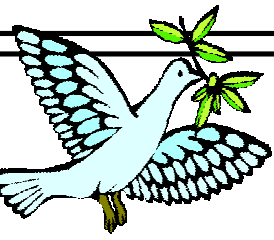
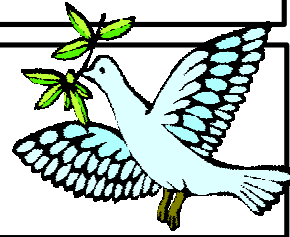


# THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR



NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

MARCH 2009



## FROM THE PASTOR



Our Lenten journey continues through March. We continue to remember and focus on our need for God and God's grace. We remember that we cannot by our own understanding or effort believe in Christ or come to Him. We remember how Jesus gave up so much for us and for our salvation. We remember that we are called to follow the Messiah, the Servant. We remember and confess how we fall short of that calling. We remember as we gather around the Word. We remember as we gather as individuals and as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

We remember. We remember. We remember.

We humbly rejoice in the salvation Christ has given us. We humbly rejoice in the love and grace shed upon us through Jesus. We humbly rejoice in the relationship God has called us into through the cross, empty tomb and the Spirit of Pentecost. We humbly rejoice as we live our lives with hearts that are enclosed in God's hands. We humbly rejoice in the Life God has given us.

We humbly rejoice. We humbly rejoice.  
We humbly rejoice

May God's Holy Spirit continue to lead us; May God's Holy Spirit continue to move our hearts and minds to a closer relationship with God; May God's Holy Spirit bless us and keep us growing in faith!

In Christ, Pastor Ethan

### Confirmation Class Day and Lock-in

We will have our final confirmation day on Saturday, March 28th beginning at 9:00 am through 3:00 pm. The youth are to bring snacks to share. The following people have signed up for lunch: Nita Kay Carlson, the Wimers, John & Tricia Hawk and David & Patricia Stamm

We will gather at 8:00 pm for the lock-in. Parents are asked to pick up your child Sunday morning no later than 7:30 am. The youth are required to attend worship at Salemsborg Sunday morning. Youth are to bring snacks and drinks to share, a sleeping bag and pillow just in case any sleep is attempted. Youth should also bring warm clothes for our trip into the sanctuary and cemetery weather permitting. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ethan

### United Youth Group Annual Lasagna Dinner/Fund Raiser

The dinner will be held on Sunday, March 29th after the joint parish worship service at Salemsborg Lutheran. The dinner will be held at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center. A ticket for the Lasagna dinner no matter what age is a donation of \$8. The dinner includes salad, lasagna, bread stick, dessert and beverage. For children 10 and under who will be eating a child friendly dinner in the Salemsborg basement a ticket will be a \$5 donation. The Smoky Valley H. S. Jazz Band will be the entertainment at the Fellowship Center. All proceeds will go towards the United Youth Group. There will be a limit of 120 tickets sold for the lasagna dinner. Tickets will be sold by United Youth Group members beginning March 2nd. Thank you for your continued support!

### Discussion on The Shack continues

We will gather in the Salemsborg Fellowship Center on March 8th around noon to continue our discussion on The Shack. If you have any questions about who is serving dinner on this day, please contact Tricia Hawk. All are welcome to come and join in on the fun, food and fellowship.

### Financial Peace University continues

Financial Peace University continues on Sunday nights beginning at 6:30 pm through the month of March.

### Lenten Suppers Begin Wednesday, March 4th !!!

During the season of Lent, we will gather as a Parish in the Fellowship Center on Wednesday nights for food, fellowship and worship. Supper will begin at 6:30 pm and will be served by different Council groups. A free-will offering will be gathered to cover the cost of the food. Please, plan on attending these opportunities to grow in faith and as a Body of Christ.

### 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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*ease 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 and friends of Lois Larson, Jaden McBride, DeVere Blomberg, Sgt. Carlos Moran, Mary Craig, Chandra McClure, Nikki Driscoll, Don Pihl, Cindy Dimitri, Edna Kvacik, Don Cheever, Robin Roets' aunt, Karson Schierling, Calvin Carlson, Marie Nelson, Axel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Ron & Gayla Bloyd, Malcom Stambaugh, Kristy Bergstrom, Cal Williams, Caden Wekamp, Greg Aune, Carlina Swisher, Steve & Bren Blanner, Rebecca Copley Johnson, Kristine Govier, Kristine Govier's two friends, Seretha Johnson, Jennifer Hoffmans, Leann Marr, Vickie Everhardt, Allen Nicholson, Larry Lamer, Tom Hollopeter, Harry Sandahl, Melinda Ho, Jim Gooch, Evelyn Peterson's daughter Kathy, Mary Tillberg's aunt, Pastor Steven Little, Leigh Heller, Joan Garman, families in conflict, Kathy Sadey, Deb Meyers, Diane Williams, Carolyn Johnson, Marjorie Oleen, Viola Miller, Rosella Oleen, . We also pray for many unspoken requests. If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize. Please let us know so we can include them next time.

#### **Svensk Hyllningsfest Committee Fundraiser**

Pre-made cookie dough in 2.75-3lb. tubs are being sold by committee members to help raise funds for the 2009 Hyllningsfest this October. Each tub is \$12. Payment is due when ordering the cookies. Flavors are: Chocolate Chunk, Peanut Butter, M&M, Sugar, Whole Grain Chocolate Chip, Triple Chocolate, Oatmeal Raisin, Sugar-Free Chocolate Chip, Chocolate Chip Pecan and White Chocolate Macadamia. Contact Sandy Bryant (227-3626), or any Svensk Hyllningsfest Committee member before March 23. Cookies will arrive the week of April 11th.

#### **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

### Salemsborg WELCA

We had another good Sewing Day on February 12th. The sewing machines were kept busy mending the flags and sewing quilts. The rest of us tied quilts and prepared quilts to be tied.

Pages 10-13 of our Program Book need to be corrected as follows:

Page 10--Calendar Group #1--February, June, October

Page 11--Calendar Group #2--March, July, November

Page 12--Calendar Group #3--April, August, December

Page 13--Calendar Group #4--January, May, September

The individual months on pages 18-28 are correct.

Thanks to all who helped with Bingo at Bethany Home on February 18th. The residents enjoyed playing, receiving prizes and the lunch. Thank you, Audrey, for correlating the event.

We are looking forward to another Sewing Day on March 12th. We have good fellowship, lots of good food and get quilts made. If you can't come for the whole day, come for part of the day.

### Falun Lutheran Women

The Falun Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 1:00 p.m.

The Falun Quilting group will meet on March 23 at 10am.

### Lenten Suppers and Confirmation Participants!

Don't forget!, confirmation students are to attend the Mid-week Lenten suppers and services. As is the tradition, confirmation youth are to bring something special to each supper. For the first supper, youth are to bring something that is hot to the taste that you will eat. What the youth are to bring for the other weeks will be announced at the Sunday worship services before the Wednesday night.

### Wedding Invitation

**Our Parish** is invited to the wedding of Shawn Marvin and Kristine Govier on March 20th at 4:00 p.m. The reception/meal will be held at the Fellowship Center following the ceremony. They need to have some idea about the number who plan to attend, so a sign up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary. You can also RSVP by calling her at 785-212-0430 or emailing her at [kgovier@cox.net](mailto:kgovier@cox.net) by March 8th after church.

### In Case of Bad Weather

When there is bad weather this winter and you need to check to see if events or services for the parish will be held or canceled, please listen to KSAL, look on [ksalink.com](http://ksalink.com), or watch Channel 12 or Channel 3.

### Thank You's

"Salemsborg, Just to say how much your kindness was appreciated. I want to tell you how much I appreciate the church scholarship. Thank you very much. Jade Pihl"

"Dear Salemsborg Church Council, Thank you so much for the two scholarships I received from you. They were very unexpected and very much appreciated. I have completed one semester at KU and have really enjoyed it. Although it has been tough and there have been many ups and downs, overall my experience

experience at KU so far has been wonderful. I have already made arrangements for housing for next year. However, everything about going to college is expensive and this scholarship money will be very helpful to me and my family. Thanks for thinking of me and please pass on my thanks to the people who have set up the Wimer Family Wittel Charitable Foundation Scholarship. Eric Hawk"

"To the Salemsborg Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Wimer Family Wittel Charitable Foundation. Dear Pastor Ethan and Congregation, It was with great joy and gratitude that I received the Salemsborg Student Scholarship. It really means a lot to me that you would think to send me this very generous scholarship. I will use the sum to either pay back some of my loans or to buy books. As you may know, I'm ow a freshman majoring in Biochemistry at Boston University. I'm extremely busy, but I'm also very happy to be in the city. Though it lacks the beauty of Kansas, Boston compensates culturally. However, there's no equal to the polite and courteous nature of the folks back in Kansas. I think I'm where I need to be, but I certainly do miss the Smoky Valley, it's rolling hills and its population. After my studies here I will probably go to graduate school to get my Masters in Pharmacology. As of now I plan to go into pharmaceutical research and development. Chances are I'll end up living on the east coast, but there will always be a special place in my heart for Kansas. Thank you again for this unexpected gift. Yours Truly, Jon M. Nelson "

### Christian Youth Day at Bethany

Christian Youth Day will be held at Bethany College on Saturday, March 7, 2009. A large list of events appear on information which is located on the bulletin boards of each church. The deadline for registration is Friday, Feb. 20, 2009. For more questions contact Noni Strand, Campus Pastor at 785-227-3380, ext. 8340, or [strandn@bethanylb.edu](mailto:strandn@bethanylb.edu).

### Bethany College Events

**March 3--**Music Dept. Recital--2pm--Presser Hall

**March 6--**Swede Friday hosted by Admission Office

**March 7--**Christian Youth Day

**March 12--**Mexican Youth Band Concert--  
7:30pm--Presser Hall

**March 13--**Guest Artists Chamber Recital--  
7:30pm--Presser Hall

**March 17--**Music Dept. Recital--2pm--Presser Hall

**April 5-12--**Messiah Festival of the Arts

### Bethany Alumni Council Seeks New Members

The Bethany Alumni Council is seeking alums interested in serving the college as a member of the Council. Council members are ambassadors for the college in their communities and provide support to activities sponsored by the Alumni Office. It meets twice yearly. Interested persons should complete the form found on the bulletin boards at both churches and return to Molly Johnson no later than March 8.

**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**

**Information needed for the April 2009 Newsletter is due by Friday, March 20th.**

## Memory Lane

A wonderful afternoon was spent with Emery & Doris Frost in their "picture room" going over their bountiful supply of memorabilia from Salemsborg and this surrounding community. It is all so interesting. Days could be spent going through all of it.

During his time here, Pastor Gustaf Erickson communicated with the people via the "Messenger". The documents contain a lot of very elaborate hand drawn art done by Pastor Erickson. Many were in Swedish as well as English.

Below is an excerpt from the last messenger he sent out dated Sunday, October 29, 1939. It was a fond look back at his years here from beginning to end. This page dealt with the complete cost of building our present two tower church.

### THE COST OF THE SALEMSBORG

#### TWO TOWER CHURCH

The church has cost us much worry, much planning, labor and sacrifice; but it has all been repaid many times for the last twelve years when we have met to worship on the Sabbath Day.

#### THE COST

Construction of the church building.....	\$48,206.79
Furnace and heating.....	3,129.36
Electric Light.....	1,324.00
Brass chandeliers for the light.....	1,237.01
The Pipe Organ.....	5,210.00
Carpets and Rugs.....	1,452.07
Plumbing.....	1,400.00
Gold Leaf for the Cross.....	60.00
The Windows, All in one total sum.....	4,060.03
North and South Altar Painting.....	150.00
The Architect.....	3,013.85
Church Pews.....	2,884.59
Freight and Express.....	589.14
Miscellaneous Expences.....	93.74
A total sum of.....	\$72,810.58

If you add the cost of the church and the cost of the chimes, it will amount to the respectable sum of \$81,255.42.

Total income of the regular subscription.....	\$49,822.50
Special Gifts.....	2,688.27
Total.....	\$52,510.77

We the undersigned, have this day, the 25th of October, 1939, audited the Church Building Fund of 1925 and found same to be correct and approved.

Raymond Holmquist  
Amos E. Ryding  
Elmer L. Johnson

As a side note, also printed in the booklet was a listing of all the people who donated ("subscribed") and special gifts and the amounts. In other booklets names and their attendance were listed. Very interesting reading.

If you have interesting "tidbits" of history from this parish which can be included in this special section of the newsletter, please give them to Donna by the 20th of each month. Call her at 785-668-2600 or email her at [donlee@hometelco.net](mailto:donlee@hometelco.net).



## Parish Notes

**At Salemsborg**, after the annual meeting, we gathered to enjoy chili and cinnamon rolls. The cinnamon rolls were provided.

**At Falun** after the annual meeting we had soup for lunch after the meeting. Crock pots of soup were brought to share. Drink, crackers and dessert were provided.

**The Annual Theophilus Super Bowl Party** was held on February 1. The game began at 5:00 pm. Members brought a comfy chair, snacks and drinks to share.

**Jerrine Oleen's** third grade class is collecting "Express Bucks" this year from the Salina Journal. The "bucks" will appear daily in The Journal from Jan. 20-March 10. This year they are gathering them for the benefit of Chapman Elementary School. Everything they collect will be sent to them. Clipped "Express Bucks" can be given to Jerrine. Contact her at 227-3270 if you have an questions.

**Thanks to the Salemsborg Quartet** for their special music February 8 at Salemsborg. The Quartet (Tyler Johnson, Dallas Bruhl, Phil Kampfe, Wayne Carlson) decided they needed help with the song they wanted to sing, so they enlisted the help of the original Salemsborg Quartet (Dave Anderson, Darrel Holmquist, Cecil Peterson, Dale Johnson). The result was inspiring. They received a standing ovation.

**Thanks and blessings** to all the newly elected people who were installed February 8!

**There is a Theophilus** schedule in the back of the Sanctuary for people to sign up to co-host our get togethers.

**Worship/Music committee met** at Salemsborg beginning at 5 pm on February 8.

**The Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee** invited all to join in a "Getting to Know You" Sunday. We've been hearing old and new members say, "We don't know all the people in our church". So—today, (Feb. 15) we had an extended coffee hour for those not involved in Sunday School. Between 11:30am and 12:00pm they served hot ham and cheese sandwiches, baked beans, chips and dessert. Many stayed and enjoy the fellowship. This was also a time to ask questions about the functions of Council committees and Women of Salemsborg Lutheran Church. We wanted to know in which areas of ministry folks would be interested in serving.

**A memorial service** was held on Feb. 18th at 1:30 p.m. for Lois Larson who passed away Feb. 5th. A family burial was held at 11:30 a.m.

**Lent will begin** with Ash Wednesday, Feb 25th. We will gather around the Word and Sacrament at Salemsborg at 7:00 pm. We will also have the Imposition of Ashes.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR VIOLA MILLER**—Viola will celebrate her 100th birthday on Thursday, February 26th at Salina Presbyterian Manor, 2601 E. Crawford, at 2 p.m. Cards may also be sent to her—Room 153, 2601 E. Crawford, Salina.

**Bethany is seeking** host families for Messiah soloists. If you live near Lindsborg and are interested please contact Sarah Ash at 227-3380, ext. 8132.

**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