



*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, 9/10** 8 am Worship w/Communion  
9 am Ministry Fair  
10:30 am Worship w/Communion  
6:30 pm Youth Gathering
- Mon, 9/11** 6 pm Sunday Jam Teacher/Aide Meeting
- Tues, 9/12** 4:30 pm Fellowship Meeting  
6 pm Elders Meeting  
6:30 pm Board of Ed. Meeting  
7 pm Worship Committee
- Wed. 9/13** 9:15 am School Chapel  
6:30 pm Catechism  
6:30 pm Church Choir Practice  
7:15 pm Men's Chorus & Handbells
- Thurs. 9/13** 4:30 pm Girls A & B Volleyball Home Games
- Sat, 9/16** 5 pm Worship  
6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
- Sun, 9/17** 8 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday JAM & Mission Trip Presentation  
10:30 am Worship  
11:45 pm Pastor Call Meeting

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

### **New Greeter Signup**

Greeters are an important part of establishing a welcoming and friendly atmosphere for members and visitors alike. Plus, all it takes is a smile, a little time, and getting to church a bit earlier than usual. We've created a new way to sign up to be a greeter. Just go to [www.salemlutheran.org/greeters](http://www.salemlutheran.org/greeters) and you can pick an open spot. You'll receive an automatic reminder email a couple days before you're scheduled to serve. Thank you for helping us make Salem a friendly place and people!

## ***Uniting in Faith***

### **Basketball & Volleyball Fellowship**

Salem now has two "sporty" options for members to enjoy time with each other. Saturday evenings at 6:30pm teens and adults are invited to play coed indoor volleyball in the gym. Members of all skill levels are welcome. Men are invited to a men's pickup basketball night on Monday evenings at 7pm. Both of these activities are open to nonmembers too, so feel free to bring a friend to play too.

# 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](mailto: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.
- **Tuesday Morning Study:** Tuesday mornings at 10:15am Salem members gather for our primary midweek Bible study. This study meets in our regular schedule AND summer, and the Bible study can be accessed online or by phone by clicking on the study's entry in our church calendar online. The group is currently looking at the commandments as they continue an adult-level study of Catechism truths. All are welcome.
- **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](mailto:rwolfe@salemlutheran.org)).

## Mission Trip Presentation

Next Sunday in place of Bible study, Clay and Andy Raasch will give a presentation on a mission trip they took in 2022 to share the Gospel with Mormons as part of *Truth in Love Ministries*. Join us in the fellowship hall to hear their experiences and God's Word at work. *Truth in Love* pastor Mark Parsons will be our guest preacher at Salem's Mission Festival October 15th.

## 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](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.

### **Sunday Children's Ministry**

Sunday JAM will return September 17th between services. Thank you to the members who have stepped forward in faith to help us share Jesus with our young members and friends. A planning meeting has been scheduled Monday, September 11th to get organized.

## ***Giving in Faith***

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$17,046.82 for Current Expenses and \$1,159.62 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](http://salemlutheran.org/donate).

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

- For faithfulness to God's truth, and boldness to speak it always.
- For blessing on the various committees, programs, and groups serving at Salem.
- For members and friends recovering from surgery, battling disease, and searching for answers.