

Call Updates

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.

Please keep Salem school principal Ryan Klatt in your prayers as he deliberates a call received to serve at Good Shepherd in Burnsville, MN. As always, members are encouraged to share their thoughts with Mr. Klatt.

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 school's DC trip families will host the Lenten supper, serving soup and salad. Free-will gifts will go to help cover the costs for their Washington, DC trip this spring.

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. **Of special interest to Salem members might be the breakout session on church governance and the new WELS model constitution, which Salem used as the model for our own new constitution.** The workshop is intended for all members and registration is only \$35. Learn more at www.mnworkshop.com.

Women's Guild Meeting

Women's Guild will resume meeting on March 7 at 12:30 in the Fireside Room. See you there!

Youth Rally Planning Meeting

Those interested in sending teens to this summer's Youth Rally will meet after second service this Sunday for a planning meeting. Registration opens up in March! Let Rachel Collins know (r.acollins005@gmail.com or 612-483-9197) if you are interested in attending the Youth Rally, but are unable to attend this meeting.

Church Office Change

We are happy to share that church secretary Debbie Swanson had successful heart surgery this past week. While she remains out of the office please send questions, needs, or announcements to church@salemlutheran.org. If you would like to bring a meal to Debbie when she returns home please contact Abigail Ibsch at aibisch@salemlutheran.org or 507-398-4025. The church office will be open weekdays from 9am to noon.

Church Finances

We are looking for a member interested in filling a temporary, part-time bookkeeping position while Debbie is out of the office. Responsibilities would include payroll, expenses, deposits, and financial record-keeping. If you are interested, please email church@salemlutheran.org. We hope to fill the position as soon as possible.

Easter Flower Order Envelopes

There are envelopes with options to order flowers for the altar for Easter. The choices & prices are listed on the envelope. **Orders must be received by March 10.** There is a place to list "in memory of" on each envelope to be included in our Easter bulletins. You do not need to order flowers to include someone on the list.

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.



Culver's Fundraiser

Let's get the line out the door at Culver's on February 27 from 5-7 pm! A portion of the night's profits will be donated to the 7-8 grade trip to Washington DC. This has been a fun opportunity to socialize with other members and also have a butterburger with frozen custard. Does it get any better than that? See you there!

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.

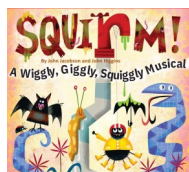
LWMS Spring Rally

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. 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.

Kindergarten/1st Grade Play

Salem's Kindergarten and 1st graders present their spring play, "Squirm: A Wiggly, Giggly, Squiggly Musical" on March 7th at 6:00 pm in the gym.

There will also be a dress rehearsal on March 6th at 10:00 am.



The play is about things that may make you squirm, like worms, bats, spiders, and snakes. The character Little Miss Muffet learns from other characters in the play that these things are in some way, good for us. Hope to see you there!

Education Night is March 21

Mark your calendars! On March 21st, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Salem will be having its annual Education Night. This night is a time when we focus on one of the subjects we teach at Salem and invite families into the school to see projects and activities the students have made. This year's focus is on Math exploration. Please plan to attend this awesome event and see what our students are learning AND teaching!

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$14,352.53 for Current Expenses and \$1,266.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Contact Information

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 2/25	8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Communion 12:00 pm Youth Rally Planning Meeting
Mon, 2/26	6:30 pm Bible Basics with Pastor 7 pm Community Men's Basketball
Tues, 2/27	10:15 am Group Bible Study 5:00-7:00 pm Salem School Fundraiser at Culver's
Wed, 2/28	9:30 am Chapel 4:00 pm Lent Worship w/Communion 5:00-6:30 pm Lenten Supper 5:30 pm Church Choir Practice 6:30 pm Lent Worship w/Communion 7:30 pm Handbell Practice
Sat, 3/2	8:00 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast at Gorman's 5 pm Worship with Communion NO Open Volleyball
Sun, 2/25	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship

In Our Prayers

- ✠ Thankfulness for caregivers whom God uses to provide for the sick, the lonely, and the lost.
- ✠ For the faith of the young people in our church, and gratitude for those members who faithfully serve them.
- ✠ For Sal Colmier, Roger Antonson, Debbie Swanson, Cheryl Raleigh and all who look to God for healing .

