

## Salem Appreciation Potluck - Next Sunday, May 21



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 after the late service 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 from Mrs. Hasselquist follow this link to a kudoboard where you can leave your message: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/B68DUa7q>



## 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.

## Call Update

The overwhelming majority of survey responses (97.8%) favored requesting a pastoral graduate from the Seminary. Salem has submitted our request and we will find out if a pastor is assigned to us on Thursday, May 25th.

## Upcoming Spring Play

Salem School grades 5-8 will present "Corn Field of Dreams" at St. Croix Lutheran Academy in West St. Paul on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30pm. We are excited to be using their newly renovated auditorium. Admission will be \$5 a seat for general admission. Please order tickets online using the link in the emailed newsletter or call the school office during school hours.



## 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](http://www.salemlutheran.org/vbs). All children ages 3 to entering 6th grade are invited to join 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](mailto:dhansen@salemlutheran.org)). Sign up to volunteer at [www.salemlutheran.org/vbshelp](http://www.salemlutheran.org/vbshelp).

## 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.

### Youth Gathering

The final Youth Gathering for the school year will be Sunday, May 21st from 6:30 - 8 pm. Bring your nerf guns, as we will close out with a fun activity in the gym! We will also have a devotion led by one of the older youth members and snacks. Any questions - contact Ross & Rachel Collins.



### Enjoy a Concert Today!

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.

### Area Ascension Service at Crown of Life

Our sister church, Crown of Life, in West St. Paul is offering a special Ascension service on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30pm. MLC Professor Keith Wessel will serve as guest preacher. Join other Twin Cities worshipers to praise our ascended Lord under the theme: He Lives to Rule All Things for the Church! The church's address is 118 Crusader Avenue, West St. Paul, MN 55118.

### WELS Taste of Missions - June 10th

Attend in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI, OR online to get a "taste of missions." We're looking forward to a fun day of worship, ethnic food offerings, and family-friendly fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Registration is \$15 per person, with children 13 and under attending for free. Those attending in person will receive food tickets to sample ethnic food and will have the ability to purchase additional food from the food trucks. Or attend virtually for free and watch all events via livestream, view video updates from missionaries, and try your hand at making one of the many ethnic recipes shared on the website. Find all the details at [www.tasteofmissions.com](http://www.tasteofmissions.com).



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### THIS WEEK AT SALEM

<b>Sun, 5/14</b>	8 am Worship w/communion 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship w/communion
<b>Mon, 5/15</b>	6:30 pm Bible Basics
<b>Tues, 5/16</b>	10:15 am Bible Study 6 pm Handbell Practice 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<b>Wed, 5/17</b>	9:30 am Salem School Chapel 1 pm Oak Ridge Place Devotion 6:30 pm Catechism
<b>Sat, 5/20</b>	5 pm Worship 6 pm Adult/Teen Volleyball
<b>Sun, 5/21</b>	8 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Appreciation Potluck 6:30 pm Youth Gathering



- ✝ For blessings on those God has granted the gift of motherhood, and faithful trust to those who long for it
- ✝ For appreciation of the sacraments in which God connects us to Jesus
- ✝ For members and friends looking to God for relief from challenges in physical, mental, and emotional health.

### Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$11,364 for Current Expenses and \$872 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](http://salemlutheran.org/donate).

