



*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, 12/31** 8 am Worship with Communion
9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship with Communion
4:30 pm New Year's Eve Vesper Service
5:30 pm Social Group New Year's Eve Dinner at Golden Crown
- Mon, 1/1** **Happy New Year**
NO SCHOOL this week.
- Tue, 1/2** 10:15 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Outreach Committee
- Sat, 1/6** 8:00 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast at Gorman's
5:00 pm Worship
6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball

Call Updates

Pastor Andrew Hussman, currently serving at Luther Preparatory School, holds our call to serve as associate pastor. 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 your prayers as last week they 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

If your hearing aid is equipped with a T-Coil, set your device to that source for sound directly from our audio system using our loop 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

Bible Reading Plans

Did you know that you can read the whole Bible in one year with just 10 minutes of reading time a day? This year, Pastor Wolfe has two reading plans available. One that follows the regular book order and one that walks through Bible history by chronological order. Pick either one up in the church entry!

Bible Basics New Session

Pastor Wolfe will offer the next session of Bible Basics on Monday evenings beginning January 15th. In this 10 to 12-week study we'll cover the most important teachings of the Bible, as well as look for God's answers to questions participants bring themselves. Bible Basics is a great refresher for members of all ages and a perfect introduction to what we believe for your family and friends. This study also serves as Salem's membership intro class. If you would like to attend or want to invite someone you know to attend please contact Pastor Wolfe (rwolfe@salemlutheran.org).

Camp Croix Camps

Do you know that Salem is a member of a WELS camp for families in the woods of Western Wisconsin? Since 1968 Salem members have taken advantage of Camp Croix's facilities, programs, and ministries. Camp Croix offers two kinds of summer camps that may be of interest to you:

- Youth Bible Camp for children going into grades 4-9 next year. Camp Croix has five different options for this week-long camp.
- STRIVE Teen Camp for teens going into grades 10-12 next year. This camp gives teens a chance to learn about their faith and grow in knowledge and service.

The camp is also available for rent during the summer for a family vacation or getaway. Learn more or sign up at their website: www.campcroix.org. Camp registrations open at 6am January 2nd.

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.

Looking for Members to join new Tech Committee

We are forming a technology committee to help oversee technology decisions and needs for our church. Members of the committee should be familiar with computer software, hardware, or networking. Talk to Pastor Wolfe or school technology coordinator Dan Bredendick to learn more.

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's Fundraiser for DC Trip

School has partnered with Culver's 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 Tuesday, January 23. 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.

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.

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

- Thankfulness for Christmas blessings of family and faith.
- Safety for all who travel in this holiday season.
- Healing and companionship for all who suffer in body or spirit.