

KALEIDOSCOPE

April 2011

SALEM CHURCH  FOND DU LAC & LAMARTINE



When the Ice Goes Out

by Rev. Jack Stubbs

There is a moment of joy in the upper Midwest when the ice goes out of the rivers and streams. What had been frozen in the winter months becomes gushing water from the melt of frozen fields and woods. Spring is here.

Wisconsin winters are hard, even for those who love winter sports. The quality of the lake ice becomes chancy and then downright dangerous. The snow turns to grey slush. Too many days are given to dark skies and cold rain. The only redeeming quality of these weeks is the promise of things getting better. And they do.

Our spirits too have an experience when the *ice goes out*. The experience is called Grace. Our lives are cold and icy, then the warm bright love of God comes to us and everything changes. We have a new season in the Spirit. But this spiritual season does not last a mere few months, but an eternity.

Prayer: *Our God of rebirth and renewal, we give you thanks for all the new life we know. Give us the blessings to show grace to all we meet, in word and deed. Let our lives become testimonies of your hope and love. In our Lord's name we pray. Amen.*



Special Lenten Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30pm
Salem-FdL in the Chapel

The special services being held on Saturdays with previous Salem pastors preaching and *The Gospelaires Deluxe* singing has really been enjoyed by many. Please join us during the last weeks of Lent. A reception will follow these services.

- April 2: Rev. Barry Watson
- April 9: Rev. Anthony Farina
- April 16: Rev. Mary Council Austin
- April 23: Easter Eve – Rev. Jack Stubbs



H O L Y · W E E K

A full schedule of special services will be provided to celebrate the holiest of weeks in the Christian faith. We hope you'll join us during this most sacred time.

Palm Sunday, April 17th

The Senior Choir will present "In Calvary's Shadow" Easter Cantata at both services (9:00am-FdL and 10:45am at Lamartine). Both services will also have a Processional of Palms by the children.

Wednesday, April 20th

The inspirational 12:05pm Prayer Service will be held at Salem-FdL in the Chapel.

Holy Thursday, April 21st

A solemn service will be conducted at 7:00pm at Salem-FdL. Holy Communion will be served.

Good Friday, April 22nd

An Ecumenical Good Friday service, hosted by the FdL Ministerial Association, will be held at 12:15pm at Memorial Baptist Church, 645 Forest Ave., Fond du Lac. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

Holy Saturday, April 23rd

At our 5:30pm worship at Salem-FdL, we will observe Easter Eve.

Easter Sunday, April 24th

This will be a morning of joy. We will host the 9:00am service at Salem-FdL and at Salem-Lamartine the Easter service will be at 10:45am.



Salem Serves Loaves & Fishes Wednesday, April 20

Help is always needed with serving and especially with clean-up. If you can help, it would be appreciated! A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the entrance area at Salem-FdL. The meal is served at Church of Peace.

If you're on the Loaves & Fishes team, please remember to donate \$10.00 for the serving date. Anyone may help by donating toward this local mission, just mark your gift "Loaves & Fishes" and place it in the offering or bring to the office.

Christian Education

† † † **Sunday School News** † † † **Salem-Lamartine**

Sunday School is now held every week and begins at 9:30am. There are two youth classes: one for 3 year olds through 3rd grade led by Ashley Eichhorn and a second class for 4th-6th grade led by Marilyn Van Ruiswijk. We also have a combined adult and youth (7-12th grades) class which focuses on the Sunday morning scriptures. Bring a Bible and/or any other resource books you have.

Salem-Fond du Lac **For Men Only**

Men of all ages, who are looking for a small group study, join us after worship in the room behind the Narthex. We continue with the study *Parables, The Greatest Stories Ever Told*. Everyone loves a good story. But the parables of Jesus are a special kind of story. They sneak up on us, catching us off guard. The familiar suddenly takes an unexpected twist, and we find our secret thoughts exposed in the healing light of Jesus. In this study, author John White helps you explore twelve of the greatest stories ever told.

Visions Adult Class

We will be studying the series, *When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*. With his trademark humor and gift for storytelling, John Ortberg shows what it takes to really win at the game of life.

March 27: *Resign as Master of the Board*; April 3: *Calling or Comfort? Choose Your Moves Wisely*; April 10: *Playing the Game with Greatness and Grace*; April 17: *The King Has One More Move*; April 24: Easter Sunday, no class - worship the Risen Lord and enjoy your family!!

We meet downstairs next to the kitchen immediately following the worship service. Refreshments and fellowship are provided! You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions.

Bonnie Classen, Class Leader



Attention

College Students & Parents!
Please help us out by notifying the church office (921-8605) if your child is graduating this Spring.

No Sunday School at Salem-FdL or Salem-Lamartine on Easter, April 24.

Sunday School Lenten Mission **"OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD"**



The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We will continue to collect donations through Sunday, April 17. Donations include: **TOYS:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, yo-yos, harmonicas, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc. **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. **HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (*in a plastic bag*), comb, washcloth, etc. **OTHER:** hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

Relay for Life - A team event to raise funds for the American Cancer Society! **"Be a Hero – One Person Can Make a Difference"** **HELP THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER!**

The 2011 Relay will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6, at the Fond du Lac High School Track. If you would like to be on Salem's team, please contact Julie Francis in the church office.

RELAY FOR LIFE **FUNDRAISER!**



"SUPER HERO CONTEST"

Help support Salem's Relay Team by purchasing homemade Easter cookies following the worship services on Sunday, April 17. For 50¢ you can pick out your favorite shape; \$3.00 for a half dozen or \$5.50 for a dozen! Proceeds will go into the bag of Salem's "Superhero" to supplement the team's total.



We are doing something different this year! Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Friday, August 12, 5:30-7:30pm and Saturday, August 13, 9:00am-2:00pm at Salem-FdL. This year's theme is "Fire Department of Jesus Christ". Watch for more info in the next Kaleidoscopes and in the announcement page!

Mission Outreach



April Mission of the Month Salem Servants Program

“Salem Servants” are a group of likeminded individuals within Salem United Methodist Church who are seeking the opportunity to serve others. It is their mission to continue the work of the Lord by being “Servants to all”. Salem Servants will provide short term assistance to members and disadvantaged residents of the Fond du Lac community.

Examples of the types of services that the Salem Servants are prepared to help with are: lawn mowing, yard maintenance, tree trimming, meal preparation, transportation (to/from church, doctor, shopping), financial planning, budgeting, recordkeeping, locating and procuring community services, moving assistance, house cleaning, laundry and care giving. Annually we hope to be able to perform a major project for one or several people in the community in need.

In order to provide the services some financial resources are required for equipment rental, material supplies and occasional tools. Thus far the servants have been very generous with their time, tools, equipment and supplies but sometimes items are necessary to complete a project that is not in their garages or home shops. This is where funding would be necessary. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated so that the work can continue.

To date, we have helped in a household move, cleaned gutters, repaired down spouts, fixed a fence, repaired a gate and provided local transportation.

The servants are looking for those who are truly willing to sacrifice for others. If you are interested, please contact the church office (921-8605), Fred Yoder (921-8009) or Larry Kent (920-450-7167), co-leaders of the Salem Servants Mission, to learn more about the Mission. We look forward to you becoming a Salem Servant.

Please give generously to this Salem program by using the enclosed envelope or mark your gift “Salem Servants”.

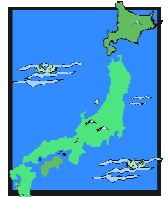
Mark your calendars NOW...



Mission Fundraiser in May! Flowers, Brats & Burgers!

Those Salem members who will be going out as missionaries in the future will be hosting a Flower/Plant Sale and Brat Fry on Saturday, May 14 at Haentze’s on Fond du Lac Avenue. Watch for all the details in upcoming bulletins and the May newsletter. Start thinking spring!

Sending Prayers and Support



We are urging United Methodists to pray for the victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that has occurred in Japan and encouraging support of relief efforts through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Following are excerpts from Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster’s letter to fellow members of the Council of Bishops:

As you know, a series of tragic events has unfolded in Japan. The massive earthquake and the tsunami resulted in the death of at least 2,800 people and possibly more than 10,000. Damage to the country’s nuclear plants jeopardizes the safety of hundreds of thousands more.

In times of immense loss and grief, we are reminded once again that God’s grace is sufficient. While it does not offer us immunity from tragedy, it sustains us with healing and hope. At such times, the church is called to be a healing presence among those facing heartbreaking circumstances. I am confident that the people of The United Methodist Church will respond to the call with prayers and generous support for the victims.

I ask that you join with me in prayer for the deceased and their families; the injured; the search and rescue workers; the survivors who are without water, food or heat; those who have been evacuated from their homes as the nuclear threat worsens; and all who have been affected. May we join together in opening our hearts to those suffering in the midst of devastation.

When disaster strikes, we are especially grateful for the ministry that UMCOR provides with the help and support of United Methodists and others. Please consider making a special offering! Make checks payable to Salem UMC and please designate your gift Japan Earthquake/Tsunami. Thank you.

Dancing With God

"You changed my mourning into dancing." -Psalm 30:12



Lenten Day of Prayer

Wednesday, April 6 at Salem-FdL
7:00am to 5:30pm

The Chapel will be arranged for prayer and meditation. Come for as long as you like.

When I meditated on the word GUIDANCE, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. While reading, I began thinking that God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and it is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back, or pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.

My eyes drew back to the word GUIDANCE
When I saw "G" I thought of God
Followed by "u" and "I"
"God, "u" and "I" "dance"
God, you and I dance.

As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead. My prayer is that God's blessings and mercies be upon you this day and every day.

Dance together with God, trusting God to lead & guide you through each season of your life.



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-FdL on Tuesday, April 12 at 12:10pm. *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova will be reviewed. A Harvard professor begins to grow forgetful then finds herself in the rapid downward spiral of Alzheimer's disease. But she is still Alice. Our reviewer is Joanne Talaska, a child of God, wife, mother, Gramma, daughter, sister, friend, retired Ministry Assistant, and volunteer. Her life has been filled by the love of many people who have taught her much. Her mother, a woman who had Alzheimer's disease, was one of those people.

Church Office Closed

Monday, April 25 in
observance of Easter.

Clergy Renewal Leave

The purpose of a clergy renewal leave is the renewal of self for ministry. This may include study, rest, and/or continuing education.

The Conference recommends clergy participate in a one month renewal leave during one year of every quadrennium (four years). Reverend Stubbs will participate in a renewal leave this summer. During his absence guest pastors and/or lay leaders will be providing the sermons and pastoral coverage will be available.

Gail Luttenberger
Staff Parish Relations Chair



Confirmation 2011

Avery Burns, Sophie Cunningham, Dan Degner, Will Hammock, Sam Kottke, and Kylee Thompson will be confirmed at the 9:00am service at Salem-FdL on Sunday, May 1. We invite all members to attend this special service and support our young people. Communion will be served.

Cheesecakes, Pizza, Pretzel s...



Oh My!



It's that time of year again for Mr. Z's fundraising! "Food Court" brochures featuring pizza, Suzy's cheesecakes, soups, cookie dough, funnel cakes, cinnamon rolls, krinkles, French silk pies, pumpkin rolls, pretzel dogs, and soft pretzels are now available.

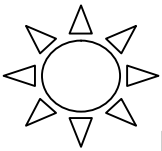
Everyone at Salem is asked to please help with this great fundraiser; the proceeds help support our general budget. Share the "Food Court" brochures with your family and friends; co-workers and neighbors... and remind them that their order will be delivered on Saturday, May 7, just in time for Mother's Day!

Brochures and order forms may be picked up anytime beginning March 27. They are available on the table in the Narthex and on the table in the church office area.

All **orders are due** to the church office by **Monday, April 18**. You will **pick-up your orders** on **Saturday, May 7** anytime from **9:00-11:00am** and then you deliver your orders.

With "all of us" doing our part we can help give additional support for the ministry of Salem Church!

Morning Glory Circle



The Morning Glory Circle will meet on Thursday, April 7 at 9:15am at the home of Lorna Champion (238-9682). Please remember to bring a completed Health kit.

May Friendship Day Celebration

“Living Our Friendship... Passing On the Key”

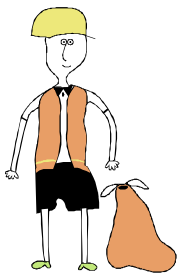
May 6 at Salem-FdL

12:15pm luncheon - 1:30pm program

The 2011 May Friendship day centers around passing on “the key” and living our friendship with each other. Looking at women in the bible, like Miriam and the three women at the tomb, who actively and fearlessly shared that “key”, the good news, with their friends, we continue their mission still today. In the book *Words to Love By*, Mother Theresa said, *“Jesus has said very clearly, I am the Love to be loved, the Life to be lived, the Joy to be shared, the Bread to be eaten, the Truth to be told, the Light to be lit, the Peace to be given. Jesus is everything!”* Indeed, Jesus is “the key”!

Looking over the past 70 years, Church Women United has been able to survive because of the many women who have shared their beliefs, their desire to create peace in our communities, and their insistence to create equality for all women. We continue to share their friendship by coming together to celebrate each other, to welcome and increase the number of those new to our movement and to remember those who have gone before us. The key is still being passed on in 2011!

Please join us as our sisters-in-Christ meet together for this special event. Tickets for the luncheon are \$5.00 and are available from Lois Farina at 922-5276 or Alma Grace at 922-6557. Tickets must be purchased by April 29.



Salem Men's Fellowship Highway Clean-up

Salem Men's Fellowship (SMF) will meet on Saturday, April 9 at McDonalds East at 8:15am. Following breakfast and a short meeting, they will proceed with the clean-up of

Highway 23. Everyone is invited. Please notify Norm Francis or Hal Barfknecht in advance if you are planning on helping that day. Join in this community project, the more hands the quicker the task.



Youth Fellowship (YF)

Easter Celebration

Saturday, April 16

1:00-3:30pm at Salem-FdL

Hey YF... join us for a fun-filled day including an Easter egg hunt, craft projects, games and more! This event is hosted by SUM Youth. Cost is \$2.00 per person or \$5 for a family. Bring your friends and family! Permission slips are needed if parents are dropping you off and/or if a friend is along. Any questions contact Becky at rebecca.towne@att.net or call the church office at 921-8605.

SUM Youth is Setting Up!

We need your help with set up for the YF Easter Celebration on April 16 from 11:30am.-3:30pm. There will be a lunch provided and permission slips are needed if you attend. Please email Becky at rebecca.towne@att.net or call the church office.



PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a family member or friend who is ill, having surgery, or having personal concerns? Do you have a personal concern you'd like lifted to God in prayer? Salem has a wonderful team of pray-ers who will keep all requests confidential and pray specifically and fervently for comfort and strength for all concerned. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, please call the church office or Julie Francis at home after office hours. Call also if you would like to be a member of the prayer chain!

This Easter Season...

Salem Church thanks those individuals and families that support the church throughout the year with their time, talent and financial contributions. We also extend a warm welcome to many new and returning congregation members and hope that you, too, will be generous with your time and contributions in support of our work at Salem. To assist everyone in making the consistent offerings that are so important to our church, we ask you to consider making automatic, electronic donations. Please contact Shelly in the church office for more details or visit our website at www.salemchurch.com.



By the Way...



Super Spuds! Super Thanks!

Thanks to all who attended the Super Spud Potato Bar! Big thanks to those who baked bars, donated toppings and drinks, made monetary donations, and helped serve and clean up! Thanks to Megan Francis and Joyelle King for stepping up and volunteering to chair this event – great job ladies! We raised \$370 for the general budget.

Visit to the Windy City

Those that participated in the trip to Chicago on Friday, March 18 to attend The Lyric Opera had a marvelous time! The group stayed at The Palmer House, got to explore some of Chicago and enjoyed an evening performance of “Carmen.”

Paid in Full

Below are excerpts from a note from Lisa King, Conference Treasurer, thanking Salem for paying our 2010 apportionments in full. The complete letter and additional figures and facts are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

All those who benefit from the ministries and services provided by apportionments appreciate your church's faithfulness, especially through these difficult economic times, in supporting connectional mission and ministries within the Wisconsin Conference and around the world, as well as your own efforts in helping your church understand the importance of connectional giving within the United Methodist Church.

For all churches in the Conference combined, 82% of apportionments were paid, compared to 82.2% paid for 2009. In addition to apportionment giving, Wisconsin United Methodists gave over another \$1.55 million to Advances, Special Sunday Offerings, and other benevolences. This was more than a 55% increase over 2009, thanks largely to generous giving of over \$477,000 to the Haiti Emergency! Overall, connectional giving increased over 4.9% from 2009 to 2010, which is certainly something to be celebrated!



Mardi Gras... It'll Be Back

As disappointing as it was for many – Mardi Gras did not happen this year. We just had too few people sign up for the event to make all those rosters full of yummy food. So remember next year... get your reservations in early so we can make sure we can enjoy an evening of great food and jazz!

www.salemchurch.com

Check It Out

The Salem website is a great way to view current and past newsletters, bulletins, calendars and announcement pages along with other church information. If you have any suggestions of what you'd find helpful on the site please send Shelly an e-mail or give her a call in the church office.

Shop Now for Later!

The Silent Auction for the Apple Harvest Festival has become a very popular part of the fundraiser. When you are out shopping – keep this list in mind! You can purchase items here and there and before you know it you've got a completed basket.

Suggestions for themed Baskets:

- Packer / Brewer / Badger Basket
- Kids Game Basket
- Off to College Basket
- Coffee Hour Basket
- Movie Night Basket
- Tea for Two or Four Basket
- Sewing Basket
- Men's Toiletries Basket
- Ladies Toiletries Basket
- Car or Truck Maintenance Basket
- Cheese and Crackers Basket
- Gardening (Fall or Spring) Basket
- Sugar & Spice (Baking) Basket
- Gingerbread Basket
- Country Western Basket

Seasonal Baskets:

- Valentine's Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- Easter
- 4th of July
- Back to School
- Halloween
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas
- New Years
- Picnic Basket

Sacrament of Baptism

Susanna Elise Nelson

March 6, 2011

Parents: Adam & Lindsey Nelson



Elias Lee Schafer

March 20, 2011

Parents: Mike & Lacey Schafer

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Florence Meyer
- 2 Chris Schwalbach
- 3 James Enders
Erin McLean
Megan Kottke
Barbara Denzer
- 4 Evan Kottke
Amber Duscheck
- 7 Alice Ford
Ellen Lock
Sally Arthur
Lycan Krenz
- 9 Caleb Kottke
Michelle Drehmel
- 10 Helen Degner
Phil Corbin
- 11 Frank Bartzen
- 12 MarJean Buck
Carol Zeller
- 13 Lynne Kottke
- 14 Easton Hidde

- 15 Jeanne Cruciani
Janet Vanderlip
- 16 Sue Gerritson
- 17 Jacob Kottke
- 18 Scott Degner
Joan Scheer
Joseph Riesenber
Betty Rozek
- 19 Trevor Haug
Katie Hintz
- 20 Annadora Pinno
Eli Schofield
- 21 Daniel Towne
Ruthanne Smith
Abby Bellmer
Marissa Kottke
- 22 Keith Fauska
- 23 Roger Jewson
- 24 Irma Palmer
- 25 Brenda Belanger
Marjorie Kinas
Mackenzie Immel
- 27 Caleb Maes
- 28 Mary Cords
- 30 Sheila Larson

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 4 Sharon & Russell Rasmussen
Jane & Jerome Towne
- 5 Nancy & Mike Rankin
Brenda & Brian Kramer
- 9 Debra & Jeff Huebschman
- 16 Tess & Jesse Birschbach
- 17 Sherry & Brent Sabel
- 19 Bonnie & Kevin Buxton
- 22 Julie & Tm Bennett
- 23 Tammy & Tony Hidde
- 25 Marion & Edward Yngsdal
- 27 Betty & Richard Bertz

WELCOME
*Shawn McCrary &
 Samuel McCrary*
 March 15, 2011

Easter Lilies



If you wish to order a plant(s) in honor or memory of someone (or simply as a gesture), please complete this form, attach payment, and drop in the offering plate or church office. Lilies will be used to decorate the Chancel area on Easter Sunday. You may take your plant(s) home after the Easter Worship Service.

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 17th
\$11.00 per plant

Quantity:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Other (specify):

Given By:

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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
10:30 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 through Friday (except holidays)
920-921-8605

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