



*Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching His timeless Truth, that all may grow
in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.*

This Week at Salem

- Sat, 3/14** 9:00 am District Discipleship Worship at St. Croix Lutheran
5:00 pm Worship (Diethert Usher Team)
6:15 pm Adult Rec Volleyball
- Sun, 3/15** **8:00 am Worship (Crowder Usher Team)**
9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM
10:30 am Worship (Youth Usher Team)
- Mon, 3/16-Fri 3/20 NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED**
- Tue, 3/17** 9:30 am Veterans Coffee Club
- Wed, 3/18** 4:00 pm Lenten Worship (Crowder/Wohlers/Gruetzmacher)
5:00 pm Lenten Supper
5:30 pm Catechism Class
6:30 pm Lenten Worship (Wohlers Usher Team)
7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
- Thurs, 3/19** 9:45 am Group Bible Study
10:45 am Parish Nurse Office Hours
11:00 am Caring Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Bible Basics
- Sat, 3/21** **5:00 pm Worship with Communion (Pelnar Usher Team)**
- Sun, 3/22** **8:00 am Worship with Communion (Crowder Usher Team)**
9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM
10:30 am Worship with Communion (Raleigh Usher Team)

Celebrate WELS Missions!

Salem members are invited to mark their calendars for upcoming LWMS events. The St. Croix Circuit spring rally will be held Saturday, April 11th, at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in West St. Paul — free to all — featuring Tammy Leyrer speaking on WELS mission work in Indonesia. This year's rally will also support Musical Assistance for home missions and the world mission Iglesia Cristo; donations are due to the treasurer by March 28th, so contact Barb Miller or Patty Johnson to contribute. The LWMS national convention follows June 25–28 in Madison, WI — visit www.lwms.org for details.

Growth & Worship

Built Stronger Together – 2026 Salem Marriage Retreat

April 17–18 | St. Croix National Golf Course – 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 reserve your spot, visit salemlutheran.org/retreat.

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!

Holy Week Devotions — "Of First Importance"

Martin Luther College has once again created a free digital devotion book for Holy Week, March 29–April 5, featuring one devotion for each day from Palm Sunday through Easter. The eight devotions walk through 1 Corinthians 15:3-11, meditating on the death and resurrection of Christ. Sign up to receive each devotion by daily email (including an audio recording) at mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions or read them online once Holy Week comes.

Serving & Outreach

Social Support & Scripture for Veterans

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 members and nonmembers alike. To learn more or offer to help email Matt at outreach@salemlutheran.org.

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 — the kind of thing that sticks with them long after the season ends. 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.

Brass Cleaning- Thursday, March 26

The Altar Guild will be holding a Brass Polishing Day on Thursday, March 26, at 11:00 am. All members are invited to join us in preparing the sanctuary for Easter by helping to clean and polish the brass items. No experience needed—just a willingness to help! Your time and care are greatly appreciated.

Easter Vigil – Sat, Apr 4, 8:00-9:30p

All are invited to an Easter Vigil 8-9:30pm on Saturday, April 19 at the St. Croix Lutheran Academy chapel in St. Paul. Presented by the WELS Minnesota District Worship Committee, this historic service features scripture readings, ancient and modern hymns, anthems by skilled musicians, and a celebration of Holy Communion. A 20-minute pre-service presentation at 7:30p highlights the history, symbolism, and defining characteristics of the Easter Vigil.

Connecting & Sharing

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.

Youth Ministry — March Updates

After a fantastic lock-in with over a dozen youth, March is packed! On March 25, our youth will be serving a spaghetti Lenten meal — sign up to help, and please bring two dozen cookies or bars. On March 28, we're bagging groceries at Cub Foods to raise funds for the Youth Rally — bring a friend! Finally, we're still seeking an adult male for our Youth Council position — contact Ross if you're interested.

A new baby is a gift from God!

Pastor Pedersen and Kaitlin are blessed to be expecting their second child on June 19. We look forward to welcoming their new little one into the family of God at Salem. If you would like to help celebrate the arrival of baby Pedersen, a baby registry is set up on my.babylist.com where you can select a gift(s) or gift card and have shipment made directly to the Pedersen's home or to your home. The baby registry is under the name of Kaitlin Pedersen. God bless Pastor Pedersen, Kaitlin and Oliver as they anticipate the joyful arrival of their new baby in June!



Easter Sunday Social Group Outing

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. We want everyone who would like to come to be able to join us, so if the cost is a concern, please reach out to the church office — scholarships are available.

Celebrating Salem's Organ: Pedals, Pipes & Pizza Recap

On Saturday, March 7, Robyn Stoller led a Pedals, Pipes & Pizza event for four piano students (ages 11–17), giving them a hands-on introduction to the pipe organ — including playing time on the keys and foot pedals, a peek inside the pipe chambers, and resources for further study. Maia Gumbrill, a new organ student, delighted everyone with a performance of "The Ash Grove." This event kicks off the celebration of Salem's organ turning 100 this year. Watch for more events to come!

Easter Flower Order Envelopes

There are envelopes with options to order flowers for the altar for Easter. The choices & prices are listed on the envelope. **Orders must be received by March 29.** There is a place to list "in memory of" on each envelope to be included in our Easter bulletins. You do not need to order flowers to include someone on the list.

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$14,469.95 for Current Expenses and \$1,383 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/give.

In Our Prayers This Week

- We pray for our nation, that the Lord may guard and protect the hearts and minds of those who are in positions of authority and power from influence that goes against the will of God. May the Lord also watch over those who serve our citizens in Stillwater and the surrounding areas and protect their families from harm.
- We pray for those who work at Salem Lutheran School. Whether they are teaching, cooking, cleaning, or learning, may the Lord bless the growth he has provided to each of them this year, may the Lord increase their love and knowledge of himself, and may he grant them a peaceful, calm, refreshing, revitalizing spring break.
- We pray for the mothers of our congregation, may their self-sacrificing love for their children not be forgotten, may their patience be a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord, and may they be surrounded by men who uphold their role and defend them from any harm. Thank you, Lord, for the women of Salem!

Ministry Partners

WELS Group Tour to the Ark+

Father's World Tours and the OWLS (WELS Seniors Group) invite WELS/ELS members of all ages to join them for an April 17-26 trip to the beautiful Bluegrass State of Kentucky. Their deluxe motorcoach originates in MN and continues through WI with free parking and pickups offered at WELS churches/schools in New Ulm, Mankato, Rochester, LaCrosse, and Madison. You can also opt to start and end in Brookfield/Milwaukee (April 18-25). Highlights include daily devotions, weekend worship, visits to the Ark Encounter, Creation Museum, Cumberland Falls, Old Friends (horse farm), Keeneland (horse racing), and much more. All meals are also included! Registration closes at midnight on March 15. Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza at 507-217-1731 for more information or to register.

Hudson Easter Vigil — "Watch and pray." (Matthew 26:41)

Join us for a continuous vigil of prayer and reflection from Good Friday evening until Easter dawn, as we keep watch over a replica of Christ's tomb through the night at Emmanuel in Hudson, WI. Participants sign up for two-hour slots at hudsoneastervigil.com. Couples and friends are welcome to sign up together, and drop-in visitors are always welcome. Good Friday worship is April 3 at 7:00 PM; Easter Sunday worship is April 5 at 9:00 AM followed by breakfast. Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult. All are welcome.