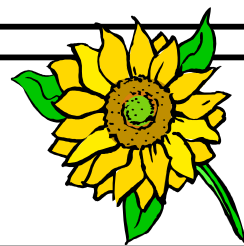
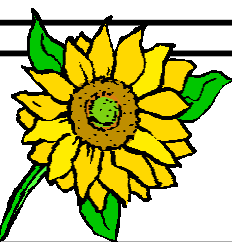


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Pastor's notes

*For just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body,
though many, are one body, so it is with
Christ...Indeed, the body does not consist of
one member but of many. Now you are the body of
Christ and individually members of it.*

Do you think you are a very important person? Do you think you are needed? Do you think anything would be different if you weren't here? Well, if you have ever felt that way, the reading from 1 Corinthians should tell you something different.

The verses from 1 Corinthians are just a glimpse to remind each one of us that we are important. Let me write that again, each one of us is important. Paul doesn't write any exemptions to the rule. No matter who you are, no matter what your age, male or female, you are an important member of the Body of Christ.

I want to remind you of your importance as we come upon another summer season. A season that usually means less attending worship services. A time when giving of our time, talents and treasures usually goes down for some reason. A time when we can get so caught up in what is going on or not going on that we forget we are needed by God. We are needed to be good stewards. We are needed to share what God has first given us, ourselves, our time and our possessions. We are needed to help the Body of Christ be fed, to grow and to proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

May we never forget how special we are—God created us and said, "That's good!". May we never forget when one hurts we all hurt. May we know that the Body needs each one of us always even in the summer time. We are needed to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ lived, died and rose again to give us and all who believe eternal life.

You are important! You are needed!

God's Peace, Paston Ethan

Pastor Ethan will be attending Confirmation Camp June 27 through July 2 at Camp Tomah Shinga. If you need him, please contact him on his cell phone 785-577-2429.

United Youth Group (UYG) News

The United Youth Group's annual camp out will be taking place the last week in July. We will head out to a lake on Wednesday, July 28th and have the youth picked up on Friday, July 30th no later than 7:30 pm. The lake we go to depends if we have anyone who would like to volunteer a boat and a driver on any of the days. If we have boats we will camp at Kanopolis Lake. If we don't have any, we will camp out at Lakeside. Be on the look out for further news and updates.

Planning for the 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering to be held in New Orleans has begun! Registration will be open September of 2011. All parish youth who are confirmed members who will have completed their freshman high school year in 2012 will be eligible to attend. It may seem a little early to be starting but it is not. We have an opportunity to send over 30 youth once again. The average cost per person is almost \$1,000. So, it's never too early to begin the process.

If you would like to sponsor a youth, please be in contact with a UYG sponsor or Pastor Ethan. We appreciate the support the parish has, is and will give to this endeavor! It is an experience that will change lives and will not be forgotten.

Salemsborg Gospel Quartet

Our Salemsborg Gospel Quartet is one of the finalists for the "Salina's Got Talent" competition. They will perform at the Stiefel Theatre this coming Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. You can also vote for them for the "People's Choice" award at www.salina.com. Voting ends at midnight on Wednesday, May 26th!

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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Salemsborg WELCA

A special meeting was held after church on May 23 to choose a delegate to our synodical convention July 23-25 at Branson, MO. Persons wanting to ride in a bus arranged by our cluster need to call Cecelia Anderson today. Registration for delegates is June 1. Mary Tillberg and Sherri Johnson were selected to go. Other women were not willing to commit themselves yet. It was also decided to pay the expenses for all going from Salemsborg. Anyone wishing to go as a non-delegate may send their registration by June 1. Call Mary Tillberg if you need a registration form and information. We will not have any general meetings in the summer. Our next meeting will be October 9. We were asked to serve refreshments at the Zimmerman sale to be held in August. Have a good summer. Mary Tillberg..coordinator.

Quilts which were on display on the Altar Rail on Sunday, May 9th (Mother's Day) were made by many of the WELCA ladies that came to the sewing days which were held the first four months of the year. Thirty-seven beautiful quilts were made which will be given to the Red Cross, Ashby House, DVACK, Rescue Mission and Lutheran World Relief!

Falun Lutheran Women

We are serving and helping with Bingo at Bethany Home on Monday, June 14. We need to be there at 1:45pm with 1 lb. of coffee, 80-100 prizes, snacks to serve and 10 servers. Please let Suzan or Gwen know if you can help. Bring prizes to church by June 6 so we are prepared in advance.

Thank You's

The members and sponsors of the Parish United Youth Group want to say "THANK YOU SO MUCH" for the great support at the lasagna dinner which was held on Sunday, April 25th! Because of you, we raised around \$2,000! Your support was and always will be appreciated.

Dear Salemsborg Lutheran Church, I want to thank you so much for the care package! It was an awesome surprise to find a huge box of great snacks in my mail! It feels good to know people are thinking about you 😊. I'm glad to be a part of such a great church!

Thanks again, Jennifer Suppes

Church Family, Thank you for your donation towards my education through my college years. I am lucky to be a part and belong to such a strong community and church family. Thank you, Jess MacDonald

Salemsborg Family, Thank you so much for the wonderful goodies! They will be great during finals. I deeply appreciate your thoughts as my 1st year at KSU comes to an end! Thanks, Trell Peterson

Thanks to everyone who does work behind the scenes that no one knows about. Your work is appreciated!

Honoring Salemsborg Brides

It has become increasingly difficult to schedule Bridal Showers. We have missed at least two brides. The Shower committee has designated June 27 to honor Jordan Johnson (Kendal Johnson), Lisa (Petty) Newman, Jade (Pihl) Banning, Cara MacDonald, Kelsey Pihl and Jessica MacDonald. There is a collection can and card for each bride on the piano in the church basement. You may place your monetary gift in the can and sign the appropriate card. We will honor each of them during coffee hour on June 27. Gift certificates will be purchased with the money collected by June 27 and given to them at a later date. (Checks should be made out to Salemsborg WELCA) Thanks!

Parish Graduates

Congratulations to all the students from our parish who are graduating this year. The names we have been given are: Ethan Hendricks, John Holmquist, Anna Nelson, Matt Roberts, Jordan Sherwood and Karissa Shultis graduating from Smoky Valley; Jade Pihl Banning and Kelsey Pihl graduating from Bethany College; Kelsey is continuing on to Wichita State University to get her masters degree as a Physician Assistant; Amber Morris graduated from Brown Mackie with an Associate Degree in nursing; Jessica MacDonald from Kansas State University and Britta Tjaden graduated Summa Cum Laude from Washburn University with a degree in Mass Media/Public Relations and minors in psychology and anthropology. Also graduating from K-State is Jason Sherwood. Graduates attending that day were each given a red rose.

Weddings at Salemsborg

On Saturday, April 10th Nikki Driscoll was Married to Tim Larson. On Saturday, May 1st Jade Pihl was married to Kendall Banning. May God bless these couples and their lives together.

Marriage and Family Therapy

Aneccea Stambaugh (a member of the Parish who attends Falun) is offering marriage and family therapy as well as individual therapy to those that are interested. She is pursuing her masters degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at Friends University in Wichita. As part of her internship she is offering this therapy service to our parish. Often larger churches have counseling centers, so this is truly a blessing for us. Obviously, any contact or information shared with Aneccea will remain confidential. If you are interested, or know of someone else that might be interested, call her at 785-212-0984, or visit with Pastor Ethan.

Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee is collecting diapers to benefit the Ashby House. They use 10-12 dozen diapers every day and could use all sizes. A box will be provided at the church for your donations. Thanks!

Flowers on Mother's Day

Red roses were placed on the Altar on Mother's Day to honor all mothers by Karla Pihl, Kelsey Pihl, Teresa Pihl and Christ Barnes.

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: The family & friends of Benno Joseph Michaelis-Pat Wineteer-Stamm's uncle, The family and friends of Vernon Tinkler, Leah Trask, and John Blasenbauer, all three killed in auto accident, Marcus Kern (home from the hospital), Darrel Holmquist-Hip surgery, Fred Westfahl-Kathy Rishel's father, Norman Watts-Dylan Goodell's grandfather-lung cancer, 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

New Organ Inaugural Recital

On Saturday, June 12, at 7:00pm, internationally acclaimed organist, Hector Olivera, will be performing an inaugural recital on the new Rogers digital/pipe combination organ at Salemsborg. Do Not Miss This Performance! It will be a once in a lifetime event! The following Sunday, June 13th we will be dedicating the new organ during the 11:00am worship service.

Midsummer's Festival

The Jenny Lind Concert will be presented by Astrid Robillard. She is the first mezzo-soprano to receive this prestigious award in 44 years. Astrid will be accompanied by Henrik Berg, a concert pianist with several Swedish orchestras. The concert will be held Sunday, June 13th at Bethany Lutheran Church at 7pm. with a reception following. Admission by free will donation.

The Swedish Gospel Sound, a group of 5 vocalists from southern Sweden, will be performing at 8pm June 18. This group specializes in oldtime, southern gospel music. Local vocalists from area churches will join in the concert and all will come together with the Swedish Gospel Sound for a grand finale. The cost is \$5, age 10 and under are free.

The traditional Swedish Vespers will conclude the Midsummer's weekend at Bethany Lutheran Church at 4:30pm, followed by a community pot-luck dinner.

If you are interested in having a food/bake sale booth, the information is on a poster along with the requirements and a sign up form on the church bulletin boards.

Lindsborg Senior Center

The Lindsborg Senior Center is needing people to deliver meals to the homebound. If you can perform this service, please contact Hulda at the Senior Center at 227-3983.

Lindsborg Community Hospital Needs

The Lindsborg Community Hospital is in need of all sizes of the following: Men's boxer shorts, Men's T-shirts, and Men's sleep pants. Donations may be taken to the hospital. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

How To Cope Workshop

The Central Kansas Foundation is offering a "How to Cope" workshop. How to Cope is designed for adult family, friends and loved ones of people who are abusing alcohol or drugs. This educational experience offers emotional, social and physical alternatives to the fear and anxiety of living with or being involved with someone who abuses alcohol or other drugs. The mission of How to Cope is to educate, provide support, foster awareness and offer help to those individuals in dysfunctional situations. The program was developed by the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence. The two day workshop will be held on Sat, June 5 and Sat. June 12, from 9am-4pm at the Central Kansas Foundation. There is no charge and lunch will be provided. More info is located on the church bulletin board.

Memory Lane

Phillip "Pip" Nelson was born 2 1/2 miles south of Smolan and became a baptized member of Salemsborg Lutheran Church. He was confirmed here 80 years ago this year. Gustav Erickson was the pastor at the church. His dad's dad was born and raised in Sweden. His mother was born to Swedish immigrants in Illinois, the daughter of C.J. Brodine who came to this area and was important to the Salemsborg community.

He went to school in Smolan. After finishing school he worked for Lockheed Aircraft in California . Folks from our area had moved there and suggested he come out to find work. In July of 1941 he was drafted into the military. At that time he was in his early 20's. He was inducted into the Army and was a part of a field artillery unit. He went to Europe and served there one year mainly in Germany and Czechoslovakia. The war ended while he was there.

A giant gun was used as a part of their artillery unit. It fired a bullet that weighed 96 lbs. and the powder charge was behind it. The gun and the tractor that pulled it which was a caterpillar type with tracks weighed 50,000 lbs. The unit used all kinds of vehicles but the gun crew rode on the tractor that pulled the guns.

While in northern Germany they spent quite a while working on a "pocket" of the enemy. His was the first field artillery unit to cross the Rhine River. A staff sergeant was sent ahead of them to make sure the way would be clear. One enemy soldier had been left behind to protect the bridge. After resolving that problem, there were still people that tried to blow it up. As a result of this, the bridge was leaning dangerously. So a corp of engineers strung a line of boats across the river and put planks on them and that's how they got across. In the process, the boats were actually under water as they made their way with all their heavy equipment.

The regular people in the war zone were very much like all of us. They didn't like the war either. Their language was close enough to Swedish that he could communicate with them pretty well.

He remembers seeing something strange while in Germany as well. Every morning a ferry would leave Hamburg and cross the Baltic Sea bound for Sweden. A bunch of Germans would board the ferry and go to a Swedish factory to work. At night they would ferry back to Germany to sleep and do the same the next day.

Upon returning from Europe Pip landed on the east coast. He was to go to California to be discharged but he talked to the right people and was discharged in Kansas. Later he returned to California and worked at Lockheed.

He met his wife Minnie when he got back from the Army. He worked with Chester Anderson at the Machine Shop and then went into partnership for a while. Eventually he ran his shop alone for 40 years. The last year he worked on cars the Cadillac had 17 computers. He laughingly said he couldn't tie things up with baling wire and make them work so it was time to quit.

He and Minnie attended Salemsborg and many social functions together. They were married 50 years. At this time, Pip is 93 years old.