



*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, 12/11** 8am Worship w/communion
9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM Children's Ministry
10:30am Worship w/communion
12pm Salem Social Group Christmas Dinner
- Mon, 12/12** 6:30pm Bible Basics Class
- Tues, 12/13** 10:10am Bible Growth Group
6:30pm Ed Committee Meeting
6:30pm Band Concert at St. Croix Lutheran Academy
- Wed, 12/14** 9:30am Chapel
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
1 pm Bible Study at ORP
4pm Advent Service (Grades 2-4)
5pm Advent Supper
6:00pm Catechism
6:30pm Sr Choir
7:15pm Men's Chorus
- Fri, 12/16** 5:30pm Salem Home Basketball Games (3 games)
- Sat, 12/17** 9am Christmas for Kids
5:00pm Worship
6:15 pm Salem Social Night
- Sun, 12/18** 8am Worship
9:15am Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM Children's Ministry
10:30am Worship
12:15pm Handbell Practice
1 pm Youth Gathering

Holiday Worship Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 14th @ 4pm

Carols of Christmas (Grades 2-4)

Fellowship Supper after (Tacos served by Youth)

Saturday, December 24th (3 & 5pm)

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 25th (10am) *Christmas carol sing-along at 9:45am*

Christmas Day Festival with Communion

Giving

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$15,214.78 for Current Expenses and \$1,203.10 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Growing

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

We have almost 90 kids signed up for Christmas for Kids! Time is running out to sign up. All children ages 3 years old to 6th grade are invited to spend the morning with us, beginning at 9:00am. Children will 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. There is no cost to attend, but we ask you to register at www.salemlutheran.org/christmas to help us plan for materials and help.

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.

Salem Growth Group Openings

Salem's Growth Groups provide a way for members to connect with each other and to Christ as they meet 2-4 times a month at members' homes or online. We're happy to see a new group begin last month and happy to share that two groups are looking for more members

Both the Ibisch group and the Thomforde group welcome couples or individuals from any stage of life to join them. You can learn more about growth groups at our church website. If you'd like to try out a growth group email growthgroups@salemlutheran.org.

Youth Gathering

The next Youth Gathering is scheduled for December 18th from 1-2:30 PM. All 7th through 12th graders are welcome to join us as we have a devotion, eat snacks, and play games. Hope to see you there!

Serving

Poinsettias for Christmas

If you would like to have a poinsettia on the altar in memory of someone, there will be envelopes for that or you can contact the church office. We are asking for a \$5 donation for each member you want listed. This will help pay for the poinsettias we place on the altar. Thank you!

Caring Committee Giving Tree

Gifts need to be brought to the church office by December 18 so we can give them out for Christmas. 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.

We Need A Little Help for One of Salem's Families

The Herbst family has a little boy (Everett) who is 1 year old and has been in and out of the hospital the past few weeks. The Caring Committee asked if they need help with anything. They could use help with some gas gift cards for the travels to the Hospital and doctor appointments and could use some Cub Foods Gift cards so they can order take home meals when they need to. If you would like to help, please leave your donations in the church office and we will make sure

they get them. Thank you very much for your help!

Do you love Christmas baking?

If so, please consider making a few cookies to donate for Salem's Christmas Bake Sale! All proceeds go toward the SPTO (Salem Parent Teacher Organization). SPTO supports our school plan and fund special projects and activities not in the regular budget.

Baked goods will be sold after the Advent Service on Wednesday, Dec.14th, at the Basketball games on Friday the 16th, and after church services Sunday the 18th.If you would like to donate baked goods, please put them on the cart near the school office prior to December 13th.

Not into baking but still want to participate? There are two options: 1) We are accepting store-bought goodies! 2) We need 1-2 volunteers for each date to work at the sale. Please contact Darcie Schmitz Tessmer at 612-801-6122 or darcieschmitztessmer@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping!

Christmas Day Instrumental Carolers

You are invited to come to Salem's Christmas Day service a little early to sing Christmas carols before worship, starting at 9:45am. We welcome instrument players to play along while we sing. Instrumentalists will meet in church at 9:30am on Christmas Day to go over what we will play. You can find music books for flute, oboe, clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax, trumpet, French horn, trombone, and tuba on the table in the entry. Each music book also has a brief description of how we will organize the music in it. Please sign the participation sheet when you pick up your music so that we know what instruments we will have. If you have any questions, contact Roger Zolldan at 651-216-7462 (call/text) or email him at rzolldan@comcast.net. Thank you for helping us make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Sled Donations Wanted

Snow and sledding go together like kids and Christmas. The sleds at our Salem school get used often and well, and that means they need to be replaced from time to time. If you would like to donate a plastic sled to the school, we would appreciate the gift. Talk to Principal Ryan Klatt (rklatt@salemlutheran.org) or teacher Tom Stob (tstob@salemlutheran.org) if you'd like to donate.

Uniting

Saturday Social Night

In November a group of members began hosting adult volleyball on Saturday nights in our school gym each week at 6:15pm. You're invited to join our growing group.

If you're not a volleyball player, you're invited to come for the more "casual" game side of our social night. Bring a favorite board or card game to play and share. We'll provide the popcorn. And we'll enjoy getting to know even more new and familiar friends.

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are placed in memory of LaVon Schmidt from her family!

In our prayers this week:

- For the road and outdoor workers who make life in a northern climate possible for all of us
- For health and comfort to all who seek healing and companionship in their time of need
- For students of all ages as they take final tests, present programs, and look to rest in their mid-year breaks