

Call News

Pastor Timothy Priewe has returned our associate pastor call. (See his letter at the end of these announcements.) We will hold another meeting Sunday morning, March 30th between worship services. Salem 1st Grade teacher Debbie Hansen has received a call to teach at Risen Savior Academy in Lakewood Ranch, FL. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she deliberates.

Salem Office Closed

The church and school offices will be closed for spring break from March 10-15. All scheduled events will continue as planned. For urgent matters, please email church@salemlutheran.org or leave a message.

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.

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 Gumbrell at 763-234-5036 or ngumbrell@gmail.com.

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. We need a lot of help to fill these important roles. If you are interested email Zuber Shah (stewardship@salemlutheran.org) or Pastor Wolfe (rwolfe@salemlutheran.org).

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun, 3/9	Daylight Saving Time Begins - Spring ahead one hour! 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:15 am Bible Study and JAM 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion
Mon, 3/10	NO School/Offices Closed 6:30 pm Bible Basics 7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball
Tues, 3/11	10:15 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Fellowship Committee 6:00 pm Elders Board 6:30 pm Education Committee 7:00 pm Worship Committee
Wed, 3/12	4:00 pm Lenten Worship 5:00 pm Lenten Supper (Sloppy Joes, Chips, Cole Slaw) 5:30 pm Choir & Catechism Class 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:30 pm Handbells
Sat, 3/15	9:00 am District Worship Workshop 5:00 pm Worship
Sun, 3/16	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study and JAM 10:30 am Worship

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!



Parish Nurse Updates

The Spring Grief Coalition Series begins Thursday, March 6. See the bulletin board for details, and feel free to take a brochure from the Narthex for anyone who may benefit. 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. Blood Pressure Clinics will be available between services on Sunday, March 2, and Sunday, April 6. Parish Nurse office hours for March are Tuesday, March 4 (11 AM–4 PM), Tuesday, March 18 (11 AM–2 PM), and Tuesday, March 25 (11 AM–2 PM).

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.

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!

MLC Concert Choir

Join us on Saturday, March 22 at 7 p.m. 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.

Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$25,940.85 for Current Expenses and \$1,422.68 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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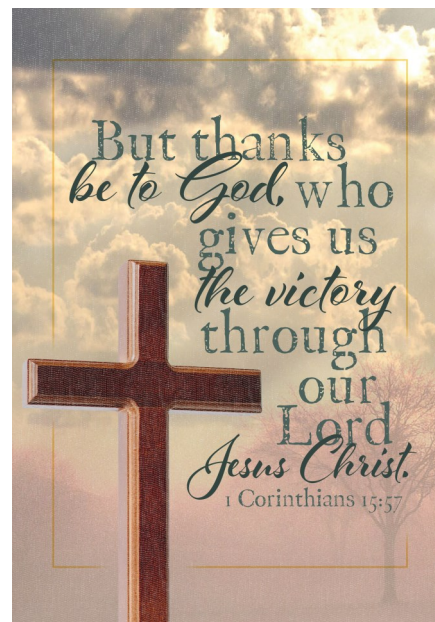
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Thank You for Supporting the Diaper Drive

Your generosity made a difference! 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!

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

On March 1, Robyn Stoller and Luke Dorn led a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event, where six piano students (ages 10-16) explored Salem's pipe organ through hands-on playing, a fun facts quiz, and a pipe chamber tour. They received learning materials and resources to encourage future organ study. We look forward to hosting another event next year as part of Salem's organ centennial celebration!



In Our Prayers

- ✝ For humility to acknowledge our sins, and peace in knowing forgiveness in Jesus.
- ✝ For faithfulness and opportunity to set Christ first in this Lenten season.
- ✝ For Tracy Poirier, home from the hospital, and others praying for healing and health.

