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Pastor's notes

When someone mentions "November" what is the first thing that pops into your head? Thanksgiving? Pheasant Season? One more month to Christmas? I would probably guess all of the above plus some. When I thought of November I thought of Thanksgiving and finally getting the election over! It has gone on way too long!

November is a month full of a lot of special days. Thanksgiving is the big one. A day when our nation remembers our past and takes time out to say, "Thanks." It is a positive day for most but a hard day for some for reasons only they know.

November also has other special days to remember. Election day, as mentioned before, when we can express our feelings through the ballot box. It is a special right we have that we can't take for granted.

Other days that you may not think of right away that are special in November are All Saints Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, and the beginning of Advent. These Sundays serve as reminders of what God has done and continues to do for all of us through Jesus the Christ. We give thanks to be called Saints because of the grace that has been poured out on us. We rejoice that Christ is the King of all and ruler of our hearts. During Advent, we make ready for the coming of Christ which may take place at any time.

November is a special month with many reminders of how God continues to work in and among us. We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving to the Triune God for claiming us and saving us by grace. We take time to pause to be reminded of what God has given us and continues to give all of us. May the Spirit lead our lives that they may reflect and rejoice in thanksgiving giving praise to God for grace, faith, love and salvation!

God's Peace, Pastor Ethan

All Saints Sunday

If you would like the name of a loved one who has passed away to be lifted up with thanksgiving in prayer on All Saints Sunday, please write the name down and get it to Donna before the first Sunday in November. Your help is appreciated!

Joint Parish Thanksgiving Supper & Service

Don't forget about the Parish Thanksgiving Supper and Service to be held Sunday, November 23rd beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Falun Lutheran Church this year.

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United Youth Group Lock-In

United Youth Group will be having a lock-in on Friday, November 21st. It will begin at 8:00 pm and end on Saturday at 8:00 am. You are asked to bring a sleeping bag and pillow, food and drink to share. We may be going bowling that night so bring some money along to pay for bowling and snacks at the bowling alley. If we go bowling, we will be stopping at IHOP for breakfast afterwards. The UYG will pick up the tab for that experience. Mark your calendars and plan on a fun evening.

Joint Parish Worship Service

There will be a joint parish worship service the last Sunday in November, the 30th at Salemsborg. The worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m. with coffee time at 10:30. It will be a great way to build up the Body of Christ.

Thank You's

Thanks to all who donated items for the big mission flea market and sale. \$225.00 was earned to benefit Chapman.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the UYG Haunted Trail, it was a great fundraiser and a great time. Your help and support are greatly appreciated!!!

"**Dear Pastor Ethan** and the fine Women's group of Salemsborg Church; Thank you so much for your kind hospitality and for the use of your church sanctuary for the funeral of our Dad, Glendon Anderson, on Sept. 26. We were blessed to be able to conduct the service in your beautiful church. We were also blessed by the wonderful food at the reception. Thank you for making this difficult day one that we can reflect upon with joy. The warmth with which you received us was a wonderful reflection of the Biblical command to comfort those who mourn.

Over and over again our hearts are drawn to the joy and the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The three of us (Erick, Paul and Sheralyn) along with our spouses and children, are so thankful to have been able to respond to the calling of Christ to submit our lives to Him and to trust Him for our salvation. We hold steadfast to the hope offered by God in 1 John 5:11-12, 'And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.'

We'll continue to proclaim this great hope, as I trust you will as individuals and as a church. Inasmuch as we all profess our faith individually, we also share the bond of being spiritual brothers and sisters to the glory of God through all eternity!

Thanks again for all you did for us, Eric (For Eric Anderson, Paul Anderson, Sheralyn Bradley and the whole Anderson family.)"

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: Don Cheever, Kellie Feistner's dad, Allison Moore, Robin Roets' aunt, Karson Schierling, Calvin Carlson, Marie Nelson, Pat Anderson, Axel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Ron & Gayla Bloyd, Malcom Stambaugh, Kristy Bergstrom, McKenzie Griffin, Cal Williams, Caden Wekamp, Carol Hearn, Greg Aune, Carlina Swisher, Steve & Bren Blanner, Rebecca Copley Johnson, Kristine Govier, Kristine Govier's two friends, Linda Drake, Seretha Johnson, Sue Pihl, Carol Brown, Jennifer Hoffmans, Dolly Nelson, Leann Marr, Vickie Everhardt, Allen Nicholson, Paul Brown, Larry Lamer, Sgt. 1st Class Eddy Carranza, Tom Hollopeter, Harry Sandahl, Melinda Ho, Jim Gooch, Evelyn Peterson's daughter Kathy, Lois Peterson, Anita Neilson and her family, Gerald Walter, 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, Irene Dauer. 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.

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



W/ELCA NEWS

Salemsborg WELCA

The popular Salemsborg Soup Supper will be on Veteran's Day (historically known as Armistice Day), November 11, 2008, with serving from 5:30-7:00 p.m. A variety of soups and pies will be available. Calendar Group #1 is in charge of preparation and serving; Group #3 will set up and decorate, and Group #4 will provide clean up and after care. Please consult your W/ELCA year book for further details. Proceeds will benefit the United Youth Group and the Growth Fund. The Soup Supper is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends for a congenial evening of visiting and enjoying a hearty meal.

The annual W/ELCA business meeting was held at a Saturday morning brunch on October 18th. Dolly Nelson opened the meeting with a beautiful and thoughtful devotion (printed in this newsletter). Available reports were from Bethany Home assigned activities, Altar Guild and the Shower and Wedding committees. The ballot of officers for 2009 was accepted. Mary Tillberg and Marilyn Johnson are the Coordinating Committee for 2009 with Sherri Johnson and Debbie Smith as the Coordinating Committee for 2010. New officers are Kristin Johnson as Recorder and Melanie Ryding as representative to Bethany Home Auxiliary. All other officers remain the same.

Bible Study groups, calendar group up-dates, Altar Guild schedules for 2009 are requested for compilation for the Year Book to Mary Tillberg or Marilyn Johnson by Sunday, November 9th.

November is a time for the completion of our liturgical year and for recalling the many blessings we have experienced even in these complex times. As W/ELCA members we have the privilege of expressing our thanks through our donations in our Thankoffering Boxes. We will formally present them for blessing at the altar during worship services on November 16, 2008.

Falun Lutheran Women

Falun Lutheran Women will have a Soup Supper at Bethany Home on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a crockpot of soup and join us and our friends of Bethany Home. Relishes, crackers, desserts, drinks and tableware are provided.

Quilting will be held on November 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Falun Lutheran Women will be decorating for Advent on Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

Falun Senior Citizens

Falun Senior Citizens will meet at noon on November 11th and celebrate their 40th anniversary with a catered meal. All are welcome to attend.



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 cancelled, please listen to KSAL, look on ksalink.com, or watch Channel 12 or Channel 3.

Changes to Parish Directory?

If you have noticed changes that need to be made in our new Parish Directory, please let Donna know and we will print an insert with the corrections which can be placed in the directories.

The Dance of Life

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round
Or listened to the rain lapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?
You better slow down, don't dance so fast
Time is short, the music won't last.
Do you run through each day on the fly?
When you ask "How are you?" do you hear the reply?
When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with
The next hundred chores running through your head?
You'd better slow down, don't dance so fast
Time is short, the music won't last.
Ever told someone, we'll do it tomorrow
And in your haste, not see their sorrow?
Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die
Cause you never had time to call and say "Hi"?
You'd better slow down, don't dance so fast
Time is short, the music won't last.
When you run so fast to get somewhere
You miss half the fun of getting there.
When you worry and hurry through your day
It is like an unopened gift, thrown away.
Life is not a race, do take it slower
Hear the music, before the song is over!
(Written by a young girl, terminally ill)

Volunteering in Chapman

Many have asked about the "Extreme Home Makeover" and volunteering in Chapman with the show or otherwise. Volunteer Coordinator, Joan Taylor says that the needs run mainly for skilled labor at this point although there are some unskilled jobs available. Please contact her (LLTJMT@jc.net) or Millie Fink (mildredcfink@sbcglobalnet) to check on what jobs or other pertinent info you need. All of Chapman appreciates not only your time and energy, but also your prayers and best wishes for them.

The Salina Rescue Mission

Winter is just around the corner and as the weather turns colder our concern grows for those in our community who are in need of food and shelter. With that in mind, Dr. Temple's 9th Annual Food Drive to benefit the Salina Rescue Mission will be held on Friday, Nov. 21 from 2-7:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 22 from 11am-4pm at all four Dillon Food Stores in Salina. If you are interested in being a volunteer for this event, please contact the Mission at 785-823-2610.

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!"

New Members at Salemsborg

We welcomed several new members at Salemsborg this month. On September 28th we welcomed Ron & Jody Householter, Nikki Taylor, Aaron Taylor and Abby Householter. On October 12th we welcomed Karen Liljestrand and on October 19th we welcomed back Carol Brown. We look forward to spreading the Good News of Christ Jesus with all.

Memory Lane

It has been a joy to visit with some of our more "seasoned" members of Falun/Salemsborg. This month we will highlight some of the memories shared by Veda Pihl.

Veda came to Salemsborg in 1929 when she married Wallace Pihl. Dr. Erickson was here at that time. He led the Dorcas Society (women's group) and meetings were held twice a month. He spoke in Swedish, which she did not understand, but she went anyway. A Swedish worship service was held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday and English service on the 2nd and 4th. No coffee was served in the church.

She does remember one picnic held at the church and Vernon Miller spoke about the history of Salemsborg. At that meeting they also talked about the new "telephone" and folks wondered if they could speak "Swedish" on them. Later, all the women definitely enjoyed the "Party Line".

"Cheese Day" was held and the women would bring milk to the church and they would make cheese with rennet and color. Mrs. Erickson took the cheese home and washed the rounds with salt water. When Veda was President of the ladies group she talked with the women and they decided to have a food shower with canned goods for those in need and that was received much better.

The other event she remembers is the traditional "Oyster Supper" which was held every year on New Year's Eve.

Veda will be 100 years old in December of this year.

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 November. Call her at 785-668-2600 or email her at donlee@hometelco.net.

Hospice of Salina

Hospice of Salina will hold its 13th annual Fall Sale on Nov. 1 & 2 at Marimante in Salina. It will be held in the old Marymount College cafeteria. For sale will be antiques of all kinds, lots of furniture—especially black painted distressed pieces, new items of businesses in our service area, slightly used items and handcrafted articles. This Sale is a lot of fun. Doors open at 10am on Saturday and close at 4pm. On Sunday they are open from 1-4pm. Proceeds go towards purchasing medications, equipment, supplies and services for their patients who might not otherwise be able to afford such comforts.

Upcoming Bethany Events

- Oct. 31 & Nov. 1--Fall Theatre "The Sweetest Swing in Baseball"--7pm--Burnett Center
- Nov. 2--Fran Shelley, flautist, in concert--3pm Sandzen Gallery
- Nov. 4--Music Dept Recital--2pm--Presser Hall
- Nov. 6-18--Autumn Student Art Exhibition--Reception Nov. 9, 1-3pm--Mingenback Art Center Gallery
- Nov. 18--Symphonic Band Concert--7:30pm--Presser Hall

Parish Notes

The Smoky View 4-H members of the Salemsborg Church served at coffee time Sept. 28th in appreciation of your donation to their 4-H animal projects. We appreciate all your support and your donation to our 4-H projects this year. A big thank you from Rachael & Cole Norberg, Sam Carlson, John Holmquist, and Wade & Katlin Allton.

A special congregational meeting was held at Salemsborg to discuss sealing the second level of the tower roofs Sept. 28th

Congratulations to Svetlana Hawk. She passed her test to become a US Citizen. An official swearing in ceremony was held in Wichita on Friday Oct. 3rd. We're all so proud of you and may God bless you on this wonderful occasion.

A meeting was held on Tuesday, Oct. 14th at 8:00 p.m. at the Falun Parish House to discuss concerns about our community. Vicki Koepsel, Director of Saline County Planning & Zoning Dept., was present to answer questions and give guidance. All interested residents were urged to attend.

Coffee & Cake was served during coffee time at Falun Oct. 19th in honor of Seretha Johnson's 90th birthday. Happy Birthday, Seretha!

Falun Lutheran Women had a follow-up yearly planning meeting October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Falun Parish House. A Thrivent representative was there to answer our questions. .

Thanks to all the parents who supplied food & snacks for the confirmation Oct. 25th! It was a great day of talking about the Ten Commandments & building up the Body of Christ!

Thanks once again for everyone who made the UYG Haunted Trail a huge success! It was a great time of fund raising and fellowship which couldn't have been done without you, thanks so much! Your support is deeply appreciated!

Pastor Ethan will be attending the Bishop's Convocation down at Osage Beach Monday-Thursday. In case of an emergency, please contact him on his cell phone: 785-577-2429. He will get home as soon as he can. Please keep Pastor and all participants in your prayers.

Attention Salemsborg Adults of all ages. A Bible Study will begin next week, Nov. 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. on the Book of James from the Bible.

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. Thanks

Nine things You Never Hear in Church

1. "Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew!"
2. "I was so enthralled, I never even noticed your sermon went 25 minutes overtime."
3. "Personally I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf."
4. "I'll volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School Class."
5. "Forget the minimum salary. Let's pay our pastor so he can live like we do!"
6. "I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before."
7. "Since we're all here, let's start the service early!"
8. "Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas."
9. "Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment to the Lord like our annual stewardship campaign."