

THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR

NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

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Pastor's notes

Be still and know that I am God!...
Psalm 46:10a (NRSV)

I can't do it anymore God! Life is just too stinking hard! There are so many demands and so many things that are taking up my time! *Be still and know that I am God!...*

It seems like the times I call upon You, I don't get any answers! The bad gets worse. The people who bug me are still bugging me. It all stays the same. I am so angry God! *Be still and know that I am God!*

The people of this world are going through so much. There are wars and rumors of wars. There are people who are hurting. There are people who don't care. Things have changed so much. The people I have trusted have let me down so many times. *Be still and know that I am God!*

The people who I loved have died or seem to be dying. I feel so alone and forsaken. Why did they have to go? Why did they have to leave me? *Be still and know that I am God!*

You tell me to give thanks in all things. How? Why? *Be still and know that I am God* My finances are in terrible shape. I don't have enough money to get me through the month. The bills keep coming. The credit agencies keep calling. *Be still and know that I am God!*

My heart is heavy. The Church seems to be going in the wrong direction. Is the Spirit leading the people God? *Be still and know that I am God.*

There are many times in our lives that all of these emotions plus some are in our hearts and minds. Life seems to be so hard and against us in so many ways. We are not the first to experience these feelings and we won't be the last.

Faith is what God has given and continues to give us to help us make it through all of the times in life. Faith that reminds us that God loves us and promises to take care of us. Faith that shows us the empty cross and tomb. Faith that directs people into our lives by God's hands to help us through it. Faith that allows us to pray. Faith that helps us to let go. Faith that helps us to hear *Be still and know that I am God!*

God does care! God does love us! God will help us again and again! For Faith and for all that it helps us to deal with and make it through, we give God thanks and praise. God open up our hearts and help us to put our lives into your hands. By your grace, when we do, we can be still and know that You are God!

Peace,
Pastor Ethan

Parish United Youth Group

The United Youth Group will be having a meeting on Sunday, November 14th around noon. The seniors are in charge of the meal and meeting. See you there!

Parish Thanksgiving Supper & Service

We will gather as a parish on Sunday, November 21st at Falun Lutheran Church for a Thanksgiving meal and worship service. It will begin at 6:30 pm It doesn't matter what place you worship, let's get together and give thanks to God together!

Pastor Out of Town

Pastor Ethan and family will be celebrating Thanksgiving with family in Oklahoma. In case of an emergency, please contact your Council president or Council member. Pastor will be leaving the day before Thanksgiving and will be coming back the day after Thanksgiving. Please keep the Feistners in your prayers for safe travel.

Thank You

We want to thank all of you for the "freezer" gift. You are the best and we give thanks to God each day for all of you. You take such good care of us; God uses you to bless us. We are so lucky to be here! Thanks so much for your love and generosity! Pastor Ethan, Kellie and Alex

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."

IN MEMORY



Myrl Eugene Swanson

April 9, 1944--October 6, 2010

Myrl E. Swanson, 66, of Smolan, died October 6, 2010. Mr. Swanson was born April 9, 1944, the son of Malburn and Victoria (Nelson) Swanson in Lindsborg, KS.

He was a lifetime area resident and worked as a manufacturing engineer for Beech Aircraft for over 40 years. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was an active member of Salemsborg Lutheran Church and served on the Salemsborg Lutheran Church Cemetery Board.

On September 23, 1978, he married Fairlene Oliver at Messiah Lutheran Church, Lindsborg, KS. She survives.

Myrl is survived by his wife, Fairlene of the home; son Gregg of Abilene; daughters, Wendy Swanson of Reno, NV; Dyane and husband Josh Meadows of Reno, NV; sisters, Geraldine Parks of Midland, TX, Gayle and husband Bill Rairden of Salina; grandchildren, Gabriel Meadows, Brandon Swanson, Madison Swanson, Courtney Quintanar, 2 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

His funeral service was held at 2:00pm on Monday, October 11, at Salemsborg Lutheran Church, Smolan, KS. Burial was at the Salemsborg Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Salemsborg Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund.

A time of fellowship was held following the service at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center.

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: The family & friends of Dylan Soukup The family and friends of Ray Miller, The family and friends of Myrl Swanson, Dolly Nelson, outpatient surgery, Jan & Jim Nelson's daughters: Carlana Quisenberry—stroke, and Linda Martin --cancer, Michell Lemen—surgery to repair fractured heel, John Mack—health concerns, Carol Lewis-Donna's cousin's wife--in Hospice care, Arlene-Betty Pihl's nephew's wife—cancer has spread and has other health issues, Curt Forsberg-Dolly's brother-diagnosed with cancer, Loretta Feistner--Pastor's mother-dealing with age related matters, 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.

TACOL-Lindsborg Christmas Food Baskets

It's the time of the year to remember less fortunate residents of Lindsborg and the surrounding area with Christmas Food Baskets. Each church is asked to donate certain items. This year Falun/Salemsborg is asked to donate paper goods--4 roll pkg. toilet paper, singles or 2 pkg. paper towels, napkins and Kleenex.. Contact our TACOL representatives to make arrangements for your donations. At Salemsborg talk with Melanie Barnett and at Falun call Janice Morris.

Diaper & Detergent Project

Beginning Monday, October 25, the Social Ministry Committee at Messiah Lutheran Church, will give free diapers and laundry detergent to anyone in the community who needs them. All they need to do is come to Messiah Church between the hours of 9am-1pm, Monday-Friday. If unable to pick them up during those times, they can call De Roth at 227-2834 or Julie Aeschliman at 227-2053 to make other arrangements.

Lindsborg Girl Scout Troops

The Lindsborg Girl Scout troops will be holding our 2nd Annual Trick or Treat for Cans on Oct 30th from 5:30-8pm. Girls will be coming around neighborhoods (in costume) during these times to get canned foods for the TACOL Christmas Gift Baskets. Food can also be left on your porch for pick-up during these hours. Tell everyone you know they will be coming around!

TACOL Community Thanksgiving Worship

The TACOL Community Thanksgiving Worship will be held on Sunday, November 21st at 7pm, at the Evangelical Covenant Church, 102 S. Washington, Lindsborg. Special Speaker is Pastor Jim Harrison. Fellowship time will follow the service.

Bethany College Events

Oct. 14--Nov. 17--Student Autumn Art Exhibition
Mingenback Art Center Gallery

Nov. 9--Music Dept. Recital--2pm--Presser Hall

Nov. 12--Swede Friday for prospective students
call 1-800-826-2281

Nov. 15-17--Comprehensive Evaluation Visit by
Higher Learning Commission

Nov. 16--Symphonic Band Concert--7:30pm--Presser Hall

Nov. 20--Transfer Day for prospective students
Call 1-800-826-2281

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Salemsborg Window Project. The complete amount has been paid in full! What a wonderful testimony to each and every one of you! Thank you so much!

Printer Cartridges to Help the Church

Old used printer cartridges from your home printers can be recycled and used to help with the cost of office supplies for the parish. Each cartridge can be redeemed at Office Max for a \$3.00 credit and up to 10 can be turned in each week. Credits can be used to buy paper and other office supplies which are needed for the bulletins and newsletters and other needs of the parish. A box is placed in the basement at Salemsborg and folks who would like to help can drop them off anytime. Donna will collect them and turn them in for credits. Thanks for your help! Thanks to all who have given cartridges. It's amazing how it all adds up!



Parish Coordinating Committee met September 26th at 5:00 pm at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center. Pastor supplied the grilled burgers, members brought a side dish to share.

Bethany College invites you to brunch in Pihlblad Memorial Union every Sunday from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Adults will be charged \$8 and children ages 5-12 will be charged \$4 (tax included) while children under 5 are free with an adult. Parking is available near Hahn Gymnasium. For parties of 15 or more, please call 227-3593. Checks or cash only.

Calendar Group 3 met at the front of the church after services Oct. 24th to discuss soup supper details.

Visit with Pastor Ethan will continue as we discuss what it means to be fellow members of the Body of Christ based on Romans 5 and Romans 12. We meet in the Salemsborg Church basement beginning at 7:00 pm

There will be no mending for the Salemsborg WELCA ladies on Tuesday, October 26th.

We need volunteers for the UYG Chili Fee and Haunted Trail coming up on October 30. Children under 16 need to bring their own adult supervision. This event has been a great fund raiser for the UYG. We appreciate all of your support!

Next Sunday there will be a joint worship service at Salemsborg beginning at 11:00 am Coffee and fellowship begins at 10:30 am with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 am. We will be celebrating Holy Communion next Sunday with servers being from both congregations.

Worship/Music Committee meeting will be held Sunday, October 31 beginning at 5:00. We will meet in the Salemsborg Church basement.

The Falun Church Council will not meet the first Monday (1st) of November. We will meet Sunday November 7th after church.

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

The deadline for December 2010 Newsletter information is Saturday, November 20th

Salemsborg WELCA

Thank you to each person who has consented to serve on committees, Altar Guild or coordinators for this coming year. Our new Altar Guild members are Cindy Dimitri, Jeri Wimer, Denise Carson and Becky Pihl. Our new coordinators are Diana Fairbanks (2 year term), Mona Tjaden (2 year term), Fairlene Swanson (1 year term), and Sherri Johnson (1 year term). We had a good annual meeting on October 9th and good fellowship. We decided to contribute to Jason Carlson's mission to Haiti, our Central States W/ELCA and to the Thank Offering of our Church wide W/ELCA.

November will be a busy month for us. Our Soup Supper will be Sunday, November 7th from 5:00-7:00pm. Each family is asked to bring a pie (labeled as to kind and cut). A free-will donation will be taken. Calendar Group 3 will cook and serve; Calendar Group 1 will set up and decorate and Calendar Group 4 will clean up. Donations accepted. Invite family and friends. All are welcome to attend.

Bible Study Leaders---we need your 2011 schedules by November 7th. Calendar Group leaders---we need a current members list from you by November 7th. You may give them to one of our coordinators. Have a thankful November! Mary

Falun Lutheran Women

The Falun Lutheran Women will have their Soup Supper at Bethany Home Activity Center on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m.

The Falun Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, November 9th at 12:00 noon for a catered dinner in honor of their 42nd anniversary.

On Sunday, November 21, the ladies will decorate the church for Christmas. Quilting will be held on Tuesday November 23rd, and the deadline for bringing gifts for the Bethany Home Christmas Party (December 9th), is Sunday, November 28th.

First Communion at Falun

Congratulations to Ahnya Stambaugh-Tubbs, Taylor Barnes and Gracie Gaskill on their First Communion, Sunday, October 17, 2010. May God bless all of you and always remember, God always has a place for you at the Lord's Table!

Baptism at Salemsborg

Congratulations Brennan Dimitri on your baptismal day, September 26, 2010! God bless and keep you! Brennan's parents are Jason and Danielle Dimitri. His sponsors are Justin and Mandy Davis. God bless you and guide you that you may proclaim the good news to Brennan. Congratulations to all!

More Thanks

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for all the care and kindness you gave in the food, cards, memorials and most of all your prayers.

The Myrl Swanson Family

Smoky Valley Education Foundation Dinner & Auction

The Smoky Valley Education Foundation will host a dinner and auction on Friday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center. Everyone is welcome for dinner, auction, fun & prizes to help support programs for USD #400 students. A full buffet will be served by the Hickory Tree Restaurant. A few of the auction items are: 2 Colorado Vacation Home stays, Art, Jewelry, Wood Carvings, Antique Oak Table, Landscaping Design Consultation, Spring Weed Control & Fertilization, Computer training, Free Meals, Golf Packages and many more fantastic items! Advance tickets are \$18 by Nov. 2. Contact 227-2981.

Operation Christmas Shoe Box

Salemsborg Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring Operation Christmas Child again this year. Last year many churches prepared children's Shoebox gift boxes filled with toys, school supplies and/or health needs for delivery to needy boys and girls all over the world. Directions and free shoe boxes with instructions on how to fold them are available at the rear of the church. We will be showing a short film during coffee hour in one corner of the church basement on Sunday, October 31st. Each box will have an insert that spreads the word of God's love in the language of that particular country. If you wish to find out where your box was sent, you may find out at www.samaritanspurse.org/ezgive. Operation Christmas Child is sponsored by Franklin Graham. They suggest you may include a picture of yourself and/or a short letter. Little gifts can be purchased at any inexpensive store. Boxes are due the week of November 15-22nd.

Veteran's to be Honored

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Lindsborg News-Record, along with several local sponsors, is working on a project dedicated to the brave men and women (living or deceased) who have honorably served our country. We invite you to submit photos of the veterans in your family with connections to the Smoky Valley, along with their name and branch of service. There is no charge! Deadline for submissions is November 3rd, 2010. Photos will appear in the November 11th issue of the Lindsborg News Record.

Food Bank Sunday is November 7th. The Salina Area Emergency Aid/Food Bank needs canned vegetables, particularly peas and corn.