



*Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God by teaching His timeless Truth,
that all may grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.*

This Week at Salem

Sat, 2/1	8:00 am Men's Bible Study and Breakfast at Gorman's 5:00 pm Worship (Diethert Usher Team)
Sun, 2/2	8:00 am Worship (Crowder Usher Team) 9:15 am Pastor Call Meeting and JAM 10:30 am Worship (Youth Usher Team) 11:30 Salem New Member Welcome & Potluck
Mon, 2/3	6:30 pm Bible Basics 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball in Gym
Tues, 2/4	10:15 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Outreach Committee
Wed, 2/5	9:20 am Midweek Chapel 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm Oak Ridge Place Bible Study 6:15 pm Choir 6:30 pm Catechism Class 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
Thur, 2/6	12:30 pm Women's Guild
Fri, 2/7	NO SCHOOL
Sat, 2/8	5:00 pm Worship with Communion (Sinclair Usher Team)
Sun, 2/9	8:00 am Worship with Communion (Crowder Usher Team) 9:15 am Bible Study and JAM 10:30 am Worship with Communion (Raleigh Usher Team) 11:30 Youth Group

Call News

Our next pastor call meeting will be this Sunday (February 2nd) between services. Please plan to attend. Salem teachers Luke and Allison Dorn received a call to teach at First Lutheran School in LaCrosse, WI. Please keep them in your prayers as they consider their service to the Lord.

Study & Worship

Minnesota Ministry Conference Registration Open!

The 2025 Minnesota Ministry Conference will be held Saturday, March 15, 2025 at St. Croix Lutheran Academy in St. Paul. This event is open to all WELS members who are looking for personal inspiration or new ministry ideas. This year's conference brings leaders from across the country to speak on timely topics like creation vs. evolution, sharing Christ with friends and family, helping your college-aged kids remain in faith, and more. Registration is only \$35 per person, with an early-bird rate of \$30 before March 1st. Go to www.mnworkshop.com for more details and to register.

Youth Group Meeting

We are having a **Super Bowl/Football themed meeting on Sunday, February 9th**. We will begin right after the second service (between 11:30 am - noon). There will be an activity using chips, food provided, a devotion on being champions, and some games in the gym. We will be done in plenty of time for the big game that evening (approx 1:30 pm), so join us!

Serving & Outreach

We're Hiring: School Office Administrator

After many years of dedicated service, we bid farewell to Mrs. Light as she retires from her role as Office Administrator at Salem at the end of this school year. While we will miss her greatly, we are excited for her to enjoy more time with her husband and grandchildren. Salem is now seeking a dedicated and organized individual to fill the Office Administrator position starting June 1. If you or someone you know would be a great fit, we encourage you to apply! The full job description is available in the [Office Administrator Position Description](#), and applications can be submitted using this [link](#). Interviews will begin in early February, so be sure to apply soon. For any questions, please contact Mr. Klatt at rklatt@salemlutheran.org. We look forward to welcoming the next great addition to our Salem team!

Puzzles and Pizza Competition

Join us for the Puzzles & Pizza Competition on Friday, February 21, at 5:00 PM. This event is a fundraiser to support the youth attending the July 2026 WELS Youth Rally in Bowling Green, Ohio. All ages are welcome, including families, friends, members, and non-members. The registration fee is \$75 for a team of four, or \$20 for individuals who will be matched with others. Each team will receive a 500-piece puzzle to take home, a pizza, and soda. The first teams to complete their puzzle, pizza, and drinks will win prizes. [Register here](#) to reserve your spot and select your pizza and soda flavors.

Family Story Night and Book Fair

Join us on Tuesday, February 18, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a special family event featuring snacks, storytime, and storybook characters. There will also be a book fair from February 15 to 26, offering faith-based books from *1:55 Where Faith Matters*. In a world filled with challenging content, 1:55 ensures all books align with Christian values. The fair will be located at the church entrance and open before and after Saturday and Sunday services, as well as weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

Connecting & Sharing

Opportunities to Support Graduates

Did you know that several of our Salem members are growing in faith by attending higher education at a WELS or WELS-affiliated school? Caleb Raasch is in his last year of pastoral training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Reese Collins and Alexis Gosch are studying at Martin Luther College for teacher ministry and Andy Raasch is studying for pastoral ministry. Noah Ross is attending Wisconsin Lutheran College, while Callie Jo Otto and Chloe Wolfe are attending Bethany Lutheran College. Some of these schools have matching programs for support received from a student's congregation. If you would like to help support these students, you can give a special offering. In the memo, please write: Congregation College Fund. Funds received will be divided among students growing in faith at these schools, with priority given to those training for ministry. Thank you for your consideration. For any questions, please see Jeff Ross.

February Diaper Drive

The Caring Committee is coordinating our annual diaper drive in February to help young mothers and families at Christian Life Ministries in Little Canada. This is our WELS area pregnancy and family resource center. Their mission is helping at-risk families with educational programs while sharing God's Word with people that haven't always heard the good news God offers. We have supported this ministry for many years! We will be collecting diapers sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6 and unscented baby wipes. They have sufficient amounts of smaller sizes. Look for the baby Pack N Play in the Narthex to collect your donations!

Contribution Statements

Offering contribution statements for 2024 have been mailed. Thank you for your generosity in the Lord! If you have not received one by mail or email, please contact finance@salemlutheran.org.

Youth Lock in - February 21

Salem's highly anticipated Youth Lock-In for grades 7-12 will take place Friday, February 21, starting at 8:00 p.m. with check-in in the church entryway. Please note that we are not responsible for youth before this time, so if attending the Puzzles & Pizza event, be sure to check them in at 8:00 p.m. The lock-in will end at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, and for safety reasons, all youth must be picked up rather than driving themselves home. [Register online](#) or submit the required youth and parent forms to the church office by February 21. Chaperones are needed throughout the night, with shifts from 7:30-11:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m.-4:00 a.m., and 4:00-8:00 a.m. If you're available to help, let us know!

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$30,486.03 for Current Expenses and \$480.00 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

In Our Prayers This Week

- For hearts of faith in God's pure truth, and hands of faith to serve in every way we can.
- For wisdom, integrity, and blessing to our civil leaders in local, state, and national governments.
- For healing and hope to those who wait on the Lord for healing and blessing in their time of need.

Partner Ministries

The Music Man by Meredith Willson at SCLA Feb 13-16.

Tickets for Thu, Feb 13, 7p (general seating); Fri, Feb 14, 7p (reserved seating); Sat, Feb 15, 7p (reserved seating); and Sun, Feb 16, 2p (reserved seating). Online sales only. Credit card at the door. \$16.50/adult; \$11.50/senior; \$6.50 student/child (all prices include a \$1.50 online ticket fee). StCroixLutheran.org/tickets

Unbreakable and Flourishing Women's Retreat

Join us for the **Time of Grace 2025 Women's Event** on March 28–29 at the Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot. Be inspired by speakers on faith, resilience, and wellness, and explore God's promise to help us flourish like palm trees (Psalm 92:12-15). Registration is \$249 through February 28, including speaker sessions, a dessert reception, and Saturday meals (travel and lodging not included). Learn more and register at Eventbrite or email astrackbein@timeofgrace.org.

MLC Concert Choir

The MLC College Choir will present a full concert at Christ Lutheran, North St. Paul, on Saturday, March 22, at 7 pm. You are invited to attend and also invited to consider how you can help! Please contact Ann Ponath (annponath@christlutheran.us) if you are interested in hosting two or more MLC choir members from Saturday night to Sunday morning. What a wonderful way to meet our future pastors, teachers and staff ministers!