

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.



Easter for Kids is almost here!

Mark your calendars- Saturday, March 28th, 10 AM to noon. We're throwing a fun-filled morning for kids ages 3 through 6th grade with crafts, games, and Bible stories centered on the best news ever: Jesus is risen! Moms, dads, grandparents, come along and enjoy it with them. It's a really sweet morning and a wonderful way to celebrate Easter as a family before the holiday arrives. Head to salemlutheran.org/easterforkids to learn more or to register, and reach out to church@salemlutheran.org if you'd like to volunteer. We'd love your help!

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

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| Sun, 3/1 | 8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM
10:30 am Worship
12:30 pm Jesus Cares
2:30 Grade School Band Concert at St Croix Lutheran Academy |
| Tue, 3/3 | 6:00 pm Outreach Committee |
| Wed, 3/4 | 9:00 am Midweek Chapel
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
4:00 pm Lenten Worship
5:00 pm Lenten Supper (Sloppy Joes)
5:30 pm Catechism Class
5:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Lenten Worship
7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus |
| Thurs, 3/5 | 9:45 am Group Bible Study
10:45 am Parish Nurse Office Hours
12:30 pm Women's Guild
6:00 pm Bible Basics |
| Sat, 3/7 | 8:00 am Men's Bible Study at Gorman's
9:00 am Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza
5:00 pm Worship |
| Sun, 3/8 | 8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM
10:30 am Worship |

Salem Summer Intern

A member has offered to cover half the \$5000 cost for Salem's summer intern if other members match the first half cost of \$2500. If you would like to contribute to this matching opportunity, clearly mark your gift on your offering envelope or bring your gift to the church office.

Education Night — March 12, 5:30–7:15

Come see what Salem students have been working on. Every classroom will be showcasing something different—hands-on science experiments, biblical studies, foundational learning, and more. Finish the evening in the gym with our annual Music Concert, featuring student band, choirs, and small ensembles performing a mix of sacred and secular music. All are welcome — we'd love to see you there.

Easter Sunday Social Group Outing- Save the Date

Join your Salem family for a fun social outing at the Easter Buffet at the Gasthaus on Sunday, April 5, 2026! Enjoy an all-you-can-eat meal featuring festive favorites like ham with praline sauce, roast beef brisket, German potato salad, spätzle, and a dessert smorgasbord—all for just \$32 per person. Space is limited and sign-up closes on Palm Sunday.

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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!

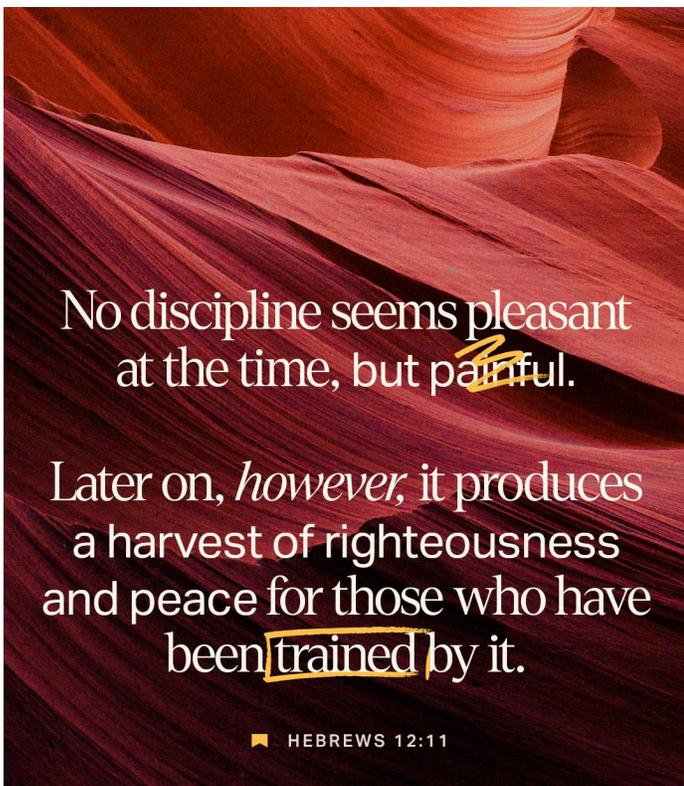
The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will hold its spring rally at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in West St. Paul. on April 11th. This rally is free to all and will feature Tammy Leyrer talking about WELS humanitarian and mission work in Indonesia. The LWMS national convention will be held in Madison, WI June 25-28.

Track Coach Needed

We're looking for Head and Assistant Track coaches for our 5th–8th graders, and you don't need to have kids to apply. Twice a week, you'd be helping young athletes discover a love for running, jumping, and just moving their bodies. Season kicks off April 13th and it's a genuinely fun way to spend a couple evenings doing something that matters. Interested? Drop Tom Stob a note at tstob@salemlutheran.org.

In Our Prayers

- ✝ For those who are sick and experiencing the dreariness of the winter weeks of Lent. May they find hope in the promise or renewal and refreshment the Spirit.
- ✝ For our students who have been faithfully and diligently studying and accomplishing their daily tasks in the classroom.
- ✝ For those who are burdened under the yoke of slavery that the law and sin continually tries to seize us in. May the Spirit grant us the power, love, and self-control to remind our struggling brothers and sisters: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free (Galatians 5:1)."



Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$13,487.15 for Current Expenses and \$988 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

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