



*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

Sat, 4/26	9:30 am LWMS Spring Rally at Bloomington Lutheran 5:00 pm Worship with Communion (Pelnar Usher Team)
Sun, 4/27	8:00 am Worship with Communion (Crowder Usher Team) 9:15 am Adult Bible Study and JAM 10:30 am Youth Examination Service with Communion (Hansen Usher Team) 12:00 pm Quarterly Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm Area WELS Youth Night at Salem
Mon, 4/28	6:30 pm Bible Basics 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball in Gym
Wed, 4/30	9:20 am Midweek Chapel 12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study
Thur, 5/1	12:30 pm Women's Guild
Fri, 5/2	4 pm Track Meet at SCLA
Sat, 5/3	8:00 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast at Gorman's 5:00 pm Worship (Diethert Usher Team)
Sun, 5/4	8:00 am Worship (Crowder Usher Team) 9:15 am Adult Bible Study and JAM 10:30 am Youth Confirmation Service (Youth Usher Team)

Note: Pastor will be out of town Tuesday-Thursday for Spring Pastors' Conference.

Congregational Meeting

All Salem members are encouraged to attend the quarterly congregational meeting this Sunday, after the 10:30am service. At this important meeting we will elect leaders to serve for the upcoming year, discuss and approve next year's budget and ministry plan, and hear updates from our church leaders. Please plan to attend!

Call News

Pastor Michael Hollmann continues to hold our call as associate pastor. Pastor Hollmann currently serves in Eau Claire, WI. You can contact him at michael@stmark-wels.org or 715-523-3728.

Paschal Candle

The large candle next to the baptismal font symbolizes Christ, the Light of the World. Its large size symbolizes Jesus as the mighty Victor over death and sin. It is lit at every baptism, for *"we are buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."* (Romans 6:4) It is kept burning throughout the Easter season and always lit for Christian baptisms and funerals to show the close connection between Christ's resurrection and the Christian's resurrection to eternal life.

Growth & Worship

Area WELS Youth Night

The next regional WELS Youth Night is this Sunday from 5-7 pm at Salem Ev Lutheran in Stillwater, MN. 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 at salemlutheran.org/twin-cities-youth-night/

Serving & Outreach

MLC Wind Symphony Presents "Dances, Songs, and Legends" at Salem – May 18

The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Miles Wurster, will present *Dances, Songs, and Legends*—a captivating concert celebrating music, culture, and storytelling from around the world. Join us on Sunday, May 18, at Salem in Stillwater for this rich musical journey through global traditions. The program features a wide range of styles, from the fiery Spanish rhythms of Ferrer Ferran's *Consuelo Císcar* and the spirited energy of Dvořák's *Slavonic Dance No. 8* to the timeless beauty of Holst's *First Suite in E-flat*. This is a great opportunity to connect with future pastors, teachers, and staff ministers in a meaningful way. Don't miss this celebration of music and mission!

Register today for VBS!

Vacation Bible School is coming June 9–13, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and you won't want to miss it! Kids ages 3 (must be toilet trained) through 6th grade are invited to join *Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for the Truth*. Each morning will be packed with action and adventure—Bible stories that come to life, high-energy games, hands-on crafts, tasty snacks, and joyful music that will have everyone singing along. The cost is just \$10 per child and is paid during online registration.

Mark your calendars for **Family Fun Night** on Thursday, June 12, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.! It's a free evening of food, a jumpy house, and plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy together. Bring your friends, neighbors, and anyone ready for some summer fun!

Online registration is now open at salemlutheran.org/vbs. Sign up your child or volunteer to help today and be part of this unforgettable week!

Connecting & Sharing

Staff Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up May 5–9! Each year, Salem's PTA takes this opportunity to recognize and celebrate all of our amazing called workers and staff. To show our thanks for their dedication and care, the PTA is planning a week filled with special activities—ending with a Staff Appreciation Night on Friday, May 9, at the Lumberjack Lodge in Stillwater.

If you'd like to help make this week extra memorable, a donation box is available at the connection center to help cover the cost of food, entertainment, and a few fun surprises. Want to contribute in a different way? Reach out to Abigail in the church office at aibisch@salemlutheran.org.

Help Us Celebrate your Graduate!

Do you have a graduating senior this year? We would love to join you in celebrating their accomplishment! Just send us a picture, your child's name, school, and future plans to church@salemlutheran.org. At the end of May, they'll be featured in our worship slideshow.

50th Anniversary Celebration of Salem School - May 31st & June 1st

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of Salem Lutheran School with a special two-day anniversary event on Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, 2025. The celebration begins Saturday from 3:00–7:00 PM with an outdoor carnival, a devotional service, and a meal. On Sunday, we will gather for a special anniversary service, followed by a reception

with cake and coffee, as well as tours of the school. Pastor Marcus Birkholz will be guest preacher for the anniversary service. Stay tuned for more details—we look forward to celebrating with you!

Help Us Say Thank You to Debbie Hansen & Diane Light

We are grateful for the many years of faithful service that **Debbie Hansen** and **Diane Light** have given to Salem. As they prepare to move on to new chapters, we want to make sure they know just how much they've meant to us. Salem will hold an appreciation dinner on May 18th after services. Share a message of thanks, a favorite memory, or wish them well as part of a digital message we'll give to them that day. Just go to www.salemlutheran.org/Diane and www.salemlutheran.org/Debbie to leave a message. Please leave your message by May 1st. Thank you!

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$27,439.67 for Current Expenses and \$272.00 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 opportunities to share resurrection hope with others, and words from the Spirit to do it.
- For blessing on sister churches in Minneapolis & St. Paul considering a merger today.
- For married couples in our church, including James & Kristen Henneman, celebrating their 13th anniversary.
- For healing and blessing on all in need.

Partner Ministries

Summer Sports & Academic Camps

Registration is open for SCLA summer youth academic & sports camps. Register online at StCroixLutheran.org/Camps.