

Fresh Start Sunday on September 15

Join us on September 15th as we kick off a new season of Bible Studies and Sunday JAM at Salem! We're excited to welcome Time of Grace author Amber Swenson, who will be speaking about her new book, *You Can Trust God When Life Hurts*, between our Sunday services. Amber's book offers a compassionate and practical guide for navigating life's challenges, blending personal stories, biblical insights, and practical advice to help you find hope and resilience. Free digital copies of the book are available—**be sure to sign up at the back of the church to receive yours.**



We'll also be launching our Sunday JAM youth program, a key part of our mission to nurture and guide our children in their Christian faith. We invite you to bring your children, ages 3 years through 8th grade, on Sunday mornings between services while you engage in our large group Bible study. It's a wonderful opportunity for both you and your children to grow spiritually together. **Register your kids today at www.salemlutheran.org/jesusandme.**

Singers & Ringers!

Salem Music Night is back! We'll kick off on Wednesday, September 4. Join one or all of our choirs or praise ensembles as they make music to the Lord. This is open to all Salem members ages 13 and older. Whether you're a seasoned singer or new to choirs, it's a fantastic chance to use the gifts God has blessed you with. Check out the music on September 8 and see what you think! Enjoy the fun of chatting between practices—it's a great way to connect with a musical social network. Contact Luke Dorn or Jessie Wolfe if you have any questions.

Schedule:
5:45-6:15 PM: Salem Praise Ensemble
6:15-7:15 PM Choir
7:15-8:00 PM Men's Chorus
7:15-8:15 PM Handbells

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.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

- Sun, 8/25** 9:00 am Worship with Communion
10:15 am Summer Bible Study
- Mon 8/26** 6:00 pm Funeral Planning Seminar
- Tues, 8/27** 10:15 am Group Bible Study
- Wed, 8/28** 9:20 am Salem Chapel
- Thur, 8/29** 6:30 pm Bible Basics
- Fri, 8/30** **NO SCHOOL**
- Sat, 8/31** 5:00 pm Worship
6:15 pm Adult & Teen Open Volleyball
- Sun, 9/1** 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Summer Bible Study

Funeral Pre-Planning Seminar

A funeral is a final opportunity to share your hope in Christ with loved ones. Join us tomorrow for funeral pre-planning seminar at Salem. Pastor Wolfe will address the spiritual and emotional aspects of end-of-life planning. Guest speaker Eric Baumann, Prearrangement Specialist with Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels, will cover practical matters, including planning, veteran benefits, and more. Email church@salemlutheran.org to sign up.



Matching Donor for a New Lawnmower

Our Building and Grounds Committee has determined that it's time for a new lawnmower. An anonymous donor is willing to match and gifts given up to \$1000. To donate, please contact finance@salemlutheran.org or leave an envelope in the church office with a gift designation.

Orders Open for Salem Apparel

Every year, we open orders for custom Salem apparel. This is a fun way to represent your church and have a chance to talk to people. Order pages are at the information center.



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. For more information, sign up here or email rklatt@salemlutheran.org.

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. For questions about Camp Croix, contact Keith at 218-341-2119; for retreat inquiries, reach out to Clay at 651-231-3237.



Camp Croix Women's Retreat – Registration is Open!

This October 4th-6th at Camp Croix! Rest, relax, rejuvenate, and grow closer to Jesus. Head to campcroix.org/womens-retreat for early bird registration!

Join Us for Wednesday Chapel

Every Wednesday at 9:20 AM, Salem hosts a midweek chapel service. It's a great chance for you to refresh your spirit, enjoy some fellowship, and grow in faith. Join us for a brief, uplifting service with encouraging music, a short devotion, and connection. Starting September 11, we'll be hosting a donut and coffee bar starting at 9:00 AM.



Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$19,909.63 for Current Expenses and \$2,010.15 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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Central African Medical Mission Drive

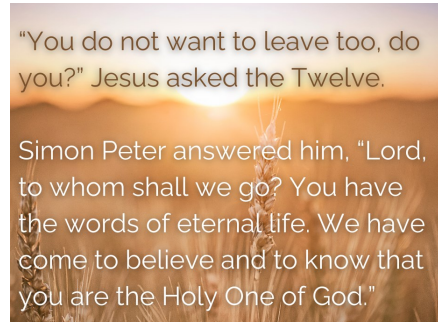
In September, our Caring Committee will collect donations for Central Africa Medical Mission (Camm), which runs health facilities in Zambia and Malawi serving nearly 80,000 patients annually. We're



partnering with Camm to support their vital work. Monetary donations are most effective, allowing the clinics to buy needed supplies. We're also accepting small pill bottles (#2, #3, #5) with caps, baby layettes, blankets, hats, and socks—items that are easy to pack and ship. Start setting aside your donations and watch for more details soon!

Youth Group Fall Kickoff- Ice Cream Social

Join us on September 15, 2024, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Teen Room for an exciting start to our new season of youth group! We'll kick off the evening with a fun ice cream social and games. Afterward, we'll catch up on faith and service updates, including a recap of the WELS International Youth Rally, upcoming activities, and some planning for the year. Bring your ideas for Bible studies and service projects. Wrap up the night with a choice of Bible Pictionary or kickball, and let's have a blast as we dive into the new season together!



In Our Prayers

- ✝ For new and returning students at Salem School and St. Croix Lutheran Academy.
- ✝ For humility to follow Jesus' direction in all things, and for joy in the blessings he gives.
- ✝ For LeRoy Kaminski, Carol Lange, and all our members and friends looking for healing.

