



*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, 1/29** 8 am Worship  
9:15am Adult & Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM  
10:30 am Worship  
1 pm SALEM YOUTH Gathering
- Mon, 1/30** 6:30 pm Bible Basics
- Tues, 1/31** 10:15 am Group Bible Study  
5:30 pm Handbell practice
- Wed, 2/1** 9:30 am Chapel  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm Catechism  
6:30 pm Senior Choir  
7:15 pm Men's Chorus
- Sat, 2/5** 5 pm Worship  
6:15 pm Games and Adult/Teen Volleyball
- Sun, 2/6** 8 am Worship  
9:15 am Adult & Teen Bible Study & Sunday JAM  
10:30 am Worship

#### **Called Pastor Contact Info**

Please keep Pastor Josh Bishop in your prayers as he continues to hold the call to serve as Salem pastor. 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. You can email Pastor Bishop at [bishopj@gracestjoseph.org](mailto:bishopj@gracestjoseph.org) or call him by phone at 765-431-1292.

#### **Principal Klatt receives Divine Call**

This past weekend Principal Klatt received a call to serve as Principal and 6th-8th grade teacher in Simpsonville, South Carolina, at Abiding Peace Academy. Simpsonville is a suburb of Asheville and the school has 65 students in preschool and 70 in K-7. Please keep Principal Klatt in your prayers as he deliberates where best to serve God in his kingdom.

## ***Growing/Sharing***

#### **Youth Gathering - This Sunday (January 29) 1-3pm**

Salem Youth are invited to church Sunday afternoon at 1 pm for our next gathering. We'll meet in the Fireside room for bible study and snacks and then on to other fun group activities. (The cold temps will keep us inside so no snow gear is needed.) Ross & Rachel Collins are leading the Youth Gatherings, with older teens helping lead the group themselves too! 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 12th to 16th. VBS will meet in the mornings. 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@salemlutheran.org](mailto:dhansen@salemlutheran.org)).

### **MLC Wind Symphony**

The Wind Symphony of Martin Luther College will hold a concert on campus in New Ulm at 3 pm 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](http://www.mlc-wels.edu/streams).

## ***Serving***

### **Manning Property Exploration Committee**

The Buildings and Grounds committee is putting together a committee of 4-8 members to explore the opportunities and challenges facing ministry use of the Manning Property. It will likely be a 6-12 month commitment. We are looking for people with skills or experience in the following areas:

- Real Estate Development
- Commercial Project Finance
- Residential, Commercial, Worship Facility, or K-12 Construction
- Land Sales and Valuation
- Working with Municipalities on Land Use
- Communication and Presentation

If interested, please send Name, Email, and Phone to Jeff Lefto. Call 612-508-6304 or email [JeffL@ClimateMakersinc.com](mailto:JeffL@ClimateMakersinc.com).

### **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](mailto:RidersUSA@comcast.net)

## ***Uniting***

### **A Special Invitation for Winter Camping - LAST CHANCE!**

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](mailto:youthministerzion@gmail.com) by February 6th.

### **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.

### **Call Meeting & Open Forum**

Salem will have a short call meeting Sunday, February 12th between services to extend a call for a 3rd grade teacher. We will use the rest of the hour to hold an open forum to share the latest updates on finances, parish nursing, and future building possibilities that we didn’t get to discuss at the quarterly meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

## ***Giving***

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$14,138.87 for Current Expenses and \$570.62 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](https://salemlutheran.org/donate).

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

- For Pastor Josh Bishop, as he deliberates on our call to serve as pastor at Salem, and for Ryan Klatt as he deliberates a principal call to South Carolina.
- For Youth leaders Ross & Rachel Collins, and the older teens helping to lead the youth group. May God bless their work for our teens.
- For elected leaders, judges, law enforcement, and emergency personnel whom God has given in government to provide us peace and stability in our lives.