

New Year's Worship

Salem's New Year's Eve vespers service will be held at 4:30 PM on December 31, offering a time for reflection and worship as we close out the year. Holy Communion will also be included in this devotional service.



Bible Reading Plans

Did you know that you can read the whole Bible in one year with just 10 minutes of reading time a day? This year's Bible plan is Pastor Wolfe's favorite, shared with the church two years ago. Each day we read a bit of the Old Testament, a bit of the New, and a selection from the Psalms. It's a perfect way to break up some of those longer Old Testament books! Pick up your copy in the church entry.

Start the New Year with Pancakes and Fellowship!

Join us on **Sunday, December 12, at 9:30 AM** for a delicious pancake breakfast hosted by Salem's Fellowship Committee. Gather in the church fellowship hall between services for warm pancakes, tasty toppings, and great conversation. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow members, celebrate the new year, and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Everyone is welcome, so bring your appetite!



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sat, 12/28 5:00 pm Worship

**Sun, 12/29 8:00 am Worship
10:30 am Worship**

Mon, 12/23 - 1/3 NO SCHOOL- OFFICE CLOSED

**Tues, 12/31 4:30 pm New Year's Eve Vespers
Worship
5:15 pm Social Group Dinner at Golden
Crown**

**Sat, 1/4 8:00 am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
at Gorman's
5:00 pm Worship**

**Sun, 1/5 8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday JAM
(Jesus and Me)
10:30 am Worship**

Salem Buy Nothing Facebook Group

Have you heard of a Buy Nothing group? It's a Facebook community where there's no buying, selling, trading, bartering, or soliciting for cash—just adults participating in a gift economy. One of our members has generously offered to manage a group for us! This group is a wonderful way to share items you no longer need with your church family. Need an extra cake pan? Make a request. Have extra Christmas decorations? Offer them as a gift. You can use the church office for item pick-up and drop-off, making it even easier to participate. Not only does this help reduce waste, but it's also a great way to build connections within your church community. To join, search for [WELS Greater St. Croix Area Sharing Site](#) on Facebook. Feel free to invite your friends to join as well!

Office Hours during the Christmas Holiday

Church and school offices will be closed until January 3 to give our staff time to celebrate with their families. Some staff will be working from home. We will respond to emails and return phone calls sent to church during the break. If you need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out—we'll be in touch.

Bible Basics New Session

Pastor Wolfe will offer the next session of Bible Basics beginning the week of January 20th. (Mondays or Thursdays by participants' choice) In this 10 to 12-week study we'll cover the most important teachings of the Bible, as well as look for God's answers to questions participants bring themselves. Bible Basics is a great refresher for members of all ages and a perfect introduction to what we believe for your family and friends. This study also serves as Salem's membership intro class. If you would like to attend or want to invite someone you know to attend please contact Pastor Wolfe (rwolfe@salemlutheran.org).

Save the Date! SCLA Gala "Back for the Future"

Saturday, March 29, 2025 back at a transformed SCLA. Registration opens December 15 at StCroixLutheran.org/gala. Early bird registration is \$100 until February 15. Donations being accepted!

Camp Croix Camps

Do you know that Salem is a member of a WELS camp for families in the woods of Western Wisconsin? Since 1968 Salem members have taken advantage of Camp Croix's facilities, programs, and ministries. Camp Croix offers a wide variety of experiences for all ages, from Youth Bible Camp, to Family Camp. The options are expanding every year, so make sure that you're keeping an eye on what is available. The camp is also available for rent during the summer for a family vacation or getaway. Learn more or sign up at their website: www.campcroix.org. Camp registrations open at 6am January 2nd.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$14,130 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.

Call Updates

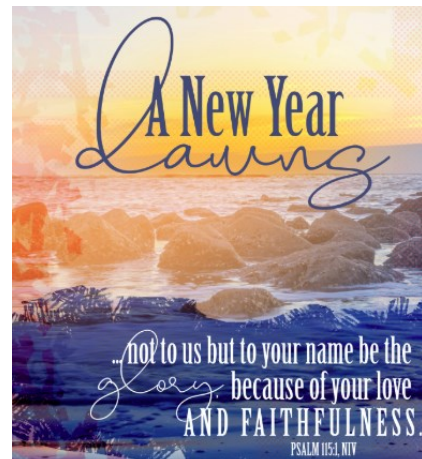
Please mark your calendars for our next pastoral call meeting on February 2. Also pray for Salem teachers Tom & Michelle Stob, holding calls to teach in West Melbourne, FL.

2025 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelope boxes give our families an opportunity to consider our giving to the Lord for regular gifts and special occasions. Every member household of Salem should have a box on the tables in the entry. If you regularly give online, you can simply turn in an empty envelope checked, "I gave online."

Before Care Supervisor Needed Urgently

Salem School is in immediate need of a supervisor for our before-care program. This is an important position for many parents. Care is provided from 7:00am-8:30am and the pay would be \$30 a time or \$20/hr. For more information, feel free to look at the [position description](#). If you or someone you know are interested, please fill out the application found in this [link](#). Contact Principal Klatt with questions at rklatt@salemlutheran.org.



In Our Prayers

- ✝ Thankfulness for Christmas blessings of family and faith.
- ✝ Safety for all who travel in this holiday season.
- ✝ Healing and companionship for all who suffer in body and spirit.

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