

SALEM  CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
DECEMBER 3 & 4, 2011

WELCOME TO SALEM on this second Sunday of Advent. In this holy season, we remember that God keeps his promises. Rejoice with us in the covenant of God's love. And do stay awhile after worship, so that we may meet you. **If you are a visitor**, please list name, address and phone on the attendance sheet, along with our members. Join us for Sunday School, offering opportunities for all ages. (9:30-Lamartine & 10:15-FdL).

PRAYER CONCERN

- † Amelia Pitchford, born premature at 23 weeks, daughter of Ben & Val, prayers for strength
 - † Natalya Rager, home in FdL & for her father in Russia while she is here, prayers
 - † Lorna Champion, recovering, pneumonia, prayers
 - † Lynn Kottke's stepmom, Mary Lee Eckert, Hospice
 - † Eden Marie, Yngsdal's great-granddaughter, home, still on oxygen, improving, continued 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, Grace Mielke
Walnut Grove: Gerald Palmer **Lincoln House:** Bette Hall
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



HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR PLEDGE CARD YET? PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER your financial commitment to support our church's 2012 ministry

budget. There is still time... cards are available in the narthex and on table by the office.

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.

SUM YOUTH BELL RINGING & CHRISTMAS PARTY. Join us on Saturday, December 10 at Shopko from 12:00-2:00pm. After bell ringing we will go to church for a Christmas party (through 4:00pm). Please bring a snack and a white elephant gift. Friends are also welcome. Adult chaperones needed for driving and bell ringing. Please contact Becky Towne at church (921-8605) to RSVP. Permission slips are needed by all participants.



FAMILY MINISTRY CAROLING

All members of Salem's "family" are welcome to join us in a time of sharing during Advent! We'll meet on Sunday, December 11 at Salem-FdL at 3:00 and will carpool to nursing homes. We'll return to church for supper and fellowship (ending at 6:30). If you'd like to join us for caroling, please RSVP to Julie by Wednesday, December 7 to give us a count for supper.

6th Annual



Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 18

10:00am-1:00pm ~ Salem-Fond du Lac

Think about the fast approaching holidays and Christmas cookies! The Cookie Walk is a great way to save from extra baking... just take a walk and purchase a wide variety of cookies. Don't miss it!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Double Take! A Christmas Pageant
As told by Matthew and Luke

9:00am at Salem-FdL - Sunday, December 11
Reception to follow.

A Jesse Tree for Advent

10:45am at Salem-Lamartine Sunday, December 11



THE LONGEST NIGHT - A special worship service opportunity at Salem FdL on Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00pm. For many, Christmas is

anything but merry. The holidays can be difficult for those who are grieving, have difficult relationships, who struggle with addictions, physical and mental illness, stress or depression, and those who feel deeply the pain of those in our world who suffer the effects of war, poverty, and disease. In a Longest Night service, we gather as a community to express and acknowledge these conflicting emotions, and still feel surrounded by the compassionate love of God. The service will feature readings, soothing music and singing hymns. There will be an opportunity for individuals to light a candle as a visible sign of their prayers of remembrance and hope. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Plan on attending this special event sponsored by Caring Ministries.

THE SENIOR CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA will be on Sunday, December 18 at both services. The choir will present *Tapestry of Light*.

THE JESSE TREE - Look for the branch with envelopes hanging on it in the Narthex at both sites. Inside are gift ideas for families from the FdL area. Place your wrapped gifts (with recipient's initial-part of the tag attached) under the Sanctuary tree by Sunday, December 18. If your family is interested in delivering gifts, please contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - Three Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be offered on Saturday, December 24.

- ❖ 4:00pm ~ A family worship service with Holy Communion at Salem-Fond du Lac
- ❖ 5:30pm ~ A family worship service with Holy Communion at Salem-Lamartine
- ❖ 7:00pm ~ A worship service of Lessons and Carols at Salem-Fond du Lac

On Christmas Day, December 25, we will have our regular schedule of services.

- ❖ 9:00am ~ Worship at Salem-FdL
- ❖ 10:45am ~ Worship at Salem-Lamartine

MORNING GLORY CIRCLE will gather on Monday, December 5 at 9:15am at Salem-FdL in the Fellowship Hall. Zoe Barfknecht is hostess. We will pack cookies for Salem's friends and staff. After devotions and a business meeting we'll go to Rolling Meadows Restaurant for Dutch treat lunch. Members and friends are invited to join in the fellowship.

CIRCLE OF PEACE will have a finger food potluck and Christmas program on Wednesday, December 7 at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at Salem-FdL. We ask each person attending to share a Christmas story, poem or picture.

BAKERS NEEDED! In order for the Cookie Walk to be a success, we need cookies. Bake your favorite to add to the other selections. Each baker is asked to bring as many as you'd like. Bring them to church December 16 during office hours or before worship on December 18. Help is also needed the day of the Cookie Walk. Contact Judy Mittelstadt, Kay Lock or Shelly in the church office for more information.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT MISSION

During the Advent we will collect hats, mittens, scarves and socks for children of all ages. They will be distributed to local schools to hand out. Children may bring donations to hang on the "tree" during the children's sermon; adults and youth may place them on the tree or give to one of the children to put on the tree!

WINTER CANCELLATIONS of worship services at Salem Church will be announced on radio stations KFIZ and Sunny 97 and on television station WBAY. You can also call the church (921-8605) and the answering service will have announcement.

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.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ~ We're collecting knitting and crochet supplies for the women in Cameroon, Africa. All items need to be to Salem by Dec. 11. Questions? Ask Lois Farina. **Used eyeglasses** will also be collected; you can turn them into Lois Farina. This collection does not have a time limit.

SALEM AD SPONSOR FOR DECEMBER

Doris Haag

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

NEED A SPECIAL GIFT FOR YOUR SPOUSE THIS CHRISTMAS?

Give them the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter United Methodist weekend. For more info and dates call 866-633-3862 or www.encounter.org.

VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER 11TH

Ushers: Jason & Amanda Cords

Hal & Zoe Barfknecht

Greeters: Alma Grace, Donna Schaack

Sound: Erin Cunningham, Luke Rankin

NEW YEARS SERVICES - We will have our regular schedule of services to celebrate the New Year.

- ❖ 5:30pm ~ New Years Eve Watch Night Service with Holy Communion at Salem-FdL
- ❖ 9:00am ~ New Years Day Worship with Holy Communion at Salem-FdL
- ❖ 10:45am ~ New Years Day Worship with Holy Communion at Salem-Lamartine

AS 2011 DRAWS TO A CLOSE, consider signing up for electronic giving for the New Year. Salem relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Contact Shelly in the office for more details or visit www.salemchurch.com.

2011 CONTRIBUTIONS - The church office will be open Friday, December 30 from 10:30am-12:30pm to accommodate anyone needing to drop-off year-end contributions. Any offerings received after this date will be go on your 2012 statement. For more info, contact Jean Kottke or Shelly in the office.

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Giving Needed for November (4 weeks):	\$26,804.00
Received through Nov. 20 (3 weeks):	\$16,737.09
Giving Needed for October (5 weeks):	\$33,505.00
Received through October 30 (5 weeks):	\$27,264.88
MISSION GIVING (As of November 20)	
November - ASTOP	\$190.00
MILE OF PENNIES	4,225 feet



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be used to decorate Salem FdL and Lamartine for the Christmas services. If you wish to order a plant(s) in honor or memory of someone (or simply as a gesture), complete this form, attach payment, and drop in the offering plate or church office. Please make your check payable to Salem. You may remove your plant(s) after any of the Christmas Eve Services.

The DEADLINE to order is Sunday, December 18.

\$10.00 per poinsettia in RED only.

QUANTITY	
IN MEMORY OF:	
IN HONOR OF:	
OTHER (Specify):	
GIVEN BY:	