

Sunday: 2024-04-14
9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery
(nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards)
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: 2024-04-16
7:00 AM Men's Bible Study in Van Wert at the Orchard Tree
7:00 PM Women's Bible study in church basement

Thursday: 2024-04-18
Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at Salem Church

Sunday: 2024-04-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jason & Danielle Lloyd)
10:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

Salem is collecting offerings from the heart for the **Salvation Army**. There is a monthly need, and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month we collect different food. The food for April is ravioli.

The next **Senior Luncheon** will be held at the Lion's Club, at noon, on Wednesday, April 24th. Come eat and bring a friend.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **May newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

16 th Bill Evans	16 th Anne Morris	20 th Kevin Matthews
22 nd Elgarda McGee	23 rd Grant zielke	25 th Julia Morris/Moliter



Acts 4:32-35

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