

Annual program planned at church

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



playing several Christmas carols. 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.



SINGERS PRACTICE on Sunday afternoons for the holiday celebration. Pictured is back row (l 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 the piano.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Singers practice for holiday programs

Singers from all parts of Cheyenne County have been practicing 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 Sunday, Dec. 12 and at Salem Lutheran Church on Saturday evening, Dec. 18.

The program on Sunday, Dec. 19, will benefit the Cheyenne County Food Pantry and admission for the

afternoon's musical celebration 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 Wolters, clarinet solo by Jeff Paulsen and a special Christmas story told by Colleen Gardner.

There will also be a special surprise during the afternoon...something you won't want to miss.

The program will conclude with the "Hallelujah Chorus."

A reception will follow in the Peace Lutheran fellowship hall and everyone is welcome.

Neala Carmichael, director of the chorus, encourages everyone to

share in this very special musical afternoon and celebrate the season in the presence of friends and very talented musicians.

"Come be a part of "A Christmas Celebration, Part II," said Mrs. Carmichael.

Food Pantry filling orders for baskets

The Food Pantry is filling orders for Christmas baskets to be delivered on Dec. 18. They can be picked up at the courthouse west door between 10 a.m. and noon.

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 grocery stores to the Pantry but 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

can be made out to the Cheyenne County Food Pantry and mailed to her at Box 828, St. Francis, 67756.

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 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

Generosity and support flowed throughout Cheyenne County during National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child, said JaNelle Glidewell, Relay Center Coordinator for St. Francis.

As a result, 261 boxes were collected and are on their way to Mexico through the First Baptist Church Relay Center!

"Many new churches and organizations were contributors this

year and we are already excited about next year!" Mrs. Glidewell said. "We are hoping to reach a goal of 300 boxes during National Collection Week (always the third week of November) in 2011."

Mrs. Glidewell also encourages everyone to "Think Operation Christmas Child all year long!"

For more information regarding Operation Christmas Child, call Mrs. Glidewell at 785-332-2959.

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We hope you can help us celebrate the holiday season!

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Several Angel tags left on trees

Have you picked up an angel on 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

received gifts delivered by Santa. 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. Keller.

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

Attention!!

Thursday, Dec. 9
the St. Francis High School wrestling dual will be held in Colby NOT in St. Francis



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