

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!

Youth Night at Salem – August 10

High school students and recent grads—join us for an evening of fun and faith at Salem's outdoor WELS Youth Night! We'll gather from **6–8 PM** at **6660 Manning Ave N** for outdoor games, a campfire, live music, and a devotion with fellow Christian teens from across the area. Bring a friend and be part of this uplifting night! **Register at:** www.salemlutheran.org/twin-cities-youth-night Questions? Contact Rachel Collins at youthgroup@salemlutheran.org or **612-483-9197**.

Blood Drive at Salem – This Week!

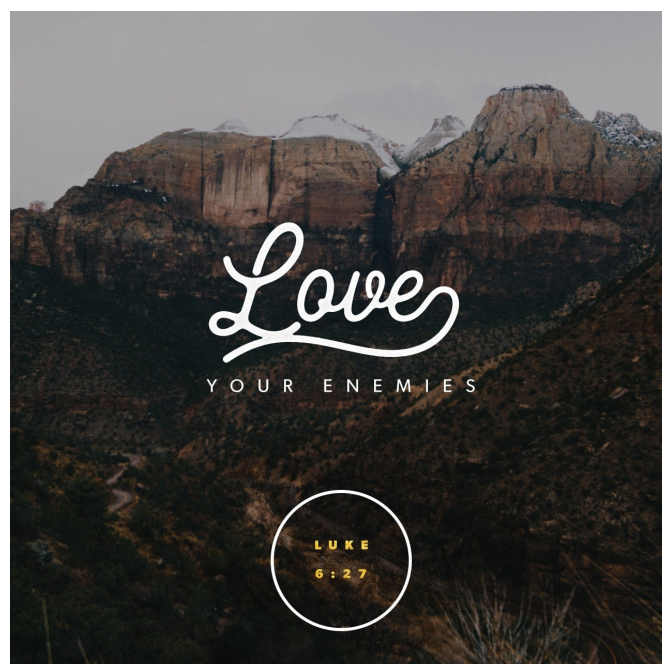
Salem Lutheran Church is hosting a blood drive on Monday, August 11 from 1:00–6:00 PM in the gymnasium. Your donation can make a life-saving difference! Sign up online through the Red Cross website or contact Laura Gruetzmacher at 651-491-5988 if you need help registering. Thank you for giving the gift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

Prayer Partners with Salem Kindergarteners

Would you like a tiny pen pal? We're looking for some new people to join our prayer partners program. Prayer Partners is a program that pairs a church member with a Salem student. The church member and student will write letters throughout their time at Salem, beginning in Kindergarten. The objective is that the partnership will be an opportunity to grow in faith and develop a lasting friendship. The prayer partner will write a letter to the student, leaving the letter in the Prayer Partners box near the commons area in the Church and the student will write back. It's a great way to pass on a lasting legacy of faith. For more information sign up [here](#) or email rklatt@salemlutheran.org.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

- 9:00 am** **Worship with Communion**
10:30 am 19-Minute Bible Study
6:00 pm Summer WELS Youth Night
- Monday-Thursday (8/11 - 8/14)**
4:30-6:30 pm Soccer Camp
- Mon, 8/11 8am-Noon Salem School Meet the Teacher
1-6 pm Salem Blood Drive
- Tues, 8/12 10:15 am Group Bible Study
4:30 pm Fellowship Committee
5:30 pm Salem Booth at Summer Tuesdays
6:00 pm Elders Board Meeting
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Meeting
7:00 pm Education Committee & Worship Committee Meetings
- Thu, 8/14 6:30 pm Bible Basics
- Sat, 8/16 **5:00 pm Worship**
- Sun, 8/17 **9:00 am Worship**
10:30 am 19-Minute Bible Study
2:00 pm St. Croix Lutheran Academy Opening Service (at SCLA)



Spiritual Growth & Sunday JAM Opportunities

The new school year is just around the corner. Pastor Wolfe and Spiritual Growth chairman Dennis Palmberg are looking for Salem members to help in two areas. First, we invite members with an interest in spiritual growth to join the committee to help us plan and coordinate for Bible studies, growth groups, men's and women's ministries, and Sunday school.

We are also looking for members to join the Sunday JAM teaching team. With two teachers for each student group, teachers have freedom to attend Bible study for themselves regularly and travel. Pastor Wolfe is looking forward to having a little more time to shepherd and assist with this important ministry in the coming year. If you are interested in either of these areas of service, please talk to Pastor Wolfe or Dennis Palmberg or email rwolfe@salemlutheran.org or growth@salemlutheran.org.

Salem School Opening Service & Back to School Bash

Salem school's opening worship service and school kickoff party will be Saturday, August 23rd! Instead of our regular Saturday service, we'll have a shortened service (without communion) at 5pm to ask God's blessings on another year and give school families an opportunity to worship with us. After the service we'll enjoy brats and hotdogs and fellowship. Please bring a side dish to share. This special service will be different from the Sunday morning service that weekend.

In Our Prayers

- ✚ For hearts of faith to trust in God above all things, and to seek lasting heavenly treasure.
- ✚ For blessing on pastors, teachers, and members leading soccer camp and preparing for the school year.
- ✚ For Jan McLean, now on hospice care, and for all members and friends who look for healing, companionship, and renewal in a time of struggle
- ✚ For all of the dedicated members who have spent time working on Pastor Pedersen's new office.

Contact Information

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Camp Croix 17th Annual WELS Men's Retreat

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. 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 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.

OWLS National Convention

All WELS/ELS seniors are invited to the OWLS Conven-



Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$25,230.79 for Current Expenses and \$1,902.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

