

THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR

NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

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FROM THE PASTOR

I feel I need to write something about being fellow members of the Body of Christ. I feel the need to write something about forgiveness. I feel the need to write something about judging. I feel the need to write something about communication that is needed. I cannot do all of that in a short paragraph so I thought I would just let the Word of God speak (all quotes come from the NRSV)....

"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. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...." 1 Corinthians 12:12-13a

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get."

Matthew 7:1-2

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; Luke 6:37

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!"

"Those who are well have no need for a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." Matthew 9:12b-13

Whenever I am tempted to judge someone or question forgiveness, I think of these few verses. We are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God. We are called to live as a community of believers talking with one another and working it out with the love of Christ in our hearts and in our words.

Gods Peace, Pastor Ethan

UYG Members Register for ELCA National Youth Gathering
2012

On October 9th, around 28 youth and six sponsors will register for the national youth gathering to be held in New Orleans, it is awesome! Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the event that happens in July 2012, it is appreciated. Thanks are also given to all of you who support the youth group in many and various ways, it is appreciated also. If you want to help sponsor a youth to go to the gathering, contact Dennis Zimmerman Jr. Thanks once again and let's celebrate such a big group going to such a great event!

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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W/ELCA NEWS

Salemsborg WELCA

The Annual Business Meeting (Brunch) will be held at Salemsborg from 9-11am on October 1st. There will be an election of officers, discussion. The hostesses are the Coordinating Committee.

Hyllningsfest will be held Oct. 7 & 8, 2011

Sarah Group will meet October 27 at 9:30am at the Fellowship Center. All are hostesses. Lesson by Carol Brown.

Lydia Tabitha Group meets October 27 at 2:00pm. Hostess is Coleen Pihl. Lesson by the group.

Esther Group meets October 24 at 7:30pm. Hostess is Nancy Anderson, Co-Hostess is Anna Anderson. Lesson is given by Nita Kay Carlson.

Falun Lutheran Women

Falun Lutheran Women (FLW) will meet at Falun Church on Wed. Oct. 19 at 7pm. Tish Morrical will present the program on "Elder Law". Everyone is invited to learn more about Medicare, long term care, wills and trusts. Devotions-Janice Morris; Refreshments-Tina Dauer.

Falun Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, October 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Thank You's

"Salemsborg Lutheran Church Friends; Scatter seeds of kindness. Thank you for scattering seeds of kindness with your gifts of food. We appreciate your help in scattering some kindness to others in their time of need. The Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank, Freda Rees"

"Thank you for your recent gift of \$2,210.00. Your generosity enables World Vision to provide essential care, encouragement, and hope to hurting children and families. You are a vital part of the work we do in the name of Christ. *'I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.'* (Philippians 1:3-5, NIV) By striving together for a common purpose and sharing our gifts, we can have a significant, long-term impact on people's lives. World Vision is committed to coming alongside struggling families and communities, giving them the tools, guidance, nurturing, and assistance needed to build a future full of promise and opportunity. World Vision is truly blessed to have you as a partner. Thank you for your gift and your compassion for others. In His Name, Richard E. Stearns, President World Vision.

"Thanks once again for the gift of the beef for us, it is so much appreciated! You have been and continue to be such a blessing to us both physically and spiritually! We are so lucky to be here at the Falun/Salemsborg Lutheran Parish! Thanks once again"--The Feistners

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Baptism at Salemsborg

Congratulations! Ridge Johnson on your baptismal day, Sunday September 11, 2011. God bless you and keep you! Ridge's parents are Kendall and Jordan 'Koch' Johnson. His sponsors are Jenna Koch and Brady Jones. Ridge you have been baptized with the water and the word marked with the cross of Christ forever! Congratulations and God's blessings to all!

United Youth Group (UYG) Haunted Trail Fund Raiser

The trail will be the last two Saturdays of October beginning at 7:30pm. Chili will be served prior. Be on the look out for more information as it becomes available. We appreciate your support! UYG members and volunteers will gather on Saturday, October 15th beginning at 9:00am to work on the trail. Lunch will be provided.

Great Things Happen Bible Study

We will finish our discussion on Sheila Walsh's book Great Things Happen When a Woman Trusts God at noon on Sundays in October. In January, we will begin a Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew. Keep your ears and eyes open for more information as it becomes available, thanks so much for your participation.

Falun Lutheran Women

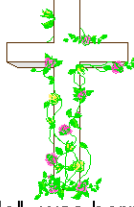
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Thrivent Events

Attention Thrivent members: The Saline Valley Chapter is hosting a BINGO night Oct. 16, 6pm at Christ the King. Please come and enjoy food and drink on us! A great way to gather with fellow chapter members and have fun. Door prizes will also be given out! Bring your favorite dessert to enter in our judging contest, but don't skip it if you don't bring a dessert. Contact Marilyn Johnson (668-2366) or Gwen Oleen (668-2368) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.

Also, the Saline Valley Chapter will have its annual voter's meeting November 6 at 7pm at Christ the King. The event will be catered and the entertainment is the Salemsborg Quartet. We will be voting on a slate of officers for the coming year. Nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, Financial Director, Records Director and Congregational Advocate Director will be accepted. We currently have no nominations for vice president. Please contact Marilyn Johnson (668-2366) or Andrew Couch at 785-969-9006 if you have a nomination to submit.

The deadline for November 2011 Newsletter information is Thursday, October 20th

*Jo Holmquist**February 23, 1920–September 17, 2011*

Thelma Josephine Holmquist, known to everyone as "Jo", was born February 23, 1920 near Smithville, Arkansas. Her parents were George Melvin and Amanda (Miller) Bilbrey, and she was the youngest child, coming after Opal, Paul and George. The family later moved to Red Rock, Oklahoma, where Jo attended school and graduated, Salutatorian of her class, from Red Rock High School in 1940.

World War II came along, and adventurous Jo joined the Navy WAVES. After boot camp at Hunter College in New York City, she went to USNTC in San Diego where she served for two and a half years and worked as a switchboard operator. Those years were punctuated with the sounds of Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and other jazz greats of the era. Jo loved to dance and she had plenty of partners at the USO club on base!

When the war ended, she returned to Oklahoma and, through her dear friend, Ruth Swanson, she met Evan. Ruth's husband, Warren Swanson, and Evan had grown up together in Smolan and were best friends. Ruth thought the two young war veterans should meet, and they did, when Jo came to Kansas for Messiah Festival in Lindsborg. Jo and Evan married July 27, 1946 and Jo left Oklahoma to live in Smolan. Their marriage was blessed with a son, Terry Allen, and a daughter, Paula Beth.

Jo's life was centered around Evan, Their children, the "green" house, Holmquist Elevator, and her dear neighbors and friends. She adored her mother, Lee, and the family made countless trips to Ponca City, OK to be with the Bilbreys! She was a faithful member of Salemsborg Lutheran Church and everyone was always welcome at the Holmquist house where the coffee pot was always on.

When the kids were in grade school, Jo worked as a cook at the Smolan Grade School, and then operated the switchboard at Bethany College for 2 years. She then became a switchboard operator at St. John's Hospital until her retirement in 1985, after 19 years of service. Evan passed away in August of 1979 and Jo remained in Smolan until 1997, when she sold her home and moved to the Bethany Home Cottages.

She was a proud and devoted grandmother to Gregory Allen, Christopher Evan, sons of Terry and wife Becky, and Ashley Joanna Allmon, daughter of Paula. Gma Jo was known for sharing her philosophies of life--eat right, be sweet and be careful! She was so proud of their accomplishments and to be at their high school and

college graduations!

Jo loved her family, her church, her country, her jazz, flowers, birds, cats, nature, *Buicks*, Maple furniture, her medical dictionary, silver jewelry, *Scrabble* and so much more. She made beautiful wreaths from pinecones and shared them with many. She was a wonderful Cook and used the skills learned from her mother to stretch a dollar and make use of everything.

Jo was fiercely independent, loyal and honest to a fault. She loved knowledge and never stopped learning. She was a good listner and a friend to many. Jo was very proud to have served in the Navy, and regarded those years as some of the best of her life.

We will miss her, but she will live on in our hearts forever.

Memorials may be designated for the Salemsborg Lutheran Church Memorial Day Fund.

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: Family and friends of Jo Holmquist; Family and friends of Lisa Newman's cousin, Gregg Albert, he passed away 9-17-11 leaving 4 children; Helen Johnson, pacemaker; Nikki Driscoll Larson, difficult pregnancy; Lee & Kathy Holdsworth, Lee is in ICU fighting a blood infection; Randy Tinkler's brother, brain tumor; Steve Gilreath, Kristine Northcutt's father, battling cancer; Zach Cook, former SV student, health issues; Saundra Forsberg, Dolly Nelson's niece, back surgery; Kimberly Rehmert, hernia surgery; Arlie Holm, Deanna Applequist's brother-in-law, light stroke and heart attack; John Hawk, prostate cancer; Ava McCullick (2yr. Old Falun girl), undergoing chemo for brain tumor; Joe & Jackie Kitchen, friends of Northcutts, Jackie has cancer, Joe is undergoing tests for serious health issues (they have 4 small children); Neal Roch, friend of Kathy Rishel, stroke; Chris Janowski, Kathy Rishel's son-in-law, broken pelvis & concussion from an accident; Elda Jean Richards, Eldon Tillberg's sister, Multiple Amyloid Myloma; Sharon Karlin; DeAnna Cullins, friend of Kristi, Ellen & Peggy, shattered ankle from car accident; Aryanna Nagy, Soderstrom 3rd grader, Aplastic anemia; Ward Nelson, C-spine surgery; Marjorie Oleen; Charles & Arlene Kelley; Kananda Kindlesparger, Guillain-Barre' Syndrome; Jay Steinberg, cancer; 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; Michaela Stratton, Kellie Feistner's niece, seizures; Jan & Jim Nelson's daughters: Carlana Quisenberry, stroke, and Linda Martin, 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. For the month of October--toilet paper is needed.

Hospice 16th Annual Fall Sale

Hospice of Salina's Volunteer Department will host it's 16th Annual Fall Sale on Saturday, October 29th from 10am--4pm and again on Sunday, October 30th from 9am--1pm at the Saline County Expo Center, Kenwood Hall, 900 Greeley. Items for sale are lots of antiques, hand-made items, distressed furniture and new articles. All proceeds benefit Hospice of Salina and the Kaye Pogue Hospice Center. They are still accepting donations of the above items in good condition. If you would like to donate for the Fall Sale, please give Karen Sutton, Volunteer Fall Chair a call at 785-825-7141.

Hospice Griefbusters Support Group

Hospice of Salina supports the belief that children have unique mourning needs as they grieve the death of a loved one. In response to those needs, Hospice of Salina will be offering a Griefbusters Support Group starting September 27th. Meetings will be each Tuesday for 6 weeks from 6:30-8:00pm. For questions or to RSVP please call 825-1717 or email to llohmere@srhc.com.

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. So far we have been able to get paper for the bulletins, basic office supplies, cases of copy paper, ink for printer, newsletter sealing labels, etc using the credits we have accumulated using the recycling project!!



Parish Notes

A Confirmation meeting was held at Salemsborg on Aug. 28 at 2pm. This meeting was for youth who are at least in the seventh & eighth grades during the 2011-2012 school year and their parents. Setting the schedule for this years confirmation classes was decided. **The first Confirmation Day** was set for Saturday, October 1st at 9am. The **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** will be the topic. Those in charge of the meal are: Gay Carlson, Cheryl Larson, Melanie Barnett and Tammy Surface. Youth are asked to bring snacks and drinks to share as well as a writing utensil and their Bibles.

Thanks to Clair Oleen for leading us in worship on Sunday, Sept. 4th while Pastor was on vacation.

A Congregational Meeting was held at Salemsborg on Sept. 4th to vote on whether or not we should spend the money to replace the sidewalks in front of the church. The resolution passed.

Salemsborg Council met at noon on Sept. 11th. Falun Council met on Monday, Sept. 12th at 7pm.

First Communion Classes were held. The first one was at Salemsborg on Sept. 11th at 2pm. The second was held at Falun on Sept. 17th at 2pm. **First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd.**

Sunday School began Sept. 11th. Sundaes were served during coffee time. It began with a gathering upstairs where everyone filled out a prayer card that was lifted Heavenward with balloons. Considering the significance of the day, this was a fitting beginning for the Sunday School year. Classes are available for children through adults.

Members of Falun Lutheran voted on the color that Pastor Ethan's hair will be for the Saturday of Hyllningsfest. The choices they had are: Purple, Hot Pink, Red and Blue & yellow. After the vote, it was decided that his facial hair would be Hot Pink and his hair will be Blue & Yellow! Thanks to everyone who donated to the Hunger event. It's going to be an interesting Hyllningsfest!

Theophilus Fellowship was held at the Feistners on Sept. 18th. Those who came were asked to bring a lawn chair or two, a side dish to share, a beverage to drink.

Thanks to Doug Anderson for leading us in worship on Sunday, Sept. 25th. Pastor and family were on vacation for a few days.

The flowers at Salemsborg on Sept. 25th were in memory of Jo Holmquist by her family. Jo's funeral was at Salemsborg on Wednesday, Sept. 21st.

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 DVACK.

Thanks to everyone who does work "behind the scenes" at this Parish, your stewardship is appreciated!

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If you are ever interested in using the Fellowship Center for any reason, please contact Nita Kay Carlson. She can be reached at wncarlsn@hometelco.net, or on her cell phone at 785-227-5363.

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, Kansas 66102**

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them-- He'll clean them.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God grades on the cross, not the curve!