SALEM NEWS & NOTES

Call News

Our next pastor call meeting will be next Sunday (February 2nd) between services. Please plan to attend. Salem teachers Luke and Allison Dorn received a call to teach at First Lutheran School in LaCrosse, WI. Please keep them in your prayers as they consider their service to the Lord.

Minnesota Ministry Conference Registration Open!

The 2025 Minnesota Ministry Conference will be held Saturday, March 15, 2025 at St. Croix Lutheran Academy in St. Paul. This event is open to all WELS members who are looking for personal inspiration or new ministry ideas. This year's conference brings leaders from across the country to speak on timely topics like creation vs. evolution, sharing Christ with friends and family, helping your college-aged kids remain in faith, and more. Registration is only \$35 per person, with an early-bird rate of \$30 before March 1st. Go to <u>www.mnworkshop.com</u> for more details and to register.



February Diaper Drive

The Caring Committee is coordinating our annual diaper

drive in February to help young mothers and families at Christian Life Ministries in Little Canada. This is our WELS area pregnancy and family resource center. We have supported this ministry for many years! We will be collecting diapers sizes



3, 4, 5 and 6 and unscented baby wipes. They have sufficient amounts of smaller sizes. Look for the baby Pack N Play in the Narthex to collect your donations!

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 1/26	 8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am 316Now Mission Presentation and JAM 10:30 am Worship with Communion
Mon, 1/27	6:30 pm Bible Basics 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball in Gym
Tues, 1/28	10:15 am Bible Study 5:00 pm Culver's Fundraiser 5:30 pm B Team Basketball Game 6:30 pm A Team Basketball Game
Wed, 1/29	9:20 am Midweek Chapel 6:15 pm Choir 6:30 pm Catechism Class 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
Fri, 1/31	5:30 pm B Team Basketball Game at 6:30 pm A Team Basketball Game at
Sat, 2/1	8:00 am Men's Bible Study and Break fast at Gorman's 5:00 pm Worship
Sun, 2/2	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Pastor Call Meeting and JAM 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Salem New Member Welcome & Potluck

We're Hiring: School Office Administrator

After many years of dedicated service, we bid farewell to Mrs. Light as she retires from her role as Office Administrator at Salem at the end of this school year. While we will miss her greatly, we are excited for her to enjoy more time with her husband and grandchildren. Salem is now seeking a dedicated and organized individual to fill the Office Administrator position starting June 1. If you or someone you know would be a great fit, we encourage you to apply! The full job description is available in the <u>Office Administrator Position Description</u>, and applications can be submitted online. Interviews will begin in early February, so be sure to apply soon. For any questions, please email rklatt@salemlutheran.org.

Opportunities to Support Graduates

Did you know that several of our Salem members are growing in faith by attending higher education at a WELS or WELS-affiliated school? Caleb Raasch is in his last year of pastoral training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Reese Collins and Alexis Gosch are studying at Martin Luther College for teacher ministry and Andy Raasch is studying for pastoral ministry. Noah Ross is attending Wisconsin Lutheran College, while Callie Jo Otto and Chloe Wolfe are attending Bethany Lutheran College. Some of these schools have matching programs for support received from a student's congregation. If you would like to help support these students, you can give a special offering. In the memo, please write: Congregation College Fund. Funds received will be divided among students growing in faith at these schools, with priority given to those training for ministry. Thank you for your consideration. For any questions, please see Jeff Ross.



Ministry Support

Contact Information

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$23,761.59 for Current Expenses and \$776.30 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at <u>salemlutheran.org/donate</u>.

Unbreakable and Flourishing Women's Retreat

Join us for the **Time of Grace 2025 Women's Event** on March 28–29 at the Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot. Explore God's promise to help us flourish like palm trees (Psalm 92:12-15). Registration is \$249 through February 28, including speaker sessions, a dessert reception, and Saturday meals (travel and lodging not included). Learn more and register at <u>Eventbrite</u> or email **astrackbein@timeofgrace.org**.



MLC Concert Choir

The MLC College Choir will present a full concert at Christ Lutheran, North St. Paul, on Saturday, March 22, at 7 pm. You are invited to attend and also invited to consider how you can help! Please contact Ann Ponath (annponath@christlutheran.us) if you are interested in hosting two or more MLC choir members from Saturday night to Sunday morning. What a wonderful way to meet our future pastors, teachers and staff ministers!

February Potluck and New Member Welcome

Next Sunday, February 2, we're throwing a potluck to officially welcome our newest members to the Salem Lutheran Church family. At the 10:30 service we'll invite all our new members from 2024 to the front of church and thank God for them. After the service, we'll enjoy a potluck dinner. It's our chance to celebrate their fellowship with us, get to know them, and share a meal.

In Our Prayers

- For blessing on two new adult members confirmed today, and a new group beginning Bible basics this week.
- For those who work during the night and in the cold to make the rest of us warm and safe.
- For healing and hope to those who wait on the Lord for healing and blessings in their time of need.

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