

## Family Story Night and Book Fair

Join us on Tuesday, February 25, 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 *I:55 Where Faith Matters*. In a world filled with challenging content, *I: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!

## Enrollment is Now Open!

Enrollment has started for the 2025-2026 school year! Please let friends and family know about the great things God is doing at Salem Lutheran School for preschoolers through 8th grade. Encourage those who are interested to sign up for a tour on our school website or contact the school office for more information ([school.office@salemlutheran.org](mailto:school.office@salemlutheran.org) or 651-439-7831).

## Salem's Fine Arts Fair – March 6

Join us for an evening of art and music at Salem's Education Night on Wednesday, March 6! From 5:30–6:15 p.m., explore student artwork inspired by renowned artists. Then at 6:15 p.m., enjoy a Disney-themed concert featuring students from preschool through 8th grade. Come celebrate the creativity and talents of our students—we hope to see you there!

## Buy Greeting Cards and Support our Altar Guild

Easter cards are now available! Take a look at the expanded collection of greeting cards on the rack in the narthex! Boxed sets are priced as marked, and select cards are now available for individual purchase at \$1 each. If you prefer, these can also be purchased by the box. All proceeds support Salem's Altar Guild.

## Thank You for Supporting the Diaper Drive

Thanks to your donations, we were able to support Christian Life Ministries and the families they serve. But the need doesn't stop here—let's keep giving! Our local food shelf, Valley Outreach, always welcomes shelf-stable food and paper products, and you can drop off donations anytime at the collection shelf in our entryway. Let's continue to share Christ's love through giving!

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

<b>Sun, 2/23</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship with Communion</b> 9:15 am Bible Study and JAM <b>10:30 am Worship with Communion</b>
Mon, 2/24	7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball in Gym
Tues, 2/25	10:15 am Bible Study 5:00 Culver's Fundraiser 5:30 pm Reading Night
Wed, 2/26	9:20 am Midweek Chapel 6:15 pm Choir 6:30 pm Catechism Class 7:15 pm Handbells & Men's Chorus
Thur, 2/27	6:30 pm Bible Basics
<b>Sat, 3/1</b>	<b>5:00 pm Worship</b>
<b>Sun, 3/2</b>	<b>8:00 am Worship</b> 9:15 am Bible Study and JAM <b>10:30 am Worship</b>

## 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.



**Minnesota 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.

**Upcoming LWMS Events**

Salem members are invited to the LWMS St. Croix Circuit Spring Rally on Saturday, April 26, at Bloomington Lutheran Church (9350 Portland Avenue South). Registration will take place from 9:00–9:30 AM, followed by a presentation from Richard Gibson of Faith Lutheran, Prior Lake, on Ministry Enhancement Outreach at the Early Childhood Center. The event will also include a business meeting and time for coffee.

In addition, Salem members are invited to the 62nd Annual LWMS Convention, held June 26-29 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. While LWMS stands for Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, the convention is open to men and women of all ages. Attendees will hear from missionaries and their families, participate in daily worship and devotions, and learn about WELS mission work around the world. More details can be found at [www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org). A bus has been reserved for travel to Tulsa from our area—if interested, speak with Pastor Wolfe or LWMS liaison Barb Miller. Hotels are filling fast, so early registration is encouraged!

**Ministry Support**

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$27,244.33 for Current Expenses and \$1,790.15 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**

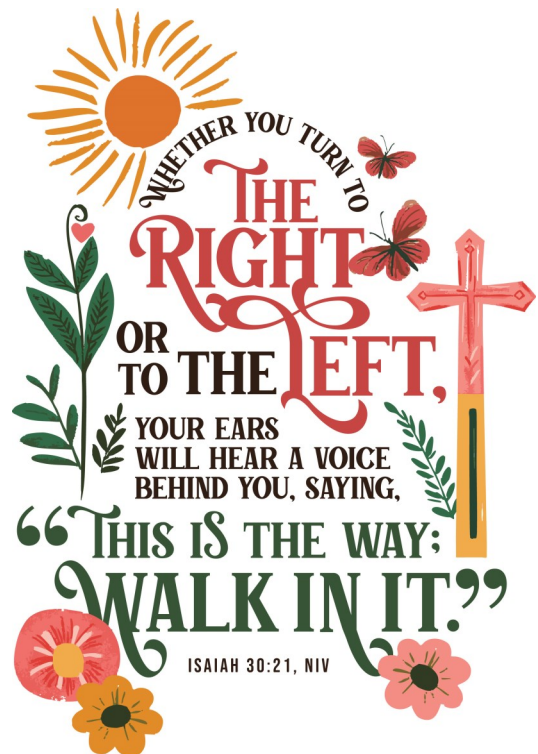
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**Band Concert and Gathering Grounds Sunday March 2**

Featuring the association grade school Cadet Band, Crusader Band, and the Oakdale Avenue Jazz band. The Concert starts at 2:30p in the gym. The Gathering Grounds Variety Show and Fundraiser starts at 3:30p in the commons. Join us for hot drinks and for-purchase treats!

**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](mailto: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!



**In Our Prayers**

- ✝ For strength to find peace and relief in the face of those who hurt or persecute us.
- ✝ For blessing on those who care for others in their times of need.
- ✝ For the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those who don't know the grace of God yet.

