

Salem Social Group New Years Dinner

Celebrate New Year's Eve with us on Tuesday, December 31! Start with the 4:30 PM Vespers Service at Salem, followed by dinner at Golden Crown Chinese Restaurant (arrive between 5:30 – 5:45 PM). Open to anyone college age or older—friends and adult family welcome! Sign up in the narthex by Sunday, December 24. Questions? Contact George Smolinski at 651-334-6055 or gsmolin@earthlink.net. Ring in the New Year with fellowship and food!

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.

Christmas Day Instrumental Carolers

Instrumentalists are invited to join us in playing carols for the pre-service sing-along on Christmas Day. We'll meet in the church at 9:20 AM to prepare, with caroling beginning at 9:45. Music books are available for various instruments and can be picked up at the narthex table after this service. Please sign the participation sheet when you pick up your music. Questions? Contact Roger Zolldan at 651-216-7462 (call/text) or rzolldan@comcast.net. Thank you for sharing your talents!

Youth Group THIS SUNDAY

Sunday at 6 pm all youth 6th to 12th grade are invited to join us. We will continue our video series and discussion called An Honest conversation, regarding LGBTQ topics. If anyone has questions or would like more information about our discussion please reach out to us. Also, to help celebrate the Christmas season, we will do some Christmas cookie baking. Ingredients will be provided, just come ready to have some fun!

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 12/1 8:00 am Worship with Communion

9:15 am Bible Study & 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

4:30 pm Fellowship Committee

6:00 pm Elders Board

6:30 pm Education Committee

7:00 pm Worship Committee

Wed, 12/11 9:20 am Midweek Chapel

4:00 pm Midweek Advent Service

5:00 pm Advent Meal - Taco Night

6:15 pm Choir

6:30 pm Catechism Class

7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus

Sat, 12/14 9am-12:30pm Christmas for Kids

5:00 pm Worship

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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." Turning in even an empty envelope allows you to participate in the community of giving and helps parents teach children about giving to the Lord. If you don't find a box for yourself, please let us know in the church office.

REAL CHRISTMAS • REAL PEACE

Christmas Eve Candlelight at 4 & 6 pm
Christmas Day at 10 am



Christmas Caring Tree

Please remember to return your wrapped gifts with the tag attached on or before December 15th. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Call Meeting

Pastor Jason Baldwin holds our call to serve as associate pastor. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he considers where best to serve.

St. Croix Lutheran Academy Christmas Concerts

Association Band Concert and Middle School Christmas Concert "Noel" is Monday, December 16 in the SCLA Chapel. The association band students will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the SCLA middle school Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. Livestream on SCLA YouTube.

HS Christmas Concert "Tidings of Joy" is Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the SCLA Gym.

Parish Nurse Hours for December

The Parish Nurse will be available in December on Tuesdays, December 10, and 17, from 11:00 AM–2:00 PM. Home visits by appointment. Please take advantage of these opportunities to prioritize your health and wellness this holiday season.

Save the Date: Annual Pancake Breakfast

Salem's Fellowship Committee invites you to a pancake breakfast Sunday morning, January 11th. Join us between services for food and fellowship and get to know your fellow members!



Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$41,855.58 for Current Expenses and \$2,567.90 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Christmas for Kids - Last chance to register!

Children ages 3 years old to 6th grade are invited to spend the morning at Christmas for Kids. Everyone 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 closes on Monday but volunteer scheduling is open at www.salemlutheran.org/christmasforkids. Don't forget to invite friends and neighbors!



In Our Prayers

- ✝ For thankfulness to hear God's call to repentance and promise of forgiveness.
- ✝ For blessing on students and teachers finishing up their word before a Christmas break.
- ✝ For healing to those who are turning to the Lord in their time of physical and emotional need.

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