

Save the Date! Youth Group Bingo Fundraiser!

Many Salem teenagers are hoping to attend the WELS international youth rally in Colorado. The trip can be expensive for many, so the youth group is holding fundraisers to help bring the cost down. Save the date now for a Bingo night on Sunday, January 21st at 5pm. If you would like to make a special donation to help the teens attend the rally, use a designated offering envelope or speak to youth leaders Ross & Rachel Collins or Pastor Wolfe.

Call to Action

Put your faith into action and help our church do the work God gives to us! Sign up as a worship greeter, a worship tech helper, or bring us your ideas. Sign up at www.salemlutheran.org/serve.

Church Parking Request

You may have noticed that parking gets a little tight in our lot for worship services. This makes it harder for some of our senior members and less welcoming for our visitors. We invite our younger members to park in the lower parking lot if they are able. You can enter through the side door of the church and come up the stairs or use the elevator. This will be a great service to our elders and visitors. Thank you!

WELS Night with the Minnesota Timberwolves

Tickets are still available for the first-ever WELS Night on Sunday, January 14 as the Timberwolves take on the Los Angeles Clippers! Everyone who purchases a discounted ticket through this special offer will be able to shoot a Free Throw on the court following the game! Tickets for this deal are expected to sell out. Go to www.timberwolves.com/groupoffers and enter promo code: 23WELS24.



Culver Fundraiser for DC Trip

School has partnered with Culvers restaurant in Stillwater and every 4th Tuesday evening from 5-7 pm, 10% percent of the proceeds from that time will be donated to the School's Washington DC trip! The next one is this Tuesday, December 26. The kids thank you for your support

Christmas & New Year's Worship schedule

Because of the special Christmas Eve services there will be NO Saturday service next weekend (December 23rd) and one special service Sunday morning at 9am. This morning service will be based on the "O Antiphons" made famous in the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

Christmas Eve special services will be offered Sunday at 3 & 5pm. Our Christmas Day celebration will be held Monday the 25th at 10am with communion.



Worship on the weekend of New Year's Eve will follow our normal schedule, with communion celebrated on this special 5th Sunday of the month. A short devotional service will be held on New Year's Eve at 4:30 for any who wish to attend.

Call Updates

Pastor Andrew Hussman, currently serving at Luther Preparatory School, holds our call to serve as associate pastor. Find his letter at the end of these announcements. Pastor Hussman's phone is 414-526-8025 and his email is ahussman15@gmail.com. Please keep Pastor Hussman in your prayers as he considers this call from the Lord.

Thank you to all who helped!

Thank you to all the members of Salem who helped make this Christmas a special one. Whether you helped decorate, played music, assembled goodie bags, taught children, organized helpers, gave food items, invited friends to worship, prepared bulletins, arranged furniture, cleaned floors, or whatever—your work is appreciated! Thank you for your partnership in sharing the gospel.

~ Pastor Wolfe



International Youth Rally Planning

The WELS biennial Youth Rally is June 25-8, 2024 in Fort Collins, CO. It is open to all current 8th -12th graders. If your teen is interested in attending, please sign up on this [Inter-est Form](#) or contact Rachel Collins (r.acollins005@gmail.com 612-483-9197)

Christmas for Kids Thank You

A very big thank you to all the adults and young people who volunteered for Christmas for Kids and helped to make it a huge success. We were blessed to have 33 non-member families, some of whom have no church home. We also had 19 member families attend. It is a joy to be able to share the real reason we celebrate Christmas with so many families. - Beth Wurst

Salem Social Group New Year's Eve Dinner 2023

The Salem Social Group will host a New Year's Eve Dinner on Sunday, December 31, at Golden Crown Chinese Restaurant. Arrival time is after the 4:30 PM church service, 5:30 – 5:45 PM. You are welcome to bring adult family or friends. If you have nothing planned, come join us for the service and dinner afterward. The signup sheet is on the information table in the narthex. Deadline for signup is Sunday, 12/24. If you have questions, please call (651-334-6055) or email at gsmolin@earthlink.net

Youth Group Help Wanted

Request for help with Youth Events: Anyone interested in helping plan a winter lock-in for the youth (date TBD) or help with fundraising for the June WELS Youth Rally, please contact Rachel Collins (r.acollins005@gmail.com, 612-483-9197).

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$24,512.13 for Current Expenses and \$489.62 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Contact Information

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

- Sun, 12/24** 9 am "O Antiphons" Worship
3:00 & 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candle light Services
- Mon, 12/25** *Merry Christmas!*
9:45 am Christmas Carol Sing-along!
10 am Christmas Festival Worship with Communion
- Wed. 12/27** 1 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study
- Sat, 12/30** 5 pm Worship with Communion
6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
- Sun, 12/31** 8 am Worship with Communion
9:15 am Bible Study and JAM
10:30 am Worship with Communion
4:30 pm Vesper Service
5:30 pm Social Group New Year's Eve Dinner at Golden Crown



In Our Prayers

- ✠ Peace in knowing that Jesus our Savior has reconciled us with God.
- ✠ Hope in times of difficulty and sadness because we know our certain home in heaven.
- ✠ Joy that does not fade because it is placed in our never-failing eternal Father.
- ✠ Love for God to serve him always, and love to others in every situation.

