

Caring Committee Christmas Tree

The Garland is lit up and loaded with tags for some of the Christian Life Ministries New Day families who need help this Christmas. <u>Take a tag, purchase the gift, attach the tag</u> 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!

Call Updates

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 <u>pastor@stjohnslomira.com</u>. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates God's calls.

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.

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 <u>www.salemlutheran.org/serve</u> and choose the area you would like to help in. Watch for more Salem service areas to go online soon.

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.

Salem Social Group Thanksgiving Dinner

The deadline to sign up is Sunday, 11/19. If you have any questions, contact George Smolinski at <u>gsmolin@earthlink.net</u> 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, 11:45 AM -12:30 PM. 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.

Caring Committee is Collecting Items for the CAMM

The Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM), a 60-year legacy of Christ-centered health care in Zambia and Malawi, supporting the Gospel ministry carried out by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in partnership with the Lutheran Church of Central Africa (LCCA). Nearly 80,000 patients are served annually. Although part of WELS World Missions, CAMM is not funded by the synod but instead relies upon donations from individuals, churches, schools and other organizations to fund its operations. We also receive many gift parcels, often from women's groups and LWMS chapters. Learn more at www.camm.us The Caring Committee is collecting plastic prescription bottles (washed & labels off), knit dishcloths, knit or sewn baby caps (0-6 months), baby /Children's Socks. For more items they can use take a list from the information table or call Janet Rider with any questions on how you may help CAMM Ridersusa@comcast.com 651-439-0584. There will be a collection box on the food shelf case.

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 a question contact Abigail Ibisch. (<u>aibisch@salemlutheran.org</u>) We welcome comments, ideas, and suggestions for things you'd like to see on our page. We have two accounts each:

Facebook:	Salem Lutheran Church
	Salem Lutheran School

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

Christmas for Kids - December 9th (9am-12:30pm)

Registration is open for children ages 3 years old to 6th grade to attend Christmas for Kids in December. See a fuller announcement online. There is no cost to attend. Register at <u>www.salemlutheran.org/christmas23</u>. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors! We're looking for help too! If you would like to help, you can sign up on the sheet in the entry or sign up online using the links at <u>www.salemlutheran.org/serve</u>.

Church Picture Directory

We added Tues, Nov 28 beginning at 2 pm. Sign up soon! Each pictured member will receive a free printed directory and a free 8x10 portrait. To reserve a time go to <u>www.salemlutheran.org/photos</u>. Enter <u>mn422</u> in the "Church Code" field and enter <u>photos</u> in the "Church Password" Field.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$17,759.36 for Current Expenses and \$678.97 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at <u>salemlutheran.org/donate</u>.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 11/12	8 am Worship w/communion 9:15 am Adult Bible St & Sunday JAM 10:30 am Worship w/communion 6:30 pm Youth Gathering at church
Mon, 11/13	12 pm Lyle Doerr Visitation 1 pm Lyle Doerr Funeral 6:30 pm Bible Basics
Tues, 11/14	9 am Brass Cleaning Party 10:15 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Fellowship 6 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 pm Ed Committee 7 pm Worship Meeting
Wed. 11/15	 9:30 am Chapel 9:30 am Chapel 12:30 ORP Bible Study 6:30 am Evening Catechism 6:30 pm Church Choir Practice 7:15 pm Men's Chorus and Handbells
Sat, 11/18	5 pm Worship 6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
Sun, 11/19	8 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible St & Sunday JAM 10:30 am Worship

In Our Prayers

- 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 in full time ministry
- For healing and peace to Lyle Doerr, Tracy Poirier, Pastor Schramm, and all who suffer in health.

Contact Information

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