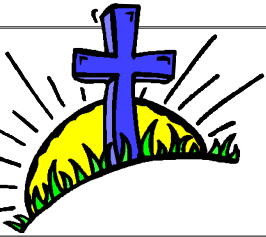
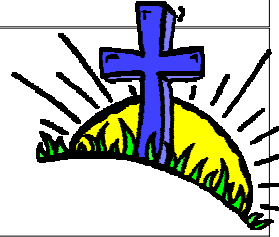


# THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR



NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

APRIL 2007



## Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 1—Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Worship with Procession of Palms, Reading of the Passion and Holy Communion

Salemsborg Lutheran 9:00 am

Falun Lutheran 11:00 am

Thursday, April 5—Maundy Thursday

Parish event—we share a meal together, after the meal there will be a worship service with

Confession and Absolution and Holy Communion

Falun Lutheran 6:30 pm

Friday, April 6—Good Friday

Parish Worship at Falun Lutheran 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 8—Resurrection of our Lord Easter Day

Parish Sunrise Service at Salemsborg Lutheran 6:45 am

If weather permitting, we will meet on the south side of the church near the stone pulpit

Please bring a lawn chair, breakfast will be served following in the Fellowship Center.

Worship with the Dressing of the Altar and Holy Communion

Salemsborg Lutheran 9:00 am

Falun Lutheran 11:00 am

As you look at the schedule for Holy Week, do you realize what we gather to remember, to ponder and to celebrate on the days of Holy Week? Have you grown up with traditions when it comes to the days of Holy Week? Maybe, you are new to the days of Holy Week. Maybe, you have grown up with traditions but have gotten away from remembering them. Where are you at this point in your life?

My prayer for all of us as we read the schedule for Holy Week is that the Spirit may touch our hearts. I pray that the Holy Spirit may touch our hearts that we may truly grasp what these days are about. I pray that all of us may be moved by the Spirit to see how God's grace is flowing to all of us on these days. I pray that all of us may realize the hope that is given to us as we ponder the events on these days. My prayer is that we may not take it for granted. I hope and pray that the Holy Spirit may move our hearts that our faith may grow. As we

we remember what Christ gave us and endured for us on these days, may our lives be changed. As we shout our Alleluias and Hail to the Son of David on Palm Sunday—may the words mean something to us. As we confess our sins and hear the Words of Absolution, as we remember the gift of the Lord's Supper, may we appreciate and remember God's love and forgiveness. As we hear the words of Christ from the Cross, may our faith be moved and truly grasp what happened for us. As we once again shout our Alleluias and Christ is Risen! May we believe it!

We remember during Holy Week how God changed the world and our lives through Christ. May the grace, hope and forgiveness given by God through Christ be celebrated not only during Holy Week but everyday of our lives!

God's Peace

Pastor Ethan

## Easter Lilies

It would be great to have the chancels of both churches decorated with Easter Lilies for Easter. If you would like to purchase a lily and bring it to either church by Saturday, April 7th, that would be great. If you would like to dedicate the lily or lilies in memory or in celebration of someone or some event, just write it down and get the information to Donna. A listing will be placed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

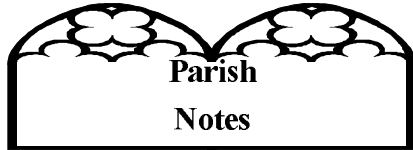
## Confirmation Sunday April 22nd

On Sunday, April 22nd, the following young people will be affirming their baptism: Baylee Kampfe, Raymond Dauer, Lori Dauer, Emily Jones, Ashley Pihl, Alex Feistner, Rachel Norberg, Sam Carlson, Taylor Peterson and Ian Lemen. As part of the service, these young people will be giving the sermon. I hope all of you will keep these young adults in your prayers. It's a big day in their faith journeys. They will be taking a more active role in the Church. I hope the Holy Spirit leads all on April 22nd so this day will be a special one for all!

## Joint Parish Service and Dinner

We will be having a Parish worship service at Salemsborg on April 29th beginning at 10:30 am. There will be a fellowship time before worship beginning at 10:00 am. After worship, the United Youth Group will be serving a Taco Dinner with a Free-will offering being taken. After the meal, all are invited to stick around for the United Youth Group Servant Auction. Wow, it's going to be a great day!





Parish  
Notes

Those who were elected at annual meetings to positions at each congregation will be installed today. At Falun they are: Council—Ron Hearn & Chuck Oleen; Auditing—Keith Johnson; Synod Delegates—Clair & Jerrine Oleen; Nominating Committee—Taton Stambaugh Tubbs. At Salemsborg they are: Council—Amie Bauer, Michell Lemen, Doug Scott & Doug Anderson (incumbent); Ushers—Tyler & Molly Johnson, Greg & Heike Anderson; Auditing—Marilyn Johnson; Synod Delegates—Chris & Amie Bauer; Nominating Committee—Nita Kay Carlson (retired Council), Jane MacDonald (retired Council), Joel Wimer, Craig Oborg, John Anderson, Doug Anderson (Council Chairperson); Cemetery Board—Ernest Gustafson & Myrl Swanson.

Bill & Ilene Lambert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center on March 4th. The event was held from 2-4:00 p.m. All were welcome to attend. The Lamberts were wed March 1, 1957. Congratulations Bill & Ilene!

All were invited to join the Falun Adult Sunday School Class for supper on Sunday evening, March 4th. Chili and cinnamon rolls were served. A great time to enjoy the fellowship!

The Evangelism Committee is requesting the name of a military person who is stationed in Iraq. They would like to send care packages. Besides the name, they need the address and list of items they might like to receive. They are also planning to send care boxes for our college kids during their finals.

We were invited to join family and friends as they celebrated Philip (Pip) Nelson's 90th birthday at Salemsborg Lutheran Church on March 17th from 2-4:00 p.m. Pip's birthday was March 28th. Congratulations Pip!

Those at Salemsborg who would like to have offering envelopes, please let Leon Swanson know and he'll get them for you.

If there are others who are interested in a First Communion class, please let Pastor Ethan know, thanks!

The next Sunday Evening Bible Study will take place on Sunday, March 25th. It will be happening in the Fellowship Center beginning at 6:30 pm. At that time, we will be watching the film "Facing the Giants." We will be having discussion time following if wanted or needed. It's a great film for the family that really makes you think about faith, God and what happens in your life.

A special birthday celebration for Emery Frost and Dolly Nelson will be held next Sunday, March 25th during coffee time at Salemsborg. They are both celebrating their 80th birthdays at the end of the month. Congratulations Emery & Dolly!!

The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on March 29th at 6:45am at Bethany Lutheran Church. Dr. Ted Kessinger is the speaker. The cost for the event is \$4.00. Advance tickets can be purchased at Scott's or from our Parish TACOL representatives; Pat Anderson at Salemsborg and Janice Morris at Falun.

The Second Annual Challans Talent Night will be held on Wednesday, March 28th 5:00-8:00 pm in the MES gym. It's a time for dinner and three hours of terrific entertainment! All proceeds will go to the Marquette Educational Foundation in memory of Joyce Challans.

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Salemsborg will continue their noisy offering on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Any funds left over after the final completion of the Fellowship Center will be used toward a major maintenance project on the church building.

The Noisy Offering at Falun for the month of April will be Camp Tomah Shinga.

Falun Lutheran is saving receipts from Scott's to benefit the Children's Center. If Salemsborg folks have receipts for them you can give them to Pastor Ethan and he will take them to Falun for you. The deadline for turning in the receipts is March 31st. Thanks!

It was approved at the annual meetings to purchase the new hymnals suggested by the ELCA. If you would like to donate a hymnal(s), an order sheet is available at the back of the sanctuary. March 31st is the last day for ordering the new hymnals.

If you need to contact Donna Swanson with information for the bulletin or newsletter, you can call 668-2600 or email her at [donlee@hometelco.net](mailto:donlee@hometelco.net). Thanks

If you would like to access information regarding Bethany College and/or events taking place there go to [www.bethanylb.edu](http://www.bethanylb.edu) on the web.

Please contact Pastor Ethan or Donna Swanson if there are names that can be removed from our prayer list. Contact them as well if you would like to add someone

We remember in prayer those who have been brought to our attention: Carol Brown's Daughter-in-law, Shelli and her granddaughter, Bailey, Anita Neilson and her family, Dr. Tim Penner, Michell Lemon's friend, Fairlene Swanson, Valerie Rush, the Barnett family, Carol Brown, Gerald Walter, Mary Tillberg's aunt, Vivian Johnson, Denise Carson, Mindy Graham's mother, Pastor Steven Little, Leigh Heller, Norma Oborg, families grieving a loss, people recovering from surgery, Joan Garman, Bill Robinson, families in conflict, Jay Cromwell, Deb Talbott, Kathy Sadey, Deb Meyers, Brenda Kent, A.J. Holmquist, Tina Peterson's cousin, Major Sheldon Horsfall, Jade Pihl, Shane Tunison, Janet Rowland, Dean Wahl, Connie Gratney, Diane Williams, Beth Reed, Carolyn Johnson, Marjorie Oleen, Viola Miller, Wayne Goodell, Karen Miller, Rosella Oleen, Irene Dauer and many unspoken requests. If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize. Please let us know so we can include them next time.

The deadline for May 2007 Newsletter information is Friday, April 20th.

Angels Explained by Children

"I know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold." Gregory, 5

"Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else." Mitchell, 7

## W/ELCA NEWS

### Salemsborg W/ELCA

Information has been received about the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA. The Smoky Valley Cluster IIB Gathering will be on Saturday, April 14th at 9:30 a.m. at the Andover Lutheran Church in Windom. Pastor Thomas Hollowell of Andover Church will lead the Bible Study and Ardyce Mai will be the speaker on Global Health Ministries. Please let Kristin Johnson (785-227-2404) know by April 6th if you plan to attend. The cost is \$5.00.

Salemsborg W/ELCA met on March 8th with 14 ladies in attendance. Seven quilts were completed. Dolly and Mary will serve Bethany Home Auxiliary. The Spring Salad Supper is April 24 at 6:30 p.m. The next sewing day is April 12th. Submitted by Darlene Bloomberg.

### New Members at Salemsborg

Welcome to Kris Erickson, Thayer & Diana Ulmen and Kathy Gordon who have all recently become new members at Salemsborg. May we all work together to build up the body of Christ.

### Thank You's

"This comes with sincere appreciation. Thank you so much for your continued support and financial aid. I am now a Junior at K-State and doing great because of all the support and a lot of hard work. Thank you again and bless you all. Sincerely, Jamie Oborg."

"Dear Church Family, Thank you very much for the scholarship award. The award is appreciated greatly, as I continue my journey through KSU! Thanks, Justin Seuser."

"Salemsborg Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for the scholarship money. I really appreciate the extra help that you give me to get through school. The nursing program is keeping me pretty busy and I am most definitely learning tons; I just hope that I am learning enough to become an RN in December after I graduate. Times are rough here and there but I really am enjoying what I am doing so far. Thanks a bunch and sorry it took me this long to get this sent. Hope to be able to come home to see everybody soon. I'm getting a bit homesick I believe. Thanks, Cara MacDonald."

Thanks for the prayers, flowers, food, calls, cards and visits during my surgery, hospital stay and recovery at home. I have a long way to go but I'm doing much better. God bless, Fairlene Swanson.

Many thanks to Kathy Gordon for playing the prelude at Salemsborg on March 11th. And to Phil Kampfe for playing the prelude

prelude and the duet with Pat Anderson playing *The Lord's Prayer* during the service. We appreciate so much hearing their wonderful talents.

### Salemsborg Fellowship Center

If someone needs to enter the fellowship hall they can call Kevin Allton at 785-452-2303 (cell) or 785-668-2036 (home).

### First Communion

Congratulations to Kirk Barnes as he celebrated his First Communion on March 18th. May God bless and may Kirk and all of us remember that we are always welcome at the Lord's Table.

### Mother's Hour

Mother's Hour will be held on Thursday, April 5th at the First Covenant Church, 2625 E. Magnolia in Salina from 9:15-10:45 a.m. Speaker Rod Fox will present "Making Our Love like God's- Worldwide. Child care is provided free. Mother's hour is an inter-denominational ministry whose purpose is to give encouragement to women and parents of pre-school and school age children. If you have questions, call Coleen at 785-825-8340.

### Food Bank Sunday

Food Bank Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. Below is a list of items suggested as possible donations each month. However, any item you would like to give will be greatly appreciated. A basket is located next to the front door of the church for your convenience:

January--shampoo  
February--Ramen Noodles  
March--canned meat stew  
April--coffee & tea bags  
May--sugar  
June--baking mixes  
July--instant potatoes  
August--dish soap  
September--tooth brushes & toothpaste  
October--toilet paper  
November--salt & pepper  
December--laundry soap

### Salemsborg Lutheran Mission Statement

"We at Salemsborg have so benefited from the gifts of God's love, peace, strength and joy through Jesus, that we seek to share these same gifts with others in grateful response!"

### Falun Lutheran Mission Statement

"As children of God, we strive to love, care for, and inspire one another as we extend the grace of Christ to all."