



Salem's New Associate Pastor

We're excited to announce that Pastor-Elect JonAlden 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. His ordination will be July 13. Further 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.

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 saemplutheran.org/vbs or at the easel in the church entry.



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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| Sun, 6/1 | 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am 50th Anniversary Reception |
| Mon, 6/2 | 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball in Gym |
| Tues, 6/3 | 10:15 am Tuesday Bible Study 6:00 pm Outreach Committee |
| Wed, 6/4 | 8:15 pm Salem Softball Games |
| Thurs, 6/5 | 12:30 pm Women's Guild |
| Sat, 6/7 | 5:00 pm Worship |
| Sun, 6/8 | 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Bible Study |

Dear Salem Family,

It has been a joy to serve beside our called workers and be a part of such an important ministry as Salem Lutheran School. What a privilege to meet so many families that have passed through our doors with the goal of Christian education for their children. I am humbled by the work He has given me to do, helping a great team of teachers serve His lambs.

Thank you for the wonderful gathering and meal to help celebrate my retirement. Your kind messages, gifts, and words of encouragement are such a blessing to me. I will truly miss my time in the school office, but look forward to a new chapter that allows me to spend more time with my growing family while finding new ways to serve at Salem.

*God's richest blessings,
Diane Light*

Summer Intern

Join us in welcoming Maddie Ponath as our summer ministry intern. A senior at Martin Luther College, Maddie is excited to see what summer ministry looks like as she prepares to become a teacher. Maddie will be working on a variety of projects with staff and volunteers. She'll be installed next weekend. Please stop and say hello sometime!

Bible Basics New Session- Last Chance to Sign-Up

Pastor Wolfe will offer the next session of Bible Basics on Thursday evenings beginning June 12th. 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).

Food Truck Extravaganza- Volunteers Needed

Salem's Outreach Team is heading to the Food Truck Extravaganza again at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo on Saturday, 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. Admission is included so after your shift you can try some delicious food truck food. Rain or shine, bring your smiles and help us make an impact! Volunteer sign-up is in the entry at the Information Center.

Save the Date- Salem's Health & Wellness Fair

Join us for a Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm! This fun, family-friendly event will highlight the four pillars of health—physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual—with snacks, giveaways, and helpful resources. Enjoy memory, vision, and blood pressure screenings, plus visit booths from local groups like Elevated Eating, FamilyMeans, Thrivent, Hall Chiropractic, HealthPartners PowerUp, and more. Gift drawings will be held at 11:30 am. Volunteers are needed—contact Kathy Smart at nurse@salemlutheran.org or 651-383-5126.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$16,608.49 for Current Expenses and \$785.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

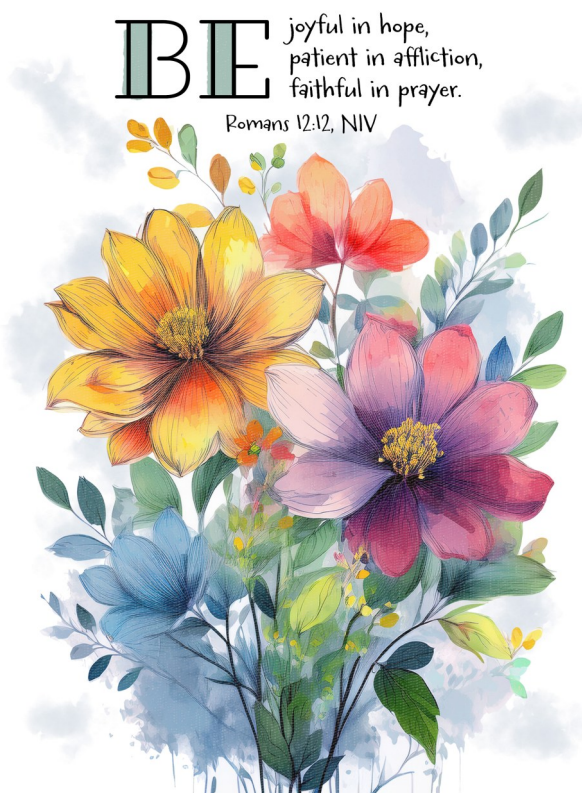
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SCLA - St. Croix at the Saints

Join us for this year's St. Croix at the Saints event on Saturday, June 7 at 6:37 pm! Barb (Leppla) Berthiaume '71 will throw the opening pitch as we cheer on the Saints and celebrate the Class of 1971's generous gift to the SCLA drama department. Tickets are on sale now, with all proceeds supporting SCLA drama.

SCLA - Summer Sports & Academic Camps SCLA summer youth academic and sports camps offer 4 days of fun for students in grades 1-9 (grades vary per camp). Each camper receives a t-shirt, sticker sheet, and high quality instruction from varsity coaches, teachers, and student leaders. Register at StCroixLutheran.org/Camps.



In Our Prayers

- ✝ For peace through times of joy and struggle.
- ✝ For hope to those who suffer as they remember Jesus' rule over all things.
- ✝ For members and friends recovering after falls, surgeries, and hospital stays.

