The annual Christmas service will be held Saturday, Dec. 18, at Salem Lutheran Church, 8 miles northwest of St. Francis. Follow signs on U.S. 36 at Road 9 or on K-27 at Road R.

Prelude music begins at 4:30 p.m. Following the lighting of the Advent candles, "Silent Night" will be sung as individual candles are lit. The service is held at 5 p.m. in the unique setting of the historic church. The program is titled "Christmas in the Country, Candles, Bells and Carols."

Once again, the Methodist Church handbell choir will be



Other music includes Christmas carols by Salem Lutheran Choir, Once Again Sound Band, recorder duets, Holiday Community Choir and congregational singing.

Refreshments will be served in the church basement following the songfest. There will be a free-will offering.

The community is urged to attend the service of music and fellowship.

Several Angel tags left on trees

Have you picked up an angel received gifts delivered by Sanon one of the Angel Trees?

Toni Keller, coordinator of the Angels, reported there are still angels waiting for people to pick them up. Each angel represents a child who might not receive a present at Christmas unless someone picks him or her off the tree.

People can select a tag off a tree at Bankwest, First National Bank, Owens True Value and The Herald office in St. Francis. This year, there are around 75 tags on the trees. There will be a suggested size of the child on the back of the angel for those who want to purchase clothing for their angel gift.

Once a person selects a tag and the gift is bought, both the gift and tag should be returned to the place where the tree is located.

"A lot of children benefit greatly from the Angel Tree

project," Ms. Keller said. Last year, over 100 children

ta. These gifts averaged around \$25 each. If someone knows of a family

who is having a difficult time making ends meet and could use a little help from Santa, please contact Ms. Keller at 785-332-4565.

Each year, the Angel Tree receives generous support, said Ms. Keller, which help give kids a merrier Christmas.

All gifts will be picked up on Dec. 20 so those who have selected a tag need to make sure their gifts are back under the tree before the pick-up date. People can also deliver them to First National Bank's back door at 7:30 p.m. on the 20th.

If more information is needed for sizes, or gift ideas, call Ms.

"We are expecting letters from Santa which will help with ideas for the children," she



SINGERS PRACTICE on Sunday afternoons for the holiday celebration. Pictured is back row (1 to r) Tim Trumbo, Chad Hendricks, Art Krueger, Tom Bandel, Roger Orth, Ron Mayfeld, Jim Milliken, Neil McCumber; front row: Carol Ross, Glenn Isernhagen, Fred Klie, Tim Burr, Scott Carmichael, John Finley, Neala Carmichael conducts as Tema Trumbo plays Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Singers practice for holiday programs

faithfully each Sunday afternoons since early November in preparation for this year's Christmas Celebration, Part II. The Holiday Community Chorus celebration will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church.

Seasonal and inspirational music will be sung by the 60-voice chorus and a variety of vocal and instrumental soloists will perform.

The chorus will also be performing at the Yuletide Festival on Sun-

The program on Sunday, Dec. 19, will benefit the Cheyenne County Food Pantry and admission for the thing you won't want to miss.

Singers from all parts of Chey- afternoon's musical celebration enne County have been practicing will be two non-perishable items. Yes, that's right...one for each hand. Cash donations will also be accepted for the food pantry.

Music to be presented will include "Days of Elijah," a rousing gospel rendition of "Angels From the Realms of Glory," John Ruptures' arrangement of "Angels' Carol," "We Are His Gold," piano solo by Pastor Jeff Landers, violin solo by Louanne Isernhagen, vocal solo by Alex Queen, organ and piano duet by Debbie Fiala and Sandy Bandel, vocal solo by Julie Woltday, Dec. 12 and at Salem Lutheran ers, clarinet solo by Jeff Paulsen Church on Saturday evening, Dec. and a special Christmas story told by Colleen Gardner.

There will also be a special surprise during the afternoon...some-

Food Pantry filling orders for baskets

The program will conclude with share in this very special musical

Neala Carmichael, director of mas Celebration, Part II," said Mrs.

delivered on Dec. 18. They can be picked up at the courthouse west door between 10 a.m. and

the "Hallelujah Chorus."

everyone is welcome.

A reception will follow in the

the chorus, encourages everyone to Carmichael.

Peace Lutheran fellowship hall and

The Food Pantry is running low on some items but, at this time, they are out of meats. It is hard to get the meat from the if someone has a donation, call one of the numbers below. They also welcome cash/check donations and they will buy meat as it is needed. Carol Gamblin, one of the coordinators, said checks

The Food Pantry is filling or- can be made out to the Cheyders for Christmas baskets to be enne County Food Pantry and mailed to her at Box 828, St. Francis, 67756.

afternoon and celebrate the season

in the presence of friends and very

"Come be a part of "A Christ-

talented musicians.

There is also a special place for donations of food and other items at St. Francis Super's and these donations are picked up and taken to the Pantry.

Mrs. Gamblin and Candi grocery stores to the Pantry but Douthit have recently taken over the Food Pantry operation. Those needing help with food supplies or would like a Christmas basket, call Mrs. Douthit at (785) 332-0068 or Mrs. Gamblin, (785) 332-4854.

Generosity flows throughout county

Coordinator for St. Francis.

Mexico through the First Baptist Christmas Child all year long! Church Relay Center!

Generosity and support flowed year and we are already excited throughout Cheyenne County durabout next year!" Mrs. Glidewell ing National Collection Week for said. "We are hoping to reach a Operation Christmas Child, said goal of 300 boxes during National JaNelle Glidewell, Relay Center Collection Week (always the third week of November) in 2011."

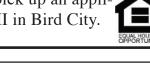
As a result, 261 boxes were Mrs. Glidewell also encourages collected and are on their way to everyone to "Think Operation

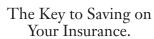
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