SALEM NEWS & NOTES

Regional Handbell Festival—This Sunday

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



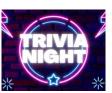
well. There is no cost to attend but a free-will offering will be taken to help cover expenses.

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 We've unearthed a treasure trove of historical documents and artifacts!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.

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 <u>church@salemlutheran.org</u>

Cub Foods Fundraiser

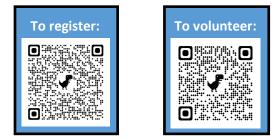
Youth Rally participants will be bagging groceries at the Stillwater Cub Foods on **Saturday, April 27th from 10am-4pm**. We hope to see many of the congregation members out getting your groceries and giving support to our group that day!

Regional WELS Youth Night

Salem is hosting the next regional WELS Youth Night on **Sunday, April 21st from 6-8 pm**. This is a great opportunity for High School students from Eastern MN/ Western WI to bring friends and hang out with other young people for an interactive evening of music, games, and discussion focused around God's Word. Please enter through the school entrance. Register to attend at Salem's website: <u>www.salemlutheran.org</u>.

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!



College Retreat at Camp Croix

The 2nd annual Light of the World College Retreat will be held at Camp Croix May 29th-June 2nd. This is an ideal time for fellowship and spiritual growth for all college-aged Christians. Learn more at <u>www.campcroix.net/college-</u><u>retreat</u>.

Final Culver's Night Fundraiser

The last Culver's Night fundraiser for the 7th & 8th grade Washington, DC trip is this Tuesday evening. 10% of all sales from 5-7pm will go toward our school's trip. Have some cheese curds, enjoy a frozen custard, and join us!

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 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 <u>campcroix.org</u>

May 11th 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.

WELS Taste of Missions

Register today for Taste of Missions, a hybrid event that will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis. Attend in person OR online to get a "taste of missions." Registration is \$15 per person, with children 13 and under attending for free. Those attending in person will receive food tickets to sample ethnic food and will have the ability to purchase additional food from the food trucks. Or attend virtually for free and watch all events via live stream, view additional video updates from missionaries, and try your hand at making one of the many ethnic recipes shared on the website. Learn more and register at tasteofmissions.com.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$10,051.40 for Current Expenses and \$640.91 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

	Sun, 4/21	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm WELS Regional Handbell Festival in Salem Gym 6:00 pm Area WELS Youth Night
	Mon, 4/22	7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball
	Tues, 4/23	10:15 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:15-12:15 pm Caring Committee 5:00 - 7:00 pm Culver's Fundraiser for Salem School
	Wed, 4/24	9:30 am School Chapel 6:30 pm Evening Catechism 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
Sat, 4/27 - Sun 4/28 Salem History on View		
	Sat, 4/27	 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Salem Youth Group Fundraiser at Cub Foods 11:00 am - 1:30 pm Spring Fling 5:00 pm Worship w/Communion 6:15 pm Teen & Adult Volleyball
	Sun, 4/28	8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Communion 12:00 -1:30 pm Quarterly Congregational Meeting 4:00 pm Salem Trivia Night
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In Our Prayers

- ✤ For unity and fellowship in Christ among our members at Salem.
- For joyful worship and safe travel for the musicians participating in the WELS handbell festival on Sunday.
- For Debbie Swanson, Marilyn Wegge, Tim Sinclair, Pastor Jake, and all our members and friends looking for healing.

