



*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**

<b>Sat, 5/3</b>	8:00 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast at Gorman's <b>5:00 pm Worship (Diethert Usher Team)</b>
<b>Sun, 5/4</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship (Crowder Usher Team)</b> 9:15 am Adult Bible Study and JAM <b>10:30 am Worship with Youth Confirmation (Youth Usher Team)</b>
<b>Mon, 5/5</b>	6:30 pm Bible Basics 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball in Gym
<b>Tues, 5/6</b>	10:15 am Midweek Bible Study 6:00 pm Outreach Committee
<b>Wed, 5/7</b>	9:20 am Midweek Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Catechism Class
<b>Sat, 5/10</b>	<b>5:00 pm Worship with Communion (Diethert Usher Team)</b>
<b>Sun, 5/11</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship with Communion (Crowder Usher Team)</b> 9:15 am Adult Bible Study and JAM <b>10:30 am Worship with Communion (Hansen Usher Team)</b> 6:30 pm Youth Group

### **Call News**

Last Sunday Pastor Hollmann returned our associate pastor call. You can read his letter at the end of these announcements. Our voters approved requesting a graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Assignment day at the seminary is Thursday, May 22nd.

### **Now Hiring- Summer Ministry Intern (10 weeks)**

Join Salem Lutheran in Stillwater, MN, for a hands-on gospel ministry internship! You'll help plan and lead youth events, outreach programs like VBS and Summer Tuesdays, and assist in worship and member care. Ideal for MLC/WLC/BLC students exploring full-time ministry, as well as other WELS/ELS college-aged students looking for a way to grow in active service. \$5,000 stipend + housing. Apply now and gain real-life ministry experience under the guidance of seasoned church leaders. To apply visit our website or [click here](#).

## ***Growth & Worship***

### **Reformation Brass- Guest Musicians**

Salem is pleased to welcome *Reformation Brass*, a professional brass ensemble dedicated to sharing the gospel through sacred music. Founded in 2002, Reformation Brass brings the rich traditions of the church to life with powerful brass arrangements of hymns, chorales, and sacred classics. This talented group of musicians regularly performs at churches and schools throughout the region, using their instruments to proclaim Christ and celebrate the heritage of the Lutheran Reformation. Their concerts and worship presentations are both musically uplifting and spiritually

enriching—an experience for all ages. To learn more about their mission or to support their ministry, visit [www.reformationbrass.com](http://www.reformationbrass.com).

## ***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](http://salemlutheran.org/vbs). Sign up your child or volunteer to help today and be part of this unforgettable week!

### **Save the Date- Food Truck Extravaganza**

Salem’s Outreach Team is heading to the Food Truck Extravaganza 2024 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo on Friday, June 14! This popular community event features 40 food trucks, live music, and family-friendly fun—and we’re looking for volunteers to help host our tent. It’s a great chance to connect with our neighbors and share our church. Rain or shine, bring your smiles and help us an impact! Volunteer sign-up coming soon.

## ***Connecting & Sharing***

### **Dinner and a Show- 5-8 Grade Play**

Join us on Monday, May 20 at 6:30 PM at St. Croix Lutheran Academy in West St. Paul for Salem Middle School’s spring play night! The evening begins with the 5th–6th grade performance of *“Life Is Like a Double Cheeseburger”*—a collection of humorous and heartfelt scenes about life’s many layers—followed by the 7th–8th grade comedy mystery *“The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring.”* No dinner will be served, just a night of fun and entertainment! Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, available in the school off

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.salemlutheran.org/Diane) and [www.salemlutheran.org/Debbie](http://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 \$18,326.26 for Current Expenses and \$4,046.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](http://salemlutheran.org/donate).

## ***In Our Prayers This Week***

- For God's lifelong blessings on those confirmed in their faith today.
- For every Christian to continue to grow in faith and knowledge of God throughout life.
- 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.

## ***Partner Ministries***

#### **Summer Sports & Academic Camps**

Registration is open for SCLA summer youth academic & sports camps. Register online at [StCroixLutheran.org/Camps](http://StCroixLutheran.org/Camps).

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Call return letter from Pastor Hollmann

Dear saints of God at Salem Lutheran Church in Stillwater, MN,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank our Lord for the opportunity to consider serving you as associate pastor at Salem. He has provided me strength and clarity to prayerfully deliberate during the past four weeks.

Resting confidently in the promise that our Lord will care for his Church in every place by his enduring word, I have decided to return the call to serve at Salem. I will continue to serve as associate pastor at St. Mark in Eau Claire, WI.

I appreciate the conversations I had with Pastor Wolfe, your gifted and passionate lay leaders, and your faculty throughout my deliberation. The gospel ministry at Salem permeates its people's hearts and conversations. I am humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve our Lord among you. I have prayed and will continue to pray for your plans to call an associate pastor as you continue worship, Christian education, and outreach in Stillwater.

I have full confidence the Lord will continue to bless you unto eternal life through the gospel ministry of your called workers, along with any additional associate the Lord chooses to bring to you in his timing. *"It is [Christ] who gave some...to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ might be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ"* (Eph. 4:11-13).

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with his people.



Rev. Michael Hollmann