



*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, 7/2	8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship
Tues, 7/4	<i>Happy Independence Day!</i>
Wed, 7/5	6 pm Handbells
Thur, 7/6	Noon Women's Guild At Gorman's, Lake Elmo
Sat, 7/8	5 pm Worship w/communion 6 pm Volleyball (At Lakefront Park in Hudson)
Sun, 7/9	8 am Worship w/communion 9:30 am Worship w/communion



Church Updates

Pastor Call

Pastor Benjamin Berger (currently serving St. Paul Lutheran Church in Winneconne, WI) continues to hold our associate pastor call. Pastor Berger invites members to contact him at pastorbenberger@gmail.com or 920-215-4105.

Salem Worship Survey – We'd Love to Hear from You!

As part of our congregation's strategic planning effort, (VTO: Vision-Traction Organizer) a worship committee task group wants to hear from you about all aspects of Salem worship services. If you receive church announcements by email, a survey on worship will be emailed to you the week of July 9. Paper copies of the survey will also be available in the church entry along with a box for completed surveys.

Your input is valued! Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your thoughts on Salem worship. Last date to submit a survey is Tuesday, July 18. Your responses are important as together we continue to glorify and give thanks to God through meaningful worship. All adult members of a household (18 years+) are invited to take the survey. Thank you in advance for your help.

Church Office Hours this summer

During the summer there will be someone in the church office every weekday morning from 8am to noon. If you need to come in the afternoon, please call first to see if someone is here.

New Workers

We are happy to announce that Kelly McKean and Abigail Ibisch will be helping Debbie Swanson in the office part-time. Kelly will be here Thursday mornings on Debbie's day off and Abigail will be working with publications, communication, and serving as a general office assistant. Say a prayer of thanks for our new administrative assistants.

During the summer, Andy Raasch will be working in a variety of ways as our summer intern. From maintenance and landscaping to outreach and worship, we will benefit from Andy's work and give him a taste of ministry as he pursues pastoral ministry.

Open Position: Parish Nurse

Salem is currently seeking a Parish Nurse to provide whole person health promotion and disease prevention services for our members. Major job responsibilities are: health educator, personal health counselor, referral agent, support to caregivers, and health advocate. This position is a casual/flexible status, working up to 10 hrs/week. If you are a RN who may be interested in this position, or would just like to find out more information, please contact Barb Miller at 651-338-4876. To apply to this position, please go to this link: www.salemlutheran.org/parishnurse

Serving & Sharing in Faith

Lumberjack Days Parade Float - UPDATED!

We're looking for people to help make our parade float a success. We need members to help us decorate the float and prepare water bottles on July 15th at 10am, and we need people to walk and/or ride in the parade on July 16th. Check out the sign up sheets in the church entry or email Pastor Wolfe (rwolfe@salemlutheran.org) if you are able to help.

Frozen Meals for Mrs. H.

The caring committee is trying to help Nancy Hasselquist out as she recovers from her fall and upcoming surgery. They are asking for frozen meals for two people through mid-July. There are no food restrictions and meals can be put in the fridge in the old kitchen. If you would like to help, contact Melinda Wells (715-494-0537) or the church office and let us know when you have brought a meal to church. We will make arrangements for delivery. Thank you for your help!

July Food Drive for the Food Shelf

Salem's Caring committee is sponsoring a food drive in the month of July for the local food shelf. They contacted the food shelf and right now they are in need of salt, pepper, garlic powder, cumin, cinnamon, salad dressing, any condiments, and olive oil. They also are in need of personal items. They especially welcome monetary gifts so they can purchase what's most needed themselves. Thank you for helping us share the love and charity of Jesus!

Area Youth Night - Sunday, August 6

Salem will host another area WELS Youth Night on Aug 6th at 6 pm on our Manning Property. In preparation for the event, the planning committee is asking if any Salem members have portable canopies for shade or any yard games (i.e. spike ball, can jam, volleyball set up, ladder golf, bean bags, etc.) that we could borrow for the evening.

If anyone is interested in helping purchase and provide mini bottled water, fruit snacks, marshmallows, prize gift cards, or some other ideas, please talk to Katie Aumann (715-590-3715) or Rachel Collins (612-483-9197). Finally, if you are a college age/young adult and interested in being a youth leader that night, please reach out to Rachel Collins. High school age students should watch for registration to come out soon!

Salem School Open Positions for 2023-2024 School Year

Salem Lutheran School is in need of someone for both Before School Care and After School Care for the upcoming school year. Before-care runs from 7am-8:30am and after-care runs from 3:30pm-5pm. The pay is \$30 for just before care or aftercare, or \$60 a day if you do both. Linked below is the position description.

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Another position opening at Salem is for a 1st and 2nd-grade aide. This would be for 6 hours daily and split between the 1st and 2nd-grade classrooms. Pay would start at \$15 an hour with yearly raises that will be shared during the interview process. Below is linked the position description.

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If you would like to apply, feel free to print off the application linked below and return to the school office. Applications can also be picked up in the school office. Feel free to contact Mr. Klatt (rklatt@salemlutheran.org) with any questions.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p8pnG3QCFOYvB6pnnxBKcDnCiKDeFeuD/view?usp=sharing>

Yard Signs Available!

There are yard signs available in the church entry. Please take one home and put it in your yard! Help spread the word about our school!



SIGN UP NOW to donate blood at **Salem Lutheran Church**

DATE: August 14th **TIME:** 1:00 – 6:00 PM **LOCATION:** Gymnasium

Sign up online via the Red Cross website or go to www.salemlutheran.org/giveblood.

Contact Laura Gruetzmacher at 651-491-5988 and she can guide you through the process to sign up. *Thank you for making a difference!*

Uniting in Faith

July Women's Guild

For our July activity we are planning to meet at Gorman's in Lake Elmo at noon on July 6. Please sign up on the sheet on the information table in the church entry. We hope you can join us!

Volleyball Group - Let's Play Outside in July!

We can't play volleyball in our gym in July due to floor maintenance, but we're still going to play. Starting Saturday July 8th, all Salem teens and adults are invited to join us outdoors at Lakefront Park in Hudson. We'll play there until the end of the month and hope to get back in the gym in August. Come and join us!

SAVE THE DATE: Manning Property Open House

Many, if not most, of our members have never had a chance to see Salem's property on Manning Avenue. Mark your calendars for an open house there July 23rd after the 9:30 worship service. Plans for the day are still being arranged, but we'll have food of some kind and members will be able to explore the 77 acre property and visit with church leaders.

Salem Families in Need

There are two families that are in need of extra financial assistance for the 2023-2024 school year.

- The first family has a preschooler at Salem. They are helping to take care of their family and aren't able to pay for the full tuition.
- The second family attended Salem in the past and wants to send their two daughters to Salem. They are going through a family situation that is making it hard for them to attend.

If you would like to help either of these families, please reach out to Mr. Klatt, (rklatt@salemlutheran.org) and he can fill you in with more details on how much the families are needing in assistance.

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$14,196.78 for Current Expenses and \$671.25 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 healing and help to members and friends in need, especially this week for Pastor Tom Hartwig (serving Grace, South St. Paul) who is home recovering from a stroke last week.
- For blessing on our nation and elected leaders as we celebrate independence from tyranny this coming 4th of July.
- For Pastor Berger as he considers our call to serve as pastor, and for all who consider serving in full-time public ministry.