

### Congregational Meeting

At the meeting last weekend, voters approved the new constitution & bylaws. The documents will be reviewed by WELS and will go into effect in June or July at another congregational meeting. Voters approved changing summer service times to Saturday at 5pm and Sunday morning at 9am. This will allow for a short summer Bible study after worship. Finally, the church called Pastor Nathan Laska to serve as associate pastor. Read Pastor Laska's letter at the end of these announcements to find his phone number and email if you wish to contact him.

### New Member Celebration & Potluck Dinner

This Sunday we celebrate the new members who joined our church in 2023 with a welcome at the 10:30am service. After the service we'll hold a potluck dinner for everyone. Please bring a dish to pass if you can.

### Can you help a child at Salem?

One of the greatest assets our Salem school has is the support our members show for our staff and students. A number of students and classrooms at this time would benefit from a volunteer giving students one on one time to help them focus. If you are able to help a student by just being there, please talk to Principal Ryan Klatt ([rklatt@salemlutheran.org](mailto:rklatt@salemlutheran.org)) or 3rd grade teacher Jessie Wolfe ([jwolfe@salemlutheran.org](mailto:jwolfe@salemlutheran.org)).

### New Sunday Bible Study Topic

These days it seems like politics have become a part of everything, from our work to our dinner tables and from our football to our children's classrooms. But what is God's purpose for government? And what is our responsibility to it and to God? When do we stand up and when do we bow our heads? Join us beginning this week for a new Bible study on one of Pastor Wolfe's favorite subjects- *One Christian, Two Kingdoms*.



### 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](mailto:growthgroups@salemlutheran.org).

### Diaper Drive

Once again it's time for a diaper drive at Salem to support WELS Christian Life Ministries New Day Pregnancy & Family Resource Center in Little Canada. We will be collecting donations from **Sunday February 4 through Sunday February 25**, and are asking for diaper sizes 2, 3, 4, & 5 as well as unscented wipes. These can be dropped off in the playpen in the church entry. Thank you!

### International Youth Rally Planning

An important planning meeting for those interested in the Youth Rally will be held February 25th after the second service. We will start confirming who is attending, the number of chaperones needed, discuss the potential route and transportation methods, and any other topics. Registration opens up in March! Let Rachel Collins know ([r.collins005@gmail.com](mailto:r.collins005@gmail.com) or 612-483-9197) if you are interested in attending the Youth Rally, but are unable to attend this meeting.



### February Youth Group Event

The Youth Group's regular February meeting is being moved to noon-1:30 pm on February 11th so we can celebrate with a Super Bowl theme before the big game that evening! Salem's youth are invited to join us for lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, and sub sandwiches!), a football themed devotion, and of course some "super" games!

### CAMM – Central Medical Africa Mission

Thank you to all 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. Send an email to [RidersUSA@comcast.net](mailto:RidersUSA@comcast.net) for pill bags instructions or other questions.

### 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](mailto:tforster16@gmail.com), or Ryan Klatt, [rklatt@salemlutheran.org](mailto:rklatt@salemlutheran.org).

### From St. Croix Lutheran Academy

See Rodgers + Hammerstein's *Cinderella* at SCLA Feb 15-18. Concessions at intermission. Pick up a tiara for \$5, purchase dramagrams for the cast, or add a star to the wall! See the cast list and get tickets at [www.StCroixLutheran.org/tickets](http://www.StCroixLutheran.org/tickets).

Enjoy a Band Concert and Gathering Grounds Sunday, March 3, at 2:30pm. Band concert includes grade school bands. Gathering Grounds variety show and music department fundraiser follows in the commons - bottomless coffee and desserts for purchase.

Share in a Sacred Choral Concert Wednesday, Mar 27, at 7:00pm in the SCLA chapel. Chorale, Concert Choir, and the Croixaliers will sing.

Save the Date! SCLA Gala "Storybook Soiree" will be Saturday, Apr 27, at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel. Find out more at [www.StCroixLutheran.org/gala](http://www.StCroixLutheran.org/gala).

### Ministry Support

Due to illness, we cannot give an offering report for the past week. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](http://salemlutheran.org/donate).

### Contact Information

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### THIS WEEK AT SALEM

<b>Sun, 2/4</b>	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am New Member Potluck
<b>Mon, 2/5</b>	6:30 pm Bible Basics with Pastor 7 pm Community Men's Basketball
<b>Tues, 2/6</b>	10:15 am Bible Study
<b>Wed, 2/7</b>	9:30 am Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study 6:30 pm Catechism 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
<b>Fri, 2/9</b>	5:30-8:30 pm Salem Boys & Girls Basketball League Tournament
<b>Sat, 2/10</b>	5 pm Worship 6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
<b>Sun, 2/11</b>	8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Communion 12:00 pm Youth Football Party

### In Our Prayers

- ✝ For trust that Jesus has power and authority over every enemy and every challenge.
- ✝ For spiritual growth, that every Salem member would see their place and value in our family of faith.
- ✝ For families to encourage our youth to pursue ministry full-time that souls might be saved.
- ✝ For healing and help to all facing medical challenges. Including Debbie Swanson, Roger Antonson, Cheryl Raleigh, and others who wish to remain unnamed.

