

# THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR

NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### "Do not be afraid"

What came to your mind when you read those words? Were there certain people that come to mind? Were you transported back in time? Were you fearful once again? As I read and thought about the words, "Do not be afraid", all that plus more came to mind. The most prevalent image/thought was Jesus.

Our Lord and Savior spoke those words a lot in scriptures. When the waves were beating against the boat, He spoke, "Do not be afraid." When He was carrying His cross through the streets of Jerusalem up to the hill, He spoke in His own special way, "Do not be afraid."

He wanted to remind all the people that no matter what they were going through, God was present and knew what was needed. The storms could not overpower the Creator of all.

As you read this letter, you may be facing a "storm" of some sort. You may wonder if anyone cares and if anyone knows what you are going through. It is at the moment when the waves cannot get any bigger. It is at the very moment when the darkness seems to be too overpowering to survive. It is at these moments Jesus speaks, "Do not be afraid." He may whisper it in your ear. He may shout it out with a voice that can command all. He speaks the words with authority. He speaks them with love and care in His heart.

God cares! God loves you more than you will ever know! God is in the midst of the storm with you. God knows what it feels like to face the storms. Jesus took on the ultimate storm on the night of His crucifixion, as He descended to death, and as He rose again. He felt the pain, He felt the loneliness, He felt the connection with His Father. God knows all about storms!

May God open up our ears and hearts to hear the words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid." May the Holy Spirit lead us and direct us to live our lives with no fear leaning of those everlasting arms!

God's Peace!  
Pastor Ethan

### United Youth Group News

The Annual United Youth Group Haunted Trail will be held on Saturdays, October 23rd and October 30th. It will be from 7:30-10:30pm. A chili supper will begin at 6:30pm. A freewill offering will be taken for supper and for the trail. It has been a great fund raiser and we appreciate all of the support.

### Salemsborg Congregational Meeting

A Congregational meeting will be held at Salemsborg on Sunday, October 17th after a shortened worship service. Discussion will be held regarding the recommendations of the Benevolence Committee which was formed after the Annual Meeting in February. The Committee has drafted a letter stating their suggestions for our benevolence giving which could be sent to the Central States Synod. Copies of the letter will be available to members on October 3rd and 10th prior to the meeting. A vote will be taken that day to determine whether the letter is sent or not. All members of Salemsborg are encouraged to attend this meeting.

### Parish Worship Service

A Joint Parish Worship Service will be held at Salemsborg at 11am on Sunday, Oct. 31st. It is Reformation Sunday! Sunday School for all people of the parish and beyond begins at 9:30am. There will be a potluck dinner following worship at the Fellowship Center. Let's gather as a parish, as a Body of Christ, to study, to worship and to break bread together. We build up the Body and our Faith guided by the Holy Spirit.

### A Visit with Pastor

The visits with Pastor Ethan will continue on Sunday evenings beginning at 7:00pm. We will meet in the Salemsborg Church basement. We need you to be there for your opinions and your witness!

### 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."

## W/ELCA NEWS

### Salemsborg WELCA

Our WELCA Annual Brunch and Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 11, 9-11am at Salemsborg Church. Come for food, fellowship and planning next years work. We need four volunteers to serve as WELCA Coordinators and three volunteers to serve on Altar Guild for a three year term. We need both women who work outside of the home and full time homemakers to serve as coordinators. That way we will have input to help meet the needs of all women. Call one of the present Coordinators: Mary T. (668-2225), Marilyn J. (668-2366) or Sherri J. (668-2041) to volunteer. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your ideas.

### Falun Lutheran Women

Special dates for Falun Lutheran Women to remember are: Falun Senior Citizens on Oct. 12 at 1pm; Falun Lutheran Women's Devotions & Game Night at Falun Church on Oct. 13th at 7pm; and Quilting on Oct. 26th.

### Salemsborg Window Challenge

A member of the United Youth Group from Salemsborg has challenged 100 members to donate \$100 to pay off the window fund. That member did so by making the first \$100 donation. Donations will be signified by placement of a sticky note on the last window on the North side of the sanctuary. When the window is covered, the window fund will be paid off.

### Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee will meet at Salemsborg on Tuesday, October 19th, at 7:00pm. At this time they are collecting toilet paper to benefit the Ashby House.

### First Communion at Salemsborg

Congratulations to Gavin Zimmerman, Kennedi Hendricks and Baylee Wolf who took their First Communion Sunday, September 19th. God bless you and keep you and always remember God always has a place for you at the Lord's Table.

### New Members at Salemsborg

On Sunday, August 22nd, we welcomed new members to Salemsborg Lutheran Church and our Parish. Robert (Bob) & Judy Schmoll have transferred their membership from First Lutheran in Blair, NE. Steve, Roxie, Kaj & Kort Sjogren have transferred their membership from Messiah Lutheran in Lindsborg. Welcome to all of you. We look forward to building the body of Christ with you all.

### Special Thanks

Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers for me while I was recovering from my injury. I am healing very nicely, albeit slow! Your prayers meant so much and I can attest that they work! Thank you again everyone for your support! Karl Malm

### More Thanks

Dear Falun/Salemsborg Lutheran Church's Congregations; Thank you so much for donating money towards our 4H lambs again this year. It was a fun fair this year, and we enjoyed it. Your support is greatly appreciated! Rachel, Emily and Cole Norberg

Thanks Tom Holmquist for leading worship on Sunday, September 5th and proclaiming the Word, it is appreciated! God's blessings as you continue to let the Spirit lead!

### Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Coffee

We will be having a Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade coffee tasting event during our coffee times on Sunday, October 10. There will be different coffees from LWR's coffee project that you will be able to taste. We want your input to see if we would like to purchase LWR Coffee for the parish. You may also want to purchase it for your own use. Be on the look out for more information, LWR Fair Trade coffee tasting on Sunday, October 10.

### Immanuel Lutheran Church Rummage Sale

Immanuel Lutheran Church invites all to attend a Rummage Sale at 255 S. 7th on October 2, from 7:30am to 2:30pm. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 825-4750.

### Meals on Wheels

It's more than an meal....each delivery brings a smile, a safety check and a chance at an independent life for many homebound, elderly and disabled individuals. Hot, nutritious meals can be brought to your door 5-7 days each week. Meals are \$3.25. For more information call: Karna or Jaime at 785-227-3308.

### The Children's Center

There are many ways to help the Children's Center in Lindsborg. Funds generated by participation in any of their fundraising events or in conjunction with their ongoing supporters go directly back to the Children's Center in the form of operating expenses, salaries, equipment, capital improvements, etc. A list is posted on the bulletin boards at both churches showing the different ways we can all help.

### Salina Rescue Mission

You're invited to attend the Salina Rescue Mission Annual Banquet "Lighting the Way". The event will be held on Tuesday, October 12, at 6:30-8:30pm. The dinner and program is at the Ramada Inn-1616 W. Crawford, Salina. The dinner is complimentary. The program gives stories of lives changed, objectives and goals of Salina Rescue Mission, and showing the impact of SRM on the community and making a difference in homeless men's lives. Because SRM is openly Christian, no government or United Way assistance is received. It relies solely on supporters and friends of the mission. RSVP by Oct. 4th. Call 823-2610 or email [donald@salinarescuemission.com](mailto:donald@salinarescuemission.com)

## Memory Lane

The video tape continues....Walter and Elmer talked about playing in bands. They played in the Falun, Assaria and Bethany Bands. Walter played the Baritone and Elmer played the trumpet. Elmer didn't really have a lot of lessons to learn to play. He said he went to his uncle Delbert who played the alto horn and watched him play. He learned a lot from doing that. Elmer jokingly said he didn't get along too good with Mrs. Bastian. She was too smart for him in English. When she would want him to give a talk in class he'd play his horn instead.

They remembered the Salemsborg grocery store. It was run by Otto Anderson, the blacksmith shop that was run by Carl Sandberg, the machine shop that was owned at one time by Olif Oborg and of course the Central Office. Names they mentioned running that were Albert Brodine, Clarence Hanson and of course the Danielson's who probably ran it the longest. Central would "ring off" every night and would send line calls for sales or emergencies.

At this point Tillie chimed in saying Smolan was a busy place, too. She thought it had 4 grocery stores (meat market, cream station, etc.); a hardware store, horse and harness place, a hotel and a lumberyard. (Tillie had mentioned earlier that her sister Christine had married a Larson and that they owned the lumberyard in Smolan.)

They all remembered a lot of excitement in town on Wednesday and Saturday nights. A parking place was very hard to come by. They would drive their riggs to town and collect their money for items sold. They all felt that Smolan wasn't as welcoming as other places and that Lindsborg was the "big" town to go to.

They said they bought their eggs from Ben Hessler. Walter chuckled as he said with a strong Swedish accent, "Mrs. Hessler thought each egg should be worth a penny". But the dozen was still sold for 10 cents. Elmer commented they would ship 500 lb calves to Kansas City and get \$13 a head. Most farmers would get 9-10 dozen eggs a day. Those would be sold as well as cream to help earn money. When they were building Highway 81 (making it a gravel road), Elmer took his wagon and a team of horses to haul dirt. He made 40 cents an hour and 15 cents for three horses for an 8hr day.

The men agreed that they had to make their own fun as boys. One thing they did was to coast on the hills, sometimes until midnight. The Christmas program at Salemsborg would last from 6-10pm. Each child had to memorize their lines. According to Tillie they even had a recess. When the program was over they'd wake the children up so they could go home.

Elmer remembered that he and Vernon Miller didn't get to say their lines for Confirmation, so they had to go to the parsonage. While trying to say their lines, they got the laughs and couldn't say what they were supposed to say, so Pastor Erickson just said "That's alright"...and they never had to say them.

The fellas spoke about a railroad that almost came through Salemsborg. It was to have gone from Smolan to McPherson. Stakes were put out for it and it would have fu

run a half mile west of Elmer's place and a half mile east of Walter's. They never did state reason the railroad wasn't built.

Elmer's dad immigrated here in 1864 when he was 4 yrs. old. His mother's family came here when she was 17. In 1913 his mother's parents spent a whole year with them. They had a bad snow storm that winter and Elmer who was 6 yrs. old talked his grandma into sledding on a high snow drift west of his house. They also took them in the sleigh over to Walter's but they didn't quite get there. The sleigh and horses tipped over on the curve. Everyone was laughing but Elmer didn't think it was so funny. They would sled down the hills a lot and roll off the sled before coming to a barbed wire fence. They'd be okay and sled would keep on going under the fence.

Just prior to this, it was suggested that the ladies do something else so the guys could talk. At this point you could hear Mildred playing "Silent Night" loudly on the piano. Needless to say, the guys couldn't compete so they shut the camera off and headed to Walter's room.

*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 Stambaugh family as they grieve the death of Jimmy Small, The family and friends of Norman Watts, 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.

The deadline for information needed in the November 2010 Newsletter is Wednesday, October 20th

If you need to contact Donna Swanson with information for the bulletin or newsletter you can call her at 785-668-2600, or email her at [donlee@hometelco.net](mailto:donlee@hometelco.net).

Item needed for the Salina Area Emergency Aid/Food Bank for the month of October is: Toilet Paper

### More Thanks

Thank you Salemsborg congregation for your kind words and support for our 50th wedding anniversary celebration. It was a special time for our family.

Einar & Kristin Johnson

### Hospice of Salina

The 15th Annual Volunteer Fall Sale is fast approaching. It will be held at the Saline County Expo Center, Kenwood Hall, 900 Greely in Salina on Saturday, October 30th from 10am-4pm, and again on Sunday, October 31 from 9am-1pm. They are seeking antiques, furniture, craft items, new and slightly used items. Without the contributions from our community, Hospice of Salina would not be able to provide the level of care and comfort to our patients for which they are known. Call Karen Sutton at 825-7141 to make a donation. Thanks

### Bethany College Friendship Families

A friendship family provides another link to the Lindsborg community for an international student, providing them with a glimpse of life outside the Bethany campus. One might invite an international student to a meal, talk with them on the phone, remember birthdays and other special occasions and perhaps even attend Bethany events together. If you are interested, please contact David Olson; 227-3380, ext. 8993

### Bethany College Events

- Oct. 1--Convocation with Service of Morning Prayer  
10am--Presser Hall
- Oct. 2--Pearson Chapel and Welcome Center Planning  
Charrette Pubic Presentation--9-11am--Lindquist Hall
- Oct. 4--Chapel Talk with Per Harling, 2010 Pearson  
Professor of Swedish Studies--10:30am--  
Swenson Chapel in Burnett Center
- Oct. 5--Symphonic Band Concert--7:30pm--Presser Hall
- Oct. 7-10--Leah Trask Memorial & Senior Art  
Exhibition--Mingenback Art Center Gallery  
Reception Oct. 9 at 2-4pm  
Special Presentation--2:30pm
- Oct. 9--Per Harling's Folk Dance Mass--  
7:30pm--Presser Hall
- Oct. 14-Nov. 17--Student Autumn Art  
Exhibition--Mingenback Art Center Gallery
- Oct. 15--"Terrible Swede Project" Golf Tournament  
Registration required call 227-3380, ext. 8270
- Oct. 16--Preview Day for prospective students--  
Call 1-800-826-2281
- Oct. 17--Orchestra Concert--7:30pm-Presser Hall
- Oct. 19--Music Dept. Recital--2pm--Presser Hall
- Oct. 19--Art Studio Workshop Day for high school students  
and their art instructors,  
call 227-3380, ext. 8244
- Oct. 28-30--Fall Theatre Production: "On the Verge,  
or the Geography of Yearning"--Burnett Center--  
Tickets at the door
- Oct. 29--Swede Friday for prospective students--  
call 1-800-826-2281

### 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!



Thanks to everyone who participated in the joint worship service and potluck dinner, it was a great time had by all. We even had a couple of dancers go up and down the middle isle at Salemsborg! It was a great day! Our next parish worship service and dinner will be Sunday, October 31st.

The Altar flowers at Salemsborg Sept. 5th were in honor of Einar & Kristin's 50th wedding anniversary. Bouquets by the pulpit were in memory of Kristin's parents, Mattie & Yngve Brase and Einar's parents, Myrtle & Elmer Johnson.

Sunday School began on Sunday, September 12th. Ice cream sundae's were served during coffee time and prayer balloons were launched by all the students.

UYG members signed-up to usher on Sundays in September at Salemsborg. Thank you to the UYG!

The United Youth Group (UYG) met Sept. 12 at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center beginning around 12 noon. Lunch was provided.

A visit with Pastor began on Sept. 12 at 7pm in the basement at Salemsborg. We gathered to visit about topics that affect all of us as a parish, and as individuals. Also about what it means to be a family in Christ, forgive as we have been forgiven, worship, wherever the Spirit leads us. We have experienced or will experience things in this parish that will be tied into the topics. Please plan on attending, we need your input, your faith statements, your witness, etc.!

Theophilus Fellowship was held Sunday, Sept. 19th at Kendall & Karla Pihl's at 6:30pm. A visit with Pastor was postponed until Sept. 26th.

Sept. 26th, the journey continues as we gather to visit about topics that affect all of us as a parish, and as individuals. We will begin at 7:00 pm and will gather in the basement of Salemsborg. We will be discussing the following Bible passages: Genesis 19:1-11, Judges 19:16-30, Leviticus 18:22; 20:13, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and 1 Timothy 1:9-10. These Bible passages deal with the ELCA and the sexuality statement. We had a good crowd last week and we hope we can have another next week. Please plan on attending, we need your input, your faith statements, your witness, etc.!