

## Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with gifts last week of \$28,307.31 for Current Expenses and \$680.00 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](http://salemlutheran.org/donate).

## Stillwater Food Shelf is in great need!

Salem's Caring Committee collects items for our local food shelf. They reached out to them to see what they need most - They need any cooking supplies, oil, flour, sugar, spices, pasta, rice, hygiene products, dish soap, shampoo, tooth brushes & paste, toilet paper, diapers & monetary donations are of course the best. You can leave your donations in the entry. Thanks for your help!

## Caring Committee Giving Tree

The Caring Committee will be working on the tags for 5 families this year - they will have the tags ready by the weekend before Thanksgiving. Instead of a tree this year, the tags will be on lights hung by the entry-way into church. We are trying something new - Look for them next weekend!

## Women's Guild Christmas Party - Thursday, Dec 1

Salem Women's Guild is hosting a Christmas pot luck on Thursday, December 1, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. All of the ladies of the congregation, not just Guild members, are invited. Please join us. The more the merrier. There will be door prizes, music, food, Christian fellowship, and fun for all as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. Attendees may bring a monetary donation for the food shelf. Please sign up on the green sheet on the information table so we know how many people to set up for. See you there.

## Special Advent Series Begins November 30!

Everyone is invited to a special series of services presented by the children of our school for the advent season. The services will be held at 4pm on Wednesdays beginning November 30th. The first service will feature the 5-8th graders. A fellowship meal will be served after service each week. We hope you'll join us!

### Gentle Shepherd School and Orphanage in India

We have collected \$3,073.27! Thanks to all who donated~

## Greeters

Be the first to welcome people who come to Salem worship services. Every smile & greeting counts. Sign-up sheets for Nov. & Dec. & special services are on the information table.

## Devotion & Outreach

For some time, members Dave and Leah Bergemann have led a short devotion and hymn-singing for residents at Oak Ridge Place near Salem. The Bergemanns announced that they will be stepping down from teaching and that means we need someone to take over for this time of outreach and prayer to continue. If you would like to help and see these devotions continue, please talk to either pastor right away.



## Christmas for Kids

December 17, 2022

9:00am – 12:30pm

December is a very busy time of year for most of us. We hurry to decorate, shop and wrap gifts, make cookies, attend parties, hurry, hurry, hurry... Now is the time for us to put our family's focus back on the true meaning of Christmas, a celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your family is invited to join with many volunteers from Salem Lutheran Church and School who have prepared a special day of celebration focusing on our dear Savior's birth.

Your children ages 3 years old to 6th grade are invited to spend the morning with us, beginning at 9:00a.m. as we see the Christmas story in devotions, crafts and other activities. At noon, adults are invited to join us for lunch and a brief Christmas program filled with scripture and Christmas carols that will wrap you in the warmth and love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please save the date and join us! There is no cost to attend, but we ask you to pre-register at [www.salemlutheran.org/christmas](http://www.salemlutheran.org/christmas) to help us plan for materials and help. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors!

### Thanksgiving Eve Service

Salem will hold a special Thanksgiving Eve service at 7pm on Wednesday, November 23rd. We hope you'll join us as we give thanks to the one who gives us every blessing.

### Thanksgiving Dinner

The Salem Social Group is organizing a Thanksgiving dinner for Salem members with no plans for the holiday and for those not wanting to cook a large meal. Reservations are made at the Lowell Inn for 12:15 Thanksgiving Day. Each person pays for themselves, with a meal costing approximately \$40/person. Previous attendees agreed that dining at the Lowell Inn is a very pleasant experience. You can find a sign-up sheet on the table in the entry. The deadline to sign up is November 20th. For those without thanksgiving plans but unable to afford the meal, a donor has offered to cover a very limited number of meals for those in need. Please talk to Pastor Wolfe if you would like financial help to attend. If you have questions, call George & Ruth Smolinski at 651-334-6055 or email [gsmolin@earthlink.net](mailto:gsmolin@earthlink.net). Please consider dining out with us for Thanksgiving!

### Salem Social Group Christmas Dinner 2022

The Salem Social Group will host a Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 11, at 12:30 PM. It will be held at the Afton House Inn. Please join us for some fun and fellowship. Arrival time for dinner is 12:00-12:30 PM. You do not need to be a member of Salem or the Social Group to attend this dinner or any SSG events. You just need to be college age or older and want to have fun. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift. One gift per couple or single if attending alone. We will be sharing them while playing Christmas trivia. We will be ordering off a limited menu located on the information table in the narthex, alongside the signup sheet. Deadline for signup is Sunday, 12/4. If you have questions, please call (651-334-6055) or email us at [gsmolin@earthlink.net](mailto:gsmolin@earthlink.net). We hope to see many of you at the dinner. George & Ruth Smolinski

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### THIS WEEK AT SALEM

<b>Sun, 11/13</b>	8am Worship w/communion Confirmation Examination 9-10:30am Fellowship Breakfast 10:30am Worship w/communion Gr 2-4 sing 12:15 pm Handbell Practice
<b>Tues, 11/15</b>	10:10am Bible Growth Group 11:30am Caring Committee Meeting 6:30pm Church Council Meeting
<b>Wed, 11/16</b>	9:30am Chapel 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm 6th-8th Grade Catechism 6:30pm Sr Choir 7:15pm Men's Chorus
<b>Fri, 11/18</b>	5:30-9:30pm Salem School Basketball (Girls B, Boys B, Girls A, Boys A, in order)
<b>Sat, 11/19</b>	5:00pm Worship
<b>Sun, 11/20</b>	8am Worship 9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Jubilate Choir Sings 12:15 pm Handbell Practice

### Adult Volleyball

After discussion and considerable interest, Salem will begin holding open volleyball nights for adults on Saturday evenings November 19th. Salem adults of all abilities are invited to play, and members can invite nonmember friends to join in the fun as well.



Games will be played Saturday evenings at 6:15pm to allow those who wish to attend Saturday evening service to do so before we play. Get your kneepads and Tylenol ready—it'll be a blast! Questions can be directed to Outreach chair Dave Wurst or to Pastor Wolfe.

- ✝ For members struggling with loneliness and pain
- ✝ For churches without pastors and schools without teachers
- ✝ For those who are straying from faith, that the holiday season gives us opportunities to invite and welcome back

