



*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, 2/26** 8 am Worship w/communion
9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday JAM
10:30 am Worship w/communion
1 pm Youth Gathering
- Mon, 2/27** 9:30 am Pastor Circuit Meeting
6:30 pm Bible Basics
6:30 pm Sr Choir
7:15 pm Men's Chorus
- Tues, 2/28** 10:15 am Group Bible Study
5:30 pm Handbell practice
- Wed, 3/1** 9:30 am Chapel
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
4 pm Lenten Service
5 pm Lenten Supper - Sloppy Joes served by Salem Caring Committee
7 pm Lenten Service
- Thur, 3/2** 12:30 pm Women's Guild
5:30 pm School Education Night
6:30 pm Manning Property Committee Meeting
- Sat, 3/4** 8 am Men's Bible Study at Gorman's Restaurant, Lake Elmo
5 pm Worship
6:15 pm Adult/Teen Volleyball
- Sun, 3/5** 8 am Worship
9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday JAM
10:30 am Worship

Growing/Sharing

February Youth Gathering, Sunday, Feb 26 from 1-2:30 pm.

Ross and Rachel Collins are working with John Thompson and Griffin Paulsen to plan the Bible Study. John did a great job last time! We are planning on having a "pizza challenge" event. (Teens try different pizzas and have to guess which places they are from!) We are hoping for better weather to go sledding!

Education Night-Biblical Living History

On March 3rd, Salem will be having its annual Education Night. This night is a time where we focus on one of the subjects we teach at Salem and invite families into the school to projects and activities the students have done. This year the theme is Biblical Living History. The classrooms will have activities, projects, and students dressed up like Bible Characters based on the theme of the classroom. Some themes include, miracles of Jesus, the 10 Plagues, Judges, and more... Please make plans to attend this awesome event at Salem on March 3rd!

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! Registration is open at <http://www.salemlutheran.org/vbs>

We're just beginning our VBS planning. If you'd like to be part of the VBS team, contact Pastor Wolfe or VBS coordinator Debbie Hansen (dhansen@salemlutheran.org). Sign up to volunteer at www.salemlutheran.org/vbshelp.

Easter for Kids Invitation

Salem Lutheran Church invites your whole family to a special family event coming up – Easter for Kids! At Christmas, we celebrated the gift of Jesus coming into the world. At Easter, we see Jesus give us the gift of victory over sin and death. Christmas was the beginning but Easter is the finale! Children (and families) ages 3 years old to 6th grade are invited to celebrate all that Jesus did for us on Saturday of Easter weekend (April 8th) from 10am-noon. Easter for Kids is a little different from some of our other events. Instead of dropping kids off, we invite you to stay with your children to do crafts and songs, and stories together. You are invited to register at www.salemlutheran.org/easter.

If you'd like to help us put on this great family event, contact coordinator Jessie Wolfe (wolfeja6@gmail.com).



Sunday Morning is for Kids

Parents, are you taking advantage of our Sunday morning Children's JAM? Every week teachers prepare stories and Bible truths just for kids. Bring your children ages 3 to 6th grade and let them see Jesus with us! Sunday JAM is open to nonmembers as well so invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

We give a special word of thanks to the teachers and helpers who put in so much effort to bring Jesus to the youngest members of our Salem family. Your work is seen and appreciated. May God bless your service!

Serving

Diaper Drive

Thank you for all the donations to Salem's annual diaper drive! As we have done in the past, half will go to WELS Christian Life Ministries New Day Pregnancy & Family Resource Center in Little Canada and half to the Options for Women Center in St. Croix Valley. This Sunday (February 26th) is the last day we will be collecting donations of diaper sizes 2, 3, 4, & 5 as well as unscented wipes. These can be dropped off in the narthex (in the playpen) at church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Lenten Meals

Fellowship organizes groups to serve a delicious meal in between the Lenten Services for everyone to enjoy. We have the following weeks covered and are looking for a couple more groups to serve...

- 3/1 Caring Committee is serving Sloppy Joe's
- 3/8 Fellowship is serving pork tenderloin, potatoes, carrots, and ice cream
- 3/14 *Open*
- 3/22 Council will serve a baked potato bar
- 3/29 Youth is serving spaghetti

Salem's groups thank you for your continuing support. The free will offering at these meals is used to offset the costs of the meal and to support the sponsoring group's work.

LWMS Information

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society has some information about their organization and their upcoming Spring Rally in April. Look for a flier in the entry. More information to come.

Easter Flower Order Envelopes

There are envelopes with options to order flowers for the altar for Easter. The choices & prices are listed on the envelope. The orders must be received by March 19. There is a place to list "in memory of" - you do not need to order flowers to list someone.

Uniting

Pastor Call Meeting

Salem voters extended a Call to Pastor Tyler Shinnick currently serving Martin Luther Church in Neenah Wisconsin. You are welcome to contact him at 414-699-8383 or tylershinnick@martinutherneenah.org

Giving

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$9,790.31 for Current Expenses and \$650.04 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

In our prayers this week

- In this season of preparation, give us time to be quiet and consider the blessings of faith and forgiveness
- For Jessie Wolfe, deliberating Salem's call to teach 3rd grade in our school, and for Tyler Shinnick, deliberating our call to serve as pastor.
- For sister churches and schools without pastors or teachers, that God would raise up workers for his harvest and bring them people to preach and teach his Word.