

# THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR

NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

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## Pastors notes

*"Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love...." \*---God*

### Lent Begins!

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 9. We will gather at Salemsborg as a Parish for the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm. There will be the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

During the season of Lent, we will have mid-week suppers and a short worship service on Wednesday nights beginning at 6:30pm Let's get together to build up our faith and the Body of Christ.

### United Youth Group Lasagna Dinner Tickets!

The members of the United Youth Group will begin selling tickets for their annual lasagna dinner this month. They will be selling them during the fellowship times at both churches. Tickets will be the same cost as last year, \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for the children's meal in the Salemsborg church basement. Thanks for your support!

### The Feistner Family Will be Going on Their Cruise!

Pastor Ethan, Kellie and Alex will be going on their cruise March 18th through March 26th. In case of an emergency, the Council members will have the number of the pastor covering for Pastor Ethan. The Feistners once again thank all of the people who contributed anything towards this awesome gift! This Parish Rocks!!!!

*\*Joel 2:12-13 NRSV*

### 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 Pancake Supper

The Annual Falun Pancake Supper will be held at the Falun Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 13, 2011 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Pancakes, Sausage, Sloppy Joes, Pie, Pop, Tea and Coffee will be served. A free will donation will be taken with proceeds going to help their youth attend church camp.

### TACOL Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 6:45 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Tickets can be purchased from Janice Morris and Melanie Barnett or any of the TACOL churches or Scott's Thriftway. The price of the tickets is \$4.00. Marvin Anderson is scheduled as the speaker this year.

### Thank You

*Thank you so much for all the gifts, the cards, the prayers, the kind words, brunch, the choir anthem, all the blessings, you gave me on my birthday, they were and are really appreciated. I am a very blessed pastor because of the love God shows me through all of you!—Pastor Ethan*

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and kind deeds during the lengthy illness and at the time of the death of my dear brother, Kurtiss. All the concern and caring that was expressed was such a blessing and comfort during a time when it was most needed. May our gracious Lord's blessings be with you always. Dolly

Gray wintery days are brightened because your love puts sunshine in many people's hearts! Thank you for the food that you donated. Sincerely, Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank; Freda Reese.

### New Baby

Congratulations to Jeremy & Jennifer Watkins on the birth of their son Colton Lee. He was born January 25, 2011. He weighed 6 lbs, 9 oz.

### 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

Salemsborg WELCA will meet for their sewing day on Thursday, March 10th at 9:30am. Potluck will be shared at noon with business discussed at 12:30. Ladies are welcome to participate in all or part of this special day.

Sarah Group will meet on Thursday, March 24th at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center at 9:30am.

Lydia Tabitha Group will meet the same day at the church at 2:00pm

Esther Group will meet on March 28th at 7:30pm at the church.

### Falun Lutheran Women

Falun Lutheran Women will help host their Annual Pancake Feed on Sunday, March 13th from 4:30-7:00pm. They will serve pancakes, sausage, sloppy joes, pie, pop, tea and coffee. A free-will donation will be taken.

The Falun Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, March 8th at 1:00pm and the ladies quilting group will meet on Tuesday, March 22nd.

### Swedish Genealogy Workshops

Swedish Genealogy Workshops will be held at Vision\_Tek Computer Lab 121 S. Main in Lindsborg. On February 26th it will be "Beyond the Census: Your Ancestors in Local U.S. Records". It will be from 10am--12 noon, followed by individual research time with assistance 1-4pm. On March 19th, "Using Swedish Records Online" will be held from 10am--12 noon, followed by research time with assistance 1-4pm. These sessions are sponsored by Vision-Tek with Old Mill Museum Archives instructors. Vision-Tek Members \$10, Non-Members, \$20 per class. To register call 785-227-4292 or 785-906-0145.

### Keeping the Farm in the Family

This presentation discusses the basic financial, estate and relationship management questions in a transition of exiting the farm/business and the potential obstacles you may face. By attending this workshop, you will be taking an important step toward preparing for your financial future and the transition of your farm/business when the time comes. Set up "SMART" goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-based, and Timed. We encourage a team approach using your attorney, tax advisor and financial representative to help you take steps to reach your goals. This is a non-product specific presentation and you will NOT be asked to buy a product. This educational workshop is being supported by your local Thrivent Financial Saline Valley Chapter, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and its' local Financial Representatives. You do not have to be a member to attend. Held on March 15th at 6pm for a free catered meal with presentation at 6:45pm, at Redeemer Lutheran church in Salina. Call Rustin Leonard at 785-822-0653 or Vern Schepmann at 785-827-9540. RSVP by March 4th.

### Falun Friends Reunion & Potluck--July 30th

Anyone connected to Falun and the Community in the past to present are welcome to attend to visit and reminisce at the Falun Lutheran Church Parish Hall & Park on July 30, 2011 from 4:00pm--7:00pm. Please RSVP by July 15th if you plan to attend and how many to Bill Robb at [green4@gbta.net](mailto:green4@gbta.net), or [Falun.Friends@groups.facebook.com](mailto:Falun.Friends@groups.facebook.com) or 785-726-4013.

Bring a main dish, a side dish, perhaps a dessert and table service. Drinks, ice and cups will be provided.

### Mother's Hour

Mother's Hour will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at the First Covenant Church, 2625 E. Magnolia Rd. in Salina. This month the program will be presented by Melony McClure. Her subject will be Momathon. She will cover the many pressures that can so often consume a mom's focus that can leave her feeling like she has been running a marathon, which she can easily lose sight of the big picture. Mother's Hour is an inter-denominational ministry whose purpose is to give encouragement to women and parents of preschool and school-age children. There are supervised nurseries for infants and teaching activities for toddlers through 6-year olds. There is no charge to attend.

### 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 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 church. Thanks for your help!

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).

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](mailto:wncarlson@hometelco.net). By phone you can reach her on her cell at 785-227-5363

## TACOL News

TACOL is sponsoring a trip to the McPherson County Food Bank on March 11th at 2:00pm, leaving at 2pm from 126 S. Washington (south of Covenant Church). You must have a voucher from an area clergy or social service professional first. For more information, call Janice Morris at 785-822-4296.

### First Communion

Congratulations to Heather Surface on her First Communion on Sunday, February 20th! May she always remember that there is always a place for her at the Lord's Table! God's blessing and peace!

### Last Confirmation Day

Next Saturday is our last confirmation class day! It begins at 9:00 am and will end around 2:30 pm. We will be going over the Lord's Prayer. Then we will have our lock in beginning at 8:00 pm and going until 7:00 am Sunday morning. Parents and youth should be getting a permission slip via email this week for the lock-in.



**Annual Meetings** were held at both congregations on Sunday, February 6th after shortened worship services. At Falun a potluck soup lunch was held after their meeting.

**Theophilus Super Bowl Party** was held the evening of Sunday, Feb. 6th beginning around 5-5:30pm. Members were asked to bring food to share and maybe a comfortable chair to sit on, it's was a fun time!

**Thanks to everyone** who helped make the confirmation class day a great success on Feb. 12, you are appreciated! Our next and last confirmation class day will be Saturday, February 26th. Class will be from 9:00 am to around 2:30 pm. We have a lock-in scheduled for that evening beginning at 8:00 pm and going until 7:00 am Sunday morning.

**The Noisy Offering** at Falun for the months of January, February and March will be the Bethany Home Dining Out Fund.

**Salemborg** will continue their noisy offering on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

**The deadline for information needed for the April 2011 Newsletter is Sunday, March 20th**

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

**Please contact Pastor Ethan or Donna Swanson**  
**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 and friends of Anna B. (Bjorkman) Brandenburg of Randolph, N.J. Anna was the daughter of former Pastor & Mrs. A.J. Bjorkman—Audrey Miller's sister-in-law, (Her funeral was Sat, Feb 19th in Faribault, Minn.), Melvin Cales—Kellie Feistner's friend's dad—stage 4 cancer, Chance Watkins—immune problems, CWO-3 Edward DuBois—Tammy Surface's brother—Deployed to Afghanistan, Reed Krone (1 yr. old)—friend of Joel & Jeri Wimer—liver cancer, Blake Northcutt—Northcutt's nephew—serving w/ USAF in Afghanistan, Arlie Holmes—Deanna Applequist's brother-in-law—Massive heart attack, Ethan Harkin (infant)—Donna's family—tumor on his heart, Michaela Stratton—Kellie Feistner's niece—seizures, Charles & Arlene Kelley, 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.

### 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