



Salem Lutheran Church Bell

January 2025

Rooted in Christ
to love, grow & serve

BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) & Our Community

Thursdays from 9am to 12pm

January, February, & March

Salem Quilters will again pick up their needles to begin the ministry of making Quilts for people in need on Thursday, January 9. No quilting or sewing experience needed. We can help cut material, tie quilts, design layouts, make treats, coffee, or just have fun. Everyone is welcome - men and women!

Thrivent Financial Members Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program of Thrivent Financial, which distributes its charitable funds based on your insurance premiums. It allows eligible members to choose where you want your Choice Dollars to go.

Call Thrivent financial 800-847-4836 in Appleton, WI and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice" or visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Thank you to all who have already designated their Choice Dollars to Salem Lutheran Church. It is very important to continue to designate your dollars or Thrivent will make the decision for you to wherever they want it to go. Questions, contact Doris Schmidt, Linda Bechtold or Pat Wrucke.

Longville Area Food Shelf

Change of Hours Effective Jan. 8 | 10am - 2:30pm

Due to increased need for food assistance in our community, our Food Shelf is increasing the hours they are open. Volunteers are always needed, Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm.

Souper Bowl of Caring Celebrates 35 Years Tackling Hunger

February 9, 2025

Tackle Hunger is a national nonprofit that mobilizes communities across the U.S. to fight food insecurity through its grassroots, youth-driven fundraising events that support any local food charity. Since its humble beginnings in 1990, the organization has raised over \$198 million in food and funds, directly benefiting local hunger-relief charities. By encouraging churches, schools, businesses, and individuals to give back during Super Bowl weekend and beyond, Tackle Hunger fosters a nationwide movement of generosity and community service. Through this collective effort, Tackle Hunger strengthens communities while making a significant impact on health disparities that affect those who are food insecure.

A Special Offering will be received following worship on Sunday, February 9th with donations designated to the Longville Area Food Shelf Together we can turn the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring.

Salem Community Meal

Wednesday January 8 | 5pm - 6pm

Menu: Soup and Sloppy Joes

Salem has been serving a Wednesday night, no cost meal for our community since 2012. The food is always delicious but the friendships formed around the tables are the best part.

If you would like to help please contact Laura Flohaug who is our Community Meal Coordinator for the month.

Help is always needed with dishes and clean up.

JANUARY

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Office Closed <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3 9am Bone Builders	4 8am Bread Ministry Baking
5 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	6 1pm Busy Needles	7 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	8 10am Learning Ministry Team (LMT) 5pm Community Meal 6:30pm Confirmation Class	9 9am - 12pm Salem Quilters 9:30am Worship Ministry Team (WMT)	10 9am Bone Builders 10:15am Resource Development Ministry Team (RDMT)	11
12 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 11am - 1:30pm Sunday School	13 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Turtle Town Cafe) 9:30am Men's Bible Sharing 1pm Busy Needles	14 9am Bone Builders 9am Endowment Team 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	15 6:30pm Confirmation Class	16 9am - 12pm Salem Quilters 3pm Finance Team 5pm Exec. Mang. Team (EMT)	17 9am Bone Builders	18
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January Worship Volunteers

January 5 | 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Ushers/Greeters	Bonnie Hemming, Doris Schmidt
Lay Reader	Linda Bechtold
Bread Server	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Beth Tobiason
Communion Care	Laura Flohaug
Sound Technician	Egon Overgaard
Video Technicians	Mitch Jorgenson, Doug Williams
Money Counters	Roger Bechtold, Jim Fladmoe
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Doris Schmidt, Bonnie Hemming

January 12 | Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

Ushers/Greeters	Roger & Linda Bechtold
Lay Reader	Garny Gaffey
Bread Server	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Janna Williams
Communion Care	Allison Magnus
Sound Technician	Craig Anderson
Video Technicians	Ron Stadtherr, Mitch Jorgenson
Money Counters	Roger Bechtold, Don Falls
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Mitch Jorgenson, Egon Overgaard

January 19 | 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Ushers/Greeters	Mark & Pat Wrucke
Lay Reader	Greg Peters
Bread Server	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Diane Peters
Communion Care	Barb McCuskey
Sound Technician	Jim Fladmoe
Video Technicians	Mike & Hope Olson
Money Counters	Mike Meagher, Garny Gaffey
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Flohaug Team

January 26 | 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Ushers/Greeters	Doug & Janna Williams
Lay Readers	Cris Smith
Bread Server	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Fred Smith
Communion Care	Jo Gaffey
Sound Technician	Pat Wrucke
Video Technicians	Ron Stadtherr, Mark Wrucke
Money Counters	Judy Saxerud, Randy Swanson
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Roger & Linda Bechtold

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful servants of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

January Birthdays

1	Jackie Senst
3	Alyssa Semmler
3	Irene Schires
3	Hannah Hardinger
4	Harland Johnson
5	Phil Mix
5	Tia Lucas Lilyquist
6	Dawn Hicok
6	Tim Wolter
6	Garny Gaffey
6	Ken Schleif
7	Melanie Mix
7	Stuart Rath
8	Sharon Galvin
9	Mike Meagher
10	Zachary Nornberg
11	Justin Wicks
11	Adam Hicok
12	Logan Gross
13	Lori Daudt
15	Ellie Wheeler
15	James Moravek
16	Connie Olsen
17	Doris Schmidt
17	Carole Houghton
21	Elizabeth Wheeler
24	Grace Gilsrud
25	Troy Loren
28	Ardis Aagard
31	Darlene Konrad



January Anniversaries

5	Greg and Deb Kramer
11	Dennis and Elsie Hagen



We Need You

We are a small church with big hearts, but need all of our hands to help do the ministry here.

Please consider volunteering for:

- + Community Meal Coordinator
- + Worship Volunteer Positions
- + Sunday Fellowship Servers & Treat Bringers
 - + Children & Youth Ministry
 - + Quilting | Salem Women's Ministry
 - + New Design Collaboration Team
 - + Altar Guild | Seasonal Decorating
 - + Video Technicians
- + Winter Months Sunday "Special Music"

Please contact the church office for more information.

Men's Fellowship

Monday January 13th | 8:00am

Breakfast at Turtle Town Cafe

Monday January 13th | 9:30am

Bible Study

Monday January 27th | 9:30am

Bible Study

All men are welcome!



Solar Rebate Received

We received the Solar Rebate of \$37,811.99 which has been used to repay 2 personal loans and a loan from our major capital reserve fund which helped us build the solar array.

From November 2023 - November 2024 the Solar Array has generated

\$4057.29

The solar savings is > 50% of our annual consumption!



Season of Epiphany

The church season following Christmas is Epiphany and lasts until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Epiphany means a sudden or great revealing or manifestation. It represents the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles (non-Jewish people) with the theme of Jesus as the light to the nations or the light to all people. Jesus as light reminds us that despair and darkness do not define us.

Salem Financial Update

As of November 30, 2024 our General Fund is

\$2,882.43

Our audit team is auditing all 2024 Salem funds and checking accounts in the next few weeks and we will update you further in our February newsletter.

AARP TAX AID FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

at Salem for Longville area residents

Thursdays beginning February 6th

Hours 8:30am - 1pm

By appointment only!

No walk-ins.

For appointments call Ron

at 218-675-6532



Emergency Worship & Church Closings Due to 'Bad' Weather

Worship Cancellations - Check our Website or tune to:

KLIZ 107.5 (Brainerd)

KTIG 102.7 (Pequot Lakes)

KBLB 93.3 (Brainerd)

Office and Church Closings *other than* Worship:

Check our website - salemlongville.org

Or call Pastor Trish (320-248-9479)

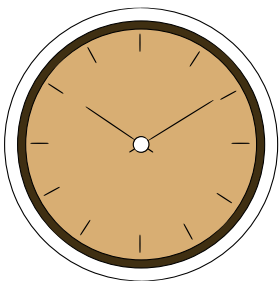
2025 Office Hours Change

As was approved at our September 2024 Annual Meeting Budget, our Office Administrator's weekly hours are being cut from 38 to 32 hours per week.

NEW OFFICE HOURS Beginning January 2, 2025 will be:

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 3:00pm

Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm



Pastor's Schedule Change

In an effort to have a healthier emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing, Pastor Trish will also be changing a bit of her schedule as well. In stead of one day off a week and working well over 40 hours a week, whenever possible Pastor Trish will be taking two days off in a row per week and trying when possible to work 40 hours per week. She will not take the same two days off each week but will plan them out and put them in the calendar in each newsletter.

As always if there is an emergency, please call her on her cell phone #320-248-9479.

If you have any questions or concerns please first address them with Pastor Trish and if needed, any of the Executive Management Team (Garry G., Colleen M., Bob V., or Linda B.)