

**SALEM CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2011 & JANUARY 1, 2012**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Whatever else this new year may mean to you, we hope that it reminds you of God's patience and love. God has not given up on you, or on any of us. God accepts our repentance and our promises to do better with his help. With God, any day can be New Year's Day for us. May God grant you grace to grow and keep growing in the likeness of our Lord Jesus. **If you're a visitor**, please list your name, address and phone number on the attendance sheet (along with our members).

**PRAYER CONCERN**

- † Sharon Cowles, recovering from surgery, home
  - † Lorna Champion, home recovering, 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
  - † Eden Marie, Yngsdal's great-granddaughter, home
  - † 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, January 1<sup>st</sup> at Salem-FdL so that families may worship together. The Cry Room is available for your use.

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

**IF YOU ORDERED A POINSETTIA** and you haven't taken it home, please do so today!

**SALEM AD SPONSOR FOR JANUARY**  
 Need a sponsor!  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT EITHER SITE TODAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**



**ROOTIN'-TOOTIN' LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT** on Saturday, January 14 at Salem-FdL. Registration begins at 9:00am, a worship service led by Rev. Gordon Lind will be held at 9:30 and training sessions will follow at 10:00-11:30. Lunch will follow, for those interested, at a restaurant downtown. Training sessions: **Trustees** - led by Peter Tesch, a representative from Church Mutual Insurance. **Finance/Stewardship** - led by Lisa King, Conference Treasurer. **SPRC** - led by Reverend Gordon Lind, District Superintendent Nicolet-Winnebago Region. **Education** - Recruiting Volunteers - Led by Julie Francis, Director Christian Education at Salem UMC. To RSVP for training event/lunch, please contact Julie Francis at 921-8605 or julie@salemchurch.com by Wednesday, January 11.

**BOOKS BETWEEN BITES** will meet at Salem-FdL on Tuesday, January 10 at 12:10pm. Bring a lunch, beverages available. *9XM Talking: WHA Radio and the Wisconsin Idea* by Randall Davidson will be reviewed. This is the history of University of WI radio station WHA, its affiliated state-owned station WLBL and the eight post-World War II FM stations that are the backbone of Wisconsin Public Radio. Randall Davidson, our reviewer, currently the Director of Radio Services at University of WI-Oshkosh, spent 18 years with WPR in Madison.

**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!

**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.

**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.



**START THE NEW YEAR GIVING!** A "Type O" blood drive will be held on Tuesday, January 10 from 12:30-5:00pm at Forest Mall in the center court. In an emergency Type O blood can be universally transfused to patients of all blood types. Call 1-877-BE A HERO to get an appointment. (Walk-ins are also welcome.)

**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR 2012 PLEDGE CARD? PLEASE CONSIDER** your financial commitment to support our church's 2012 ministry. Cards are available in the narthex and by the office.



**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.

**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](http://www.solutionsfdl.com).

**VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

- Ushers:** Rollie & Pat Jarvis  
Gene & Joan Scheer
- Greeters:** **NEED VOLUNTEERS**
- Liturgist:** **NEED A VOLUNTEER**
- Acolytes:** Stephen Klebs, Cannon Lock
- Nursery:** Heidi Klebs, Sarah Jackson

**THANKS FOR SAVING CAMPBELLS LABELS** for Northcott and Box Tops for Education for McCurdy School in New Mexico! A new opportunity – products from Kwik Trip will help support the Hmong House of Good News in Milwaukee. Save Nature's Touch caps, bag tops, price ovals and barcodes and price ovals from Glazer donuts.

**AS THE NEW YEAR BEGINS,** consider signing up for electronic giving. 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](http://www.salemchurch.com).

**YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Giving Needed for December (4 weeks):	\$26,804.00
Received through Dec. 18 (3 weeks):	\$26,051.56
Christmas Offering (As of Dec. 18)	\$985.00
Giving Needed for November (4 weeks):	\$26,804.00
Received through Nov. 27 (4 weeks):	\$22,668.77
<b>MISSION GIVING</b> (As of December 18)	
December - Pilgrims of Ibillin	\$241.00
<b>MILE OF PENNIES</b>	4,232 feet

**YOUTH... YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** We're in need of volunteers to help in the nursery during worship on Sunday mornings. You would be on a rotating schedule for 2012. If you're unable to help on your assigned date, just switch with someone. Please sign up by filling out the form below. You may place form in offering plate or give to Julie Francis. You'll be sent a schedule as soon as it is finalized.

**Youth Nursery Signup Form**

Yes, I would like to be a helper in the nursery on Sunday morning:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



***A New Year's Prayer***

*Another year is dawning  
With the chance to start anew.  
May I be kinder, wiser, Lord,  
In all I say and do.*

*Not so caught up in selfish gain  
That I would fail to see  
The things in life that mean the most  
Cost not a fancy fee.*

*The warm, kind word that I can give,  
The outstretched hand to help,  
The prayers I pray for those in need--  
More precious these than wealth.*

*I know not what may lie ahead  
Of laughter or of tears;  
I only need to know each day  
That You are walking near.*

*I'm thankful for this brand new year  
As now I humbly pray,  
My hand secure in Yours, dear Lord,  
Each step along the way.*