

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - JANUARY 3 & 4, 2009

**WELCOME TO SALEM!** Whatever else this New Year may mean to you, we hope that it reminds you of God's patience and love. God has not given up on you, or on any of us. God accepts our repentance and our promises to do better with his help. With God, any day can be New Year's Day for us. May God grant you grace to grow and keep growing in the likeness of our Lord Jesus. **If you're a visitor**, please list your name, address and phone on the attendance pad, along with our members.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

- † Sally Thome, medical concerns, prayers
- † Ronald Richardson, medical concerns, prayers
- † Tom Markielewski, personal concerns, prayers

### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

- † Lieym Bovee, 1½ year old, cancer, prayers
- † Midge Youngren, Lois Farina's sister, chemo
- † Danny, friend of Nancy Hammock, ALS, prayers
- † Sue Zoelle, Bruce Seibel's sister, respiratory rehab
- † Joann Murphy, Pat Seibel's cousin, diabetes
- † Chris, Sue Morgan's sister-in-law, cancer, chemo

**\*ALL OTHER UNSPOKEN PRAYER CONCERNS\***

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SHUT-INS

**Grancare:** Rhoda Feight

**Harbor Suites:** Linda Commo

**Lutheran Home:** Betty Streeter, Florence Meyer, Elda Hankwitz

**Home:** Howard Bertz

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brenda Belanger, daughter of Brian Belanger, Kate & Dave Hoddell  
Andrew & Sherrie Elmer, nephew & niece of Steve & Kerry Sheridan  
Chris Klebs, husband of Heidi Klebs  
Eric Pease, son of Joe & Dorene Pease  
Tim Bollman, son of Jeff & Patty Bollman  
Chris Brook, son of Steve & Joyce Brook  
William Burgdorf, son of Rick & Lee Burgdorf  
Scott Scharinger, brother of Dan Scharinger  
Chad Quandt, son of Richard & Kathy Quandt  
Andrew Schmidt, nephew of Catherine Mingus  
Jeff Sobraliski, nephew of Renae Volkaitis  
Aaron Gagnepain, nephew of Nancy Rankin  
Nathaniel Haug, son of Valerie Duer & brother of Trevor Haug  
Matthew Schmalfeldt, son of Lori & the late Bob Schmalfeldt

**WINTER CANCELLATIONS** of worship services at Salem United Methodist Church will be announced on KFIZ radio station (1450 AM) and posted on their website [www.kfiz.com](http://www.kfiz.com)



**SIGN-UP SHEETS READY FOR 2009!** Volunteers are needed for Greeters, Communion servers and Liturgists. Sign-up sheets are on the board in entrance area. Please sign up for several dates!

**THE WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE** at Salem-FdL will resume on January 7 at 12:05pm in the Chapel. The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Service at Salem-Lamartine will be held on January 7 at 7:30pm.

**JOIN THE VISIONS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** at Salem-FdL **today, Sunday, January 4** to hear Ronda and Skip Krause, friends of Harry and Bonnie Classen, share their experiences living in Zambia, Africa. We meet downstairs by the kitchen.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE ON DVD!** If you would like a copy, please go to the sound booth today, they have them available. A \$5.00 per copy donation is requested.

**THE SENIOR CHOIR CANTATA IS AVAILABLE ON DVD OR CD!** If you would like to order a copy, please go to the sound booth today, they have them available. A \$5.00 per copy donation is requested.

**2009 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on the table in the office area. Envelopes are bundled in packs of 12 (one per month) and 52 (one per week). Packs have three additional envelopes: Conference Apportionment (\$98.00 per member), Local Mission offering and Initial Envelope offering.

**BOOKS BETWEEN BITES** - Hear a book review on your lunch break! Bring a lunch, coffee and soda are available. Books Between Bites will meet at Salem-F on Tues., January 13 at 12:10pm. *His Excellency: George Washington* by Joseph J. Ellis will be reviewed. Here is a portrait of the man who was not only "first in the hearts of his countrymen," but also the one whose character defines the Revolutionary Age and continues to influence American life. Our reviewer is Dr. Jon Gilliland, retired fine arts administrator, teacher, musician, bagpiper, cabinet maker, student of American history, and reader.

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**THE NEW UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL** for January/February is available on the table in the office area. Pick your copy up today. (Large print-\$1.25; regular print-\$1.00).

**BIRTHDAY, SYMPATHY, GET-WELL CARDS...** the assortment is endless. Be sure to visit Fellowship Hall and check out the new supply. The UMW sponsors the sale of the cards, your support is appreciated.



**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY** – Youth for Christ/Fresh Start currently has openings for volunteers to minister in the Juvenile Detention Center in FdL. These openings are for Fridays at 6:30pm to show movies and Saturday from 10:00-11:00am to conduct a bible study. Most volunteers help out once or twice per month. This is a great opportunity to reach out to some lost and hurting kids in our community. If interested, please contact Jerry Wallendal at 920-324-2693 or the Youth for Christ office at 923-1416.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Ushers:** Jim, Penny, Wesley & Nicole Kottke  
**Greeters:** Alma Grace, **Need 1 volunteer**  
**Liturgist:** John Smits  
**Acolytes:** Ian Lock, Mitchell Riley

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY:** *I Believe in Jesus.* This study will renew our minds and hearts to the gift of faith in Jesus Christ and the meaning of faith in Jesus the Christ. The dates for the study are Sat., January 31, February 7, 21, 28 from 8:15-10:00am at Salem-FdL. Lois Farina will lead the study; cost \$7.00 for the book. A registration form is below.

**Spiritual Growth Study Registration**  
 Please complete this form if interested in participating in "I Believe in Jesus" study. Return this form to Lois Farina or the church office by January 11, 2009.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**My Prayer Request...**  
 Please list your prayer concern/joy (list name if appropriate):

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**Requested By:** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and place in offering plate; the request will be read at the Wednesday service. It will not be read at Saturday/Sunday services or placed on announcement page.



**S.U.M. YOUTH WINTER RETREAT** on January 23-25 at Lake Lucerne. Cost: \$40 per person and includes lodging and 4 meals. Meet in the

Salem-FDL parking lot by 5:00pm on Friday and we'll return to Salem-FdL by noon on Sunday. Permission form and money are due by Jan. 11. See Nancy or Julie for more info and forms.

**YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Giving Needed Per Week	\$6,100.00
Received December 21, 2008	\$5,344.50
<b>MISSION OF THE MONTH (As of Dec. 21, 2008)</b>	
December – Heifer Project	\$1,035.00
<b>CHRISTMAS OFFERING</b>	\$165.00
<b>MILE OF PENNIES</b>	1,470 feet

**A STEPHEN MINISTER** is available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, immediately following the FdL service in the Pastor's office. Stephen Ministers are there for anyone who needs their support for whatever reason and confidentially is a priority.

**A REMINDER TO ALL!** Any group meeting at either site must be responsible for turning out all lights and locking the doors before leaving the building. If your group leaves and there are still people in the building, let that group know you are leaving. Let's work together to keep Salem safe!

## ***A New Year's Thought***

*Take time to live:  
 It is one secret to success.  
 Take time to think:  
 It is the source of power.  
 Take time to play:  
 It is the secret to youth.  
 Take time to read:  
 It is the foundation of knowledge.  
 Take time for friendship:  
 It is the source of happiness.  
 Take time to laugh:  
 It helps to lift life's load.  
 Take time to dream:  
 It hitches the soul to the stars.  
 Take time for God:  
 It is life's only lasting investment.*