



*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, 8/27	8 am Worship w/communion 9:30 am Worship w/communion
Mon, 8/28	First Day of Preschool
Tues, 8/29	10:15 am Bible Study
Wed. 8/30	9:15 am School Chapel
Fri, 9/1	NO SCHOOL
Sat, 9/2	5 pm Worship 6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
Sun, 9/3	8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship (Last Sunday of Summer Worship Schedule)

Church Updates

Pastor Call

Pastor Aaron Bublitz has returned Salem's call to serve as associate pastor. You can find a scan of his return letter at the end of these announcements. The next call meeting has not been scheduled yet.

Women's Guild Meeting

The next Women's Guild Meeting will be Thursday, September 7th at 1pm in the Fireside Room. Please plan to join us & bring a friend! All women of the congregation are invited!

Worship Schedule Change & Ministry Fair

Next Sunday (September 3rd) will be the last weekend for our summer worship times. After that, we return to services at 8am and 10:30am with an hour between for Bible study. On September 10th Salem will hold a "Ministry Fair" between services and after the late service to highlight various ways that members serve in our church, and give you a chance to find where you can serve the Lord with us!

On September 17th our regular Spiritual Growth opportunities return. Teen & Adult Bible study will begin at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs while Sunday JAM for children ages 3 years old to 6th grade will start at the same time in the church sanctuary. We hope you'll grow with us in faith, no matter your age.

Serving & Sharing in Faith

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.

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.

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. 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

Sunday JAM will return on September 17th between services. We are currently short a number of teachers for this vital ministry of our church. No experience is necessary to teach Sunday school - just a love for children and a desire to share Jesus with them. A planning meeting has been scheduled Monday, September 11th to get organized, but let Pastor Wolfe know today if you are able to help Email 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.

Camp Croix Family Growth Weekend

This Labor Day Weekend (Sept 1-3) join us at Camp Croix for our first 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. Can't wait to see you there!

Camp Croix 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 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.

Dear Members of Salem:

Thank you for the cards, visits, food, and most importantly, your prayers during my knee replacement rehabilitation. Your acts of concern and kindness were deeply appreciated. Although I am not 100% yet, I am mobile and "normal" is returning. Much love, Mrs. H. (Nancy Hasselquist)



OUR RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COLLECTED 60 UNITS OF BLOOD!!!

The goal was 50 units.

Thank you to all who donated or helped with this year's drive!

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$9,783.59 for Current Expenses and \$225.04 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 faithfulness to keep growing in faith and service as God's children.
- For thankfulness and continued blessing on a healthy baby boy born to Kory & Tori Smart-Guggisberg
- For healing to all who suffer from illness, injury, or loneliness

Letter from Pastor Aaron Bublitz



August 19, 2023

Dear Saints of Salem Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

It has been a humble privilege to consider the call you extended to me to serve you as pastor. It was a joy to talk with your chairman, pastor, and principal and to learn about all the wonderful opportunities God is giving you to do Gospel ministry in your church, school, and community. I want to thank them for the time they gave me and their dedication to the Lord's work.

After time spent in prayer and conversations deliberating the two calls, I have decided to return the call you have extended to me and to remain in my call to serve at Heritage. I will keep your congregation in my prayers as you continue to call for someone to serve you in this position.

May God continue to bless the work you are doing in his name and to his glory.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

In Christ's Love,

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

Pastor Aaron Bublitz