

THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR

NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

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Pastors notes

But now thus says the LORD, who created you,...

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned

and the flame will not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God... your Savior

Isaiah 43:1-3a (NRSV)

I have had times in my life when my heart ached. They were times when I was grief stricken at the loss of a loved one or a family pet. They were times when I felt like no one cared about me or my feelings. There were times when I felt that I was not worth anything, filled with guilt and shame. As I visit with people, I know there are others that have gone through tough times of heart aches; time when we feel all alone in a huge world.

The writer of the verses in Isaiah 43 knew about heart aches. The words were written when Israel was in exile, held captive under foreign rulers. The people felt betrayed, lost, and forgotten. They cried out to the LORD and the LORD heard their cries/prayers.

The LORD wanted them to know that they were not forgotten. The words from Isaiah reminded them how important they were to God, how much God cared about them. They were words of love, strength and courage.

The words from Isaiah are also proclaimed to us. The LORD wants us to remember that we are not alone. We are not forgotten. The LORD walks with us to save us from the huge stormy waves of life. The LORD walks with us to protect us from the hurts that burn like fire within us. The LORD has claimed us, we are the LORD'S. God is our Savior. God tells each one of us that He is our God.

I don't know what you are going through in life when you are reading this article. I do know that whatever you are going through the words from Isaiah are meant for you. God is proclaiming them to you. God is with you. God loves you. The Lord is walking with you through the storms and the fires. He is your God and you are His child!

May the word of the Lord as found in Isaiah strengthen us in our walk, blessing us with what we need to face each minute of our lives. May the word of the Lord bring us hope and refreshment in

in the midst of this life. May the word of the Lord grant us peace!

God's Peace

Pastor Ethan

Thanks!!!!

Thanks to everyone who supported the United Youth Group's Haunted Trail, it was a great success because of you! Your support is greatly appreciated!!!

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, November 1st, please contact Donna to let her know. Your help is appreciated!

Bishop's Convo

Pastor Ethan will be at the Bishop's Convocation from Monday, Nov. 2nd through Thursday, the 5th. It will be held at the Inn at the Grand Glaze. People will need to contact him on his cell phone if they need him (785-577-2429).

Parish Thanksgiving Supper & Service

Don't forget about the Parish Thanksgiving Supper and Service to be held Sunday, November 22 beginning at 6:00pm (note time change). Be on the lookout for further details.

Joint Parish Worship Service

There will be a joint parish worship service the last Sunday in November, the 29th, at Salemsborg. The worship service will be held at 9:00am with coffee time at 10:00am.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Ethan will be on vacation Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27th. In case of an emergency, contact your Council president.

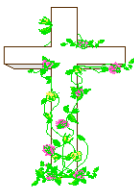
Salemsborg Lutheran Mission Statement

"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



David Wilhelm Anderson
August 31, 1928--October 9, 2009

David Wilhelm Anderson was born at home on the family farm near Smolan, Kansas on August 31, 1928. He was baptized and confirmed at Salemsborg Lutheran Church. Dave attended Smolan schools, graduating from Smolan Rural High School in 1946. He worked on the farm before entering Bethany College, graduating from Bethany in 1952 with a degree in secondary education. He joined the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, working as a drill instructor. On August 25, 1954, he and Nancy Carolyn Herzig were married at Salemsborg. Returning from the service, he and Nancy made their home in Lindsborg, where he taught and coached in the Lindsborg school district and Bethany College for a total of 35 years. Son, Dana Harley was born on September 12, 1956 and daughter Debra Lynn was born on July 2, 1958. In 1959, he received his Master's Degree from Emporia State University. His love of children endeared him to many a student and athlete over his teaching and coaching career. Countless former students came to visit him during his retirement years, many of which he had helped and encouraged when there was much uncertainty in their lives. In 1978, Debbie married Warren Johnson and they had three children; Anna (Brenton) Anderson, Tyler (Molly) Johnson, and Ian Johnson. Dana Married Janice Harper in 1979, and they have two children: Ashley (Scott) Swan, and Emily Anderson. Although he was an accomplished wood carver and golfer for much of his life, Dave began focusing more on these activities once he retired. His carvings are displayed at Bethany College, Kansas Wesleyan University, churches, art galleries, businesses and the homes of many family and friends. He was especially honored to carve the doors of Salemsborg Lutheran Church, and the Viking in the entrance of the gym at Smoky Valley High School. When Dave was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 1989, his greatest regret was the possibility of not being able to see his five grandchildren grow up. He outlived the doctor's predictions by twenty years. Dave enjoyed his grandchildren's many ballgames, concerts and other activities as well as living to see all five of them graduate from college. He found special joy in his two great-grandchildren, Brynna and Marik Anderson, who adored their "Big Papa".

Dave was laid to rest on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 2pm at Salemsborg Lutheran Church, Smolan, Kansas. Memorials may be designated for Salemsborg Lutheran Church or Bethany College. Fellowship was held immediately following the committal service at the Salemsborg Lutheran Church's Fellowship Center.

**Deadline for information for December 2009
Newsletter information is Friday, November 20th**

Parish Notes

The United Youth Group members along with parents and sponsors were at Bennington serving the people who attend the Kellie Goodell Memorial Barrel Race event on September 27.

Members of the Smoky View 4-H Club served coffee September 27, to thank the members of the church and church Council for their animal projects this year. We are truly grateful. Rachel Norberg, Cole Norberg, Wade Allton, Katlin Allton, Sam Carlson and John Holmquist.

Thanks to the Salemsborg Quartet for leading us in worship October 4, God bless you! You are such a blessing to all who hear you! Thanks so much for your witness!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the UYG trip to Worlds of Fun a great success! Your support is greatly appreciated!!!

The first work day for the UYG Haunted Trail was Saturday, Oct. 17, beginning at 9:00 am. Lunch was provided. Youth and parents needed to wear work clothes, and gloves and bring yard tools. It was a great day!!

Flu shots were offered at the Falun Senior Citizens on Tuesday, October 13th. The meeting began at 1:00pm and the flu shots began at 1:30pm. For those with Medicare or Medicaid the shots were free. For others the charge was \$22.00.

Salemsborg WELCA is in charge of mending at Bethany Home on Oct. 13th at 1:30pm in the Home's basement. Help is needed so if you are able, please join them. If you have questions, call Audrey Miller.

Bart Johnson in collaboration with Dave Anderson has carved a Tomte which will be raffled to benefit the window project at Salemsborg. Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 5/\$20. The drawing for the winning ticket will be held during Lucia festivities in December. The winner does not have to be present to win. Contact Karyn Johnson, Karla Pihl or Kellie Feistner for tickets.

The First Confirmation Class Day discussing the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was held Saturday, Oct. 24. It began at 9:00 am and got over around 3:00 pm. The following people were in charge of dinner/lunch: Maxine, Robin, Tish and Christy. Youth are to bring the Bibles you received in Sunday School if you got them, paper, writing utensil, snacks and drinks for the day to share.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Dave Anderson funeral Tuesday, Oct. 13, it is very much appreciated. God used you and we give thanks that you let go and let God.

The Noisy Offering at Falun for the months of September, October and November will be the Angel Tree.

Salemsborg will continue their noisy offering on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Funds will be used toward the completion of the windows project.

If you are ever interested in using the Fellowship Center for any reason, please contact Kathy Miley. If you need to contact her during the day, please email her at bkmiley@gmail.com. By phone you can reach her during the evenings or weekends at 227-3107 or 643-6183

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

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 and friends of Ruth Oborg, The Northcutt Family (Cale & Adam) and Kristi's dad Steve, The family & friends of Dave Anderson, The Lemen family, Peggy Cooper (Mary Ann Carlson's mom), Edna Kvacik, John Meyer (Karla Pihl's cousin), Roger Bulson (Kathy Rishel's step-brother), Ted Hodges, Josie Riggs, Missy Baxter, The people of New Orleans who were affected by Katrina, especially Kim, VirgieAnn Talley and their families, Beth Northcutt, Danny Lewis (friend of Pat Stamm), McClure/Jaso family, Roger Pihl family, Leland Tillberg, Art Barnett, Mike Wineteer, Jaden McBride, Mary Craig, Nikki Driscoll, Don Cheever, Karson Schierling, Calvin Carlson, Marie Nelson, Axel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Ron & Gayla Bloyd, Malcom Stambaugh, Kristy Bergstrom, Cal Williams, Caden Wekamp, Carlina Swisher, Rebecca Copley Johnson, Kristine Govier, Seretha Johnson, Jennifer Hoffmans, Leann Marr, Vickie Everhardt, Allen Nicholson, Tom Hollopeter, Harry Sandahl, Jim & Karen Gooch, Evelyn Peterson's daughter Kathy, Mary Tillberg's aunt, Pastor Steven Little, Joan Garman, families in conflict, Kathy Sadey, Diane Williams, Carolyn Johnson, Marjorie Oleen, Viola Miller, Rosella Oleen. 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.

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

HyllningsFest is behind us! Thanks to each one who baked spritz, helped set up our booth, worked and helped tear down the booth. We soon found out the need to wear thick soled shoes, etc, in cold weather. The cold weather kept the big crowds at home. Consequently, we only used 2 boxes of apples and 3 cans of caramel. WE closed our booth between 2:30-3pm on Saturday. Now more of us know how to put up the tent and take it down. We found 3 of the sides for the tent. They are in a black bag near the box that holds the main part of the tent in the east storage area of the Fellowship Hall. We are thankful for the profit we made at the Zimmerman Sale since we didn't sell as many apples as we expected to sell.

WE had our annual business meeting on October 3. We enjoyed brunch together. We were unable to find 2 people willing to serve as Coordinators for the next 2 years. There were no volunteers at the meeting; Marilyn Johnson and I agreed to serve another year. WE also need a person to serve on the Mission Community Committee and a person to serve a 3 year term on the Altar Guild.

We are having our Soup Supper on Sunday, November 8 from 5-7pm. Check your WELCA book for calendar group responsibilities. We'll see if we get a larger crowd than we got last year on a Tuesday.

November 8th is also the day Bible Study leaders need to turn in their 2010 schedules, so we can work on our 2010 WELCA books.

We are responsible for 10 dozen cookies for the Bethany Home Christmas Party. Contact Melanie Ryding or Audrey if you are willing to furnish cookies and how many you will contribute.

We are the recipients of many blessings through our church family, through our individual families and through living in a free country. As we gather with our families for Thanksgiving, let us thank God for all of our blessings. We are thankful for each one you! Mary Tillberg

Falun Lutheran Women

Falun Lutheran Women will host our annual soup supper at Bethany Home on Wednesday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. Come join us for fellowship, devotions, relishes, soup and dessert.

Falun Senior Citizens will be celebrating their 41st Anniversary on Tuesday, November 10th with a catered noon meal. Entertainment will be provided by Tom Mulhern.

Advent decorating will take place after church on Sunday, November 22nd. This is also the deadline for bringing your gifts for the Bethany Home residents' Christmas party.

No quilting will be held at Bethany Home this month.

Baptism at Salemsborg

Congratulations Katelyn Nicole Griffin on your baptismal day, Sept. 27th, 2009. God bless you and keep you that you may always be glad you were washed by the word and water. Katelyn's parents are Nathan and Amanda 'Preston' Griffin. Her sponsors are Kristi Roe and Josh Griffin. God bless you and keep you that you may be good examples of the faith for Katelyn and may the Spirit lead you as you raise Katelyn.

Baptism at Falun

Congratulations Gage Watkins on this your baptismal day, October 11, 2009. God has washed you with the water and the word, marked you with the cross and claims you! Gage's parents are Branden and Jaron 'Lewis' Watkins. His sponsors are the members of Falun Lutheran Church. May all be lead by the Spirit that Gage may grow in faith as he grows in years! Congratulations to all and God bless!

Thank You's

Thank you to Pastor Ethan for his spiritual support during Dave's illness and after his death. Thanks to Tim Roets and Kevin Allton for directing parking at the funeral, Mary Ann Carlson for her help at the service, Don Hawk for his wonderful eulogy, Pat Anderson for the use of her music, Dale Johnson and Pete Oborg for Ushering, to all of the ladies who worked in the kitchen during the coffee and anyone else who helped in any way. A special thank you to the Salemsborg Quartet for not only providing music for the end of the service, but also for coming to the house to practice two weeks ago so Dave could enjoy your music. We feel so blessed to be a part of the Salemsborg Lutheran Church. The family of Dave Anderson

Your support of this agency is deeply appreciated. Providing our specialized services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault is very important to the quality of life in our community. Without your support and generosity we would not be able to provide these services. The Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas sincerely appreciates your donation of four quilts. Please keep this letter as an acknowledgement from our agency and as a receipt of your donation. Sincerely, Andrea Quill, Executive Director.

Operation Christmas Child

The Evangelism Committee will be doing the Operation Christmas Child again this year. They would like folks to fill a shoe box with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy and a personal note. Label it for a boy or girl age 2-4yrs, 5-9yrs, or 10-14yrs. They ask for a \$7.00 donation to cover shipping costs. Cut off date for the boxes will be November 23. A list of items will be placed at the back of the church . Thanks!

Estate Planning and Wills Awareness

On Sun, Nov. 1st at 3pm, Joyce "J.P" Palmer from the Synod Office will lead a workshop on Estate Planning and Wills Awareness at the Assaria Lutheran Church. It will end no later than 5pm; refreshments will be served. The free workshop can help navigate some important decisions. Friends and neighbors are welcome to come. Please RSVP by email at alcassaria@hometelco.net or 667-2031 by Oct. 28th

TACOL Thrift Store

The TACOL Thrift Store is in urgent need of individuals to be cashiers on Saturday afternoon, 1-3pm or 3-5pm. Contact Rose at 227-4710 if you are able to help. Thanks

Hospice Fall Sale

The 14th Annual Fall Sale to benefit Hospice will be held Oct. 31 (10am-5pm) and Nov. 1 (1-5pm) at Kenwood Hall in Salina. Donations for the sale can be made up to and including Oct. 28. Many items will be available

Wedding Announcement

Congratulations to Lisa Petty and Delwin Newman on their marriage. The ceremony took place at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 13th. Lisa and Del appreciate all the cards, gifts and well wishes. The support and love shown by Salemsborg members means so much.

Smoky Valley Education Foundation Dinner & Auction

The Smoky Valley Education Foundation will host a dinner and auction on Saturday, November 21 at 6:30pm. The event will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Lindsborg. Enjoy a full buffet dinner catered by Hickory Tree Restaurant. Entertainment will be provided by SVHS Jazz Band and the Nelson Brothers. Advance tickets only by November 17: \$18 per person. Call 227-2981 or stop by the USD 400 District Office for tickets. Help support programs for USD 400 students. Donated items for the auction are being collected now at the USD 400 District office.

TACOL-Lindsborg Christmas Food Baskets

It's the time of the year to remember less fortunate residents of Lindsborg with Christmas Food Baskets. Each church is asked to donate certain items. This year Falun/Salemsborg is asked to donate pasta, beans, instant potatoes, mac & cheese. Contact our TACOL representatives to make arrangements for your donations. At Salemsborg it's Melanie Barnett; at Falun it's Janice Morris.

Empty Bowls Soup Supper

Come join the fun! Try one or more of 7 soups. Provided by Renaissance Cafe, Quizno's, Martinelli's, Bill Fekas, Guiterez Mexican Restaurant, Salina Country Club. Entertainment will be provided by Theresa Weaver and Mike Mattison. The event will be held Nov. 1st at the 4-H Bldg. in Kenwood Park from 4:30-6:30pm. Adults are \$10; kids 5-12 are \$5; under 5yrs is free. Proceeds benefit the Salina Emergency Aid / Food Bank.

Bethany College Events

Nov. 3--College Choir & Chamber Choir Concert-
7:30pm--Presser Hall

Nov. 5-7--Fall Theatre Production--7:30pm--Burnett Center
Tickets available at the door

Nov. 10--Public lecture, "Genetic Studies Unraveling the
Origins of the Dog"-by 2010 Pearson Professor
Peter Savolainen--7:30pm--Lindquist Hall

Nov. 12-Dec. 9--Student Autumn Art Show
Mingenback Art Center

Nov. 15--Guest Organist Kyle Johnson
7:30pm--Presser Hall

Nov. 17--Symphonic Band Concert
7:30pm--Presser Hall

Nov. 18--Chapel Talk by Peter Savolainen, 2010 Pearson
Professor of Swedish Studies--10:30am
Swenson Chapel--Burnett Center

Memory Lane

This poem appeared in the Lindsborg News on March 24, 1994 regarding the Salemsborg Spire Church when it burned.

July 29, 5:40pm, 1925

Whatever betide me, where'er I shall stay
I shall never, never forget that day,
That lamentable day of distressful gloom,
When we cried aloud for our beloved sweet home,
When Salemsborg church burnt down.

The clouds grew darker, the sun ceased to smile,
The power of nature reigned for awhile;
A crash-and the bolt did not miss-alas,
It struck the spire beneath the cross,
And set Salemsborg church on fire.
Yes, our church on fire-a little flame,
At first we could hardly notice the same,
But out of reach as it was it grew
While we stood there helpless, I and you,
When Salemsborg church burnt down.

From east and west, from south and north,
Every family had come forth;
Strangers and home-folks--they and we--
All had rushed the scene to see,
When Salemsborg church burnt down.

The smoke grew darker, the flames more bright;
Oh, my soul went through a terrible fight;
When the fire crept down where the bell was hung,
I sighed and I wept for I felt the stung,
When Salemsborg church burnt down.

The consuming flames brought down the bell,
It solemnly chimed before it fell.
It ceased to call with its silver tongue--
We cried as children old and young,
When Salemsborg church burnt down.

Silently in to the church I went
And from the pulpit a prayer I sent
To our merciful God--then with a sigh
To the church and pulpit I bid goodbye,
When Salemsborg church burnt down.

With trembling steps I walked through the door,
Where I walked for years but should walk no more,
For soon into ashes our church should burn,
But oh, how our hearts did bleed and yearn,
When Salemsborg church burnt down.

The old men sobbed and the children cried,
In their hands the women their faces hide
And bitterly wept.-Yes, friends, I say,
I shall never, never forget that day,
When Salemsborg church burnt down.

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