

## SALEM'S GOOD NEWS

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How precious is the Book Divine,  
By inspiration giv'n!  
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine  
To guide our souls to heav'n.

It shows to us our wand'ring ways  
And where our feet have trod  
But brings to view the matchless grace  
Of an forgiving God.

This lamp through all the dreary night  
Of life shall guide our way  
Till we behold the clearer light  
Of an eternal day.  
CW93 284:1,3,4

In Colorado Springs we have a great museum. In different sections you can see how our pioneers lived, including barbed wire fence, old tools, etc. Another room houses items from the Waldo Canyon fire such as eating utensils that were melted together, parts of furniture, and more. Yet another area has old cameras, clothing, and furniture. There is even an old court room. They are lessons about the past. The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School is "The Bible History Museum." The lessons taught at VBS are much more important. Stories of forgiveness, faithfulness, kindness, dedication and love all point us to God – our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are never too young or old to dig into our Bibles. There we find peace, forgiveness, love. We don't need to have a degree in archeology to do this digging.

**Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105**

**For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. Romans 15:4**



### **Sunday Worship Service** *Worship Service at 9:00 A.M.* *Choir Practice 10:15 A.M.* **Adult Spiritual Growth Class** *10:30 A.M.*

Though Pastor Seiltz will be gone for several weeks, we will still have Worship Services every Sunday morning at 9:00am. Please join fellow Christians as we gather around God's Word and prayer.

#### **Pastor**

Pastor will be gone from July 21-24 for this year's Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod's Convention in New Ulm, MN. Pastor Seiltz has been selected to serve as a convention delegate. Following the convention, he will be gone for a couple of weeks for vacation. While Pastor is gone, please contact the Elders if you need the ministry of the pastor. Our Board of Elders is Chris Pratt (chairman), Jacob Seiltz, and Paul Kahrs.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

This year's VBS will be Monday-Friday, July 14-18, 9:00am to 11:30am. VBS is open to all children in our church and community, age 3 through 8th grade. This year's theme is "The Bible History Museum." During the week the children will be taken into five lessons (halls). There is the Hall of Forgiveness (Joseph's Coat of Many Colors), the Hall of Faithfulness (Moses' Staff), Hall of Kindness (David's Harp), Hall of Dedication (Josiah's Bible Scroll), and the Hall of Love (Mary's Jar of Perfume). Please help get the word out about our VBS.

Donations of snacks for the kiddos will be needed. This could include cookies, fruit, crackers, etc. They may be brought to the church kitchen at any time.

#### **VBS Closing Service**

The Sunday after VBS week is **July 20**. Traditionally, this service is our closing VBS Worship Service where we review with the congregation the lessons that were learned during VBS. The service begins at 9:00am. Following the service, we will have a special Pie & Ice Cream Social outside in front of the church. Plan now to join us not only for worship but for a piece of pie.

#### **NPH Book Fair 2025**

Salem church is hosting a Northwestern Publishing House book fair during the months of June and July. This is a virtual (online) book fair with a 20% discount on all books available through the bookfair website. The special website is: [nph.net/virtualbookfair](http://nph.net/virtualbookfair) and the promotional code for the discount is V203C119721. This is available to all members and guests of Salem. You can shop in the comfort of your own home, or use the computer set up in the copy room at the back of church. Be sure to use the promo code at checkout to receive your 20% discount. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Chris Pratt.

#### **Salem Library Books**

This month's book display by our church librarian, Suzann Alstrin, will highlight the **Book Fair**. We have 30 of the books offered at the book fair in our library. Some are displayed in the back of the church, the rest are on the shelves in our library downstairs. You can see if there are any you would like to purchase from Northwestern Publishing House, or just read the copies here at Salem.

#### **Bible Studies**

Our study on the "Ten Lies About God" will continue in our Sunday morning Adult Spiritual Growth Class from 10:30am-11:15am. For Tuesday Bible Class we are studying Matthew. We will not meet July 15 through August 12 since Pastor Seiltz will be out of town. On Wednesdays at 2:00pm Ladies Bible Study will continue reviewing Luther's Catechism regarding the Lord's Supper.



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