

SALEM CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2011

WELCOME TO SALEM! "The Lord is in his holy temple: let all earth keep silence before him." Before the service, be still and know that God is with you. During the service sing heartily, pray sincerely, and listen intently for God's word. After the service, stay to meet friends, old and new. **If you are a visitor**, please list your name, address and phone on the attendance pad, along with our members.

OUR JOYS

* Bravo to all the children and youth at Salem for the wonderful Christmas programs at both sites today! And to all the adults who helped!

PRAYER CONCERN

- † Sympathy to Lynne Kottke & family, Lynne's stepmother, Mary Lea Eckert, passed away
- † Amelia Pitchford, born premature at 23 weeks, daughter of Ben & Val, prayers for strength
- † Dorothy Dunham, mastectomy surgery on Dec. 13
- † Natalya Rager, safe travels back to Russia, prayers
- † Lorna Champion, recovering, pneumonia, prayers
- † 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

THERE WILL BE NO NURSERY today, December 11 or on Sunday, December 18 at Salem-FdL so that everyone may enjoy the special Christmas programs. The Cry Room is available for your use.

A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECEPTION will be held today, December 11 immediately following the Sunday School Program at Salem-FdL in Fellowship Hall. There is no Sunday School today at FdL.



JOIN US FOR FAMILY CAROLING, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TODAY, December 11. Everyone is welcome to attend a time of sharing with others.

We'll meet 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). There is still time to join, just RSVP to Julie Francis now.

THANKS TO EVERYONE who donated candy and money for the treat bags for the children and youth and to those who packed the bags. Also, thanks to all who donated items for the reception and servers!



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.



THE LONGEST NIGHT - A special worship service 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*.

GIFT TAGS LEFT ON THE JESSE TREE! There is still time to grab an envelope off the tree 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 no later than Sunday, December 18, so that we have time to distribute them by Christmas.



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

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 Advent we are collecting hats, mittens, scarves and socks for children of all ages. They will be given 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!



PLEASE, PLEASE HELP WITH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT SALEM-FDL. At the 4:00 service we need a liturgist, two communion servers, greeters, and acolytes. At the 7:00pm service we need greeters, two ushers, a liturgist and acolytes. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board or contact Shelly in the church office.

SALEM AD SPONSOR FOR DECEMBER

Doris Haag

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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.



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.

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 18TH

Ushers: Ben Bengel, Sharon Cowles
Craig & Sheila Larson

Greeters: Lynn Petersen, Jean Zuelke

Sound: Mike Cunningham, Mike Rankin

Acolytes: Cannon Lock, Matthew Riley

SIGN-UP SHEETS READY FOR 2012! Volunteers are needed at FdL for Greeters, Communion servers and Liturgists. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in entrance area. Please sign up for several dates! Support Salem by helping with services!

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE in Fellowship Hall, along with Birthday cards, get-well, sympathy, thinking of you cards and more! Support the UMW with your purchases.

CHARGE CONFERENCE BOOK AVAILABLE.

This book contains all the reports of our committees and ministry teams as well as a review of finances and membership. It is an overview of all the happenings at Salem throughout 2011. Copies are available on the table by the church office in FdL.

THE NEW UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL

for January/February is available on the table in the office area. Pick your copy up today.

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. 27 (4 weeks):	\$22,668.77
Giving Needed for October (5 weeks):	\$33,505.00
Received through October 30 (5 weeks):	\$27,264.88
MISSION GIVING (As of November 27)	
November - ASTOP	\$276.00
December - Pilgrims of Ibillin	
MILE OF PENNIES	4,232 feet



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 details or visit www.salemchurch.com.

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



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:	