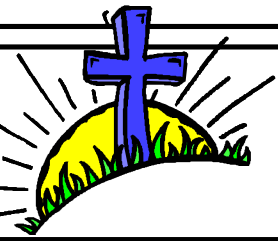
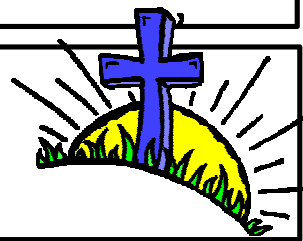


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NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

APRIL 2009



Pastor's notes

Here we go, it's time to contemplate and celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter! Then on Sunday, April 19th, we get to contemplate and celebrate with friends and family as young men and women affirm their baptism. What a month! What a time to be a follower of Christ!

We will hear the cries of hallelujah to the Son of David!! We will wave the palm branches! We will hear the words of absolution and celebrate the Lord's Supper. We will hear the last words of Christ on the cross. We will hear the angels proclaim an empty tomb! What awesome love and grace to contemplate! What awesome love and grace to receive! What power! What a gift!

We will see and hear young men and women state their faith in Christ! We will see and hear them proclaim that they are now ready to be more active members in the Body of Christ! We will welcome them anew! We will once again remember how we are all called to be active disciples. We will contemplate baptism! We will rejoice in being washed and blessed by God's Holy Spirit.

April is going to be an awesome, awesome, month!!! May God's Holy Spirit guide and direct us all, contemplating and celebrating! May God's Holy Spirit open our hearts and our eyes that we may truly see the blessing of God! May God's Holy Spirit direct us and move us no matter where we are at in our journeys of faith. If you haven't contemplated or celebrated the gift of faith that God has given you, may the Holy Spirit move you--move you to feel, to see, to surrender.

God's Peace, Strength and Blessings to all!!

Pastor Ethan

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."

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, Sunday, April 5th. Worship at Salemsborg 9:00 am entering with Palms, Holy Communion, and the reading of the Passion story; at Falun 11:00 am entering with Palms, Holy Communion and the reading of the Passion story.

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 9th. The Parish will gather at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center at 6:30 pm for a meal and a worship service which will include confession, absolution and Holy Communion.

Good Friday, Friday, April 10th. The Parish will gather at Falun Lutheran at 7:00 pm to read and hear the last words of Jesus on the cross.

Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 12th. Parish Easter sunrise service at the Salemsborg cemetery, weather permitting, at 7:00 am. Afterwards, the United Youth Group will serve a light breakfast of fruit cups, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee in the basement at Salemsborg. Worship with the Dressing of the Altar and Holy Communion at Salemsborg 9:00 am and at Falun 11:00 am.

We hope you can make it and invite some friends and family to help celebrate!

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 11th, 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 19th

We will gather at Salemsborg Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 19th to hear and witness possibly 12 young men and women affirm their faith.

They will have the sermon on that Sunday, choose the hymns for worship, and stand around the font and the altar proclaiming their faith in Jesus Christ. It's a special day for these young people. Let's gather to help them celebrate and show them our support!

More Thank You's

Dear Salemsborg Church Family; Thank you so much for the scholarship you gave me for this semester. The cost of books has been high this year so the money really helped. It's great to know I've got such a supportive and loving church back home. I've found some great Christian organizations in Manhattan, but there is nothing like my church back home.

Thanks again, Jason Carlson

Thank you so much for the scholarship. All of your help and support is really appreciated!

Thanks again, Britta Tjaden

Dear Friends, Thank you for your loyalty in this fight against hunger and suffering. During these cold months, your kindness warms people's stomach and hearts. You truly make a difference in others lives! May God bless you for your love. Sincerely, Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank, Freda Rees

Thanks from the Lions Club for glasses which were donated. They are greatly appreciated.

At the Annual Meeting our church, the Council presented me with a beautiful clock in remembrance of my years of service as your organist. Thank you all for your kindnesses. To God be the glory always. Pat Anderson

Bethany College Events

- April 1--**Chapel talk by Pearson Professor Jimmy Sjoblom--10:30am, Swenson Chapel
- April 2--**Public address by Pearson Professor Jimmy Sjoblom--7:30pm, Lindquist Hall
- April 2-14--**Messiah Festival Juried Student Art Exhibition, Mingenback Art Center Gallery, Reception April 5, 1-3pm, with awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m.
- April 3, 4, 11--**Messiah Festival Theatre Production "Easter" by August Strindberg--7:30pm, Burnett Center
- April 5--**Bethany Oratorio Society presents Handel's "Messiah"--3pm, Presser Hall
- April 6--**Symphonic Band Concert--7:30pm, Presser Hall
- April 7--**Messiah Festival Solists Recital--7:30pm, Presser Hall
- April 8--**Student dramaturg's presentation on Strindberg's "Easter"--3:30pm, Burnett Center
- April 9--**Student Honors Recital--3:15pm, Presser Hall
- April 9--**Maundy Thursday Service--7pm, Burnett Center
- April 10--**Bethany Oratorio Society presents Bach's "St. Matthew Passion"--7:30pm, Presser Hall
- April 12--**Bethany Oratorio Society presents Handel's "Messiah"--3pm, Presser Hall
- April 16-21--**Agnes Eklund Senior Student Art Exhibition, Mingenback Art Center Gallery, Reception and gallery talk April 19, 2-4pm
- April 22--**Earth Day festivities, including convocation address by Pearson Professor Jimmy Sjoblom--11am, Lindquist Hall
- April 25--**Natural Step workshop led by Pearson Professor Jimmy Sjoblom--9am-3pm, Messiah Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
- April 23-28--**Angie Dumars Senior Student Art Exhibition, Mingenback Art Center Gallery, Reception and gallery talk April 26, 2-4pm
- April 26--**College Choir/Chapel Choir Concert--3pm, Presser Hall
- April 28--**Music Dept. Recital--2pm, Presser Hall
- April 28--**Handbell Ensemble/Small Ensemble Concert--7:30pm, Presser Hall

April 30-May 5--Gabriel Pionkowski Senior Student Art Exhibition, Mingenback Art Center Gallery, Reception and gallery talk May 3, 2-4pm

Bethany College "Easter" Presentation

Bethany's 2009 Messiah Festival of the Arts includes theatre arts. This year's offering is "Easter", by Swedish playwright August Strindberg. "Easter" tells the story of the redemption of the Heyst family: debtors about to be foreclosed upon on the eve of Easter, 1901. The production plays April 3, 4, and 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Burnett Center on the Bethany College Campus. In addition, Suzanna Swenson, a Bethany student who spent the fall semester studying Strindberg's complex drama, will give a talk at the Burnett Center, 3:30pm on April 8. These events are free and open to the public.

"Smoke on the Mountain"

Celebrating their 32nd season, the Crown Uptown professional dinner theatre, will present "Smoke on the Mountain" April 16-June 7, 2009. (A Bluegrass Gospel Musical Comedy.) "Smoke on the Mountain" takes place in the summer of 1938 at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in North Carolina, located just west of Hickory near the Blue Ridge Mountains. The show presents a Saturday night gospel sing featuring the "Sanders Family" singers. With a cast of seven and the audience as the congregation, the "Sanders Family" takes the stage and good ol' gospel music fills the air. Songs include "Whispering Hope", "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder", "I'll Fly Away" and many more! Performances are Thursday through Sunday evenings with three select Thursday matinees on Apr. 30, May 14 and May 21. Group rates are available. For more information, call 316-681-1566 or visit their website at www.crownuptown.com.

Salina Rescue Mission Flower Sale

Have a bloomin' Spring and Summer starting on April 15-18, 9am-8pm, with the Salina Rescue Mission Flower Sale at Stutzmans Greenhouse & Garden Center on 9th and Cloud. All the plants are "greenhouse fresh" and the quality is top notch. They are also in need of volunteers to help them during the sale by watering plants, arranging the trays and assisting customers. If any members would like to volunteer, the shifts are 2 hours long or less with 5 people per shift. Anyone can call to volunteer at 785-823-2610. Thank you for making a difference as we serve our Lord together to help the poor, hungry and homeless.

W/ELCA NEWS

Salemsborg WELCA

We had a good sewing day on March 12. We were a smaller group, but we still completed some quilts. Our next Sewing Day will be April 11, starting at 9:30am with a pot luck meal at noon and business meeting at 12:30pm. We have not received a definite commitment for wedding coordinator chair person. Please contact Mary Tillberg if you are willing or have a person to suggest.

Our annual Salad Supper will be April 12 at 6:30pm. Each member is asked to bring a salad to share. Our program speakers will be Anna Anderson and Dr. Natalie Morgan. Their topic will be "Breast Cancer Awareness:.. Come and enjoy the food, fellowship and the program.

Also on our April schedule is our Cluster IIB meeting on April 18 from 9:30am to 2:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 743 E. Magnolia Rd., Salina. The theme will be "The Richness of God's Grace" (Eph. 1:7-8a). Please tell Mary Tillberg by April 12 if you plan to attend. In 2010, Salemsborg WELCA will be hosting this meeting. Attending this meeting at Redeemer will offer an opportunity to observe as well as an opportunity for fellowship, Bible study and holy communion together.

Mary Tillberg

ATTENTION: Women of Falun-Salemsborg Parish:

Cluster IIB WELCA Meeting April 18--9:30am-2:30pm at Redeemer

Lutheran Church, 743 E. Magnolia Rd. Salina

Theme: "The Richness of God's Grace" (Eph. 1:7-8b)

Bible Study Leader: Pastor Kent Haupel,

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Central States Synod Representative: Debra Ruprecht,

Messiah Lutheran Church

Registration: \$5.00--includes noon luncheon

Communion Minister: Pastor Dick Monson,

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Contact your church's WELCA leader by April 12.

Salemsborg Salad Supper

April 21, 6:30pm

Program: "Breast Cancer Awareness" by

Anna Anderson and Dr. Natalie Morgan

All are invited--Please bring a salad to share.

Central States Convention of WELCA

July 24-26, 2009

Theme: "Gift of Grace"

Clarion Hotel, 530 Richards

Manhattan, Kansas

\$89.00/night with room capacity of 4 people

Registration before June 15--\$65.00

after June 15--\$75.00

Saturday Only--\$35.00

Falun Lutheran Women

The Falun Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m.

Falun Lutheran Women will meet for supper at Napoli's Restaurant in Salina at 6:30 p.m.

The Falun Quilting group will meet on April 27th at 10am.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 6:45 a.m. at the Messiah Lutheran Church. The public is invited to attend. The speaker is Father David Lies and the advance ticket cost is \$4.00. Tickets are available at Scott's Thriftway, the Chamber office and our TACOL representatives, Janice Morris and Melanie Barnett.

TACOL Good Friday Service

The TACOL Good Friday community worship service will be held at Freemount Lutheran Church, 2511 8th Avenue, on Friday, April 10, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

"Goodie" Boxes for College Students

The Evangelism Committee has asked us to collect goodies for the college boxes. Items needed are: candy, cookies (store-bought or homemade), canned cheese, canned meat or packaged sausages, chips, microwave popcorn, etc. We have at least 18 kids. Deadline is April 19th. A box will be located at the back of the church or contact Diana.

Addresses for the college students so "care" packages can be sent to them later are also needed. If there are any people from the Falun congregation who would like to help with this project, please let Pastor Ethan know.

Wedding Coordinator

A wedding coordinator is desperately needed at Salemsborg. If you are interested in holding this important position, please let Mary Tillberg or Pastor Ethan know.

New Baby

Congratulations to Steve & Bren Blanner on the birth of their daughter, Claire Alison, on Wednesday, February 25th. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 18.5 inches long. Grandpa and grandma are Van & Shirley Bloomquist. May God bless all of them on this happy occasion.

Thank You

Thanks to all who participated in collecting receipts from Scott's for the Lindsborg Children's Center. The projects will end March 31st, and will resume next fall, probably on Sept. 1st, and receipts dated after that date will be accepted through the fall and winter.

KSU Lutheran Campus Ministry

KSU Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) will hold an open house on Mar. 29 from 2-4pm at Luther House, 1745 Anderson Ave, in Manhattan. Kevin Clark, Campus Pastor at K-State, is a life long Lutheran and will be at the open house to visit and share the LCM story. Any students from this Parish, attending or planning to attend K-State, are encouraged to become familiar with LCM.

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. Thanks

Information needed for the May 2009 Newsletter is due by Monday, April 20th.

Memory Lane

An article appeared in The Salina Journal in March of 1940 highlighting the reunion of the Salemsborg Confirmation Class of 1890. Excerps from this article appear below. It was written by Stella Olson.

"The confirmation class of 1890 celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at the Salemsborg church Sunday, March 21. The celebration commenced by the group attending the church services. At the services a quartet consisting of Mrs. Allen Johnson, Mrs. Vernon Miller, Reuben Anderson and Clarence Dahlsten, say the song, "Salemsborg", and dedicated it to the class. The song was written by Dr. Gustaf Erikson during his stay at Salemsborg.

After the services the class gathered in the church parlors where a dinner was served by the Sorosis society of Salemsborg."

"Misses Almenda Modig, Mae Frost, LaVerne Johnson and Doris Sandberg, daughters of some of the class members, served as waiters at the serving of the dinner. "

"Regrets were received from Albert Danielson, Russell, Ark; Rev. Alexis Andreen, Michigan; Mrs. Gust Swenson, Los Angeles, Calif; and David Holmquist, Kansas City."

"Members present were: Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Hanson, Assaria; Mrs. Anna Fredrickson, Mr. Carl Anderson, Lindsborg; Miss Anna Rodine, Miss Nettie Swanberg, Mrs. Ida Nelson, Mrs. Hanna Modig, Mrs. Thilda Frost, Mrs. Hilma Olson, Mrs. Christine Larson, Mrs. Josie Gustafson and Mrs. Simon Johnson."

In a Palm Sunday booklet designed by Gustaf Erickson, this poem appeared on the cover.

"Listen, the bells are ringing,
For the Lord is drawing nigh.
I hear the people singing
As I see them passing by.
I'll also go to meet Him,
And cut branches green and neat
With songs of praise I'll greet Him
When I strew them at His feet.

Hosanna, O Hosanna!
Now loud let the music ring.
Hosanna, O, Hosanna.
My beloved Lord and King,
To sick He comes with healing,
And with help to them that fall!
I'll sing with Joy and feeling
When I crown Him Lord of all!"

If you have interesting "tidbits" of history from this parish which can be included in this special section of the newsletter, please give them to Donna by the 20th of each month. Call her at 785-668-2600 or email her at donlee@hometelco.net.

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 pea

December--All kinds of soup

Parish Notes

For special music March 1st, the bell choir played "Borning Cry" in memory of Kellie Goodell. Kellie was one on the original ringers when the bells were purchased in January, 2002. She enjoyed sharing her musical talent and created deep friendships with the other ringers. We will always miss her. At the conclusion of the song, we respectfully requested a moment of silence to honor her memory.

Worship & Music Committee met Mar 18th during supper.

The Evangelism Committee met at the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 18th.

Have you made a donation towards your Lasagna Dinner tickets yet from a UYG member? The dinner is going to be held the last Sunday in March after the Parish worship service. Seating is limited. SVHS Jazz band will be playing. If you have any questions, contact a UYG member or Sponsor.

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: Mike Wineteer, Delores Ade, Melba Gilbert, John Anderson, Shannon Moran, Jaden McBride, DeVere Blomberg, Mary Craig, Chandra McClure, Nikki Driscoll, Don Pihl, Cindy Dimitri, Edna Kvacik, Don Cheever, Robin Roets' aunt, Karson Schierling, Calvin Carlson, Marie Nelson, Axel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Ron & Gayla Bloyd, Malcom Stambaugh, Kristy Bergstrom, Cal Williams, Caden Wekamp, Greg Aune, Carlina Swisher, Rebecca Copley Johnson, Kristine Govier, Kristine Govier's two friends, Seretha Johnson, Jennifer Hoffmans, Leann Marr, Vickie Everhardt, Allen Nicholson, Larry Lamer, Tom Hollopeter, Harry Sandahl, Melinda Ho, Jim Gooch, Evelyn Peterson's daughter Kathy, Mary Tillberg's aunt, Pastor Steven Little, Leigh Heller, Joan Garman, families in conflict, Kathy Sadey, Diane Williams, Carolyn Johnson, Marjorie Oleen, Viola Miller, Rosella Oleen. We also pray for many unspoken requests. If we have forgotten anyone, please let us know.