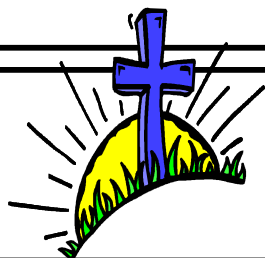
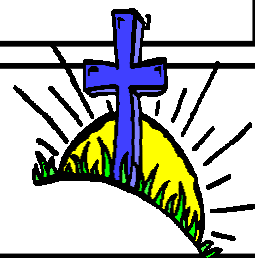


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NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH



APRIL 2010

Pastors notes

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Three days we honor to remember how God has changed our lives and our deaths forever.

Maundy Thursday we gather as a Parish at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center at 6:30 pm. We will sit down and eat a catered meal with a free-will offering being taken. After the meal, we will listen to the Word of love and a call to servant hood. We will join together and partake in the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday we will gather as a Parish at Salemsborg Lutheran for a worship service beginning at 7:00 pm. We will hear the Word of God on the cross remembering how Jesus died for us taking on our sin and death.

Easter morning we will gather as a Parish in the Falun Cemetery at 7:00 am for a Sunrise Service (if it's raining, we will gather in the Falun Lutheran Church Sanctuary). We will gather in the midst of graves to hear the Word raising from the dead in victory over sin and death.

Later Easter morning, we will gather either at Falun Lutheran Church at 9:00 am or at Salemsborg Lutheran Church at 11:00 am. We will gather in silence as the altar is dressed, the candles lit and the shout of Jesus Christ has risen echoes in the Sanctuary.

We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus as His followers gathered around the Word and Sacrament.

I hope and pray that we can all gather together to remember, to honor, to celebrate what Jesus has done for all of us. I know there are some that won't be able to make it to one or any of these services. If that is your case, I hope and pray that you will take time to remember on these three days God's love and grace shown in Christ Jesus.

God's Peace and Blessings
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!"

United Youth Group Lasagna Dinner

The United Youth Group (UYG) will be distributing tickets for their Lasagna Dinner to be held in April. Tickets are limited. The tickets are available for a suggested \$ 8.00 donation for adults and \$ 5.00 for children age 10 and younger. The children will gather downstairs in the church basement for their special meal. If you have any questions, please contact a UYG member or sponsor

Easter Morning Breakfast

The Parish Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be at the Falun Cemetery at 7:00 a.m. Following the service, an Easter Breakfast will be held at Falun Lutheran. All are welcome to attend.

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 3rd, 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.

Many Thanks

Salemsborg Church Council & Mary Ann; Thank you so much for the T-shirt and especially the Bible case! That is something I will really use a lot. It has been a pleasure working with all of you, the past Council members and Pastor Ethan! Good luck in the year ahead and may God continue to bless you, this church and this parish! God's Peace! Doug Anderson

Dear Pastor Feistner; My husband and I used to visit your church many years ago and always felt that it was very beautiful. I knew that he would want his funeral there. Thank you so much for allowing us to do that. Please also thank the lovely ladies who provided the delicious lunch. Gratefully, Sally Morse and family.

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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Bethany College Events

- Mar. 25-Apr. 6**--Messiah Festival Juried Student Art Exhibition--Mingenback Art Center
March 28--Reception--1-3pm--Awards Ceremony 1:30pm
March 27--Messiah Festival Theatre Production--*It Should Happen to a Dog and The Blind Men*--7:30pm--Burnett Center
Mar. 27-Apr. 4--129th Messiah Festival of the Arts
visit www.bethanylb.edu/messiah
March 28--Handel's Messiah--3pm--Presser Hall
Tickets required--call 785-227-3311, ext. 8132
March 29--Symphonic Band Concert--7:30pm--Presser Hall
March 30--Messiah Festival Soloists Recital--7:30pm, Presser Hall
April 1--Public lecture by Daniel Mahraun, "What Language Shall I Borrow: Singing Bach in Translation"--10:30am--Lindquist Hall
April 1--Messiah Festival Spring Honors Recital--3:15pm--Presser Hall
April 1--Maundy Thursday Service--7pm--Swenson Chapel in Burnett Center
April 2--Bach's St. Matthew Passion--7:30pm--Presser Hall--Tickets required--call 227-3311, Ext. 8132
April 3--Messiah Festival Theatre Production--*It Should Happen to a Dog and The Blind Men*--7:30pm--Burnett Center
April 4--Handel's Messiah--3pm--Presser Hall--Tickets required--call 227-3311, Ext.8132
April 5--Swede Monday for prospective students call 1-800-826-2281
April 13--Music Dept. Recital--2pm--Presser Hall
April 22-24--Student Directed Short Play Festival
April 22--Earth Day Celebration--go to www.bethanylb.edu
April 23--Gustavus Adolphus Choir--7:30pm--Presser Hall
April 24--Enrollment Day for new students--call 1-800-826-2281
April 25--Bethany Choir Concert--3pm--Presser Hall
April 29-May 4--Hugo Escobar Senior Student Exhibition--Mingenback Art Center Gallery--Reception--May 2 at 3pm
April 30--Swede Friday for prospective students call 1-800-826-2281

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!

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 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 your help! **Office Max has changed some of the rules so more cartridges can be dropped off but using the credits will depend on how much our purchases are. Many of the brands can be used for credit but even those that are not on their list can be recycled...we just won't get a credit for them.**

Thanks so much to everyone who has dropped off their used cartridges so far. We have been able to use the credits to buy many office supplies for the church.



Parish Notes

The UYG (United Youth Group) will be distributing tickets for their Lasagna Dinner to be held in April. Tickets are limited. The tickets are available for a suggested \$ 8.00 donation. If you have any questions, please contact a UYG member or sponsor.

A card shower to honor his 90th birthday was held for Elton Bloomberg. Elton's birthday was March 9th. Cards may be sent to him at 2500 E. Rosehill Rd., Assaria, KS 67416.

Caring host families (with or without children) as well as single people are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the 2010/2011 school year or fall semester starting in late August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Most of them come from Christian homes and would appreciate a host family with Christian values. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by Educational Merit Foundation, a non-profit educational exchange program. For more information, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit their website at www.emfusa.org

The Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thurs, Mar 25 at 6:45am in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Methodist Church. If you would like tickets to attend, they can be purchased for \$4.00 each from Janice Morris at Falun or Melanie Barnett at Salemsborg.

Salemsborg WELCA

Our third sewing day was held on March 11th. There was an increase in women participating and about the same number of quilts were produced. Thanks to each of you who participated and came to the business meeting.

Kristin Johnson, who is serving well as our wedding coordinator, has requested that we find a new coordinator. She will provide training for our new coordinator.

Hosting the Smoky Valley Cluster meeting on April 17th is our largest challenge for April. We will also have our monthly sewing day on April 8th. April 19th we will be in charge of Bingo at Bethany Home. We will need 6 women to assist Audrey Miller.

The Cluster Gathering on April 17 will begin with registration and coffee at 9:30am. We have delegated the food responsibilities for coffee and the salad luncheon to the calendar groups. Calendar Group 4 will prepare beverages and serve at coffee time and at the salad luncheon. All Salemsborg women will need to sign up if planning to attend. Registration fee is \$5.00, which includes the noon meal. The meeting will start at 10:00am. We will need 4 ushers for the 2 offerings. The morning offering will go to the Central States Synod Women's Projects and Convention Scholarships. The afternoon offering will go to Ashby House in Salina. Brian Anderson, director of Ashby House, will be the afternoon speaker. Our Salemsborg Ding-A-Lings will provide special music after lunch. All in all, attending the gathering will provide spiritual growth through Bible study and communion, an opportunity to renew friendships and to meet women from other churches and fellowship in sharing food and holy communion. Many of us will have specific jobs to do and will be able to sit in on part of meetings while others may attend the whole meeting. We hope to see many from our church participating. Mary Tillberg

Falun Lutheran Women

Falun Lutheran Women will enjoy a "Ladies Night Out" on April 21st. The event will be held at 6:00pm at Martinelli's in Salina.

The Falun Senior Citizens will be on April 13th at 1:00pm at the church in Falun.

Don't forget the Parish Easter Sunrise Service at the Falun Cemetery with breakfast to follow at the church on Sunday, April 4th.

**"Christian, keep the faith....
But not from others!"**

Thank You's

The Norberg Family thanks friends and neighbors for help cleaning up after the fire at the farm. We are very grateful for prayers, calls and all other expressions of concern. A special thank you to fire fighters who responded to the call. Lloyd & Mary Norberg.

"Our family would like to express to you and the good people of Salemsborg our deep appreciation for the warm welcome we received when you allowed us to have the funeral of my brother Mike at Salemsborg Church. Ethan, I especially want to thank you personally for all of the help you generously offered to me and to Mike's family in getting everything set up for the service, (ie..video presentation, microphones, etc.) Our sister-in-law Sally, shared with my wife Jan and with me several times her gratitude for your generous hospitality before, during and after the worship service celebrating Mike's life. Thank you again for your kindness and the kindness of your congregation as they made us all feel very welcome. Your brother and sister in Christ, Kent and Jan Morse"

"Salemsborg Lutheran Church Council; Thank you so much for the very generous donation you made toward my recent mission trip I took to Nicaragua. It was such a blessing to have this extra money to bring with me to use on the trip. We were able to use part of the donation to purchase some of the necessary medications we needed to treat our patients we saw throughout the trip. We also used a portion of it to donate to an orphanage for disabled children that we visited while we were there. The last portion of your donation was given to House of Hope, which is a Christian facility that helps rescue women and children from prostitution and sex trafficking. I am so thankful to have such a loving and supportive church family and I can't wait to share the amazing experience I had on this trip with all of you. Thank you again! Blessing in Christ, Amber Pihl."

"Thank you very much for the scholarship money. I appreciate the support." Nick Carlson

"To Salemsborg Lutheran Church; Thanks so much for the scholarship money given to me while attending the University of Kansas. The gift is greatly appreciated and many thanks for everything you have done for me." Sincerely, Maggie Pihl

"Dear Salemsborg Church; Thank you so much for the scholarship money for my education at Kansas State. It is so nice to know I have such a supportive church family back home. The scholarship really helped with my book expenses this semester. Thanks again!! Love, Jason Carlson

"Dear Church Family; Thank you very much for the scholarship money. It helped me pay for my books for the semester. I really appreciate all of the support you have given me throughout my life. Thanks again, Brandon Carlson"

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: Norman Watts-Dylan Goodell's grandfather-lung cancer, Joyce Saum recovering from back surgery, Paul Brown-lung cancer, 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.

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

Birthdays Celebration

Philip Nelson will celebrate his 93rd birthday with a 2-4pm reception on Sunday, March 28, in the Blue Room of Bethany Home, Lindsborg. All are invited and welcome to attend. Cards may be sent to 321 N. Chestnut, Lindsborg 67456

Memory Lane

Jo Holmquist was born in Arkansas in 1920. Her mother was a pioneer woman who had been raised in a sod house in Guymon, OK. Her family had lived in Oklahoma where their oldest child was born. Then they returned to Arkansas where their other children including Jo were born. She was the youngest. Later, the family returned to Oklahoma and grandpa's farm at Red Rock (a town about the size of Smolan). She lived there until she graduated from high school.

The family raised everything they ate. They had a huge garden and fruit trees. They sold eggs, milk, and cream to earn money. Her father farmed and owned a dray business. That involved using a wagon with horses to pick up items shipped in on trains and delivering them to local businesses. They never had a phone during her growing up years.

World War II had started by the time she graduated. She had several jobs after that. One of which was operating a PBX board at a defense plant in Oklahoma City.

She and a girlfriend decided to join the Navy and become WAVES (**W**omen **A**ccepted for **V**olunteer **E**mergency **S**ervice). Her girlfriend didn't pass the physical because of her bad teeth. Jo became the first WAVE from Ponca City and they put her picture in the paper. Leaving Oklahoma City she rode on a troop train which took her and others to New York City. There she was inducted into the Navy and she attended boot camp at Hunter's College for a month.

Having experience operating a switchboard (PBX) she was immediately transferred to San Diego, CA and the Naval Training Center; she was a member of Ships Company where she ran the PBX. She was one of the first groups of women to arrive at the base. Later the Marine girls come to the base next to them. They were treated like queens in the beginning....but some of the girls didn't behave very well and that ruined it for all of them.

San Diego was much smaller then. It was mainly military. She loved it there and would go with the girls to the beach, the world famous zoo and to a place where they could dance to big band music. They would also serve at the USO's. It was not uncommon for military personnel to hitchhike to go from place to place. Jo and her friends used this method to go to N. Hollywood where her best friend was from. One weekend seven of them hitch-hiked to Tijuana. Instructions from their superiors said, "You are Uncle Sam's property and you must act as such." They also suggested

such".

When on duty there were always three WAVES working during the day and two at night. Every 4th night she would be on duty to "Make Colors". She would spend the night in the Communications Building. A new recruit was higher up in the building. They'd receive a call from headquarters with the message, "Colors!" At that time, they'd raise the colors....the main flag on the base.

She was in the military 2 1/2 years and was discharged in Memphis TN. She loved her time serving. It was an education and fun, too. That spring she decided to visit her former high school music teacher who lived in Tulsa, OK. The teacher and her husband decided that Jo should meet a friend of her husband who lived in Smolan. They took a bus trip to Smolan where Jo was introduced to Evan Holmquist. It was love at first sight. Their first date was to hear the Messiah at Bethany College. They were married July 27, 1946 at Salemsborg. They were regular attenders and Jo was baptized by Pastor Thoreen and she attended confirmation. There were several newly married couples in the church at that time so they were involved in church groups together. The established members were not as welcoming as our church is today, but she was determined to be liked and accepted.

The Holmquists lived and raised their family in Smolan, Terry born in 1947 and Paula in 1950. Evan owned the elevator but it was hard on his lungs. He died in 1979. Jo remained in Smolan until 1998 when she moved to one of the cottages at Bethany Home.

She did not work while her children were growing up but later she operated the PBX at Bethany College for 2 years and at St. John's Hospital for 19 years.

Two highlights for her are a trip to her naval base when she was 75 yrs old with her son and being included in the "Honor Flight" to Washington DC in 2008 where they visited the WWII Memorial and met Bob Dole. Our own Alice Nelson was able to attend this trip with her and several others.

Her family and friends are very proud of Jo's military service and use the term "gutsy" to describe her courage in signing up at a time when it was out of character for women to do so. In many ways it reflects her mother's pioneer spirit and independent nature which definitely was passed on to her. Jo celebrated her 90th birthday recently...and is a joy to visit and reminisce with.

The deadline for information needed in the May 2010 Newsletter is Tuesday, April 20th

If you need to contact Donna Swanson with information for the bulletin or newsletter you can call her at 785-668-2600 or email her at donlee@hometelco.net.

More Thanks

"My Church Family; Thank you so much for your generous contribution as always to my education. The money is only a small part of the help that you give me. All of your support as I, along with many others, continue our education means more than you know. Thanks again! Kelsey Pihl"

"Wimer Family/Wittle Charitable Foundation & Salemsborg Lutheran Church; I wanted to say thank you for the scholarships. They are very helpful in pursuing my education. Love, Jade Pihl"

"Dear Salemsborg Church and Wimer Family; I know this is very late, however, I really wanted to show my appreciation for the scholarship money you sent me! Thank you so much! It really means a lot. I'm really happy to be connected to such a wonderful church family! Thanks again, Jennifer Kay Suppes"

"Salemsborg Family; Thanks so much for the scholarship. It will help me out a lot in my college education. Austin Anderson"

"Dear Salemsborg Lutheran Church; I want to thank you for the scholarship money you sent to me this semester. It was really helpful and I'm glad you were thinking of me. Thanks again. Sincerely, Jason Sherwood"

"Salemsborg Church; Thank you for the student scholarship. This gift is greatly appreciated as I continue my education! Love, Trell Peterson"

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 Melanie Barnett.

Bridal Shower

Falun Lutheran Church is hosting a shower for Nikki Driscoll on Sunday, March 28th at 2:00pm at the church. She is registered at Kohls, Target and Sears. She is marrying Tim Larson on April 10th. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Baptism at Salemsborg and Falun

Congratulations Abby Householter and Ron Householter on your baptismal day, February 28, 2010. Through water and the word, you have been washed and claimed by God! It's time to rejoice! Abby's sponsors are Brian & Ann McGovern and Donna McGovern. Ron's sponsor is Jody Householter. May God bless everyone and may the Spirit lead! Congratulations to all!

Congratulations Riley Mary Neywick on your baptismal day, March 7, 2010! Through water and the word, you have been washed and claimed by God! It's time to rejoice! Riley's sponsors are the members of Falun Lutheran Church. May God bless everyone and may the Spirit lead! Congratulations to all!

"Care" 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 18th. If you have any questions, contact Diana Fairbanks. Thanks!

Swedish Pancake Feed

The Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers are having a Swedish Pancake Feed on Palm Sunday, March 28th. It will be at the Messiah Lutheran Church from 11:30am-2pm. A free will donation will be taken. There will be a performance after the meal with fiddlers performing during the meal.

Bethany Art Club Workshop

The Bethany College Art Club is currently collecting the removable flaps from Netflix movie rentals. Netflix tear-off flaps are sturdy, colorful and perfect for origami and paper airplanes. The Art Club will lead a recyclable art workshop on Earth Day in which several flaps are needed. Please save these flaps and drop them off at the Mingenback Art Center on the Campus of Bethany College. If you have questions, contact Art Club President, Ariel Landrum at ariellandrum@gmail.com

Easter Cantata

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Salina will hold an Easter Cantata on Sunday, March 28, 2010. The event will be held at 7:00pm. Singing will be the combined choirs of Ellsworth County Community and Redeemer Lutheran Church. A free-will offering will go to the Emergency Aid Food Bank.

Pipe Organ & Hand Bell Concert

A Pipe Organ and Hand Bell Concert will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Salina on Sunday, April 11th at 4:30 p.m. Organist Jane Anderson and The Laudate Ringers from Countryside United Methodist Church in Topeka, KS will perform. A free-will offering will be taken.

A Visitation from Jonathan and Janet

On Wednesday, April 14th, Redeemer Lutheran Church at 743 E. Magnolia Rd. in Salina will be hosting daily columnist/humorist, Jonathan Richard Cring and master musician Janet Clazzy. The performance is at 6:00pm; an evening of music and monolog, including readings from Mr. Cring's book *Digging for Gold (in the rule)* with original musical tunes performed by Ms. Clazzy on the oboe and WX-5 Wind Machine. Mr. Cring is the author of 11 books, a winner of a Billboard Music Award, recent recipient of the Best Screenplay Award at the Top Ten Films in America, and has a daily column at www.jonathots.com.