

## Call News

Pastor Timothy Priewe in Appleton, WI holds our call to serve as associate pastor. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve the Lord in ministry.

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### 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 on our website 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!

### 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!**

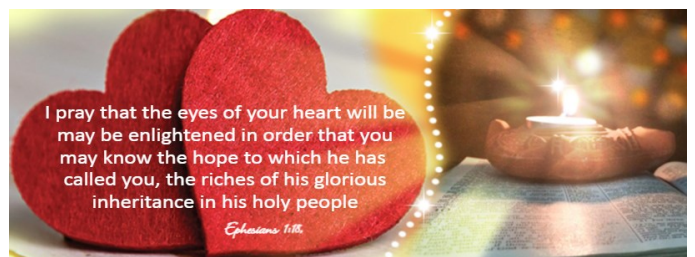
## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 2/16	<b>8:00 am Worship</b> 9:15 am Bible Study and JAM <b>10:30 am Worship</b>
Mon, 2/17	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> 6:30 pm Bible Basics 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball
Tues, 2/18	10:15 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Reading Night 6:30 pm Church Council
Wed, 2/19	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, 2/21	5:00 pm Puzzle Night! 8:00 pm Youth Lock-In
Sat, 2/22	<b>5:00 pm Worship with Communion</b>

### Upcoming LWMS Events

Salem members are invited to the LWMS St. Croix Circuit Spring Rally on Saturday, April 26, at Bloomington Lutheran Church. Registration is from 9:00–9:30 AM, followed by a presentation, on Ministry Enhancement Outreach at the Early Childhood Center. The event will also include a business meeting and time for coffee.

Salem members are also invited to the 62nd Annual LWMS Convention, held June 26-29 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Attendees will hear from missionaries and their families, participate in daily worship and devotions, and learn about WELS mission work around the world. A bus has been reserved for travel to Tulsa—if interested, speak with Pastor Wolfe or LWMS liaison Barb Miller.

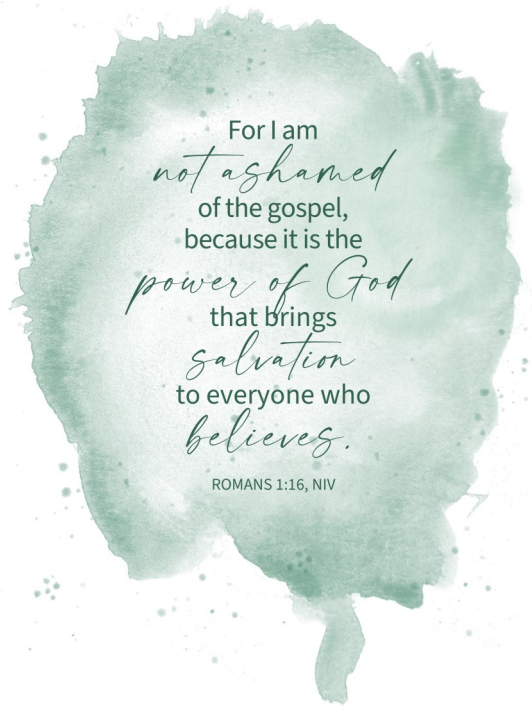


### **Ministry Conference - Early Bird registration ends soon!**

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](http://www.mnworkshop.com) for more details and to register.

### **Parish Nurse Office Hours & Blood Pressure Clinic**

Our parish nurse will be available for regular office hours will be held on 18, and 25 from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. No appointment is needed. To schedule a home visit, email Kathy Smart at [nurse@salemlutheran.org](mailto:nurse@salemlutheran.org).



### **Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$25,914.43 for Current Expenses and \$660 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at [salemlutheran.org/donate](http://salemlutheran.org/donate).

### **Contact Information**

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### **Salem Shout-Out- Congratulations to Salem Member**

**Natalie Gruba**, a junior at Mahtomedi High School, is a dedicated member of DECA, an international organization that prepares students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. She told us “My faith in Jesus plays a significant role in everything I do, including my involvement in DECA. I strive to embody the values of integrity, compassion, and service that Jesus taught. My faith motivates me to work hard, stay humble, and support my peers, creating a nurturing and uplifting environment for everyone involved.” On January 10th, Natalie advanced to the state level in the entrepreneurship category, with the goal of competing at nationals in Orlando, Florida. This exciting opportunity comes with financial challenges, and she is seeking support to continue her journey. Donations will help cover competition expenses and allow Natalie to pursue her passion for business and leadership. If you're able to contribute, please consider donating. Make sure to encourage her!



If you want to give a shout-out to yourself or someone you love, talk to the church office. We'd love to share!

### **Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza**

Salem will be hosting a 'Pedals, Pipes and Pizza' event Saturday morning, March 1. This program, created by the American Guild of Organists, is designed to introduce the pipe organ to youth between ages 9-16 and encourage those interested to pursue organ study. This event which will be facilitated by Luke Dorn and Robyn Stoller. We look forward to a fun and educational event on the 'King of Instruments', the pipe organ!

### **In Our Prayers**

- ✝ For eyes of faith that see the reality of blessings and curses through God's eyes.
- ✝ For healthy enrollment in our school and preschool, that we might share Jesus with many families.
- ✝ For victory in heaven for Jim Schmidt, and comfort to all who suffer in pain and loneliness here still.

