

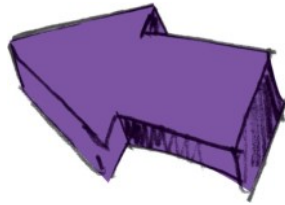
SALEM NEWS & NOTES—August 28, 2022

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with gifts last week of \$11,651.81 for Current Expenses and \$305.00 for Missions. We pray God will bless us again this week. EFT or credit card service is available for giving on the mobile-friendly page of salemlutheran.org/donate

Help for Sunday Children's Ministry (UPDATED)

Planning for our new Sunday morning children's ministry is going well. We'll begin September 11th at 9:15am. We have nine teachers and helpers on board already and are looking for more people to help. Specifically we need teachers for the 4th-6th grade group, helpers for crafts and snacks, and people to help with music for the weekly open in church. All positions are shared so no one is committed to serving every week. If you want to be part of our new effort to share Jesus with our kids talk to pastor Wolfe, Amy Stilwagon, or Alli Dorn today. Teacher orientation will be Wednesday, Sept. 7th at 6pm. Join us for ministry and cookies!



Card Shower for new teachers

Teachers Luke and Alli Dorn will be installed at the late service September 11th. After the service, we'll have a reception in the church entry and outside. Members who would like to welcome them with a card are invited to bring one that Sunday or place it in the designated basket in the church entry until then. Help us give thanks to God by showering our new teachers with support!



Council meeting highlights: You spoke, we listened!

Last Tuesday, church council members reviewed results from the church survey and approved two proposals connected to it. The council approved the worship committee's proposal to resume Saturday worship beginning September 17th. They also approved a proposal to reinstate the common cup for Lord's Supper. Be sure to read the next monthly newsletter for a fuller explanation of survey results and considerations for midweek worship. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. These decisions needed to be made quickly but the survey is still open for those who want to share their thoughts yet. www.salemlutheran.org/survey

Trading muscles for pizza—Help Pastor Wolfe move in

Pastor Wolfe's family will finally be moving into their new house on Labor Day Weekend. If any members want to help unload boxes on Saturday, Sept. 3rd we will trade you pizza for muscles! We'll start unloading the pods around 9am. Members of all ages are invited to come hang out even if you can't unload. Talk to Pastor Wolfe.



Invitation to Salem Singers!

We are looking for more members for our Salem Sr. Choir (mixed voices) and Men's Chorus. The Sr. Choir usually sings for church festivals such as Reformation, Christmas Eve, and Easter. We also sing at regular services once or twice a month, and possibly midweek Advent and Lenten services. Men's Chorus sings at services once or twice a month and at the Christmas Eve service. Sr. Choir rehearsals start Wednesday, August 31, and will be from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Our first singing date is September 11, which is our Education Sunday. Men's Chorus will have their first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 14. Rehearsal time will be 7:15-8:00, right after the Sr. Choir rehearsal. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us in choir this year. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Roger Zolldan at rzolldan@comcast.net or (651) 216-7462. Thank you for considering singing with us this season!

Attention Salem Men!

There are two men's retreats coming up in the next two months. The first is sponsored by our church and held at Camp Croix in Danbury, WI. This year's Men's Retreat features Pastor Don Patterson from Austin, TX sharing insights on peace from the book of *Psalms*. This retreat is September 16-18th. See the full schedule and register at www.mensretreat.org.



A one-day men's retreat will be held October 22nd in Rochester at the Mayo Civic Center. This "Men of His Word" conference features Pastor Joel Heckendorf from Reno, NV as keynote speaker and the band Koine will lead worship.

Attendees choose breakout sessions on topics like marriage, service, science, and parenting. The cost of this retreat is \$50 for adults and \$30 for students, plus hotel if needed. Learn more and register at www.menofhisword.org.



Sunday children's ministry is going to look different than many of us remember from our childhood. Each week, kids will begin in the chapel with an introduction by our pastor and then Christian songs and praise. Groups will then separate by age for a VBS-style session with videos, stories, and Scripture. Finally, they'll head to the gym for crafts and snacks.

Thanks to funding from Salem member gifts, Sunday JAM is open to members and nonmembers alike at no cost. We do ask families to register your children ages 3 to 6th grade so that we can plan for materials and group sizes. Online registration goes live this Saturday. Sign up from our church website or go directly to www.salemlutheran.org/JAM.

Youth Gathering

The next Youth Gathering will be held on September 25th at the church from 1 PM to 2:30 PM (note the change in duration). There will be a devotion, snacks, and games. All 7th through 12th graders are welcome. Upcoming youth gatherings are also planned for October 30th and December 18th. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for future events. If any families are interested in hosting future gatherings at their house, please contact Pastor Jake (jschram@salemlutheran.org) or Tom Forster (tforster16@gmail.com).



Youth Lock-In

A youth lock-in is scheduled at the church for the night of November 11th. More info to follow in the coming weeks.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

TODAY (August 28th)

Worship Service w/communion 8:00am
 Worship Service w/communion 9:30am

MONDAY—First Day of School!

TUESDAY

Bible Growth Group... 10:10am

WEDNESDAY

Sr Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

THURSDAY

Women's Guild 12:30pm

FRIDAY—NO SCHOOL

NEXT SUNDAY (September 4)

Worship Service 8:00am
 Worship Service 9:30am

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has shared their smiles with others as a welcome to our house of worship. Our true peace and joy in our Savior sure give us a fantastic reason to smile. We have the Sept. sign-up sheet all set for your names as greeters.



Saturday Worship Help

With Saturday worship returning September 17, at 5 pm we are looking for ushers, livestream & slide help. Contact the church office or worship coordinator Joe Covelli if you would like to help out! (jcovelli@salemlutheran.org)

Ringers Needed

Right now we are short of having enough ringers to field a handbell choir. We'd love to have this special music as part of our worship services. If you'd like to give handbells a try contact Jessie Wolfe at ofstieja@yahoo.com or 701-989-9715.



- ✝ For Dick Durow, Sue Galler, and all members with health challenges
- ✝ For churches and schools without pastors and teachers, that God would grant them solutions and that new workers will be found
- ✝ For our congregation, that all members might be connected to Christ and to each other in unity and love.

