

Next Saturday - Communion Service

With our opening service for school falling on a communion weekend, we want to make sure that communion is available for those who make the Saturday service their regular time for worship. A brief 15-minute communion service will be held next Saturday at 4:30pm for those who wish to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

August 24th - Back to School Bash

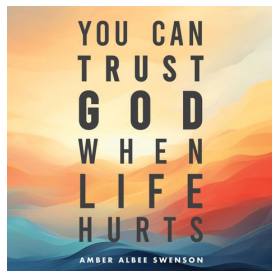
Salem school's opening worship service and school kickoff party will be Saturday, August 24th! We start with a service at 5pm followed by brats and hotdogs and fellowship. Please bring a side dish to share. We look forward to seeing everyone here to ask God's blessing on another year and to celebrate together.

Call Update

Pastor Jacob Limpert continues to hold our associate pastor call. You can contact him if you wish at 608-462-7601 or revlimpert@stpaulhw.com.

Guest Speaker on September 15th

On September 15th Salem will celebrate the kick off of a new season of Bible Studies and Sunday JAM. We're delighted to welcome Time of Grace author Amber Swenson to speak about her new book, *You Can Trust God When Life Hurts* between our services on Sunday. Her book offers a compassionate and practical guide for navigating life's challenges, combining personal anecdotes, biblical insights, and practical advice to help readers find hope and resilience. Free digital copies of the book are available—please sign up at the back of the church to receive your copy.



Blood Drive Thank You

The Blood Drive was a HUGE success! Sixty units of blood was collected at the Salem Blood Drive, five units over our goal for the drive. We had over 75 donors come into our facility, and many didn't realize we were here or that we had such a beautiful school. Thank you to all you donated blood. A special thank you to the Caring Committee who organized the event and to all those who volunteered to make this event a success. You all made a difference!

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

- Sun, 8/18** 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Summer Bible Study
- Mon 8/19** 6:30 pm Bible Basics
- Tues, 8/20** 10:15 am Group Bible Study
6:30 pm Church Council
- Wed, 8/21** **First Day of Salem School & Preschool!**
9:20 am Salem Chapel
12:30 pm Bible Study at Oak Ridge Place
- Sat, 8/24** 4:30 pm Communion Service
5:00 pm Worship
6:15 pm Adult & Teen Open Volleyball
- Sun, 8/25** 9:00 am Worship with Communion
10:15 am Summer Bible Study

Mark Your Calendars for the Men's Retreat!

The Men's Retreat, a decade-long initiative by men from Salem Lutheran in Stillwater and other WELS-affiliated churches in the Twin Cities, aims to spiritually nourish men through God's Word and strengthen connections among the St. Croix conference members. Our 16th annual retreat, organized by men from Twin Cities area WELS churches, will be held at Camp Croix from September 20-22, 2024. This year's theme, "Refuge in Times of Calamity: Lessons from Joel," features insightful sessions led by Martin Luther College Prof. Tom Nass. To register, visit mensretreat.org while there's still space. Early Bird rates are available until August 20. For questions about Camp Croix, contact Keith at 218-341-2119; for retreat inquiries, reach out to Clay at 651-231-3237.



Open Volleyball Resumes

The gym floor's summer refresh is done and that means we're able to play volleyball on Saturdays again. Teens & adults of all ages (member & nonmember) are invited to join us at 6:15pm after church for some friendly fun.

Funeral Pre-Planning Seminar

On Monday, August 26th, Salem will host a funeral pre-planning seminar at 6 pm, addressing both spiritual and practical aspects of end-of-life planning. Pastor Wolfe will discuss the spiritual and emotional considerations, while guest speaker Eric Baumann, Prearrangement Specialist with Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels and Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, will cover practical matters such as final wishes, veteran benefits, and options for cremations and burials. This seminar aims to help you consider what message you want to leave, what hymns you'd like to be sung, and how planning ahead can ease the emotional and financial burden on your loved ones. Join us to learn more about making thoughtful pre-arrangements.

Wednesday Chapel Services

Every Wednesday while school is in session, Salem holds a chapel service starting at 9:30 am. All of our students attend to sing, pray, and worship together. Our faculty and staff take turns leading short devotions. If you're looking for a short, joyful, and encouraging way to get into God's Word, we would love to see you there. These worship services are for everyone at Salem, not just our school children. So come over this Wednesday at 9:30, grab a fresh cup of coffee and worship with us.



Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$13,177. 83 for Current Expenses and \$1,075.75 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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Help Wanted for 2024-2025 School Year

Lunchroom: Join us in the lunchroom for the 2024-2025 school year! If you're interested in learning more about working with us, contact Lynn Jay at lunch@salemlutheran.org. Available positions are:

Food Service Aide - This position performs service-level duties to assist with food preparation, serving, and clean up of the lunchroom/school kitchen.

Food Service Assistant Manager- This position supervises the activities of workers engaged in receiving, preparing, cooking, and serving food.

School Office: We're looking a friendly person to join our school office team part-time for the upcoming school year! If you're interested and want to learn more, email us at school.office@salemlutheran.org.

Prayer Partners with Salem Kindergarteners

Join our Prayer Partners program and be paired with a Salem Kindergartener. Exchange letters, grow in faith, and build a lasting friendship. Leave letters in the Prayer Partners box near the Church commons. For more information, sign up here or email rklatt@salemlutheran.org.

Sunday JAM registration and help

One of a church's most important missions is to teach and show our children what Christian faith means. Starting in September, please plan to bring your children Sunday mornings between services while you study with us in our large group Bible study. Register your children ages 3 years to 8th grade at www.salemlutheran.org/jesusandme. If you'd like to be a part of the teaching or assisting rotation talk to Sunday JAM coordinator Amy Stilwagon. (astilwagon@salemlutheran.org)

In Our Prayers

- ✝ For hosts and facilitators of our growth groups, that their work is blessed for them and those they serve.
 - ✝ For renewed focus on the heavenly blessings God gives that do not spoil or fade.
 - ✝ For the families of our church, that they make full use of our school, Sunday school, and catechism classes.
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