

SALEM NEWS & NOTES

February 14-15, 2026

Midweek Lenten Worship

The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, with services at 4pm and 6:30pm offering both the traditional imposition of ashes and the Lord's Supper. Between services every week, our fellowship committee has coordinated dinners. This week it will be a Lent classic- soup, salad, and desserts. Our Lenten theme this year is "It Is Finished" and each week we'll welcome a different area WELS pastor to share Christ-centered insights from the Old Testament prophet Zechariah.

Member Need

A member of our Salem family is currently in need of a reliable vehicle. If you have a dependable, modest car you are considering selling, we would be grateful if you would contact the church office at church@salemutheran.org. Thank you for your kindness and support in caring for one another.

Table Talk: Made to Move— God's Design in Learning

Join us for an evening focused on how gross motor development and movement support learning and regulation. Hear from Occupational Therapist Jessie Polzin, who specializes in working with children with ADHD, autism, and anxiety, and participate in a discussion with Salem faculty and fellow parents. Come for practical insight, encouragement, and community. Childcare provided for ages 18 months–8 years (ask about infants). Bonus: Invite a friend and you'll be entered to win a \$250 tuition credit—so spread the word! Register now: www.salemutheran.org/tabletalk

February Youth Update

- **Feb 16 | UWRF Campus Ministry Visit** - High schoolers: Join Pastor Pedersen for Bible study, snacks & fellowship at UWRF (University Center, Room 332). Carpool leaves Salem at 5:15 pm or meet us there. Sign up required.
- **Youth Rally Interest Deadline: Feb 16** - Final chance to express interest in 2026 Youth Rally.
- **Feb 27 | Youth Lock-In (Grades 7-12)** - 7:00 pm Friday–8:00 am Saturday. Register by Feb 21. All youth must be picked up (no self-driving). Chaperones needed—contact us to help!

This Week at Salem

Sun, 2/15	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM 10:30 am Worship
Mon, 2/16	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED 5:15 pm Youth Campus Ministry Visit
Tue, 2/17	6:30 pm Church Council
Wed, 2/18	9:00 am Midweek Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 4:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion 5:00 pm Lenten Supper (Soup/Salad) 5:30 pm Catechism Class 5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
Thurs, 2/19	9:45 am Group Bible Study 10:45 am Parish Nurse Office Hours 6:00 pm Bible Basics
Sat, 2/21	5:00 pm Worship with Communion
Sun, 2/22	8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM 10:30 am Worship with Communion



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 February 24, from 5-7 pm. This money will be used to offset the costs of the trip for the students. There are two more events scheduled on 3/24 and 4/28. We hope to see you there! The students greatly appreciate your support.

Re-Enrollment Open For Salem School

Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year is now open at Salem and we are ready to welcome new families to Salem. If you know a family looking for a Christ-centered education, please share Salem with them and encourage them to schedule a tour. Questions can be directed to school.office@salemutheran.org.

February Diaper Drive

The Caring Committee is coordinating our annual February diaper drive to support Christian Life Ministries in Little Canada, our WELS-area pregnancy and family resource center. This ministry serves at-risk families through education and the sharing of God's Word. We are collecting size 5 and 6 diapers and unscented baby wipes (smaller sizes are well supplied). Look for the donation table in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

Sunday Bible Study

This Sunday we finish our study on God's design for men and women with discussion on how those principles apply to our work together in the church. Next Sunday, Pastor Wolfe will lead a one-session tour review of his recent trip to Israel. He'll share some favorite pictures, meaningful moments, first-person observations and, of course, souvenirs. Join us between services!

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$22,565.05 for Current Expenses and \$1,330.00 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemutheran.org/donate.

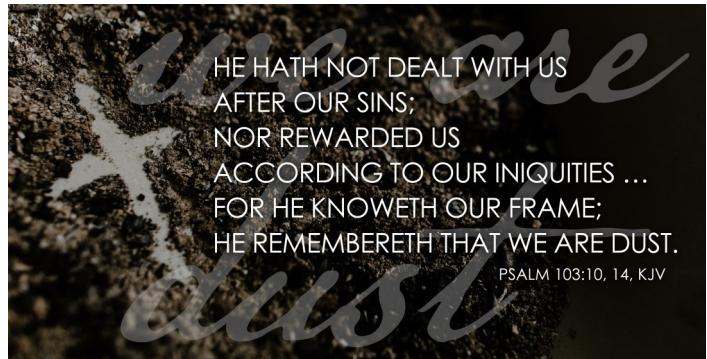
Minnesota Ministry Workshop - Registration open!

Saturday, March 14, 2025 at St. Croix Lutheran Academy in St. Paul. This year's conference brings leaders from across the country to speak on timely topics like enhancing worship, celebrating 175 years of WELS ministry, 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 for more details and to register.

Built Stronger Together – 2026 Salem Marriage Retreat

April 17-18 | St. Croix National, Somerset, WI

Salem couples, you're invited! Join us April 17-18 for our 2026 Salem Marriage Retreat, Built Stronger Together, a weekend designed to help you discover your God-given strengths and intentionally build one another up in faith and love. Using the CliftonStrengths assessment, couples will gain practical tools to strengthen their marriage, friendship, and everyday life together. Registration is open now exclusively for Salem members. Public registration begins March 1. To learn more or register, visit salemutheran.org/retreat.



In Our Prayers

- † For all of our new members we rejoice in the Lord over our shared lives in Christ and the talents that they each bring to the body of believers.
- † For those who are part of this ministry who feel overwhelmed and burdened by the day to day tasks set before them, may they be surrounded by brothers and sisters willing to lift them up and share in their burden.
- † For those who are mourning the loss of a loved one over the holiday weekend, may they be comforted by the hope of the resurrection and reunion that is to come.

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