



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. 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!

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

Salem School Principal Ryan Klatt has received a divine call to serve as principal at Wisconsin Lutheran School in Racine, WI. Please feel free to share your thoughts with Mr. Klatt. Keep both in your prayers as they deliberate 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.



Sunday JAM This Week

Sunday JAM for kids ages 3 to grade 6 continues! This week children walk with the people of Israel under Joshua's leadership into the Promised Land. Sunday JAM starts at 9:15am in the Salem school Kindergarten room.



Women's Guild

Salem Women's Guild will host our annual Christmas Party/Potluck December 7, at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall for all the ladies of the congregation. All are encouraged to bring money for Valley Outreach food shelf. If bringing a check, make it out to Valley Outreach and indicate "food shelf" on the memo line or it goes to their general fund. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for you to sign up if you plan to come.

Help Needed to Welcome families for pictures

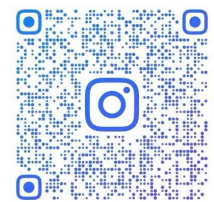
We are looking for members to welcome families and help them sign in for directory pictures. It's not difficult and training will be given just before each shift begins. Look at the new service page (www.salemlutheran.org/serve) to sign up for a time to help.

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 sign up sheet in the narthex. Deadline for sign up is Sunday, 11/26. If you have questions, please call (651-334-6055) or email us at gsmolin@earthlink.net.

Youth Group Volleyball

Salem's Youth Group is planning to attend a Youth Group Volleyball Tournament at West Lutheran High School on Sunday, Nov 26th from 12:30-3 pm. We have a few kids interested but would really love to have at least 6 attending! Grades 6-12 are open to participate and you can bring friends. If you are interested and able to attend, contact Rachel Collins (r.collins005@gmail.com, 612-483-9197) ASAP!



@SALEMSTILLWATERYOUTHGROUP

Salem's Youth Group is also on Instagram! Ellie Ross has gotten our account up and running again. Use the QR code above to start following it!

Salem Social Media

Follow our church on Facebook and Instagram for behind-the-scenes peeks, moments with God's word, and all the latest news. You can help us get the message out by liking, commenting and sharing our posts. If you have any questions, please contact Abigail Ibsch.

(aibisch@salemlutheran.org) 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 www.salemlutheran.org/christmas23. 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 www.salemlutheran.org/serve.

Church Picture Directory

Pictures for the new church directory are this week. You can still sign up online at www.salemlutheran.org/photos. Enter **mn422** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" Field. A new day has been added for directory photos - Tuesday, November 28th, with time slots from 2-8:30 pm. Each pictured family will receive a free printed directory and a free 8x10 portrait.

Congregational Open Forum Today

All members are invited to an open forum on the proposed new constitution this Sunday (11/19) between services. The meeting will be available online with Google Meet (just click the item on our website calendar or go to meet.google.com/uhw-iden-mvb). Questions can be submitted in person at the meeting or online using a website called slido. Go to www.slido.com and enter meeting code #3549842.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$17,706.83 for Current Expenses and \$2,159.62 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Contact Information

Church office (Debbie Swanson): 651-439-7831 | dswanson@salemlutheran.org
Pastor Ryan Wolfe: 701-989-9721 | rwolfe@salemlutheran.org
Principal Ryan Klatt: 763-898-6273 | rklatt@salemlutheran.org
School Office (Diane Light): 651-439-7831 | school.office@salemlutheran.org

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 11/19	8 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & Congregational Open Forum 10:30 am Worship
Mon, 11/20	10 am Joyce Gehl Visitation 11 am Joyce Gehl Funeral 6:30 pm Bible Basics 7 pm Community Men's Basketball
Tues, 11/21	10:15 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
Wed, 11/22	NO SCHOOL Wednesday through Friday 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Thur, 11/23	Happy Thanksgiving! 1 pm Salem Social Group Thanksgiving Dinner at Lowell Inn
Sat, 11/25	5 pm Worship w/communion 6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
Sun, 11/26	8 am Worship w/communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & Sunday JAM 10:30 am Worship w/communion



In Our Prayers

- ✝ For eyes that are open to God's plans for us to serve him at home, at work, and in church.
- ✝ For members and friends of Salem who mourn the loss of a loved one or face health challenges of their own.
- ✝ For a heart of faith that gives thanks and praise to God for every good things.

