SALEM NEWS & NOTES

Save the Date! Youth Group Bingo Fundraiser!

Save the date now for a Bingo night on Sunday, January 21st at 5pm. It will be \$15 per individual and \$50 for a family of four. Concessions will be available! 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. 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.

New Member Celebration & Potluck Dinner

Sunday, February 4th, Salem will celebrate the new members who joined our church in 2023 with a welcome at the 10:30am service. After that service we'll hold a potluck dinner for all members. If you are able to join us, please let us know on the signup sheet in the church entry. If you are able to help set up, serve, or clean up please contact fellowship chairman Tim Sinclair at debtimklh88@netzero.com or 651-430-3415.

Culver's 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 Tuesday, January 23. The kids thank you for your support.

Culver's

Congregational Meeting

Salem's next congregational meeting will be an important one. In addition to our regular business, we'll review and vote on the proposed new constitution & bylaws, consider suggestions from our worship committee, and potentially extend a pastoral call if needed. The meeting will be Sunday, January 28th at noon. All members are encouraged to attend and participate.

Meeting Reports and Agendas

You asked and we listened! The agenda and reports for next week's quarterly meeting are available in the church entry. Members are encouraged to take a packet home to see the topics we'll be discussing and decisions we'll be making. We ask you to bring the packets back with you next week to help us conserve paper.

Call Updates

Pastor Andrew Hussman has returned our call to be associate pastor. We will extend another call at our congregational meeting on January 28th.

Salem School Preschool/Kindergarten Open House

Do you know someone with a child entering preschool or kindergarten next year? Help us get the word out about our school by picking up a postcard in the church entry and sharing it. Salem is hosting an open house preview this Wednesday (1/24) from 9:30 to 11am to give families a taste of what makes Salem great.

Bible Basics New Session

The next session of Bible Basics begins this Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. If you'd like to join our group for this session please talk to Pastor Wolfe this weekend or email him at



rwolfe@salemlutheran.org.

Altar Guild is Looking for some new Members!

A group of about 20 Salem women faithfully prepare our church for service by changing and filling candles, dusting, and caring for the altar. Some have been serving in this way for 18 years! We would like to add members to the rotation for this important work. There will be training. Please contact the church office if you would like to join our altar guild. We would love to have you on board!

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. Or ask an usher to use one of our headsets to get amplified sound in a similar way.

Growth Groups Invitation

All Salem members are encouraged to connect with one another in one or more Growth Groups. Growth Groups meet away from our church campus in people's homes, at coffee shops, or even online. Members talk about what they heard in worship, pray for each other, and take time to be there for each other in times good and bad. To get connected to a growth group email, send an email to growthgroups@salemlutheran.org.

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 the <u>Interest</u> <u>Form</u> or contact Rachel Collins (r.acollins005@gmail.com 612-483-9197)

CAMM – Central Medical Africa Mission

Thank you to all of you who have contributed donations. Please keep bringing your bottles (no labels). Washcloths, pill bags, infant caps & socks are appreciated too. The Donation box is located at the donation center. Email RidersUSA@comcast.net for pill bags instructions or other questions.

WELS Youth Night on Sunday, January 28th.

Salem Ev Lutheran in Stillwater, MN is hosting a regional WELS Youth Night on **Sunday, January 28th** from 6:00 - 8:10 PM. Please enter through the school entrance. Information and registration can be found at: <u>https://www.northcrossmn.org/tcyouthnight</u> or direct questions to Rachel Collins at r.acollins005@gmail.com or 612-483-9197.

Summer Softball Team

Salem is looking to put together a softball team for the upcoming season in Stillwater. The season runs from May through August and all players must be out of high school to play. We have the option of having a men's league or coed league and we will pick the team based on the number of people interested. If we get enough, we could even have two teams. Please sign up in the church entryway. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Tom Forster, tforster16@gmail.com, or Ryan Klatt, rklatt@salemlutheran.org.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$13,531.17 for Current Expenses and \$1,250.62 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, 1/21 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 1:00 pm Young Adults Tubing 5:00 pm Youth Group Bingo Fundraiser Mon, 1/22 6:30 pm Bible Basics with Pastor 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball 10:15 am Bible Study Tues, 1/23 5-7:00 pm School Fundraiser at Culvers Wed. 1/24 9:30 am Salem Preschool/Kindergarten Open House 9:30 am Chapel 12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study 6:30 pm Catechism 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus Sat, 1/13 5:00 pm Worship 6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball Sun, 1/14 8:00 am Worship w/communion 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship w/communion 12:00 pm Quarterly Congregational Meeting 6:00 pm East Metro WELS Youth Night at Salem

In Our Prayers

- Clarity to see how God is calling us to serve and faithfulness to answer that call.
- Blessings on our nation to give us honorable leaders of humility and integrity.
- Healing for Roger Antonson, Debbie Sinclair, and all who seek relief.
- ✤ Wisdom and faith to those who begin the Bible Basics study this week.



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