

Christian Book Fair in time for Christmas

Finding quality Christian books can be challenging, but we're here to help! Salem is hosting a Northwestern Publishing House book fair featuring an excellent selection for all ages—perfect for Christmas gifts. The book fair will be held in the narthex from December 6–16, with a 10% discount on all in-person purchases. A virtual sale will run concurrently, offering a 20% discount on online purchases. The first copy of each book sold will be available to take home after the sale ends, while additional copies will be ordered through the church office. We will also have an expanded selection of Christmas Cards for purchase.

Call Meeting

Pastor Jason Baldwin holds our call to serve as associate pastor. Pastor Baldwin currently serves at Hope Lutheran in St. Charles, MI. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he considers where best to serve.

Guest Presentation - Christian Life Ministries

Between services this Sunday (December 8th), we welcome Penny Frenz, executive director of Christian Life Ministries (CLM) right here in the Twin Cities. CLM is a faith-based family resource center that encourages and supports life and family. They offer educational mentoring to help mothers in need receive diapers, wipes, clothing, car seats and pack-and-plays. If a client is pregnant or facing a family crisis, CLM is there to help. Learn about this important ministry during our regular Bible Study hour.



Advent By Candlelight

Celebrate a "Mary" Christmas by learning from the Marys in the Bible. 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, 12/1 8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Guest Presentation & Sunday JAM
(Jesus and Me)

10:30 am Worship

Mon 12/2 6:30 pm Bible Basics

7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball

Tues, 12/3 10:15 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study

6:00 pm Outreach Committee

Wed, 12/4 9:20 am Midweek Chapel

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

4:00 pm Midweek Advent Service

5:00 pm Advent Meal- Spaghetti and Salad

6:15 pm Choir

6:30 pm Catechism Class

7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus

Thur, 12/5 11:30 am Women's Guild Christmas Potluck

Fri, 12/6 5:30 pm Home Basketball Games

Sat, 12/7 8:00 am Men's Bible Study at Gorman's in Lake Elmo

2:00 pm Advent by Candlelight

5:00 pm Worship

Sun, 12/8 8:00 am Worship w/Communion

9:15 am Adult Bible Study & Sunday JAM
(Jesus and Me)

10:30 am Worship w/Communion

12:30 pm Salem Social Group Christmas Dinner

6:30 pm Youth Group

Christmas for Kids - December 14th (9am-12:30pm)

Children ages 3 to 6th grade are invited to **Christmas for Kids!** Join us for devotions, crafts, and activities sharing the Christmas story. Registration is 8:30–8:45 am, with the fun starting at 9 am.

At noon, families are welcome for a free lunch and a Christmas message celebrating our Savior, Jesus Christ. There's no cost to attend! Register or sign up to volunteer at www.salemlutheran.org/christmasforkids.



Christmas Day Instrumental Carolers

We invite instrument players to join us Christmas Day to play Christmas carols for the pre-service Christmas carol sing-a-long. We will meet in the church at 9:20 am on Christmas Day to go over what we will be doing. The caroling will start at 9:45. We have music books for flute, oboe, clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax, trumpet, French horn, trombone, and tuba. You may pick up your instrumental parts at a table in the narthex after this service. A brief description of how we will organize the music is included in the front of the music book. Please sign the participation sheet when you pick up your music so that we will know what our instrumentation will be. If you have any questions, contact Roger Zolldan at 651-216-7462 (cell/text;) or at rzolldan@comcast.net. Thank you for volunteering to play with us.

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.



Midweek Worship in Advent

Once again this year Salem students will present a special series of services for the advent season. The series of three services will be held at 4pm on Wednesdays beginning December 4th. Each week's service is led by a different group of children, with the first service featuring the 5-8th grade classes. A fellowship meal of spaghetti and meatballs with salad and breadsticks will be served.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$45,003.42 for Current Expenses and \$945.15 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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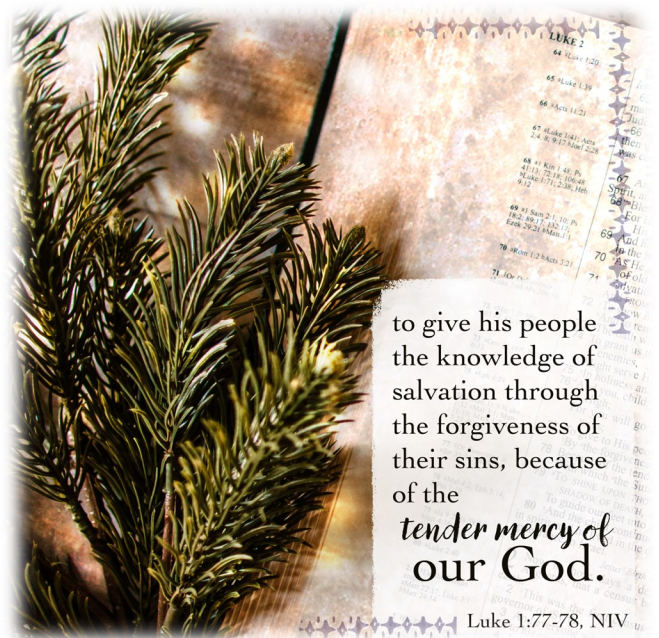
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Women's Guild Christmas Potluck

Salem Women's Guild will hold their annual Christmas Potluck at 11:30 on Thursday December 6 in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us. You don't have to be a member. All are encouraged to bring a cash or check donation for Valley Outreach. Write "Food Shelf" on the memo line so that our money is properly directed.

Poinsettias for the Altar for Christmas

We are offering the opportunity for people to remember someone special by placing poinsettias in their memory on the altar for Christmas. There are envelopes in the entry for optional donations to offset the cost of the flowers. Sunday, December 15 is the last day to order flowers.



In Our Prayers

- ✝ For repentance of sin and hope in Christ at the start of a new Church Year.
- ✝ For opportunities and words to invite unchurched family and friends to worship.
- ✝ For those who look to the Lord for healing in times of physical and emotional distress.

