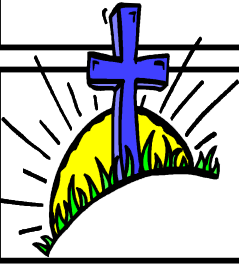
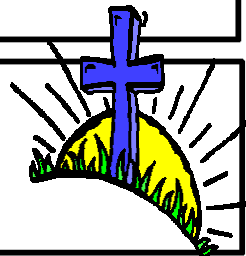


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NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

APRIL 2011



Pastor's notes

I believe it is a proven fact that smells and memories go together quite well. Smells can trigger them no matter where you are. They can transport you to a different time and place.

I wonder if Mary, the mother of Jesus, would have smells that triggered memories. I wonder if there were times when she smelled animals and hay if she remembered Jesus' birth. I wonder if the smell of lumber being cut would take her back to earlier days. I wonder if the smell of wine would remind her of Jesus' first miracle.

I wonder if the smell of blood mixed with sweat, would cause her to go back to the day of Jesus' death. The day He was beat almost to death, spit upon and abused by the authorities. I wonder if she would recall the screams of the whips and the people. Would she see in her mind's eye her son, God's Son, being nailed on the cross? Would the smell cause all of the emotions to come gushing forth once again?

We may not have the same smells that Mary would have experienced but we do remember. We remember what Jesus did for all of us because of all of us. We remember the suffering, the pain, the sorrow! We remember the joy and hope! We remember as we continue to observe Lent and as we go through the last three days; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. We praise and worship God in thanksgiving for all that has been, is, and will be done for us.

Pastor Ethan

Annual United Youth Group Lasagna Dinner

The members of the UYG are selling tickets for their annual lasagna dinner which will be held at noon on Sun, April 3rd. They will be selling them during the fellowship times at both churches. Tickets are \$8 per person. Youth 10yrs and under can eat at Salemsborg Church basement for \$5 per person. A kid friendly meal and adult supervision will be provided. Proceeds go towards the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Thanks for your support!

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."

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday procession in with Palm Branches, reading of the Passion Story followed by Holy Communion at both congregations
Salemsborg 9:00 am Falun 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday Supper followed by worship including Confession and Forgiveness and Holy Communion.
It will begin at 6:30 pm place to be announced.

Good Friday Service will begin at 7:00 pm
at Falun Lutheran

Easter Sunrise Service at Salemsborg in the sanctuary time to be announced.

Easter Service with the dressing of the altar and Holy Communion at both congregations

NO Sunday School at Salemsborg on Easter Sunday

United Youth Group Lock-In

The United Youth Group will be having a lock-in at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center Saturday-Sunday April 9-10. It will begin on Saturday at 9:00 pm when we meet at the Fellowship Center to go bowling in Salina. After bowling, we will head back to the Fellowship Center for food and more fun.

TACOL Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 6:45 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Tickets can be purchased from Janice Morris and Melanie Barnett or any of the TACOL churches or Scott's Thriftway. The price of the tickets is \$4.00. Marvin Anderson is scheduled as the speaker this year.

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!"

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W/ELCA NEWS

Salemsborg WELCA

The Salemsborg WELCA will host their annual Ladies Salad Supper on Thursday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. Kitchen hostesses for the event will be Calendar Group #1. Decorating will be Calendar Group #2. The program will be announced at a later time. Please bring a friend and a salad to share. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

The sewing day will be held on April 7th at 9:30am. Potluck at noon; Business at 12:30pm

Sarah Group will meet on April 28th at the Fellowship Center at 9:30am and Lydia Tabitha will meet the same day at 2:00pm. Esther Group meets April 25th at 7:30pm.

WELCA is in charge of Bethany Home Birthday Cake on April 29th at 3:00 p.m.

Falun Lutheran Women

Falun Lutheran Women will hold their Dine-Out on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at Martinelli's in Salina. Entertainment by Lakewood Middle School Stang Gang "Rock On! A Musical Review!". \$10 includes meal, tax and gratuity. Drinks other than water may be purchased separately. Menu: Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Bread, Penne w/Marinara and Meatballs, Rotini Carbonara. Please sign up and pay Gwen Oleen by Monday, April 18th.

The Falun Senior Citizens will be held on Tuesday, April 12th at 1:00pm, and quilting ladies will meet on Tuesday, April 26th.

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 23rd, that would be great. If you would like to dedicate the lily in memory or in celebration of someone, just write it down and get the information to Donna. A listing will be placed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Party Time to Celebrate the Windows Being Done

We will gather at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center on Saturday, April 30th at 6:00 pm for a party. It will be a party to celebrate the windows at Salemsborg being completed, having them all paid for, and in thanksgiving for all who donated in anyway towards this completion. Kendall Pihl will be fixing the meal which will include BBQ hog donated by the hog farm near Smolan. We just ask for volunteers to bring homemade ice cream. Mark your calendars and plan on coming to celebrate a great achievement!

A Friendly Reminder

Please shut off all the lights and lock the doors if you are the last one in the church. If you don't have a key, you can lock up front doors and go out the back door. We have had lights left on and doors left open at the Fellowship Center, and at both churches. Thanks for your help!

"Goodie" Boxes for College Students

The Salemsborg Evangelism Committee will be collecting items for the college boxes soon. A list of possible items which you can donate to help them in this endeavor are: Candy, Cookies, Chips, Popcorn, Cheese & Crackers, etc. The deadline for collecting these items will be April 24th but sooner if you can. If you have any questions, contact Diana Fairbanks. Thanks!

"Care" Boxes for Our Troops

The Care Packages for Our Troops program is under way. If you have questions you can contact Rick Saunders at 785-822-2346 or email him at shdyrest@hometelco.net Anyone wanting to donate snacks or personal hygiene items can bring them to the church. He will have a box available by the front door where you can place your donated items. Here is a list of things that work well for them: Candy (NO CHOCOLATE), cookies, crackers, gum, lean beef or turkey jerky, dried fruits (esp. pineapple) and nuts, protein bars with high levels of protein, powdered drink mixes, snack bars, sunflower seeds, trail mix, baby wipes, chapstick, lotion, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, etc. Items should be "travel size" when possible. More importantly, Rick needs names and addresses of those service members to send the items to. Monetary contributions are appreciated and only used to buy more things to go in the boxes. Cards and letters of support are also appreciated. The American Legion Post in Lindsborg will box the donations and ship them to our service men.

Thank You's

"Dear Salemsborg, Thank you so much for the scholarship. It was definitely a pleasant surprise. I'm sure it will be very helpful for some extra expenses that I will have this semester. I will make sure to use it wisely. This means so much to me! Thanks for the support! Chase Dippel."

"Salemsborg family, Thank you very much for the scholarship! I deeply appreciate the support as I continue my education at KSU. God Bless, Trell Peterson"

"Dear Salemsborg Family, Thank you so much for awarding the money for my college education. It will help me out with my books and tuition very much. I appreciate you supporting me. Thanks again, Jordan Sherwood"

"Salemsborg Family, Thank you for the scholarship, it will help me a great deal as I continue my education at K-State. Thanks for your support in my life and education. Austin Anderson"

"Dear Salemsborg Lutheran Church, The scholarship that I received means a great deal to me. I know that I do not make it back to church as much as I would like to, but I want you all to know that the things I learned here and the love and friendship that was given to me I will carry with me, no matter where life takes me. You all are wonderful people and I am proud to call Salemsborg my church. Thank you very much! Karissa Elise Shultis"

Next Supper Ministries

The Next Supper Ministries is for those who are unable to shop for themselves or are homebound. Grocery delivery days are Monday or Thursday. To volunteer or get information for assistance, please contact the Trinity United Methodist Church office in Lindsborg at 227-3326. A Community Ministry following in Christ's footsteps, by assisting those who need help with grocery delivery.

Food Bank Sunday

Food Bank Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.

Below is an updated list of items suggested as possible donations each month. However, any item you would like to give will be greatly appreciated. A box is located next to the front door of the church for your convenience.

January--Cold Cereal

February--Flour

March--Sugar

April--Jelly

May--Small boxes Biscuit Mix

June--Small boxes cornbread mix

July--All kinds of pasta (particularly egg noodles)

August--Canned Fruit

September--tooth brushes & toothpaste

October--toilet paper

November--Canned Veggies (particularly peas & corn)

December--All kinds of soup



Parish Notes

~~Congratulations~~ Heather Surface on your First Communion Sunday, March 6, 2011! May God bless you and keep you and may you always remember God always has a place at the Table for you!

Lent began Wednesday, March 9th. The Parish had an Ash Wednesday service at Salemsborg beginning at 7:00 pm. There was imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. It was a solemn day which helped us begin our Lenten journey.

The Annual Falun Pancake Supper was held at the Falun Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 13, 2011 from 4:30pm—7:00pm. Pancakes, sausage, sloppy joes, pie, pop, tea and coffee was served. A free-will donation was taken with proceeds going to help their youth attend church camp.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans offered an informational evening on Keeping the Farm in the Family. The event was held on March 15th at Redeemer

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Salina. The cost was **free!** Supper was served at 6pm and the presentation given at 6:45pm

Theophilus Fellowship will be held on Sunday, April 3rd, hosted by the Dolezeals.

The Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on April 14 at 6:45am at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Tickets can be purchased from Janice Morris and Melanie Barnett or any of the TACOL churches or Scott's Thriftway. The price of the tickets is \$4.00. Marvin Anderson is scheduled as the speaker this year.

Next Sunday UYG meets at **11:30 am** (Notice time change) in the Fellowship Center to talk about the upcoming Lasagna Dinner and the upcoming Lock-in.

Our Lenten journey continues this Wednesday. We gather for supper served by the Evangelism Committee at 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken to defray the cost of the meal. After supper, we will have a short devotional based on "By Faith." Let's gather to remember our need/dependency on God for Life!

The deadline for information needed for the May 2011 Newsletter is Wednesday, April 20th

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: Kendall & Jordan Johnson, Kanada Kindlesparger—LMS 7th grader—serious illness, Jay Steinberg—cancer, Jeff Arnold—Lisa Newman's uncle—cancer, Melvin Cales—Kellie Feistner's friend's dad—stage 4 cancer, Chance Watkins—immune problems, CWO-3 Edward DuBois—Tammy Surface's brother—Deployed to Afghanistan, Blake Northcutt—Northcutt's nephew—serving w/ USAF in Afghanistan, Arlie Holmes—Deanna Applequist's brother-in-law—Massive heart attack, Ethan Harkin (infant)—Donna's family—tumor on his heart, Michaela Stratton—Kellie Feistner's niece—seizures, Charles & Arlene Kelley, Harold Hartshorn—Tricia Hawk's father—prostate cancer, Jan & Jim Nelson's daughters: Carlena Quisenberry—stroke, and Linda Martin—cancer, Arlene--Betty Pihl's nephew's wife—cancer has spread and has other health issues, Carolyn Johnson suffering from MS, Leann Marr, Pastor Ethan's sister battling cancer. We also pray for many unspoken requests. If we have missed anyone, please let us know.

Memory Lane appears on the next page. It is a copy of a newsletter page dated April 10th, 1938.

More Thanks

"Salemsborg Church Family, I am so thankful for the money you have given me. Your support over the years is greatly appreciated. I can't believe that it is my last semester at college! I am anxious to start my career as an educator. I have always wanted to help children make discoveries and grow in their learning. I am extremely lucky to be a part of this amazing church family. Knowing that I have so much support has helped me get through my years in college. God bless and thank you again! Jordan Oborg"

"Salemsborg Church Family, Thank you so much for the scholarship money. I am so glad to have a very supportive church family that cares about my education. With this being my last semester, I ask that you also pray that I receive God's guidance in my career choices. Thanks, and I love you all so much. Jason Carlson"

"Dear Salemsborg Church family, Thank you so much for the scholarship money. It will help with the many expenses that come up in college. It's nice to have a church family back home that supports me. Thanks again, Brandon Carlson"

"Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Thank you so much for the scholarship. It helps so much. Love, Jade Banning"

"Thank you for the scholarship that I got from the church. It will take pressure off from buying books. I'm proud to be part of this church family. Nickolas Carlson"

"Thank you very much for your continued support with a scholarship to help me with school. I'm very lucky to have as many people behind me as I do to achieve my goals. Thank you, Kurtis Pihl"

"Church family, Thank you so much for your continuing support through your yearly scholarship. I am loving PA school and I just wanted to thank you for your financial as well as emotional and faithful support as I continue my education. Thank you again, Kelsey Swisher"

"Dear Salemsborg Church Council, Thank you very much for the scholarship money to help me further my education at Bethany College. I'm very appreciative and blessed to have this kind of support from my church! Thanks again, Eric Hawk"

Swedish Stories

Fran Cochran is looking for stories from folks in our area regarding either their long-time Swedish roots or if they are transplants to the community, their stories as well. Fran is the great-niece of Lydia Sohlberg-Deere. Lydia was an accomplished photographer at the turn of the century (1900) and some of her works have been on display in windows in the downtown Lindsborg area.

Fran is a real history buff and many of her contributions have appeared in the Lindsborg News-Record. She has put together a questionnaire for folks who are interested can fill out. This will help her add to a compilation of everyday history from those who have a wealth of knowledge from personal experience.

A copy of this questionnaire has been placed on the bulletin boards at both churches. Those who are interested can pick one

interested can pick one up and fill it out.

Fran will be showcasing many of her great-aunt Lydia's photographs downtown in Lindsborg from March 24--through April 24 in a vacant building north of the Mexican restaurant. Questionnaire's could be taken to her there most afternoons and evenings while the display is being shown.

Mother's Hour

Mother's Hour will be held on Thursday, April 7th from 9:15-10:45am at the First Covenant Church in Salina. Speaker will be David Gas. He will speak on "Life is a Mission Trip". Mother's Hour is an inter-denominational ministry whose purpose is to give encouragement to women and parents of preschool and school-age children. There are supervised nurseries for infants and teaching activities for toddlers through 6 year olds. There is no charge.

Spaghetti Supper

A spaghetti supper will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church on Friday, April 8th from 5-7:30pm. A silent auction will be held and carry out will be available. Music provided by BK Band. Admission is a free-will donation. Proceeds go to purchase of screen and projector for the sanctuary.

Printer Cartridges to Help the Church

Used printer cartridges from your home printers can be recycled and used to help with the cost of office supplies here at the church. Each cartridge can be redeemed at Office Max for a \$3 credit. Credits can be used to buy paper and other office supplies which are needed. A box is provided in the basement and those who would like to help can drop them off anytime. Donna will collect them and turn them in for the credits. Thank you for all your help.

VBS Director Wanted!

It's time to start planning for another fantastic Vacation Bible School! If you are interested in being the VBS Director, please talk with Pastor Ethan or Jane MacDonald. Helpers will also be needed as teachers and assistants. Let the Spirit lead!

Calendar Scheduling

If you have an event planned for the basement of Salemsborg or the Sanctuary, please check/write it on the calendar on the door of Pastor's Study. Thanks so much!

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.

If you are ever interested in using the Fellowship Center for any reason, please contact Nita Kay Carlson. If you need to contact her please email her at wncarlsn@hometelco.net. By phone you can reach her on her cell at 785-227-5363

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