



*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

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| Sat, 8/30 | 5:00 pm Worship (Sinclair Usher Team) |
| Sun, 8/31 | 9:00 am Worship (Raleigh Usher Team) 10:30 am 19-Minute Bible Study |
| Mon, 9/1 | Labor Day - No School / Church Office Closed |
| Tues, 9/2 | 10:15 am Group Bible Study 11:30 am Parish Nurse Office Hours 6:00 pm Outreach Committee |
| Wed, 9/3 | 9:00 am Chapel Service 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study 4:30 pm Worship Keyboardists Meeting 5:45 pm Praise Ensemble 6:15 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Catechism Class Orientation 7:15 pm Men's Chorus 7:15 pm Handbell Practice |
| Thu, 9/4 | 12:30 pm Women's Guild 6:30 pm Bible Basics |
| Sat, 9/6 | 8:00 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast at Gorman's 5:00 pm Worship (Pelnar Usher Team) |
| Sun, 9/7 | 8:00 am Worship (Crowder Usher Team) 9:00 am Ministry Fair 10:30 am Worship (Youth Usher Team) |

Fall Schedule Returns - Ministry Fair, Mission Festival, and Sunday JAM!

Next Sunday, September 7th, Salem returns to our regular worship schedule, with services at 8 and 10:30 am. On that day we will once again hold a "Ministry Fair" to highlight various ways that members serve in our church, and give you a chance to find where you can serve the Lord with us. Plan to spend a little time to get to know your fellow members and meet those who help lead our church!

On September 14th we welcome Pastor Joel Naumann as our Mission Festival speaker. Between services on Sunday he'll speak about the blessings and challenges of campus ministry where he serves in Eau Claire, WI and elsewhere around the country. All are welcome to enjoy a meal together after the late service.

On September 21st, our regular Bible studies and Sunday JAM resume, beginning at 9:15 am. Teens & adults will be together to start the year as we talk about sharing our faith in a study by both pastors titled "One by One." (Later in the fall teens and adults will meet separately.) Sunday JAM for children ages 3 years old to 6th grade will start at the same time in the school kindergarten room. We hope you'll grow with us in faith this year, no matter your age.

Growth & Worship

Sunday JAM Registration Open

Sunday JAM (*Jesus and Me*) children's ministry will begin again on Sunday mornings starting September 14th. Kids ages 3 to 8th grade are invited to Sunday JAM (Jesus and Me) every week. Each week kids will grow in faith as they hear stories from God's Word, join in songs and projects, and share stories of faith with each other. You can help us out by pre-registering your children at www.salemlutheran.org/SundayJam. Sunday JAM is open to nonmembers as well so invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

New Ministry for those with Disabilities - Jesus Cares

This October, Salem, in partnership with our sister churches, will begin a new ministry to members and friends with disabilities. Through specialized worship, Bible studies, and fellowship events, individuals with disabilities will have meaningful ways to connect to others and Christ. Jesus Cares participants can be part of a community that serves their needs and empowers their faith. *Jesus Cares* will meet once a month, and we're looking for members to become part of this new ministry for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers. If you possess a heart for service we invite you to join our team. To learn more, speak to Pastor Wolfe or email rwolfe@salemlutheran.org.

Stronger Together - Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study starts up again on September 3. Children are always welcome. We'll continue our study of Isaiah, praying, and supporting each other. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with other women and grow in faith. Many of us gather after school drop-off for coffee and chapel before the study begins at 9:30 am. Bring your tiny babies and wiggly toddlers—there are toys and snacks to keep them happy! We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Whether you're looking for support, friendship, or a deeper connection to God's Word, this group is for you.

Serving & Outreach

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Sunday JAM is getting ready for a new year and we need more teachers now! Classes can't start without enough volunteers, so we're asking you to prayerfully consider stepping in. Each class has two teachers, giving you support and flexibility to still attend Bible study or be away when needed. No experience is required, just a love for sharing your faith with kids. Classes and materials are put together already and easy to follow and Pastor Wolfe is ready to support you every step of the way, but we need teachers in place soon. Please talk to Pastor Wolfe or Dennis Palmberg, or email rwolfe@salemlutheran.org or growth@salemlutheran.org today to sign up.

Would You Like a Tiny Pen Pal?

Join Salem's Prayer Partners program, where church members and students exchange letters from Kindergarten through graduation. It's a simple, meaningful way to share faith, encouragement, and friendship. For more information sign up [here](#) or email rklatt@salemlutheran.org.

Grandparent's Day Volunteers

On September 26th, Salem will celebrate Grandparents Day, offering grandparents a special glimpse into their grandchildren's school life. The day will begin with breakfast in the gym, followed by a chapel service and classroom visits to experience the learning environment firsthand. As some students may not have a grandparent available, we invite church members to volunteer as "church grandmas/grandpas" to share in this meaningful day. If you're interested in participating, please email school.office@salemlutheran.org. We look forward to a joyful and memorable event!

Salem Music Night Returns!

Join us Wednesday, September 3 for Salem Music Night! Open to all members 13+, whether you're experienced or new to singing. Connect with others while making music together.

Schedule:

* 5:45-6:15 PM: Praise Ensemble

* 6:15-7:15 PM: Choir

* 7:15-8:00 PM: Men's Chorus

* 7:15-8:15 PM: Handbells

Questions? Contact Luke Dorn, Steve Angus, or Jessie Wolfe. We can't wait to praise our God with you!

Connecting & Sharing

LWMS St. Croix Circuit Fall Rally

All are invited to the LWMS St. Croix Circuit Fall Rally on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at Christ Lutheran Church (2475 17th Avenue East, North St. Paul). Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Opening Devotion at 9:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided. The program, *Cast Out Your Nets*, will feature a video presentation on new WELS mission work in Australia by Missionary Pastor Matthew Doebler and his wife, Christine.

Salem Social Group – September 13

The Salem Social Group invites all adults to join them for dinner at Golden Crown Restaurant on Saturday, September 13, after the church service. Enjoy a meal, connect with others, and help plan the group's Christmas Dinner. Please RSVP to George Smolinski by 4:00 PM, Friday, September 12 at 651-334-6055 or gsmolin@earthlink.net.

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.

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. Learn more and register at www.mensretreat.org.

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$20,348.78 for Current Expenses and \$1,066.50 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at saemplutheran.org/donate.

In Our Prayers This Week

- For humility that places the good of others ahead of our own wants and desires.
- For peace and healing to all who saw peace shattered in the Minneapolis church attack, and for a change in the hearts of all who would pursue such evil and cause such suffering on others.
- For blessing on our choirs and musical ensembles as they start up again to enhance our worship services.

Partner Ministries

Soccer Night, Tuesday, September 23 - Free Admission!

Grade school students and their families are invited to watch Crusader soccer on Tuesday, September 23 at SCLA Stadium. Boys JV vs. Highland Park (3:00 p.m.), Girls Varsity and JV vs. Highland Park (5:00 p.m.), Boys Varsity vs. Hope Academy (7:00 p.m.). Games, prizes, and giveaways! Mention Grade School Soccer Night for free admission. Coaches, register your team: tinyurl.com/SportsNight25

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