

## Oak Ridge Bible Study

Are you looking for an opportunity to participate in the ministry of Word and prayer? Pastor Pedersen is looking for someone to alternate leading an hour long study with some of the residents from Oak Ridge Nursing home right next to the church. They meet every other Wednesday at 12:30. If you want an opportunity to put your faith in action in a very friendly environment, this is the opportunity for you. Pastor Pedersen will guide you in what to say and you'll get to share the gospel!

## February Diaper Drive

The Caring Committee is coordinating our annual diaper drive in February to help young mothers and families at Christian Life Ministries in Little Canada. This is our WELS area pregnancy and family resource center. Mission is helping at risk families with educational programs while sharing God's Word with people that haven't always heard the good news God offers. We will be collecting diapers sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6 and unscented baby wipes. They have sufficient amounts of smaller sizes. Look for the table in the Narthex to collect your donations!

## February Potluck and New Member Welcome

On Sunday, February 8, we're throwing a potluck to officially welcome our newest members to the Salem Lutheran Church family. It's our chance to celebrate their fellowship with us, get to know them, and share a meal. So grab your best hot dish, your secret family recipe (or that dessert from the grocery store you can totally claim as homemade), and join us for food, faith, and fellowship. Let's celebrate how God has brought us together in His grace—no matter what's in your crockpot.



## ***This Week at Salem***

### **Sun, 1/18 8:00 am Worship**

9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM

**10:30 am Worship (Youth Usher Team)**

11:45 am Quarterly Congregational Meeting

5:00 pm Area WELS Youth Night

Mon, 1/19-Wed, 1/21 WELS Leadership Conference/  
Church Office Closed

### **Mon, 1/19 NO SCHOOL**

### **Wed, 1/21 9:00 am Coffee Hour**

9:20 am Midweek Chapel

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Catechism Class

6:15 pm Choir

7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus

### **Thurs, 1/22 9:45 am Group Bible Study**

10:45 am Parish Nurse Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Basics

### **Fri, 1/23 4:30 pm Home Basketball Game**

### **Sat, 1/24 5:00 pm Worship**

6:15 pm Adult Volleyball

### **Sun, 1/25 8:00 am Worship with Communion**

9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM

**10:30 am Worship with Communion**

4:00 pm Trivia Night Fundraiser

## Call Updates

Salem Principal Ryan Klatt received a call this week to be Principal and teach grades 6-8 at St. Paul's in Plymouth, Nebraska. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they deliberate where they can best serve. Jill Kaiser's husband, Mark has returned his call. We thank the Lord that Jill will continue to serve with us here.

## Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday-Thursday this week so that as Abigail and Pastor Pedersen attend the WELS Leadership conference in Chicago. Pastor Wolfe is back from Israel and will be back in the office this week.

### **NOURISH Ministry — Feeding the Body, Lifting the Spirit**

Salem is launching NOURISH, a new ministry focused on caring for one another through Christ-centered service. This ministry will provide meals, connection, and encouragement while living out our faith together. Opportunities will include meal-preparation fellowship events, donating groceries or gift cards, and sharing meals through personal visits. Please keep this ministry in your prayers: that God would bless those who serve and those who are served, and that comfort, strength, and hope would be shared through Christ's love. More details coming soon.

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### **Upcoming Culver's Night**

Salem School's 7th and 8th graders thank all the Salem members who helped raise funds for their trip to Washington DC. The next Culver's Night is January 27, from 5-7 pm. This money will be used to offset the costs of the trip for the students. There are three more events scheduled on 2/24, 3/24 and 4/28. We hope to see you there! The students greatly appreciate your support.

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### **January Youth Ministry**

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 bag groceries at Cub Foods on Saturday, March 28, from 8 am-2 pm

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### **Contribution Statement**

Offering contribution statements for 2025 have been sent out. Thank you for your generosity in the Lord! If you have not received one by mail or email in the next few weeks, please contact [finance@salemlutheran.org](mailto:finance@salemlutheran.org).

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$21,381.45 for Current Expenses and \$382 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).

### **Re-Enrollment Open For Salem School**

Exciting news! For the 2026-27 school year, Salem is moving to continuous enrollment- no more annual forms. Contracts and full details will be sent to each family upon enrollment. Please tell others about the blessings of our school!

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### **Chili Cook off!**

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](mailto:office@clmonline.org) or at (651)649-3538. The RSVP date is 1/23/26 for if you are bringing chili or attending for the Ambassador program or both.



### **In Our Prayers**

- ✚ May our pastors share in the same mission of Paul so that the brothers and sisters in Christ at Salem *"may be encouraged in heart and unified in love."* Col 2:2-3).
- ✚ For those who are in positions of leadership in our church to not be discouraged but work to deepen the love of our Lord and grow through the mission and ministry of Salem, rooted and built up in Christ.
- ✚ For Rory Munter as we rejoice in her baptism. May the Triune God cause her to grow healthy and happy to the glory of our Lord. May we be an encouragement to her in the faith and a guide with her through this life.

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