

Salem Lutheran Church Bell September 2025

*Rooted in Christ to love,
grow & serve*

Salem Annual Meeting

Sunday, September 14th | Following Worship

All Voting Members Are Needed to help us guide our 2026 budget and ministry. This is not a business meeting but a missional meeting! Associate members and friends of Salem are also encouraged to attend, and, as always, they will have a voice but no vote.

You are invited to stay following the Annual Meeting for a Salem luncheon of sloppy joes, salads, and desserts..



Salem Women's Bake & Craft Fair

September 13th | 9am to 12:30pm

Come early to get your freshly baked **Cinnamon Rolls** and other baked goods. Homemade crafts, quilts, baby quilts, canned goods, and many more items are ready for your Christmas shopping.



Salem Women Lutheran World Relief School Kit Campaign



September through October, the Women are gathering School Kit supplies for missions. We're hoping to take advantage of the school sales taking place right now. Pick up the listing in the Narthex and bring in what you can. Can't get out shopping, let us shop for you. Checks made to Salem with School Kits in the memo section will be used to purchase school kit supplies.

Senior Defensive Driving Class

**Wednesday, September 10th
9am - 12pm**

Held at Salem Lutheran Church
Questions or to sign up call
Steve Johnson (218-363-3799)

New Member Sunday

Sunday, September 14th | 9am Worship

If you are considering becoming a member or associate member of Salem, please contact Pastor Trish to arrange a visit. Joining on this date allows you to vote at the annual meeting immediately following worship.

Salem Community Meal

Wednesday, September 10th | 5pm - 6pm

No Cost | Donations Appreciated

Menu: Smoked Pork Shoulder, buns, salads, bars and cookies. A vegan option will be available.

Everyone is welcome

Confirmation & Youth Group Resumes

Wednesday, September 3rd

6:30pm - 7:30pm

All 7th - 12th Grade Students Welcome

Adult volunteers welcome to join as well!

Sunday School Resumes

Sunday, September 21

11am - 1:30pm

**All Preschool - 6th Grade Students
Welcome.**

We could use volunteers for bringing and serving snacks. Please call the church office to sign up.

Salem Sunday Supper September 28th | 5pm

Join us for a Dutch-style meal at a local restaurant. Everyone is welcome but please call the church office to sign up so we know how many to tell the restaurant to prepare for.

S E P T E M B E R

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed Labor Day	2 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	3 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation & Youth Group	4	5 9am Bone Builders 1pm Accompaniment Ministry Team	6 8am Bread Ministry Baking
7 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	8 9:30am Men's Bible Sharing 1pm Busy Needles	9 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Turtle Town Cafe) 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	10 9am - Noon Senior Defensive Driving Class 5pm Community Meal 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation & Youth Group	11 9:30am Worship Ministry Team (WMT) 3pm Finance Team 4pm Exec. Mang. Team (EMT)	12 9am Bone Builders	13 Fall Bake and Craft Sale
14 9am Worship 10am Annual Meeting Fellowship	15 1pm Busy Needles	16 9am Endowment Team 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	17 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Confirmation & Youth Group	18 3pm Servant Leadership Council (SLC)	19 9am Bone Builders	20
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28 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 5pm Salem Sunday Supper	29 1pm Busy Needles	30 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation				

September Worship

Volunteers

September 7 | 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers/Greeters	Barb McCuskey, Barb Anderson
Lay Reader	Denny Ploeger
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Fred Smith
Wine/Grape Juice	Cris Smith, Jo Gaffey
Communion Care	Jo Gaffey
Sound Technician	Egon Overgaard
Video Technicians	Mitch Jorgenson, Doug Williams
Money Counters	Greg Peters, Elsie Hagen
Fellowship Servers	Doris Schmidt

September 14 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers/Greeters	Greg & Diane Peters
Lay Reader	Jan Stadtherr
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Linda Bechtold
Wine/Grape Juice	Jan Stadtherr, Janna Williams
Communion Care	Elsie Hagen
Sound Technician	Bob Vaughn
Video Technicians	Bob & Nan Ladehoff
Money Counters	Don Falls, Dennis Hagen
Fellowship Servers & Treats	

September 21 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers/Greeters	Dennis & Elsie Hagen
Lay Reader	Linda Bechtold
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Barb Anderson
Wine/Grape Juice	Laura Flohaug, Diane Peters
Communion Care	Linda Bechtold
Sound Technician	Jim Fladmoe
Video Technicians	Mike & Hope Olson
Money Counters	Mike Meagher, Dennis Zuelke
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Men's Fellowship

September 28 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers/Greeters	Scott & Allison Magnus
Lay Reader	Mary Jo Schleif
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish, Beth Tobiason
Wine/Grape Juice	Linda Bechtold, Laura Flohaug
Communion Care	Laura Flohaug
Sound Technician	Pat Wrucke
Video Technicians	Ron Stadtherr, Mark Wrucke
Money Counters	Judy Saxerud, Randy Swanson
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Flohaug Team

Thank You

September Birthdays

3	Andrew Wheeler
3	Dave Trampe
4	Chuck Waterhouse
4	Ella Wheeler
5	Joan Sifford
6	Wyatt Semmler
6	Karen Osmundson
6	Denise Wolter
6	Deb Kramer
8	Craig Johnson
9	Pam Klosner
9	Susan Baldwin
10	Sharon Hanson
10	David Olson
11	Letty Hanson
12	Jan Marr
13	Evan Daudt
13	Tyler Daudt
13	Lynda Vergin
13	Joe Nordstrom
13	Patricia Hess
15	Carter Magnus
16	John Semmler
17	Mark Lange
21	Connor Daudt
21	Jack Daudt
21	Bob Vaughn
22	Carol Raines
23	Laura Wheeler
23	Laurel Fladmoe
25	Fran Schricker
25	Randy Noecker
27	Tom Jansen
29	Carol Neuenfeldt
30	Margaret Davies
30	Rusty Lilyquist

September Anniversaries

1	Noel and Joy Mills
7	Mike and Hope Olson
8	Todd and Sandy Elison
12	Craig and Barb Anderson
14	Jason & Callie Theisen
22	Jeff and Sue Hol
24	Ryan and Jackie Hanson
27	Adam and Dawn Hicok
28	Doug and Darlene Sandstrom
30	Rod and Rita Fedalen



Salem Church Bell

A few months ago, the property team came to you with a plan for displaying the cherished old Salem church bell. It involved moving the bell from its present perch above the covered entry to a new location to be displayed in a structure yet to be constructed. We were pretty excited to proceed and had planned to do so within the next month. However, another possible plan for displaying the bell was brought to our attention. This plan would involve making a movable frame where the bell would actually be displayed in the church entry area, where it could be viewed up close and personal. It could be cleaned and polished and would retain the luster. Another advantage would be that the time involved to complete the project and the cost would be considerably less. Please give this alternative display prayerful consideration and come to our annual meeting prepared to let us know the direction you would like us to proceed.

Thank you, Salem Property Team



Money given to the **Salem Endowment Fund** is not “gone”, but is invested; only the earnings from investments are spent in use for a meaningful, important ministry.

Support Salem’s Endowment Legacy Fund & Education Scholarship Fund



Christmas in July

There is still time - Our Hat and Mitten tree still has space for more hats/mittens. We support our local schools, the Peoples Church, the Wolf Center, and the Bena Transitional Home. Our goal is deliver these items before the cold months begin!
Let’s wrap our community in **LOVE**.

Salem Announcements



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible school was a complete success this year. Many thanks to all those who worked to make 35 children enjoy their time so much that they wanted to come back the next week.



Noisy Offering for ELCA World Hunger

Salem’s Hunger Team invites us to join them in a “noisy offering”, the first Sunday of each month. Bring or give whatever change you have in your pockets, purse, or piggy bank and throw it in the buckets during the welcome at worship! Donations received will be given to ELCA World Hunger. August total was \$212.20

Our Financial Situation

As your elected leadership on the SLC begin working on our 2026 General Fund budget for the September 14th Annual Meeting, we would like to let you know where we stand as of July 31, 2025. Salem Members adopted a General Fund budget of \$254,166.00 at the 2024 Annual Meeting. General Fund expenses cover items of basic general operating expenses, and things like Sunday School supplies or copier rent. General Fund spending for purposes other than essential operating expenses have been frozen for the past several years. Which means Sunday School supplies, sheet music, etc. are not being bought as our General Fund **GIVING** can’t afford it. *We also have numerous Designated Funds which are marked for specific purposes and only the council or a congregational meeting can use designated funds for purposes other than specified.* **As of July 31, 2025 our General Fund giving should be at a year-to-date total of \$148,263.00. However, as of July 31, 2025 our year-to-date actual General Fund giving is \$137,250.00.**

We are so grateful for the many ways each of us give to the ministry God has called us to through Salem. We are a generous congregation, and it shows to our neighbors near and far. Your leadership works diligently to find creative and faithful means to meet the needs we encounter whether asking for donations of paper or envelopes or helping bring the new handicap accessible playground to Longville, supporting our local volunteer fire fighters, or post prom activities in our local schools.

Help us meet the commitment we made together at last year’s annual meeting by prayerfully considering tithing (keeping 90% of your income while giving to God (through Salem) 10%), set up electronic giving to ensure your support will be here if you are gone, or evaluate what extras in your spending you might “freeze” and give that amount in your Sunday offering.