Sunday JAM & Bible Study Starts on Sunday

Come and be part of Sunday morning faith opportunities for all ages! Children (ages 3–6th grade) are welcome at Sunday JAM (Jesus and Me), where Bible stories, songs, and hands-on activities bring God's Word to life. Teens and adults are invited to a six-part Bible study, inspired by Pastor David Rosenau, that celebrates how each soul is a treasure in God's eyes and uniquely equipped to share the Gospel.

Fall Youth Group

It's back-to-school and fall schedule time! Salem's youth group (grades 7–12) will kick off the year after the second service on September 21, join us in the new youth room (old school library) from 11:45 am–1:15 pm for Pizza, Pop, and Pastor Pedersen, including fellowship and a devotion. 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, contact youthgroup@salemlutheran.org.

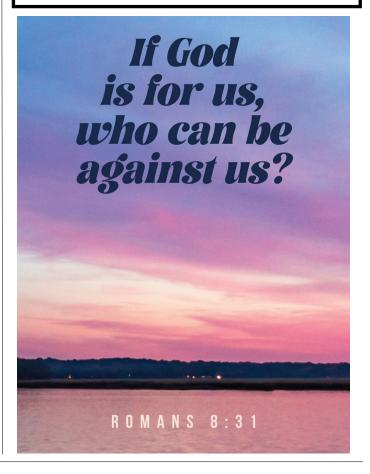
Fall Fun at White Pine Berry Farm- September 28

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.

Grandparent's Day Volunteers

Salem invites grandparents to a special Grandparents Day on September 26, celebrating the joy of seeing their grandchildren's school life up close. The day begins with breakfast in the gym, followed by chapel and classroom visits to experience learning firsthand. Not all students have a grandparent available—we need church members to step in as "church grandparents" and make this day memorable for every child. If you can help, sign up today by emailing school.office@salemlutheran.org.

Sun, 9/21	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Youth Group
Tues, 9/23	10:15 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:30 pm Parish Nurse Office Hours 4:30 pm Volleyball Home Game
Wed, 9/24	5:30 pm Catechism Class 5:45 pm Praise Ensemble 6:15 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm Men's Chorus & Handbells
Fri, 9/26	8:30 am Grandparent's Day 11:15 am Chapel Service
Sat, 9/27	5:00 pm Worship with Communion
Sun, 9/28	8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM 10:30 am Worship with Communion 1:00 pm Youth Group (& Families) at White Pine Berry Farm



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.

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 email ldorn@salemlutheran.org, and to place a bid, email worship@salemlutheran.org.

New Ministry for those with Disabilities - Jesus Cares

This October, Salem—together with our sister churches—will launch Jesus Cares, a new ministry for members and friends with disabilities. Through monthly worship, Bible studies, and fellowship events, participants will find meaningful ways to connect with others and with Christ. The first gathering will be Sunday, October 5 at 12:30 pm. If you have a heart for serving individuals with disabilities and their caregivers, we invite you to get involved. To learn more, talk to Pastor Wolfe (email:

<u>rwolfe@salemlutheran.org</u>), or talk to Jesus Cares leader Sara Shah (<u>sshah@salemlutheran.org</u>).

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$17,692.80 for Current Expenses and \$1,383.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

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!

THEREFORE LET US
STOP PASSING
JUDGEMENT ON ONE
ANOTHER. INSTEAD,
MAKE UP YOUR MIND
NOT TO PUT ANY
STUMBLING BLOCK OR
OBSTAGLE IN YOUR
BROTHER'S WAY.

Romans 14:13

In Our Prayers

- For the family of Dale Johnson, called home to eternal rest.
- ⊕ For all who suffer the consequences of violence in our society, whether famous or little-known. May God bless our nation and move all to respect life, promote truth, and work for peace.
- For every believer, that we would be bold to share the Gospel of Jesus with others in our lives, One by One.

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