

## Regional Handbell Festival—Next Weekend

On Sunday April 21st, Salem hosts the WELS Western Region handbell festival. Save the date and praise the Lord with music by a dozen handbell choirs all playing at once, with instruments and choir as well. The concert begins at 2pm and is open to the public as well. There is no cost to attend but a free-will offering will be taken to help cover expenses.



## Salem History on View

Attention Salem members! Did you know our church is 142 years old? We've unearthed a treasure trove of historical documents and artifacts! Join us April 27-28 in the entry to view these incredible finds. We'd love to capture as many stories as we can and figure out everything we can about the items we found. Long-time members, your stories are vital! New members discover Salem's rich history. After this Sunday, we'll go through a process of figuring out which items to keep on-site, which to potentially send to the historical society, and how to best preserve them. Want to be involved? Leave your name in the church office or email [church@salemlutheran.org](mailto:church@salemlutheran.org). Let's preserve Salem's legacy together!

## Trivia Night Fundraiser

Join us for an electrifying Trivia Night extravaganza, where the thrill of friendly competition meets the excitement of supporting a great cause! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 28th, at 4 pm**. Our youth are gearing up to host an unforgettable evening packed with brain-teasing fun, all in the spirit of raising funds for the Youth Rally. Whether you're a trivia enthusiast or a first-timer, everyone is welcome to participate! Come and be matched to a team or bring your team of 4 to compete. Cost is \$50 per team or \$15 a person. Childcare is available!



## Altar Guild Meeting

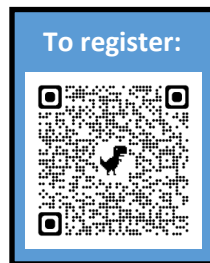
Altar Guild meeting on May 4, 3:30 pm. Open to all! Join us to volunteer—no experience necessary. Tasks include altar tidying, candle maintenance, and sacristy cleanup. Review schedules, supplies, and policies. Can't make it? Email [church@salemlutheran.org](mailto:church@salemlutheran.org).

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## 2024 Summer Vacation Bible School

Join our Miraculous Mission at Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Children 3 years old (must be toilet trained) through 6th grade are invited to join us on our mission: Jesus saves the world. Our adventures will include eating out-of-this-world snacks, playing a multitude of games, learning a whirlwind of Bible stories, raising our voices to sing praises, and crafting creations. The cost is \$10 per child. FAMILY FUN NIGHT is Thursday night, June 13 from 5-7:30 p.m. We will provide a complimentary grill with burgers, hotdogs, chips, and root beer floats. There will also be a jumpy house and rocket launchers! We invite you to come as a family and invite friends, family, and neighbors too! Online registration is now open. Don't forget to invite your friends!



## Cub Foods Fundraiser

Youth Rally participants will be bagging groceries at the Stillwater Cub Foods on **Saturday, April 27th from 10am-4pm**. We hope to see many of the congregation members out getting your groceries and giving support to our group that day!

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### **Crisis Fund for Haiti**

A fund is urgently needed to address emergencies that fall outside the usual budget for Branch Lutheran Day Schools of Haiti. This necessity became apparent when one of the schools had to temporarily close amid the ongoing violence in Haiti. This fund would cover unforeseen expenses like medical costs, food, and urgent transportation. We aim to raise \$5000 by May 7th, and donations are tax-deductible. To contribute, visit [www.branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org/donate](http://www.branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org/donate) or send a check payable to Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti, Inc. c/o Kathleen Menker, Treasurer, 1627 Dunlap Street N., Saint Paul, MN 55108. Let's also pray for our schools in Haiti, ensuring students can continue studying God's Word despite challenges.

### **Camp Croix Announcements**

It's not too late to register for our summer youth camps. Space is limited, so sign up soon at [campcroix.org](http://campcroix.org)

May 11<sup>th</sup> will be our annual spring cleanup day. Help for the day and stay for the weekend for free if you like. Lunch will be provided.

The second annual *Light of the World College Retreat* will be held May 29<sup>th</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This retreat is an ideal time for fellowship for all college-aged Christians. Learn more at [www.campcroix.net/college-retreat](http://www.campcroix.net/college-retreat).

### **Register for Music and Jesus Day Camp**

Join Music And Jesus (MAJ) this summer! Choose from Kids MAJ (grades 2-8) or Teen MAJ (grades 8-13) for a weekend filled with faith, friendship, and fun. Rehearse with friends to learn a Christ-centered show and perform on stage or in the band. Enjoy team-building activities and faith-deepening devotions. Register at [www.musicandjesus.org](http://www.musicandjesus.org). Hosted at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church WELS, Delano, MN.

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$12,116.05 for Current Expenses and \$955.75 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](http://salemlutheran.org/donate).

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### **THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

<b>Sun, 4/14</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship w/Communion</b> 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study <b>10:30 am Worship w/Communion</b> 12:00 pm Budget Meeting 6:30 pm Youth Gathering
<b>Mon, 4/15</b>	6:30 pm Bible Basics with Pastor 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball
<b>Tues, 4/16</b>	10:15 am Revelation Bible Study 6:30 pm Church Council
<b>Wed, 4/17</b>	9:30 am School Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
<b>Fri, 4/19—Sun 4/21</b>	WELS Regional Handbell Festival Weekend at Salem
<b>Sat, 4/20</b>	<b>5:00 pm Worship w/Communion</b> NO Teen & Adult Volleyball
<b>Sun, 4/21</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship</b> 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study <b>10:30 am Worship</b> <b>2:00 pm WELS Handbell Festival</b> 6:00 pm Area WELS Youth Night



### **In Our Prayers**

- ✠ For a renewed blessing of unity and fellowship in Christ among our members at Salem.
- ✠ For pastor and teacher candidates completing their training at our seminary and college.
- ✠ For Debbie Swanson, Marilyn Wegge, Sandy Kluedtke and all our members and friends looking for healing.

