

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 Bible Study Topic- Minor Prophets, Major Message

This week our Tuesday morning Bible study begins a new series, looking at the books of the Bible known as the "Minor" prophets. Beginning with Hosea and continuing to the end of the Old Testament, we'll look as God speaks to Israel in their later years. We find a people blessed with material wealth but spiritual poverty. People who knew God's promises but lost their focus on them. People surrounded by temptation and enemies, but still under the eye of a God who loves them deeply. We can learn a lot about Christian life in our times studying those times for Israel. Join us Tuesdays at 10:15am!

Welcome Home Sunday - October 11th & 12th

The weekend of October 12th, Salem will be holding a "Welcome Home" Sunday. Our goal is to get every member possible to join us in worship that weekend. We'll take a group picture at each service and put them together into a special composite. Sunday, we'll have special refreshments and activities to enjoy. Save the date!

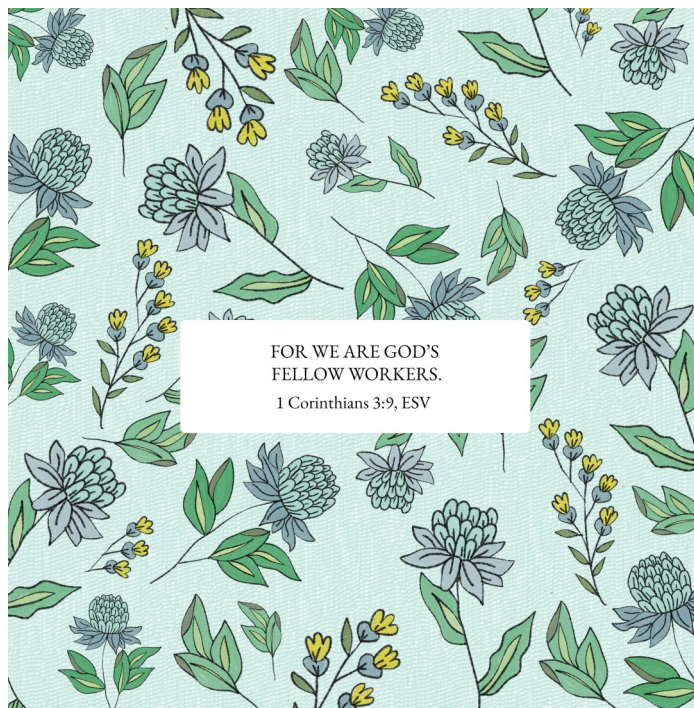
We plan to personally invite every member and that means Salem's elders are looking for members who are able to help make calls. We'll provide a script and lists of phone numbers. If you are able to help, email Kurt Sames at elders@salemlutheran.org or talk to Pastor Wolfe.

Blood Drive Success

The Salem Blood Drive was a success! We collected 49 units of blood, just six short of our goal. Twenty-one of our church members participated, and we are so grateful for each donor. A special thank you also goes to the volunteers who helped make this event possible. Your efforts truly made a difference! Mark your calendars- next year's Blood Drive will be held on August 10, 2026.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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)
Tues, 8/19	10:15 am Group Bible Study 11:15 am Caring Committee 1:00 pm Spiritual Growth Committee 6:30 pm Church Council Picnic/Meeting at Wolfe home
Wed, 8/20	First Day of School 9:00 am Opening Chapel Service 12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study
Thu, 8/21	6:30 pm Bible Basics
Sat, 8/23	5:00 pm Salem School Opening Worship 5:30 pm Back to School Bash
Sun, 8/24	9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am 19-Minute Bible Study



Spiritual Growth & Sunday JAM Opportunities

With the new school year approaching, Pastor Wolfe and Spiritual Growth chairman Dennis Palmberg are seeking Salem members to join the Spiritual Growth Committee to help plan Bible studies, growth groups, men's and women's ministries, and Sunday school, as well as the Sunday JAM teaching team, where two teachers per group allow flexibility to attend Bible study and travel. If interested, speak with 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. After the service we'll enjoy brats and hotdogs and fellowship. Please bring a side dish to share.

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.

Camp Croix 17th Annual WELS Men's Retreat

Join us Sept 19–21 at Camp Croix. 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. Register at mensretreat.org.

In Our Prayers

- ✙ For hearts of faith that seek faith and trust in God above all things.
- ✙ For blessing on ministries and projects starting up with the school year at Salem school, Camp Croix, and St Croix Lutheran Academy.
- ✙ For resurrection hope and peace to those who mourn the loss of family and friends.

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Salem Kids Soccer Camp Wrap-Up

Our 2025 Salem Kids Soccer Camp was a great success! Over four evenings, 30 children came together to play soccer and grow in their faith. This year's theme focused on confidence with daily devotions from Pastor Pedersen reminding the kids that their true confidence comes from Christ. None of this would have been possible without the many volunteers who gave their time and energy to coach, lead activities, prepare snacks, and cheer the kids on. A special thank-you goes to our summer ministry intern, Maddie Ponath, for organizing and running the entire camp. Her leadership, planning, and enthusiasm made the event run smoothly and kept the kids engaged from start to finish. We're grateful for everyone who took part, whether on the field, behind the scenes, or in prayer. Thank you for making this year's camp a joyful way to wrap up the summer!



Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$30,859.79 for Current Expenses and \$1,772.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

