

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, 1/158 am Worship9:15 am Adult & Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM10:30 am Worship
- Mon, 1/16 No School
- Tues, 1/1710:10 am Bible Growth Group11:30 am Caring Committee Meeting
- Wed, 1/18 9:30 am Chapel 6:30 pm Catechism 6:30 pm Sr Choir 7:15 Men's Chorus
- Thurs, 1/19 6 pm Harvest Strategy Meeting
- Sat, 1/215 pm Worship w/communion6:15 pm Game and Adult/Teen Volleyball Night
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Giving

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$13,220.21 for Current Expenses and \$1,173.31 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at <u>salemlutheran.org/donate</u>.

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.

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 encouragement let Pastor Wolfe know you're on the plan and he'll send reminders throughout the year.

Serving

<u>Thank you!</u>

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 \bigcirc to all of you. Questions? Janet Rider 651-261-3146 or 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.

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 Ikapanke@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.