

## Salem's New Associate Pastor

We're excited to announce that Pastor-Elect JonArden Pedersen has been assigned to serve as Salem's new associate pastor alongside Pastor Wolfe. He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary on Friday. We also look forward to welcoming his wife, Kaitlyn, and their son, Oliver. Details about his ordination and move to Stillwater will be shared soon. Thank you for your prayers throughout this call process. Please continue to pray for the Pedersen family as they prepare for this new chapter at Salem.



Son of Salem, Caleb Raasch was assigned to St Paul in Hurley, WI; Zion in Mercer, WI; and Bethany in Bruce Crossing, MN. Keep him and his family in your prayers as they start their ministry. Pastor-Elect Raasch will be back at Salem next weekend for our 50th School Anniversary.

## **Join the Adventure—Volunteer for VBS 2025! June 9–13**

**We need you now!** *Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for the Truth* is right around the corner, and we can't make it happen without a strong team of volunteers. Kids are counting on us for a week filled with faith, fun, and friendship—and we're counting on you to help bring it to life!

### **What's in store?**

As a VBS volunteer, you could help bring Bible stories to life, lead games, guide crafts, or get everyone singing along to uplifting music. Whether you love working with kids, organizing behind the scenes, or sharing your creativity—there's a place for you on our team!

### **Why volunteer?**

Because your time and energy can help plant seeds of faith that last a lifetime. Plus, it's a week full of laughter, teamwork, and joy.

**Sign up to volunteer at [salemlutheran.org/vbs](https://salemlutheran.org/vbs) or at the easel in the church entry.**



## **THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

<b>Sat, 5/24</b>	<b>5:00 pm Worship with Communion</b>
<b>Sun, 5/25</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship with Communion</b> 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
<b>Mon, 5/26</b>	7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball
<b>Tues, 5/27</b>	10:15 am Tuesday Bible Study 4:30 pm Fellowship Committee
<b>Wed, 5/28</b>	12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study 6:15 pm Salem Softball Games
<b>Thurs, 5/29</b>	6:30 pm Ascension Worship at Crown of Life, West St Paul
<b>Sat, 5/31</b>	3:00 pm 50th Anniversary Picnic <b>5:00 pm Worship</b>
<b>Sun, 6/1</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b> 10:00 am 50th Anniversary Reception



Dear Salem Lutheran Church and School,

Thank you so much for the farewell meal and presentation last Sunday. Thank you for supporting me during my teaching ministry at Salem Lutheran School. I truly appreciate everything. I have many fond memories of events and people I served with. Please pray for me and my family as I continue my teaching ministry at Risen Savior Academy in Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

God's Blessings,

Mrs. Debbie Hansen

## **Summer Office Hours**

Beginning the week of May 26, the church office will be open from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday. If you require assistance outside of regular office hours, please call or email us at [church@salemlutheran.org](mailto:church@salemlutheran.org) and we will respond as soon as possible.

### Ascension Worship at Crown of Life, West St. Paul

Ascension is the coronation celebration of our Lord as he is proclaimed to be King of the universe. Crown of Life Lutheran Church in West St. Paul is holding an Ascension service with special music, and a message from MLC Professor David Scharf, Thursday, May 29, 6:30pm (115 Crusader Avenue).

### 50th Anniversary Celebration of Salem School

Mark your calendars for a joyful two-day celebration on **Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, 2025**, as we thank God for 50 years of Christian education at Salem Lutheran School!

#### **Saturday, May 31 | 3:00–7:00 PM**

The festivities kick off with a family-friendly **outdoor carnival**—complete with games, activities, and fun for all ages! We'll gather for a **devotional service** and enjoy a **delicious meal** together as we reconnect with friends old and new.

#### **Sunday, June 1**

Join us for a special **anniversary worship service** featuring guest preacher **Pastor Marcus Birkholz**. After the service, enjoy a warm and welcoming **reception with cake and coffee**, and take a walk down memory lane with **guided tours of the school**.

### Help Us Celebrate your Graduate!

Do you have a graduating senior (high school or college) this year? Please 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 slides.

### Camp Croix - Youth Bible Camp Registration is Open!

Camp spots are filling fast—be sure to **register your campers today!** Visit [campcroix.org](http://campcroix.org) for more information.

### Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$31,266.42 for Current Expenses and \$962 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).

### Contact Information

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### Bible Basics New Session

Pastor Wolfe will offer the next session of Bible Basics on Thursday evenings beginning June 5th. In this 10 to 12-week study we'll cover the most important teachings of the Bible, as well as look for God's answers to questions participants bring themselves. Bible Basics is a great refresher for members of all ages and a perfect introduction to what we believe for your family and friends. This study also serves as Salem's membership intro class. If you would like to attend or want to invite someone you know to attend please contact Pastor Wolfe ([rwolfe@salemlutheran.org](mailto:rwolfe@salemlutheran.org)).



### In Our Prayers

- ✚ For peace through times of joy and struggle.
- ✚ For blessing on new teachers and pastors as they begin new ministries.
- ✚ For churches and schools who continue to look for workers to shepherd them .

