

## Call Meeting

This Sunday (November 17th) we will hold a meeting to extend a call for associate pastor after the 10:30am service.

## Mission Festival & Teacher Recognition Next Sunday

Salem celebrates our annual Mission Festival next Sunday on November 24! We welcome Pastor Larry Schlomer, WELS Administrator for World Missions, as our guest preacher. After the 10:30 service we'll enjoy a fellowship meal and celebrate our own mission field at Salem by honoring three faculty members for their teaching anniversaries: Ryan Klatt (10 years), Amy Stilwagon (25 years), and Dan Bredendick (40 years).

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship- Hymns & Readings

Salem will hold a special Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30pm on Wednesday, November 27th. This year's service is built around Salem's favorite hymns and readings as shared in the survey from the past two months. We hope you'll join us as we give thanks to the one who gives us every blessing.

## Thank You

We had two fantastic events this week! On Sunday, the fellowship hall was buzzing with excitement as we raised over \$1,000 for our Youth Group through a fun-filled night of bingo. Thank you to all who volunteered, attended, and donated prizes—your support means so much. On Monday, we held a beautiful Veterans Day Program at Salem School. A special thank you to Jill Kaiser and Amy Stilwagon for their coordination, and to the teachers and students for their dedication in honoring our veterans.

## Advent By Candlelight

Celebrate a "Mary" Christmas by learning from the Marys in the Bible—Mary of Bethany, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene. This special annual event, sponsored by the Salem's Women's Guild is just for the women of the congregation- both young and old! Join us for an afternoon of food, music, devotions, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Christ's birth. December 7, 2024 | 2-4 PM | Fellowship Hall—register in the entry or [online](#).



## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

- Sun, 11/3** 8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Adult Bible Study & Sunday JAM (Jesus and Me)  
10:30 am Worship  
12:00 pm Pastor Call Meeting  
2:00 pm Choral Festival at St. Croix
- Mon 11/18 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball
- Tues, 11/19 10:15 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
- Wed, 11/20 9:20 am Midweek Chapel  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study  
6:15 pm Choir  
6:30 pm Catechism Class  
7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
- Thur, 11/21 6:30 pm Bible Basics
- Sat, 11/23** 5:00 pm Worship
- Sun, 11/24** 8:00 am Worship with Communion  
9:15 am Guest Presentation & Sunday JAM (Jesus and Me)  
10:30 am Worship with Communion  
11:45 am Fellowship Dinner & Teacher Anniversary Recognition

## Christmas for Kids - December 14th (9am-12:30pm) - Registration opening this week for kids and helpers!

Children ages 3 years old to 6th grade are invited to spend the morning at Christmas for Kids. Every-



one should arrive between 8:30-8:45 am to register so we can start the fun at 9 am! We will share the Christmas story in devotions, crafts and other activities. At noon, adults are invited to join us for sloppy joes and hotdogs and a brief Christmas greeting that will wrap you in the warmth and love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is no cost to attend. If you would like to help, you can sign up on the sheet in the entry or sign up online. Online registration and volunteer scheduling is open at [www.salemlutheran.org/christmasforkids](http://www.salemlutheran.org/christmasforkids). Don't forget to invite friends and neighbors!

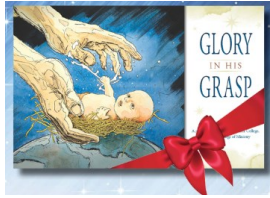
### **Volunteers needed!**

Want to volunteer, but not sure where to start? Take our volunteer survey and we'll connect you with opportunities to serve. Paper surveys can be found in the narthex or scan the QR code here to fill it out online. Questions? Contact [stewardship@salemlutheran.org](mailto:stewardship@salemlutheran.org).



### **Advent Devotions from MLC**

This Advent, reflect on the humility and glory of Christ with Martin Luther College's devotional book, "**Glory in His Grasp.**" Salem has a limited number of physical copies available in the entry, or you can [subscribe online](#). The devotions start on December 1st and explore Philippians 2:6-11, where we'll marvel at how the Son of God, though equal with the Father, chose to "empty himself" by taking on human form.



### **Event Coordinator Needed**

As chairman of the MN District Discipleship Committee, Pastor Wolfe is responsible for coordinating the District Faith & Ministry Workshop. The workshop will be held at St. Croix Lutheran on March 15th. If you have experience planning and coordinating parties or events, Pastor Wolfe would like [our](#) help to take care of some of the operational needs like lanyards, printing, etc.

### **Christmas Caring Tree**

The Caring Committee has put up tags for Christmas gifts for this year's families. Please consider taking a tag and returning the wrapped gift with the tag attached on or before December 15th. Instructions are provided with each tag for your convenience.

### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$23,590.19 for Current Expenses and \$815.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](http://salemlutheran.org/donate).

### **Two New Bible Study Topics**

In coming weeks, our two primary Bible studies will both begin new topical studies. The Tuesday morning class will begin a look at different Christian denominations and world religions this week (November 19th).

Beginning Sunday, December 8th our Sunday Bible study will take a look at the history and practice of worship. Why do we do what we do in worship? What is the goal and purpose of our time together when we gather? What is changing and what must never change in our worship style? Join us for a study that is sure to grow your appreciation and enjoyment of our weekly services.

### **Salem Social Group- Upcoming Events**

All adults are welcome to join the Salem social group for Thanksgiving at the Lowell Inn on November 28th at 12:45 pm. Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, December 8, at Afton House Inn. The sign up sheet for both events is on the information table in the narthex and the deadline for signup is next Sunday, 11/24. If you have any questions, contact George Smolinski at (651) 334-6055 or [gsmolin@earthlink.net](mailto:gsmolin@earthlink.net).



### **In Our Prayers**

- ✝ For thankfulness at another church year ending in grace and peace.
- ✝ For young people of faith who serve God with their voices, their time, and their talents.
- ✝ For those recovering from surgeries, undergoing treatments, and looking for healing in mind and body.

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