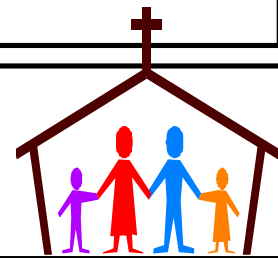
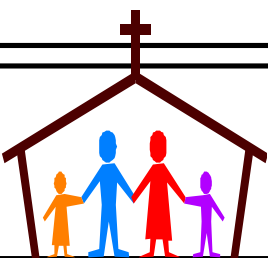


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*Be patient, therefore, beloved,
until the coming of the Lord.
The farmer waits for the precious
crop from the earth, being
Patient with it until it receives the
early and late rains. James 5:7 NRSV*

It is so hard to wait! It is so hard to be patient! I don't believe I'm the only one that feels that way. For those of you who don't have a problem with being patient or with waiting, God be praised! I wish I would have more patience and would be able to wait. I have

have tried to figure out why I am the way I am but just can't. I don't think there has been a time in my life when I have been great at waiting, when I really was great at being patient. When Alex, our son was younger, there were times maybe, but that's the only times it seems.

Waiting is just tough! When people are having surgery, it's not the people being operated on that have the tough time, but those who have to wait that go through the tough time. When one is waiting for test results—when one is waiting for a phone call—when one is waiting for the last bell or the closing time bell to ring—these are all times when waiting is so hard! I would guess we could all come up with plenty of examples. Donna has to wait on me lots of times for bulletins and newsletter stuff—it's tough being a church secretary at times! I was waiting for a tire to get repaired when I thought of myself and how God views waiting.

We are told in the scriptures to be patient and wait for the coming of the Lord. We are to be patient and put our faith in God because God knows what's going on. Just like a farmer who waits for the crops, we too wait for God. We wait for God to come to us. We wait. Is it easy? No! Yet God calls each one of us to have patience and to wait. God works on God's own time for the good of all people. We need to put our trust in God and know that God will deliver! God will take care! God's time is not our time and we know for sure that God's blessing cannot be compared with anything! We just need to wait! God will come through to give us what we need when we need it.

As we wait, let us lift up each other in prayer! Let us let go and let the Spirit lead! Let our faith be strengthened! Let our determination be strong! Let us lean on God and each other! Let us be patient and wait for the coming of the Lord! What a glorious day that will be!

God's peace
Pastor Ethan

Confirmation Camp Thank You's

In the month of June, the Parish helped 14 youth and Pastor Ethan go to Camp Tomah Shinga to participate in Confirmation Camp. The theme for the camp was "Extreme Fishing." It was a time of worship, Bible study, games and building up the Body of Christ. Following are some of the thank you's that the youth here written who attended the camp.

Joint Parish Worship

There will be a Parish Worship Service at Falun on September 30th beginning at 11:00 am. There will be a potluck dinner following weather permitting. Coffee and fellowship will begin at 10:15 am. This worship event is a great opportunity to worship with one another and build up the Body of Christ. Please spread the word and plan on attending. For those who are bringing food, make sure you bring enough to feed your family plus some visitors if needed, thanks! If you have them, you may want to bring lawn chairs also. It's going to be a great day!!!!

Thanks for Confirmation Camp

Dear FSLP, Thank you so much for paying for part of my camp fee. I enjoyed camp and it was an amazing experience! Thank You! Baylee Kampfe

Dear FSLP, Thank you for helping provide what we needed to go to Camp Tomah Shinga. It was a lot of fun and I really appreciate it! Grace Aspenwall

Many Thanks

We want to thank all our Church Family for coming to our 60th wedding celebration. All the well wishes and cards were very much appreciated. Our special thanks also to the "kitchen crew" for all the work involved, they were "awesome". Our boys and their families all left with the satisfaction that their aged parents are in good hands in this community. Manga tack. Emery & Doris Frost

New Baby

Congratulations to David & Svetlana Hawk on the birth of their baby daughter, Julia Elizabeth. She was born July 19, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz., and was 19 in. long. Julia joins big brother, Michael, to the family. May God bless them all.

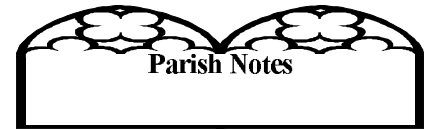
Salemsborg Lutheran Mission Statement

"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!"

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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The Family Birthday Celebration will be held on September 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Audrey Miller & Melanie Ryding are in charge of the program. Kitchen hostesses are Mary Tillberg & Robin Roets. Table hostesses are:

- Spring--Calendar Group #3
- Summer--Calendar Group #2
- Fall--Calendar Group #1
- Winter--Calendar Group #4

Falun Lutheran Women

Falun Lutheran Women—Please come to our annual planning meeting, Sunday, September 16th 2007 at 9:15 a.m. at Falun Lutheran Church. Bring your ideas and calendars. Thanks

Notes from the Choir

The Salemsborg Adult Choir is ready to get back in the rhythm of things, beginning September 9th with a medley of national songs arranged by W. Mercer. We're accompanied, as always, by our fabulous and talented staff musician, "multi-hat" Pat (Anderson) on the piano, and one of our newest and brightest additions to Salemsborg, "fits-the-bill" Phil (Kampfe) on the organ!

There shouldn't be a dry eye in the house after hearing our stirring, *a cappella* rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner"! We invite young and old singers alike to join us for a special Wednesday night rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on the 5th, immediately following the WMC meeting at 6:30 p.m. And there will be a 30-minute run-thru on Sunday morning, at 8:15 a.m. sharp!! Either sing...or listen...but don't miss it!!

"Ofentimes I dream of music, of the river in Judea that freely flows, and it's a singing, ringing river, that my soul cries out to know. May the time not be too distant, when we meet by the river... 'til then....dream of that wonderful day, as we sing once more!" Joyfully!! Kathy Gordon

Concert at Bethany

Lorraine Carlson Miller will present a concert at Sandzen Gallery on September 16th at 3:00 p.m.

Thrivent Trip to KC

A bus trip to KC for the Christmas Pageant and Plaza Christmas lights sponsored by the Saline Valley Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has been planned for Saturday, December 8th, 2007. Plans are to depart from the parking lot at Trinity (702 S. 9th, Salina) at 9:00 a.m. to arrive in KC around noon. Cost per ticket is \$25.00 (\$25 of original cost underwritten by chapter). Checks made payable to S & S Tours can be sent to Phyllis Von Fange, 2080 Highland, Salina, KS 67401 (phone 785-827-3184). Trip will be limited to the first 55 paid reservations received. A poster regarding the event has been placed on the bulletin boards at each church.

Smoky Valley Men's Choir

The Smoky Valley Men's Choir will perform for the Hyllningsfest on Friday, October 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bethany Lutheran Church. All men in the community, high school chool age and older who love to sing, are invited and encouraged to join the group. Rehearsals will be on the six Tuesdays preceding the performance--Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9--from 7-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany Church. Due to a shortage of funds in the Hyllningsfest Committee budget, a donation to the SVMC Music Fund will be appreciated. If you have any questions, call Leah Ann Anderson at 785-227-2643.

Thanks to everyone who shared a talent Sunday, July 29th at the joint parish service. It's excellent that you volunteered and are such great stewards of what God has given you!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the UYG campout another great success! You are indeed appreciated and we continue to thank you for your support.

Thanks you so much to Ted Krehbiel and Karen Gooch, accompanist, for presenting the special music at Salemsborg on Sunday Aug. 12. We always appreciate it when they make time in their busy schedules to be here with us. Welcome!

The Esther Group at Salemsborg will have a dinner for ALL members on Monday, August 27th, 2007 at 7:00 pm. At MARTINI'S, 117 N. Santa Fe, Salina. Please contact Nancy Anderson, 227-2348, if you plan to attend as an approximate count would be helpful. We want as many as possible to come—even if you have not been coming to the meetings regularly. This is our fun evening and a chance to spend time together. Please Join us!

Maintenance Monday at Salemsborg was Aug 20. Work was done on the door to the Sanctuary from the N. tower (closer broken?), sprayed for bugs around the outside of the church, put dirt around the parsonage foundation and cleared gutters on the Fellowship Center. Work began at 9:00 a.m. Thanks to all for their willingness to help including the ladies who provided lunch!

August 26th the parish will hopefully be hosting some new Bethany College Students. They will be picked up at the college and brought out to the services. Let's really welcome these fine young individuals as we worship with them. At Falun, there will be a potluck dinner following worship in honor of the Bethany Students.. It's going to be a great Sunday!

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: Pat Anderson, Melinda Ho, Vernon Swenson & family on the death of his son (Nita Kay's cousin), the Tunison family, Dolly Nelson, Garrett Miller, Jim Gooch, Joyce Saum, Evelyn Peterson's daughter Kathy, Luke & Tabitha Peterson, Lois Peterson, Rosalee Nelson, Anita Neilson and her family, Pete Rickert & family, Michell Lemon's friend, Valerie Rush, Gerald Walter, Mary Tillberg's aunt, Mindy Graham's mother, Pastor Steven Little, Leigh Heller, Norma Oborg, Joan Garman, Bill Robinson, families in conflict, Jay Cromwell, Kathy Sadey, Deb Meyers, Brenda Kent, Major Sheldon Horsfall, Jade Pihl, Janet Rowland, Diane Williams, Carolyn Johnson, Marjorie Oleen, Viola Miller, Wayne Goodell, Karen Miller, Rosella Oleen, Irene Dauer. If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize. Please let us know so we can include them next time.

September Food Bank needs: toothbrushes & toothpaste