



*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

Sat, 10/11	8:30 am New Member Seminar 5:00 pm Worship with Communion (Sinclair Usher Team) 6:15 pm Volleyball for Salem members & friends
Sun, 10/12	8:00 am Worship with Communion (Crowder Usher Team) 9:15 am Adult Bible Study and Sunday JAM 10:30 am Worship with Communion (Raleigh Usher Team) 11:45 am Youth Group
Mon, 10/13	6:00 pm Bible Basics
Tues, 10/14	10:15 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11:30 pm Parish Nurse Office Hours 4:30 pm Fellowship Committee 6:00 pm Elders Board 6:30 pm Buildings & Ground Committee 6:30 pm Open Forum for Salem School 7:00 pm Worship Committees
Wed, 10/21	9:00 am Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Thursday-Friday	No School/Office Closed - Teacher's Conference
Sat, 10/18	5:00 pm Worship (Pelnar Usher Team)
Sun, 10/19	8:00 am Worship (Crowder Usher Team) 9:15 am Adult Bible Study and Sunday JAM 10:30 am Worship (Roeller Usher Team) 11:30 am Quarterly Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm Area Youth Night at Salem

Welcome Home Weekend - This Weekend!

Worshipping our God—listening to him speak to us in his Word and responding with our praise—is always special. However, it can be especially joyful when the house is packed. Think of the singing on Christmas Eve, or the way we need to set up chairs on Easter Sunday. Yet, even on those days, we have members who are out of town. The goal of *Welcome Home Weekend* is to have a day when everyone who is part of our Christian family comes together. After all, church is home, and believers are family.

Our focus of worship on this day is the blessing of Christian community. Thus, we want as close to 100% of our members here as possible. Thus, it is the perfect Sunday for someone who has been away from church for a while to come back. Do you know someone like that? Maybe it's a sister or a son or a friend. They used to come, but for whatever reason, they stopped. Reach out to them. Offer to pick them that day. If they are afraid, assure them. We are all sinners. We are all redeemed. And we are all family. On that day, everyone receives a warm "Welcome home!" We hope to see you at one of our three services this weekend (October 11th & 12th). Members at all services can add a leaf to our "Salem Tree" and we'll enjoy refreshments between services on Sunday.

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday (October 19th), members are encouraged to plan to stay after 2nd service for our Fall Quarterly meeting. Hear from our church leaders, share your ideas and thoughts, and stay connected to what's happening at Salem.

Growth & Worship

Table Talks: Parenting in a Digital World

Join us on Wednesday, October 23, from 6:00–7:30 pm for the first session of our new *Table Talks* series. Cybersecurity Advisor Chris Gabbard will present on digital literacy, online safety, and AI, followed by Q&A and a roundtable with Pastor Jon Pedersen and other guests. This event is just \$15/family—free for Salem families and anyone you invite with the promo code *SalemSaints*. Faculty-directed childcare and light refreshments are provided. Register today at: www.salemlutheran.org/tabletalk

Please share this opportunity with friends and neighbors—*Table Talks* is a wonderful way to show families that Salem cares deeply about walking alongside them in faith and parenting.

Special Movie Screening - November 1st

This fall our Sunday Bible study has focused on a message delivered by Pastor David Rosenau, reminding us of the value and power of one Christian sharing faith with one friend or neighbor. Saturday, November 1st Salem is holding a special screening for a new movie based on Pastor Rosenau's life. Join us at 6:15pm to watch the film and enjoy some popcorn as we see God lead him from a career as an undercover narcotics detective to an unexpected pastor.

Serving & Outreach

Trunk or Treat on October 26th

Salem will hold our annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 26th from 4-6pm. Salem's Trunk or Treat is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success! We're looking for volunteers to host a trunk, serve food, or help with games and activities. This is a wonderful way to connect with families, share joy with kids, and welcome our community. Sign-up sheets are available in the entry or online. Don't wait to reserve your spot! If decorating isn't your strength, no worries, decorating kits are available. Simply contact the church office for details.

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!

Connecting & Sharing

Saturday Volleyball at Salem

Saturday evening (October 11th) Salem members and friends are invited to play volleyball in the gym starting at 6:15pm. Players of all skill levels are invited to join us for a few friendly games. Depending on interest, the Saturday games might become a weekly activity again.

Fall Youth Group

The Youth Group has several events coming up in October! This Sunday, Oct 12, stay after church from 11:45 am–1:15 pm for Bible Study and a meal of roast beef sandwiches. Then on Sunday, Oct 19 from 5–7 pm, join us in the Salem gym for Area Youth Night with games, a video devotion, and small group discussions. Looking ahead, the 2026 Youth Rally will be held July 14–17 in Bowling Green, Ohio—please sign up [at this link](#) if you're interested in attending or chaperoning. Watch for a planning meeting in October and upcoming fundraisers, including Bingo in November, to help with costs.

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!

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$61,716.66 for Current Expenses and \$5,861.00 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/give.

In Our Prayers This Week

- For the blessing of Christian unity and appreciation for our family of faith.
- For growth in faith that moves us to greater focus on our Savior and less on the world.
- For healing to members and friends feeling pain, loneliness, despair or anxiety.