

Pastor Call

Pastor Nathan Laska continues to hold our call to serve as associate pastor. Members are encouraged to contact him and share their thoughts about Salem at (507) 459-3309 or by email at nlaska456@gmail.com.

Midweek Lenten Series

The season of Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. We'll have special services at 4pm and 6:30pm, both including the traditional imposition of ashes and Lord's Supper. Our midweek theme this year is "God on Trial." As our society becomes more secular we regularly see our neighbors judge God and his people. Our midweek series takes us back to the moments in Christ's life when men literally put God on trial. In each of these episodes we find forgiveness for us and others, love for our enemies, and strength for our faith. Join us every Wednesday in Lent to hear and grow.



Each week a group from Salem will serve supper between the services. This week the fellowship committee will serve meatloaf and au-gratin potatoes. Free-will offerings will support the Salem middle school trip to Washington, DC.

Can you help a child at Salem?

If you are able to help a student by just being there, please talk to Principal Ryan Klatt (rklatt@salemmlutheran.org) or 3rd grade teacher Jessie Wolfe (jwolfe@salemmlutheran.org).

Sunday Bible Study Topic

Join us between services Sunday morning for a new Bible study on the church and government titled *One Christian, Two Kingdoms*.

Minnesota District Workshop

The next annual Minnesota Ministry Workshop will be held March 9th at St. Croix Lutheran Academy. Pastor Jon Hein serves as keynote speaker and participants can choose two additional topics to learn about in breakout sessions. The workshop is intended for members as well as called workers and there is an early bird discount for those who register before February 24th. Learn more at www.mnworkshop.com.

Church Office Change

Our church secretary, Debbie Swanson, is taking a temporary step back from her work until she is feeling better. Please send any questions, needs, or announcements to church@salemmlutheran.org. This will ensure a quicker turnaround time and it still allows Debbie to engage as she is able. If you are interested in bringing a meal to Debbie as she recovers, please contact Abigail Ibisch. (aibisch@salemmlutheran.org or 507-398-4025)

At this time our intention is to have someone in the church office weekdays from 9am to noon. If you need to stop by at a different time, please call ahead to make sure Pastor Wolfe or someone else is here to help you.

February Youth Group Event

The Youth Group's regular February meeting is this Sunday from noon to 1:30 pm. We'll celebrate with a Super Bowl theme to get ready for 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!

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 or 612-483-9197) if you are interested in attending the Youth Rally, but are unable to attend this meeting.



February Lock-In

It's back! The request was heard and Salem will be hosting a youth lock-in February 23-24. The event begins at 6:30 pm on February 23 and ends at 8 am on February 24. A rules sheet, signed by the youth, must be given to Pastor Wolfe or Rachel Collins by February 21st in order to participate in the lock-in. A permission form, signed by a parent, must also be provided before a student is allowed to attend. Please pick up these forms in the entryway.

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!

Summer Softball Team

Salem is looking to put together a softball team for the upcoming season in Stillwater. 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.

Camp Croix Announcements

Get ready for the 1st annual Wild Game Feed at Camp Croix happening **March 1-3**. Bring your favorite wild game dish to pass and come for fellowship, fishing/hunting stories, spiritual growth, and time in the Northwoods of Wisconsin! Head to campcroix.org/wildgamefeed to learn more and to register.

Come join us for a winter pioneer outing this **Feb 15-18**. If you can't make it the whole time, no problem, stay as long as you can! This event is best suited for elementary aged kids. At least 1 chaperone will be needed for every 5 pioneers you are bringing. All meals and activities will be provided. Contact us by Feb 11th at info@campcroix.org or call 715-575-1266 to find out more!

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$14,837.33 for Current Expenses and \$833.21 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Contact Information

Church office (Debbie Swanson): 651-439-7831 | church@salemlutheran.org
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School Office (Diane Light): 651-439-7831 | school.office@salemlutheran.org

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 2/11	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
Mon, 2/12	6:30 pm Bible Basics with Pastor 7 pm Community Men's Basketball
Tues, 2/13	Pastor's Conference—NO BIBLE STUDY
Wed. 2/14	9:30 am Chapel 4:00 pm Ash Wednesday worship with Communion 5:00—6:30 pm Lenten Supper 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday worship with Communion.
Sat, 2/17	11:00 am Funeral for Marian Hosek at Bradshaw Funeral Home 5 pm Worship 6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
Sun, 2/18	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship

In Our Prayers

- ✠ For Pastor Laska as he considers our call to serve as associate pastor.
- ✠ For humility and an attitude of repentance as we enter the season of Lent.
- ✠ For thankfulness to all the members who serve at Salem in all the different ways God gifts them.
- ✠ For all who are calling to the Lord for help and healing.

