

SALEM  CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2011

WELCOME! We are glad to have you here during this Thanksgiving Season. When the Pilgrims and Indians sat down for the first Thanksgiving, they did so with peace and friendship. As we gather today, keep this in mind as we thank the Lord for our many blessings. **If you're a visitor**, please list your name, address and phone number on the attendance sheet (along with members). Please join us for Sunday School, offering opportunities for all ages (9:30-Lamartine & 10:15-FdL).

THANK YOU to Alma Grace for leading worship on Saturday evening and to Mike Rankin for leading the Sunday services. We appreciate it very much.

PRAYER CONCERN

- † Sympathy to Bob & Kathy Platt & family, Bob's father passed away on November 14 in Arkansas
 - † Natalya Rager, safe travels from Russia & for her father in Russia while she is here, prayers
 - † Lynn Kottke's stepmom, Mary Lee Eckert, Hospice
 - † Kerry Sheridan, recovering, knee surgery, prayers
 - † Bruce Seibel, recovery going well, prayers
 - † Eden Marie, Yngsdal's great-granddaughter, still in hospital, improving, continued prayers
 - † Carol Potratz, daughter-in-law of Ruth Potratz, brain cancer, treatments, prayers
 - † Becky, Jenifer Corbin's sister, lung cancer, prayers
 - † Danny, Doris Haag's grandson, continued prayers
- *ALL OTHER UNSPOKEN PRAYER CONCERNS***

PRAYERS FOR OUR SHUT-INS

St. Francis: Geraldine Sasada **Walnut Grove:** Gerald Palmer
Woodlands: Linda Commo, Elmer & Mildred Wohler
Lutheran Home: Florence Meyer, Elda Hankwitz, Sally Thome
Home: Jane Buck, Charles Westphal, Howard Bertz

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Chris Klebs, husband of Heidi Klebs
Eric Pease, son of Joe & Dorene Pease
William Burgdorf, son of Rick & Lee Burgdorf
Chad Quandt, son of Richard & Kathy Quandt
Andrew Schmidt & David King, nephews of Catherine Mingus
David Proffen, nephew of Dorene Pease



Invitation to
Hope & Dream
2012 Pledge Campaign for
Missions & Ministries

If you have not yet returned your pledge for 2012, you may do so at anytime. Additional pledge cards are available at church or contact the office. You may place your pledge in the offering or drop off or mail it to the church office. Thank you for your support.



AN ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00pm at Ascension Lutheran. This service is open to all.

You're encouraged to bring canned goods or other non-perishable items. A cash offering will also be received for local hunger efforts. Following the service, a pie and ice cream social will be held.

CAN YOU SUPPLY A PIE? PLEASE! Salem has been asked to bring pie to the Thanksgiving service to share (it can be home-baked or purchased). If you are willing to help with one pie or more, please contact Shelly in the church office.

SALEM SERVED 179 MEALS AT LOAVES & FISHES on Wednesday, November 16 at Church of Peace. Thanks to EVERYONE who helps with this local mission throughout the year.

LYRIC OPERA OF CHICAGO TRIP - Friday, January 20, 2012 for the performance of "The Magic Flute" by Mozart's at 2:00pm. For all the trip info see poster on board or visit www.salemchurch.com. There is still time to register – get it in now!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ~ In observance of Thanksgiving, the church office will be closed November 24-25. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.



WE HAVE SO MANY REASONS TO BE THANKFUL both now and always. Thank God for life, countless blessings, and

Christ our Savior. It is fitting also to sincerely thank veterans past and present who risked their life to win and preserve our precious freedoms.

SALEM AD SPONSOR FOR NOVEMBER

Mike & Nancy Rankin

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6. We'll begin with a potluck supper in Fellowship Hall at Salem-FdL at 5:30pm, please bring a dish to pass. Conference will begin at 6:30pm. We hope to use this time for fellowship and to celebrate our ministry at Salem. All members are encouraged to attend this important annual meeting.

DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS ABOUT APPLE HARVEST? An Apple Harvest Wrap-up meeting will be held sometime in April or May but the team would appreciate any suggestions or ideas you have now while still fresh in your mind. Contact Karen Kalsbeek, Mary Ann Potratz or Shelly in the church office with any suggestions/ideas.

YF (1st-6th graders) HARVEST BOWLING PARTY!
Join us from 1:00-3:00pm today, Sun., November 20 at Ledgeview Lanes. Cost is \$6 a person for three games and shoes. Snacks and soda provided.



GARLAND, ORNAMENTS, LIGHTS! It is that time of year! Attention all circles and groups... Advent begins November 26-27. All groups should please have your areas decorated, including trees, by that weekend. If you have any questions, contact Shelly in the office.

SWEET TREATS! Treat bags will be given to children and youth following the Sunday School Christmas programs at both sites. Donations of candy, candy canes, or money is appreciated. Donations can be put in boxes marked "Treat Bags" in the kitchens beginning November 20. Monetary donations should be designated "Sunday School treat bags" on offering envelope. Help will be needed to pack the treat bags on Thursday, December 8, 9:00 at Salem-FdL; contact Julie if you're available!

APPLE PIES AVAILABLE ~ we have 9" unbaked, 9" sugar-free unbaked, and small sugar-free unbaked. Be sure to have enough apple pies for the upcoming holidays! You may pick up pies today in Fellowship Hall or during normal office hours.

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS ~ At Christmas the circles distribute cookies or plants to Salem members and friends who are in nursing homes, hospitals, or confined to their homes. You can help by bringing 3 dozen cookies (made without nuts) to the FdL kitchen by Sunday, Dec. 4. Cookies will be packed on Dec. 5 and will be delivered by the circles. A poinsettia plant will be given to those who can't have cookies. Money donations will be collected on November 26-27 and December 3-4 before and after worship for the cost of plants. Look for the ladies with holly on their lapel on these dates. Thank you for your generous support of this annual project.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ~ We're collecting knitting and crochet supplies for the women in Cameroon, Africa. Mbwizu Ndjungu, missionary in Cameroon, is teaching the women how to make items to sell and she spoke about the need for supplies. There is a time crunch and any items need to be to Salem by December 11. Questions? Ask Lois Farina. **Used eyeglasses** will also be collected, you can turn them into Lois Farina and the glasses be forwarded to Cameroon. This collection does not have a time limit.

BEAUTIFUL 2012 CALENDARS ~ SUM Youth is selling calendars and note pads after church services. Calendars are \$7 each and the note pads are \$2 each. Help sponsor the youth!

VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER 27TH

Ushers: Penny & Mitchell Kottke
Joyce Squire, Doris Kosloske
Greeters: Mark & Jeannie Runke
Liturgist: Peter Capoyianes
Sound: Erin Cunningham, Mike Cunningham
Acolytes: Cannon Lock, Abby Bellmer
Nursery: Lois Farina, Cassie Immel

MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING BLOOD!

A blood drive will be held at the American Legion on FdL Avenue on November 29 from 11:30am-5:30pm and November 30 from 11:00am-5:00pm.

WARMING SHELTER IN FDL is now open for the winter. There is a need for volunteers to provide a hot meal and/or to spend the night. For more info call 923-1743 or visit www.solutionsfdl.com.



EXPRESS YOUR THANKFULNESS!

Salem relies heavily on a seasonal increase in contributions each year starting around Thanksgiving. These contributions help support the work of the church now and throughout the year. During this season, please consider expressing appreciation for your own good fortune or good health by making an additional contribution, or, if you haven't done so already, by committing to a consistent giving plan. Salem offers a convenient electronic giving option for making donations. Contact Shelly in the office for more details or visit www.salemchurch.com.

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Giving Needed for November (4 weeks):	\$26,804.00
Received through November 6 (1 week):	\$7,982.43
Giving Needed for October (5 weeks):	\$33,505.00
Received through October 30 (5 weeks):	\$27,264.88
MISSION GIVING (As of November 6)	
October - CWS Blankets	\$716.00
November - ASTOP	\$126.00
MILE OF PENNIES	4,215 feet

6th Annual



Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 18
10:00am to 1:00pm at Salem-FdL

The Cookie Walk is a great opportunity to bake and share your favorite cookies by adding them to the other selections. And it's a great way to save time by purchasing a variety of cookies. But in order for this to happen we need people to bring in cookies. Each baker is asked to bring as many as you'd like of your favorite cookies (no minimum or maximum) to church. Help us make this a great fundraiser for Salem; be sure to join us! Contact Shelly in the church office for more information.