

Easter Sunday Social Group Outing

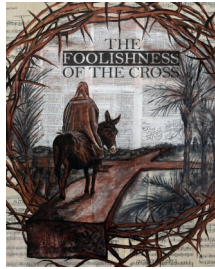
Join your Salem family for a fun social outing at the Easter Buffet at the Gasthaus on Sunday, April 20, 2025! Enjoy an all-you-can-eat meal featuring festive favorites like ham with praline sauce, roast beef brisket, German potato salad, spätzle, and a dessert smorgasbord—all for just \$30 per person. Space is limited and sign-up closes on Palm Sunday.

Easter Breakfast Help Needed!

Our 6th and 7th graders are excited to serve Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, April 20**, and they'd love a little help from you to pull it all together! You can sign up to bring food either at the Information Center or [online](#). We're excited to celebrate our risen Savior together!

Holy Week Devotion Book

Martin Luther College has written *The Foolishness of the Cross*, a new digital devotion book featuring daily devotions for Holy Week (April 13–20), written by MLC faculty. Centered on the powerful theme of Christ's cross—the greatest reversal in history—these devotions reflect on how the "foolishness" and "weakness" of God are wiser and stronger than anything human. The devotions can be found online mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/.



Easter Sunday Hallelujah Chorus

All members are invited to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* with the Salem choir on Easter Sunday. If you'd like to be part of this special musical celebration, come to a brief practice this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome!



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 4/13	8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study and JAM 9:15 am Hallelujah Chorus Practice 10:30 am Worship with Communion 6:30 pm Youth Group
Mon, 4/14	6:30 pm Bible Basics 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball
Tues, 4/15	10:15 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Church Council
Wed, 4/16	9:20 am Midweek Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study
Thur, 4/17	NO SCHOOL 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Worship with Communion 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Fri, 4/18	NO SCHOOL 10:00 am Good Friday Worship with Communion 5:00 pm Handbell Practice 6:30 pm Good Friday Worship with Communion
Sat, 4/19	NO WORSHIP 8:00 pm Easter Vigil at SCLA
Sun, 4/20	7:00 am Easter Dawn Worship with Communion 8:00 am - 10:30 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Easter Festival Worship 10:45 am Easter Festival Worship

Easter Vigil – Sat, Apr 19, 8-9:30pm

All are invited to an Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19 from 8-9:30 pm at St. Croix Lutheran Academy. The Vigil is presented by the WELS Minnesota District Worship Committee. This historic service features scripture readings, ancient and modern hymns, anthems by skilled musicians, and a celebration of Holy Communion. A 20-minute pre-service presentation at 7:30p highlights the history, symbolism, and defining characteristics of the Easter Vigil.

50th Anniversary Celebration of Salem School

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!

Applications for Congregation Grants Open

Salem offers financial assistance to members attending WELS-affiliated colleges and seminary. For details, and to apply, email church@salemlutheran.org or pick up an application in the church officer.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert

The MLC Wind Symphony will present a full concert at Salem, on Sunday, May 18. You are invited to attend and also invited to consider how you can help! Please contact Kristie Raasch (kkraasch@yahoo.com) if you are interested in hosting two or more MLC symphony members from Sunday night to Monday morning. What a wonderful way to meet our future pastors, teachers and staff ministers!

Save the Date for VBS

VBS is coming to Salem June 9-13, 2025, with the theme *Keepers of the Kingdom!* Children from Pre-K (toilet-trained) through 6th grade are invited to join the fun. Family Fun Night for Salem members, VBS families, and guests will be on June 12. Volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. More details to come! For questions or ideas, contact Naomi Gumbrill at 763-234-5036 or ngumbrill@gmail.com.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$13,928.45 for Current Expenses and \$912.45 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Contact Information

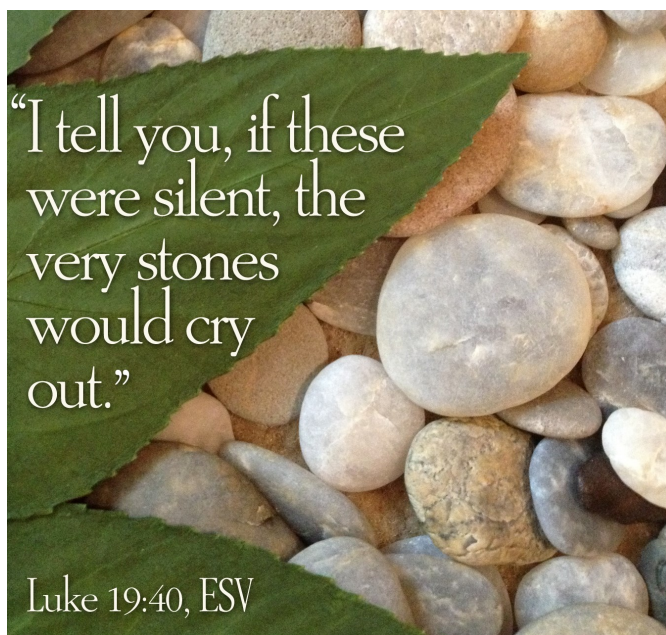
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Help Us Say Thank You to Debbie Hansen & Diane Light

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!

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. Salem teachers Jill Kaiser (and her husband Mark) and Luke and Allison Dorn continue to hold their calls also. Keep all these workers and their families in prayer as they consider where they will serve the Lord.



In Our Prayers

- ✚ For the Spirit's work through the gospel in our special worship services this week.
- ✚ For renewed faith in those who struggle, and new faith for those to whom we speak of Jesus.
- ✚ For blessing on the lonely, healing for the hurting, and peace to those in conflict.

