

SALEM NEWS & NOTES

January 10-11, 2026

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday (January 18th), members are encouraged to plan to stay after 2nd service for our Winter Quarterly meeting. Hear from our church leaders, share your ideas and thoughts, and stay connected to Salem.

Trivia Night Fundraiser

Join us for an electrifying Trivia Night extravaganza, where the thrill of friendly competition meets the excitement of supporting a great cause! **January 25 at 4 pm.** Our youth are gearing up to host an unforgettable evening packed with brain-teasing fun, all in the spirit of raising funds for the Youth Rally. Whether you're a trivia enthusiast or a first-timer, everyone is welcome to participate! Come and be matched to a team or bring your team of 4 to compete. Cost is \$50 per team or \$15 a person. Childcare and concessions are available!

Re-Enrollment Open For Salem School

Exciting news! For the 2026–27 school year, Salem is moving to continuous enrollment- no more annual forms! Returning families simply update any changes or notify us if your child won't return.

The registration fee will be automatically applied on March 1, but as a thank you, Salem's Scholarship Fund will cover it for all returning families this year. Contracts and full details will be sent to each family upon enrollment. New families can enroll now, but we will start accepting new enrollments on February 1st. Please tell others about the blessings of our school, and feel free to get them in contact with Mr. Klatt or Mrs. Grobe to have their questions answered.

Caring Tree Thank You & Christmas Card Collection

Thank you for your generous support of the Caring Committee's Christmas Caring Tree! Because of your kindness, 11 families from our church, school, Christian Life Ministries, and our neighbors at Birchwood Townhomes were blessed with more than 115 gifts, sharing the love of Christ and helping make Christmas special. As we look ahead to next year, please save the fronts of your religious Christmas cards for use as Christmas Caring Tree tags. Cards may be dropped off in the Caring Committee mailbox in the church office. Thank you!

This Week at Salem

Sun, 1/11	8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Annual Pancake Breakfast 10:30 am Worship with Communion 11:45 am Youth Group
Tue, 1/13	4:30 pm Fellowship Committee 6:00 pm Elders Board 6:30 pm Buildings and Grounds 7:00 pm Education/Worship Committee
Wed, 1/14	9:20 am Midweek Chapel 5:30 pm Catechism Class 6:15 pm Choir 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
Thurs, 1/15	9:45 am Group Bible Study 10:45 am Caring Committee Potluck 5:30 pm Salem School TableTalk (ADHD & Sensory) 6:00 pm Bible Basics
Fri, 1/16	4:30 pm Home Basketball Game
Sat, 1/17	5:00 pm Worship
Sun, 1/18	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Quarterly Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm Area WELS Youth Night

Table Talk: ADHD, Sensory Learning & Neurodiversity

Don't miss our January Table Talk as we explore how every child learns differently and how parents can recognize, support, and celebrate their child's God-given gifts. Guest speaker Dr. Kelli Green, Ed.D., a WELS educator and special education leader, will guide the conversation, followed by a Q&A and roundtable discussion.

This is a great opportunity to gain practical, faith-filled insight for parenting children with ADHD, sensory learning challenges, and neurodiverse needs. The cost is just \$15 per family (free for Salem families or anyone you invite with the promo code SalemSaints). Childcare and snacks are on us! Bonus: Invite a friend and you'll be entered to win a \$250 tuition credit—so spread the word! Register now: www.salemlutheran.org/tabletalk

Chili Cook off!

Christ in North St. Paul is hosting a chili cook off for the surrounding congregations, including Salem! Make a mean chili? Join in the fun and learn about the new ambassador program! Christ in North St. Paul is located at 2475 17th Avenue East. The event begins at 12:30pm on February 1st. For more information and to get involved please contact Renee Nair at office@clmonline.org or at (651)649-3538.

January Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets Sunday, January 11, from 11:45 am–1:15 pm for a meal, devotion, and games, followed by Area Youth Night on Sunday, January 18, from 5–7 pm with a “Better Together” video, discussion, and pizza. Youth interested in the 2026 Youth Rally should sign up now as group registration begins in March. A Youth Rally Fundraiser Trivia Night will be held Sunday, January 25, from 4–6 pm; volunteers should arrive by 3:15 pm and will receive rally credit (families are asked to bring bars or cookies and small prize items). Looking ahead, we plan to hold our annual lock-in February 27–28 and will bag groceries at Cub Foods on Saturday, March 28, from 8 am–2 pm as a fundraiser. We also welcome adults interested in serving in Salem’s Youth Ministry. Email youthgroup@salemutheran.org.

Opportunities to Support Graduates

With this year’s high school graduation, we have several of our members continuing with higher education at Martin Luther College, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Bethany, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. If you would like to help support these students as they pursue Christian education and service, you can give a special offering. In the memo, please write: Congregation College Fund. The money will then be divided among the students who apply. Thank you for your consideration!

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$32,884.55 for Current Expenses and \$1,900 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemutheran.org/donate.

Youth Bible Camp Registration is Open!

Give your kids a week of adventure and growing in faith. Our Youth Bible Camps focus on putting Jesus first through fun and education. Both campers and volunteers are invited to join the mission! Register today at campcroix.org

Winter Campout | Feb 20–22

Embrace the beauty of the Northwoods this season. Whether you’re coming as a family or a youth group, join us to learn new skills and grow in your faith. All ages are welcome for this unique winter retreat. Sign up: campcroix.org/winter-campout



In Our Prayers

- † We join together in prayer for our nation, asking God to grant wisdom and guidance to those in authority, and peace among all those affected by the events in Minneapolis.
- † For the vulnerable and homeless in the Philippines that they may be protected and given refuge by God’s gracious care.
- † That the upcoming Bible Information Class may encourage all who attend, as God’s Word replaces doubt with the peace and joy we have in our Savior.
- † That God may call back those who have wandered from the faith and lead them to repentance and rest in his grace.

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