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FROM THE PASTOR



*...God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;...
And the one seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new".
Revelation 21:3b-5 NRSV*

I was thinking about the month of October. We have Hyllningsfest (I looked it up on the web and that's the way they spelled it). We have one of our three days of confirmation class. We have the UYG Haunted Trail. We have Reformation Sunday. We have weddings. We have farmers drilling wheat hopefully. It is going to be another busy month. Even if you are not involved in any of the before mentioned events, it still could be a time when you are tired; tired for any number of reasons.

The passage from Revelation can speak to us through all of the times in our lives. It is a passage for the busy, the not so busy, the energized or the tired times. It reminds us of the gift God has given us in Christ and will give to us. It is a scripture that assures us of God's love for us. It is a passage that gives us hope in the midst of this life and the life to come. We are reminded that through life, through death, through the tears, God has worked and is working. Through Jesus, God has and will make all things new. We can be refreshed. We can be assured of better days ahead. We can find comfort in our God that cares for us always.

October is a busy time. Life is a busy time. Life is a time of many emotions including tears. Through it all, may the Holy Spirit remind us what God has done, is doing and will do for all who believe. God is wiping away the tears, God is making all things new. God is at work!

God's Peace, Pastor Ethan

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."

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First Confirmation Class Day

The first class day will be Saturday, October 24th. Class will begin at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Center and conclude around 3:00 pm. The following parents have volunteered to be in charge of lunch that day: Maxine, Robin, Tish and Christy. The youth are to bring snacks and drinks to share along with their Bible, some paper, a writing utensil and a great attitude. It's going to be a great day!!! We are looking at having 12-13 youth as participants in the class. We will be discussing the Sacrament of Holy Baptism that day. Other Confirmation days are scheduled for Dec. 5th, Feb. 6th (Lock-in), March 27th (snow day).

United Youth Group (UYG) News!

The UYG has been busy! They were asked and took on serving concessions at the Kellie Goodell Memorial Barrel Race in Bennington the last Sunday in September. There will be around 35 people heading for Worlds of Fun on Saturday, October 3rd for a fun Haunted Halloween experience. They will be leaving Salemsborg at 12:30 pm and getting back Sunday Morning, October 4th at around 5:00 am. They will be working on the Haunted Trail, see the flier in this newsletter. We continue to sponsor a child through Compassion International. The UYG is alive and well and really appreciates all of your support!

Thank You's

We would like to thank all who made pies, Sloppy Joe mix and worked at the Dennis Zimmerman sale. We greatly appreciate it. Betty and Darlene

"Dear Pastor & Members of the Falun Lutheran Church, On behalf of our residents I thank you for your gift to Bethany Home that was in the amount of \$133.62. Every so often I notice Falun Church members volunteering and visiting with our residents. A generous heart is a priceless treasure. Thanks for all you do for our residents! In Christian love, Patricia Roraback, Development Associate, Bethany Home."

"Dear Ethan and Church Council, I appreciate what you do for me and my family and for sponsoring my sheep. Sincerely, Cole Norberg"

"Dear Ethan and Church Council, Thank you for supporting me by sponsoring my 4H lamb. I appreciate it a lot! Sincerely, Rachel Norberg"

The UYG members want to thank all of you for your support. We are so lucky to have a parish that is behind us! Thank you as well to Max Carlson for putting together the PowerPoint presentation which was shown on August 30th!

W/ELCA NEWS

Salemsborg WELCA

September is going by quickly. It has been a very busy month. Cheers for everyone who baked pies and/or worked at the concession stand at the Zimmerman Sale and for all who helped with the Family Birthday Celebration. We made a good profit at the sale and our offering at the Birthday Celebration was a little over \$100 which will be applied to our church's stained glass window project. We enjoyed our speaker, Tyler and Mollie's duet and the delicious cakes, ice cream and our time together.

October will be another busy month. Our annual business meeting will be Oct. 3rd, 9-11 in the morning. It will be a brunch followed by election of officers and other business. We hope this will be a time when you who are not available for our Quilt Days can come and enjoy some fellowship, food and also share your ideas for next year.

HyllningsFest is the next weekend, Oct. 9-11th. We appreciated the response from several people to bake spritz for the Smorgasbord. They can be taken to the Bethany College cafeteria south-east entrance between the hours of 8:30am and 1:30pm on Friday, Oct. 9th. If that is a problem, call Marilyn Johnson or Mary Tillberg to make arrangements.

We will set up our booth to sell caramel apple sundaes on Oct. 9 and 10th. We will have a sign-up sheet at church for work times. We will be washing the apples one of the preceding days. We will start working at 8:30am each day and close our booth at 5:30pm. On Saturday, we will need help to dismantle our booth and load supplies to take back to the church.

We have a third responsibility in October; to mend clothes at Bethany Home on Oct. 13 and 27th, in the afternoon. Audrey will tell us the time.

Bible Study leaders, please begin getting your 2010 schedule ready for our 2010 year book. Thank you in advance for participating and helping. Mary Tillberg.

Falun Lutheran Women

Falun Senior Citizens will meet on October 13th at 1:00 p.m. The Quilting ladies will meet on October 26th at 1:00 p.m. at Bethany Home.

Tomte Raffle to Benefit Window Project

Bart Johnson in collaboration with Dave Anderson has carved a Tomte which will be raffled to benefit the window project at Salemsborg Lutheran Church. The Tomte will be on display at Salemsborg on Sunday, September 27th, during coffee time. Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Drawing for the winning ticket will be held during Lucia festivities in December. The winner does not have to be present to win.

Bart has been carving on the Tomte around 1-1/2 months. The body is carved from Bass wood. The staff which he will be holding and the base on which he stands will be carved from walnut wood found on Bart's farm. He stands 18 inches tall and the base will add a little more height. Bart's name and the year will be burned into the bottom of the base.

More information regarding the selling of the tickets and location where the Tomte will be on display will be presented later.

More Thank You's

We want to thank Clair Oleen for the sermon and all who were involved in the worship on September 6th. God bless you and continue to use you to proclaim the gospel.

Thanks for the cards I received for my birthday. I enjoyed reading every one. Mary Holmquist

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank all who donated ice cream and/or cakes for the Parish Ice Cream Social on August 30th. Everything was delicious!

Educational Hunger Banquet

Bethany College students will soon be fed a lesson in the eating habits of poverty-stricken countries across the world. The Bethany Student Advocacy Group's annual Hunger Banquet is set for Sept. 30, at 7pm in the cafeteria.

On the agenda is a presentation of materials from OxFam America, an international relief group founded to combat poverty, hunger and injustice across the world. Bethany Student Advocacy Group president Samantha Reeves attended the OxFam Change Initiative summit in Boston, Mass., during the summer of 2008. Reeves stated her experience "alerted me to the destitute conditions that individuals across the world suffer through every day. I hope to open the eyes of a few of my fellow students and community members by hosting this event".

On the menu is very little. The meal is designed to simulate the types of meals that our world's poorest consume every day.

The event is free to the public, though attendees will be given the opportunity to make a donation to OxFam.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop, and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at www.bethanylb.edu.

Bethany College Events

Oct. 9-11--Homecoming & Hyllningsfest

Oct. 30--Swede Friday for prospective students
call 800-826-2281 or email admissions@bethanylb.edu

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Rummage Sale

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Salina invites all to attend a Rummage Sale at 255 S. 7th on October 3rd from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All types of treasures will be available.

Memory Lane

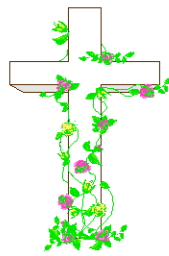
(Taken from September 1925 Newsletter)

Big Festival Coming. Next Thursday evening, the ladies of the Church District and South East District will give their festival at Salemsborg. Tickets for adults 25 cents, children under 12 years of age only 15 cents. Curious thing will happen and curious people should be sure to come, hungry and thirsty people, too. All are welcome-everything will be ready 6:30 p.m. but don't put "6" upside down.

Thursday, September 17th the Dorcas will meet at the home of Gust Bengtsons. We should all try our best to be present. Bengtsons invites you all. Let us plan for a big meeting.

IN MEMORY

David Lynn Lofdahl
May 22, 1953–September 9, 2009



David L. Lofdahl was born on May 22, 1953 in Axtell, Kansas and died September 9, 2009. He was 56 years old. He was a mechanic for John Deere for 37 years.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lois Lofdahl.

Survivors include his father Ewald Lofdahl of Lindsborg; his wife Mary Lofdahl; three children, Adam L. Lofdahl and his wife Brandi of Soloman, Terry L. Lofdahl and his wife Kylie of Assaria and Dustin L. Lofdahl and his wife Laurie of Leawood, KS; a brother Glenn A Lofdahl and his wife Terri of Strong City, KS and four grandchildren.

Visitation was on Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 1-6pm at the Roselawn Heights Memorial Chapel where the family received friends from 4-6 p.m. The funeral was Monday, September 14, 2009 at 10:00am at the Salemsborg Lutheran Church in Smolan, KS.

Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Mid West Transplant Network.

IN MEMORY

DeVere Eldon Blomberg
November 26, 1928--September 14, 2009



DeVere died peacefully Monday, September 14, 2009 at Lindsborg Community Hospital.

DeVere, son of Phillip W. and Pauline Blomberg, was born in Lindsborg and was a lifetime resident of the area. He was baptized at the Salemsborg Lutheran Church and was confirmed at Falun Lutheran church where he remained active the majority of his life. He graduated from Bethany College in 1951. From there he traveled to University of Nebraska to complete his Masters of Education in 1953.

He served as a CDC in the Army from 1953 through 1955 at Ft. McClellan in Alabama. He was discharged from the Army and Reserves in 1961.

DeVere began teaching and serving as a librarian in the school system in 1955 until his retirement in 1995, 45 years later. He taught at Roxbury and Salina during his teaching and librarian career. In 1974, he received his Masters in Library Science from University of Washington. DeVere cherished his friendships gained through teaching and stayed active in the Retired Teachers Association. He also was Vice President of the Association of Childhood Education International.

DeVere enjoyed traveling in his spare time. He traveled to many foreign countries and most of the states during his life. He kept an itinerary of all his travels and gave many presentations on his travels out of the country.

DeVere was very proud of his Swedish heritage and continued working to maintain the Swedish customs. He was active in the American Scandinavian Association of the Great Plains. His tireless work was not overlooked by the community and in 2001, he was voted as King of Hyllningsfest.

DeVere's great love was Bethany College and Presser Hall. He sang in the Messiah for 57 years and acted as secretary of the Tenor section for many years. His love of the college and Presser was shown through his generous gifts to the college. His last two projects took much of his time. He donated the money for the renovation of the balcony at Presser. He spent many hours helping in the work of taking out the old seats in the balcony. He was unable to see his last project come to fruition. He donated money to replace the elevator at Presser. This work is still being completed.

DeVere will be remembered in the community for his generosity and volunteerism in the countless projects he spearheaded or just helped in whatever way he could. His wealth of historical information of the area will be very hard to replace.

Interment was in the Falun Cemetery. A time of fellowship was held at the church following the committal service.

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: Dave Anderson, John Meyer (Karla Pihl's cousin) Ted Hodges, The friends and family of DeVere Blomberg, The Lofdahl family, Roger Bulson (Kathy Rishel's step brother) 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, Edna Kvacik, Don Cheever, Karson Schierling, Calvin Carlson, Marie Nelson, Axel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Ron & Gayla Bloyd, Malcom Stambaugh, Kristy Bergstrom, Cal Williams, Caden Wekamp, Greg Aune, Carlina Swisher, Rebecca Copley Johnson, Kristine Govier, Kristine Govier's two friends, 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, Leigh Heller, 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.