



*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, 12/24** 9 am "O Antiphons" Worship
3:00 & 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight 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

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.

Please keep Salem teachers Tom & Michelle Stob in prayer as they last week received calls to teach at Divine Savior Academy in Delray Beach, FL.

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

Hearing Assistance in Worship

Do you know that Salem has a "loop" system for hearing assistance? If your hearing aid is equipped with a T-Coil, set your device to that source for sound directly from our audio system. Don't have a device like that? Use one of our headsets to get amplified sound in a similar way. Ask an usher for a headset if you'd like to use one.

Growing in Faith

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.

Serving & Sharing in Faith

Sign up to serve

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.

Final Numbers for School Doors

At the end of this summer, the Washington county police department toured our facility. They reviewed our safety procedures and advised us on security upgrades. One that they recommended was a shatterproof film for the school doors. This would give our students and faculty more time in the case of an intruder. The final cost for this upgrade is \$11,000. If you are interested in supporting this project or if you have any further questions, please contact Principal Ryan Klatt.

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!

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

Uniting in Faith

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.

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 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. 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

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/groupoffer and enter promo code: 23WELS24.

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$12,675.18 for Current Expenses and \$724.59 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Salem Youth Group

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 [Interest Form](#) or contact Rachel Collins (r.collins005@gmail.com, 612-483-9197) so we can begin working on plans. Official registration will be in March, but we need to have finances and plans ready by then! Parents, if you want to consider being a chaperone, Rachel would also like to know that!

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.collins005@gmail.com, 612-483-9197).

In our prayers this week

- 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.

Call Acknowledgement Letter from Pastor Andrew Hussman

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With this letter I formally acknowledge the receipt of the divine call extended to me on December 13, 2023. As I deliberate the two calls I now have to consider, one to continue serving at Luther Prep and one to begin serving at Salem, I ask for your prayers and input so that I can evaluate and determine the best way in which I could serve in God's kingdom at this time.

In Christ,
Rev. Andrew Hussman