



*Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God by teaching His timeless Truth,
that all may grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.*

This Week at Salem

- Sun, 11/27** 8am Worship w/communion
9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM Children's Ministry
10:30am Worship w/communion
12:15pm Handbell Practice
- Mon, 11/28** 9am Pastor Circuit Meeting
6:30pm Bible Basics Class
- Tues, 11/29** 10:10am Bible Growth Group
- Wed, 11/30** 9:30am Chapel
9:30am Women's Bible Study
1pm ORP Bible Study
4pm Advent Service - Gr 5-8
5pm Advent Supper
6:30pm Catechism
6:30pm Sr Choir
7:15pm Men's Chorus
- Thur, 12/1** 12:30pm Women's Guild Christmas Gathereing
- Sat, 12/3** 5:00pm Worship
- Sun, 12/4** 8am Worship
9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM Children's Ministry
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Giving

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$18,037.41 for Current Expenses and \$2,191.16 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Growing

Special Advent Series Begins November 30!

Members and friends are invited to a special series of services presented by the children of our school for the advent season. The series of three services will be held at 4pm on Wednesdays beginning November 30th, with each week being led by a pastor and a different group of students. 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!

FREE Books: learn a Lutheran response to evolution

Are you interested in the connecting point between Scripture and science? Take a look at the short books on tables in the church entry for articles on creation, geology, evolution, and more. You can also request 3 FREE print books for yourself (32-48 pages each). Choose from 13 titles including, "Did Dinosaurs Roam the Earth?" "Conversation With an Atheist," and "Christian Doctrine in Genesis." Request yours at www.LutheranScience.org/FreeBooks or by writing to the WELS group (include your address): Lutheran Science Institute, 13390 W. Edgewood Ave, New Berlin WI 53151. This offer expires Feb. 28, 2023. Offer subject to change without notice.

Christmas for Kids - 9am-12:30pm, December 17th

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 9:00am 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 to help us plan for materials and help. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors!

There are just a few more spots open to help with Christmas for kids.

You can sign up on the sheet in the entry or you can sign up online at the direct link www.salemlutheran.org/serve.

Serving

Caring Committee Giving Tree

The Caring Committee has identified 5 families this year - the tags on lights hung by the entryway into church. We are trying something new - You will need to have the gifts back to church by December 18. Thank you!

Greeters

Door Greeter sign-up sheets have been redesigned. You may sign-up thru Feb. 2023. If you have a church service you generally attend, you may get those dates all signed up for in advance. You get to smile 😊 & say welcome as ambassadors for Christ.

Uniting

Womens' Guild Christmas Party - Thursday, Dec 1, 2022

Salem Women's Guild is hosting a Christmas potluck 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.

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, 12/04. If you have questions, please call (651-334-6055) or email us at gsmolin@earthlink.net We hope to see many of you at the dinner.

George & Ruth Smolinski

Adult Volleyball

Salem's adult volleyball nights begin/began Saturday evening, 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, Caroline Greene, or to Pastor Wolfe.

In our prayers this week:

- For thanksgiving not only at this time of year but on every day for every blessing
- For safe journeys to all who travel this holiday weekend
- For those in need of encouragement as they fight battles against mental, physical, and emotional challenges
- For all who plan, prepare, and practice to enhance our holiday services with special music and art