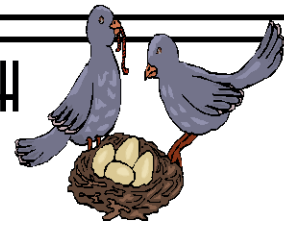
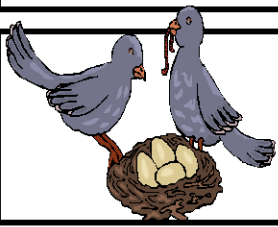


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Life has many stages in it. There are some that all of us go through, being born and dying for example. In between those two stages of life, anyone can guess what happens.

We can be faced with joys and sorrows. We can experience things that happen unexpectedly. We can experience things that seem to take forever. Each day can be an experience that we want to remember or want to soon forget.

In the month of May, there are many of us who will be going through different stages of life. Some of us will be crying tears of joy and some will be crying tears of sadness. Some of us will swell up with pride, while some of us hang our head down in shame.

Jesus our Savior went through many stages of life also. He had the days full of ups and downs, the good and the bad. He cried tears of joy and tears of sorrow. He had days full of pride for those around Him. He had days when he hung His head down. He lived life.

We have a Lord and Savior that understands what stage we are going through. Jesus promises to walk with us through each stage. In Matthew, Jesus says, "I am with you always till the end of the age." Jesus knows what life is about; Jesus knows what death is about. He has all the stages in between also covered.

God's Peace, Pastor Ethan
Special Thanks!

We are the luckiest family in the world! We want to say thank you once again for the great gift of the cruise. We had a great time and really enjoyed it. There were many times during the cruise that we said our thanks to God for all of you and for the blessing of the Parish. We are truly blessed by God through all of you. We cannot ever repay you for your generosity. We cannot repay you for all that you do for us each and every day. We can continue to tell you thank you and that we feel we are the luckiest family in the world to be here at Falun/Salemsborg Lutheran Parish! Thanks so much!

Pastor Ethan, Kellie & Alex

More Thanks

I am humbled to receive a letter and 2 boxes from your organization in KS, God bless my little sister Tammy for being a little sister. I, as well as the other Marines truly do appreciate your support. Please let it be known that although getting boxes of snacks and other items are nice, we are filled with pride just knowing that we have Americans like all of you who believe in and support us. I also would like to extend this letter to your church congregation as I know that they have also been involved, and again my wonderful little sister her husband Greg and little Heather and Matthew ensured that everyone was aware of who I am and where I'm located.

I'll be rotating back to the states early next year and once I'm settled in with my family I intend on heading to KS to personally thank you all.

I'm not sure what Tammy has shared but here is a little info on me. I'm Edward DuBois, jr, soon to be 41 and married to an awesome woman named Heather; we have 2 girls 14 and 12, Jordan and Kaitlyn. We live in Jacksonville, NC. I've served in the US Marines for 22 yrs and during that time I've deployed 8 times, this is my second year long deployment. I intend to stop at 25 years of service but one never knows until that day is here. I'm a recently saved man although I have not been baptized yet, I will be doing that once I return along with my two daughters. I love my family and my Harley Davidson! I play a little guitar and I like my dogs...all three of them, Charlie, Sampson and Duke...1 basset hound and 2 dachshunds. I've not seen Tammy in a long time but we have always stayed in touch, thanks to FB we have gotten closer and I cannot wait to visit her and her family.

I guess that's all for now. Please feel free to give out this email address. edward.dubois@afg.usmc.mil I promise to reply to everyone who writes even if it's just a one liner. Thanks again for the support! Eddie DuBois; CWO-4; RCT-8, Delaram Afghanistan.

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!"

Salemsborg W/ELCA

The Sarah Group meets on May 26th at 9:30am at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center. All are hostesses and the lesson is presented by Carol Brown

The Lydia-Tabitha Group also meets on May 26th at 2:00pm. The hostess is Marilyn Brown and the lesson is presented by the group.

The Esther Group meets on May 24th at 7:30pm. Hostess is Mary Tillberg; Co-Hostess is Leanna Schmutz and the lesson presented by Kristin Johnson

Memorial Day Service is May 30th at 8:30am. Refreshments following are to be served by Calendar Group #2.

Falun Lutheran Women

On Wednesday, May 4th, a Salad Supper will be held at the Bethany Home Activities Room at 6:00pm.

Tuesday, May 10th, at 1:00pm will be Falun Senior Citizens at the Falun Lutheran Church.

No quilting is planned for the month of May. In the future, quilting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm.

Blessing of the Graduates

We will have the blessing of graduates on Sunday, May 8th. If possible please give information on any people who may be graduating to Donna so we can have their names in the bulletin that Sunday. It would also be great to have them present at worship on that Sunday if possible.

Thank You's

"Dear Salemsborg Lutheran Church Congregation; Lana and I wish to express our sincere thanks for all of your help this winter with the propane and shopping cards. Both of us were so taken by the generosity you bestowed upon us. It really helped us to make it through this tough winter. Thank you again and God bless all of you. Phill & Lana Weberg"

"Dear Salemsborg Parish, Thank you so much for the scholarship money. I feel so blessed to be a part of a congregation that continues to care about college kids and their needs. It truly means a lot! Sincerely, Maggie Pihl."

Baptism at Salemsborg

Congratulations! Kolton Watkins on your baptismal day, April 10, 2011. May God bless you and keep you! Kolton's parents are Jeremy and Jennifer Watkins. His sponsors are Tammy Rothman and Michael Erickson. His big sister is Kaitlyn. May God bless all of you that you may be good examples of the faith for Kolton and may we as fellow members of the Body of Christ always be there for all of you!

Baptism at Falun

Congratulations! Makenah Lee Godwin on your baptismal day, April 17, 2011. God bless and keep you now and always and may we as fellow members of the Body of Christ always be there for you!

New Members at Salemsborg

Joel, Sandra, Jason & Megan Cromwell were welcomed as new members to Salemsborg on Sunday April 3, 2011. We look forward to worshipping with you and to sharing the good news of Jesus the Christ!

**Easter Lilies Given to the Glory of God
and In Memory of Loved Ones**

*Dale & Marilyn Johnson in memory of loved ones (Altar)

*Fairlene, Gregg, Madison Swanson

& Courney in memory of Myrl (Altar)

* Ron & Audrey Miller in memory of loved ones

*Fairlene, Gregg, Madison Swanson

& Courtney in memory of loved ones

*Mary Holmquist & family in

memory of Darrel Holmquist

* Emery & Doris Frost in memory of ancestors

*Tammy Wolf in memory of

Alvin Soukup and Dylan Soukup

*Steven, Bren, Claire & Libby Blanner

in memory of Addison Blanner

*Almeda Ryding & family in

memory of Amos Ryding & loved ones

*LeRoy & Coleen Pihl in memory of loved ones

*John & Barb Geiger in memory of W.T. (Bill) Geiger II

*Debbie, Warren & family in memory of Dave Anderson

*Warren, Debbie & family in memory of Helmer & Louise Johnson and

Warren's brothers: Marvin, Kenneth & Carroll

*Nancy Anderson in loving memory of

Dave Anderson & Phil Hersig

*Don & Betty Pihl in memory of

Wallace Pihl and other loved ones

*Marilyn Smith & family in memory of Mike Smith

and Lillie & Vernon Neywick

*Marilyn, Karen & Cathy in memory of

Paul Brown & Vernon Englund

*Eldon & Mary Tillberg in memory of Laurence Tillberg

and Berthold & Frances Larson and other loved ones

* Wayne & Nita Kay Carlson & family in memory of

Edgar Swenson, August Carlson and Ted Bjorkman

*Leon & Donna Swanson in memory of

Kari, Josh and other loved ones

*Wes Shultis & family and Karissa Shultis

in memory of Kari and Josh

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

Graduation Party

Sam Carlson, Alex Feistner, Rachel Norberg, Ashley Pihl and their families invite you to a reception in their honor on Sunday, May 8th from 4-6pm in the Fellowship Center. They are celebrating their graduation from Smoky Valley High School the following Saturday, May 14th at 7pm in Presser Hall on the Bethany College campus in Lindsborg. Sam, Alex, Rachel and Ashley have grown up in this church and wish to share this occasion with their church family who have supported and loved them.

Birthday Celebration

Martha Dunham will celebrate her 90th birthday with a reception from 2-4pm on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at the Bethany Home Activities Center, 321 N. Chestnut St., Lindsborg, KS. All are welcome to attend.

Affirmation of Baptism Sunday

The parish will hear eight individuals affirm their baptism Sun, May 1. Those confirmands are: Morgan Roets, Hannah Lemen, Hannah Morrical, Kirk Barnes, Aaron Taylor, Libby Hollingshead, Micah Rehmert and Brianna Fink. Please plan on attending and showing your support to and for these young individuals on this big and important day in their faith journeys.

Vacation Bible School

Many thanks to Tammy Surface for volunteering to direct VBS for our children this year. A sign up sheet is located on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Midsummer's Festival

The Swedish Gospel Sound on Friday night of Midsommers weekend will be held again this year. A group of singers from Sweden will again appear. Any group from our parish wishing to participate is welcome to be a part of the evening. Please contact Becky Anderson at 227-3945 (H) or 227-2985 (W).

Window Completion Celebration

Saturday night, April 30th, is party night! We will be celebrating the completion of the Salemsborg Window Project and the paying off of all debt associated with it. The celebration will be held at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center. It will begin at 6:30pm. Supper will be catered. Let's get together to celebrate a job well done giving thanks and praise to all who responded to the call to help, who let God use them to help with this great project.

Hyllningsfest Program Committee

The Hyllningsfest Program Committee is seeking a point person for coordinating home stays for a musical group from Sweden during the 2011 Hyllningsfest celebration. TACOL is helping to spread the word on behalf of the program committee. If you have an interest in volunteering for the point person position, please contact TACOL president, Gary Martin by May 10 at 785-906-0125. Some key responsibilities include: locating host homes, coordinating placement of guests in homes, being the local arrangements group coordinator during the festival, planning some group meal events for the guests, and being the "on call" person during the festival for emergency needs of the group.

The deadline for information needed for the June/July 2011 Newsletter is Friday, May 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: 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, hospitalized with COPD; Charles & Arlene Kelley, Arlene is in ICU with pneumonia; 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, Blake Northcutt—Northcutt's nephew—serving w/ USAF in Afghanistan, Arlie Holmes—Deanna Applequist's brother-in-law—Massive heart attack, Michaela Stratton—Kellie Feistner's niece—seizures, Harold Hartshorn—Tricia Hawk's father—prostate cancer, Jan & Jim Nelson's daughters: Carlana 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.