



*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, 11/5** 8 am Worship
9:15 am Adult Bible Study & Sunday JAM
10:30 am Worship
4:30 pm Area Reformation Service at Christ, North St Paul
- Mon, 11/6** 6:30 pm Bible Basics
- Tues, 11/7** 10:15 am Bible Study
7 pm Outreach Meeting
- Wed. 11/8** 9:15 am Chapel
6:30 am Evening Catechism
6:30 pm Church Choir Practice
7:15 pm Men's Chorus and Handbells
- Sat, 11/11** 5 pm Worship
6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
- Sun, 11/12** 8 am Worship w/communion
9:15 am Adult Bible Study & Sunday JAM
10:30 am Worship w/communion
6:30 pm Youth Gathering at church

Pastor Call

Salem has extended a call to Rev Matthew Kiecker who is currently serving St John's Lutheran in Lomira WI. You are welcome to contact him by phone (219-309-6021) or email pastor@stjohnslomira.com. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates God's calls. Read his letter at the end of the announcements.

Teacher Call

We are happy to announce that Salem's 4th grade teacher, Tom Stob, has returned the call he received from Sturgeon Bay. You can read Mr. Stob's letter at the end of the emailed announcements.

Church Picture Directory - Picture schedule slots are open!

Slots for directory photos are filling up quickly, with only about 20 left. Pictures will be taken the week of Thanksgiving (November 20, 21, 22, and 25th.) Each pictured member will receive a free printed directory and a free 8x10 portrait. To reserve a time go to www.salemlutheran.org/photos. Enter **mn422** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" Field. You can also sign up by paper in the church entry before and after worship. (Online signups are locked between 5pm Saturdays and Sunday afternoons to allow for in-person signup at church services.)

Salem Social Media

We are working on revitalizing our social media presence for our church and school. Facebook and Instagram can be powerful tools for outreach and inreach. We hope to share Bible study opportunities, behind-the-scenes peeks, and moments with God's word throughout the week. While we have a team working to produce the content we need your help! It is extremely important that when you see our posts,

that you like them (thumbs up, heart, etc), comment on them, and share them with friends and family. This will help feed the algorithm. When you interact with our posts in any way, it is more likely that our posts will be shown to other people. If you have any questions, please contact Abigail Ibsch. (abisch@salemlutheran.org) We welcome comments, ideas, and suggestions for things you'd like to see on our page.

Facebook- Salem Lutheran Church
Salem Lutheran School

Instagram @Salem.lutheran (Church account)
@salemlutheranmn (School account)

Growing in Faith

Sunday JAM This Week

Sunday JAM for kids ages 3 to grade 6 continues! This week children get to hear the most important miracle of the Old Testament, God's rescue of his people from Egypt in the Exodus. Sunday JAM starts at 9:15am in the Salem school Kindergarten room.

Sunday JAM Christmas Preview

Children ages 3 to grade 6 will present a "Christmas Preview" as part of our worship service on December 17th. Children will share a part of the Christmas account from Luke 2, sing songs, and get us ready to welcome the newborn king. All children of Salem are encouraged to attend Sunday JAM and prepare for this special way of celebrating our Savior's birth.

Area Reformation Service

Christ Lutheran Church in North St. Paul (2485 17th Ave E) invites Salem members and friends to an area Reformation Service this Sunday, November 5th at 4:30 pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Serving & Sharing in Faith

New Way to Sign up to serve

Signups for Christmas for Kids, greeters, and worship technology are now online and available on our church website. Go to www.salemlutheran.org/serve and choose the area you would like to help in. Watch for more Salem service areas to go online soon.

Christmas for Kids - December 9th (9am-12:30pm) - Registration open for kids and helpers!

December is a busy time of year for most of us. We hurry to decorate, shop and wrap gifts, make cookies, attend parties, hurry, hurry, hurry... Now is the time for us to put our family's focus back on the true meaning of Christmas, a celebration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your family is invited to join with many volunteers from Salem Lutheran Church and School who have prepared a special day of celebration focusing on our dear Savior's birth.

Children ages 3 years old to 6th grade are invited to spend the morning with us. Everyone should arrive between 8:30-8:45 am to register so we can start the fun at 9 am! We will share the Christmas story in devotions, crafts and other activities. At noon, adults are invited to join us for a lasagna lunch donated by Olive Garden and a brief Christmas program filled with scripture and Christmas carols that will wrap you in the warmth and love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please save the date and join us! There is no cost to attend. Online registration to attend is open at www.salemlutheran.org/christmas23. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors!

If you would like to help, you can sign up on the sheet in the entry or sign up online using the links at www.salemlutheran.org/serve.

Caring Committee Christmas Tree

The Tree is lit up and loaded with tags for some of the Christian Life Ministries New Day families who need help this Christmas. Take a tag, purchase the gift, attach the tag to the wrapped gift and return to the table or to the church office by December 3rd. Remember to use Raise Right (formerly Shop With Scrip) if you are purchasing gift cards. (Visit www.raiseright.com/enroll to set up an account. Use enrollment code: 2241AD6C14415. Contact the church office if you have any questions about Raise Right!)

Food Shelf – The Need Is GREAT

Salem members are invited to bring unexpired food items for collection during Thanksgiving week from November 18th to November 26th. If you would like to donate via a check, please make the check out to Valley Outreach noting Food Shelf on the memo line. We will also hold a door offering those weeks for those wanting to give that way. Thank you in advance for showing love to those in need!

Uniting in Faith

Butter Braid Fundraiser for Class Trip

The Salem 8th grade class is selling Butter Braids! Contact a Salem School 8th grader to order or sign up at the church information table or school office. Order by November 7th to be delivered on November 20th. Thank you!

Ladies' Advent By Candlelight

Salem will again hold an Advent By Candlelight Sunday, December 3, from 1 to 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The theme is "Prepare My Heart, O Lord" and attendees will meditate on the message of the Advent candles. There will be food, music, devotions and Christian fellowship as we prepare for Christ's birth. There is a sign up sheet in the entry. Sign up by November 22 to reserve a seat.

Salem Social Group Thanksgiving Dinner

The Salem Social Group will host a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lowell Inn on November 23rd. All adults are welcome to join us. The cost is \$36 per person. Time is 1:00 pm. There is a signup sheet on the information table in the narthex and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, 11/19. **NOTE: If you sign up & then are a no show, our group will be charged \$20/no show. We will pay it for you, but you must pay us back.** If you have any questions, contact George Smolinski at gsmolin@earthlink.net or 651-334-6055.

Salem Social Group Christmas Dinner

The Salem Social Group will host a Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 10, at Afton House Inn, Main Dining Room. Arrival time is 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM. You do not need to be a member of Salem or the Social Group to attend this dinner or any SSG events. You just need to be college age or older and want to have fun. You are welcome to bring adult family or friends. Please join us for some fun and fellowship. Buffet Dinner includes Beef Marsala, Chicken in Lemon Caper Sauce, Mostaccioli, Salads & Sides. More information on the signup sheet in the narthex. Deadline for signup is Sunday, 11/26. If you have questions, please call (651-334-6055) or email us at gsmolin@earthlink.net

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$10,320.70 for Current Expenses and \$478.04 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at saemplutheran.org/donate.

2024 Offering envelopes are ready to be picked up!

If you use offering envelopes, be sure to pick yours up. If you need envelopes contact the church office.

Sister Ministries

WELS National Choral Fest

The sacred concert of the 2023 WELS National Choral Fest (“Arise, Your Light Has Come”) will be held today at 2pm at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Brookfield, WI. See students from our own St. Croix Lutheran Academy and Chloe Wolfe from Great Plains Lutheran High School. Watch the concert online at www.welsfinearts.org/2023-wels-national-choral-fest.

There are flyers in the Narthex Highlighting upcoming events at St Croix Lutheran Academy!

In our prayers this week

- For confident hope in our future home in heaven and comfort in knowing the joy of the saints there already
- For young men and women to recognize the need for pastors and teachers, and for us to share with them the joy of serving the Lord full time in ministry.
- For healing and peace to Lyle Doerr, Tracy Poirier, Pastor Schramm, and all who suffer in health.

Letter from Mr. Tom Stob (Salem 4th Grade teacher)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past few weeks, I have been deliberating two opportunities to serve the Lord in his kingdom at St. Peter’s in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and Salem in Stillwater, Minnesota. This process has made it clear to me that both of these locations are serving as tremendous blessings to their surrounding areas. I am confident that the Lord of the church will continue to bless and cause both of these ministries to prosper.

After prayerful consideration, I have decided to decline the call to Sturgeon Bay to continue to serve among you at Salem in Stillwater. I know that the Holy Spirit will bless ministry done in his name. I am humbled and privileged to continue to work among you doing the tasks you called me to do as teacher and athletic director.

During this time of Teacher and Pastor shortages, please keep St. Peter’s in Sturgeon Bay in your prayers as they continue to call teachers to continue the work the LORD has given them to do. May the peace that comes from knowing that The LORD of the Church provides and cares for the people in his kingdom be with you all.

Your Brother in Christ,

Tom Stob

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Dear Members of Salem Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus!

I wanted to reach out to you to let you know that I have received the Divine Call which you extended to me this past Monday.

I appreciate the cover letter and other materials that begin to explain this Call. Over the next few weeks, I will take some time to consider both the Call your congregation has extended along with the Call I currently serve here at St. John's in Lomira. I am looking forward to speaking with Pastor Wolfe, school faculty and congregational leadership during my deliberation. I am also available to be contacted by anyone if you have additional thoughts or information that you think would help me in my consideration!

I ask for your prayers as I seek God's guidance and blessing on where I and my family can serve Him the best in the ministry.

The Lord Jesus be with you,

Pastor Matthew Kiecker

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