

# SALEM NEWS & NOTES

February 6-7, 2026

## 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@salem.lutheran.org](mailto:school.office@salem.lutheran.org).

## Minnesota Ministry Workshop - Registration open!

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) for more details and to register.

## Opportunities to Support Graduates

Salem is blessed to have several of our young members growing in faith by attending higher education at a WELS or WELS-affiliated school. Reese Collins and Andy Raasch are studying at Martin Luther College (MLC) for ministry. Noah Ross is attending Wisconsin Lutheran College and Chloe Wolfe is attending Bethany Lutheran College. Next year at least two of our high school seniors plan to attend MLC for ministry (Isaiah Shah & Lydia Wolfe). Some of these schools have matching programs for support received from a student's congregation. If you would like to help support these students, you can give a special offering. In the memo, please write: Congregation College Fund.

## New Study - Witnesses: Living Faith from Acts

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, no matter how familiar or unfamiliar you might be with our topic. Join us Thursdays at 9:45am in the fellowship hall.

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

<b>Sun, 2/8</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship with Communion</b> 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM <b>10:30 am Worship with Communion</b> 11:30 am New Member Potluck
<b>Tue, 2/10</b>	4:30 pm Fellowship Committee 6:00 pm Elders Board 6:30 pm Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00 pm Worship Committee 7:00 pm Education Committee
<b>Wed, 2/11</b>	9:00 am Midweek Chapel 5:30 pm Catechism Class 6:15 pm Choir 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
<b>Thurs, 2/12</b>	9:45 am Group Bible Study 10:45 am Parish Nurse Office Hours 6:00 pm Bible Basics
<b>Sat, 2/14</b>	<b>5:00 pm Worship</b> 6:15 pm Adult Volleyball
<b>Sun, 2/15</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship</b> 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM <b>10:30 am Worship</b>

## Midweek Lenten Worship

The season of Lent begins February 18th on Ash Wednesday, with services at 4pm and 6:30pm offering both the traditional imposition of ashes and the Lord's Supper. Throughout Lent we'll have special services every Wednesday with a supper provided between services. Our Lenten theme this year is "It Is Finished" and each week we'll share Christ-centered insights from the Old Testament prophet Zechariah. Set aside a little extra time this season to join us and meditate on the work of the one who saves us from every sin.



## **February Youth Update**

Here's a look at what's ahead for Salem Youth this February, along with a few important deadlines.

- Feb 16 | UWRF Campus Ministry Visit - High school students are invited to visit the UWRF Campus Ministry for Bible study, snacks, and fellowship. A carpool will leave Salem at 5:15 pm with Pastor Pedersen, or students may meet us there (University Center, Room 332). Please sign up so we can share an attendance count. This is a great opportunity to see how faith continues to grow during the college years.
- Youth Rally – Interest Deadline Feb 16. Final opportunity to express interest in the 2026 Youth Rally
- Feb 21 | Youth Lock-In Registration Deadline- Youth Lock-In (Grades 7–12) will take place Friday, February 27, beginning at 7:00 pm with check-in in the church entryway, and ending at 8:00 am on Saturday. For safety reasons, all youth must be picked up (no self-driving home). Register online or submit the required youth and parent forms to the church office by February 21. *Chaperones are needed throughout the night. If you're able to help, please let us know!*
- Feb 22 | Youth Ski & Snowboarding Outing- Christ Lutheran Church in North St. Paul is hosting a ski and snowboarding outing at Trollhaugen and has invited area youth groups to join them. The cost is \$33 per person, open to youth ages 13 and older. We will meet at the NSP campus at 2:00 pm for a devotion and to organize carpools. The sign-up deadline is February 13. RSVP to [youth@christlutheran.us](mailto:youth@christlutheran.us) or call 651-428-1447.

## **Camp Croix Wild Game Feed | Feb 27–March 1**

Calling all outdoor enthusiasts! Join us for a weekend of relaxing fellowship and time in the Word. Don't forget to bring a dish for our Saturday night potluck meal, the highlight of the weekend! Learn more: [campcroix.org/wild-game-feed](http://campcroix.org/wild-game-feed)

## **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$26,302.65 for Current Expenses and \$150.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salem.lutheran.org/donate](http://salem.lutheran.org/donate).

## **February Diaper Drive**

The Caring Committee is coordinating our annual diaper drive in February to help young families at Christian Life Ministries in Little Canada. This is our WELS area pregnancy and family resource center. We will be collecting diapers sizes 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!

## **St. Croix Lutheran Academy Open House - Feb 22—2p**

SCLA welcomes prospective families for a drop-in open house featuring tours of campus and admissions/teaching staff Q&A. Apply free to SCLA before February 15 for preferred scholarship opportunities. Members of your congregation may receive a \$1,500 association discount for students entering grades 9-12. [StCroixLutheran.org/OpenHouse](http://StCroixLutheran.org/OpenHouse)



## **In Our Prayers**

- † For hearts of faith in God's pure truth, and hands of faith to serve in every way we can.
- † For wisdom, integrity, and blessing to our civil leaders in local, state, and national governments.
- † For healing and hope to those who wait on the Lord for healing and blessing in their time of need.

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