
Total Income	\$ 30,299.70
Disbursements	\$ 52,721.81
Difference	\$ -22,422.11

