



*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, 3/15	9:00 am District Worship Workshop 5:00 pm Worship (Sinclair Usher Team)
Sun, 3/16	8:00 am Worship (Crowder Usher Team) 9:15 am Guest Presentation and JAM 10:30 am Worship (Raleigh Usher Team)
Mon, 3/17	6:30 pm Bible Basics 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball in Gym
Tues, 3/18	10:15 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Church Council
Wed, 3/19	9:20 am Midweek Chapel 4:00 pm Lenten Worship (Gruetzmacher Usher Team) 5:00 pm Lenten Supper (Pasta) 5:30 pm Choir & Catechism Class 6:30 pm Lenten Worship (Youth Usher Team) 7:30 pm Handbells
Sat, 3/22	5:00 pm Worship w/ Communion (Pelnar Usher Team)
Sun, 3/23	8:00 am Worship w/ Communion (Crowder Usher Team) 9:15 am Bible Study and JAM 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion (Youth Usher Team)

Call News

Salem's next pastoral call meeting will be Sunday, March 30th between services. Salem 1st Grade teacher Debbie Hansen continues to hold a call to teach at Risen Savior Academy in Lakewood Ranch, FL. Teachers Tom & Michelle Stob received calls to teach at St. Paul Lutheran in Wonewoc, WI. (Find their letter at the end of these announcements.) Please keep all our teachers and their families in prayer as they deliberate.

Salem School Enrollment is Now Open!

Enrollment is open 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 or 651-439-7831).

Want to Serve? Need to Serve!

Salem's leaders are in the finishing stages of reorganizing how we coordinate our worship helper programs, including ushers, greeters, vestry, and tech. It's the perfect time to let us know you'd like to get involved on Saturdays and Sundays. AND we need a lot of help to fill these important roles. If you are interested in any worship helper roles email stewardship chairman Zuber Shah (stewardship@salemlutheran.org) or Pastor Wolfe (rwolfe@salemlutheran.org). Let us know how you can be part of Salem's serving family!

Growth & Worship

Choir Concert at Martin Luther College

Did you know that WELS, our national church body, is celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2025? Choirs from our Seminary and College of ministry training are holding a special joint celebration concert on Saturday, March 29th at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. The concert will be held at 7 pm in the Chapel of the Christ. Want to go but not sure about the drive? Share your interest with the church office and we'll see if we can help set up carpools. Email church@salemlutheran.org and use "Anniversary Concert" in the subject line.

Upcoming LWMS Events

Salem members are invited to the LWMS St. Croix Circuit Spring Rally on Saturday, April 26, at Bloomington Lutheran (9350 Portland Ave S). Registration is from 9:00–9:30 AM, followed by a presentation from Richard Gibson (Faith, Prior Lake) on Ministry Enhancement Outreach at the Early Childhood Center, along with a business meeting and coffee.

You're also invited to the 62nd Annual LWMS Convention, June 26-29 in Tulsa, OK. Open to men and women of all ages, the convention features missionary speakers, worship, and updates on WELS mission work. Visit www.lwms.org for details. A bus is available for travel—contact Pastor Wolfe or LWMS liaison Barb Miller. Hotels are filling quickly, so early registration is encouraged!

March 20 Book Signing and Lecture

Retired WELS missionary and professor, Dr. Glen L. Thompson, will be giving a free lecture and doing a book-signing in Roseville on the evening of Thursday, March 20 at 7 PM (refreshments from 6:15) in the Nazareth Chapel at the University of Northwestern-St. Paul. The subject is: *China's Earliest Christians: Who Were They and What Can We Learn From Them?* While it is free, registration is appreciated. Dr. Thompson will sign copies of his 2024 book from Eerdmans, *Jingjiao: The Earliest Christian Church in China*. It was given an Award of Merit by Christianity Today as one of the top books in Christian history for 2024 and will be available for \$25.

Serving & Outreach

Parish Nurse Updates

Remaining Parish Nurse office hours for March are Tuesday, March 18 (11 AM–2 PM) and Tuesday, March 25 (11 AM–2 PM). The next Blood Pressure Clinic will be between services on Sunday, April 6. The Community Foot Care Clinic will be held in April, offering maintenance foot and nail care, especially helpful for diabetics. A small fee applies—contact Kathy Smart with your email for more information.

Volunteers Needed for Easter!

Easter for Kids is coming up on Saturday, April 12th, from 10 AM to noon, and we need your help to make it a great experience for families! Volunteers are needed to assist with crafts, activities, and more as we share the joy of Jesus' Easter victory with children and their families. Whether you love working with kids, doing crafts, enjoy storytelling, or just want to bring Jesus to our community, there's a place for you! If you're interested in helping, please reach out to Iris Dodge (irisdawndodge@gmail.com) —we'd love to have you on the team!

Save the Date for VBS

VBS is coming to Salem June 9-13, 2025, with the theme *Keepers of the Kingdom!* Children from Pre-K (toilet-trained) through 6th grade are invited to join the fun. Family Fun Night for Salem members, VBS families, and guests will be on June 12. Volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. More details to come! For questions or ideas, contact Naomi Gumbrill at 763-234-5036 or ngumbrill@gmail.com.

Connecting & Sharing

Join our Salem Softball Team!

Batter up! Spring is just around the corner, and we're looking for players to join our men's slow-pitch softball team in the Stillwater Community Ed League! Games are played Tuesday evenings at Lily Lake Park in Stillwater. The season runs from May to Early August. Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking for some fun on the field, we'd love to have you join us! Some experience is helpful, but all are welcome to inquire. All players must be college-age or older to play on the team per league rules. For more info, or to sign up, call/text Tom Forster at 651-303-3548 or email tforster16@gmail.com. Don't miss out - come be part of the team!

Giving in Faith

Ministry Support

Offering numbers from last week are unavailable due to spring break. We'll report next week. Thank you for generous offerings that let us do our gospel ministry. You can give online any time at salemlutheran.org/donate.

In Our Prayers This Week

- For faith and faithfulness to see our sins and turn from them in repentance.
- For hope and peace in Lent as we walk again with our Savior to the cross and empty tomb.
- For members and friends struggling physically, mentally, financially, and otherwise.

Partner Ministries

MLC Concert Choir

Join us on Saturday, March 22 at 7 pm at Christ Lutheran Church (2475 E. 17th Avenue, North St. Paul, MN) as the Martin Luther College Choir, under the direction of Prof. Adrian Smith, presents a choral concert titled "God is our Refuge and Strength." The program will include settings of familiar hymns, as well as selections by choral music composers representing a variety of musical styles.

Camp Croix: Barn Raising Day Coming Soon!

We are happy to share that Camp Croix's building use permit was approved by the county and we can move forward with the project. Barn Raising Day for Camp Croix is Sunday, April 6. This is a special opportunity for everyone to give together to get something lasting done in a day—just like a traditional barn raising! This will be a special day for everyone to donate together toward Camp Croix's new multi-purpose building. Mark your calendar to be a part of this shared effort! Learn more at campcroix.org/barn-raising.

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Call Announcement from Tom & Michelle Stob

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Salem Lutheran Church and School,
Sunday afternoon Michelle and I received divine calls to serve as teachers at St. Paul Lutheran in Wonewoc, WI. My call is to teach Fifth and Sixth grade, and Michelle to teach First and Second grade. As we consider the two calls that we are now holding, it is our prayer that the Lord of the Church give us guidance as we evaluate our ministries and consider where to serve him. We ask for your prayers and look forward to conversations with you concerning the two ministries. May the LORD of the Church continue to bless and keep us.

Your Brother in Christ,
Tom Stob