



*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, 9/27</b>	<b>5:00 pm Worship with Communion (Sinclair Usher Team)</b>
<b>Sun, 9/28</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship with Communion (Crowder Usher Team)</b> 9:15 am Adult Bible Study and Sunday JAM <b>10:30 am Worship with Communion (Youth Usher Team)</b> 11:45 am Sunday JAM Teachers' Meeting 1:00 pm Youth Group (& Families) at White Pine Berry Farm
<b>Mon, 9/29</b>	6:00 pm Bible Basics
<b>Tues, 9/30</b>	10:15 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:30 pm Parish Nurse Office Hours
<b>Wed, 10/1</b>	9:00 am Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Catechism Class 5:45 pm Praise Ensemble 6:15 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm Men's Chorus & Handbell Practices
<b>Fri, 10/3</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Fri, 10/3-Sun, 10/5</b> Camp Croix Women's Retreat	
<b>Sat, 10/4</b>	8:00 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast at Gorman's 9:30 am LWMS Fall Rally 10:00 am SCLA 5K Run the Ravine <b>5:00 pm Worship (Pelnar Usher Team)</b>
<b>Sun, 10/5</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship (Crowder Usher Team)</b> 9:15 am Adult Bible Study and Sunday JAM <b>10:30 am Worship (Wohlers Usher Team)</b> 12:30 pm Jesus Cares 4:00 pm Youth Group Kickball at Christ Lutheran

## ***Growth & Worship***

### **Jesus Cares Ministry Launch Next Sunday**

This October, Salem and our sister churches are launching Jesus Cares, a new ministry designed for members and friends with disabilities. Through monthly worship, Bible studies, and fellowship events, participants will discover opportunities to connect with others and with Christ in meaningful ways. The first gathering will take place on next Sunday, October 5, at 12:30 pm.

## ***Serving & Outreach***

### **Grandparent's Day Recap**

What a joyful day at Salem! Over 300 grandparents and "church grandparents" joined us on campus to share in breakfast, chapel, and classroom visits. We are especially thankful for the many volunteers who stepped in to serve or to be a surrogate grandparent, making the day extra special for every child. Most importantly, we had the privilege of sharing Jesus with all who attended during a special chapel service. Thank you for helping make Grandparents Day a meaningful and faith-filled celebration for our students, their families, and our congregation.

### **October Food Drive for Valley Outreach**

During October, Salem is collecting donations for Valley Outreach. Top food shelf needs include cash gifts (which allow bulk food purchases), canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, grains such as pasta, rice, quinoa, and couscous, kid-friendly snacks like applesauce pouches, whole grain crackers, and granola or fruit/nut bars, as well as shelf-stable cooking essentials such as sugar, brown sugar, gluten-free flours, spices, and oil. Hygiene and menstrual products are also in high demand, including soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and tampons. Please note that expired items cannot be accepted. All donations are greatly appreciated—thank you for supporting Valley Outreach through our October Food Drive!

### **Save the Date - Trunk or Treat on October 26 4-6 pm**

Families, mark your calendars! Salem's annual Trunk or Treat is back. Kids can dress up in their favorite costumes and collect candy from a parking lot full of decorated trunks. There will also be games, fun activities, and a free hot dog and chips dinner for everyone to enjoy. This is a safe, family-friendly way to celebrate the season—and a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors. Sign ups coming soon to host a trunk, volunteer, or donate candy!

## ***Connecting & Sharing***

### **October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**

Let's show Pastor Wolfe and Pastor Pedersen how much we appreciate them both! There are many simple ways to express your thanks, such as:

- Placing a card in the appreciation box during October
- Sharing words of encouragement in person
- Giving a gift card or a small basket of their favorite treats
- Bringing in homemade goodies or bounty from your garden
- Sending a thoughtful letter
- Making a donation in their name

If you'd like to drop something off, please bring it to the church office and note which pastor it's for. Let's join together in giving thanks for the blessing of our pastors!

### **Piano for Sale**

Salem is selling a Yamaha CVP-309 Clavinova piano. This high-quality digital piano features an 88-key graded hammer keyboard with the feel of a grand piano, hundreds of instrument voices and accompaniment styles, a built-in LCD screen, USB and recording options, a powerful sound system, and an elegant polished cabinet design. We are asking \$500 or best offer. Bidding is open until Sunday, September 21, after the 10:30 am service, and the winning bidder will be notified on September 22. The piano should be removed from the sanctuary by October 1. For questions, please contact Luke Dorn at [ldorn@salemlutheran.org](mailto:ldorn@salemlutheran.org), and to place a bid, email [worship@salemlutheran.org](mailto:worship@salemlutheran.org).

### **Fall Youth Group**

On October 5, Christ Lutheran hosts a Kickball & Worship event from 4–6 pm with games, pizza, a devotion, and campfire worship. Looking ahead, the Youth Rally will be July 14–17, 2026, in Bowling Green, OH. Teens and chaperones can sign up now, with planning and fundraising beginning this fall. For questions or more information about any activity, contact [youthgroup@salemlutheran.org](mailto:youthgroup@salemlutheran.org).

### **Fall Fun at White Pine Berry Farm- September 28**

Grab your friends and family and join our youth group Sunday, September 28 for a fun fall outing at White Pine Berry Farms in River Falls, WI! Enjoy the interactive corn maze, wagon rides, and pumpkin patch (pumpkins and other treats available for purchase). We'll meet at 12:30 pm in Salem's upper parking lot, or you can join us directly at the farm at 1:00 pm. The cost is approximately \$10 per person. This event is open to all Salem members, families, and friends. If you need a ride or want to carpool, contact [youthgroup@salemlutheran.org](mailto:youthgroup@salemlutheran.org).

### **Salem Social Group Fall Dinner**

The Salem Social Group will be dining at Indianhead Supper Club in Balsam Lake, WI on Sunday, October 12. Reservation is for 4:30 PM. RSVP by 4 PM Friday, October 3 to George Smolinski 651-334-6055 or [gsmolin@earthlink.net](mailto:gsmolin@earthlink.net)

## ***Giving in Faith***

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$10,948.20 for Current Expenses and \$685.00 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 David Plahn as he has a pet scan Monday and Chemo on Wednesday, that he may have the energy to go through with the procedures and that his wife Shirley has the patience and health to support him.
- For the new faces entering the next session of Bible Information Class with Pastor Wolfe on Monday, their quest to know the benefits of the death and resurrection of Christ might be edifying for both teacher and student.
- For those embarking on the One By One Bible Study, that they may be presented with opportunities to share their faith to those who they know boldly so that the Holy Spirit can carry out his work in the hearts of those who are about to be brought into the light of the Gospel

## ***Partner Ministries***

### **Men of His Word Conference**

Join other Christian men on Saturday, October 25 at the Mayo Civic Center for the 10th annual conference themed "Forge Ahead in Faith." Enjoy worship, fellowship, and sessions on faith, family, and leadership, with keynote speaker Rick Loewen and music by Koine. Registration is \$75 for adults and \$40 for youth (rates increase after October 19). Sign up online at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org).

### **Crusader 5K and Kids Fun Run, Saturday, October 4**

Conquer Simon's Ravine in nearby Kaposia Park or get your kid(s) excited about running at the Fun Run on Saturday, October 4, 10:00 a.m. Sign up at [StCroixLutheran.org/5k](http://StCroixLutheran.org/5k). Activities Fundraiser.

### **Volleyball Night, Tuesday, October 7 - Free Admission!**

Grade school students and their families are invited to watch Crusader volleyball vs. New Life Academy on Tuesday, October 7 in the SCLA gym. C team (4:00p), JV (3:00p), and Varsity (6:30p). Prizes & giveaways! Coaches register your teams! [StCroixLutheran.org/sportsnight](http://StCroixLutheran.org/sportsnight)