

# KALEIDOSCOPE

## *In the Clutches of Love*

By Rev. Jack Stubbs



February in Wisconsin brings its own special kind of grim chill. Yet as a sort of consolation prize we get to celebrate, right smack in the middle of this frosty month, a day for us to praise love.

St. Valentines Day began as a church feast day to commemorate an early martyr and saint. His day is now special for how we acknowledge romantic love as a vital part of life. And it's this romance that brings this most wintry of months its warmth and brightness.

I remember Sunday School teachers telling us kids that the love described in the Bible is not the love described on heart shaped candy. But now that I'm older, I'm not sure about that. Can the Gospel message be preached any better than to hear God say to the whole world, "Be mine?"

Of course, our very real love for each other is but a faint reflection of the great grace that God gives us. Yet big red hearts, candy, and valentine cards are not only our way of telling each other of our affection for others. They can also be understood as symbols of God's reality in our lives. If we know love in our lives, we have experienced God's essence in the world.

I think I'll do something special to celebrate St. Valentines Day this year. It will be my own small part in warming up February. Who knows, if we all do our part pushing up the thermostat of our hearts, our soul's spring may come early.

Prayer: *Our Loving God, we praise your gift of grace in our lives; spark a fire in our hearts that we may be led to love others as we love ourselves. May your grace transform your world. In our Lord's name. Amen.*



## **Super Spuds! Super Bowl Baked Potato Bar**

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Join us for a Baked Potato Bar at Salem-FdL on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1 from 11:45am to 1:00pm. We'll have all the fixings so you can create a potato masterpiece: cheese, taco meat, onion, sour cream, green pepper, chives, bacon, broccoli, salsa, butter, etc! Each large baked potato includes all the toppings plus dessert and a beverage all for only \$5.00! Be sure to be here; you won't want to miss Super Spuds! All proceeds will go toward Salem's general fund.

## **Ash Wednesday**



Ash Wednesday services will be held on February 25 at both locations. Services will begin at 6:00pm at FdL and 7:30pm at Lamartine. Communion will be served. All are invited to attend. Confirmation students are required to attend.

## ***Spiritual Refreshment***

A Prayer Service is held every Wednesday at 12:05pm at Salem-FdL in the Chapel and an evening prayer service is held on the first Wednesday of each month at Lamartine at 7:30pm (February 4, March 4, April 1, and May 6). Join us throughout the Lenten season for a time of music, prayer, spoken and/or meditation, and communion.

# Christian Education

## Vacation Bible School Meeting

It's time to start "Thinking and Planning!"



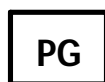
A meeting will be held at Salem-FdL on Thursday, February 5 at 6:30pm. All past, present and future helpers are invited to come and help with the curriculum

selection. Please contact Julie if you're interested in helping but aren't able to attend the meeting or if you have any ideas!

## Family Movie Night

Friday, February 20 at 6:30pm

Salem-FOND DU LAC



Now Showing:

### *Angels in the Outfield*

When Roger prays for a chance to have a family if the California Angels win the pennant, angels are assigned to make that possible.



## Breakthrough!

Summer Camps 2009

The best summer experiences and fun can be found at camp!

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.*

—Luke 10:27

Experience Summer camps... A place where...

- Friends and family can meet new people and get close to nature
- Organized activities stimulate the young person's mind and body
- Camps staff and volunteers are experienced in each of their specialized areas
- Specialty camps for all ages appeal to a wide range of interests

For information on summer camps check out the books located on the table across from the church office, contact Julie in the office regarding registration and/or scholarships, call the United Methodist Camping Office at 1-877-947-2267 or visit their website at [www.WIUMcamps.org](http://www.WIUMcamps.org)

## *Congratulations December Graduates!*

\* John Classen from UW-Whitewater  
Management Computer System BBA

\* Rose Zuelke from UW-Oshkosh  
Political Science

## NURSERY CARE CHANGE!

Nursery care is provided for children 4 years of age and younger during the Sunday morning worship service at Salem-FdL. If no children are in need of the nursery by 9:10am the caregivers will leave the nursery and join the worship service. The Cry Room is always available for families to use.

## ✠Visions Adult Sunday School Class✠

Do you answer "yes" to any of these questions?

- You're constantly stressed.
- You end up sending presents by Fed Ex.
- You forget your anniversary, but it doesn't matter because your spouse does, too.
- You clear off your desk by putting everything into a box so that you can look through it later, and you never see the box again.
- You extend your habit of throwing away junk mail unopened to include all mail that looks "low priority."
- You exercise at 11 p.m. because that's when you have free time.
- Your accrued vacation time exceeds your actual life expectancy.

If so, you'll want to hear what Dr. Swenson suggests to have some *margin* in your life. *Margins* by Dr. Richard Swenson is a wonderful 8 week series about restoring emotional, physical, financial, and time reserves to overloaded lives.

February 8: All Stressed Out and No Place to Go

February 15: Finding Time for What Matters the Most

February 22: Prescription for Hurried Lives

This is a favorite series! Come and decide if this is for you! We meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall following the FdL worship service. Refreshments and coffee!  
Bonnie Classen, Class Leader

Mark your calendar now...

## **"THE WITNESSES"**

**Part Two of The Rock & The Rabbi**  
Thursday, August 6

**The Fireside Dinner Theater in Fort Atkinson**

Tickets have been reserved; get your name on the list. Contact Shelly in the office or Nancy Hammock.



## Lenten Bible Study Offered

**PARABLES and Passion: Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent** by John Indermark  
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am  
February 25 - April 1 **OR** Thursdays,  
6:00-7:30pm; February 26 - April 2

The parables are not about pie-in-the sky theology; they describe the qualities and characteristics of God's reign that intend to transform how we live on this side of the grave. Lent offers a season in which to reflect on that truth as we witness how Jesus lived in the presence of God.

*Parables and Passion* offers a disciplined encounter with the parables in the season of Lent reflecting on one parable each day arranged around themes: Simple Gifts, Studies in Contrast, Attending to Creation, Responsible Relationship, Customs and Choices, Upside Down, Inside Out.

A registration form for this study is located on page 5 of this newsletter. Registration is due by Sunday, February 15. Cost of the book is \$13.00 and the Study leader is Julie Francis.



## Books Between Bites

Hear a book review on your lunch break! Bring a sack lunch, coffee and soda are available. Books Between Bites will meet at Salem-FdL on Tuesday, February 10 at 12:10pm. *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David O Relin will be reviewed. Mortenson's dangerous and difficult quest to build schools in the wildest parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan is proof that one ordinary person really can change the world. Nancy Lanyi, our presenter, is Executive Director of Fond du Lac Adult Literacy Services.

## Walk the Labyrinth!

Saturday, February 7  
Open Walk from 9:00am to Noon  
Introduction to the Labyrinth at 9:00am  
St. Agnes Hospital Chapel (430 Division St.)  
Sponsored by Center to BE

This is a wonderful opportunity for a rich spiritual experience. It is a form of moving meditation in which one can find inner peace and come closer to the Divine.

## New Member Gathering

Wednesday, February 4 – 7:00pm at Salem-FdL

Are you interested in membership at Salem UMC? Want to know more about Salem and about our congregation? We are hosting a gathering on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00pm at Salem-FdL for anyone who has an interest in joining or just wants more information. It will be a time of fellowship and a time for questions you may have. For more info contact Shelly in the office (921-8605) or give us a call to let us know you'll be attending.

## Sweetheart Breakfast

Salem Men's Fellowship will gather for a Sweetheart Breakfast at Rolling Meadows Restaurant on Saturday, February 14 at 8:15am. Salem men are encouraged to bring their sweetheart for a time of great fellowship and good food. Please RSVP to Tony Farina at 922-5276.

## Serving Loaves & Fishes

Salem will serve the meal on Monday, February 2 at Church of Peace. Help will be needed with serving and with clean-up. If you can help, it would be appreciated, a sign-up sheet is on the board in entrance area.

If you are not on the list already to help support this local mission with your monetary donation and would like to be part of "Team Salem" please contact Shelly in the office. Loaves & Fishes is self-supported by donations; it is not part of the Salem budget. The funds collected are used to purchase the entire meal for each serving date. It costs over \$400.00 for each serving date.

Please help with this much needed local mission. Loaves & Fishes served 23,222 meals in 2008! Salem will serve four times in 2009: February 2, April 20, July 20 and November 23. We serve turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, pudding, bread and milk.



## It's Time for Mardi Gras!

"Fat Tuesday" is traditionally the last fling before the fasting and sacrifice of Lent. We thought we'd bring a little of the celebration to you on Tuesday, February 24. A Jazz Service and Cajun Supper will be held at Salem-FdL. The service begins at 5:30pm, followed by supper. Reservations are required; **a reservation form** is on page 5 of this newsletter to get your name on the list! A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of meal.

# Mission Outreach



## February Mission of the Month **Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Trip to Chile**

Luke Rankin and Craig Larson, members of Salem, will be participating in a mission trip to an area close to Temuco, Chile. They will leave around the last week in June and the trip will be 2 weeks. Chile stretches over 2,700 miles along the southwestern coast of South America. This is a distance roughly the same as the distance from San Francisco to New York. However, its width never exceeds 150 miles.

Jesus gave us all the Great Commission to go out and help all people of the world. Volunteers in Mission assists by giving people a means to answer that call. It's a special opportunity that gives a youth from our own church a chance to experience how people in a different culture live while building relationships and doing work to help them in constructive ways.

The area that they will be working in is impoverished. They will be helping to build a Community Center for the women of the Mapuche Indian Tribe. This will give them a place to do some of their work such as basket weaving.

We feel so fortunate to have this opportunity to use the blessings that God has given us to help others. You can help make this mission trip possible by giving generously to the February mission of the month. It's a great chance to make a difference throughout God's World. Please use the enclosed envelope or mark your gift "Mission Trip."

### **2009 Mission of the Months**

January.....	FdL County Red Cross
February.....	Salem VIM Mission Trip
March.....	One Great Hour of Sharing
April.....	Missionary Covenant
May.....	Golden Cross
June.....	Bricks of Hope
July.....	Steve & Martha Farina
August.....	UM Children's Services
September.....	Saratov UMC Partnership
October.....	Blankets/Tools of Hope
November.....	Connect Café
December.....	Heifer Project

## **CELEBRATE CommUNITY**

**Saturday, February 28**

**11:00am – 5:00pm**

**FdL Fairgrounds Recreation Center**

Enjoy an exciting day celebrating your heritage and other cultures through music, dance, food, crafts, and activities. Come and experience this family fun event! Suggested admission/donation taken at the door (not required) is adults \$5.00 and under 18 are free. This event is sponsored by United for Diversity.

**Mark your calendar...**

## **Mission Celebration**

**April 19 at 12:00pm at Salem-FdL**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Don Heeringa**

**Volunteers in Mission Trip Leader to Chile**

Join us as we celebrate Salem's dedication to God's mission here and away! Two Salem members will be accompanying Rev. Heeringa to Chile this summer to work with the Waupuche Indians.

# Thanks!

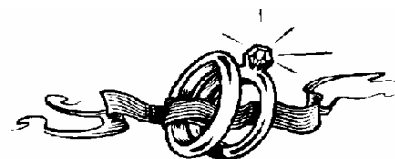
Thank you to the Salem members who graciously donated the funds to have the chapel rug cleaned; it looks so beautiful! Your generosity is very much appreciated!  
Salem Trustees

Thank you for the box of cookies I received at Christmas time. They were delicious and I enjoyed them very much.  
Isabella Mellon



**Gerald Mielke**

*December 21, 2008*



**Matthew Spaeth & Melanie Berry**

*January 24, 2009*



## World Day of Prayer

March 6 at 1:30pm

Covenant UMC

*"In Christ We Are Many Members, Yet One Body"*

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women and men of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Throughout the day, we collectively pray all over the world, beginning with the first sunrise and ending at the last sunset.

The women of Papua New Guinea welcome us to a land of many languages, cultures, traditions and beliefs. Within this context, the Christian community draws deeply upon the New Testament assurance, *"In Christ We Are Many Members, Yet One Body."* Though many of its communities experience isolation due to rugged terrain, there is unity in diversity. They invite us to join them in celebrating their unity in Christ, where diverse communities are of one heart and soul, and where the Body of Christ unites to overcome evil with good.

We know in our hearts how we, too, are a troubled society, a repentant church and prodigal children. As we observe WDP 2009, millions of God's people are suffering from violence, exploration, poverty, hunger and disease. We are called to unite as the body of Christ to fulfill his mission on earth, to partner with each other so that we can overcome evil with good and bring about reconciliation in our families, countries and the world.

Please join us for a time of worship and of fellowship.

## Morning Glory Circle

Morning Glory Circle will gather on Thursday, February 12 at 9:15am at Salem-FDL. Jean Zuelke is the hostess and program leader (907-1466). Members and interested friends are welcome to join in the fellowship.



### Mardi Gras Reservation Form

To reserve your spot, please complete this form and drop it in the offering plate or mail or drop off at the church office. **Reservations MUST be received by Wednesday, February 18.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People attending: \_\_\_\_\_



## Kendall Rae Nelson

January 11, 2009

Parents: Adam & Lindsey Nelson



Thank you for sharing with the two families Salem adopted through the Jesse Tree Ministry at Christmas. Your gifts made the holiday very memorable for these children and their families; the gifts were overwhelming and greatly appreciated. One of the families sent a picture book to express their thanks to us. If you'd like to see joy expressed on their faces, check out the blue folder on the table near the office.

### Reminder...

The March Kaleidoscope newsletter deadline is February 16. Please have all articles to the church office by noon. Thank you!

### Lenten Bible Study Registration

#### *Parables and Passion*

Please indicate the day you'd like to attend. Place in the offering plate or return to church office by Sunday, February 15.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursdays, 6:00-7:30pm**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

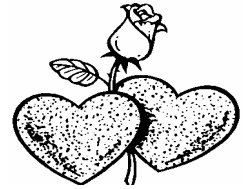
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- 6 Bailey McDowell  
Shelly Kottke
- 9 Brandon Smith
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- 11 Lynn Piepenburg
- 12 Kate Worth  
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Nicolas Straley
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Hanna Boelk
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Benjamin Pertl  
Sue Durfee
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- 22 Michelle Burgdorf  
Russell Richardson
- 23 Rose Zuelke
- 25 Tammy Immel  
Mason Shaw
- 26 Lisa Schreiber
- 28 Julie Stigler  
Karen Piper



- 11 Jackie & Brian McLean  
Judy & Larry Mittelstadt  
Donna & Perry Schaack
- 16 Marilyn & Jack Hays
- 20 Debra & Dale Santee
- 27 Burnette & Armond Braeger

# S o u p S u n d a y

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

12noon - 1:30pm at both sites



**Soups: Cheesy Vegetable,  
Chicken Noodle, Chili**

**Includes bread, cheese, crackers,  
dessert and beverage**

**Come and enjoy great soup and great  
fellowship! Carry-outs available!**

**Individual ticket - \$6.00 (6 yrs. & under - free)**

**Family ticket - \$22.00**

Advance tickets available beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> in the church office or from any mission trip participant. Proceeds support 2009 VIM Mission trip to Chile.



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### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

12:05 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service at Salem-FdL  
5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship at Salem-FdL  
9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at Salem-FdL  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at Salem-Lamartine  
(Every other Sunday – February 1 & February 15)  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at Salem-FdL  
10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at Salem-Lamartine

**NURSERY CARE IS PROVIDED ON SUNDAY DURING  
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT SALEM-FDL!**

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**8:30 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.  
MONDAY – FRIDAY (EXCEPT HOLIDAYS)  
920-921-8605  
[www.salemchurch.com](http://www.salemchurch.com)**