

Congregational Meeting

All Salem members are encouraged to attend the next quarterly congregational meeting Sunday, August 3rd after the 9am service. At this meeting our leaders will provide updates on ministry and the many projects we've had over the past quarter. We'll also hear about plans for the 2025-2026 year, learn a bit about how our mission offerings work, and share a lot of information on the Manning property. Please plan to attend!

Meet Hope in Tigard

Hope Lutheran Church has a story rooted in God's grace through struggle and renewal. Originally founded in the 1960s, the congregation experienced significant decline over the years. After selling their original property and waiting two and a half years for a new pastor, they received a fresh start in 2020 when Pastor Paul Bourman was assigned to lead the mission restart. The congregation changed its name to Hope Lutheran as a declaration of the new beginning God had provided. Despite launching during the height of the pandemic and civil unrest in Portland, worship services began in May 2021. Today, Hope in Tigard is a small but growing WELS church family centered on the sure hope found in Jesus.

Pastor Paul Bourman graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 2020 and was assigned to lead the mission restart in Tigard. He and his wife Charis, along with their three children, Theo, Adeline, and Titus, are grateful to be part of God's work in the Pacific Northwest. Pastor Bourman enjoys running, roasting coffee, and investing in relationships that point others to Christ.

To learn more about Hope's ministries, visit hopein-tigard.com or follow them on facebook.



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 7/27	9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:15 am Presentation about Hope Lutheran in Tigard, OR
Tue, 7/29	10:15 am Group Bible Study 5:30 pm Salem Booth at Summer Tuesdays
Thu, 7/31	6:30 pm Bible Basics
Sat, 8/2	5:00 pm Worship
Sun, 8/3	9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Blood Drive at Salem – Sign Up Today!

Salem Lutheran Church is hosting a blood drive on Monday, August 11 from 1:00–6:00 PM in the gymnasium. Your donation can make a life-saving difference! Sign up online through the Red Cross website or contact Laura Gruetzmacher at 651-491-5988 if you need help registering. Thank you for giving the gift of life!

Serve with Us at Salem's Soccer Camp

You don't need to know the game of soccer to make a difference. Salem's Soccer Camp is a unique outreach opportunity that blends physical activity with the good news of Jesus. We're looking for volunteers of all kinds to share the love of Jesus, through soccer, a snack, or just a welcoming smile. Check out the opportunities at the information center. This is a chance to reflect Christ's love to the children and families in our community. Let's do it!

Registration Open for Soccer Bible Camp

Salem is hosting a Soccer Bible Camp for kids in grades K-4, August 11–14 from 4:30–6:30 PM. Kids will build soccer skills, grow in teamwork, and learn about God's love! Register today at salemlutheran.org/soccercamp.

We're also looking for volunteers to help make this new event a success—no soccer experience needed! If you have questions or would like to help contact Intern Maddie Ponath at maddieponath@gmail.com.



Join Our Team at Salem Lutheran School!

We're now hiring for two key roles in our growing school ministry. To learn more or apply, contact Principal Ryan Klatt at rklatt@salemlutheran.org.

- **School Office Administrator (Full-Time):** Seeking an organized, friendly professional to manage daily operations, support staff, and welcome families.
- **Classroom Aide – 1st/2nd Grade (Part-Time or Full-Time):** Help support our teacher and students in a joyful, hands-on learning environment.

Items Available from Salem

Salem has a variety of items we're looking to part with:

- 25 Philips 4-ft fluorescent bulbs (1" diameter)
- Landscaping rocks (sizes range from 5 in to boulders)
- Six brown banquet tables (6 ft long, 32 inches wide)
- Older model John Deere snowblower with electric start

If you're interested or to ask questions, please contact Gordon at 651-775-1493 within the next week, or leave your name and phone number at the church office.



In Our Prayers

- ✙ For God's blessing on our partnership with Hope Lutheran in Tigard, Oregon.
- ✙ For the gift of marriage to all couples in our church, including 35 years for Dan & Lisa Muenkel and 25 years for Pastor and Jessie Wolfe.
- ✙ For members and friends who look for healing, for employment, and for strength to fight temptation.

Contact Information

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Youth Night at Salem – August 10

Salem Lutheran in Stillwater is hosting an outdoor WELS Youth Night on Sunday, August 10, from 6–8 PM at their property on 6660 Manning Ave N. This event is open to all high school students and recent graduates. Come enjoy outdoor games, a campfire, music, and a live devotion with fellow Christian teens from the area! Invite your friends and register at: www.salemlutheran.org/twin-cities-youth-night Questions? Contact Rachel Collins at youthgroup@salemlutheran.org or 612-483-9197.

Camp Croix 17th Annual WELS Men's Retreat

Join us for this weekend of insightful biblical study, meaningful fellowship, and renewal in Christ! The 17th Annual WELS Men's Retreat, held September 19–21 at Camp Croix in Danbury, WI. This year's theme is *"Awaiting the Fullness of Time – The Not So Silent Years Between the Testaments,"* presented by Professor Keith Wessel of MLC. Enjoy a weekend of biblical insight, fellowship, good food, and lakeside relaxation. Registration includes lodging, meals, and all materials. Early bird rates available through August 12. Learn more and register at mensretreat.org.

OWLS Event – An Evening with Martin Luther

Join the Bloomington Living Hope OWLS for *An Evening with Martin Luther* by Dr. Dwight Johnson on Sunday, September 7 at 6:30 PM at 9350 Portland Ave S, Bloomington. No cost to attend; a free-will offering will support the Lutheran Military Support Group.

OWLS National Convention

All WELS/ELS seniors are invited to the OWLS Convention, October 14–17 in Oshkosh, WI. Details and registration: <https://csm.welsrc.net/download-csm/owls-convention> Questions? Contact Joyce Buffington at joyceb999@yahoo.com or 952-693-8902.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$23,665.15 for Current Expenses and \$2,999.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

