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The Church is an Orchard

By Rev. Jack Stubbs

With the Apple Harvest Festival coming up this month, I found myself thinking about apples and this led to fondly remembering the orchard on our family's farm.

This orchard was planted just after the house was built, just after the Civil War. These were big knarly trees, great for climbing children. The orchard wasn't large, maybe three acres. Every late winter, or early spring, we would prune the trees, stacking the resulting brush in a clearing in the center of the orchard making a large pile. Then each autumn, after the first frost, we would have an evening bonfire, inviting friends and relatives. We would roast hot dogs and marshmallows and drink cider. To this day I love the smell of burning apple wood. It is a delightful memory.

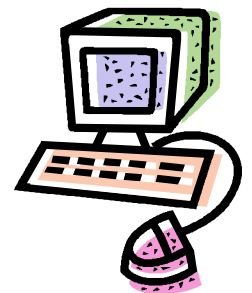
The old trees were planted before any of the modern varieties of apple were developed. Yet each tree had its reputation and uses. One tree was the "pie" tree. Another was "the good eating tree". But one was called "the good for nothing tree." I was given the chore of picking up those bad apples and dumping them over the fence for the cows.

Churches have much in common with orchards. They both take attention. Both grow wild and undisciplined without careful and gentle guidance (actual pruning are for trees only). But with this attention, bonfires of spirit flame up in delightful gatherings of the faithful.

Jesus teaches us, "...every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit." And, "Thus you will know them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:17, 20) This may sound like a warning on first reading, but it is founded on a message of hope. Good comes from faith. This is a truth not only of orchards, but also of churches.

Prayer: O God of the Harvest; we thank you for the abundant blessings we enjoy. It is through loves and friendships, neighbors and co-workers, that we receive so much of this bounty. Bless us with the wisdom, strength and courage to live fruitful lives. Amen.

**God is always "on-line" to hear your prayers!
The Chapel is Open for a Day of Prayer...
Tuesday, October 20 from 7:30am - 5:30pm**



The Chapel at Salem-FdL will be arranged with areas for prayer and meditation. There is no sign up on this day. You may come at any time and stay as long as you desire.

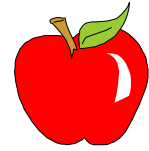
Prayer focus: Claiming our Blessings. You are encouraged to pray about your concerns. Pray also for the children, youth, families and staff of the Salem congregation. Pray for your response to God's call to use our gifts to bring about the kingdom of God here on earth.

Jesus often withdrew to a lonely place to pray. Luke 5:16



Apple Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 17th



9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Salem–Fond du Lac

We will have delicious apple pies, other food products, lots of crafts, a silent auction, grab bags for kids, Gillieburgers, and much more. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers.

Please come and help as much as you can. There are lots of different tasks to make Salem's delicious apple pies. Come when you have a couple of hours, a morning, an afternoon, all day, or an evening. We can always use your willing hands. Enjoy the fellowship while we are making pies, setting up the Fellowship Hall, and on Apple Harvest Festival day.

We will be making pies:

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| Monday, October 5..... | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday, October 6..... | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday, October 7..... | 9:00 am - 8:00 pm** |
| Thursday, October 8..... | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Friday, October 9..... | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Saturday, October 10..... | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm** |
| Monday, October 12..... | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday, October 13..... | 9:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| Wednesday, October 14..... | 9:00 am - 8:00 pm** |
| Thursday, October 15..... | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Friday, October 16..... | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Saturday, October 17 | |
| Apple Harvest Festival Day..... | 7:00 am - 3:00 pm |

*** Times for those who cannot come during the day.*

Let us know if you need child care; we will try to arrange something.

The **SILENT AUCTION** bidding will begin Sunday, September 27. Please have your items to the church or Mary Ann Potratz by Friday, September 25.

Please have your **CRAFTS** at Salem by 10:00am on Wednesday, October 14. Please have your **BAKED GOODS** at Salem by 10:00am on Friday, October 16.

CASH donations to "Apple Harvest Festival" are always welcome. Apples on the Second Mile Giving Board have specific Apple Harvest items.



TIP: To get pie orders from your co-workers, bring in a fresh pie October 6 – October 9 along with order forms. When they sample the delicious pie, they will want more!

We can always use lots of folks in many different ways on Saturday, October 17. You can be a greeter, pie maker, pie distributor, cashier, dishwasher, food server, cleanup crew, etc. Come and help as long as you can. Stop in if you find you can help for an hour or two.

Callers will be calling to see when you are available. You can always sign up on the Apple Harvest Festival board in the narthex. We'll record our volunteers and the daily production.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Shelly Krahn in the office (921-8605), Karen Kalsbeek (921-7033), or Mary Ann Potratz (923-1107).

Christian Education

Sunday School Happenings Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

Salem - Lamartine

We've made a change in the schedule... Sunday School will be held on *October 4 and 18*. Join us in the combined youth (7-12th grades) and adult class for a "round table" discussion focused on the Sunday morning scriptures. We'll dig a little deeper for the message and how to make it relevant today. Bring your Bible and/or other resource books you have.

On October 4 the children's Sunday School class begins for all children 3 years old through 6th grade!

✠ Adult Classes - Salem-FdL ✠ For Men Only

Men *of all ages*... you won't want to miss this unique class. If you'd like a small group experience, join Mike Cunningham in the Cry Room, located behind the Narthex, for a Sunday morning Bible Study, where there's food for your soul *and*... your body!

We begin the study of *John, The Way to True Life*. We all long for a full, rich, satisfying life. But how do we fill up the empty places in our soul? How can we quench our thirst for something deeper, more lasting, more meaningful? John urges us to take a fresh look at Jesus. He invites us to renew our faith in the *One* who promises to be the way to true life.

Visions

Do you have trouble saying no? Can you set limits and still be a loving person? Are you in control of your life? What are legitimate boundaries? Do people take advantage of you? How do you answer someone who wants your time, love, energy and money? We will begin a 9-week series on Sept. 27 titled Boundaries by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend, popular speakers, psychologists, and co-hosts of the nationally broadcast New Life Live! radio program.

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. There will be coffee and snacks, good fellowship, and, hopefully, help in setting healthy boundaries with parents, spouses, children, friends, coworkers, and even ourselves.

~ Class Leader, Bonnie Classen

"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."

The garden has been started but we still need to tend and till the garden as it grows. "Seeds" can be planted through November 15. There's a new addition... the farm pond for *planting* fish!

The FdL Food Pantry, Salvation Army and Broken Bread programs provide food to those who are less fortunate and in need of help. But in these tough economic times, pantries are being depleted faster than ever! They're in need of "anything and everything" such as: soups (especially), chicken noodle, vegetable, or vegetable beef; can veggies: corn, peas, green beans, can fruit: peaches, pears, fruit cocktail; canned meats, peanut butter, rice, spaghetti, mac & cheese, pork & beans, and cereal.

Confirmation Program Endowment Fund

The Wills and Memorials Committee established an endowment fund to pay the expenses of the confirmation program at Salem. This fund was started from memorials given in memory of two persons who wished to help the education of youth in our congregation. This fund is to cover the total cost of the program to the students. Families of students will not have to pay to participate in the program and as long as the fund is solvent, it will not have to be a budget item for the church. For more information about donations to this fund, or memorials to be designated for this fund, please contact the Wills and Memorials Committee.

MarJean & Neal Buck
Co-chair Wills & Memorials Committee



PRAYER CHAIN

You may make Prayer Chain Requests by calling the church office at 921-8605 or after office hours call Julie Francis at 922-7596.

October Mission of the Month



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS+

Most of us carry a spare tire in our cars... just in case. Being prepared for the unexpected can make all the difference in an emergency. Church World Service (CWS) has learned that lesson

well over its more than 60-year history of responding to disasters and other urgent humanitarian crises. Our Blankets+ offering goes to support the life-saving work of CWS here at home and around the world.

Often, the first thing CWS provides in an emergency is a blanket for warmth, comfort and sometimes even shelter. But as needs change, other things are required – tents, food, water, and the tools and materials to rebuild. That's why it's now called Blankets+.

Hurricane Noel began as a slow-moving tropical storm but grew into a hurricane. Hardest hit was the Dominican Republic and Haiti, where 116 people were killed in floods and landslides. In the Dominican Republic alone, some 16,000 houses were affected; 737 were completely destroyed. Over 66,000 people were displaced.

When we see the results of a disaster, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless. But through CWS Blankets+, our contributions add up and enable CWS to respond effectively when people need help the most. Together we can do a lot! Please be generous. You may give by using the enclosed envelope in this newsletter or mark your gift "Blankets".

Wisconsin Walks With the World CROP Hunger WALK

Sunday, October 11

Register: 12:30pm

Walk: 1:00pm

Lakeside Park – Owen Island



Please join us for a wonderful way to enjoy ourselves and help others. The full distance of the walk is 6.3 miles, but people can choose to do a shorter walk.

CROP means Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. All monies raised goes to help hungry people. 25% of the funds raised comes back to Fond du Lac area food pantries and programs for the homeless and hungry.

"If you want to travel fast, travel alone. If you want to travel far, travel together."

– African proverb

Rejuvenation...

A Prayer Service is held every Wednesday at 12:05pm at Salem-FdL in the Chapel. An evening prayer service is held on the first Wednesday of each month at Lamartine at 7:30pm (October through May). A carpool is usually available to go out to Lamartine for the service. Contact Kate Worth or Debbie Gilliland for more information.

Please join us whenever your schedule allows for a time of music, prayer, spoken and/or meditation, and communion. Mid-week rejuvenation for the soul!



Books Between Bites

Tuesday, October 13 at
12:10pm at Salem-FdL

Come and hear a book review on your lunch hour! Bring a lunch, coffee and soda are available. *Don't Forget to Wave* by Larry Cooper will be reviewed. Declining population in rural America presents a difficult future for many small town businesses and small, rural schools. This is seen through eight-man football in Iowa and six-man football in Nebraska where the changing job opportunities are very evident. Our reviewer is Larry Cooper, a retired Fond du Lac social studies teacher, who attended schools in rural Wisconsin.

Youngers Community Day Coupon Booklets Available!

What is the Community Day Event?

People purchase booklets containing coupons to use on purchases throughout Youngers on Saturday, November 14 (on top of the incredible One Day Sale prices). Each booklet costs \$5 and includes coupons, percentage off coupons and bonus buys. It's a fantastic deal! Packets are available now for you to sell until the event on *November 14* at Youngers.

How does this help Salem?

Youngers provides us with the coupon booklets and Salem members and friends are asked to sell the booklets for \$5 each and **we keep 100% of the dollars raised from the sale!** If every member of Salem sells or buys just 5 coupon books we would earn over \$2,000! All you have to do is pick-up packets and sell them to family, neighbors, friends, coworkers, etc.! Here's your chance to help Salem without doing a lot of work and everyone benefits!

Get your coupon booklets from the church office or from Martha Yoder now. Booklets will also be offered before and after services beginning October 18.



World Community Day November 6

1:30pm at Salem-FdL

World Community Day (WCD) celebration focuses on justice and peace in the global society. This is also a time when many units choose

to engage in in-depth study of global issues related to the theme. This year our theme "Piecing Earth Together" focuses on the environment and how we are called to work together to be good stewards of the gifts of the earth. The logo depicts creation as a quilt and gives us the opportunity to reflect on the gifts that God bestowed on the world at the time of creation, and also to reflect on how we have used and misused these gifts.

We believe that women have unique abilities in working together to make good things happen. Using the example of the old fashioned "quilting bee", we see how women can accomplish more together than they can individually. Let us see how much we can accomplish together to "Piecing Earth Together" and make it "very good." Please join us as we join with our Christian sisters in a time of worship and fellowship.

Morning Glory Circle Date Change

Morning Glory Circle will gather on Thursday, October 15 at Salem-FdL at 9:15am for a short meeting and then the circle will work downstairs for the Apple Harvest Festival.

Youth News

It's Caramel Apple Time!

We need your help working in the caramel apple stand (and other areas) at the Apple Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 17. Please contact Becky Towne in the church office as soon as possible to sign up for a time slot on that day.



It's a Halloween Party!



S.U.M. Youth is hosting a Halloween party for **YF and their families and all Salem families** on October 24 at 7:00pm at Jamie & Penny Kottke's home, N3865 River Road. Come and enjoy a spooky, good time! For more information please contact Becky Towne at 921-8605 or email: rebecca.towne@att.net. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. S.U.M. Youth, please be to Kottke's at 9:00am that day to set up.

Salem Men's Fellowship

A Morning at Byron Center!

SMF will meet Saturday, October 10 at Byron Center at 8:00am. They will have a brief meeting and then help with various tasks around the grounds. All men are welcome to join this time of service and fellowship. This is an extremely worthwhile service project.

Looking Ahead...



14th Annual
Salem Men's Fellowship

Chili Supper

Saturday, November 14th



THANKS!



Thank you Salem Church congregation for the many messages and cards making my 90th birthday a joyful occasion. As a member of Salem all my life I have many happy memories and a teacher in the children's Sunday School and putting on a play "The Littlest Angel". Yes, I enjoyed everyone! Again, thanks and God bless each one.
Love to all, Elda Hankwitz

To my Church Family,

I want to say thank you to everyone who sent get-well cards and prayers during my recent illness.

Dolores Belanger

Jackhammer Hal

Thanks to Jackhammer HAL and his faithful sidekick Zoe. Their hard work removing the stone and concrete planter/fish pond on the eastside of church is greatly appreciated!



*Christine Van Ruiswijk
and Joseph Duscheck*

August 29, 2009



October Birthdays

- 1 Alison Kottke
Travis Worth
Eli Marion
Mike Schafer
- 2 James Oelke
- 3 Linette Backhaus
- 4 Alice Gundelach
- 5 Brittany Schneider
- 7 Ryan Sclavi
Jenifer Corbin
- 8 Jason Cords
Rylee Inks
Samuel Kottke
Cathy Mingus
Joseph Voight
Shawn Ballwanz
- 9 Ryan Van Ruiswijk
Brendan Wigman
Rylee Towne
- 10 Linda Fryman
Janice Schingen
Sue Kamphuis
- 11 Logan Sclavi
Anya Wals
Macy Baehler
- 12 Sue Morgan
Tammy Seggerman
- 14 Sarah Jackson

- 16 Heather Fauska
Betty Streeter
Jane Towne
Bria St. Mary
- 17 Shannon Foth
- 18 Ashly Stout
- 19 Steven Kottke
- 20 Rebecca Backhaus
Timothy Bollman
Bonnie Buxton
Michael Cunningham
Wesley Immel
- 22 Kendall Nelson
- 23 Jonathan Thompson
- 24 Matthew McLean
Jeremy Harrison
- 25 Quinn Fryman
Joan Vande Castle
- 26 Mitchell Riley
- 28 Jim Voight
- 29 Jacqueline McLean
Gayle Fraley
Riley Pieper
- 30 Jason Straley
- 31 Sebastian Petak

WELCOME
Tim Bennett
August 20, 2009



October Anniversaries

- 1 Kate & Dave Hoddell
Mary & Dan Scharinger
- 4 Susan & Donald Kastorff
Joyelle & Jason King
- 6 Katie & Brad Hintz
- 7 Mary & Elmer Cords
Timothy & Jennifer Abitz
Angie & Chad Braatz
- 12 Sarah & Kevin Cords
- 18 Elsie & James Kottke
- 19 Angela & Jeremy Boeder
- 20 Irma & Gerald Palmer
- 23 Katie & Ben Kottke
- 24 Gale & Earl Degner
Melissa & Edward Schofield
- 25 Robin & Terry Fink
- 28 Jennifer & Jeremy Harrison
- 30 Tami & Chad Larson



Josephia Jane Pinno
August 30, 2009
Parents: *Tim & Sarah Pinno*

The Way to Adult* Membership at Salem Church

*High School age and above

We have developed a new policy for becoming a member of Salem Church. As an adult, one must be Baptized and vow to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and support the church with their prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

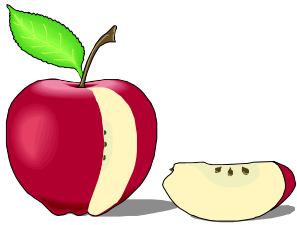
A prospective member makes their desire known to the pastor who will then arrange for a "ritual of membership" at the next convenient weekly worship service.

The new member will embark on a six-month "balloon period" to learn about their church and their own part in the congregation. This will be a time of learning on everyone's part and there is the possibility that expectations will not be fulfilled. Salem joyfully celebrates the opportunity to welcome new members while accepting the reality that we cannot meet everyone's wants, tastes, or desires. We believe God created the multitude of churches in order that all sorts of varied people find their own spiritual center.

During the "balloon period", there will be quarterly membership classes to which attendance by the new member is normally expected. The purpose of these meetings is for the new members to meet and make new supportive friends in the faith community. The church will provide the new member with a mentor, an established member of the congregation, for nurture and encouragement.

At the end of the "balloon period", full membership shall be celebrated.

If you have any questions regarding this information or would like to know more about membership, please contact Rev. Jack Stubbs in the church office at 921-8605.



11th ANNUAL

APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 17, 2009

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

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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

- Apple Pies
- Caramel Apples
- Apple Pie-in-a-Jar
- Apple Butter
- Jellies and Jams
- And more!

Featuring:

Apple Cellar

Crafts of all kinds
Yummy baked goods

Lucy's Apple Stand

Fresh apples right from Piepers orchard
Produce from the garden

Applejack's Café

Sit awhile and enjoy a Gillieburger and
a piece of apple pie and a beverage.



BAKE SALE

- * Freshly baked apple pies
- * Assortment of baked goods and snacks

CRAFT SALE

- * Handmade Creations of all kinds!
- * Silent Auction
- * Grab Bags for children

APPLE PIE ORDER FORM

Orders are being taken for early delivery. Return order no later than October 5 to Salem Church, 120 Sheboygan St, FdL or place in the offering plate. **All pie orders must be PICKED UP before 1:00pm Friday, October 16.**

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 Pick Up Your Pies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, October 6, 9:00am-4:00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, October 12, 12noon-4:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, October 7, 9:00am-7:00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, October 13, 9:00am-4:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, October 8, 9:00am-4:00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, October 14, 9:00am-7:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, October 9, 9:00am-4:00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, October 15, 9:00am-4:00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, October 11, 10:00am-12noon | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, October 16, 9:00am-1:00pm |

NAME _____

PHONE _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

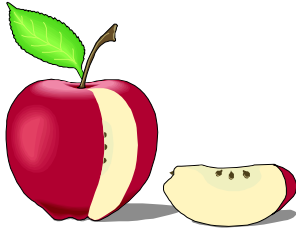


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APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Saturday, October 17th
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



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
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)
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www.salemchurch.com**