

Call News

We will hold a pastoral call meeting between services this Sunday, March 30th. We will also ask the voters to approve a request for a graduate from the Seminary if this call is returned. Seminary assignment day is May 22nd. Jill Kaiser and her husband have received calls to serve as teachers at Peace Lutheran School in Kissimmee, Florida, with Mrs. Kaiser called to teach grades 1-2 and Mr. Kaiser to teach grades 3-4. They ask for prayers as they consider where the Lord would have them serve.

50th Anniversary Celebration of Salem School

Save the Date! Join us as we celebrate 50 years of Salem Lutheran School with a special two-day anniversary event on Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, 2025. The celebration begins Saturday from 3:00–7:00 PM with an outdoor carnival, a chapel service, and a meal. On Sunday, we will gather for a special anniversary service, followed by a reception with cake and coffee, as well as tours of the school. Stay tuned for more details—we look forward to celebrating with you!

Easter Vigil – Sat, Apr 19, 8:00-9:30p

All are invited to an Easter Vigil, Sat, Apr 19, 8:00-9:30p, SCLA chapel, presented by the WELS Minnesota District Worship Committee. This historic service features scripture readings, ancient and modern hymns, anthems by skilled musicians, and a celebration of Holy Communion. A 20-minute pre-service presentation at 7:30p highlights history, symbolism, and defining characteristics of the Easter Vigil.

Graduate Gift- Caleb Raasch

After years of studying at Salem Lutheran School, St. Croix Lutheran Academy, and Martin Luther College, Caleb will graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in May and step into full-time ministry. Earlier this month, he led a sermon and Bible study at Salem, and now we have one last opportunity to support him before he receives his first call. The Caring Committee is collecting a congregational gift to equip Caleb with ministry resources and reference books, but this is the final week to contribute! If you'd like to give, place your donation in an envelope marked "Caleb Gift" and drop it off in the church office or collection plate by Sunday. Let's come together to encourage and support Caleb as he begins this new chapter in ministry!

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

- Sun, 3/30** 8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Congregational Call Meeting and JAM
10:30 am Worship
- Mon, 3/31** 6:30 pm Bible Basics
7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball
- Tues, 4/1** 10:15 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Outreach Committee
- Wed, 4/2** 9:20 am Midweek Chapel
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
4:00 pm Lenten Worship
5:00 pm Lenten Supper (Sloppy Joes)
5:30 pm Choir & Catechism Class
6:30 pm Lenten Worship
7:30 pm Handbells
- Thur, 4/3** 12:30 pm Women's Guild
- Sat, 4/5** 5:00 pm Worship
- Sun, 4/6** 8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Adult Bible Study and JAM
10:30 am Worship
2:00 pm WELS Handbell Festival in Zumbrota, MN

Easter for Kids 2025

Easter for Kids is coming up on **Saturday, April 12, from 10 AM to noon** at **Salem Lutheran Church** in Stillwater, and we're excited to celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death!

This event is for **kids ages 3 through 6th grade**, with parents and caregivers welcome to join in the fun. Together, families will enjoy **crafts, music, games, and Bible stories** that bring the Easter message to life. We also need **volunteers** to help with crafts, activities, and more. If you're interested in volunteering,

please contact **Iris Dodge at irisdown-dodge@gmail.com**. Families, don't miss out—register today at **www.salemlutheran.org/easterforkids!**



Applications for Congregation Grants Open

Salem Lutheran Church offers financial assistance to members attending WELS-affiliated colleges (MLC, WLS, WLC, Bethany). Eligible students must be members of Salem, maintain a 3.0+ GPA, and submit their intent and previous year's GPA by April 15. Grant amounts vary and funds are distributed based on availability. For details and to apply, email church@salemlutheran.org or pick up an application at the Information Center.

Camp Croix: Next Sunday is Barn-Raising Day

Barn Raising Day is almost here! Next Sunday, April 6, we're asking everyone who loves Camp Croix to give together toward our new building project. Just like a barn raising, when many come together, something incredible can be built! Visit campcroix.org/barn-raising to learn how you can be part of this shared effort. Learn more at campcroix.org/barn-raising.



Preschool/Kindergarten Play on April 10

Join us on April 10th at 6:00 p.m. as our preschool and kindergarten classes present *American Symbols!* This musical highlights iconic symbols like the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Bell, celebrating their meaning in American history. The children are excited to share—come see them shine!



Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$24,265.42 for Current Expenses and \$2,280.15 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Contact Information

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Call for Volunteers

Worship: Salem's leaders are in the finishing stages of reorganizing how we coordinate our worship helper programs, including ushers, greeters, vestry, and tech. If you are interested in any worship helper roles email stewardship chairman Zuber Shah (stewardship@salemlutheran.org).

Gardening: We are looking for volunteers to help refresh some of the landscaping around the church. This could be a great opportunity for individuals or families to work together while enhancing our outdoor spaces. If you'd like to help or learn more, please reach out to the church office.

Sanctuary Care: Salem has a dedicated team of cleaners who maintain the general cleanliness of the sanctuary, and our Altar Guild cares for the altar area and brass. However, we could use a few volunteers for occasional, detail-oriented tasks, such as lint rolling pew cushions, polishing or oiling wood, and repairing minor pew damage. This would be on an as-needed basis when specific needs arise. If you're interested in helping, please leave a note in the church office or email ai-bisch@salemlutheran.org.

Office Back-up: We are looking for volunteers to assist in the church office when our administrator is away due to illness or vacation. This would involve answering phones, receiving packages, and monitoring the door for a few hours as needed. Training will be provided. If you're interested in helping, please email ai-bisch@salemlutheran.org.

In Our Prayers

- ✝ For the believer's peace that comes in knowing God sees us in love rather than judgment.
- ✝ For opportunity and words to share our faith with neighbors and friends this Easter.
- ✝ For our pastor, teachers, and leaders as they prepare for our annual meeting and planning.

