### **Call Updates**

A pastoral call meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00 pm (between Lenten services). Salem school principal Ryan Klatt has returned his call to Good Shepherd in Burnsville, MN.

Debbie Hansen, our first grade teacher has received a call to serve at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in West Bend, Wisconsin. Please keep her in your prayers as she considers where she can best serve.

### **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." This week the Caring Committee will serve soup and sandwiches.

# **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. There is also a sign-up sheet in the information center. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Tom Forster, <a href="mailto:tforster16@gmail.com">tforster16@gmail.com</a>, or Ryan Klatt, <a href="mailto:rklatt@salemlutheran.org">rklatt@salemlutheran.org</a>.

# Spring Fling for Seniors

The Outreach Committee is throwing a fabulous party at

Salem on Saturday, April 27, from 11:00am to 1:30pm. Join us for a spectacular time! Prepare to be delighted with a light meal and delightful live entertainment. Dress to impress because this is a

classy affair! We're extending a



warm invitation to the residents of Oak Ridge Place and our Salem members aged 80 or older. If you fit this category and haven't received your invitation, reach out to Janet Rider at 651-361-3146 or ridersUSA@comcast.net.

We need your help to make this event unforgettable. Volunteer opportunities include assisting with meal service and hosting duties, starting bright and early at 10:00 am. But wait, there's more! We're calling on the baking virtuosos among us to whip up some scrumptious bars for dessert. Sign-up sheets will be at the information center as well as further details.

# **Sunday Guest Presentation**

Pastor Dan Sims serves as Director of WELS Christian Aid & Relief (CAR). CAR is one of our synod's compassion ministries. Their mission is to reflect Christ's love to those who are hurting or in need. They carry out this mission through disaster relief, humanitarian aid, and personal financial grants. Pastor Sims will give a presentation on the ministry and blessings of CAR between services Sunday during the regular Bible study hour. You can learn more about WELS Christian Aid & Relief at www.wels.net/relief.

# Easter Breakfast Sign-Up

The Easter breakfast sign up sheet is live at the connection center. Please take a minute to look at how you could contribute to this beloved Salem tradition.

### **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.

# **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!

### **Holy Week Devotions**

Martin Luther College, our WELS ministry training school, is offering a series of devotions for Holy Week. There will be no physical copies available, but there are a few ways to access it digitally starting March 22. You can request that we send the eight devotions to their personal email on a daily basis, Palm Sunday to Easter, March 24-31. In the email, you will receive the written devotion and the link to an audio recording by the author. Or you can read them in our online flipbook. Use the link within each devotion to listen to the author's audio recording.

#### **LWMS Spring Rally**

Salem women of all ages are invited to the LWMS Spring



Rally on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Christ Lutheran, Cambridge MN. Guest speaker Debbie Dietrich will speak about her experiences teaching kindergarten at one of our WELS schools on the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Arizona. Registration begins at 9 am and the rally will be from 9:30 to noon. Lunch is provided.

Arrangements have been made to use the school bus from Christ-North St Paul. The bus will leave Christ at 8:15 am. Please contact Dawn Tiefert at <a href="mailto:dawn.tiefert@gmail.com">dawn.tiefert@gmail.com</a> to arrange a spot on the bus. If you need a ride from Salem, we will meet at church by 7:45 Saturday morning. Contact Patty Johnson at 651-246 -2310 or <a href="mailto:quentandpatty@comcast.net">quentandpatty@comcast.net</a> with any questions. Learn more about LWMS at <a href="www.lwms.org">www.lwms.org</a>.

#### Sacred Concert at St. Croix Lutheran Academy

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

# **Altar Guild Meeting**

The Altar Guild will meet on May 4 at 3:30 pm. It's been awhile since we last met and we have some new members. We'd like to review our schedules and make sure that everyone is aware of what supplies we have available. We'll also go over our policies and procedures to make sure everyone is on the same page. Please mark your calendars now! If you can't attend this meeting, please email <a href="mailto:church@salemlutheran.org">church@salemlutheran.org</a>.

# **Trivia Night Fundraiser**

Salem members, friends, and families are invited to take on the challenge, join us at Trivia Night! **Sunday, April 28th at 4 pm**, hosted by the Youth as a fundraiser for the Youth Rally. Come and be matched to a team or bring your own team of 4 to compete. Concessions will also be available for purchase.

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$10,704.55 for Current Expenses and \$1,000.75 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at <a href="mailto:salemlutheran.org/donate">salemlutheran.org/donate</a>.

# THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 3/17 8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday JAM & Presentation

10:30 am Worship

Mon, 3/18 6:30 pm Bible Basics with Pastor

7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball

Tues, 3/19 10:15 am Group Bible Study

11:30 am Caring Committee 6:30 pm Church Council

Wed, 3/20 9:00 am School Chapel

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

12:30 am Oak Ridge Place Bible Study

4:00 pm Lenten Worship 5:00-6:30 pm Lenten Supper 5:00 pm Pastoral Call Meeting 5:30 pm Church Choir Practice 6:30 pm Lenten Worship

7:30 pm Handbell Practice

Thur, 3/21 5:00-6:30 pm School Education Night

Sat, 3/23 10:00-Noon Easter for Kids

5 pm Worship with Communion

6:15 pm Open Volleyball

Sun, 3/24 8:00 am Worship with Communion

9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study **10:30** am Worship with Communion



### In Our Prayers

- For opportunities to show compassion on those in need and to share Gospel with those who are lost
- For sister ministries in Haiti, especially Branch Lutheran Schools, in a time of chaos and unrest
- ♣ For members who continue to seek God's blessing in health and wellness.

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