

## *This Week's Calendar of Events*

<b>TODAY:</b>	7:30am	Informal Worship Set Up (FH), Informal Worship Rehearsal (FH)
	8:15am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:15am	The Gathering Rehearsal (110)
	9:15am	Middle School Youth (219)
	9:30am	Informal Worship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30am	Cross Training (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Adult SS Classes - Samaritan (115), Back to the Bible (210)
		Simply Scripture (Library)
	9:30am	Parents & Children Together (215)
	9:30am	New Member Class (214)
	10:45am	Informal Worship Rehearsal (FH)
	11:00am	"The Gathering" Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00am	Cross Training "One Room School House" (112-114)
	11:00am	Seeker in Christ Adult Sunday School Class (115)
	11:00am	ALL Youth Worship Together (Sanctuary)
	5:30pm	Children's Christmas Pageant & Church Wide Advent Dinner (FH)
<b>MON.</b>	9:00am	Stand Up Meeting (Office)
	7:00pm	Chemically Dependent Anonymous (219)
	7:00pm	Monday Night Men's Basketball Ministry (FH)
	7:00pm	Stephen Ministry (212,214,215)
<b>TUES.</b>	6:30pm	Pack 198 Den Meetings (112-114,115,210,211,214)
	7:00pm	Hospitality Ministry Meeting (215)
<b>WEDS.</b>	5:45pm	Children's Choir (Chapel)
	6:00pm	Wednesday Night Kids Club (105,106,112-114)
	6:30pm	Table Talk (115)
	6:30pm	Sisters of Salem (115)
	6:30pm	4th & 5th Grade Girls Group (219)
	6:30pm	God & Family (215)
	6:30pm	God & Me (214)
	6:30pm	God & Me, Catholic (211)
	7:00pm	Chimechoir (110)
<b>THUR.</b>	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (110)
	7:00pm	Women's Book Group (212)
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*Fishing Creek Salem always appreciates the financial gifts that are given to support and grow the ministries of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity again this year. Please note that the IRS has rules on when taxable year donations can be counted. Charitable donations to the church must be **received and/or postmarked** by 12/31/16 to count as a donation in 2016. Donations receive and/or postmarked after 12/31/16 must be counted as donations in 2017 (no matter what date may be associated with the gift).*

## *Salem Parish News – December 11, 2016*



**Altar Flowers**

The flowers in Fellowship Hall are given to the glory of God by Scott & Gloria Brunner in memory of loved ones.



**CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

### A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR JESUS

To bless others and honor the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we invite you to give a special gift on Christmas Eve. Half of what is given at our Christmas Eve worship services will be used to support our own mission and ministry to the community while the other half will be given to *Imagine No Malaria*, an overseas initiative of the United Methodist aimed to diminish the impact of malaria in Africa.

*In Sub-Saharan Africa, malaria kills a child every 2 minutes. But by using bed nets, providing access to diagnostic tests and medicine, draining standing water, and improving sanitation, malaria deaths have been reduced by more than half. "Imagine No Malaria" combines integrated health infrastructure, education and advocacy to address death and the debilitating effects of malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa.*

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN**

Child Care at 9:00am & 11:00am for children up to 36 months in Room 106. Sunday School for children 4yrs through 5th grade at 9:30 and for children 3yrs old through 3rd grade at 11:00am.

*Altar Flowers*

### **2017 FLOWER CHARTS ARE UP!**

Help beautify our worship spaces each Sunday! Sign up to sponsor flowers in honor of a special day or a special person. The charts are located across from the office windows.

### **GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**

Share the news about Salem's Christmas schedule by posting fliers throughout the community.

Fliers are available in the back of each worship space.



### **Wondering what's going on in the east field of the church?**

Through the RL Lacrose organization that uses our lower field, a local company has offered us some fill that will level off that field and make it usable for various sports and activities. In exchange for receiving the fill, they have obtained and paid for all the necessary permits, they will remove and replace the topsoil, landscape, and reseed, free of charge.

### **OUR FAITHFULNESS December 11th**

Attendance - 325  
Tithes & Offerings - \$12,307.00

# Connect YOUTH

**TODAY:** Confirmation Class (Room 218)  
**9:15am:** Middle School Youth (Room 219)  
**11:00am:** ALL Youth Worship Together (Sanctuary)  
**5:30pm:** Church Wide Christmas Pageant & Advent Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

**Dec. 13th 6:30am:** High School breakfast at the Summit Restaurant.  
 Bring money & a friend - first timers eat for FREE!

**Dec. 18th 9:15am:** Middle School Youth, Christmas Gift Robbery (Room 219)  
**11:00am:** ALL Youth Worship Together (Sanctuary)  
**6:00pm:** High School Youth, Christmas Gift Robbery (Room 219)

## SALEM'S 4th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, December 25th, 1:00pm

ALL are welcome!

Join us on this blessed day to dine together & celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Sign up on the Connection Card or call the Church Office to attend.

### Christmas at Salem

*Dec. 23rd - 7pm, Traditional (Sanctuary)*  
*Dec. 24th - 5pm, Children's Choir (Sanctuary)*  
*5pm, Blended (Fellowship Hall)*  
*7pm, Celtic (Sanctuary)*  
*9pm, Informal (Fellowship Hall)*  
*9pm, Heritage (Chapel)*  
*11pm, Traditional (Sanctuary)*

*Childcare will be available at 5 & 7pm.*

*Communion will be served at 11pm.*

*Dec. 25th, 10am, Blended (Sanctuary)*



An idea of a WAY TO SHOW UP for a child this week:

*Stop in a Sunday School Class and see what they are up to!*

## Grow

**ALPHA AT VALLEY GREEN IN JANUARY:** Salem would like to host Alpha at Valley Green Townhouses again this January. To do that, we need someone who lives in the complex to attend each evening and request the use of the club house. If you are willing to do this, or know someone who might, contact Marty Wagner (martyj78@ptd.net, 574-1682)

## Grow, cont.

**UPDATED SIGN OUT PROCEDURES FOR CROSS TRAINING:** With our new emphasis on our Safe Sanctuary Policies, we will now be requiring ALL children ages 0 through and including 5th grade to be signed out by a parent after Cross Training each Sunday. This is a change for the 4/5th graders - ALL ages must now be signed out by a parent only. If you have any questions please contact Tracey Michelsen or Pastor Debbie.

## Serve



**TAGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!** The deadline has been extended to Thurs., Dec. 15th. Prayerfully consider helping local families have a better Christmas by taking a tag, purchasing & wrapping the gift. Secure the tag to the outside of the gift and place it under the tree.

Any brass players, high school age or older, interested in playing on Christmas Eve should contact Dave Kline (774-4995).



### CHRISTMAS EVE HOSPITALITY

*On Christmas Eve we have a great opportunity to touch the lives of people who attend church only occasionally or not at any other time of year. We also have the privilege of celebrating the coming of Christ with those friends we see often. From the moment folks turn into our driveway it our prayer that everyone would experience a warm welcome and the feeling that we have been expecting them. You can help to make this happen as you volunteer to be a part of our Christmas Eve Hospitality Team. Please see the Connection Card for all the opportunities for you to serve.*

**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY:** Hospitality begins with all of us. There will be a Hospitality Ministry meeting on Tues. 12/13 at 7pm in Room 215. Join us if you are interested in showing the Love of Jesus to each other and all who come through our doors. Sign up on the Connection Card or contact Marty Wagner (martyj78@ptd.net, 574-1682).

**THANK YOU!** We would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Hal & Janie Baker for setting up refreshments & making coffee for the Informal Worship for the last 6 years! They have decided to hand the coffee pot over to some one else in January. If this is something you would enjoy doing please sign up on the Connection Card.

### HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Sign up on the Connection Card to serve on Jesus' birthday!



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends birthing kits to women who need baby supplies. An item needed for these kits is receiving blankets.

Please place the blankets in the bin marked "Mission Central Item of the Month" located at the end of the hall outside Nursery School rooms (rooms 112-114).