



*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, 8/20**      8 am Worship  
                    9:30 am Worship  
                    2 pm Salem Social Group Trolley Tour of Stillwater
- Tues, 8/22**      10:15 am Bible Study
- Wed. 8/23**      First Day of School (K-8)  
                    9:00 am School Chapel  
                    1 pm Oak Ridge Place Devotion
- Sat, 8/26**      5 pm Worship w/communion  
                    6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
- Sun, 8/27**      8 am Worship w/communion  
                    9:30 am Worship w/communion

## ***Church Updates***

### **Pastor Call**

Pastor Aaron Bublitz, currently serving in Gilbert, Arizona, continues to deliberate a call to Salem. You are welcome to contact him by email at [aabublitz@gmail.com](mailto:aabublitz@gmail.com) or by phone at 414-739-1496. Please keep him in your prayers.

### **Old Hymnals Available**

Anyone who wishes to take one or more old hymnals home is welcome to take from the table in the church entry. Hymnals are a perfect tool for home devotions, prayers, and worship!

## ***Serving & Sharing in Faith***

### **Prayer Partners Needed**

Are you looking for a simple way to make a huge difference in the life of a child? Prayer Partners 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 are looking for Salem members to help us start this purposeful program with Kindergarten students this year. If you would like to know more, talk to Principal Ryan Klatt. Sign up at [www.salemlutheran.org/prayerpartners](http://www.salemlutheran.org/prayerpartners).

### **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.

### **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.

### **Can you share Christ by bringing someone to church?**

Some of our members would like to come to worship but are stopped only by a lack of transportation. If you would like to help give someone the gift of worship, please email Pastor Wolfe at [rwolfe@salemlutheran.org](mailto:rwolfe@salemlutheran.org). If you would like to be considered for receiving a ride to worship, email or talk to Pastor Wolfe as well.

## ***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](mailto:rwolfe@salemlutheran.org).

### **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](mailto:rwolfe@salemlutheran.org). Thank you!

### **Family Growth Weekend**

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, smores and more! No special reservation necessary, just reserve a cabin or campsite by visiting [campcroix.org/family-camp](http://campcroix.org/family-camp). Can't wait to see you there!

### **Women's Retreat – Registration is Open!**

This October 6-8 at Camp Croix! Rest, relax, rejuvenate, and grow closer to Jesus with your fellow sisters in Christ. Head to [campcroix.org/womens-retreat](http://campcroix.org/womens-retreat) to learn more and to register.

### **St. Croix LWMS – Fall Rally**

Rally Location: St. Croix Lutheran Academy, West St. Paul - 1200 Oakdale Ave - West St Paul MN, 55118

When: Sunday, October 1, 2023 Starting time: 1 – 2 pm (Registration) 2 pm (Rally Begins)

Snacks will be provided. Come and see the displays of some of the WELS Missions located locally.

Our guest speakers will be Pastor Tim and Jennifer Otto of St. John Lutheran St. Paul, MN. They will speak about their outreach to the Hispanic community in St Paul. Rebecca will give her perspective as a pastor's wife and speak on her work with New Day Pregnancy and Resource Center.

### **St. Croix Lutheran Academy (SCLA) Opening Service and Installation**

SCLA will celebrate the beginning of a new year and ask God's blessing at a service in the campus chapel **today** at 2:00 pm. New and transitioning faculty members will be installed. Friends and family are welcome!

### **Dormitory Staff and Called Workers to be Installed:**

Greg Brisolara (Dormitory Supervisor, MS Instructor)  
Garrett Schoch (Dormitory Director)  
Isaac McClosky (Dormitory Supervisor)  
Heidi Paulsen (HS Instructor)  
Kostia Skorenkyi (Dormitory Supervisor, MS Instructor)  
Amanda Weddle (MS Instructor)  
Hannah Willems (Dormitory Supervisor, MS Instructor)

## ***Giving in Faith***

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$12,061.93 for Current Expenses and \$2,989.59 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [saemplutheran.org/donate](http://saemplutheran.org/donate).

## ***In our prayers this week***

- For Salem member Caleb Raasch, installed today as vicar in Green Bay, WI.
- For help and healing to those hurting in mind, body, and spirit.
- For Salem Lutheran School's teachers, staff, and students as we begin a new school year Wednesday.

**Youth Night Unplugged**, held at the Manning Property on Aug 6th, was a great success and with many prayers we had great weather! There were 38 youth who attended, along with 10 young adult helpers and a few older supervisors. There were many visitors from around the cities as well as a solid number of Salem members in attendance. After a few games, an engaging devotional message was presented by "pre-pastor" Caleb Little, followed by small group discussions. The night was capped off with singing around a campfire and smores! We thank Salem for all their support and prayers and look forward to future events.

