

Call News

Salem's next pastoral call meeting will be Sunday, March 30th between services. After 27 years of faithful service at Salem, 1st Grade teacher Debbie Hansen has accepted a call to teach at Risen Savior Academy in Lakewood Ranch, FL. Teachers Tom & Michelle Stob have returned their calls to Wonewoc, WI and will be staying at Salem.

50th Anniversary Celebration of Salem School

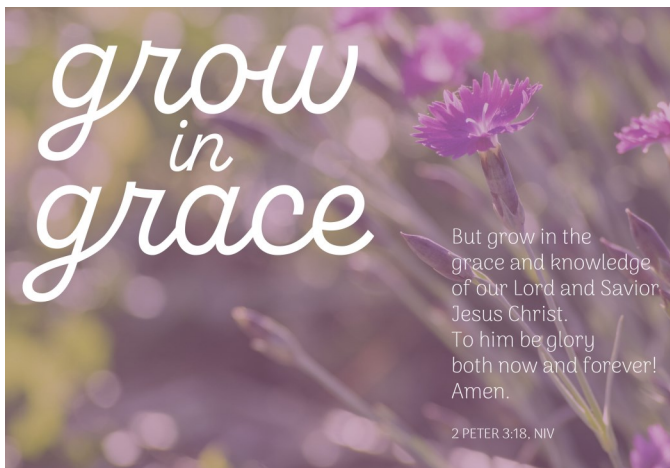
Save the Date! Join us as we celebrate 50 years of Salem Lutheran School with a special two-day anniversary event on Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, 2025. The celebration begins Saturday from 3:00–7:00 PM with an outdoor carnival, a chapel service, and a meal. On Sunday, we will gather for a special 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!

Youth Group This Week

Our next regular Youth Group meeting is this Sunday, March 23, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We'll wrap up our video series, *An Honest Conversation*, and prepare the taco meat for the Lenten meal the following week.

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.



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

- Sun, 3/23** 8:00 am **Worship w/Communion**
9:15 am Bible Study and JAM
10:30 am **Worship w/Communion**
6:30 pm **Youth Group**
- Mon, 3/24** 6:30 pm Bible Basics
7:00 pm Community Men's Basketball
- Tues, 3/25** 10:15 am Bible Study
- Wed, 3/26** 9:20 am Midweek Chapel
4:00 pm **Lenten Worship**
5:00 pm Lenten Supper (Taco Night)
5:30 pm Choir & Catechism Class
6:30 pm **Lenten Worship**
7:30 pm Handbells
- Sat, 3/29** 5:00 pm **Worship**
- Sun, 3/30** 8:00 am **Worship**
9:15 am Congregational Call Meeting and JAM
10:30 am **Worship**

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!

Save the Date for VBS—June 9-13, 2025

This year's VBS theme is "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.

Camp Croix: Barn Raising Day Coming

Soon!

Last week Camp Croix's building use was approved by the county! 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



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!



Ministry Support

God blessed Salem with offerings this past week of \$27,798.70 for Current Expenses and \$2,575.00 for Missions. We pray God leads us to generous giving. You can give digitally if you prefer at salemlutheran.org/donate.

Contact Information

Church office (Abigail Ibsch): 651-439-7831 | church@salemlutheran.org
Pastor Ryan Wolfe: 701-989-9721 | rwolfe@salemlutheran.org
Principal Ryan Klatt: 763-898-6273 | rklatt@salemlutheran.org
School Office (Diane Light): 651-439-7831 | school.office@salemlutheran.org
Parish Nurse (Kathy Smart): 651-383-5126 | nurse@salemlutheran.org

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 urgency in our faith and life, that we hear God's call to repent and serve.
- ✝ For blessing as we share peace and hope with one another.
- ✝ For members and friends who look for healing and comfort.

