

KALEIDOSCOPE

February 2012

SALEM CHURCH  FOND DU LAC & LAMARTINE



Warming Up

by Rev. Jack Stubbs

February in the Upper Midwest is a serious month. Winter has become long in the tooth, the snow along the roads has become grey and ragged, even the coldness has a mean raw edge unknown in January. It is time to warm things up. Blessedly, February has been equipped with a holiday smack dab in its middle, which is made to order.

St. Valentine's Day is one of my favorite holidays. Perhaps it is because it falls in the bleakest month, but also because it is about love. I remember how important it was when I was in grade school. I would spend much more time on the cards I would distribute to my classmates than to any schoolwork. And of the cards I got, I spent more time going over them as if they were treasure. And in a way they were.

As a holiday it is the only other folk observance in our calendar (the other being Halloween) in that it exists because people like it, and not because a church, government, or industry decided we should. While it started as a feast day for a saint, its churchy aspects have long been forgotten by most. The day is for love. And that is one thing we could all use more of.

What are lacking with the holiday are the requisite traditions. One I'd suggest is having a family (very extended) dinner to include a time when younger people ask the old married couples how they met and fell in love. What traditions do you think we should start to celebrate St. Valentine's Day? Let me know and I will report what our congregation says.

Prayer: *O God, we thank you for the cold in its ability to focus us on those things in life, which are warm, loving, and joyful. Be present in our hearts. Let them be full of your grace, wholeness, and hope. In our Lord's name we pray. Amen.*



Ash Wednesday

A worship service will be held on February 22 at 7:00pm at Salem-Fond du Lac. Communion will be served. All are invited to attend. Confirmation students are required to attend.

Salem Serves

Loaves & Fishes

Monday, February 6, 2012

If you can help, it would be appreciated. A sign-up sheet is on board in the entrance area. If you're on the L&F team, please donate \$10.00 for the serving date. Anyone may help by donating; just mark your gift Loaves & Fishes.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

VALENTINE COOKIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Help support Salem's Relay Team by purchasing homemade Valentine cookies after the services at both sites. Purchase one for 50¢; \$3.00 for a half dozen or \$5.50 for a dozen! Proceeds help supplement Salem's team goal.



"Foundations For Friendship" Friends don't bully one another...

Saturday, February 25 at Salem-FdL

Sponsored by Salem's Christian Education Team

9:30-10:00 Continental Breakfast/Fellowship

10:00-11:30 Program

Our presenter is Debi Burtard, Youth and Young Family Coordinator at Delavan UCC-Congregational



Perhaps you or your child or grandchild or someone you know has been bullied. Have *you* ever bullied someone? Are you concerned about this problem? Then you need to attend this program which is multigenerational; for any *child, youth or adult* who has experienced bullying. We will present the "positive side of not bullying". Please RSVP to Julie by Wednesday, February 22 to attend.

Christian Education

It's time for a planning meeting!

Thursday, February 9, 6:30pm, Salem-FdL



All past, present and future adult and youth helpers are invited to join this planning meeting. Can't attend the meeting? ...contact Julie if you'd be willing to help or if you have any "bright" ideas you'd like to share.

FdL Adult Sunday School

Visions Adult Class

Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses by James W. Moore is the series we will be viewing and discussing through February 19. Why do we try to justify everything we want to do? Often we use words, scapegoats, blaming other people, circumstances, past events, and even "the devil made me do it!" We are reminded that we are justified not by our eloquent excuses but by the grace of a loving, caring, forgiving God.

February 26 we will begin a powerful series titled ***The Easter Experience***. Each episode explores a universal theme that is relevant to our lives all year round. Focusing on the Last Supper, the first episode reveals that our life purpose is following Christ's example of not coming to be served, but to serve. Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service.

For Men Only Class

Men of all ages, if you're looking for a small group experience, join the men after worship in the room behind the Narthex for food, fellowship and discussion. This month we begin the study: *David; Developing a Heart for God*.

Who are your role models? The world desperately needs role models today – people who are fully human yet who exceed human expectations and point others toward God. David is such a role model. His struggles with sin are infamous, and the Psalms reveal his anguish and doubts. Yet he is described as "a man after God's own heart" – the champion of Israel. You will be introduced to David the servant and the leader, the sinner and the redeemed, the man and the instrument of God's creative purposes. As you explore David's tumultuous story, you too will discover what it means to have a passionate heart for God.



Congratulations December Graduates!

Bethany Drews from UW-Oshkosh, BA in English and a minor in French; **Vikki Durfee** from MPTC, with a Diploma in Barber Cosmetology and **Alison Kottke** from UW-Green Bay, BA Science in Human Development and a minor in Anthropology.

Lenten Bible Study Offered Shadows, Darkness, and Dawn

A Lenten Journey with Jesus By Thomas R. Steagald



Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am

February 22-March 28 -OR-

Thursdays, 6:00-7:30pm

February 23-March 29

Tom Steagald invites us to a Holy Lent. In this study, short daily readings and scripture for the season of Lent will engage us with the Gospel of John's narratives about Jesus: the temptation in the wilderness, Nicodemus's nighttime visit, the encounter with the woman at the well, Jesus' healing of the man born blind, the raising of Lazarus, and the events of Holy Week.

We will follow Jesus into the thickening shadows of conflict and rejection, suffering and death. With fresh insights, the author will take us to the heart of these stories that reveal not only the shadows surrounding Jesus but those in our world and in our lives. And we hear the good news: in Jesus, God has gone ahead of us—has taken up residence in these shadows—because God loves us.

Registration is due by Sunday, February 12. Cost of book is \$12.00. Study leader: Julie Francis.

Lenten Bible Study Registration

Shadows, Darkness, and Dawn

Please indicate the day you'd like to attend and place in the offering plate or the church office.

_____Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am

_____Thursdays, 6:00-7:30pm

Name _____

Phone number _____



Vacation Planning?

Family Ministry Event
Sunday, February 26
12:00pm at Salem-FdL

Join us for lunch and share your favorite vacation stories, pictures and ideas and learn about the places where others have gone. Bring pictures of your favorite vacation places (be sure to put your name on them). The Lock Family will share stories about their *Make a Wish* trip to Europe this past summer. Lunch will be "make your own sub", chips, dessert and beverages. A free-will offering will be collected to cover expenses. Please RSVP to Julie in the church office by Wednesday, February 22.

Here to Serve

Salem Servants are here to help support fellow church members in their time of need as well as others in the community. They are ready for requests for assistance. You may contact the church office or Larry Kent (920-450-7167). All requests are kept confidential. Interested in being a Salem Servant? Contact any of the above for more information on this great outreach program.

Help for the FdL Homeless

A great way to volunteer your time this winter season is to help at the Warming Shelter in FdL. They're looking for people to provide a hot meal (soup/stew) and/or to spend the night lending necessary assistance to staff. Overnight shifts from 8:15pm-8:00am. If interested call 923-1743 or visit www.solutionsfdl.com.



Summer Camps 2012

Share in the gift of CAMP!

Summer camp means fun for youth (2nd grade and up) and adults of all ages with memories to last a lifetime. There is a camp for everyone at our great United Methodist Camp facilities! From family camp to horse camp, canoeing to stargazing, sports to praise... we have plenty of outdoor fun for everyone. God is with us wherever we are! Let Church Camp be your partner in faith. For information on summer camps or scholarships contact Julie in the church office; or call the United Methodist Camping Office at 877-947-2267 or visit their web site www.WIUMCamps.org.

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 12:10pm at Salem-FdL on Tuesday, February 14. *Left Neglected* by Lisa Genova will be reviewed. Sarah, a career-driven supermom, had a car accident which left her with a traumatic brain injury, a lack of awareness of anything to her left. She learns to pay attention to what truly matters. Kelly O'Brien, MD, our presenter, has recently moved from Denver, Colorado, to become the Associate Medical Director of the Wisconsin Women's Correctional System.

A Greener Way to Give

Churches, because of their high weekly check volumes, were among the first to embrace electronic giving as a way to automate contributions. Today, electronic giving in all its forms provides convenience for frequent check writers and donation consistency for churches.

A less frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills electronically ranks high on any list of actions one can take to improve the environment.

As you consider the method you use to make your regular offering in 2012, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship. Please contact Shelly in the office or visit www.salemchurch.com for more details.



Sweetheart Breakfast

Salem Men's Fellowship (SMF) will gather for a Sweetheart Breakfast at Rolling Meadows Restaurant on Saturday, February 11 at 8:15am. Salem men are encouraged to bring their "sweetheart" for a time of fellowship and good food. Please RSVP to Tony Farina at 922-5276.



Mission News



February Mission of the Month 2012 Mission Trip

The mission trip for 2012 is to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky.

This is a youth and adult mission trip for twelve people. They will be gone June 23 - June 30.

Red Bird Mission Camp and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles for a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: education, health and wellness, community outreach, economic opportunity, and housing improvement.

The work camp, which we will be taking part in, is a year-round work opportunity for volunteers in mission and service-minded groups. Work camp strives to provide home repair for low-income community residents and maintenance for mission buildings and grounds. Some examples of work projects are roof replacement, small room additions, painting, building porches or ramps, and grounds keeping.

In addition to providing mission opportunities, Red Bird strives to provide an atmosphere where participants grow spiritually and gain a personal understanding of mission. Evenings are spent in Christian fellowship and learning about the diverse ministries of Red Bird Mission.

We'll be doing other fundraisers for the mission trip; Soup Sunday on March 11 and a Plant Sale and Brat Fry at Haentze's on Saturday, May 19.

Your support will help make this mission trip possible by giving during the month of February using the envelope in this newsletter or by marking your gifts "Mission Trip". It's a great chance for you to help make a difference.

There's still room for a couple more to join the mission team. Any adult or youth (who has finished with 9th grade in June and older) are invited to participate. If you're interested, please talk to Julie Francis ASAP. Another informational/planning meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 11:45am in the Catacombs Room at Salem-FdL.

2012 Mission of the Months

January.....	Paul Webster - Missionary
February.....	Salem Mission Trip
March.....	One Great Hour of Sharing
April.....	Salem Servants
May.....	Golden Cross
June.....	Saratov UMC Partnership
July.....	Steve & Martha Farina
August.....	Northcott Neighborhood
September.....	ASTOP
October.....	Blankets+
November.....	Heifer Project International
December.....	Camp Lucerne Youth Center



CELEBRATE CommUNITY

Saturday, February 18

10:30am – 5:00pm

FdL Fairgrounds Rec Center

Enjoy an exciting day celebrating cultures through music, dance, food, crafts and activities. A day of inspiration and education for adults and young people is being planned. Children will surely go away with a new awareness of their ancestors. Every person will feel proud of their heritage and experience respect for others of different backgrounds. A Flag Ceremony will be held at 11:00am and from 12:00-3:00 Ethnic food will be served (American food for sale all day). This event is sponsored by United for Diversity. The suggested donation for admission is \$5.00 at the door (not required); children under 18 are free. Please plan on attending for some delicious food and wonderful entertainment from various ethnic groups.

Collecting Caps,

Labels and Box Tops

Salem is now collecting Kwik Trip Nature's Touch caps, bag tops, price ovals and barcodes for the Hmong House of Good News in Milwaukee. Besides the Milk Moola symbol on their milk, juices and specialty drinks, you can submit the UPC barcode from Nature's Touch Ice Cream and the price point oval from Glazers donuts. The Hmong House is Wisconsin's most recent mission project. Please place your items in the box on the table in the office area labeled Campbell's (for Northcott Neighborhood House) and Box Tops for Education (for McCurdy School in New Mexico). Please continue to save your Campbell labels and Box Tops. Thank you!



Freshly Baked Cinnamon Rolls

SUM Youth will be selling fresh cinnamon rolls after the worship service on Saturday, February 18 and after the services on Sunday, February 19 at both sites. All proceeds from the sale will help support youth activities. Don't miss getting some ooey, gooey, delicious cinnamon rolls! If you would like to help with this event, contact Becky Towne by calling the church office.

Youth News

SUM Youth (7th-12th grade)

30-Hour Famine

Friday, February 17 at 7:00pm
through February 18 at 2:00pm

Participating in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine means:

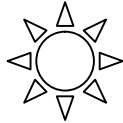
- Asking for donations from sponsors to help those around the world that suffer from poverty and a lack of hope.
- This year we will only fast from certain electronics or spoils we have in life (example: iPods, iPads, cell phones, etc.)
- Drinking only water and juice will stay in place (no soda, coffee).
- We'll also be collecting items for the Warming Shelter/Solution Center (shampoo, conditioner, soap, garbage bags, sheets, blankets, food, and much more).

The youth will be sleeping over at church so plan on bringing sleeping bags, pillows, juice or water to drink. Please RSVP to Becky at rebecca.towne@att.net or call her in the office (921-8605).



Women News

Morning Glory Circle



Members and friends are invited to join the circle on Thursday, February 2 at 9:15am at Salem-FdL.

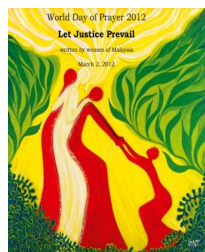
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

February 19 at 12:00pm at Salem-FdL

Salem United Methodist Women invite all the women of Salem to a Call to Prayer and Self-Denial presented by the Circle of Love. We will begin our celebration by coming together for lunch at 12:00pm. Following lunch, there'll be a brief business meeting and observation of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is a time when we can reflect upon our reason for being - our mission - as both Christian Disciples and as UM Women. Prayer is basic to faithful Christian discipleship. Disciples focus on the call of Jesus to follow his teachings, which involves sacrifice of selfish desires for his sake. At this time we consider what sacrifices are willing to make and what good these sacrificial gifts make in the lives of our sisters and brothers - women, children and youth - throughout the world who find comfort, support, and opportunities in UM Women supported missions. Our giving to provide and preserve places in which people are served bears witness to God's love and to our faithfulness.

The theme for the offering is "A Time for Change." This special offering supports institutions and centers as they build community to better reach women, children, and youth. It will also support training and seminars to teach others how to responsibly use technology and to increase understanding of how they affect us. Come join us for a time of fellowship and worship and for a wonderful luncheon!



World Day of Prayer

March 2, 1:30pm, Memorial Baptist Church

The Christian women of Malaysia invite you to join them for WDP. They strive to be neighbors within a multi-religious country and among a Muslim majority, so they open the service with "Selamat datang" - "Peace and welcome." This greeting is a reminder that harmony as a people is rooted in peace and welcome. They name fair and just governance as the basis for harmony in the social order. They remind us, however, that the ideal of peace and harmony is undermined by corruption and greed, and it is distorted when voices for truth and justice are silenced. The service encourages worshipers to respond from their own context to the theme. There is an activity for participants in which they name an injustice and identify a first step toward gaining justice. A clear message emerges from this service: it takes courage, compassion and active engagement for justice to prevail.

Please join Church Women United in a wonderful time of worship and friendship. Hope to see you there.

By the Way...



Spares and Strikes

The YF bowling party at Ledgeview Lanes was a huge hit. We had kids from 1st grade to adults that enjoyed bowling and fellowship. We had about 16 youth that participated, and we also found some hidden bowling talent in a few of our young ones. Thank you to all the adults that chaperoned and made this event possible. We had a great time.

Rockin' Ringers

SUM Youth participated in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing in December at Shopko. It was a sunny day, which brought good cheer and Christmas spirit to our youth. We sang familiar Christmas songs and we made up our own instruments as we rocked the tunes. We also met many wonderful people and saw firsthand how generous this community really is. Thank you to all of the helpers and Bell Ringers! Can't wait to do this next year!

Scrumptious Cookies

The Cookie Walk held at Salem on December 18 was a great hit for all who participated and the cookies were amazing! Thanks to all the Salem bakers and thanks to all the folks who purchased cookies. The Cookie Walk raised \$445.00.



Christmas Programs

The Sunday School Christmas programs held on December 11 at both sites were a big success this year. *Double Take! A Christmas Pageant as told by Matthew and Luke* at Salem-FdL and *A Jesse Tree for Advent* at Salem-Lamartine had many children and youth involved. We hope your Christmas was enriched by these programs.

Rootin' Tootin' Event

The Leadership training event held at Salem-FdL on Saturday, January 14 was a great success. Forty-four leaders joined together from around the district to attend a SPRC workshop lead by Gordon Lind, a Trustee workshop lead by a Church Mutual rep and an Education workshop lead by own Julie Francis. It was an informative morning for all.



Seeing Red

What a beautiful display of vibrant red poinsettias at Christmas. Fifty-five poinsettias filled the chancel area – thanks to everyone who purchased a plant!



It's Better to Give

Thank you for your donations of socks, hats, mittens and scarves. Two large bags were given to be divided between the Solutions Center, the Men's Shelter and the Warming Shelter. Your donations will help men, women and children to keep warm this winter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Jesse Tree Thanks

Dear Family and Friends of Salem Church, Thank you so very much for helping to make our Christmas truly wonderful this year! We've had an extremely tough year and your thoughtfulness and generosity really put the "special" into our Christmas by taking great care to ensure my children had presents under our tree. It was truly wonderful to see my children's eyes light up and squeals of joy when they opened their "I've always wanted this" gifts! I even had a few "squeals" myself! We are truly blessed to have such wonderful friends in Christ! God's blessing.

Love, "HA", "JO", and "KA"

Dear Salem Church,

Thank you all so much. My family is thankful to be in your thoughts and concern during the holiday season. Thank you all so much from the bottom to the top of my heart. God knows we are grateful for you and really, really appreciate each and every one of you that helped me and my kids.

From "SH", "DS", "DL", and "DA"

MANY THANKS! MANY THANKS! MANY THANKS!

Many thanks to all who sent cards, for the prayers, phone calls, and visits during my surgery and recovery. Also to those who ran errands for me. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Dorothy Dunham

THANK YOU sooooo much Salem Family for all your love, prayers, support, cards, emails, and phone calls during my recent surgery and recovery! It is appreciated more than I can truly express.

Sharon Cowles

Birthdays

- 2 Sidney Schlies
- 3 Kay Degner
Taylor Hoaglin
- 4 Nancy Buchholtz
Lucas Rankin
John Smits
Madalyn Abitz
- 5 Carl Roehrdanz
Myana Kissinger
- 6 Bailey McDowell
Shelly Kottke
- 7 Noah Schueller
- 8 Karson Wells
- 11 Lynn Piepenburg
- 12 Kate Worth
Sue Williams
Drake Stigler
- 13 John Classen
Mike Schreiber
Ethan Moffit
Isabella Fauska
Sam Shaw
- 14 Rick Burgdorf
Will Durfee
- 15 Bill Westphal
Charles Westphal
- 16 David Bonlander
- 17 Nicolas Straley
Madison Shaw
- 18 Duncan Corbin
Hanna Boelk
- 19 Ben Bengel
Benjamin Pertl
Sue Durfee
- 21 Isabella Mellon
Jean Sabel
- 22 Michelle Burgdorf
Russell Richardson
- 23 Rose Zuelke
- 25 Tammy Immel
Mason Shaw
- 26 Lisa Schreiber
- 28 Julie Stigler
Karen Piper

Anniversaries

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

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Favorite Recipe

We would like to try something new in the Salem newsletter and begin including a favorite recipe of a member each month. Want your favorite main dish, dessert, appetizer, etc. included? Send it to Shelly in the church office (shelly@salemchurch.com) or bring a copy in to the office. Each recipe will be published in the order received. Let's get cooking Salem!

Easy Baked Chicken Cordon Bleu

6 boneless chicken breasts, pounded to ½" thick
6 sticks of string cheese
1/2 cup butter, melted
1 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
6 slices ham
Toothpicks

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lay out pounded chicken breasts on a clean surface. Place a slice of ham on each piece, then one stick of cheese. Roll the chicken up around the cheese and ham, and secure with toothpicks. Dip each in melted butter, and then roll in bread crumbs. Place in a shallow baking dish. Bake for 40 minutes in oven, or until chicken is browned and juices run clear.

Recipe: Shelly Krahn

Pretzel Dip

16 oz. Hellman's mayo (no substitutions)
8 oz. sour cream
1 Tbsp. parsley
1 tsp. celery salt
1 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. Accent
2 Tbsp. minced onion
12 oz. shredded mozzarella

Mix all ingredients and chill. Serve with pretzels.

Recipe: Julie Francis

Baptisms

January 8, 2012

Fiona Sunshine Fryman

Parents: Quinn Fryman & Erica Koerner

January 8, 2012

Fletcher Robin Dill

Parents: Adam & Mindy Dill



Our Deepest Sympathy

Lewis Higley

January 20, 2012



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

12:05 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service at Salem-FdL
7:30 p.m. Last Wed. of the Month Prayer Service at Salem-Lamartine
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
10:15 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
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