



*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, 6/7</b>	<b>5:00 pm Worship w/Communion (Diethert Usher Team)</b>
<b>Sun, 6/8</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship w/Communion (Raleigh Usher Team)</b> 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>9am-noon Vacation Bible School</b>
Mon, 6/9	7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball in Gym
Tues, 6/10	4:30 pm Fellowship Committee 6:00 pm Elders Board 7:00 pm Education Committee 7:00 pm Worship Committee
Wed, 6/11	12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study 7:00 pm Handbell Practice
Thurs, 6/12	5:00 pm Family Fun Night 6:30 pm Bible Basics
<b>Sat, 6/14</b>	Salem booth at Food Truck Extravaganza <b>5:00 pm Worship (Sinclair Usher Team)</b>
<b>Sun, 6/15</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship (Stoller Usher Team)</b> 10:15 am Adult Bible Study

### **Salem's New Associate Pastor**

Pastor-Elect JonAlden Pedersen has been assigned to serve as Salem's associate pastor alongside Pastor Wolfe. We also look forward to welcoming his wife, Kaitlyn, and their son, Oliver. His ordination will be July 13. Read more about Pastor Pedersen and his family in the June Newsletter. Please continue to pray for the Pedersen family as they prepare for this new chapter at Salem. Details about a card shower and moving help will come in the future.

### **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 outreach, youth, and other projects with members and staff. She'll be installed this Sunday.

### **Summer Office Hours**

The church office will be open from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday during the summer. Staff will often be at church outside these hours as well, but you may want to call before stopping in outside the regular hours. You are welcome to call at any time and leave a message—staff members are able to retrieve voicemail remotely. If you require assistance outside of regular office hours, please feel free to call or email us at [church@salemlutheran.org](mailto:church@salemlutheran.org) and we will respond as soon as possible.

## ***Growth & Worship***

### **New Worship Series Begins Next Week**

The first half of the church year gives us an opportunity to “walk with Jesus” every year as we see what he has done for us to give us a future in heaven. The second half of the year, beginning next Sunday, looks at the spiritual growth God gives to all who believe in Jesus. Our first summer worship series begins next week. Called “Undivided Attention”, in these weeks we’ll look at some of the teachings of Jesus and give them our full focus. Join us and invite your friends!

## ***Serving & Outreach***

### **Vacation Bible School: June 9–13, 2025 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Get ready for an epic adventure at Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today’s Battle for the Truth! Kids ages 3 (must be toilet trained) through 6th grade are invited to join us for a week full of excitement, discovery, and fun.

Each morning will be packed with:

- Bible stories that come to life
- Creative, hands-on crafts
- High-energy games
- Delicious snacks
- Music that gets everyone singing!

Cost: Just \$10 per child (paid during online registration). Register now: [salemlutheran.org/vbs](https://salemlutheran.org/vbs). Whether you're signing up your kids or volunteering to help, we can't wait to see you there!

### **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 - Lumberjack Days Parade**

Salem will once again have a float in the Lumberjack Days Parade, held this year on July 20th. We’ll need helpers the day before to label bottles of water and decorate the float. We also need friendly people to walk and ride in the parade itself to let our community see our joy in Jesus. Save the date for now and watch for signups in coming weeks.

## ***Connecting & Sharing***

### **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](mailto:nurse@salemlutheran.org) or 651-383-5126.

### **Help Enrich our Musical Worship**

The Worship Committee is requesting \$2,500 to purchase a new piano keyboard for our church sanctuary. Our current instrument needs to be replaced to maintain the quality of music for our worship services and support our music ministry. The budget includes a digital piano keyboard, stand, and bench. This investment will enhance our worship experience and serve our congregation for years to come. If you’re interested in donating, please contact Music Coordinator Luke Dorn at [ldorn@salemlutheran.org](mailto:ldorn@salemlutheran.org).

## ***Giving in Faith***

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$14,848.20 for Current Expenses and \$1,027 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](https://salemlutheran.org/donate).

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

- For the Spirit's strengthening of our own faith and guidance to share that faith with others.
- For God's blessing on our Vacation Bible School and community outreach this summer.
- For help and healing to members struggling with emotional, physical, and spiritual struggles.

## ***Partner Ministries***

### **SCLA - Summer Sports & Academic Camps - Registration Closes Soon!**

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. Find 4-day camps for art, band, basketball, chemistry, cooking, engineering, mandarin chinese, theatre, dance, bowling, football, volleyball, wrestling and soccer online at [StCroixLutheran.org/Camps](http://StCroixLutheran.org/Camps).

### **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—get yours here: [Saints Game with SCLA - St. Croix Lutheran Academy](#).