

# SALEM NEWS & NOTES

January 24-25, 2026

## **Trivia Night Fundraiser**

Sunday at 4 pm our youth are gearing up to host trivia night to raise funds for the Youth Rally. 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!

## **ALL ARE INVITED! New Member Welcome**

Salem was blessed in 2025 to welcome over 50 new members into our church. Next Sunday, February 8, we'll welcome them to the front of church again at the 10:30am service to celebrate our family of faith. After the service we will host a potluck dinner. 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. We can't wait to see you there!

## **Get Involved with NOURISH- First Cooking Event Feb 22**

Support the NOURISH ministry:

- Donate commercially packed, unopened ingredients, gift cards, or cash
- Share recipes, especially gluten-free, milk-free, sugar-free, or comfort foods
- Volunteer to cook, package meals, or pray

The first cooking day will be Sunday, February 22 at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. February menu includes meat-loaf, potatoes, and breads. Cooking events are fellowship-focused and last 2–3 hours. Open to adult and youth group members. A sign-up sheet will be available beginning February 1. Questions or referrals for members in need may be directed to the church office, Melinda Wells, or Parish Nurse Kathy Smart.

## **Upcoming Culver's Night**

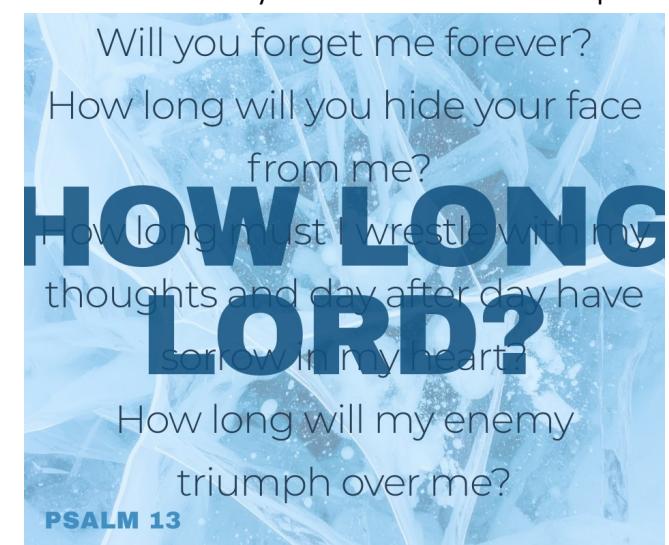
Salem School's 7th and 8th graders thank all the Salem members who helped raise funds for their trip to Washington DC. The next Culver's Night is January 27, from 5-7 pm. This money will be used to offset the costs of the trip for the students. There are three more events scheduled on 2/24, 3/24 and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

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

<b>Sun, 1/25</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship with Communion</b> 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM <b>10:30 am Worship with Communion</b> 4:00 pm Trivia Night Fundraiser
<b>Tue, 1/27</b>	5:00 pm Salem Night at Culver's 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<b>Wed, 1/28</b>	9:20 am Midweek Chapel 4:30 pm Salem Home Basketball Game 5:30 pm Catechism Class 6:15 pm Choir 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
<b>Thurs, 1/29</b>	9:45 am Group Bible Study 10:45 am Parish Nurse Office Hours 6:00 pm Bible Basics
<b>Sat, 1/31</b>	<b>5:00 pm Worship</b>
<b>Sun, 2/1</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship</b> 9:15 am Adult Bible Study/JAM <b>10:30 am Worship</b> 12:30 pm Jesus Cares

## **New Midweek Bible Study - Witnesses: Living the Faith**

Salem's midweek Bible study begins a new study this week focused on the book of Acts. Join us as we see the habits and practices of the New Testament church, as we see God deliver them again and again from persecution, and as God shepherds a group of dozens into a church of thousands. Midweek class is open to everyone. Join us Thursdays at 9:45am in the fellowship hall.



## **Contribution Statement**

After sending out offering statements last week, we discovered that gifts received at the end of December were omitted. Corrected statements were emailed this week.

## **Minnesota Ministry Workshop - Registration opens this week!**

The Annual Minnesota Ministry Workshop will be held Saturday, March 14, 2025 at St. Croix Lutheran Academy in St. Paul. This event is open to all WELS members who are looking for personal inspiration or new ministry ideas. This year's conference brings leaders from across the country to speak on timely topics like enhancing worship in our churches, celebrating 175 years of WELS ministry, encouraging tomorrow's pastors and teachers, and keeping focus in our Lutheran schools. Registration is only \$35 per person, with an early-bird rate of \$30 before March 1st. Go to [www.mnworkshop.com](http://www.mnworkshop.com) beginning January 26th for more details and to register.

## **Now Hiring! Math and Reading Interventionist**

Stillwater Area Public Schools is seeking a licensed elementary educator to serve as Title 1 reading and math interventionist at Salem Lutheran School. This position serves the equitable non-public portion of Title I funds and will provide targeted reading and math interventions to students for up to three hours per week through the end of the school year. Applicants must hold a Minnesota Elementary Education license through PELSB. Compensation is \$32.57 per hour at the Supplemental Instruction/ Prep Time rate. Anyone who holds a valid license is encouraged to apply through [Applitrack](http://Applitrack).

## **Call Updates**

Salem Principal Ryan Klatt has returned his call to Plymouth, Nebraska. Salem Preschool teacher Jill Kaiser's husband, Mark has returned his call. We thank the Lord that they will continue to serve the Lord with us here at Salem.

## **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$17,446.87 for Current Expenses and \$699.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](http://salemlutheran.org/donate).

## **SAVE THE DATE - Built Stronger Together: Marriage Re-**

**treat** Invest in your marriage and discover the God-given strengths that make you stronger as a couple. Join us for a refreshing retreat focused on unity, growth, and connection. Watch for more details next week! April 17–18, 2026, Somerset, WI

## **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 have supported this ministry for many years! We will be collecting diapers sizes 5 and 6 and unscented baby wipes.

Look on me and answer, Lord My God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,  
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"

**BUT I TRUST  
IN YOUR  
UNFAILING  
LOVE**

my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I will sing the Lord's praise,  
for he has been good to me.

## **PSALM 13**

## **In Our Prayers**

- † For the blessing of peace and purpose as we center our thoughts around the Lord of Light instead of our world of darkness.
- † For peace in our nation and around the world, and for opportunities for us as Christians to promote peace and understanding between people of different opinions and backgrounds.
- † For healing and comfort to members and friends who are recovering from surgery, facing cancer treatments, or suffering from other injuries and illnesses.

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