

Built Stronger Together – 2026 Salem Marriage Retreat **April 17–18 | St. Croix National Golf Course**

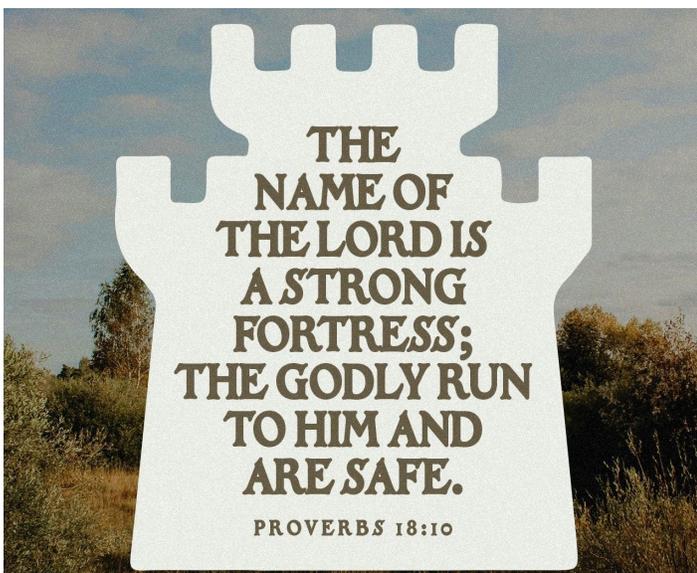
Salem couples, you're invited! Join us April 17–18 for our 2026 Salem Marriage Retreat, Built Stronger Together, a weekend designed to help you discover your God-given strengths and intentionally build one another up in faith and love. Using the CliftonStrengths assessment, couples will gain practical 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 reserve your spot, visit salemlutheran.org/retreat.

Celebrate WELS Missions!

Salem members are invited to save the dates for some special opportunities to grow in faith and celebrate the work God is doing. The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will hold its spring rally at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in West St. Paul. on April 11th. This rally is free to all and will feature Tammy Leyrer talking about WELS humanitarian and mission work in Indonesia. The LWMS national convention will be held in Madison, WI June 25-28. Find out more about the national rally by clicking the convention link at www.lwms.org.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School (VBS)

While it may seem like a long time off, planning is already underway for this summer's VBS for kids. This year's VBS program will be held June 15th-19th, with the family night picnic and games on Thursday the 18th.



This Week at Salem

Sun, 2/22	8:00 am Worship with Communion 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM 10:30 am Worship with Communion
Tue, 2/24	5:00 pm Salem Night at Culver's
Wed, 2/25	9:00 am Midweek Chapel 4:00 pm Lenten Worship 5:00 pm Lenten Supper (Taco Night) 5:30 pm Catechism Class 5:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
Thurs, 2/26	9:45 am Group Bible Study 10:45 am Parish Nurse Office Hours 6:00 pm Bible Basics
Fri, 2/27	7:00 pm Youth Lock-In
Sat, 2/28	5:00 pm Worship 6:15 pm Adult Volleyball
Sun, 3/1	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM 10:30 am Worship

Salem Summer Intern

Funding for Salem's summer intern was inadvertently left out of the 2025-2026 budget, and voters decided at our last meeting not to allocate other budgeted funds to pay for the program. A member has offered to cover half the \$5000 cost if other members match the first half cost of \$2500. If you would like to contribute to this special matching opportunity, clearly mark your gift on your offering envelope or bring your gift into the church office.

Table Talk: Made to Move- This Thursday, February 26

Join us to learn how gross motor development and movement support learning and regulation. Hear from Occupational Therapist Jessie Polzin and participate in a discussion with Salem faculty and fellow parents. Come for practical insight, encouragement, and community. Child-care provided for ages 18 months–8 years (ask about infants). Register now: www.salemlutheran.org/tabletalk

Upcoming Culver's Night

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!

Social Support & Scripture for Veterans

Beginning March 3rd, Salem will host a weekly coffee group for veterans on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am. Veterans of all ages are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Our pastors or church leaders will drop in for brief devotions and encouragement from God's Word. The group is hosted by Outreach chairman Matt Dodge and open to member and nonmembers alike. To learn more or offer to help email Matt at outreach@salemlutheran.org.

Join Our Softball Team!

Batter up! Spring is just around the corner, and we're looking for players to join our men's slow-pitch softball team in the Woodbury Parks and Rec League. Game nights are Wednesday doubleheaders at Health East Sports Center in Woodbury, with the season running from early May through early August. Some experience is helpful, but all are welcome to inquire. For more information or to sign up, contact Tom Forster at 651-303-3548 or tforster16@gmail.com.

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@salemlutheran.org. Thank you for your kindness and support in caring for one another.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$33,807.70 for Current Expenses and \$1,603.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](https://www.salemlutheran.org/donate).

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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.

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. We are collecting size 5 and 6 diapers and unscented baby wipes (smaller sizes are well supplied).



In Our Prayers

- ✝ For penitent hearts in this Lenten season, that we confess our sins and treasure God's forgiveness.
- ✝ For healing to those who look to God's mercy in their time of need, and in thanksgiving for those who have been blessed with recovery and strength.
- ✝ For blessings of peace and unity in our nation, and wisdom to those who make, keep, and judge our laws.

