

THE SPIRIT

February 10 and 11, 2024



SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Connecting to Christ ♦ Growing in Grace ♦ Seeking to Serve

SALEM'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday School at 9:20 a.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:20 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday Night Men's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Wayne Huebner, *Pastor*

John Wittmayer, *Director of Music Ministries*

Terry Rooney, *Finance Coordinator*

Christopher Hill, *Associate Pastor*

Pam Moellenhoff, *Director of Assimilation*

Susy Schindler, *Administrative Assistant*

YOU CAN STILL WORSHIP FROM HOME



...BY PHONE:

1. No sooner than 5 minutes before the scheduled worship service time, CALL **314-274-9055**.
2. You will hear a greeting and then be asked for the "Conference PIN Number." **PRESS 1**.
3. You will hear another welcome to worship and be connected to the live worship service!

You may hang up when you are finished, or you can re-enter the service by following the above steps.

...ONLINE:

The 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday is live streamed with the link available at <https://slcas.org/church/worship-from-home/>.



WINTER WEATHER ISSUES



In the event inclement winter weather (forecasted snow or icy conditions) could possibly prohibit our worship here at Salem, turn on your TV and watch for cancelled services: Fox (channel 2), KMOV (channel 4), KSDK (channel 5), or KPLR (channel 11). Look for *Salem Lutheran Church Affton* on the scroll at the bottom of the screen. You can also check our website, www.slcas.org, our Facebook page, or Instagram.

If you do not feel safe going out during any kind of inclement weather, we encourage you to stay home.

THANKS from SALEM MEN'S CLUB

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Sausage Dinner last Sunday, February 4th.

We extend our thanks to all who helped to make this fundraising event a success: the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salem students and staff, church volunteers, and our Men's Club members; who donated their time to greet and sell tickets in the gym, direct patrons to tables, pour beverages, clean tables, work in the kitchen and carry-out room, prepare desserts, and serve food.

Your hard work is so very much appreciated!

We also thank everyone for their donated desserts.

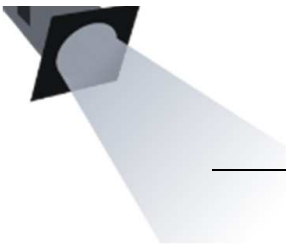
The proceeds from this event benefit our church and school.

You can still buy fresh sausage at \$5 per pound. Orders are being taken until Tuesday, February 13th.

Call Tim Howard at (314) 574-7596 to order yours now!

We hope you and your family will join us for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th and our monthly BBQs on the 2nd Saturday of each month, April through September.

6th GRADE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEKEND!



This weekend we are pleased to spotlight Salem's 6th Grade Class taught by our Principal, *Mr. Matt Foster*.

Some of our 6th graders are assisting with worship this weekend...

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

GREETER:

Lily R.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

GREETERS:

Emma R., Isla L., Claire D.

READER: Claire D.

6th Grade is an important year as our students are adjusting to the Middle School system and growing into student leaders. This year they are learning the foundational skills that will help them in algebra. They are also studying biology in science class so they can better understand the beauty of God's creation. In religion they are studying the Old Testament and the many prophesies pointing to Jesus.

This is also the age when many students are finding their unique interests and passions from academics to band, art, and choir.

We hope you will have an opportunity this weekend to talk to one of our exceptional 6th graders on this Spotlight weekend!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND: February 10 and 11, 2024

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10** 5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion (or listen in by phone)
7:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11** 8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion, by phone or online at
<https://slcas.org/church/worship-from-home/>
9:20 a.m. Sunday School in the Salem School building
9:20 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (or listen in by phone)
12:00 noon Recording of this morning's 8:00 service available at
<https://slcas.org/church/worship-from-home/>

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY



Lent this year begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and we worship at 2:15 p.m. (with our Salem Lutheran School students) and at 6:30 p.m. Both services include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. A complete worship schedule for Lent can be found at <https://slcas.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/LENT-2024-Worship-Schedule.pdf>. Please make note of these dates and times and worship with us!

New this year are the Lenten suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 14th for a “Souper” Supper
that includes soup, bread bowls, salad, homemade bread, butter, desserts, and beverages.

There is no cost for this meal, but your free will offering is much appreciated.

We thank *Jerry Foster* and *Salem's Fellowship Team* for making these Lenten suppers available to us all!

FEBRUARY SURVIVORS DINNER GROUP

Salem survivors who have lost a spouse and would like to dine out with others, are invited to the next dinner planned for **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH** at 11:45 a.m. (after the 10:30 worship service) at **The Pasta House, 9012 Gravois Road in Affton.**



For more information and/or to RSVP, contact Donna by calling or texting (314) 221-2896 or email her at mkdonna@swbell.net.

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING



Salem Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited for an afternoon of fun at Concord Bowl, located at 11801 Tesson Ferry Road (63128)! We have 4 lanes reserved for bowling on **Sunday, February 18th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** The cost for bowling and shoe rentals is covered for all participants, but you should bring some extra cash to purchase your own snack or beverage.

Invite a friend and **let Pastor Hill know** by email at chrishill@slcas.org that you plan to attend so we can be sure we have enough room for everyone to have a good time! We look forward to seeing you there!

THE AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY'S NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Throughout the month of February, we are collecting donations of the following **food items** for the clients of the Affton Christian Food Pantry:



- **CANNED SOUPS** (all brands, flavors, sizes)
- **MEAL SUPPLEMENTS** (mac 'n cheese, Rice-A-Roni, etc.)

Please place your donations in the RED BIN designated for the ACFP in the lower level lobby. *Please know that the clients of the ACFP are very grateful for your generous support.*

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 12 – 18, 2024

MONDAY FEBRUARY 12		
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14	2:15 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP with the Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
	5:00 p.m.	7 th & 8 th Grade Catechism Class in the Fellowship Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday "Souper" Supper in the Fellowship Hall (until 6:15 p.m.)
	6:30 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP with the Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
	7:30 p.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15	6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study in the Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	AA Group Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16		
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17	10:00 a.m.	Private (CONSOER) Event in the Fellowship Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (or listen in by phone)
	7:00 p.m.	AA Group Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion, by phone or online at https://slcas.org/church/worship-from-home/
	9:00 a.m.	Girl Scout Troop 685 Cookie Sale in the Lower Level Lobby
	9:20 a.m.	Sunday School in the Salem School building
	9:20 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (or listen in by phone)
	11:30 a.m.	Community Missions Group Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
	11:45 a.m.	Survivors Dinner Group at The Pasta House in Affton
	12:00 noon	Recording of this morning's 8:00 service available at https://slcas.org/church/worship-from-home/
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bowling at Concord Bowl

Salem's church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 19th in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. We will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20th.

COMMUNITY IN CRISIS EVENT

Join Concordia Historical Institute on **February 19, 2024 from 4:00–5:30 p.m.** in Koburg Hall at Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105 for *“A Community in Crisis: Personal Reflections on the Concordia Seminary Walkout.”* This moderated, roundtable discussion features eyewitnesses and family members of individuals involved in the events surrounding the 1974 Concordia Seminary Saint Louis Walkout of student and faculty and the subsequent formation of Christ Seminary in Exile or Seminex. A brief Q&A session will follow. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Admission to this event is free, but donations are appreciated! **Your RSVP is required for this event.** It will not be livestreamed. To learn more and to RSVP for this event, visit <https://concordiahistoricalinstitute.org/walkout2024/> or call (314) 505-7900.

GIRLFRIEND GATHERING: FEBRUARY 23-24

Women Rooted in Christ, a ministry of Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, located at 907 Jungermann Road in St. Peters, MO is hosting a *“Girlfriend Gathering”* event **February 23-24, 2024.**

Cost is \$35 for both days; \$10 for Friday only; \$30 for Saturday only.

Learn more and register for this event by February 18th at

<https://www.chapelofthecrosslutheran.org/index.php/mm-resources/upcomingevents/466-girlfriend-gathering-2024>

You can also email womenrootedinchrist@gmail.com for more information.

EXPLORE THE MINISTRY POTENTIAL OF SALEM!

CALLING ALL SALEM MEMBERS!

Join us on Sunday, February 25th at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall
for an Asset Mapping Workshop and Potluck.

This workshop is immersive and interactive, offering you the opportunity to discover the untapped strengths of our congregation and contribute to the future of our ministry. We will collaborate to identify, describe, and visualize our congregation’s unique gifts, talents, and resources. By understanding the many ways in which the Lord has blessed us, we can better plan on how to use those gifts in the future. Your insights and contributions will play a vital role in shaping the future direction of our church.

This workshop is open to everyone, so bring the whole family along!

We will begin with a potluck-style lunch (please bring a dish to share!),

and then childcare will be provided for kids in 5th grade and younger.

Students in 6th grade and above are invited to contribute to this enriching experience.

SALEM YEARBOOK ORDERS

Every Salem student in grades K through 8 will receive a yearbook, which is included as part of their registration fees at the start of this school year. If families would like to order an additional yearbook, or preschool families and church members would like one, the cost is \$22 each, payable to Salem Lutheran School by cash or check. The yearbook contains 48 pages of fun school memories, including individual student photos.

Visit the school office, fill out a form, and submit payment by Monday, February 26th.

Contact Ms. Tosie at pamtosie@slcas.org with any questions.

FREE CONCERT at CHRIST MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Memorial Productions invites you to a FREE CONCERT on Friday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. at 5252 South Lindbergh Blvd. (63126). This concert features Peter and Brendan Mayer. Peter is a Distinguished Alumni of Lutheran High School South and was the long-time lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffett's band. Free soft drinks, wine, beer and snacks will be available. Reservations are recommended.

Visit <https://cmpshows.org/peter-and-brendan-mayer-concert/> to reserve your seats.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT SALEM

Women's Bible Study will meet for a new 7-session class on
March 3, 10, 17, and 24, April 7, 14, and 21.

We invite all Salem women to join us for "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply" by Deb Burma on Sundays in the 8th Grade classroom at Salem Lutheran School at 9:20 a.m.

We will take time to be with Jesus enjoying a cup of our favorite warm beverage. If you plan to attend and would like a copy of the study book please contact Brenda Wilson at wilsonbs49@gmail.com or Marie Wilson-Fluegge at mariewilson@slcas.org by February 25th so everyone will have their books for the first session on March 3rd.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Alpha Alumni Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi – National Lutheran Fraternity is offering a \$3,000 scholarship given out to a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2024. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi to receive this award. Runner-ups may be eligible for \$1,000. Our scholarship application may be found online at <https://forms.gle/cDewGziVwUjPdcGG8>.

All applications are due March 29, 2024.

The Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation also offers additional scholarships and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. These opportunities can be found at <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SALEM'S 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY FAIR & ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Mark your calendar and make plans to attend
Salem's 2nd Annual
Community Fair and Ice Cream Social
on SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.



There will be a number of local businesses and organizations participating, along with plenty of activities, and, of course, ICE CREAM for everyone to enjoy!

If you would like to volunteer your time to assist with this event, please contact Dale Decker at dddecker5@aol.com or Pastor Hill at chrishill@slcas.org.

APPOINTED SCRIPTURE READINGS for NEXT WEEKEND

For your personal or family devotions, consider the appointed scripture readings for
 The First Sunday in Lent, February 17-18, 2024:
Genesis 22:1-18 ♦ James 1:12-18 ♦ Mark 1:9-15

(IN-PERSON) ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, February 3, 2024	5:00 p.m.	81
Sunday, February 4, 2024	8:00 a.m.	69
	10:30 a.m..	150
	TOTAL	300

BIBLE STUDIES / SUNDAY SCHOOL

Men’s Bible Study – February 1, 2024	6:30 p.m.	7
Sunday School – February 4, 2024	9:20 a.m.	12
Sunday Morning Bible Study – February 4, 2024	9:20 a.m.	39
Tuesday Morning Bible Study – February 6, 2024	10:00 a.m.	21
	TOTAL	79

OFFERINGS REPORT

OFFERINGS RECEIVED January 29 – February 4, 2024

Total GENERAL FUND Contributions..... \$ 15,240.83 *

DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS

Associate Pastor	\$ 300.00
Beautification Fund	105.00
Building Maintenance & Improvements	100.00
Cancer Support Ministry	40.00
Sunday Morning Bible Study	16.00
Sunday School	10.00
Youth Fund	20.00
TOTAL	\$ 591.00

*** In order to meet the budget for 2023-2024
 that was approved at the Voters’ Assembly on June 25, 2023,
 our weekly offerings must average \$15,430.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Our church and school could not survive without YOUR financial support.

CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS INCLUDE:

- Cash and/or checks payable to Salem Lutheran Church
- Electronic Giving (automatically drawn from checking or savings account)
- Text to Donate (by debit/credit card registration)

For more information on all of these options, visit <https://slcas.org/giving>, or contact our Financial Coordinator, Terry Rooney at terryrooney@slcas.org.

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Preacher:		Pastor Chris Hill
Liturgist:	8:00 a.m.	2 nd Year Seminarian Jacob Moede
	10:30 a.m.	1 st Year Seminarian Aaron Carlson
Acolytes:	10:30 a.m.	Sophia Pivrotto and Samuel King
Organist:		John Wittmayer
Music Ministry:	8:00 a.m.	Parish Handbells
Elders:	5:00 p.m.	Bruce Burgdorf
	8:00 a.m.	Dale Decker, Rich Herberts, and Greg Meyer
	10:30 a.m.	Art Koenig and Todd Wolfram
Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Art Allensworth and Bob Gehl
Greeters:	5:00 p.m.	Sharon Yaeger
	8:00 a.m.	Jeanette Fritsche
	10:30 a.m.	Addie Horstman
Altar Duty:		Mary Wagener
Bulletin Printing:		Susy Schindler
Bulletin Assembly:		Linda Paul and Eileen Allensworth