

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, 3/19 8 am Worship

9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday JAM

10:30 am Worship

Mon, 3/20 School Spring Break Mar 20-25

6:30 pm Bible Basics

Tues, 3/21 10:15 am Group Bible Study

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wed, 3/22 1 pm Oak Ridge Place Devotion

4 pm Lenten Service

5 pm Lenten Supper - Church council members serve baked potato bar

7 pm Lenten Service

Sat, 3/25 5 pm Worship w/ communion

6:15 pm Adult/Teen Volleyball

Sun, 3/26 8 am Worship w/ communion

9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday JAM 10:30 am Worship w/ communion

1 pm Youth Gathering

### **Growing/Sharing**

#### **Easter Morning Fellowship**

Please plan to join us for Easter breakfast served from 8 to 10:30. There are opportunities to serve and donate on a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **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 <a href="https://www.salemlutheran.org/easter">www.salemlutheran.org/easter</a>.

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

#### **Youth News**

The Youth will have a regular gathering on Sunday, March 26th from 1-2:30 pm. Join us for games, a youth led Bible Study, and snacks. Salem's Youth will also be serving the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 29th. Parents and Youth, please reach out to Ross & Rachel Collins (r.acollins005@gmail.com, 612-483-9197) to see how you can help!

Salem will host a regional WELS Youth Night on April 30. If you have an interest in helping host a fun event where 8-12th graders are encouraged to enjoy the faith they share with others and dig into tough topics for their everyday lives, please reach out to Ross and Rachel Collins (r.acollins005@gmail.com, 612-483-9197). We've got a plan, we just need some adult and college-aged volunteers.

#### **Lenten Devotions**

Did you know that Martin Luther College (our college for pastor and teacher training) produces Lenten devotions every year? This year, the devotions focus on Holy Week, April 2nd-9th. Faculty writers explore the seven words of Christ from the cross—plus an additional word from the risen Christ for Easter. You can access the devotions online, download them as a PDF, or request that they be sent directly to your email during Holy Week. Find out more at the MLC website using the link www.salemlutheran.org/devotions.

## Serving

#### **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...

- 3/22 Council will serve a baked potato bar
- 3/29 Youth will serve 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.

#### **Praise Group Forming**

We are looking for singers and instrumentalists to help us add variety to our praise music in worship. For those of you who participated in Path of Peace, the music style will be familiar! Musicians must be able to read music and practice independently. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Carolyn Forster at ckforster18@gmail.com.

#### **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. The Collection boxes should be given to Barb Miller or Patty Johnson soon. They are located on the information table..

#### You're invited!

Did you know you are a LWMS member? The St. Croix Circuit LWMS Spring Rally will be held on Sat, April 15 at Good Shepherd (151 Co. Rd. 42 E Burnsville, MN 55306). There is no cost to attend. Door Registration begins at 9am. Keynote Speaker will be Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti. A light lunch will be provided. Please plan to attend! Additional details and event updates may be found on facebook.

#### **Assistant Coach for Bowling**

Salem athletic director Tom Stob is looking for a Salem member to serve as assistant coach for the school bowling season. Bowling practices will be Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Email Mr. Stob at <a href="mailto:tstob@salemlutheran.org">tstob@salemlutheran.org</a> to learn more.

#### **March Food Shelf Drive**

The Caring Committee collects food & personal items for the local food shelf. They checked with the food shelf and the most needed items are Canned meats, Grains, Spices & Oil, Household paper items, Shelf Stable Foods, and Hygiene Products. They can make the best use of cash donations. (envelopes by the Food Shelf Cupboard)

# **Giving**

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$7,491.57 for Current Expenses and \$1,145.00 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at <a href="mailto:salemlutheran.org/donate">salemlutheran.org/donate</a>.

### In our prayers this week

- For Pastor Tyler Shinnick, holding our call to serve as pastor, and for Jill Kaiser, Salem preschool teacher who holds a call to teach in Beverly Hills, FL.
- For blessing on our nation, that God would give us honest and faithful leaders.
- For those who are blind to God's blessings and promises, that God would open their eyes and bring faith into their hearts.