



*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, 9/3** 8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship (Last Sunday of Summer Worship Schedule)
- Mon, 9/4** **NO SCHOOL Happy Labor Day!**
- Tues, 9/5** 10:15 am Bible Study
7 pm Outreach Committee Meeting
- Wed. 8/30** 9:15 am School Chapel
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
1 pm Oak Ridge Place Devotion
6:30 pm Catechism
6:30pm Church Choir Practice
7:15 pm Men's Chorus
- Thur, 9/7** 12:30 pm Women's Guild
- Sat, 9/9** 8 am Men's Bible Study at Gorman's
5 pm Worship
6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
- Sun, 9/10** 8 am Worship w/Communion
9 am Ministry Fair
10:30 am Worship w/Communion
6:30 pm Youth Gathering

Church Updates

Pastor Call

We will have our next Pastor Call Meeting on Sunday, September 17

Women's Guild Meeting

The Women's Guild will meet Thursday, September 7th at 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Please plan to join us & bring a friend! All women of the congregation are invited!

Worship Schedule Change & Ministry Fair

This Sunday is 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. Next week (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.

Growing in Faith

New Bible Studies Beginning!

The return of fall means the return of various Bible study opportunities at Salem. Our growth groups continue throughout the year, meeting in small groups at people's homes to discuss the weekly sermon message and other topics. Email Pastor Wolfe (rwolfe@salemlutheran.org) if you'd like to get connected to a current group or are interested in hosting one of your own.

- **Women's Study:** Women of Salem (and guests) are invited to join our women's study in the fireside room on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30am. The first session is this Wednesday (September 6th) and we begin the year looking at the topic of forgiveness by reading the book *Freedom in Forgiveness* by Time of Grace Pastor Mike Novotny. Women of all ages are welcome to join us.
- **Men's Study:** Men of Salem (and guests) are invited to enjoy breakfast and Bible study at Gorman's restaurant, usually on the 1st Saturday of each month at 8am. The first Men's study of the season will be next Saturday (September 9th). This member-led study will continue our series on basic bible truths.
- **Sunday Morning Study:** Too often, skeptics of the Christian faith attack what we believe by arguing that the Bible is too old to even be able to say we know what the original was. Unprepared Christians might not be ready to offer a defense. This year's Sunday study begins with a series on how the Bible came to be, how it was preserved through the centuries, and how to defend it when faced with challenges. The first study in this series will begin October 1st.
- **Bible Basics:** Pastor Wolfe will offer the next session of Bible Basics on Monday evenings beginning September 18th. In this 10-week study we'll cover the most important teachings of the Bible, as well as look for God's answers to questions participants bring themselves. Bible Basics is a great refresher for members of all ages and a perfect introduction to what we believe for your family and friends. This study also serves as Salem's membership intro class. If you would like to attend or want to invite someone you know to attend please contact Pastor Wolfe (rwolfe@salemlutheran.org).

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 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.

Youth Gatherings

Youth Group (for grades 7-12) will kick off on Sunday, Sept 10th at 6:30 pm at church. We will have a devotion, games, and build your own ice cream sundaes. Come and get the scoop on the upcoming 2024 International Youth Rally!

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 encouragement and boldness in faith.
- For thankfulness and gratitude for blessings we sometimes overlook
- For healing to all who suffer from illness, injury, or loneliness

From Our Ministry Partners

St. Croix Lutheran Academy Job Openings (See full job descriptions and apply at www.stcroixlutheran.org/jobs.)

Transportation Specialist / Driver (Southwest Metro) -- PT

This position will provide scheduled morning and/or evening transportation for students utilizing a school owned vehicle on our Southwest Metro Route

Financial and Mission Advancement Assistant -- PT

St. Croix Lutheran Academy has an immediate opening for an administrative position supporting the Finance and Mission Advancement Office. This is a part time position (up to 30 hours per week). Primary duties include accounts payable / accounts receivable functions and database management. Qualifications include attention to detail and organizational skills. Candidates should have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Experience in Quickbooks, Bloomerang or other CRM data management software preferred, but not required.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sports Night Tue, Sep 19 - Grade school students and their families will receive FREE admission and a rally towel for the following Crusader games: 4:15 C-Team Volleyball, Gym; 5:00 JV Boys Soccer, Stadium; 5:15 JV Volleyball, Gym; 6:30 Varsity Volleyball, Gym; 7:00 Varsity Boys Soccer, Stadium.

SCLA Homecoming Fri, Sep 29 - Parade starts at 5pm. (new route from Augustana church to Emerson Ave to Kruse Ave). 7pm football game vs. Breck. Come and cheer on the Crusaders!

Run the Ravine 5K Sat, Sep 30 - Fun for the whole family! Food trucks and more. Learn more and register at www.stcroixlutheran.org/5k.

Children's Theatre Sat, Oct 14, 2 & 6:30pm - "33 Little Pigs" by Brian D. Taylor. Tickets on sale soon at www.stcroixlutheran.org/tickets.