



*Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God by teaching His timeless Truth,
that all may grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.*

This Week at Salem

Sun, 5/5	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Youth Confirmation
Tues, 5/7	10:15 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:30 - 1:00 pm Parish Nurse Open Hours 6:00 pm Outreach Committee
Wed, 5/8	9:30 am School Chapel 12:00 pm Staff Appreciation Lunch 6:30 pm Evening Catechism
Thurs, 5/9	5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Preschool Play 6:30 pm Area Ascension Service at Crown of Life, West St. Paul
Sat, 5/11	8:00 am Spring Cleanup at Camp Croix 5:00 pm Worship w/Communion
Sun, 5/12	8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:15 am Sunday JAM & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion

Area Ascension Worship Service

The Christian church celebrates the Ascension of our Lord this Thursday, May 9th. (40 days after Easter) Ascension will be the theme of next Sunday's service, but all are invited to an area Ascension service Thursday evening at 6:30pm at our sister church, Crown of Life in West St. Paul. The service will be led by guest preacher Pastor Don Sutton and include special choir and handbell music. Crown of Life's address is 115 Crusader Ave W, West St. Paul.

Camp Croix Cleanup

Next Saturday (May 11th) will be our annual spring cleanup day. Cleanup will start at 8am and continue until 11:30, when lunch is served for all volunteers. Help for the day and stay for the weekend for free if you like. Send an email to info@campcroix.org if you are able to help.

High School & College Graduate Recognition

God brings his people together into churches to support each other in difficult times and to celebrate together in joyful ones. We would like to mark this milestone in your lives with you this year, but we need your help. If you are graduating (or have a child graduating) please email the church office (church@salemlutheran.org) to let us know when you graduate and from which school. Thank you!

Growing in Faith

Growth Groups Invitation

All Salem members are encouraged to connect in one or more Growth Groups. Growth Groups meet away from our church campus in people's homes, at coffee shops, or even online. Members talk about what they heard in worship, pray for each other, and take time to be there for each other in times of good and bad. To get connected to a growth group email, send an email to growthgroups@salemlutheran.org.

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 www.campcroix.org/college-retreat.

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.

Register for Music and Jesus Day Camp

Join Music And Jesus (MAJ) this summer for a dynamic Christian program! 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. Don't miss this impactful Christian experience! Register at www.musicandjesus.org. Hosted at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church WELS, Delano, MN

2024 WELS Women's Ministry Conference

Save the date for the 2024 WELS Women's Ministry Conference on Sunday, July 28-30, 2024, at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, Wis. This conference is for any woman who is passionate about spreading the Good News of Jesus in our world today, no matter her age and background. New to the faith or seasoned, married or single, the keynotes and wide variety of breakout sessions will encourage, equip, and empower you in your walk of faith. Early-bird registration of \$150 is open until April 30. General registration of \$175 is open May 1-31. Learn more at welswmconference.net.

Serving & Sharing in Faith

Called Worker Appreciation Lunch

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming soon, and we need your help! We're planning a week of small tokens of appreciation for all of our called workers and on May 8th, we're hosting a special staff lunch. We need volunteers to assist with setup, clean up, and supervising classrooms for an hour. We would love to show our appreciation to the called workers who serve the Lord on our behalf. If you're interested in volunteering, donating, or dropping off goodies, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA8AF28A7F9C61-49215726-salem> or email abigailibisch@gmail.com. Remember that more than anything our staff need our prayers and encouragement, so take a moment to thank them for their time and talents! *From Salem Parents Meg Bicek, Abigail Ibisch, and Jenny Bye*

Cemetery Clean-up

We would like to remind the congregation not to dump any pots or other refuse in the cemetery dumping area. That site is only for branch and yard waste when we're cleaning up the cemetery. Please take anything that is not biodegradable home to be thrown away.

Update on Debbie Swanson

As many of you are aware, Debbie Swanson recently spent an extended period in the hospital and is now recovering at home. Debbie's birthday is May 5th, and we'd like to show our appreciation for her dedicated work at Salem with a card shower. If you'd like, please send a birthday card or note to Debbie at 304 State Rd 35, Osceola, WI, 54020.

Thank you to Spring Fling Volunteers

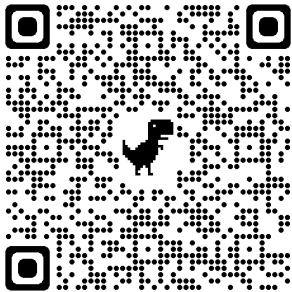
Thank you to all who helped make our Spring Fling a success in so many ways. Whether you decorated so beautifully, made invitations, corsages and delicious desserts, set tables, welcomed guests from Oak Ridge, served food banquet style, or cleaned up after the party - thank you! Thirty guests enjoyed punch, a delicious meal and some door prizes.

Uniting in Faith

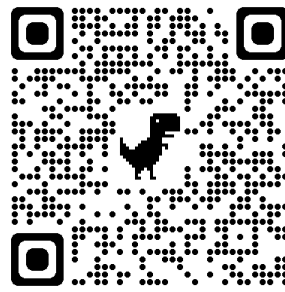
2024 Summer Vacation Bible School

Join our Miraculous Mission at Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 10-14 from 9 am to noon! 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 dinner 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. [Click here to register](#). Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors! If you would like to help us with this great program, watch for signups at Salem church and an online signup to be posted at www.salemlutheran.org/serve. Contact Naomi Gumbrill with questions at 763-234-5036.

To register your kids, use this code:



To volunteer, use this code:



Salem Youth Group

May Youth Gathering

We're moving May's youth group gathering back a week, to May 19th from 11:30 am - 1 pm. We will hold an "end of the year" celebration and have hot dogs and hamburgers. Come join us to celebrate our seniors who will be graduating! Any "youth group alumni" are also invited to join us and we may play some alumni vs current youth games!

Salem School

Preschool Play - May 9 at 6:00 pm

The Preschool spring play on May 9th is titled "Friendly Neighborhood Helpers". Please plan to attend this musical that tells us about the helpful people who serve us in our community. This free performance will be held in our school gym at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

5th-8th Grade Play - May 21 at 6:00 pm

The middle school students have been working hard to prepare "The Adventures of a Comic Book Artist". Please plan to attend this fun musical! The performance will be held at St. Croix Lutheran Academy, costing \$5 per adult/ \$3 per student. Stop in the school office or reserve your tickets online by clicking this link: [Salem Play Tickets](#)

Olympic Day (May 22) Volunteers Needed!

We are ready for another fun day with all our student teams. Our teams will compete for fun in the following events: Ball Throw/Shot Put, Run/Walk, Kickball Distance, Jumping Rope, Standing Long Jump, Zig Zag/ Potato Run, and Bean Bag Toss. We need volunteers! Parents have been a huge help in the past and enjoy the day too. If you can help, please call the school office or sign up online by clicking this link: [Salem Olympic Day](#)

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$12,607.65 for Current Expenses and \$840.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

In our prayers this week

- For God's lifelong blessings on those confirmed in their faith today.
- For wisdom and integrity to those who make, enforce, and judge the laws of our state and nation.
- For healing, hope, and companionship to all who are struggling with health.