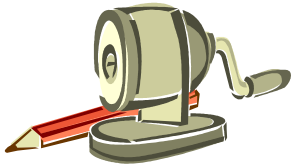


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The First Day of School by Rev. Jack Stubbs

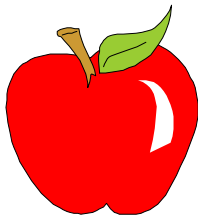
I remember vividly my first day at Theo. V. Eddy Elementary School. I was starting second grade after attending two years at the one room schoolhouse (without running water) a half-mile from our farm. My home state of Michigan had just gone through a process of consolidating the township schools into larger districts and the result for me was to attend a seemingly huge facility with countless classrooms, a gym, a cafeteria, and the most impressive thing of all: urinals in the boy's restroom. It was all wonderful, new, and impressive.

But the biggest change was the people. I had gone to school with siblings, cousins, and neighbors. In the new school I walked into a room with no one I knew. That feeling stays with me to this day: utter vulnerability and loneliness. Yet it was when I was still standing there staring at the unfamiliar faces that a boy named John introduced himself and asked me if I wanted to sit at the desk next to his. I am still grateful for that invitation.

September is a month of beginnings. After all those years of going to school, I find myself of mentally getting ready to start again as well. I would be entering the 53rd grade if anyone were still counting. And I am getting ready to meet new people, learn new things, and accomplish new goals.

And what about John? I saw him this summer at my 40th class reunion and he is well and working as a tennis-pro in Fort Lauderdale.

Prayer: O God who makes all things new; we thank you for the blessings of wisdom that see everyday as a fresh opportunity for faith, love, and caring. Give us the understanding to always see your presence in the midst of our day. In our Lord's name we pray. Amen.

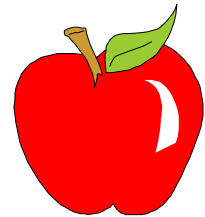


10th Annual

Apple Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 11th

9:00am - 3:00pm at Salem-FdL



It's time to make apple pies! Our goal is 1,000 pies. In 2007 we made 1,018 pies! Wow! With everyone's help we can do it again. We will be making pies from September 29 through October 4 and everyday during the week of October 6 through October 11. Mark your calendar and sign-up for all your available times on the chart located in the Narthex at Salem-FdL. We will need lots of help on Saturday, October 11 – greeters, pie makers, folks working in Apple Jack's Café, Lucy's Apple Stand, Apple Cellar, Caramel Apples, cashiers and others.

Please start thinking of items for the "Silent Auction" (bidding will begin September 28). Contact Mary Ann Potratz (923-1107) for ideas and/or help assembling baskets. Donations are welcome.

We are looking for produce to have with the apples at Lucy's Apple Stand. If you have pumpkins, squash, gourds, etc that you are willing to donate, please let us know.

Take out your recipes for jams and jellies, yummy breads and unique cookies and bars.

Be sure to check out the flyer in this newsletter. Additional flyers and pie order forms are available in the church office. Sell pies at work, to your neighbors, family and friends. Delivery of pies can be arranged. You could buy one of the first pies and provide samples; you may be surprised at how many pies you can sell! Pies will be available on Sunday, October 5. Pre-ordered pies will be available beginning September 30.

Christian Education

Rally Day-2008!

Sunday, September 7

Salem-Fond du Lac

9:00am: Worship

10:30am: Sunday School

Sunday, September 14

Salem-Lamartine

9:30am: Sunday School

10:45am: Worship



Salem-Lamartine Sunday School

Sunday School will be held *every other* week at Lamartine, beginning on Rally Day, September 14. A brochure is available at both sites with all the details and a Sunday School schedule or contact the office.

✠ ✠ ✠ Adult Sunday School ✠ ✠ ✠ Offerings at Salem-FdL

Visions

It's that time again! I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing, revitalizing summer! I spent the summer learning to walk with a new knee and now I'm ready to go!

Sept. 7: We'll share how God has shown his love to us this summer and acquaint ourselves with new members. We will watch Rob Bell's *Name*. Do we compare ourselves to others? What do others think about us? Are we able to accept who we are? Maybe if we really knew our true selves, we wouldn't give so much attention to other peoples' lives and live more in tune with the life God wants for us.

Sept. 14: *Belong to God, and He Loves Me* by Joyce Meyer. Love is just something God does - it's who He is. His unconditional love is the foundation to receiving healing in every area of our lives.

Sept. 21: *It's Time to Laugh* by Joyce Meyer. The Word of God says that a merry heart does good like a medicine. This lesson will give you a "good dose" of what "The Doctor" ordered. While laughing, you'll discover how to go from being pitiful to powerful.

Sept. 28: *Forgiven, Forgotten, and Free* by Joyce Meyer teaches us how to stop working so hard at enjoying life. Stop complicating your spiritual life and accept the free gift of grace that God has already given you.

I'm looking forward to seeing you this fall! We meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall (next to the kitchen) following the worship service. Nourishment will be available for both body and soul!

Bonnie Classen, Class Leader

For Men Only

Men, you won't want to miss this unique class! If you're interested in a small group experience, this is the class for you! Grab a cup of coffee and join Mike Cunningham in the Cry Room for a Sunday morning Bible Study. We will begin with the study "*Revelation, The Triumph of God*". In every age people have felt certain that the book of Revelation described events in their time. As nations arm themselves for war, we think of Armageddon. As evil rulers grow in power, we look for the antichrist. As the powers of darkness threaten to overwhelm us, we cry, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amid the uncertainties of our age, Revelation assures us of the ultimate triumph of God.

Safe Sanctuary Policy Updates

The Safe Sanctuary policy was written for the safety and protection of our children and youth as well as for our Sunday School Staff. Parents, we are asking for your help and understanding as we implement these policies. Here are some guidelines to aid our Sunday School staff on Sunday mornings:

- During the worship service, children between the ages of 0-11 years old must have a parent or another responsible adult on the premises.
- Parents are responsible for their children before the worship service begins, and after the worship service and when the Sunday School session ends.
- Children through 4th grade MUST remain in their classroom (or in designated pick up area) until picked up by a parent or approved designee. It would be appreciated if pick up would be as soon as possible after Sunday School ends. (Lists are posted around building with location of classrooms.)
- A child should NEVER be in the elevator unless under the supervision of adults.
- Ideally diapering should be performed by the parent; a quick check before leaving the nursery is a great help!! If your child remains in the nursery during the Sunday School hour, another diaper check/change before Sunday School begins would be appreciated, also.
- Parents should escort their children (3 year olds-4th grade) to the bathroom before music time and/or Sunday School begins.

Thank you for your help!

Attention College Students!

Please notify the office of your new address/address change before you leave for school! This will help us stay in touch with you throughout the year.

Mission Outreach



"The Virtual Garden"

A Fall Mission sponsored by the
Sunday School Classes and Salem's
Mission Outreach Team

*In Isaiah 58:7 it says, "Share your food with the hungry,
and give shelter to the homeless."*

Beginning September 7 through November 16 children and adults are invited to bring non-perishable food items and "plant them" in "The Virtual Garden" that will be in the Chancel area at both sites. Children will be encouraged to "plant" their donations during the Children's Time. The virtual garden will be a wonderful and fun way for all of us to watch our "garden grow and flourish" and to help replenish the Fond du Lac food pantries.

The pantries were depleted after this past summer's flooding and are in need of "anything and everything" such as: soups (especially chicken noodle, vegetable, or vegetable beef); can vegetables: corn, peas, green beans; can fruit: peaches, pears, fruit cocktail; canned meats; peanut butter, rice, spaghetti, mac & cheese, pork & beans, cereal. The FdL Food Pantry, Salvation Army and Broken Bread provides food to those who are less fortunate and in need of help.



**"SURVIVOR" Relay Island
Vote Cancer Off!
Gross Amount Raised: \$519,000...
WOW!**

Fond du Lac sets another record... in its 14th year the FdL community does it again and surpasses dollars raised in 2007! A "million" thanks to all who supported the Relay in 2008. Salem's two teams raised \$4,865 and John Smits, our *Dude Looks Like a Lady*, collected \$353 in his purse!

Global AIDS and the Church

Dr. Donald Messer, Executive Director of the Center for the Church and Global AIDS (www.churchandglobalaids.org) is coming to the Whitefish Bay UMC on September 26-28. On Sunday afternoon he will be presenting a seminar on Global AIDS and the Church. Please check the bulletin board at both sites for more information.

The Annual Conference AIDS Awareness Task Force is recommending this seminar as an excellent opportunity to broaden our knowledge about the human toll taken by HIV/AIDS and how the Church can respond. If you are interested in attending, please bring registration fee to the office by September 18 (we will send in registrations together) and arrange to carpool! For more information, contact Dorene Pease.

September Mission of the Month Church World Service Tools of Hope & Blankets



Church World Service (CWS) Tools of Hope and Blankets is a mission opportunity that involves people of all ages. Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. collect offerings which provide resources to help people in some 80 nations, including the United States.

CWS Tools of Hope and Blankets provide the right tools at the right time, making a difference in the lives of children and families the world over. Ordinary things - things we take for granted like blankets, clean water, tents, seeds, education - can make a world of difference for people devastated by tragedy, as well as those working to build a better life for themselves and their communities. \$5.00 can provide a blanket for someone in need; \$15.00 will buy a hoe, shovel and rake for a rural family. \$100.00 buys fishing nets and other equipment for a village and the list goes on.

Please add your own colors to our Rainbow of Caring and give generously to Tools and Blankets. Our gifts to this mission give people hope where little existed before. Please use the enclosed envelope in this newsletter or mark your gift *Tools/Blankets*.

2008 FdL Area CROP Walk

Mark your calendar now!
Sunday, October 12

**Communities
Responding to
Overcome
Poverty**



Each year Fond du Lac folks respond to the call to fight hunger by taking part in the CROP Walk. We walk because they walk! This event is inter-faith and community based and 25% of the money raised is returned to our community to help food pantries and homeless shelters.

Walker packets will be available soon! Watch for details in upcoming bulletins. We hope many of you will join in this worthwhile cause.



Comes to Fond du Lac

Every year during Lent, Salem takes an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing to support the work of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

Following our flood on June 12-13, UMCOR came to Fond du Lac to assist the many residents whose homes are in disrepair and have mold growing.

It was UMCOR that took the lead in training the many volunteers who have come from all over the nation to assist in the clean-up efforts. A friend who attended the training session reported how knowledgeable the UMCOR people were about mold and the treatment there of. He also reported how impressed he was with the training overall.

UMCOR, a United Methodist Agency that specializes in disaster relief all over the world. An agency we support generously with our One Great Hour of Sharing offerings. An agency that responds to disaster no matter where it happens, an agency that represents you and me. An agency that stays until the work is done.

You can still help UMCOR with relief efforts by giving generously! Checks can be made to Salem UMC and placed in offering or dropped off to the church office. Please specify on your offering: *Wisconsin Flood Relief #7848* or *Midwest Spring Storms Relief #901670* (helping people in all areas, including Wisconsin, suffering from floods).

Spiritual Refreshment

The Wednesday Prayer service at 12:05pm at Salem-FdL will resume on September 3. Come and join in song, scripture, prayer and communion. It refreshes your spirit for the rest of the week.



Choir Singers & Bell Ringers!

The Senior Choir will practice on Wednesdays at 7:00pm starting Sept. 3. If you'd like to participate, just attend the practice or for more info contact Jon Gilliland. The Chime Choir is looking for new people; practice is every Wednesday at 6:00pm starting Sept. 10. You must be able to read music to participate. For more info contact Georgene Antos.

You have a Few Days Left to Join Us for the Opera!

It's exciting to see the interest in the opera tour to Chicago to see "Madama Butterfly" on Friday, January 9, 2009. Jack forwarded me an article from "the most-read articles" from The New York Times about a movie being made about the composer of "Butterfly," Puccini. This is the 150th anniversary of his birth, and his operas are still the most widely performed in the world. I can send you the link, if you e-mail me at: operacello@mac.com.

We need to make a deposit of 50% on the tickets by August 29 to hold them, so if you are still interested in going, you need to **act now!** Contact Shelly in the office before Friday, August 29. The remainder of the ticket cost will be due by December 9, one month before the trip. Thank you for your quick response to make this possible. We'll get the travel and overnight information to you soon. I don't want to think about winter, but this will help make it less bleak.

Jack and I are so grateful for the warm welcome we continue to receive. It's been a wonderful summer.

Blessings, Laura Jean



Why Not Join the Dartball League?

Dartball will begin another season at Salem-FdL on September 11 at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Any men 14 this year or older are invited to join the fun and fellowship. Dartball is open to all; members and non-members. Sign-up, invite a friend and have a great time! For more info contact Gerald Kinan at 922-1144.



And Now a Word From Salem's Finance Committee

An update on Salem Finances, along with an issue of the Widows Mite and your monthly contribution statement will be heading your way; we plan to have the information in the mail to you around Friday, September 5.
Be sure to watch for it!

United Methodist Women

Circle of Hope



Circle of Hope will meet on Friday, September 12 at 7:00pm at Mary Kottke's and they'd love to have you join them! If you are looking for an opportunity to share in fellowship and good times with women who are hoping to grow in their faith and service to God, Circle of Hope could be what you are looking for. For more info contact Alma Grace (922-6557).

Unit Meeting & Pledge Service

September 21 at Noon at Salem-FdL

Please join us for a luncheon, served by the Circle of Peace, followed by a business meeting and the Pledge Service. All women of Salem are invited to join us for a time of fun, food, and fellowship.

Church Women United

Please join CWU on Thursday, September 18 at 9:15am at Memorial Baptist Church for a time of fellowship and worship. The speaker is Maggie Shea, who will talk about the quilt project at the Taycheedah prison. All women are welcome to attend.

Salem Men's Fellowship



Salem Men's Fellowship thanks Carl & Kazuyo Roehrdanz for hosting the SMF annual picnic. We all enjoyed great sunshine, food, a boat ride and fellowship!

Highway 23 Cleanup

SMF will gather on Saturday, September 13 at 8:15am at McDonald's East for a short meeting and breakfast and then the group will clean their "adopted" Highway 23. All men are encouraged to attend – the more the merry – and trash pick up goes quicker!

Looking Ahead...

A Morning at Byron Center

SMF will meet Saturday, October 11 at Byron Center at 8:15am. We will cut, split and stack wood. Any men of Salem can join in this time of service and fellowship. This is an extremely worthwhile community service project.



13th Annual Salem Men's Fellowship

Chili Supper

Saturday, November 8th



Thank you Salem friends for your prayers for my father when he was hospitalized during his last days. Your prayers, cards and concern for my family and I were appreciated and helped me through a difficult time. Carl and I will be going to Japan in September for a special funeral service for my father. Thank you for your friendship and support.
Kazuyo Roehrdanz

Thank you for all of the get well wishes, cards and prayers following my knee surgery. Your kindness touched my heart.

Mary Lou Jewson

I would like to thank my church family for all the cards, prayers and thoughts during my recent heart surgery. I have recovered very well and much appreciated all of your concern.

Rollie Jarvis

To the Salem Family,

Thank you to all who sent mom cards. Thank you for all the prayers, love, and concern you have showed her; she sure missed all of you. Thank you Pastor Jack for being with mom in the hospital.
Helen Wettstein Family

Thank you Salem friends for the cards and prayers at the death of my sister, Jean Bertram. A special thank you to Rev. Jack Stubbs for his wonderful message. Thank you to Georgene for playing all the familiar hymns.

Ruth Stiehr and family

The family of Helen Wettstein thanks everyone very much for their thoughts, prayers, cards and well-wishes during Helen's last hospital stay and following her death. Helen was happy to have a caring church family. A special thank you to Rev. Jack Stubbs for his visits. Thank you Salem!

From the Parish Nurse...

I recently learned that September is Self-Improvement Month. The hardest part about self-improvement isn't being aware of what you need or want to change, but making the change stick. Let's remember to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life.
Helen Degner

P.S. - Mark your calendar for September 20, "International Eat an Apple Day" and volunteer for Salem's Apple Harvest Festival!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Craig Larson
- 2 Marion Yngsdal
- 3 Elmer Cords
Benjamin Kottke
- 4 Willy Burgdorf
- 7 Elda Hankwitz
- 9 Farrah Ramminger
- 10 Heidi Klebs
- 11 Nancy Hammock
Trevor Van Buren
- 12 Brittany Wuest
Betty Guenther
Christine Van Ruiswijk
Trevor Wigman
- 14 Brenda Kramer
Jerrod Ebert
Les Zuelke
- 15 Richard Bertz
Jean Zuelke
Keira Hintz
- 16 Edward Yngsdal
- 17 Gloria Meiklejohn
Julie Kissinger

- Lucas King
- 18 Duane Spittel
Julia Tagliapietra
- 19 Margaret Collien
Jean Kottke
- 21 Jeannie Runke
Jackson Voight
- 22 Dale Santee
Jessica Shaw
Katelyn Kissinger
- 23 Meagan Gilliland
Kyle McAuly
Ethan Buxton
Jackie Packard
Theresa Derusha
- 25 Joshua Grinnell
Cannon Lock
Elijah Towne
- 26 Dean Gerritson
- 27 Daniel Kottke
Cassandra Immel
Isaac Hammock
- 28 Tom Austin
Peter Capoyianes
- 29 Ann Ramminger
- 30 David Hoddel

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Linda & Earl Fryman
Lindsey & Adam Nelson

- 3 Nancy & Al Steger
- 6 Mary Lou & Roger Jewson
- 9 Martha & Fred Yoder
- 11 Dolores & Howard Bertz
- 15 Beverly & Scott Vossekul
- 16 Lisa & Jerome Haser
- 19 Alice & Richard Ford
- 22 Garda & Rodney Ebert
- 24 Farrah & Jason Ramminger
- 25 Kate & Jay Worth
- 26 Ruth & Florian Stiehr
- 29 Jenny & Shane Boelk
Sheila & Craig Larson
- 30 Marcia & Ronald Petak



Helen Wettstein

July 21, 2008

Jean Bertram

August 10, 2008



Can You Spare an Hour or Two?

Help is needed making Apple Pie-in-a-Jar on Saturday, September 13 at

8:00am at Salem-FdL. We will work until finished, probably until 3:00pm; we are planning to make at least 12 dozen quarts. Anyone who is interested (the more help we have, the faster the job) may contact Karen Kalsbeek or Shelly in the office.

You Won't Want to Miss Out!

Apple Pie-in-a-Jar Orders!

Pre-orders are being taken to ensure we make plenty for everyone! Please complete the form on the right and return it no later than **September 11** to the church office or place in the offering plate. Payment may be attached or you may pay when you pick-up. (Please make checks payable to Salem UMC.) Orders will be available for pick-up from Sunday, September 28 through Friday, October 10.

APPLE PIE-IN-A-JAR

ORDER FORM (Due Sept. 11th)

Apple Pie-in-a-Jar (\$6.00 each)

Quantity _____

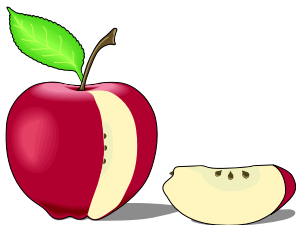
Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total Due \$ _____

Confirmation Orientation

A Confirmation orientation will be held on Wednesday, October 1 for 7th grade students and parents and for 8th grade students, parents and mentors. Each class will meet separately from 6:00-7:00pm at Salem-FdL. A mailing is being sent out to with all the information; be sure to watch for it!



10th ANNUAL

APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 11, 2008

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**Salem United Methodist Church
120 Sheboygan St., Fond du Lac**

- Apple Pie
- Caramel Apples
- Apple Pie-in-a-Jar
- Apple Butter
- And lots more!

Featuring:

Apple Cellar

Crafts of all kinds
Yummy baked goods

Lucy's Apple Stand

Fresh apples right from Piepers Fruit Farm

Applejack's Café

Sit awhile and enjoy a hot sandwich and a piece of apple pie along with hot apple cider or coffee.



BAKE SALE

- * Freshly baked
Apple Pies
- * Apple Pie-in-a- Jar

CRAFT SALE

- * Handmade Creations
of All Kinds!
- * Silent Auction
- * Grab Bags for Kids

APPLE PIE ORDER FORM

Orders are being taken for early delivery. Return order no later than September 29 to Salem Church, 120 Sheboygan St, FdL or place in the collection plate. **All pie orders must be PICKED UP before 1:00pm Friday, October 10.**

Mark the Quantity of Pies

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| _____ 9" Baked \$10.00 | _____ Small Baked \$4.50 |
| _____ 9" Unbaked Frozen \$10.00 | _____ Small Unbaked Frozen \$4.50 |
| _____ 9" Baked Sugar free \$10.00 | _____ Small Baked Sugar free \$4.50 |
| _____ 9" Unbaked Sugar free Frozen \$10.00 | _____ Small Unbaked Sugar free Frozen \$4.50 |

Mark When You Will Pickup Your Pies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, September 30, 9:00am-4:00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, October 6, 12noon-4:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, October 1, 9:00am-7:00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, October 7, 9:00am-4:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, October 2, 9:00am-4:00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, October 8, 9:00am-7:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, October 3, 9:00am-4:00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, October 9, 9:00am-4:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, October 5, 10:00am-12noon | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, October 10, 9:00am-1:00pm |

NAME _____

PHONE _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

12:05 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service at Salem-FdL (Resumes on Sept. 3)
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; beginning Sept. 14)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at Salem-FdL (Beginning Sept. 7)
10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at Salem-Lamartine

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