



*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

- Sun, 2/12** 8 am Worship w/communion
9:15 am Sunday JAM
9:15 am Open Forum & Teacher Call Meeting
10:30 am Worship w/communion
- Mon, 2/13** 6:30 pm Bible Basics
- Tues, 2/14** ***Happy Valentine's Day***
10:15 am Group Bible Study
4:30 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting
5:30 pm Handbell practice
6:30 pm Education Committee & Elders Committee Meetings
7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting
- Wed, 2/15** 9:30 am Chapel
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Catechism
6:30 pm Senior Choir
7:15 pm Men's Chorus
- Fri, 2/17** **NO SCHOOL (Salem School "A" Basketball teams play at Martin Luther College Tournament)**
- Sat, 2/18** 5 pm Worship
6:15 pm Adult/Teen Volleyball
- Sun, 2/19** 8 am Worship
9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday JAM
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Pastor Call Meeting

Growing/Sharing

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

Summer weeks fill up fast, so be sure to save the date for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 12th to 16th. VBS will meet in the mornings. Share the dates with your friends and neighbors so they can join in the fun and Scripture too! Registration is open at <http://www.salemlutheran.org/vbs>

We're just beginning our VBS planning. If you'd like to be part of the VBS team, contact Pastor Wolfe or VBS coordinator Debbie Hansen (dhansen@salemlutheran.org). Sign up to volunteer at www.salemlutheran.org/vbshelp.

MLC Wind Symphony

The Wind Symphony of Martin Luther College will hold a concert on campus in New Ulm at 3 pm this Sunday (Feb. 12th). The concert's theme is "Let the Light Shine: A Sacred Concert for Wind Band." Salem members and friends are invited to attend in person, or watch a livestream of the concert accessible at www.mlc-wels.edu/streams.

February Youth Gathering. Sunday, Feb 26 from 1-2:30 pm.

Ross and Rachel Collins are working with John Thompson and Griffin Paulsen to plan the Bible Study. John did a great job last time! We are planning on having a "pizza challenge" event. (Teens try different pizzas and have to guess which places they are from!) We are hoping for better weather to go sledding!

Easter for Kids Invitation

Salem Lutheran Church invites your whole family to a special family event coming up – Easter for Kids! At Christmas, we celebrated the gift of Jesus coming into the world. At Easter, we see Jesus give us the gift of victory over sin and death. Christmas was the beginning but Easter is the finale! Children (and families) ages 3 years old to 6th grade are invited to celebrate all that Jesus did for us on Saturday of Easter weekend (April 8th) from 10am-noon. Easter for Kids is a little different from some of our other events. Instead of dropping kids off, we invite you to stay with your children to do crafts and songs, and stories together. You are invited to register at www.salemlutheran.org/easter.

If you'd like to help us put on this great family event, contact coordinator Jessie Wolfe (wolfeja6@gmail.com).

Serving

Diaper Drive

Once again it is time for a diaper drive at Salem. As we have done in the past, half will go to WELS Christian Life Ministries New Day Pregnancy & Family Resource Center in Little Canada and half to the Options for Women Center in St. Croix Valley. We will be collecting donations from **Sunday, February 5 through Sunday, February 26**, and are asking for diaper sizes 2, 3, 4, & 5 as well as unscented wipes. These can be dropped off in the narthex (in the playpen) at church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Manning Property Exploration Committee

The Buildings and Grounds committee is putting together a committee of 4-8 members to explore the opportunities and challenges facing ministry use of the Manning Property. It will likely be a 6-12 month commitment. We are looking for people with skills or experience in the following areas:

- Real Estate Development
- Commercial Project Finance
- Residential, Commercial, Worship Facility, or K-12 Construction
- Land Sales and Valuation
- Working with Municipalities on Land Use
- Communication and Presentation

If interested, please send your Name, Email, and Phone to Jeff Lefto. Call 612-508-6304 or email

JeffL@ClimateMakersInc.com.

Moving Help Needed

Susan Bacholke is needing to move to a new apartment within the current building she is living in. She needs some help in order to move. She lives in Hudson. She needs to move starting Feb 17 and be done by Feb 25. If anyone could help her out, please call her at 651-329-1738.

Lenten Meals

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Salem's Fellowship committee organizes groups to serve a delicious meal in between the Lenten Services for everyone to enjoy.

Ash Wednesday 2/22 Fellowship is serving pork tenderloin, potatoes, carrots and ice cream.

3/1 Caring Committee is serving Sloppy Joes.

3/22 Council-meal TBD

3/29 Youth is serving spaghetti.

March 8th and 14th are still open. We are looking for groups to serve those days.

Salem's groups thank you for your continuing support. The free will offering at these meals is used to offset the costs of the meal and to support the sponsoring group's work.

Uniting

Call Meeting & Open Forum

Salem will have a short call meeting this Sunday (Feb. 12th) between services to extend a call for a 3rd grade teacher. We will use the rest of the hour to hold an open forum to share the latest updates on finances, parish nursing, and future building possibilities that we didn't get to discuss at the quarterly meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Pep Rally Invitation

Salem Lutheran School celebrates Spirit Week this week. Members are invited to attend the closing Pep Fest on Thursday (Feb 16th) at 2:30pm. Members should know that the gym gets full and gets loud as kids play games, cheerleaders perform, and the band plays. You have been warned! 😊

Call Decision - Note from Mr. Ryan Klatt, Salem Principal

"I wanted to let you all know that I have decided to return the call to serve as Principal at Abiding Peace Academy in South Carolina and will be staying at Salem. Thank you for all of your prayers and words of encouragement you gave to Mrs. Klatt and me. It is a privilege to serve here in Stillwater as Salem's principal and a wonderful blessing for Mrs. Klatt and me."

Pastor Call Meeting

As announced last Sunday, Pastor Josh Bishop has returned the call to serve at Salem and will continue his ministry in Michigan. Salem voters are encouraged to attend a newly scheduled pastor call meeting February 19th AFTER the second service. At this meeting we'll extend a call to another pastor to potentially serve as associate pastor. This meeting is scheduled after the late service to allow us to hold Bible study at the regular time and to allow the circuit pastor or district president time to get to Salem to present the candidates.

Giving

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$15,253.49 for Current Expenses and \$1,583.10 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

In our prayers this week

- For new hearts of faith to battle against our natural hearts of sin as we seek to live holy lives.
- For our Synod President Mark Schroeder, the twelve District Presidents, and all who lead and guide our church body.
- For those who suffer mentally, physically, and emotionally. May God give them healing and peace.