

SALEM  CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
DECEMBER 17 & 18, 2011

A WARM WELCOME TO SALEM! What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace. If **you're a visitor**, please list your name, address and phone on the attendance sheet along with members. Please join us for Sunday School for all ages (9:30 at Salem-Lamartine and 10:15 at Salem-FdL).

OUR JOYS

* Thank you to the Senior Choir and orchestra for the marvelous Christmas cantata this morning at Salem!

PRAYER CONCERN

- † Dorothy Dunham, recovering, surgery, prayers
 - † Don, Phil Corbin's dad, medical concerns, prayers
 - † Amelia Pitchford, born premature at 23 weeks, daughter of Ben & Val, prayers for strength
 - † Natalya Rager & her father in Russia, prayers
 - † John, George Wagner's uncle, health concerns
 - † 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 IS NO NURSERY today, December 18 at Salem-FdL so that everyone may enjoy the special cantata. The Cry Room is available for your use.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR JESSE TREE GIFTS under the Sanctuary tree TODAY, December 18, so that we have time to distribute them by Christmas.

POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY, DECEMBER 18. An order form is in this bulletin.

SALEM AD SPONSOR FOR DECEMBER
Doris Haag
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



6th Annual

**Cookie Walk
TODAY!**

Sunday, December 18th

10:00am-1:00pm at Salem-FdL

Only \$5.50 per pound!

The Cookie Walk is a great way to save from a lot of extra baking... just take a walk and purchase a wide variety of cookies. Don't miss it!



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.

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed December 26 through January 1. If you have an emergency please contact Rev. Jack Stubbs (cell 920-251-0959) or Shelly Krahn or Julie Francis.



FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER - Whether you are alone at Christmas, unable to prepare a meal or just want to share the day with others, you are welcome. The meal will be Sunday, December 25 from 11:00am-2:00pm in Trakel Hall at St. Paul's (51 W. Division). Turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce and desserts, along with music and entertainment will be served up! For transportation or meal delivery to shut-ins within FdL/North FdL area call 922-9644 by December 23.

THE NEW UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL for January/February is available on the table in the office area. Pick your copy up today.

TAKE THE SAFE ROUTE! Just a reminder during these icy times that the best entrance into Salem-FdL is the back parking lot doors. Although the front sidewalks and steps will always be cleaned, the back entrance is safer and easier.

WARMING SHELTER IN FDL is 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER 25TH

- Ushers:** Bill, Nancy, Will & Isaac Hammock
- Greeters:** Isabella Mellon, John Mellon
- Liturgist:** Nicole Jackson
- Sound:** Luke Rankin, Erin Cunningham
- Acolytes:** Joseph Voight, Ben Pertl

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE - 4:00PM

- Greeters:** Alma Grace, Al Steger
- Ushers:** Hammock Family
- Communion:** Mark & Jeannie Runke
Nicole Jackson, Nancy Steger
- Acolytes:** Sarah Jackson, **NEED VOLUNTEER**
- Liturgist:** Alma Grace

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE - 7:00PM

- Greeters:** Corbin Family
- Ushers:** Megan & Brady Francis
Taylor Hoaglin, **NEED VOLUNTEER**
- Acolytes:** Duncan Corbin, Cassie Immel
- Liturgist:** George Wagner

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

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the table in the office area. Envelopes are bundled in packs of 12 (one per month) and 52 (one per week). Packs have three additional envelopes: Conference Apportionment (\$93.00 per member), Local Mission offering and Initial Envelope offering.



HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR PLEDGE CARD YET? PLEASE CONSIDER your

financial commitment to support our church's 2012 ministry budget. There's still time... cards are available in the narthex and by the office.

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 December (4 weeks):	\$26,804.00
Received through December 4 (1 week):	\$7,310.70
Giving Needed for November (4 weeks):	\$26,804.00
Received through Nov. 27 (4 weeks):	\$22,668.77
MISSION GIVING (As of December 4)	
December - Pilgrims of Ibillin	\$103.00
MILE OF PENNIES	4,232 feet

AS THE YEAR 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.