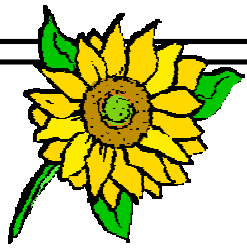
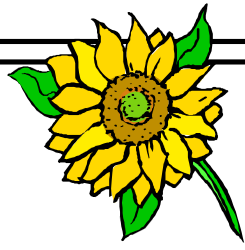


# THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR



NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

JUNE/JULY 2008



## Pastors notes

As part of their affirmation of baptism, the following young people needed to pick a verse out of the Bible. They then wrote at least a 100 word paragraph about that verse and how it pertains to them and/or their faith. I hope you will read these paragraphs and let the Spirit lead. The Spirit is leading these young people. This parish and the Church can be very proud of them.

### Kelly Pihl

Matthew 6:33

*"But seek first of all His Kingdom and His righteousness, and then all these things taken together will be given to you."*

In this verse, I think God is talking to us about our priorities. Our priorities are whatever is first in our thoughts and in how we plan our time. This verse is saying that to have real peace in our lives, it requires making God first above all other things.

One of my goals is to work on putting God first in my thoughts and conversation, my decisions, and my relationship with friends and new people that I will meet. If I do this on a daily basis, God has promised that my life will be successful knowing that I have put Him first in my life.

I want to thank Pastor Ethan for all that he has done for our church and for making learning fun and enjoyable while attending confirmation classes.

### Desiree Harrison

Matthew 6:25-27

*"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them."*

These words make me realize that God is always there no matter what. He does not care about what I look like and how I dress, he wants to be able to see me live my life the way it's planned. It's up to me to follow and to make the choices of life. There will be mistakes there already are; this is just my way of learning. I take from those mistakes and know what not to do. It's the trail of life that sets before me as I keep on walking, turning down all kinds of paths and taking life as it comes.

### Bryce Kampfe

Romans 10:9-11

*"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, 'Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.'"*

This verse means a lot to me for many different reasons. I believe that this is nearly the exact reason that God sent his only son to die for all of our sins. It is also a great verse to dignify my choice to affirm my baptism. I think it is great because it is almost exactly what I should be focusing on in the near future. I used to think that going to church every Sunday was simply a waste of my "precious time." However, now I see why my parents forced my weak and weary body out of bed every week—I need to be here and I feel as though I can take my part in the Church of Christ even further. I am hopeful that with the help of peers and fellow members of the congregation, I can make a faithful Christian.

### Nikki Taylor

Matthew 7:1

*"Do not judge, or you too will be judged"*

This verse, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged", relates to my life because there are so many times when I judge people before I even know the truth and when I hear they said something about me then I become upset. I think a lot of judging has to do with gossip and being young. I feel that no matter what I do I will always be judged and I will always judge others. To me it's not something I try to do it's something that just happens. I find myself judging people all the time and then I always wonder what they're thinking about me. I feel that even if I don't judge that people will still always judge me. Judging is something that is tempting and reminds me of the story of Adam and Eve because Eve is tempted to eat from the tree of knowledge and I am tempted to judge from opinions.

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### 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."**

## Greyson Pihl

John 15:12-13

*"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."*

To me this is one of the most powerful verses in the Bible. I believe this because love is what keeps our world turning. When one reads this verse, they may interpret it as loving your friend so much that you would lay down your life, or even die, for them. I interpret it differently though. To me laying down your life for someone doesn't have to mean "dying" for him or her because that could only be done once in ones' life. What better way to lay down your life for the person you love than living everyday for them instead?

## Taryn Scott

*"Matthew 22:37-39*

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."*

I always understood the concept of treating my friends and family the right way. But, I guess I never really thought I would ever have to treat my enemies the same way. Being in sports, I have a lot of people I always want to beat. I'm a very competitive person. I love my family and every single one of my friends, but as the commandment says, I must also learn to love the people who are not as close to me in my life. As a promise to God, I must do the right thing. I'll learn to love those who do me wrong, and turn to God when I think I can't, because I know that He will help me to do what's right.

## Wade Allton

Isaiah 25:1

*"O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, For in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, Things planned long ago."*

I saw this saying in the Bible when I was looking for a Bible verse. I thought that every one needs to be reminded of this every once and a while. Well, I know I do anyway. He is our God and we should be proud to worship and serve him for what he's done for us. I want to be reminded to always praise his name in all that I do and be reminded that he does do marvelous things even if we can't see them at the time. I want to thank my parents, the Parish at Salemsborg, Pastor Ethan and Kellie, for being so supportive during confirmation and encouraging me to do confirmation. I'm glad I did it because I had a good time and I learned a lot from it. Thank you!!

## Grace Aspenwall

Hebrews 13:5-6

*"Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,, 'The Lord is my helper; I cannot be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'"*

These verses mean a lot to me in many different ways. I believe that my faith in God really moved in a good direction when I moved here from Minnesota. I've gotten so much more opportunity here to be a good Christian and have faith in God, that it made the verses really mean something to me. It is very

powerful, and to me is says that if I can trust in the Lord, I can be carefree of what happens because He is at my side. It stands out to me because our society can get so caught up with the wants of money and other material things, that God is sometimes not first on the list of priorities. I know from these words that I shouldn't be afraid of having faith, no one is more powerful than God and they can't do anything to me. Because I know God won't leave me. I can truly say He's first on my list.

## Quinn Dippel

Proverbs 25:21

*"If your enemies are hungry, give them bread to eat; and if they are thirsty, give them water to drink."*

When I hear this Bible verse, I think of helping people, no matter what type of person they are. If they are in some sort of trouble, I should help them, or at last try to help them. Even if they are people I don't like or don't even know, I should help them in their time of need.

I think that if I help people, I will be accepted by God even more than when I don't help them. However, I know that if I believe in him, he will always accept me. If I keep learning the stories of the Bible, and keep learning about God, I will always be able to help people.

## Joint Parish Worship Services

Beginning June 8th, worship at Salemsborg will be starting at 10:00 a.m. We will have coffee at 9:30 a.m. before the worship service. Falun Lutheran is having some remodeling done at the church and won't be able to use their sanctuary for around four weeks. The Councils talked and decided that there would be one worship service beginning at 10:00 a.m. In this way, we can worship as a Parish! What a great idea! So mark your calendars and don't forget, beginning the second Sunday in June, worship for the Parish will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Salemsborg.

## Parish United Youth Group

We have around 28 youth signed up to go to the National Youth Gathering next July in New Orleans! Isn't that great!!!! We will also be sending around six sponsors. We hope we can count on your continued support as we try to raise around \$30,000 to make this trip. It's a lot of money but the youth are hard workers. We know with your support, it will get done! Thanks for all you do!!! If you have any questions or if you would like to sponsor a youth or youths, please contact a UYG Sponsor: Kendall and Karla Pihl, Wayne and Nita Kay Carlson, Joel and Jeri Wimer or Pastor Ethan and Kellie Feistner. **The UYG will be meeting at the Fellowship Center June 1 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service at Salemsborg.**

## Salemsborg Church Ground

Bids are currently being taken for the five year lease of the Salemsborg Church farm ground. The deadline for submitting a bid is Sunay, June 15. Please see Kevin Allton or Joel Wimer to review an updated contract and receive a bid sheet.

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## W/ELCA NEWS

### Salemsborg WELCA

The Spring Salad Supper was held April 22, 2008, with a bountiful array of breads and salads. Our guest speaker, Hud Chapin of Sunflower Bank, informed us of trust and wealth management. Questions were clarified regarding legal and personal ramifications. We appreciated his expertise.

The Central States WELCA Convention will be in Springfield, Mo July 25-27th. The theme of Baptized-Blessed-Believers furthers our overall call to "act boldly". For those interested in attending this event, contact Mary Tillberg or Melanie Ryding by June 1st.

These past weeks we have been impressed with the dire circumstances of those affected by natural disasters. Lutheran World Relief has been there to alleviate health needs and to comfort with daily provisions. Through our contributions to our Thank Offering boxes, each of us is a part of this world-wide mission.

Summer is here! Days will be busy with sports, recreational, and harvest activities. May God be with you.

### WELCA Convention

The Central States Synodical WELCA Convention will be held July 25-27th at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield, MO. The theme is year is "Baptized-Blessed-Believers" Carla Wilson from Messiah Church in Lindsborg, made the logo for the convention. The deadline for early registration is June 1st. At that time, the fee will be \$60.00. The final deadline is June 16th at a cost of \$75.00. Once again they plan a basket auction for the Barbara Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each cluster is asked to donate a basket. Individual churches or individuals can also donate. There will be a short informative meeting for Presidents and Treasurers at the convention. Please contact Mary Tillberg or Melanie Ryding for registration forms.

### Bridal Shower

A Bridal Shower for Andrea Oleen will be held at the Falun Church on Saturday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m. The Parish is invited. Andrea currently lives and works in Virginia. She will be married to J. Ware of West Virginia on October 11th.

### Parish Graduates

We congratulate and lift up in prayer all the graduates! We especially lift up those in this parish who are graduating: Rhys Pihl, Jamie Oborg, Joshua Dauer, Eric Hawk, Michael Wimer, Jon Nelson, Matthew Wimer, Katie Greenup and Amber Pihl. We have also been given the names of Clay Spiller, Jordan Johnson and Megan Johnson.

Congratulations! God's continued blessings!

### New Members at Salemsborg

Welcome to Kathy Rishel and Molly Johnson as new members at Salemsborg. Let's get to know one another better sharing the blessings of Jesus Christ with one another, the community and the world!

**The deadline for August Newsletter information is Sunday, July 20th**

### Parish History Article

We would like to have an article in each month's newsletter with interesting tidbits from past events much like the "A Look Back" article in the Neighbors insert from the Monday editions of The Salina Journal. Many of you may have access to information that has happened at Salemsborg or Falun many, many years ago. It is so interesting to read what was happening in Salina 100-75-50 and 25 years ago. It would be just as interesting to know what was happening in our Parish community way back then. If you would be interested in such a section in our newsletter, please let Donna Swanson know. Also, if you do have tidbits you'd like to have printed, please submit those to her as well with the dates (as close as possible) of the event. Donna can be reached at 785-668-2600, or email her at [donlee@hometelco.net](mailto:donlee@hometelco.net).

### Parish Vacation Bible School

Parish VBS will be held June 23-27 at Salemsborg at 6:30 p.m. each evening. The theme this year is "Water Works Park" and is open to children 2 yrs to 5th grade. If you are interested in helping with this important event, please contact Melanie Barnett. A poster with more info is located on the inside cover of this newsletter.

### Special Thanks

**The United Youth Group** would like to thank Thrivent Financial for their generous Matching Funds for the Lasagna Dinner. They matched \$1,300.00!

**Thank you** for helping us in this fight against hunger and suffering. You truly make a difference in others lives! Sincerely, Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank.

**Thank you** for your prayers and friendly notes. Mary Norberg

### Parish Pool Party

The Parish Pool Party will be held on July 20th from 8-10:00 p.m. at the Lindsborg Pool. Admission will be \$1.00 per person. Prior to swimming, a picnic will be held at the park next to the pool in the shelter house closest to the pool, at 6:00 p.m. All members of the Parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Craft/Bake Sale and Flea Market

A big craft / bake, flea market sale will be coming up in the fall with a big mission weekend for the needy. Crafters and bakers can donate items. Flea market items are needed as well. Anything can be donated, but keep in mind a holiday and fall season. Outside vendors will be coming in also. Food, drinks and desserts will be available for a free will donation. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary if you are able to help in any way. On the list, please tell us what you will be making. This is a great opportunity to help those in need. Many thanks to all who help us every year. The Evangelism Committee

### TACOL Thrift Shop Update

New TACOL Thrift Store Renovation Update: THANKS to all who have helped so far! To date we have cleaned up, removed old ceiling tiles, added shelves, primed and painted, etc. Still have lots to do. Feel free to stop by and help out. It's located at the old bowling alley in Lindsborg.

### What do they call pastors in Germany?

(German Shepherds)

## "Children of Augustana"

Plan on it! Join your friends of the Augustana Synod Lutheran tradition as they gather to celebrate "Children of Augustana". June 19-22, 2008 are the dates and Lindsborg, Kansas is the place. The event will be held in conjunction with the long-standing traditional Lindsborg Midsommer's Day celebration. For more information about Gathering VI, see the website [www.augustanaheritage.org](http://www.augustanaheritage.org), or contact Pastor Richard Monson at 620-241-6003.

## Smoky Valley Men's Chorus

**The Smoky Valley Men's Choir** will perform at the Augustana Heritage Association Gathering on Friday, June 20, at 7pm., in Presser Hall. Rehearsals will be on three Tuesdays, June 3, 10, and 17 at 7pm, in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany Lutheran Church. All men (new singers, too), high school age and above in the Smoky Valley community are welcome to join the group for this performance. If you have questions, please call Leah Ann Anderson at 227-2643.

## Summer Camps at Bethany

Bethany College hosts a wide variety of summer camps for many ages and interest. Camps currently scheduled for 2008 include: Tennis Camp, June 2-6; Boys Commuter Basketball Camp, June 2-5; Girls Commuter Basketball Camp, June 9-12; Youth Crime Scene Investigation Camp, June 22-26; Commuter Youth Football Camp, June 21-24; Yearbook and Newspaper Workshop, June 28-31; Crime Scene Investigation Adult Workshop, August 1-3. For more information, contact Roxie Sjogren at 785-227-3380, ext. 8158, or [sjogrenr@bethanylb.edu](mailto:sjogrenr@bethanylb.edu).

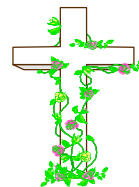
## Book Signings in Lindsborg

Two authors are coming to Lindsborg! Come meet Deborah Raney on May 31 at The Old Grind at 10:30am. Judith McCoy Miller will be coming on June 14 for a book signing at 10:30am at the Lindsborg Community Library. Both are Christian fiction writers sponsored by Friends of Lindsborg Library, Inc.

## Rosalie C. Nelson Service

A brief graveside service for Rosalie C. Nelson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will be held on July 12, 2008, at 11:30am at Salemsborg. Rosalie passed away on September 4, 2007. She was cremated. Her parents were August and Annie Carlson and her sister is Seretha Johnson. She grew up in this area and was a member of Salemsborg. She was married to Merle T. Nelson (also deceased). Lunch will be provided following the service.

## IN MEMORY



### Vivian A. Johnson

*November 24, 1919 -- April 29, 2008*

Vivian A. Johnson, 88, Lindsborg, formerly of Falun, died Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at Via Christi, St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. He was born on November 24, 1919 at Falun and was a life long resident before moving to Lindsborg in 2005. He was an army veteran of WWII, serving overseas for two years. He took part in the D-Day invasion of France. Vivian worked as an electrician and owned the Johnson Grocery and Electric Appliance Shop in Falun before becoming cashier and director of the Falun State Bank for 35 years retiring in 1986. He was a lifelong member of the Falun Lutheran Church and was a former board member and treasurer. He served the Falun Township Board for 45 years and was a trustee for 35 years. He also served on the Falun Sewer, Water and Park Boards and was a treasurer of the Falun Cemetery for 22 years. Falun was "his town". Vivian was a very devoted husband, father and grandfather. He especially loved going to Kyle and Becky's games, concerts and 4-H events. Kaylee, Kirsten and Kirk loved going to visit "Grandpa" and he eagerly awaited for their visits. Vivian loved golf, doing crossword puzzles and visiting and having coffee with his friends.

He was married to Ruth Rush on May 16, 1953 in Belleville, Kansas. She survives. Other survivors include a daughter Mary Negus and her husband Ray of Brookville, sons Tim Johnson of Wichita and Tom of Lindsborg. Grandson Kyle Neywick and wife Angela of Falun, Granddaughter Becky Heimer and husband Doug of Assaria and three great grandchildren Kaylee, Kirsten and Kirk Heimer of Assaria, 3 step grandchildren and 3 step great grandchildren. One brother Earl W. Johnson of Wichita, and one sister Lois Quinton of Aurora, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents Axel and Edith Blomberg Johnson, two brothers Julius and Norris Johnson, one sister Jane Pihl and one great granddaughter Christina Heimer.

Memorials are suggested to the Falun Lutheran Church or The Residents eating out fund at Bethany Home, Lindsborg, Kansas.

## 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

Thanks to all who helped with confirmation and the lock-in April 26, it is appreciated!

**Congratulations!** Kelly Pihl, Desiree Harrison, Bryce Kampfe, Nikki Taylor, Greyson Pihl, Taryn Scott, Wade Allton, Grace Aspenwall, and Quinn Dippel as they affirmed their baptism Sunday, May 4, 2008. We look forward to working with you to proclaim the Good News of Christ! God's continued blessings on your journeys.

**Many thanks** to Anita Neilson for filling in at the organ for Pat at Salemsborg on Sunday, May 4th.

**Pastor Ethan** and family were gone May 16-18th. In case of an emergency, we contacted your council chairperson. They had the name and number of the pastor who is covering for Pastor Ethan.

**The Salemsborg WELCA** ladies have made many beautiful quilts this year. They were on display around the Altar Sunday morning May 11th for all to enjoy. Quilts are donated to various organizations for those in need.

**Joshua Lindgren** held his Senior Recital on the organ and harpsichord May 11th in the evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Presser Hall. All were invited to attend.

**Thanks** to the Rev. Dr. Vance Eckstrom for leading Falun Lutheran in worship May 18th, it is appreciated very much. God bless you!

**Thanks** Doug Anderson for leading the worship and to the Sunday School youth for the message in music May 18th at Salemsborg. It is very much appreciated! God bless all of you!

**Sunday, May 18th**, Falun Lutheran Church held it's Sunday School Celebration! There were games, activities and a potluck. All ages were invited to come and play or just watch. Main dish and tableware were provided.

**Sunday, May 18th**, was the last day for Sunday School for the summer at Salemsborg. The Sunday School kids (8th grade and younger) gave "the sermon". Immediately after church there

there was a wiener roast meal provided for all the Sunday School families.

**The flowers in front** at Salemsborg on May 18th were in honor of Ray and Deanna Applequist's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

**An open house** was held to celebrate Ray & Deanna Applequist's 50th wedding anniversary. The event was held at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center from 2-4:00 p.m. on May 18th. All were invited and welcome to attend.

**Worship at Falun** on Sunday, May 25th, will be out at the Falun Cemetery in observance of Memorial Day Weekend. You may want to bring your lawn chairs if you have them.

**Amber Pihl** wishes to invite anyone from our Salemsborg/Falun Churches to help her celebrate her graduation from pharmacy school. Her graduation party will be Sunday, May 25th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Smoky Valley Nursery South of Lindsborg.

**Two authors** are coming to Lindsborg! Come meet Deborah Raney on May 31 at The Old Grind at 10:30am. Judith McCoy Miller will be coming on June 14 for a book signing at 10:30am at the Lindsborg Community Library. Both are Christian fiction writers sponsored by Friends of Lindsborg Library, Inc.

**The Noisy Offering** at Falun for the months of June/July will be Bethany College and Bethany Home.

**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 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

**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

*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: Beth Reed, Michaela (Kellie's niece), McKenzie Griffith, Danny Saum, Don Hawk, Cal Williams, Caden Wekamp, Calvin Carlson, Carol Hearn, Greg Aune, Carlina Swisher, Steve & Bren Blanner, Rebecca Copley Johnson,

Mike Nelson, Kristine Govier, Kristine Govier's friend, Linda Drake, Curtis Forsberg, Seretha Johnson, Sue Pihl, Carol Brown, Jennifer Hoffmans, Jennifer Applequist, Dolly Nelson, Leann Marr, Vickie Everhardt, Allen Nicholson, Paul Brown, Larry Lamer, Sgt. 1st Class Eddy Carranza, Tom Hollopeter, Harry Sandahl, Melinda Ho, the Tunison family, Jim Gooch, Evelyn Peterson's daughter Kathy, Luke & Tabitha Peterson, Lois Peterson, Anita Neilson and her family, Gerald Walter, Mary Tillberg's aunt, Pastor Steven Little, Leigh Heller, Joan Garman, families in conflict, Kathy Sadey, Deb Meyers, Jade Pihl, Janet Rowland, Diane Williams, Carolyn Johnson, Marjorie Oleen, Viola Miller, Karen Miller, Rosella Oleen,

Irene Dauer. We also pray for many unspoken requests. If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize. Please let us know.