



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).

January Youth Group

Our first youth group of the new year will be next Sunday, January 12 at 6:30 pm. We will be continuing our study and discussing plans for upcoming outings and our next fundraiser. See you there!

Opportunities to Support Graduates

With this year's high school graduation, we have several of our members continuing with higher education. Reece Collins and Alexis Gosch will be attending Martin Luther College to study to become teachers and Andy Raasch a pastor in our synod. Noah Ross is attending Wisconsin Lutheran College for Nursing. Both schools have matching fund programs set up for congregations to give toward their tuition. We also have Caleb Raasch at Seminary and Chole Wolfe at Bethany for finance. If you would like to help support these students, you can give a special offering. In the memo, please write: Congregation College Fund. The money will then be divided among the 6 students. Thank you for your consideration. For any questions, please see Jeff Ross.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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| Sun, 1/5 | 8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday JAM
(Jesus and Me)
10:30 am Worship |
| Mon, 1/6 | 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball in Gym |
| Tues, 1/7 | 10:15 am Bible Study
5:30 pm B Team Basketball Game at Home
6:00 pm Outreach Committee
6:30 pm A Team Basketball Game at Home |
| Wed, 1/8 | 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 |
| Fri, 1/10 | 5:30 pm B Team Basketball Game at Home |
| Sat, 1/11 | 5:00 pm Worship with Communion |
| Sun, 1/12 | 8:00 am Worship with Communion
9:15 am Pancake Breakfast
10:30 am Worship with Communion
6:30 pm Youth Group |

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!



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.

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.

Call Updates

Please mark your calendars for our next pastoral call meeting on February 2. Tom and Michelle Stob have returned their call and will remain at Salem to serve with us.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$27,022.70 for Current Expenses and \$6,295.75 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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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 available in the church office. If you regularly give online, you can simply turn in an empty envelope checked, "I gave online."

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!



In Our Prayers

- ✝ For faithfulness in Christian service and worship in 2025.
- ✝ For open eyes and hearts to share the gospel with all people we meet.
- ✝ Healing to those in pain and comfort to those who struggle.

