

Brass Cleaning- Thursday, March 26

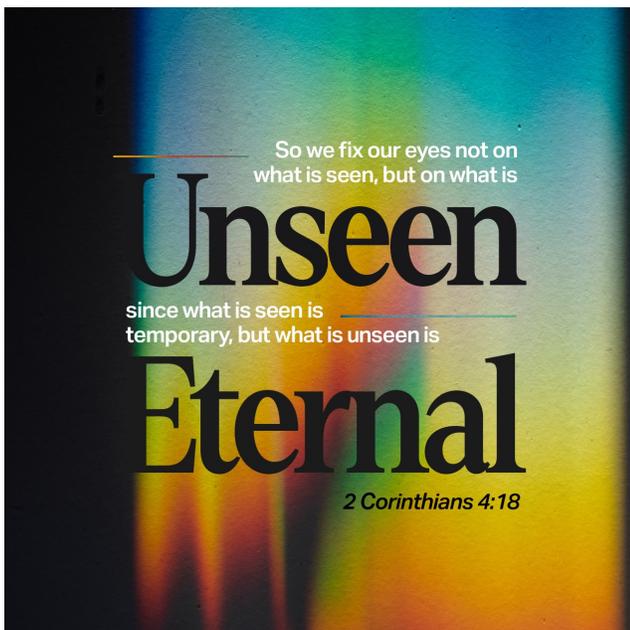
The Altar Guild will be holding a Brass Polishing Day on Thursday, March 26, at 11:00 am. All members are invited to join us in preparing the sanctuary for Easter by helping to clean and polish the brass items. No experience needed—just a willingness to help! Your time and care are greatly appreciated.

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 characteristics of the Easter Vigil.

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!



This Week at Salem

- Sun, 3/22** 8:00 am **Worship with Communion**
9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM
10:30 am **Worship with Communion**
- Mon, 3/23 Church Council
- Tue, 3/24 9:30 am Veterans Coffee Club
5:00 pm Salem Night at Culvers
- Wed, 3/25** 4:00 pm **Lenten Worship**
5:00 pm Lenten Supper
5:30 pm Catechism Class
6:30 pm **Lenten Worship**
7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
- Thurs, 3/26 9:45 am Group Bible Study
10:45 am Parish Nurse Office Hours
6:00 pm Bible Basics
- Sat, 3/28** 9:00 am Easter for Kids
5:00 pm **Worship**
6:15 pm Adult Volleyball
- Sun, 3/29** 8:00 am **Worship**
9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM
10:30 am **Worship**
12:30 pm Jesus Cares

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 ham with praline sauce for \$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 email the church office- scholarships are available. Sign up at the Information Center by Palm Sunday.

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.

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.



Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$11,805.47 for Current Expenses and \$698.15 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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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.

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.

Social Support & Scripture for Veterans

Salem is hosting 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.

In Our Prayers

- ✝ For the grieving: may their sorrow reflect the depth of their love, and may
- ✝ For the unemployed: may clear opportunities arise to serve God and provide for their families, and may God's grace flow through those around them to meet their daily needs.
- ✝ For the dying: may the Spirit grant them unshakable peace, that they model for those around them the Christian hope—that death is only a doorway into everlasting life.

