



*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, 3/26** 8 am Worship w/communion
9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday JAM
10:30 am Worship w/communion
1 pm Youth Gathering
- Mon, 3/27** 6:30 pm Bible Basics
- Tues, 3/28** 9 am Brass Cleaning Party!
10:15 am Group Bible Study
5:30 pm Handbell Practice
- Wed, 3/29** 9:30 am Chapel
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
4 pm Lenten Service
5 pm Lenten Supper - Youth serving spaghetti
7 pm Lenten Service
- Sat, 4/1** 8 am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Gorman's, Lake Elmo
5 pm Worship
6:15 pm Adult/Teen Volleyball
- Sun, 4/2** ***Palm Sunday***
8 am Worship
9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday JAM
10:30 am Worship

Call Announcements

Mrs. Jill Kaiser (Salem preschool teacher) announced this week that she has returned her call to Beverly Hills, Florida and will continue to serve God's little lambs here at Salem. We are grateful to God for her decision!

Debbie Hansen (Salem 1st grade teacher) received a call this week to teach at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Wisconsin Rapids. Please keep her in your prayers as she now has a chance to consider where she can best use her gifts and experiences to serve the Lord.

Growing/Sharing

Holy Week 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.

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

Easter for Kids is coming soon! 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).

Youth News

Salem will host a regional WELS Youth Night on April 30. If you have an interest in helping host a fun event where 9-12th 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.collins005@gmail.com, 612-483-9197). We've got a plan, we just need some adult and college-aged volunteers.

Serving

One Last Lenten Meal

Salem's Fellowship Committee organizes groups to serve a delicious meal in between the Lenten Services for everyone to enjoy. Our last midweek service and meal is this Wednesday with teens serving spaghetti. Thank you to all who served this year, all who enjoyed time with our family of faith, and all who supported our ministries with free-will gifts.

Teens!

If you haven't let Ross and Rachel know how you can help with the Lenten meal yet, please go to this link and sign up. Thank you for serving the Lord with us! [Sign-up at this link.](#)

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

This is a letter to the women of Salem. Please consider attending the LWMS Rally on Saturday, April 15th. I will be going as I am the current St. Croix Circuit Secretary. I could take a few women with me. I hope you looked at the information in the church entry about what LWMS is and the Rally information. It is a morning presentation with lunch provided. Our WELS missionaries greatly appreciate what we provide for them, including sending cards and letters. Sometimes they feel so alone.

We want to keep this group vibrant and active. LWMS is a national group and extends far beyond our small congregation. LWMS has a website with information and videos to check out. Each circuit has a fall and spring rally and there is a yearly national convention that will be held in Lacrosse, WI this summer. Although it is a women's group, a few husbands do attend. I would love to have you join me. Contact me at church or by phone at 651-338-4876. We will leave from church at 8am.

Barbara Miller

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)

Help us put on a friendly face

Have you remembered to sign-up as a greeter yet? You might as well pick 2 or 3 dates while you are at it. Sheets are on the table to the left of where you register for communion. We would especially like to make sure to have greeters to welcome members and friends on Easter Sunday!

High School Graduates

Would you like a prayer shawl to take with you after you graduate? Please contact JoAnn Ecker at 651-295-4369. If you request one, they will be ready by the end of May.

Giving

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$14,100.79 for Current Expenses and \$789.66 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

- For Pastor Tyler Shinnick, holding our call to serve as pastor, and for Debbie Hansen, Salem 1st Grade teacher who holds a call to teach in Wisconsin Rapids.
- For Lucas Schroeder, St. Croix Lutheran Academy student, still unconscious in the hospital after a serious car accident several weeks ago
- For those who mourn the loss of someone they love as another holiday approaches. God give them comfort and hope in Jesus' Easter promises of resurrection.