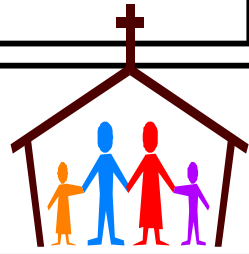


# THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR

NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

SEPTEMBER 2011



The following are the paragraphs that the ones who affirmed their baptism wrote for the Sunday they were confirmed. They chose the Bible passage and wrote how the passage applies to their life and faith. They did a great job! God has, is and will use these young people to build up the Body of Christ. Enjoy how God uses them now as you read their paragraphs. The first four were printed in the June/July newsletter. Three more appeared in the August issue. The last two along with the Apostles Creed which was re-written by the confirmands are given in this September issue.

## **Brianna Fink**

*"With all your heart you must trust the Lord, and not your own judgment. Always let him lead you, and He will clear the road for you to follow. Don't ever think that you are wise enough, but respect the Lord and stay away from evil, this will make you healthy, and you will feel strong."*

*Proverbs 3:5-8*

Proverbs 3:5-8 is like the stepping-stones to the rocky path of my life. I use this to lead me in my daily choices by knowing that I should trust in the Lord, and not my own sense of solution. I still look for Him in the places that are the most unexpected even though I know He is always there. He will lead me to the places I need to go and not put me through anything He doesn't think I can handle. I pray to the Lord every night and think of this Bible verse as I pray. I always know that He is with me and will never leave my side. I thank the Lord for the guidance in my life He gives me, and everyone around me. Following this verse has helped me with tough choices, peer pressure and family turmoil that I have had to endure and to persevere over in life. It makes me feel at ease and strong knowing my faith in the Lord will always be there and He will never leave me. His constant presence shall be my strength throughout my life.

### 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."

## **Hannah Lemen**

*"No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."*

*1 Corinthians 10:13*

Through out my life I have been taking tests, but I have also been tested. I test my patience, my temper, my values, and my faith. These last few years my values and faith have felt like they were constantly being questioned. People close to me have made decisions that I didn't agree with, and gotten in serious trouble for it.

I try to do the right things but I feel like who I talk to and hang out with affect my life just as much as the harmful things they are doing affect them. I feel like someday soon a huge test in my values is going to come about, but because I have seen what happens to people, I don't think I should have a problem saying no. I keep praying that I will never have to make that decision.

My faith is another thing that is tested quite frequently. I find myself wondering why God chooses certain paths for people I love. I've seen changes in so many people, and I wonder if God is still with them. If He is, why doesn't He do something? I suppose everyone has these feelings once in a while but it's so frequent, I almost feel guilty.

After I read 1 Corinthians 10:13, everything started making sense. It reads: *"No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."*

This made me realize that I'm not alone. Somewhere in the world someone is thinking the same things as me. It also gave me the understanding that every time my life gets hard it always turns out all right in the end. I have not been tested on something too great to deal with, and somehow I always find the strength to endure whatever heartache my life may bring me.

Today as I get confirmed, I am proud to say that God loves me enough to pull me through the toughest situations and guide me on a path of righteousness.

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**Apostle's Creed**  
Re-written by  
Confirmation Class

I believe that God the creator has given me all that I have. The Almighty God protects and provides for me and I should worship Him for that. I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross to forgive our sins, rose again and went to Heaven. I cannot completely believe in Jesus Christ, but the Holy Spirit can help me believe. Forever and always. Amen

Brianna Fink  
Hannah Lemen  
Morgan Roets  
Cole Norberg  
Tanner Larson  
Jade Soukup  
Heather Surface  
Hannah Morriscal  
Aaron Taylor  
Dylan Goodell  
Logann Stambaugh  
Alyssa Carlson  
Micah Rehmert  
Kirk Barnes  
Liberty Hollingshead



**W/ELCA NEWS**

**Salemsborg WELCA**

The Sarah Group will meet on Sept. 22 at 9:30am at the Fellowship Center. All are hostesses with lesson given by Carol Brown. Lydia Tabitha will meet at 2:00pm on Sept. 22. Hostess is Dolly Nelson. Lesson is the group. Esther Group will meet Sept. 26 at 7:30pm. Hostess is Marilyn Johnson, Co-Hostess is Mary Tillberg and Lesson is Melanie Ryding

**Falun Lutheran Women**

Falun Senior Citizens will meet Sept. 13 at 1:00pm. The Falun Lutheran Women's Planning Meeting will be held Sept. 21 at 7:00pm and the Falun Quilting ladies will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 27th.

**Special Congregational Meeting**

A special congregational meeting will be held at Salemsborg on Sunday September 4th to vote on whether or not we should spend the money to replace the sidewalks in front of the church.

**Pastor's Vacation**

Pastor Ethan and family will be on vacation Labor Day weekend and the weekend of Sept. 24th. In case of an emergency, please contact a Council person. They will have the name and number of the pastor covering for Pastor Ethan. Please keep Pastor and family in your prayers for safe travel, it is appreciated.

**Thank You's**

**We want to say, THANKS!!!** *Once again you have touched our hearts and our lives by your generosity in providing us meat for our freezer. You are the best! WE are so blessed to be here at Falun/Salemsborg Lutheran Parish. Thanks so much for all you do for us, it is appreciated more than words can express! Pastor Ethan, Kellie and Alex.*

**Many thanks** to Tammy Surface and all those who helped her with the Parish Vacation Bible School. We appreciate your willingness to work with the young people of our parish. Thanks as well to those young folks for presenting the "sermon" on Sunday, July 31st! You're a great group of kids!!

**Many thanks** to Connie McCue for sharing her musical talents with Salemsborg on Sunday, August 7th.

**Thanks so much** to all who participated with the Parish Ice Cream social which was held on Sunday, August 14th. A light meal and desserts were served as well as the delicious homemade ice cream. So much talent was presented as a part of the program which was held in the sanctuary. The event was held as a fundraiser for the new sound system.

**"To Whom It May Concern:** 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." Sincerely, Andrea Quill (DVACK.)

**Thanks** to everyone who does work "behind the scenes" at this Parish, your stewardship is appreciated!

**Confirmation Meeting**

A Confirmation meeting will be held on Sun, Aug 28th at 2pm at Salemsborg. Youth who are entering into the 7th and/or the 8th grades can be in confirmation. At least one parent must come with the youth to the meeting. We will be discussing times, dates, etc. Please bring a school calendar along with you. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ethan.

**Printer Cartridges to Help the Church**

Used printer cartridges from your home printers can be recycled and used to help with the cost of office supplies here at the church. Each cartridge can be redeemed at Office Max for a \$3 credit. Credits can be used to buy paper and other office supplies which are needed. A box is provided in the basement and those who would like to help can drop them off anytime. Donna will collect them and turn them in for the credits. Thank you for all your help.

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](mailto:donlee@hometelco.net).

**The deadline for October 2011 Newsletter information is Tuesday, September 20th**

**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: John Hawk, prostate cancer; Svetlana Hawk, loss of her brother; Ava McCullick (2yr. Old Falun girl), undergoing chemo for brain tumor; Joe & Jackie Kitchen, friends of Northcutts, Jackie has cancer, Joe is undergoing tests for serious health issues (they have 4 small children); Neal Roch, friend of Kathy Rishel, stroke; Chris Jsanowski, Kathy Rishel's son-in-law, broken pelvis & concussion from an accident; Elda Jean Richards, Eldon Tillberg's sister, Multiple Amyloid Myloma; Mary Lofdahl, open heart surgery; Sharon Karlin, Stephanie Wolf's mom, kidney cancer; DeAnna Cullins, friend of Kristi, Ellen & Peggy, shattered ankle from car accident; Aryanna Nagy, Soderstrom 3rd grader, Aplastic anemia; Ward Nelson, C-spine surgery; Marjorie Oleen; Charles & Arlene Kelley; Kananda Kindlesparger, Guillain-Barre Syndrome; Jay Steinberg, cancer; Jeff Arnold, Lisa Newman's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy; Melvin Cales, Kellie Feistner's friend's dad, stage 4 cancer; Chance Watkins, immune problems; CWO-3 Edward DuBois, Tammy Surface's brother, Deployed to Afghanistan; Michaela Stratton, Kellie Feistner's niece, seizures; Jan & Jim Nelson's daughters: Carlena Quisenberry, stroke, and Linda Martin, cancer; 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.

### **Food Bank Sunday**

Food Bank Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. Items that are collected that Sunday will be brought forward and placed on the Altar for blessing during the service. Below is an updated list of items suggested as possible donation 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 canned soups

### **Salemsborg Sunday School**

Sunday School will start on September 11th. It will kick off with a gathering upstairs where everyone will fill out a prayer card that will be lifted Heavenward at the end of the period. Considering the significance of the date, perhaps there will be some adults who would like to send up prayers of their own. Let this be the most colorful prayer session ever! Teachers and helpers are needed. Contact Jane MacDonald if you are interested in helping. Her phone number is 785-668-2331. If you are aware of any new Sunday School children that will be joining us this year, contact her as well.

### **Adult Sunday School**

The Adult Sunday School class which meets in Pastor's Study is starting a new study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Cost of Discipleship. Some members already have their books but if you are interested in participating in the class, please call Carol Brown at 227-8316, so she can order the book for you.

### **Choose Color of Pastor's Hair!**

Don't forget the sign-up sheet to give your input on what color Pastor Ethan's hair will be for Hyllningsfest. The folks at Falun Lutheran will be voting what color it will be on Sunday, Sept. 17th. They will choose out of the top three colors listed on the sign-up sheets located at both congregations.

### **First Communion Classes**

Sign up sheet in the back of both sanctuaries for people interested in First Communion Classes.

### **United Youth Group**

United Youth Group members will soon be registering for the 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering to be held in New Orleans, July 2012. The cost is around \$1,000 per person. The UYG tries to give each youth going \$500. If you would like to sponsor a youth, please contact Dennis Zimmerman Jr, or Pastor Ethan.

### **Bells/Choir**

Give your time and talent to the Glory of God this year by joining the bell choir and/or singing in the choir! Rehearsals will be starting up again on Wed, Sept 7th. JuBELLation will practice from 6:30-7:30pm and the choir is from 7:30-8:30pm. On average, the bells will play at church once a month and the choir will sing 2-3 times per month. This year's lineup includes some favorites from past years as well as some great new songs. Through music in our worship we can reflect upon our dependence on Jesus as well as celebrate God's greatness.

### **TACOL Thrift Store**

The TACOL Thrift Store is needing a person to sort clothing on Saturday morning. Lifting and bending is required. Also, a fill-in person is needed for sorting and marking items. Please call Rose at 227-4710 if you are interested in donating your time.

### **Pictures from Salemsborg History Wanted**

I am searching for photos of the following Salemsborg History: 1) The steam powered ice cream freezer, 2) Salemsborg Telephone Co. Ice Cream Socials—long ago, 3) Salemsborg Telephone Co. building and Goldie & Edwin at the switchboard, 4) Salemsborg Star Band, 5) O.V. Anderson's store, 6) Old Parsonage at Salemsborg, 7) Smolan Lutheran Church, 8) Dr. Erickson's parrot—Polly. Contact Tom Holmquist at 668-2420. Photos would be copied and returned to the owners.

### **Smoky Valley Men's Chorus**

The Smoky Valley Men's Choir will perform for Hyllningsfest on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 6pm in Bethany Lutheran Church. All men in the community, high school age and older who love to sing, are invited and encouraged to join the group. Rehearsals will be on the seven Tuesdays preceding the performance—Aug. 23 & 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Oct. 4, from 7-9pm, in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany Church. If you have any questions, please call Leah Ann Anderson at 227-2643.

### **Birthday Celebration**

A celebration will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11th in honor of Helen Johnson's 85th birthday. The event will be held from 2-4pm at the Bethany Home Activity Center. All are welcome to attend. Your presence is all that is needed for gifts. Helen was born August 1, 1926. Happy Birthday!



**The Care Packages for Our Troops** program is an ongoing ministry. If you have questions you can contact Rick Saunders at 785-822-2346 or email him at [shdyrest@hometelco.net](mailto:shdyrest@hometelco.net). Items suggested are located on the donation box by the front door of the church. Thanks to all who have already donated items for this wonderful cause.

**The Noisy Offering** at Falun and Salemsborg will be combined quarterly. This quarter the proceeds will be given to DVACK.

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**If you are ever interested** in using the Fellowship Center for any reason, please contact Nita Kay Carlson. She can be reached at [wncarlson@hometelco.net](mailto:wncarlson@hometelco.net), or on her cell phone at 785-227-5363.

**Those who would like to send a donation directly to the Synod may do so by mailing it to: Central States Synod E.L.C.A.; 21 N. 12th St., Suite 210; Kansas City, Kansas 661**