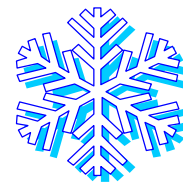




# The Parish Communicator



Newsletter for Falun/Salemsborg Lutheran Parish

January 2007



## FROM THE PASTOR

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.*

*And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:19-20 (NRSV)

I can't think of better words to start off a new year with than those found in Matthew 28. They seem to sum up what our lives are all about as followers of Jesus the Christ.

They are words that command us to proclaim the good news to all. They are words that give us a purpose. They are words that help us to make our priority lists. They are words that challenge. After all, do I really want to be an evangelist!? It is really scary! Do I want to give up time, talents and treasures to show people what Christ means to me? It would mean that I would have to do some stuff that I don't want to do, yuck! It would mean to go into unknown areas. It would mean to be afraid at times because of those things that are uncertain. Yet, I still believe that there are no better words to start a new year off with than the ones in Matthew.

Jesus knows how we feel. Jesus knows how we fall short. Jesus knows that we need help. Jesus knows our short comings. Jesus knows all. I think that is the reason why he said, "And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age." During those tough times, Jesus is with us. During those times when we don't want to do whatever, Jesus is with us. When life and/or death are knocking at our doors, Jesus is there with us to help. When we don't know what the future will hold, Jesus is with us. Are there any better words that can be said at the beginning of a new year? A year that is yet to unfold events that will change our lives. Jesus is with us!

I wish for all of us a Happy New Year! A year made happy because we have heard the words of Matthew 28 and are acting upon them. A year made happy because we realize and live our lives knowing that Jesus the Savior of the World walks with us!

Happy New Year! God's Blessings! God's Peace!

Pastor Ethan

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*We want to thank all of you for the many gifts you shared with us during the Holiday season and throughout the year. We cannot say enough how blessed we feel and how blessed we are to be here with you. You are lights that brighten up our lives. You show us God's grace and love in so many ways. You share with us so much. Your kind words, honesty, generosity and prayers support us and help make us who we are as fellow members of the Body of Christ. We look forward to growing with you and hope and pray that God will use us to touch your lives as much as God has used you to touch ours. Thanks once again for everything!!!!!!*

*Pastor Ethan, Kellie and Alex*

### Annual Meetings

The annual meetings for the congregations in the parish will be:

#### Salemsborg Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 21st

Beginning after a shorten 9:00 a.m. worship service with Holy Communion

There will be no Sunday School—the older Sunday School youth will be in charge of watching over young ones during the meeting

There will be coffee and fellowship after the meeting as usual.

#### Falun Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 21st

Beginning after a shortened 11:00 am worship service with Holy Communion

After the meeting, there will be a soup dinner.

All active confirmed members of the congregations are encouraged to attend the meetings and can vote.

Please plan to attend! Annual meetings are an important part of the life of the Church.

#### 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."**

## Special Thanks

Thank you to our Falun & Salemsborg Church families for all of your support, love and prayers throughout this past year. We are so Thankful for all of the cards and food through this trying time. As of Dec. 4th, I was declared Cancer Free! This is our best Christmas present! Happy Holidays to each of you; Have a Great Day! Gerrett & Allison Morris

We would like to thank the Esther Group for the box of Christmas goodies. Everything was delicious and very appreciated. Craig & Dylan Goodell

I want to thank everyone at Salemsborg for making my few months here so wonderful. Everyone has been so gracious, supportive and enthusiastic since I arrived, and I feel so appreciated. I must give the members of the choir my special thanks for hanging in there with me because sometimes I ask the impossible, and have always been given the "extra mile". Also, I have to say we have had new members in the past few weeks, which is gratifying to know that a church members are continuing to give of their time and talent. Our Christmas Program was fantastic! Another special thanks to Nita Kay and her staff for their presentation. Again, thank you all so much for your kind words and caring ways. Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! Peace and Love, Kathy Gordon

Thank you for your loyalty in this fight against hunger and suffering. You truly make a difference in others lives! May God bless you for your love. Sincerely, The Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank.

The Altar Guild at Salemsborg acknowledges members who decorated the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Many thanks to Larry and Diana Fairbanks for opening the Advent season with the blue and white lights on the evergreens outside the church and for helping with other decorating. Then as we entered worship on the first Sunday of Advent, we were reminded of our journey to Bethlehem with the sparkling Advent Wreath and the lighting of a blue candle each Sunday until Christmas Eve when the center white candle was lighted as a sign of the long-awaited birth of Jesus Christ. Further recognition is given to Dale & Marilyn Johnson who helped with assembling and decorating of the Christmas tree and arranging wreaths; and to Myrl & Fairlene Swanson for innovative placement of candles at the windows and the creative new wreaths and greenery at the balcony, as well as the basement. Also, we appreciate the many contributions of beautiful poinsettias. We are most grateful for all the dedication of time to the Glory of God. Melanie Ryding for the Altar Guild

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

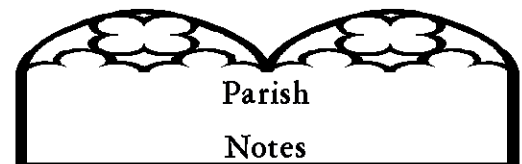
November--salt & pepper

December--laundry soap

## Baptisms at Salemsborg

**Congratulations!!** Kaitlyn Marie Watkins on this your baptismal day, Sunday Dec. 3rd. God bless you and lead you as you grow in faith and years. Kaitlyn's parents are Jeremy and Jennifer Watkins. Her sponsors are the members of Salemsborg Lutheran Church. God bless all of you that you may be great examples of faith, hope and love for Kaitlyn and may we always be there for each other. God bless you all!!!!

**Congratulations** Keillon Wayne Smith on this your baptismal day, Sunday, Dec. 24th! May God bless you and lead you as you grow in years and in faith! Keillon's parents are Justin and Trisha Smith. His sponsors are members of the family. God bless you and lead you that you may be good examples of the faith for Keillon. Congrats and always remember that we, as fellow members of the Body of Christ, are there for all of you! We also welcomed Justin & Trisha as new members to our congregation that day! Welcome!



It was decided at the Evangelism Committee meeting that Salemsborg would enter a float in the Snowflake Parade in Lindsborg this year. The event was held on Saturday, December 2nd.

We were all invited to attend the Junior Organ Recital of Joshua Lindgren on Tuesday, November 28th at 7:30 p.m. at the Presser Hall Auditorium at Bethany College.

Confirmation class was held on Saturday, Dec. 9th from 9am to 3pm at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center. The parents who volunteered to bring snacks and the noon meal were: Jody Householter, Heike Anderson, Michell Lemen, Tandis Peterson and Sarah Ross-Moberg. All youth were asked to bring drinks to share.

## Parish Notes-Con't.

Falun Senior Citizens met on December 12th for a noon meal at Falun. Ham, sweet potatoes, bread and drink will be provided. All are welcome to attend!

A Community Hymn-Sing will be hosted by The Associated Music Students of Bethany College on January 28, 2007. If you would like to perform at the event, an application form is located in the back. A form is also there to request favorite hymns. The deadline was Dec. 8th.

A big thank you to everyone who helped decorate the sanctuaries of both churches! It is really appreciated!!!

Christmas Caroling and Soup Supper was held Dec. 10th. We left Salemsborg at 4:30 pm! It's a great ministry and it was hoped that as many people as possible were involved. We also had some "soup stirrers" and driver positions for those who didn't want to sing. We let the people know that we care through our voices and presence!

Falun is taking bids for the groundskeeper position. Please contact Necie Stambaugh-Tubbs or Randy Madden for more information. Deadline for bids is December 31, 2006.

If you are a member at Falun and would like to receive the Lutheran magazine, please let Necie Stambaugh-Tubbs know as soon as possible, and we will add you to the list. If you would like to discontinue your subscription, please let Necie know also.

Thanks to everyone who participated with caroling and/or the soup supper, it was greatly appreciated by all! The Gospel was proclaimed and the Body of Christ was built up! THANKS!

Thanks to Phil and Baylee Kampfe for providing special music Dec. 17th at Salemsborg.

The Esther Group put boxes of goodies together for three families the morning of Dec. 17th during coffee. They delivered them later on that day.

There was no Sunday School at Salemsborg Christmas Eve and there will not be any on Dec. 31st.

Thank you to the folks who donated items and time for the food boxes which were distributed through TACOL. It was a wonderful experience for those preparing and for those receiving.

Thanks to everyone who was involved in making the programs Dec. 17th a great success!, you are appreciated! Thanks once again for caring and sharing!

There will be no choir practice on Dec. 27th and Jan. 3rd.

Thanks to Baylee Kampfe, Morgan Roets and Hannah Carlson for providing special music Dec. 17th at Salemsborg.

Pastor Ethan and family will be on vacation from December 25, 2006 through January 2, 2007. In case of an emergency, please contact your Council president—Falun Necie Stambaugh-Tubbs; Salemsborg Doug Anderson. Please keep the Feistners in your prayers for safe travel, thanks!

Next Sunday, Dec. 31st, there will be congregational hymn sings at both congregations! Here's your chance to sing those Christmas Carols that you wanted to sing during Advent but Pastor didn't plan them! :-)

The Noisy Offering at Falun for the month of January will be given to the Central Kansas Prison Ministry.

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.

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)

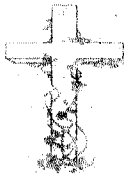


### Poinsettias Given in Memory of Loved Ones

- Cecil & Evelyn Peterson in memory of loved ones (Altar)
- \*Dale & Marilyn Johnson in memory of loved ones (Altar)
- \*Darrel & Mary Holmquist in memory of loved ones
- \* Paul & Marilyn Brown in memory of our parents, brothers, son and other loved ones
- \* Don & Betty Pihl in memory of Wallace and other loved ones
- \*In memory of Kay Barnett and Joe Rishel
- \* Dave & Nancy Anderson in memory of Phil Herzig and other loved ones
- \* Ron & Audrey Miller in memory of loved ones
- \* Veda Pihl in memory of Wallace Pihl
- \* Leon & Donna Swanson in memory of Kari Swanson, Joshua Shultis and other loved ones
- \* Wesley Shultis and Karissa Shultis in memory of Kari Swanson and Joshua Shultis
- \*Emery & Doris Frost in memory of loved ones
- \*Bill & Ilene Lambert in memory of Carol & baby and Jeremy
- \* Viola Miller & family in memory of Vernon Miller
- \*Almeda Ryding & family in memory of loved ones
- \*Pat & Jane MacDonald and family in memory of loved ones
- \*Dolly Nelson and family in memory of Manny Nelson
- \*Charles & Inez Johnson in memory of Edgar & Mae Johnson
- \* Elton & Rose Bloomberg and family in memory of loved ones
- \*Heike Anderson in memory of Beryl John "Poppa" Reichardt
  - \* In memory of Bengtsons by family
  - \*In memory of Tjadens by family
- \* Craig & Dylan Goodell in memory of Kellie and Lila Goodell
  - \* Charles & Arlene Kelley in memory of loved ones
  - \* Myrl & Fairlene Swanson in memory of loved ones
  - \* Marj Sandberg in memory of Ted & Dorothy Sandberg, Nels & Agnes Johnson and other loved ones.

## In Memory

### **Philip Richard Herzig** **June 4, 1935—November 25, 2006**



Philip Richard Herzig, 71, Prairie Village, KS, formerly of Salina, KS, passed away November 25, 2006 at Hospice House, Kansas City, MO, due to complications related to orthostatic hypotension beginning in 1990. These health issues became increasingly debilitating over time. Despite the challenges created as a result of a complex diagnosis, he refused to complain and instead recognized that others had greater struggles.

Phil was born on June 4, 1935 in Salina, KS, to Richard and Frances Herzig. He spent his childhood in the Smolan, KS area, where his uncles and grandparents helped raise him while working on the family farm. He enjoyed many sports during high school, college and his time in the Navy, particularly high school varsity baseball and basketball, college varsity basketball, as well as representation on fleet basketball teams.

He was a graduate of Assaria High School in Assaria, KS, received a degree in Biology from Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS, and earned his JC from the University of Kansas School of Law in Lawrence, KS. He was a Naval Aviator stationed in Norfolk, VA, and a reservist stationed in Olathe, KS.

During his professional life as an attorney, he practiced in both Burlington, KS and Salina, KS and the surrounding rural areas. He served as the Lindsborg, KS and Burlington, KS City Attorney. His charitable interests included the following: Director of Salina Community Theater, Director & President of the Salina Civic Orchestra Society, Chairman of Military Affairs Committee & member of Agriculture & Aviation Committees of the Salina Chamber of Commerce. He was instrumental in founding Salina Youthville. He also served as President of the Burlington Rotary Club.

He enjoyed memberships in: KU Alumni Association, Bethany College "B" Club, Gamma Kappa Alpha Social Fraternity, various academic honoraries, Masonic Temple (Salina Lodge No. 60 & Isis Temple Shrine & Scottish Rite), Methodist Church Lay Leadership, Salina Country Club, Salina Elks Club and coaching various youth sports.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Gloria Herzig of Prairie Village, KS; son, Philip Reed Herzig of University City, MO; and daughter Melissa (Scott) Wiles of Prairie Village, KS; sister Nancy (Dave) Anderson of Lindsborg, KS; grandchildren Christian & Bethany Wiles of Prairie Village, KS; nephew Dana (Janice) Anderson of Mulvane, KS; niece Debbie (Warren) Johnson of Lindsborg, KS; niece Dr. Wendy Moore Wolfe of King George, VA; 5 great-nieces and nephews and 1 great-great niece.

Phil's grandparents, parents and stepfather preceded him in death. Phil's services were held at the church of his baptism, confirmation and marriage, Salemsborg Lutheran Church.

Phil was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Salina, KS.

Services were held on Friday, December 1, 2006 at 1:00 p.m., Pastor Ethan Feistner officiating.

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: Mindy Graham's mother, Pastor Steven Little, Family & friends of Dan Mundell, Cathy Englund, Mike Smith, Cole (17 yr. old hurt in hunting accident), Leigh Heller, Norma Oborg, Karla Pihl's mom, families grieving a loss, people recovering from surgery, Joan Garman, Bill Robinson, families in conflict, Jay Cromwell, Deb Talbott, Allison Morris, 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, and Irene Dauer. If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize. Please let us know so we can include them next week



### **Year 2007 Worship Time Changes!**

**Remember, on Sunday,  
January 7th, worship times  
at Falun and Salemsborg  
Lutheran Churches will change.**  
**Worship at Salemsborg will be at 9:00am.**  
**Coffee will be at 10:00am  
and Sunday School at 10:30am.**  
**At Falun the worship time is at 11:00am.**  
**Sunday School will be at 9:30am and  
Coffee time at 10:30am.**

**Don't Forget !!**