



*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, 1/22** 8am Worship w/communion
9:15am Adult & Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM
10:30am Worship w/communion
- Mon, 1/23** 6:30pm Bible Basics
- Tues, 1/24** 10:15am Group Bible Study
11:30am Caring Committee Meeting (changed from last week)
5:30pm Handbell practice
6:30pm Church Council Meeting
- Wed, 1/25** 9:30am Chapel
6:30pm Catechism
6:30pm Senior Choir
7:15pm Men's Chorus
- Fri, 1/27** 5:30/6:30pm Girls/Boys B Basketball HOME
7:30/8:30pm Girls/Boys A Basketball HOME
- Sat, 1/28** 5pm Worship
6:15pm Game and Adult/Teen Volleyball
- Sun, 1/29** 8am Worship
9:15am Adult & Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM
10:30am Worship
1pm SALEM YOUTH Gathering

Called Pastor Contact Info

Wednesday, January 11th our voters extended a pastoral call to Pastor Josh Bishop. He currently serves at Grace Lutheran in St. Joseph, MI and invites Salem members to call or email as he deliberates where he might best serve. Pastor Bishop's email is bishopj@gracestjoseph.org and his phone number is 765-431-1292.

Growing/Sharing

Youth Gathering - Next Sunday (January 29) 1-3pm

The next Youth gathering will be held next Sunday, January 29 beginning at 1 pm. Youth will meet in the Fireside room for a bible study and snacks and then on to other fun group activities. If the weather permits, we are planning to do a little sledding outside - dress accordingly. Ross & Rachel Collins will be heading up the Youth Gatherings, with older teens helping lead the group themselves! All Salem teens in grades 7-12 and their friends are welcome!

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

Summer weeks fill up fast, so be sure to save the date for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 13th to 17th. VBS will meet in the mornings from 8am to 11:30am. Share the dates with your friends and neighbors so they can join in the fun and Scripture too! (We're just beginning planning. If you'd like to be part of the VBS team, contact Pastor Wolfe or VBS coordinator Debbie Hansen (dhansen@salemchurch.org)).

MLC Wind Symphony

The Wind Symphony of Martin Luther College will hold a concert on campus in New Ulm at 3pm on Sunday, February 12th. The concert's theme is "Let the Light Shine: A Sacred Concert for Wind Band." Salem members and friends are invited to attend in person, or watch a livestream of the concert accessible at www.mlc-wels.edu/streams.

Uniting

Camp Croix Camps

Did you know that Salem is an association member of a WELS camp for families deep in the woods of Western Wisconsin? Since 1968 Salem members have taken advantage of Camp Croix's facilities, programs, and ministries. Camp Croix offers two kinds of summer camps that may be of interest to you:

- Youth Bible Camp for children going into grades 4-9 next year. Camp Croix has five different options for this week-long camp, though two are already full.
- STRIVE Teen Camp for teens going into grades 10-12 next year. This camp gives teens a chance to learn about their faith and grow in knowledge and service.

The camp is also available for rent during the summer for a family vacation or getaway. Learn more or sign up at their website: www.campcroix.org.

A Special Invitation for Winter Camping

Many Salem members might remember our old Pioneer program fondly, and perhaps also the tradition of winter camp at Camp Croix. Pioneer Train 173 from Peshtigo, WI has invited us to join them for a family campout February 10-12. They've rented the lodge and first aid cabin, and the smaller cabins will be available as well. There will be crafts, ice fishing, hiking, archery, rifle range, sledding, as well as a Klondike race and Swimming at the Voyager Village pool. The weekend includes a special worship service Sunday morning. This is a family activity, open to all members and friends of Salem Church and School, young and old alike. The cost is \$25 per person or \$75 per family for the weekend. If you would like to attend, call Alex Enter at 715-733-0899 or email youthministerzion@gmail.com by February 6th.

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! This week all four of our teams play at home Friday night. Join us!

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.

Serving

MLC Wind Symphony at St Croix Lutheran Academy (SCLA)

We are excited to share that MLC will be touring with their Wind Symphony from May 14-19 and will make a stop at SCLA on **Sunday, May 14** for an evening concert at 7:00pm. The concert is about 1.5 hours long and will be enjoyable for all audiences.

Hosts Needed

St. Croix Lutheran Academy (SCLA) is looking for families to serve as **host families** for the 50-60 MLC ensemble members. Families will need to provide transportation from SCLA on Sunday night and back to SCLA on Monday morning (carpooling may be possible); a bedroom (private or shared with a member of the same sex); and a sack lunch for the following day. If you are able to host, please let us know in the church office AND fill out a short form: [Host form](#).

Social Media Help Wanted

Pastor Wolfe would like to find someone to help manage and run Salem's social media presence. Responsibilities would include sharing information through our Facebook and Instagram accounts, directing responses to Salem staff as needed, and keeping the page up to date. If you are interested in helping with this part of the "face" of our congregation please talk to Pastor Wolfe. Experience in managing social media would be nice, but is not necessary. Thank you!

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. Questions? Janet Rider 651-261-3146 or RidersUSA@comcast.net

Giving

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$13,768.61 for Current Expenses and \$1,299.93 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

2022 Giving Statements

The statements were emailed on Wednesday - the system is new so **please check your statement** to make sure all the donations you have made are listed. Let the church office know if you have any issues! We found quite a few so far. The mailed statements were mailed on Friday. If you have any questions, contact Debbie in the church office (651-439-7831 or dswanson@salemlutheran.org)

***Flowers on the altar this weekend are placed in memory of Eliana Shah,
born and baptized 8 years ago and forever home in heaven.***

In our prayers this week

- For Pastor Josh Bishop, as he deliberates our call to serve as pastor at Salem and his current call to serve in Michigan.
- For seniors and shut-in members of our church, that God would give them peace and hope, and that he would move our members to bring them the blessings of companionship and fellowship
- For our leaders, as the church council meets this week to plan and discuss ministry and the direction of our church