



*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, 5/7** 8 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday JAM & Adult & Teen Bible Study
10:30 am Worship - Confirmation
- Mon, 5/8** 6:30 pm Bible Basics
- Tues, 5/9** 10:15 am Bible Study
4:30 pm Fellowship Meeting
6:30 pm Ed Comm & Elders Meeting
6:30 pm Piano Recital
7:30 pm Worship Committee
- Wed, 5/10** 9:30 am Salem School Chapel
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Catechism
- Thurs, 5/11** 6 pm Preschool Spring Play
7 pm Band Concert
- Sat, 5/13** 5 pm Worship w/communion
6 pm Adult/Teen Volleyball
- Sun, 5/14** 8 am Worship w/communion
9:15 am Sunday JAM & Adult & Teen Bible Study
10:30 am Worship w.communion

Church Updates

Confirmation Open House - You're invited!

Pastor and Jessie Wolfe invite all members of Salem to join them for a confirmation open house next weekend. On May 7th, nine young people will confess and confirm their faith, including Levi Wolfe. The Wolfes invite you to the fellowship hall after the 10:30 service for lunch and refreshments to celebrate Levi's confirmation specifically.

Gifts are not expected for the occasion. Being a called worker means leaving our extended families behind and adopting a church as our family. We simply want to celebrate with you. We hope you'll join us.

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 relations skills, and have good communication skills.
- > Must have experience with, or be 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.

Growing in Faith

Bible Study—The Divine Call

This Sunday Pastor Wolfe begins a three-week Bible study on the Divine Call. In this study we'll see why we consider a call to pastors and teachers more than just a hiring, more even than a regular spiritual calling. We consider these divine calls sent from God himself. We'll consider how this impacts the roles called workers and lay members play, the relationship between members and called workers, and the attitudes we look for in all who serve. We'll walk through the process of calling pastors and teachers and answer your questions about this timely topic for our church.

Vacation Bible School

Have you signed up for Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Salem June 12th-16th from 8:30-11:30am? If not, you can register at www.salemlutheran.org/vbs. All children ages 3 to entering 6th grade are invited to join in the fun.

Thank you so much to those who have already signed up to serve with us. There are many more areas that need to be filled such as lead teachers, assistant teachers, game leaders, and registration. 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.

Serving in Faith

Camp Croix Service Opportunities and Workday

It's Spring! That means it's time to get Camp Croix ready for another summer youth camping season. The camp is just about full for every week this summer! Some staffing positions remain open and the cooks especially need help. If you can free up a week to go and cook at camp please notify camp (Camp Croix.org volunteer). All tools, food and directions will be provided for you.

Saturday, May 13 Camp Croix is holding a workday to prepare camp for the season. You can choose what you want to do to help and lunch is provided free! You can always take a break to hike, play or even nap! Docks need to be put in, boats and canoes need to get to the beach, grounds need some cleanup, and a few minor maintenance issues need attention. Bring the whole family and serve the Lord together!

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the entry if you can, or come unannounced if you can't. Let's put our faith into action to support this great opportunity for young people around the area. See you there! Thanks.

Enjoy a Concert - Host a Student!

The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony is presenting a 7:00 pm concert at St. Croix Lutheran Academy on Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day). This is our college of worker training, meaning every student in the ensemble is preparing to be a pastor, teacher, or staff minister in our churches and schools.

Host families are needed for band students. Hosts are asked to provide a place to sleep, shower, breakfast, pack a lunch for Monday, and give them a ride back to St. Croix in the morning. More hosts are urgently needed. If you have an extra bed Sunday night, please [SIGN UP HERE](#) to host a student or two. If you have questions, please contact Kristina Lewerenz at St. Croix. (651-455-1521)

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!

Uniting in Faith

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.

Prayer Shawls for 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.

High School & College Graduate Recognition

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!

Salem Appreciation Potluck - Sunday, May 21 @ 11:30am

It takes a lot of dedicated staff to carry out a ministry as broad as the one we have at Salem. On May 21st we'll hold a potluck dinner to give thanks to God for all who serve here. It also gives us a time to celebrate special milestones of ministry. Mrs. Nancy Hasselquist will be leaving Salem School at the end of the school year to teach preschool in Osceola. We'll recognize her 40 year anniversary in ministry, many of them at Salem and say farewell. We will also be celebrating Mrs. Debbie Hansen's 25 year ministry anniversary and marking Roger Zolldan's many years of choir directing as he steps down from that position. Please mark the date on your calendars and sign up for the potluck in the church entry.

If you would like to leave a message, picture, or video for Mrs. Hasselquist follow this link to a kudoboard where you can leave your message: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/B68DUa7q>

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$12,497.16 for Current Expenses and \$418.00 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 patient faith as we rest under the care of our Good Shepherd Jesus
- For blessing on our future pastors and teachers completing their studies at our college and seminary
- For victims and survivors of violence and war in places like Sudan, South Africa, and Ukraine.

- For members and friends facing illness, surgery, and therapy.

From our ministry partners

Friends Network is hiring

Friends Network is currently seeking a part-time Donor Database Manager. Friends Network is a WELS-affiliated mission organization and their central office is located at St. Croix Lutheran Academy. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please visit www.friendsnet.org/jobs or email info@friendsnet.org.