



*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, 8/6** 8 am Worship
 9:30 am Worship
 6 pm Area WELS Youth Night at Manning Property
- Mon, 8/7** 11 am Karen Morgan Graveside Service
- Tues, 8/8** 10:15 am Bible Study
 4:30 pm Fellowship Meeting
 6:30 pm Elders & Education Meetings
 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting
- Wed, 8/9** 1 pm Oak Ridge Place Devotion
- Sat, 8/12** 2:30 pm Brinkman/Brokmeier Wedding at Salem
 5 pm Worship w/communion
 6 pm Volleyball at Salem
- Sun, 8/13** 8 am Worship w/communion
 9:30 am Worship w/communion

Church Updates

Pastor Call

Last week Salem extended an associate pastor call to Pastor Aaron Bublitz, currently serving Heritage Lutheran Church in Gilbert, Arizona. You are welcome to contact him either by email, aabublitz@gmail.com or by phone, 414-739-1496. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates. (*You can find his letter at the end of these announcements.*)

Karen Morgan Graveside Service

A short graveside service will be held for Salem member Karen Morgan at Fairview Cemetery at 11am August 7th. Salem members are invited to join the family for the service.

Serving & Sharing in Faith

Spiritual Growth Task Force

A task force is being formed on spiritual growth ministries (Sunday School, VBS, Growth Groups, Bible Studies, etc.). The goal is to gather and summarize input on ways to improve and expand spiritual growth opportunities at our church. This group would operate for about 3 to 4 months with monthly meetings. If you would like to provide input on spiritual growth or volunteer for the task force, please contact Jason Kehren (jmkehren@gmail.com, 651-269-5736).

Singers & Ringers!

Salem's handbell and vocal choirs invite you to join them in making music to the Lord during the new season starting September 6th. Practice for all three groups will be on Wednesday evenings, making it easier than ever to participate in multiple choirs. Regular choir will practice at 6:30pm. Men's choir and bells will both practice from 7:15 to 8pm.

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. Let us know you'd like to participate by signing up at www.salemlutheran.org/prayerpartners.

Camp Croix Announcements

Family Growth Weekend at Camp Croix

This Labor Day Weekend (Sept 1-3) join us at Camp Croix for our 1st ever Family Growth Weekend. We will join in activities geared towards families with sports, crafts, devotions, campfire songs, s'mores, and more! No special reservation necessary, just reserve cabins or campsites for your family by visiting campcroix.org/family-camp. Can't wait to see you there!

15th Annual Men's Retreat

Registration for the men's retreat at Camp Croix is open! The retreat will take place September 22-24. This year's keynote speaker is Martin Luther College professor Paul Koelpin, speaking on the topic: *The Bible, and how it came to us*. Men ages 16 and up are invited to attend, with a discounted rate for high school and college students. Learn more about the retreat at www.mensretreat.org and register before August 15th for the best price. Space is limited so don't wait to register if you want to attend.

Women's Retreat at Camp Croix

Save the date for our Women's Retreat at Camp Croix October 6-8. More details to come soon!



SIGN UP NOW to donate blood at Salem Lutheran Church

DATE: August 14th **TIME:** 1:00 – 6:00 PM **LOCATION:** Gymnasium

Sign up online via the Red Cross website or go to www.salemlutheran.org/giveblood.

Contact Laura Gruetzmacher at 651-491-5988 and she can guide you through the process to sign up. *Thank you for making a difference!*

NO LONGER ACCEPTING DONATIONS ON THE CART (outside the library) FOR CHRISTIAN LIFE MINISTRIES NEW DAY.

Thank you all for your donations to CLM New Day over the years! We no longer have anyone going to New Day on a regular basis, therefore we are asking you to take your donations directly to Christian Life Ministries New Day. **The New Day Center and Store are located at 2756 Lake Shore Ave, Little Canada, MN.** If you have never been there, be sure to ask for a tour!

Growing in Faith

Sunday Children's Ministry

Our church leaders are looking for members who are able and willing to help with Sunday JAM, our church's weekly children's ministry. Sunday JAM will meet 9:15-10:15 during the school year, bringing the good news of Jesus to children before or after they worship. Sunday JAM will hopefully be open to children ages 3 yrs to 8th grade, with older kids meeting separately for their own Bible study. Pastor Wolfe is currently looking for coordinators, teachers, and group assistants to help with stories, crafts, and snacks. Let us know if you can help us share Jesus with his little lambs. Email rwolfe@salemlutheran.org. Parents, watch for Sunday JAM registration to open later in August.

Salem Lending Library

Finding quality Christian literature, movies, and growth resources can be a challenge in our time of twisted truths and false priorities. Salem's lending library has been moved to the hallway between our restrooms to make it more accessible to members. Feel free to check out any book, movie, or resource - just sign it out so we know you have it. Thank you to Doris Baglo for her work in the library. If you have questions about the library, talk to her or Pastor Wolfe.

Catechism & Sunday School

While our church records have improved significantly, we don't yet have ages and grades for all the children in our church. If you have a child in preschool through 8th grade, would you let us know so that we can update our records and share an invitation to Sunday school? Youth in grades 6-8 and not in school at Salem are also eligible for evening catechism instruction with Pastor. Please email children's names and grades to rwolfe@salemlutheran.org. Thank you!

Uniting in Faith

Church Picnic/BBQ/Potluck/School Kickoff

On Saturday, August 19, Salem will hold our annual church picnic and school kickoff, also serving as a welcome to school families before the start of the new year. Salem's Fellowship committee will provide grilled brats, hot dogs, sweet corn (if the drought hasn't ruined it), and 1919 root beer floats & bottled water. Members are encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share. Everyone is invited for some fellowship and good food!

Salem Social Group Outing

The Salem Social Group is planning a Trolley tour of Stillwater on Sunday, August 20 at 2pm. We will board the trolley and hear a narrated tour of the history of Stillwater and travel past some of the historic homes and businesses. After, a stop at Mabel's in Bayport for an ice cream treat! Cost is \$14 for adults, \$ 13 for seniors or military . The trolley stop is located at 400 East Nelson Street near the Dock Cafe. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in joining this outing. Contact Randee Loss if you have any questions. randee.loss@yahoo.com

Young Adults Event

Salem's new young adults group (ages 18-30's) has scheduled a pool party at Mike Wurst's pool in Osceola on August 19th at 11am. We will provide lunch for those that come. Please let Robyn Collins (715) 781-1106 or Mike Wurst (715) 417-0310 know if you plan to come so we can plan food and get you the address and any other information you will need.

Serve the Lord as a Salem Greeter

There are many opportunities to be a door greeter this summer. Summer brings out of town visitors & house hunters, looking to locate by a Christian school & a welcoming church. May your smile be the first one they see. Please, wear a name tag and be at the door 20 minutes before church starts.

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$8,949.63 for Current Expenses and \$618.90 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 trust in God as we wait for our home in heaven.
- For every member and friend looking for help and healing.
- For blessing on the area WELS Youth night hosted by Salem Sunday evening.



August 4, 2023

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in our Redeemer's name!

I am humbled to have received the divine call you extended to me to serve you as associate pastor. I am grateful for this opportunity to consider how and where my gifts might best serve God and His people in His kingdom. I am looking forward to learning more about the current and planned ministry at Salem and about Stillwater and the opportunities that exist to share the Gospel.

In these next weeks, I kindly ask that you please pray for me as I evaluate my current call to serve here at Heritage alongside the call to serve with you. Our confidence in all of this is that the Lord is always in control, and He will supply what His Church needs in His way and His time.

Please also keep in your prayers my wife, Laura, and our three children, Micaiah, Arianna and Keturah, as we seek the Lord's wisdom and guidance.

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe in His care and give you a full measure of the peace and joy that are ours only through Him.

In Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Bublitz".

Pastor Aaron Bublitz