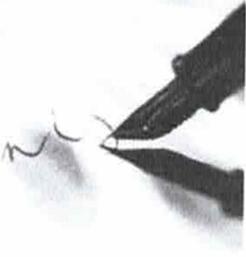




OCTOBER 2025 Newsletter



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From the Pastor's desk...

October 5th is World Communion Sunday when Christ-followers of many different churches and denominations remember through the eucharist that we are one in Jesus Christ. It will also be my last Sunday as your pastor here at Salem. We are working to relocate closer to family in Indiana. I don't know whether we will ever make it back to the Thumb of Michigan, but Salem will always hold a warm place in our hearts.

September concluded twenty-two months as your pastor beginning in December 2023. This has been a harsh, even brutal time in our lives, especially medically. Thank you for your kindness to us.

Thank you for welcoming us with food and fellowship. In my first couple weeks at Salem, even just as pulpit supply, I was taken out or fed through one dinner or another more times than the last few churches put together. Thank you for physically moving us. When we moved to Pigeon, I had just been in ICU at Covenant and could hardly keep my eyes open. Alesia was having significant health issues of her own. You helped pack us, move us, unpack us and provide meals for us.

Thank you for including us in the community and helping us meet people. When we got stuck on a back road in a snow drift you rescued us. Thank you. When Alesia lost her hair from medical treatment, pretty hats showed up. Thank you. You recognized Tim and William's high school graduations and Lily's from college. Thank you. You helped Lily go to General Conference in 2024 in Costa Rica and the Kenya and Tanzania mission trip where she now is. Thank you. You welcomed me, Alesia, Lily, Tim, William and Abby... thank you! You also welcomed three exchange students we hosted: Grace (Spain), Tawan (Thailand), Giovanni (Italy). You welcomed four house guests with us for extended times and made them feel welcome: Jon, Jordan, Keith and Zach. Thank you.

You introduced us to Bayshore and FaithQuest where Lily worked two summer and Tim and William last summer. Thank you. When Alesia was at her sickest and weakest, we had months of meals provided. Thank you! When I was handling church business like hospital visits and Alesia needed help, several of you stepped in... Thank you!

When I had to be away for Annual Conference over Alesia's birthday and she was not yet well enough to travel, so many stopped by over three different days to encourage, to celebrate and to bless. Thank you! For your help and care at this time of departure, we thank you! You stepped up to increased needs with increased support and volunteers to the Pigeon Community Food Pantry. Thank

you. You stepped up to help fund a safehouse for persecuted Christians and fund a church building in Ethiopia. Thank you.

Somehow despite a broken pastor and wife, by God's grace and a lot of blood, sweat and tears every numerical measure has increased including attendance, baptisms, dedications, classes, members, giving, mission giving in spite of a number of funerals and other long time saints having health struggles. Thank you. NOTE: I am not taking credit for the accomplishments, only grateful I was not so broken as to disrupt them. I very much wish you had met us a few years ago (or down the road when more healed) when we were firing on all cylinders. Thank you for your patience and love despite our weakness.

So what is next? Alesia has experienced some recent health setbacks. At her doctor's recommendation, we are taking a mini sabbatical up north where I will be filling in until the end of the year for the Beaver Island Christian Church which is very limited in time needed and is an incredibly remote, quiet, peaceful area in autumn. We have good friends we have known for a long time as well. We will be based in Caro and back some. Lily and Tim will be fully in Caro and driving Zach so he can finish the semester at Lakers and not risk high school credits being complicated. After the semester ends we hope to be back in Indiana, but time will tell.

As I'm about to be your former pastor, you are welcome to keep in touch, but I will not discuss anything related to Salem and/or your new pastor. I am confident he or she will be wonderful. The new pastor will take over the church email address: pastor@salemgmc.com. If you want to reach me my cell remains 989.550.7158 and my email is joshua.johnson2849@gmail.com.

Thank you -- all of you -- again, for your many kindnesses to us. May God be with you and your new pastor on your journey. Please pray for us as well.

"Come Follow Jesus!"

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 02 – Kim Leipprandt
- 02 – Terry Lutz
- 04 – Marla Heck
- 04 – Greg Foy
- 04 – Linda Garman
- 07 – Kelly Leppien
- 09 – Kathy McQueen
- 09 – Karleigh Jimkoski
- 10 – Ashley Wichert
- 14 – Anthony Goins
- 17 – Paige Lebert
- 29 – Brent Jackson
- 31 – Owen Eichler



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY'S

- 06 – Lesa & Fred Eden
- 11 – Karen & Gary Newman
- 30 – Maggie & Russ Wolford



ACTIVITIES

We would love to have you join us for any or all of the various Bible Study's:

Young Adult Group: 6:00pm. Sunday, led by Lily Johnson.

Men's Bible Study: 6:30pm. Will be on Monday's led by Randy Ovcen.
*Please note the new day & time.

Women's Morning Bible Study: 10:00am. Is on Tuesday's, led by Pam Hoepner.

Small Group Bible Study: 6:30pm. Will be the 2nd & 4th Tuesday @ Salem Church, led by Pam & Jim Hoepner.

Women's Evening Bible Study: 6:30pm. Will be on Thursday's, led by Beckie Eichler.

October: Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Kids Club Family Meal and Activities – Every Wednesday at 5:30pm! This is for all church members as well! Please join us and interact with Kids Club Families as we draw them closer to Jesus.

Sunday School for all ages 10:15-11am, still looking for volunteers to teach/help in Pre-school-Kindergarten and 1st-5th grade classes.

Senior Meal/Bingo – October 8th, 11:30-1:30PM, menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, fresh fruit salad, and dessert (\$3/person). Please join us for great food, fellowship, and fun!

I am very excited to announce the grant that Salem Church has been awarded by the Huron County Community Foundation, \$500 to support our Senior Meals/Bingo program. A big **THANK YOU to Kelli Braun** who found and wrote the grant for us and for all the behind the scenes work she has done and is doing to help with this program, you are appreciated!!

Confirmation Parents and Students – Sunday, October 12th at 10:15-11am we will have an informational Confirmation meeting, held in the Classroom/Game room in the basement.

Thank you - I would like to **THANK** all who have willingly volunteered when asked to help out with many different areas of need...Cooking/Serving meals, Senior Meal/Bingo, Carnival, Kids Club, Van drivers, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Garage Sale, sponsoring meals....I appreciate each one of you and I would not be able to do what I need to do without your willingness and generous help! **THANK YOU!!**

Wishlist – good used refrigerator

2 Corinthians 9:7 You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly.

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Important Dates and INFORMATION

Upcoming Events this OCTOBER & Reminders...

Communion and
Noisy Offering for the Food Pantry



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Salem Church has developed a Resource Book, thanks to Connie Glaysher. I have placed a copy in the blue folder out in the Narthex. Inside the folder you will have extra copies of it. Please feel free to take one of the loose ones found in the front and back of the folder. If there aren't any, please let Maggie know.

Community Event

Senior Meal/Bingo – October 8th, 11:30-1:30PM, menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, fresh fruit salad, and dessert plus \$3/person.

Pigeon Food Pantry from 10am to 7pm every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at First UMC.

BLAST - October 26, 2025, 4-7pm, 4th Semi-Annual Bay Shore Camp Event building lives around spiritual truths. Age: 6th-12th Grade - \$1.00 per person – Call Bay Shore to register (989) 883-2501

4th Semi-Annual Bay Shore Camp Event



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**OCTOBER
26th, 2025
4-7 PM**

Discover the most exciting event in town!
B.L.A.S.T is the ultimate one-day adventure designed for middle and high school students. Prepare to connect, socialize, engage in fun activities, and immerse yourself in worship! This event is filled with thrilling free-time activities, inspiring worship, and a meaningful message. Gather your friends and join us for an unforgettable experience!

**Call To Register Your
Youth Group
Today!**

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**OR REGISTER
ONLINE**

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Located at
450 N Miller St. Sebewaing MI 48759
In the Youth Center



COST:



**AGE:
6th-12th Grade**

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GAMES

FELLOWSHIP

FRIENDS



OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30-7pm All Families & Kid's Club with meal	2 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	3	4
5 Communion Noisy Offering	6 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	7 10am Women's Bible Study	8 Pigeon Food Pantry 10am-7pm First UMC 11:30am-1:30pm Salem Sr. Meal/Bingo 5:30-7pm All Families & Kid's Club with meal	9 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	10	11
12 Michael Potter preaching Confirmation 10:15-11am Parent/Grandparents & Students	13 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	14 10am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study	15 5:30-7pm All Families & Kid's Club with meal	16	17	18
19 Gus Garman preaching	20 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	21 10am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Church Council	22 Pigeon Food Pantry 10am-7pm First UMC 5:30-7pm All Families & Kid's Club with meal	23 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	24	25
26 Rev. Ron Hutchinson preaching	27 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	28 10am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study	29 5:30-7pm All Families & Kid's Club with meal	30 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	31	

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Worship Assistant Schedule

	10/5/2025	10/12/2025	10/19/2025	10/26/2025
Coffee/Snacks/Server	Potluck		Sue Perry & Brent Jackson	Hoepners
Acolyte (1 person)	Abby Johnson	Noah Clink	Khloie Clink	Evan McIntosh
Greeters Narthex	Jeff Leipprandt	Barb Main	Connie Damm	Connie Glaysher & Carol Jenkins
Scripture Reader (Adult only)	Keith Marsh	Sue Perry	Connie Damm	Marge Reist
Ushers	Carl Heck	scott Meyersieck	scott Meyersieck	Marc Hill
Money Counters	Angie Dubs & Kathy McQueen	Lauren Armbruster & Michelle Hill	Karrie Foy & Kelly Leppien	Ray Leppien & Russ Wolford
Sound Techs.	Linda Garman & Ethan Hoepner	Linda Garman & Ethan Hoepner	Linda Garman & Ethan Hoepner	Linda Garman & Ethan Hoepner
Technical Support	Aaron Eichler	Aaron Eichler	Aaron Eichler	Aaron Eichler
*Be sure to call someone to take your place if you will not be here on your Sunday. Thanks!				

Salem Church
Where Friends Gather!



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Statement of Purpose

We exist to:

- S**eek The Disconnected
- A**dore Our God
- L**ive Like Christ
- E**njoy Friendships
- M**obilize For Ministry

We do this by being:

- G**lorified In Christ
- M**aturing In Faith
- C**ommitted In Practice