

THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR

NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

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Pastors notes

The following are the paragraphs that the ones who affirmed their baptism wrote for the Sunday they were confirmed. They chose The Bible passage and wrote how the passage applies to their life and faith. They did a great Job! God has, is and will use these young people to build up the Body of Christ. Enjoy how God uses them now as you read their paragraphs for this newsletter and for those in the future.

Hannah Morrical

*"The Lord is my Shepherd;
I have everything I need"*

Psalm 23:1

We do have everything we need, but what about want? Wants and lust. Those are things that we don't need. But why do we insist? Why do we beg and then get mad at the Lord when we don't get something we want? Why? I guess that is the only thing we can ask. We are human and we can't change what we are. That's why I'm glad we have the Lord. Just like David said in Psalm 23; He watches us like a shepherd. He gives us everything we possibly need. He also gives us the power of forgiveness. He forgives us and allows us to forgive others. All those other things don't mean a thing, but we still want them. Wants are okay to have, but when you let them change the way you think and act, that's a problem. God thankfully helps us solve our problems. That's why I'm glad that the Lord is here for you and me.

Kirk Barnes

*"Guard me as the apple of the eye;
Hide me in the shadow of your wings."*

Psalm 17:8

We are a part of God, no matter what we do, God will be there, and He will protect us from evil. He will be watching over us constantly showing and providing the right way for us to travel. No matter what people may do to stop, or even take us off that path, He will give us the power to keep moving forward in the right direction as long as we always know He is with us, He will be there. If we get involved with the wrong people God will still love us and still protect us. He will give us the way out; all we have to do is follow. As long as we believe; all these options will

constantly be open, everything would be set on the right path just like us.

Micah Rehmert

*"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning or crying
or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

Revelation 21:4

My favorite Bible verse comes from Revelations. I realize that Revelations is supposed to be considered scary in some parts, but I think this verse has a positive message. To me, this verse means that when we pass away, everything will be great and new forever. God is the Alpha and the Omega; the beginning and the end.

Cole Norberg

*"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the
strength of my heart, and my portion forever."*

Psalm 73:26

The verse I have chosen is Psalm 73:26...*"My flesh and my heart may fail but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."* This verse pops into my head whenever I am disappointed or struggling in the real world. It helps me stay strong because I realize no matter how much I am messing up, God will always love me and find a way to turn things around. Next year when I head to high school, I know I will be put in front of temptations and hard times. So whenever it gets rough and rocky, this verse will remind me that God loves me no matter what and will help me through the worst of times. I know that with God behind me there's no hurdle I can't jump or any finish line that I can't cross.

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."

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!"

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W/ELCA NEWS

Salemsborg WELCA

Baking & Visitation at Bethany Home will be held on June 6th at 2:15pm. Calendar Group #3 will be in charge of coffee time after church. Sarah Group will meet June 23 at 9:30am at the Fellowship Center.

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Falun Lutheran Women

Falun Lutheran Women will host Bingo & Refreshments at Bethany Home on Monday, June 13. Ten helpers and 85-100 bingo prizes are needed. Workers can come to the Bethany Home Activities Center by 1:45pm to help set up.

On Tues, June 14, Senior Citizens will meet at Falun Church and June 21 the Quilting ladies will meet.

Falun Senior Citizens will meet at 1pm at the church on July 12, and the Quilting ladies will meet July 19th.

Friday, July 22 the Falun Lutheran Women are in charge of Bethany Home July Birthdays.

United Youth Group News

The UYG members are getting busy! On the radar are--National Youth Gathering, 30-Hour Famine and the Camp Out. It's going to be a busy summer.

The members are already starting to send in their funds for the National Youth Gathering. The first payment of \$75 (non-refundable) needs to be in no later than June 5th! The total registration for the Gathering is \$325. Registration will be on October 9, 2011. We have informed the youth that they are to budget \$1000 for the trip. The United Youth Group hopefully will try to give each youth \$500. If you feel that the youth ministry of the parish is important and would like to sponsor a youth for the trip, please contact a sponsor. Already there has been 24 youth signed up to go so far. There will be eight sponsors going with them. We are blessed to have such a great youth group!

On Saturday and Sunday, July 23 & 24, beginning at 12 noon Saturday and going to 6:00pm Sunday, the UYG will be participating in the 30 Hour Fast program. You can find out more info about this project in this newsletter.

Then on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 27-29, we have the Annual UYG Camp Out. Where we camp out depends on if we have enough boats and drivers. If we do, we will be at Kanopolis Lake. If not, we will be going to Lakeside. If you have a boat and can drive, let a UYG member know about it. A \$10 non-refundable deposit for the camp Out is due June 26.

The UYG members and sponsors thank you for your support in the past, present and future!

Thank You's

Thank you, Salemsborg congregation, for your visits, cards, prayers, and to Pastor Ethan for visits in the hospital. You are truly appreciated. Einar & Kristin.

More Thanks

"Friends at Salemsborg, We are very blessed to have friends like you! Thank you for your help in feeding others! Sincerely, Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank"

"Dear Salemsborg Church Family; Thank you for choosing me as a recipient for scholarship money. It will help greatly as I continue to pursue my education at Kansas State University. Your continued support of the youth within the congregation is very much appreciated. Thanks again, John Holmquist"

"Salemsborg Family'; Thank you for the AWESOME finals care package. It was the perfect thing to help get me through the week! God Bless, Trell Peterson"

Sound System Help Needed

Salemsborg Church is looking for five volunteers who would be willing to operate the church sound system for worship services, weddings and funerals. The sound board is in the process of being moved to the back of the sanctuary and will be housed in the console of the old organ. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Wayne Carlson for more details.

Parish Graduates

Congratulations to all those in our Parish who are graduating or have graduated this year! From Smoky Valley High School we have **Sam Carlson** (attending Ft. Hays or K-State studying Agriculture); **Alex Feistner** (attending Salina Vo-Tech to study Diesel Mechanics. He will graduate from Salina Vo-Tech in 2012); **Rachel Norberg** (attending K-State with a General Education); **Ashley Pihl** (attending K-State studying Hotel & Restaurant Mgt.); **Lori Dauer** (attending Sterling College studying Athletic Training); **Koltin Howard-Talbott** (attending K-State Salina in the Pilot Program); **Bailey Kampfe** (attending Washburn University); **Emily Jones** (attending Kansas University); **Ian Lemen**; From Southeast of Saline: **Taylor Peterson** (attending Kansas State); From Salina Tech: **Raymond Dauer** with a Welding Degree; From Kansas State University: **Jordan Oborg** in Elementary Education; **Jason Carlson** graduating in Mechanical Engineering; **Dustin Norberg** in Agriculture; From Fort Hays State University: **Sandra Cromwell** with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education; From Friends University: **Necie Stambaugh** with a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy; From Hutchinson Community College: **Nikki (Driscoll) Larson** in the Nursing Program; From the U.S. Air Force Academy: **Heather Greenup**

A Friendly Reminder

Please shut off all the lights and lock the doors if you are the last one in the church. If you don't have a key, you can lock up front doors and go out the back door. We have had lights left on and doors left open at the Fellowship Center, and at both churches. Thanks for your help!

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 Vacation Bible School

Many thanks to Tammy Surface for volunteering to direct VBS for our children this year. The event will be held the week of July 18th-22nd beginning at 5pm. **(Please note the change of dates)** The theme will be Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid. A sign up sheet is located on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. If you need to contact Tammy, her number is 785-201-7000. Volunteers are needed!

Parish Baptisms

Congratulations! Keenan Diesel Ford on your baptismal day, May 1, 2011. May God bless you and keep you and may we as fellow members of the Body of Christ always be there for you! Keenan was baptized at Salemsborg Lutheran Church.

Congratulations Libby Kate Blanner on your baptismal day, May 22, 2011. God has claimed you! You are marked with the cross of Christ! God will never abandon you! May the members of Falun Lutheran and this parish always be there for you as sponsors and fellow members of the Body of Christ!

One Day Ladies Retreat

Messiah women invite all women to attend a one day retreat on Saturday, July 30 from 9am to 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. The theme will be: "Renew, Respond, Rejoice". You are invited to come for the whole day if your schedule will allow, if not, come from the morning and leave after lunch or come for lunch and stay for the afternoon. Please RSVP by July 20, (Messiah church office at 227-3977) so we will have an idea of our lunch count. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray costs. Contact Mary Bridges if you have questions at marybridges@mlc.kscoxmail.com.

Beginning the first Sunday in June, Falun worship will begin at 10:30am. This time will be in effect through June, July and August.

Anniversary Congratulations!

Congratulations to Don & Betty Pihl on their 60th wedding anniversary. Coffee & cake were served in the church basement at Salemsborg following services on May 22, 2011. The Pihl's were married on May 27, 1951 at Salemsborg.

90th Birthday Celebration

A 90th birthday celebration will be held to honor Ingrid Lofgren on June 26, 2011 at Salemsborg. Cake will be served during coffee time. All are welcome. Ingrid will be 90 years old on June 29th.

Falun Friends Reunion & Potluck

Anyone connected to Falun and the community in the past to the present is welcome to attend to visit and reminisce at the Falun Lutheran Church Parish Hall & Park on July 30, 2011 from 4-7pm. Please RSVP by July 10th if you plan to attend and how many will be with you and what you are planning to bring to Falun.Friends@groups.facebook.com or contact Bill Robb at green4@gbta.net, or 785-726-4013. Bring a main dish, a side dish, perhaps and/or a dessert and table service. Drinks, ice and cups will be provided. A free-will donation will be accepted (\$2-\$5 suggested) for clean-up and utilities. Dress is casual, lawnchairs suggested. Feel free to bring photos and cameras.

The deadline for information needed for the August 2011 Newsletter is Wednesday, July 20th

Please contact Pastor Ethan or Donna Swanson

if you want to add or remove a name from our prayers.

We remember in prayer those who have been brought to our attention: DeAnna Cullins, friend of Kristi, Ellen & Peggy, shattered ankle from car accident; Einar Johnson, bypass surgery; Aryanna Nagy, Soderstrom 3rd grader, Aplastic anemia; Sandy Muts, friend of Cindy Dimitri, breast cancer; Ward Nelson, C-spine surgery; Marjorie Oleen; Charles & Arlene Kelley; Ridge Johnson (Kendall & Jordan Johnson's baby), born prematurely; Kananda Kindlesparger, Guillain-Barre' Syndrome; Jay Steinberg, cancer; Jeff Arnold, Lisa Newman's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy; Melvin Cales, Kellie Feistner's friend's dad, stage 4 cancer; Chance Watkins, immune problems; S/Sgt. Nate Conley, Art Barnett's son-in-law, Stationed in Afghanistan; CWO-3 Edward DuBois, Tammy Surface's brother, Deployed to Afghanistan; Michaela Stratton, Kellie Feistner's niece, seizures; Harold Hartshorn, Tricia Hawk's father, prostate cancer; Jan & Jim Nelson's daughters: Carlena Quisenberry, stroke, and Linda Martin, cancer; Arlene, Betty Pihl's nephew's wife, cancer has spread and has other health issues; 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.

Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation Sunday

Affirmation of Baptism Sunday/Confirmation Sunday was held May 1, 2011. Nine individuals affirmed their baptism: Morgan Roets, Hannah Lemen, Hannah Morrival, Kirk Barnes, Aaron Taylor, Liberty Hollingshead, Micah Rehmer, Cole Norberg and Brianna Fink. Thanks to all who attended that day and showed their support to and for these young people on this big and important day in their faith journeys.

Storms & Floods

An outbreak of tornados tore across the Midwest this weekend, leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Minnesota.

Especially hard-hit is Joplin, Mo., where a powerful tornado leveled parts of the community, killing over a hundred people. Residents say the city is completely unrecognizable.

The building that housed an ELCA congregation has been destroyed, according to it's pastor. Please keep the Rev. Bill Pape and the people of Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin in your prayers.

This outbreak is one of several destructive storms this spring. Communities throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to floods and severe storms.

ELCA Disaster Response is already assessing the situation in Joplin and other areas affected by severe storms and flooding. Your gifts are needed to help provide for the immediate and long-term needs of those affected by these disasters.

If you would like to donate to help please send your check to: ELCA Disaster Response; 39330 Treasury Center; Chicago, IL 60694-9300. Write "US Severe Storms" on your check's memo line.

At the present, they request only monetary donations. There is no vehicle in place for transport / storage / distribution of goods of any kind. Prayers and financial contributions are the most beneficial at the moment. This address has also been given to make a financial donation: Disaster Response; Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri; 8631 Delmar Blvd; St. Louis, MO 63124.

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 provided 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 all your help.

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!

A reception was held to celebrate Martha Dunham's 90th birthday on May 1, 2011 from 2-4pm at the Bethany Home Activities Center.

Salemsborg Church Council met following worship on May 8th in the Fellowship Center.

The UYG met after worship at Salemsborg on Sunday, May 22nd to discuss the National Youth Gathering, 30 Hour Hunger and Camp-Out.

The food bank in Salina is completely out of noodles, rice and canned fruit. If you would like to help, please leave items in the box at Salemsborg, or contact Janice Morris from Falun Lutheran.

The Care Packages for Our Troops program is an ongoing ministry. If you have questions you can contact Rick Saunders at 785-822-2346 or email him at shdyrest@hometelco.net. Items suggested are located on the donation box by the front door of the church. Thanks to all who have already donated items for this wonderful cause.

The Noisy Offering at Falun and Salemsborg will be combined quarterly. This quarter the proceeds will be given to DVAC.

Those who would like to send a donation directly to the Synod may do so by mailing it to: Central States Synod E.L.C.A.; 21 N. 12th St., Suite 210; Kansas City, KS. 66102.

If you are ever interested in using the Fellowship Center for any reason, please contact Nita Kay Carlson. If you need to contact her please email her at wncarlson@hometelco.net. By phone you can reach her on her cell at 785-227-5363

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.

Parish Ice Cream Social

A tentative date of August 14th has been set by the Evangelism Committee for the annual ice cream social. Proceeds from the event will go to the sound system and fun entertainment is planned. More information will be given closer to the time.

Church Signs

"Honk if you love Jesus! Text while you drive if you want to meet Him!"
"Read the Bible! It's user friendly. Plus, we offer tech support here on Sundays!"

**Without God our week would be: Sindy,
Mournday, Tearsday, Wasteday, Thirstday,
Fightday and shatterday!**