

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

Salem's special midweek Lenten services continue on Wednesday at 4pm and 6:30pm. 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.



This week Salem's Youth Group will serve pulled pork sandwiches for the fellowship meal between services. Free-will offerings will go toward paying travel costs for teens attending this summer's international youth rally.

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.

Upcoming Lenten Dinners

Lenten Dinners still available! We are still looking for groups (or individuals) to serve the Lenten meals on February 28th and March 6th. If no one is able to serve the meal on these dates, there will not be a dinner served. These dinners can be used as a fundraiser for your group's events and it's a great way to serve our church. Please email the church office (church@salemlutheran.org) or Tim Sinclair (debtimklh88@netzero.net) by Wednesday, February 21st if you are willing to serve on either of these dates.

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@salemlutheran.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@salemlutheran.org or 507-398-4025) The office will be staffed from 9 am—noon.

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.

Easter for Kids

Come, join your child(ren) to celebrate Jesus' Easter victory! Easter for Kids will be held March 23rd from 10am to Noon. Children and parents stay together for this family event, learning together about the meaning of Easter through songs, crafts, and games. Registration is now open on our website. Visit www.salemlutheran.org and click on Easter for Kids. Please share this event with friends, relatives, and neighbors! We'll have advertising on our website and flyers available in the information center in the narthex.

Diaper Drive

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 to be dropped off in the playpen in the church entry.

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.

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.

LWMS Spring Rally

Join us on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Christ Lutheran, Cambridge MN for the LWMS spring rally. Registration will be from 9 to 9:30am and the rally will be from 9:30 to noon. Lunch is provided and the speaker will be Debbie Dietrich the kindergarten teacher at Peridot-Our Saviors Lutheran School, on the Apache Reservation. Please have all Lutheran Women's Missionary Society contributions in by March 4th. Mission boxes are available in the narthex. Contact Patty Johnson at 651-246-2310 with questions.

School Open House

On February 22 from 4:30-6 pm we are hosting an open house for our school. Please share this event with friends, family, and neighbors who might be interested. The event is advertised on our social media so it can be easily shared online. We also have flyers available at the connection center in the narthex.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$15147.00 for Current Expenses and \$565.75 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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Principal Ryan Klatt: 763-898-6273 | rklatt@salemlutheran.org
School Office (Diane Light): 651-439-7831 | school.office@salemlutheran.org

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

- Sun, 2/18** 8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
- Mon, 2/19** 6:30 pm Bible Basics with Pastor
7 pm Community Men's Basketball
- Tues, 2/20** 10:15 am Group Bible Study
6:30 pm Church Council
- Wed. 2/21** 9:30 am Chapel
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study
4:00 pm Lenten Worship w/Communion
5:00-6:30 pm Lenten Supper
5:30 pm Church Choir Practice
6:30 pm Lenten Worship w/Communion
7:30 pm Handbell Practice
- Thur, 2/22** 4:30-6:00 pm Salem School Open House
(Invite a friend!)
- Fri. 2/23** Youth Group Lock-in 6:30pm (Pick up
8am Saturday)
- Sat, 2/24** 5 pm Worship with Communion
6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
- Sun, 2/25** 8:00 am Worship with Communion
9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study
12:00 pm Youth Rally Planning Meeting

In Our Prayers

- ✠ Thankfulness for pastor calls accepted a sister churches in Hudson and River Falls.
- ✠ For opportunities to speak in truth, love, and humility as we invite others to see Jesus in Lent and Easter.
- ✠ For Sal Colmier, Roger Antonson, Debbie Swanson, Cheryl Raleigh and all who look to God for healing at this time.

