

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, 5/21 8 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Adult & Teen Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Appreciation Potluck 6:30 pm Youth Gathering Mon, 5/22 6:30 pm Bible Basics Tues, 5/23 10:15 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Gr 5-8 Play at St. Croix Lutheran Academy Wed, 5/24 9:30 am Salem School Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Catechism Sat, 5/27 5 pm Worship w/communion 6 pm Adult/Teen Volleyball Sun, 5/28 Summer Worship Schedule Begins!
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Church Updates

Summer Schedule Changes

Next Sunday begins the official start of our summer schedule. Sunday worship services move to 8 & 9:30am and we say farewell to Sunday Bible study for a few weeks. The Wednesday women's study takes a pause after this week and choir has been on a break already. Our Tuesday morning Bible study will continue throughout the summer and we'd love to have more join us as we continue looking at the catechism from an adult perspective. Remember, you can always look at our calendar online for the most up to date information on church and school activities.

Upcoming Spring Play

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 <u>Order Tickets Here</u>.

Call Update

Our church has requested a pastoral graduate from the Seminary. We know at least one other church in our area (Salem in Woodbury) has also made a request. You can watch the assignment service online Thursday, May 25th at 10am at <u>www.livestream.com/wlslive</u>. You may also be interested to watch Salem member Caleb Raasch assigned to serve as a vicar Wednesday, May 24th at 7pm.

Growing in Faith

Sunday Bible Study & Presentation

This Sunday Pastor Wolfe concludes our short Bible study on the Divine Call. This weekend we consider the attitudes that called workers and congregations have knowing that God himself brings these workers to us. After a brief(ish) discussion on this important topic Pastor Schone will share highlights and updates with us from Martin Luther College.

Serving & Sharing in Faith

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 <u>www.salemlutheran.org/vbs</u>. All children ages 3 to entering 6th grade are invited to join in the fun.

Our greatest need for helpers at this time is in the games area and as group guides. These are some of the easiest positions to do as you just help get kids to the right places and help them have fun. Contact Pastor Wolfe or coordinator Debbie Hansen (<u>dhansen@salemlutheran.org</u>) if you have questions. Sign up at <u>www.salemlutheran.org/vbshelp</u>.

Bumper Stickers Available

A Salem member has purchased bumper stickers for members to put on their cars if they are interested. The bumper stickers simply share the truth we heard on Confirmation Sunday, saying "Jesus is the only way to heaven." Who knows, maybe this sticker will start a conversation that leads to a soul saved. You can pick up the bumper stickers in the church entry.

Lumberjack Days Parade Float

Salem's outreach committee is just beginning planning for a parade float in the Lumberjack Days parade July 16th. We'd like to have members help us assemble the float, help prep outreach materials, and ride and/or walk in the parade. If you'd like to be involved and help us get our name and invitation out into the community please talk to Pastor Wolfe or contact outreach chairman Dave Wurst. (dwurst@centurytel.net)

Uniting in Faith

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. This Sunday (May 21st) we 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 and say farewell. We will also be celebrating Mrs. Debbie Hansen's 25 year ministry anniversary and marking Roger Zolldan's 37 years directing our choir as he steps down from that position. Please join us for the potluck!

Women's Guild Picnic - Thursday, June 8 at noon

Women's Guild will hold their summer potluck Thursday, June 8 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. ALL women of the congregation are invited. There is a sign up sheet on the information table in the church entry.

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.

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!

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$14,524.71 for Current Expenses and \$1,064.59 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at <u>salemlutheran.org/donate</u>.

In our prayers this week

- For blessings on the men and women graduating from our worker training schools and entering ministry this summer.
- For appreciation to those who give their full time to serving the Lord among us, and for all who serve with them as members of Salem.
- For our shut-in and isolated members, that God would move us to visit them and share our community with them.

From our ministry partners

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 <u>www.tasteofmissions.com</u>.

Camp Croix Announcements

• Send us supplies!

Find our Amazon wishlist at <u>campcroix.org</u>. Purchases made will be shipped right to camp to be put to use in our ministries this summer!

• Volunteers Still Needed

There are still a number of openings for volunteers this year. Head to <u>campcroix.org/volunteer</u> to find out if you might be able to fill a crucial role to help show Jesus' love through the ministries at Camp Croix!

• Foodservice Director Needed

We have a paid, part time position still available to help make sure our campers stay well fed this summer. Please contact us at info@campcroix.org to find out more.