

A lot can happen in
seven days.

Holy Week & Easter Season

This Sunday we remember again Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to start the most important week in history. Join us for special services on Thursday and Friday as we see Jesus finish his work of saving us. Then, join us for special services Easter morning to celebrate his resurrection proof of victory. On Easter Sunday, the 7am service is different from the others, capping off our midweek series with a message built on Zechariah's Easter prophecy.

The festival services (9 & 10:45am) begin our Easter season series, "What Difference Does it Make?" Jesus' resurrection changes everything for all people, replacing death with life, doubt with hope, and wandering with purpose. Join us Easter morning and in the weeks after to "rise up" in joy with our Savior. **Please note that we DO NOT have a Saturday service Easter weekend - we want all to gather and proclaim together, "He is risen indeed!"**

Easter Breakfast Help Needed!

Our 7th and 8th graders are excited to serve Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, April 5**, and they'd love a little help from you to pull it all together! You can sign up to bring food either at the Information Center.

Call News

Salem teachers Luke & Allison Dorn received calls this week to serve at St. Paul Lutheran in Lake Mills, WI. Please keep them in your prayers as they choose where they can best serve our Savior.

Holy Week Devotions — "Of First Importance"

Martin Luther College has once again created a free digital devotion book for Holy Week, 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.



This Week at Salem

Sun, 3/29	8:00 am Palm Sunday Worship 9:15 am Adult Bible Study & JAM 10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship 12:30 pm Jesus Cares
Wed, 4/1	9:00 am Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Catechism Class
Thurs, 4/2	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED 9:45 am Group Bible Study 11:00 am Women's Guild 11:30 am Parish Nurse Office Hours 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Worship with Communion 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Fri, 4/3	NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am Good Friday Worship with Communion 5:15 pm Handbell Practice 6:30 pm Good Friday Worship with Communion
Sat, 4/4	8:00 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast at Gorman's NO SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Sun, 4/5	7:00 am Easter Dawn Worship with Communion 8:00 am-10:30 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Easter Festival Worship 10:45 am Easter Festival Worship

Last chance to Sign Up!

Easter Sunday Buffet at the Gasthaus on Sunday, April 5, 2026! 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.

Easter Flower Order Envelopes are available to order flowers for the altar. The choices & prices are listed on the envelope. 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.

Built Stronger Together – Salem Marriage Retreat (April

17–18 | St. Croix National Golf Course – Somerset, WI)
Is your marriage good? But could it be... **GREATER?** Salem couples are invited to join presenters Emily and Mike Krill for a weekend using the *CliftonStrengths* assessment to discover your God-given strengths and learn to see them in each other. Sessions, meals, a date night, and a new understanding of “why your spouse does that one thing” are all included. Registration is open now and spots are filling. Learn more at salemlutheran.org/retreat.



Easter Vigil – Sat, Apr 4, 8:00-9:30p

All are invited Saturday to 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, and a celebration of Holy Communion. A 20-minute pre-service presentation at 7:30pm highlights the history, symbolism, and defining characteristics of the Easter Vigil.

Applications for Congregation Grants Open

Salem Lutheran Church offers financial assistance to members attending WELS-affiliated colleges (MLC, WLS, WLC, Bethany). Eligible students must be members of Salem, maintain a 3.0+ GPA, and submit their intent and previous year's GPA by April 15. Grant amounts vary and funds are distributed based on availability. For details and to apply, email church@salemlutheran.org.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$10,785.80 for Current Expenses and \$928.00 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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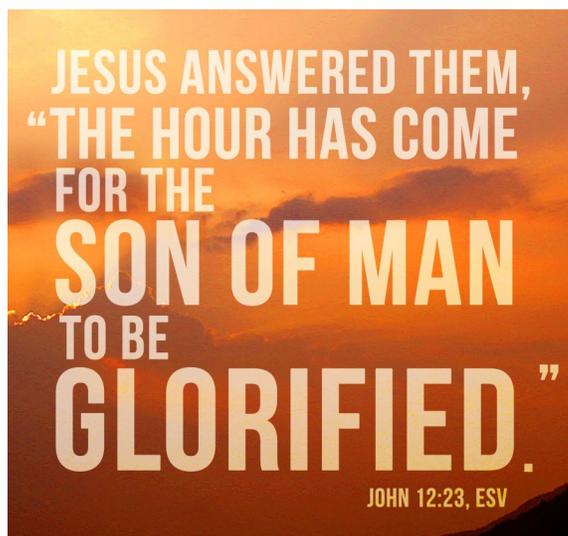
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Celebrate WELS Missions with LWMS!

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. The LWMS national convention follows June 25–28 in Madison, WI — visit www.lwms.org for details.

National Handbell Concert on April 12

You are invited to “Christ for Us,” the culminating concert of the WELS National Handbell Festival at Martin Luther College. More than 225 ringers – from MLC and 28 churches in five states – will present beautiful arrangements of sacred music, including Bettcher’s “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us,” Behnke’s “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness,” and Raney’s “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.” Plan to attend the concert in the MLC gymnasium on Sunday, April 12, at 2:00 pm.



In Our Prayers

- ✝ For time and zeal to pause from the busyness of life and reflect prayerfully on all that Jesus did for us in the days leading to his death and resurrection.
- ✝ For boldness to create opportunities and to speak at this special time to share our peace in Jesus. Help us invite those who have no church to worship with us.
- ✝ For the sick, the injured, the downtrodden, and the lonely. For peace in knowing your presence to all who are separated from loved ones in this season.

