



*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, 9/24** 8 am Worship w/communion
9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study
10:30 am Worship w/communion
- Mon, 9/25** 6:30 pm Bible Basics
- Tues, 9/26** 10:15 am Bible Study
- Wed. 9/27** 6:30 pm Catechism
6:30 pm Church Choir Practice
7:15 pm Men's Chorus & Handbells
- Fri, 9/29** 11:30 am School Chapel
Grandparent's Day - School dismissed at Noon
- Sat, 9/30** 5 pm Worship
6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
- Sun, 10/1** 8 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
2 pm LWMS Rally at St. Croix Lutheran Academy
6 pm Growth Group Leadership Meeting

Serving & Sharing in Faith

Pastor Call

Salem has extended a call to Pastor Nicolas Schmoller, who is currently a professor at MLC. You are welcome to contact him at 507-766-8723 or by email at schmolnc@mlc-wels.edu Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates.

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 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!

Grandparents Day Volunteering

Salem Lutheran School is hosting Grandparents Day on September 29th! We welcome any church members who would like to attend and be a grandparent to one of our students that morning. Registration and breakfast are 8:30 - 9:15 am. Chapel and classroom time to follow. Students will be dismissed at noon. If you would like to be a "fill-in grandparent" please contact the school office to sign up.

Christmas For Kids Donations

We will be having Christmas for Kids again this year and the craft organizer is looking for Christmas themed fabric for a wreath project they are planning. If you have some scraps of any size, please bring them to the church office. We will have a box for you to put the fabric in! Thanks so much for donating!

WELS Youth Night - Stillwater

Salem is hosting a regional WELS Youth Night on **Sunday, October 8th**. High School students from Eastern MN/Western WI are invited to an inspiring evening of music, games, and discussion focused around God's Word. The event will run from 6:00 - 8:10 PM. Please enter through the school entrance. Students are encouraged to bring their friends and join us! Questions may be directed to Ross or Rachel Collins at r.acollins005@gmail.com or 612-483-9197.

October 15th Corn Maze Outing

Salem's youth group is planning a fun fall outing on Sunday, Oct 15th to White Pine Berry Farms in River Falls, WI. The youth, along with any interested family and friends, will meet in Salem's upper parking lot at 1:30 pm and then carpool over to the farm together. Cost is \$9/person and includes access to the interactive corn maze, wagon rides, and the pumpkin patch (pumpkins available for purchase).

Youth Service Opportunity

Let's share the fruit of our faith by helping others this fall by helping rake yards! On Saturday, Oct 28th we will plan to rake a couple yards for older adults and adults with disabilities in our community. More details will be available after Oct 12th for this project. Please let Rachel Collins know if you are willing and able to help with this event.

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

Sunday JAM This Week

Sunday JAM for kids ages 3 to grade 6 continues this week with a look at Genesis 3. All children are invited to see why the world is the way it is, and what God promised to do about it. Celebrate God's grace and mercy with us! Sunday JAM starts at 9:15am in the church sanctuary.

Sunday Morning Study

Skeptics of Christianity often attack our faith by arguing that the Bible is so old we can't possibly know what was original. 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. Our study on the Bible begins this week with a video that lays the groundwork to defend God's Word. Beginning next week we'll dive in deeper with Pastor Wolfe.

Bible Basics

It's almost too late to join the next session of Bible Basics, but not quite. The new session begins this Monday (September 25th). If you'd like to join us, let Pastor Wolfe know right away. (rwolfe@salemlutheran.org)

St. Croix LWMS Fall Rally - Next Week!

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.

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$12,807.98 for Current Expenses and \$3,799.62 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

India Mission Update

Normally at this time of year the Caring Committee organizes a support effort for the WELS India Mission School. Sadly, there is no longer a need for donations due to persecution and a change in ministry focus because of it. Read the paragraph below from a letter sent out from WELS World Missions and pray for the children and Christians in India.

"We want to make you aware of a shift in ministry by India's confessional Lutheran church that has them discontinuing support for orphanages. In recent years India's government has moved toward Hindu nationalism. "Western" orphanage work has come under scrutiny. Meanwhile, the number of orphans served by the church in India has dwindled. These factors have the church in India discontinuing work with orphanages while focusing on their core mission of providing biblical training for national pastors."

In our prayers this week

- For time and rest to marvel at God's grace that saves us.
- For those who help and protect us as firefighters, law enforcement, nurses, and first responders.
- For healing to those in need who call out to God for deliverance.