



*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, 1/8** 8 am Worship w/communion  
9:15 am Adult & Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM  
10:30 am Worship w/communion  
2-4 pm Pastor & Sarah Schram Farewell Open House (3pm program/presentation)
- Mon, 1/9** 6 pm Harvest Strategy Meeting  
6:30 pm Bible Basics  
6:30 pm Sr Choir  
7:15 pm Men's Chorus
- Tues, 1/10** 10:10 am Bible Growth Group  
6:30 pm Elders & Education Committee Meetings  
7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting
- Wed, 1/11** 9:30 am Chapel  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
1 pm Devotion at Oak Ridge Plage  
5:30 pm Pastor Call Meeting and Quarterly Voters Meeting  
6:30 pm Catechism
- Fri, 1/13** 5:30/6:30 pm Salem Girls/Boys B Basketball games (HOME)  
7:30/8:30 pm Salem Girls/Boys A Basketball games (HOME)
- Sat, 1/14** 5 pm Worship  
6:15 pm Game and Adult/Teen Volleyball Night
- Sun, 1/15** 8 am Worship  
9:15 am Adult & Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM  
10:30 am Worship

## **Giving**

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$13,075.94 for Current Expenses and \$1,253.48 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).

## **Pastoral Farewell**

This is Pastor Jake and Sarah's last weekend at Salem before they move to a new call in Illinois. To thank God for his time with us and to say goodbye, all are invited to an open house at Salem in the Schram's honor on Sunday from 2-4 pm. Light refreshments will be provided, and you can come at any time during the open house to visit with Pastor and Sarah and say farewell. A brief program and presentation will be held around 3 pm.

### **Special Thanks**

Sarah and I just want to thank all of you for your love and support over these past 6 years. It has been an honor and pleasure to share the Gospel message with you and grow together in the Word. Please keep us in your prayers and know that you are in ours. God's continued blessings to you all!

### **Congregational Meeting and Pastor Call Meeting**

Salem's Quarterly congregational meeting will be held Wednesday, January 11th at 5:30 pm. We'll begin with a call meeting to extend a call to a new pastor and then spend time talking about some significant ministry things from the last quarter and looking ahead to the next. Please plan to join us and share your thoughts and ideas.

## **Growing**

### **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](mailto:growthgroups@salemlutheran.org).

### **Bible Reading Plans**

Did you know that you can read the whole Bible in one year with just 10 minutes of reading time a day? The year has begun, but it's not too late to pick up a Bible reading plan. Pick one up in the church entry. If you want occasional encouragements let Pastor Wolfe know you're on the plan and he'll send reminders throughout the year.

## **Serving**

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to those who donated plastic snow sleds and saucers for the kids to use at Salem school. They're getting well-used with all the snow we've had this year.

### **Greeters Needed**

*"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus"* (Galatians 3:26) Knowing we are brothers and sisters of Jesus, we want to smile and greet each other at the door. You may sign up as a greeter for services now through March at the information table. Please wear a name tag & arrive 15-20 minutes before the service(s) you picked. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & a big 😊 to all of you. Questions? Janet Rider 651-261-3146 or [RidersUSA@comcast.net](mailto:RidersUSA@comcast.net)

## **Uniting**

### **Salem Basketball**

Salem school invites Salem members to enjoy basketball games with our kids and school families. Home games have concessions to buy, cheerleaders to get the crowd going, and lots of people to meet and spend time with. Join us for home games this coming week!

### **Church Potluck for "New" Members**

When a person joins a church, they become a part of our family. It's a big deal! On February 5th at the 10:30am service Salem will invite all new members from 2022 to the front of church to publicly welcome and introduce them. After the service, we'll have a church potluck dinner. The fellowship committee will serve desserts and drinks, and members are invited to bring their favorite entrees and side dishes to share. Please use the sheet in the entry to let us know if you plan to bring a main dish or a side dish.

### **Saturday Volleyball and Game Night**

Adults and teens are invited to Salem Saturday evenings at 6:15pm for volleyball and games. Enjoy semi-competitive play in a friendly atmosphere. Families are invited to bring board games or card games to play in the fellowship hall as well.

**NOTE:** There will be no volleyball/game night until January 7th.

### **School News & Event Updates**

Our Salem Lutheran School offers so many blessings for students and families. You don't have to be a parent or school family to receive updates on events and activities from the school. Anyone can sign up online to receive regular email updates at [www.salemlutheran.org/news/subscribe](http://www.salemlutheran.org/news/subscribe).

### **St. Croix Night to Shine**

In February, St. Croix Lutheran Academy will host "Night to Shine," an over-the-top prom experience honoring those with special needs. If you know someone who would like to attend as an honored guest, St. Croix invites you to contact them. Email Lorna Kapanke at [lkapanke@stcroixlutheran.org](mailto:lkapanke@stcroixlutheran.org) or call 651-455-1521, ext. 1117.

### **In our prayers this week:**

- Thanks to God for the ministry of the Schrams at Salem, and for blessings to them and those they serve in the future.
- Thanksgiving for members who are home recovering after trips to emergency rooms and stays in the hospital.
- For missionaries bringing the Gospel to people in nations around the world.