

Salem to host regional Youth Night

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.acollins005@gmail.com, 612-483-9197). We've got a plan, we just need some adult & college-aged volunteers.

New Ministry - Prayer Partners!

Prayer Partners is a new ministry program beginning next year that matches students of our Salem school with an adult in our congregation. This match-up provides an opportunity to use letter-writing skills (remember having a pen pal?), exchange thoughts and stories, and encourage our children to pray for others. Students and prayer partners can form special, even life-long, relationships with each other and this program helps make connections between church members and school families.

We intend to start with the Kindergarten class next year, and add first grade if we have enough members. We want every student at Salem to have a prayer partner eventually. If you would like to know more about prayer partners, talk to Principal Ryan Klatt.

Welcome, Happy Morning!

Every weekend church greeters show visitors & fellow members how happy we are to see them joining us for worship. Will you add your happy smile to the face of our church? A sign-up sheet for greeters can be found in the entry near the communion sheet. Our Easter joy moves us to greet others with a "Happy Easter" or "He is Risen." Greeters get that opportunity!



Attention, High School & College Graduates

God brings his people together into churches to support each other in difficult times and to celebrate together in joyful ones. We would like to mark this milestone in your lives with you this year, but we need your help. If you are graduating (or have a child graduating) please email the church office (dswanson@salemlutheran.org) to let us know when you graduate and from which school. Thank you!

Congregational Meetings

Salem has two congregational meetings scheduled for the upcoming weeks. First we will hold a Pastor Call Meeting after the 10:30am service this weekend (April 16th) to extend a call for a second pastor.

Our next quarterly congregational meeting will be held after the 10:30am service on Sunday, April 23rd. This will be an important meeting, not only hearing about ministry past and future but also electing leaders to serve for the next year and approving the church budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. All Salem members are encouraged to attend both of these important meetings.

Bible Basics - New Session begins in April

Pastor Wolfe will begin a new session of the Bible Basics study April 24th.

This 10-week study will meet Monday evenings for about 1.5 hours each night.



Topics covered include human nature, how sinners can hope for heaven, what the Bible says about Lord's Supper and Baptism, the end of the world, heaven and hell, and more. The

study serves as a great refresher for members, a great intro for friends and neighbors who don't know much about the Bible at all, and everyone in between. This study also serves as Salem's membership class. If you would like to attend, you must pre-register with Pastor Wolfe as class size is limited.

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.





Hiring for Administrative Assistant

Salem is looking for a member to serve as a part-time (10 hours/ week) Administrative Assistant for the church office. This person will assist in performing secretarial, clerical, records maintenance, church related correspondence, and receptionist duties of the church in support of pastor(s), staff, and lay leaders of the church.

Requirements and Qualifications:

- > Be a current member of Salem or another WELS congregation.
- > Must be enthusiastic, have good human relation skills, and good communication skills.
- > Must have experience with, or able to learn, computer productivity software including Windows, Microsoft Office, and Google Suite.

If interested, please contact either Pastor (rwolfe@salemlutheran.org) or Debbie (dswanson@salemlutheran.org) in the church office for more information.

Support a family in need

You may recall the prayers we've had in worship for Lucas Schroeder, a student at St. Croix Lutheran Academy who suffered a significant car accident this winter. Lucas remains in the hospital in very serious condition. If you would like to help the family with expenses in their time of need they've set up an online donation site. To make it easier to find we've created a web shortcut. Just go to www.salemlutheran.org/Lucas.

Ministry Support

We don't have specific numbers to share this week due to a staff illness, but we thank God for every offering that he leads our members to return to him. We can report that for the year we are currently ahead of budget for mission support and behind for general expenses.

Contact Information

Church office (Debbie Swanson): 651-439-7831 | dswanson@salemlutheran.org
 Pastor Ryan Wolfe: 701-989-9721 | rwolfe@salemlutheran.org
 Principal Ryan Klatt: 763-898-6273 | rklatt@salemlutheran.org
 School Office (Diane Light): 651-439-7831 | school.office@salemlutheran.org

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 4/16

- 8 am Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Adult & Teen Bible Study
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Pastor Call Meeting

Tues, 4/18

- NO Tuesday Bible Study**
- 11:30 am Caring Committee
- 6:00 pm Handbell Practice
- 6:30 pm Church Council

Wed, 4/19

- 9:30 am Salem School Chapel
- 1:00 pm Oak Ridge Place Devotion
- NO Evening Catechism**
- 6:30 pm Sr Choir
- 7:15 pm Men's Chorus

Sat, 4/22

- 5 pm Worship w/communion
- 6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball

Sun, 4/23

- 8 am Worship w/communion
- 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Adult & Teen Bible Study
- 10:30 am Worship w/communion
- 11:30 am Quarterly Congregational Meeting



- ✚ For continuing joy in the Easter season as we discover more each week about the blessing of Jesus' victory for us.
- ✚ For gratitude as we see God's creation come to life again in rising flowers and greening grass.
- ✚ For our church and school, as we come closer to the end of the school and ministry year.
- ✚ For members and friends facing illness, surgery, and therapy. For Debbie Swanson after foot surgery last Sunday.

