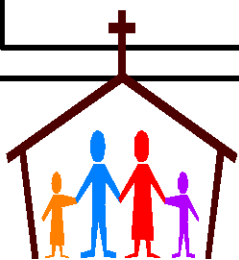
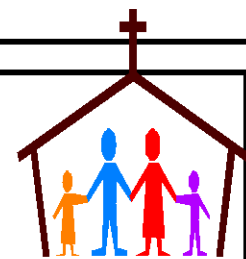


# THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR



NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

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I want to invite you to a get together. A time when we can sit down and visit about things. Things that will affect each one of us, some more directly than others. I invite you and I hope you will take me up on my invitation. I want to invite you to attend a time to visit on Sunday nights beginning the second Sunday in September. We will gather in the basement of Salemsborg at 7:00 pm.

It will be a time when we sit down together to talk about many different topics. Topics that I believe touch all of our

our lives or will touch our lives. They will also touch our lives as a parish. It will be a time when we let the Spirit lead us down the path.

The topics that will be brought up to get the ball rolling are: What does it mean when we say we are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God?; What does it mean when we say we are all members of the Body of Christ?; What does it mean to forgive as we have been forgiven?; Can we agree to disagree with one another and still be the Church?; What is the Office of the Keys?; How does worshiping with one another fit into the equation? What is worship?

I want to visit about these topics because I believe they are at the center of many controversial things that are happening in the Church today. I also believe they are at the center of how we welcome people who have been gone and who will come back to worship with us. People we may be upset with or mad at.

I know that the basement will be filled. I know that if you are able you will join in the discussion. For those of you who feel that you don't feel like a visit, please attend. We need your input. We need your opinion. We need your presence as God works through you.

Once again, it all begins on the second Sunday of September at 7:00 p.m. in the Salemsborg church basement. I can't wait to visit with you and see how the Spirit leads. What paths will we go down? How will we be changed? How will we become closer? How will the Body of Christ be built up? It's going to be a unique experience; An experience shaped by your presence and the presence of Jesus the Christ! Mark your calendars today and plan on attending, it is appreciated! Peace, Pastor Ethan

## United Youth Group News

The United Youth Group will begin its monthly meetings beginning in September. We will meet on the second Sunday of the month following worship. We will meet at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center. Lunch will be provided. This meeting will begin a busy year as we begin to look ahead to the 2010 ELCA Youth Gathering (Registration will be sent in September of 2011). Can't wait to see you at the meeting!

## Sunday School

"Sundae School" will begin at Salemsborg on the first Sunday after Labor Day which is September 12th. Sundaes will be served during coffee time to celebrate the event. ALL Sunday School attendees are invited to participate. If you are interested in helping or teaching a class, please contact Jane MacDonald. Contact her as well if you are interested in substitute teaching.

Falun Sunday School will also begin that day!

## Salemsborg Choir & Bells

"Time...."Talent"....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 Wednesday, September 8. Bells practice from 6:30-7:30pm and choir is from 7:30-8:30pm. On average, the bells will play at church once a month and the choir will sing two to three times per month. This year's lineup includes some old favorites as well as some amazing new songs. Music helps lift a person's thoughts and emotions to God. Through music we can reflect upon our needs as well as celebrate God's greatness.

### 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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**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 Viola Miller, MSgt. Tim Harkin-Lee & Donna's nephew-deployed to the middle east, Arlene-Betty Pihl's nephews 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, Norman Watts-Dylan Goodell's grandfather-lung 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.

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

### **Salemsborg WELCA**

Thank you for sending Sherri Johnson and me to Central States W/ELCA Convention in Branson and for paying our expenses. We enjoyed our trip and the convention. The Oklahoma-Arkansas Synod met at the same time in Branson. Our experience was broadened by them. For example, Pastor Warren Big Eagle was our convention chaplain. He also led a workshop that both Sherri and I attended. We learned more about Oaks Indian School. They have a capacity of forty-two children.

Calendar Group #4 has been busy this month, especially this last weekend--serving lunch after Viola Miller's funeral and providing a concession stand for the Lofgren estate sale on Saturday. We thank God for the life of Viola Miller. We made a good profit from the Lofgren sale. The expenses haven't all been turned in to calculate our net profit. Thanks to each person who helped those two days.

Sept. 13 we are responsible for Baking and Visiting Day at Bethany Home. We will meet at 2:15pm and visit the residents they suggest, including our own members.

September is the month to gather kits for Lutheran World Relief. They are in desperate need of Health kits since the supply was depleted with the Haiti earthquake.

We look forward to our annual business meeting on Saturday, October 9th from 9-11am. We will elect leaders for the next 2 years. The purpose of our WELCA is to assist our members (all women in our church) to grow in faith(Bible Study), to affirm each other's gifts, to support one another is our calling, to engage in action and to promote healing and wholeness in the church. (See pg. 3 of our WELCA Book). Please let us know if you are willing to work as a coordinator, in Altar Guild, serve on a calendar group or want to attend one of our three Bible Study groups.

Mary Tillberg

### **Falun Lutheran Women**

The Falun Church Women will meet at the church on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. to plan the calendar year. The Falun Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, September 14th at 1:00 p.m.

### **How Do Your Friends Enrich Your Life?**

Maybe you have one friend who you can always count on for a laugh, another who you would call when you need a shoulder to cry on. Possibly one gives you great advice, while you can shoot the breeze with another for hours. Our friends are some of the most important people in our lives and it is important to cultivate those relationships carefully and intentionally.

Women, please join us for a *Women of Faith* Bible study titled "Friendship: Cultivating the Relationships That Enrich Our Lives" during the Sunday School hour (9:30am) beginning on September 12th. Contact Nita Kay Carlson for more information.

### **Thank You's**

We want to thank for all the prayers, cards and memorials following the death of my mother, Viola Miller. Also to Pastor Ethan for all his visits and support while she was at Presbyterian Manor. Thanks also to the ladies who prepared and served the lunch following the service. God's blessings to all, Normal & Jeannine Pihl

Dear Friends, What a great gift you have given! The gift of caring for others. The food you gave will benefit individuals or families as we partner with you to fight hunger. Thank you for your gift. Freda Rees

### **Baptism at Falun**

Congratulations Ellie Hall on your baptismal day, Sunday, August 8, 2010. God has marked you, you are a child of God! Ellie's parents are Richard and Germaine 'Rytych' Hall. Ellie's sponsors are Kathleen Rytych and Andrew Hall. God bless everyone and don't forget that we, the fellow members of the Body of Christ, are here for you! Congratulations!

### **Wedding at Salemsborg**

Congratulations to Jessica MacDonald and Derrick Rawson who were married at Salemsborg on Saturday, August 21, 2010. God's blessings to the happy couple!

### **50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

Einar & Kristin Johnson, Lindsborg, invite you to their 50th wedding anniversary celebration on September 5th with an open house at the Fellowship Hall from 2-4:30pm. Einar & Kristin were married on August 20, 1960 in Denver, Colorado, at the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Kristin was raised in Denver and graduated from Bethany College with an elementary education degree. Einar graduated from Kansas State University with an animal husbandry degree. They met during Messiah rehearsals. Their home was on a farm near Smolan where they raised their three children, ranched and raised Hereford cattle before moving to Lindsborg in 1987. After raising their children, Kristin returned to teaching in the USD 400 school system and Einar became a realtor in 1984, selling ranch and farm land. Hosts will be their children, Scott, St. Joseph, Missouri; Diane, Ft. Worth, Texas; and Grant, Leesburg, Georgia

### **Joint Parish Worship Service**

There will be a joint Parish worship service this next Sunday, August 29, 2010 at Salemsborg. Coffee and fellowship will be at 10:30 a.m. The worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. There will be a potluck following worship in the Fellowship Center. Please plan on attending all the events, building up the Body of Christ! This event is a parish event involving members of both congregations helping with coffee and the worship service

**"Face the 'Son' and all your shadows  
will be behind you."**

## Memory Lane

Einar Johnson has a video tape that was taken of his dad, Elmer Johnson, Walter Anderson and Tillie Swenson at Bethany Home. Elmer's wife Mildred was there as well as Don Hawk. The video was taken by Stanley Anderson and his wife. The date was March 13, 1991. The plan was to record many of the memories and experiences of the three of them at Salemsborg. The whole tape is so entertaining and the scene goes something like this:

Tillie, Walter, Elmer & Mildred were having coffee and cake at Bethany Home. Don Hawk was there to help ask Tillie questions about her memories from many years ago. You see, Tillie was 102 years old at the time.....and a very lively and alert 102 year old.

She was one of 9 children born to Olef Johnson & Marie Pearson. She was born at 4pm in the afternoon.....her folks were having coffee. She laughed and said she didn't have much coffee that afternoon. She was baptized at the Salemsborg parsonage when she was 10mos. old by Pastor Waleen.

He dad homesteaded a farm 2 miles north and 2 miles west of Salemsborg. She went to District 70 (Carlson School) through the 7th grade and was very good at arithmetic. She was confirmed on a Palm Sunday with a class of 9 boys and three girls.

The family attended Salemsborg when it was a dug-out church. Don teased Tillie and asked her if she swept the floor. She joked and said "no"....she slept. One day when the preacher was going on a long time, her mother gave her cookies because she was so hungry. She remembers when the first church was built.

When the Christmas Program was held, she and the other children would stand on a platform to recite their parts. The pastor would stand at the back and say "Higher, Higher" in Swedish so the kids had to holler. Swedish was spoken until after she was confirmed. Her Confirmation examination was in Swedish. She offered to ask Don the questions so he could answer them. He passed on that. She said she remembered Don singing in church for the children's program and he did pretty good.

Tillie married on Dec. 15, 1913. She and her husband attended Falun Church. Later they sold that farm and bought a place closer to the farm where she grew up. At that time they transferred to Salemsborg. They attended many of the Salemsborg picnics along with 500-600 people. It was a big social event that drew folks from all over the area. The Sunday School picnics were big, too. She remembers that pies sold for 5 cents. Salemsborg drew people from Assaria, Smolan, Falun, even Brookville. At one time there were over 800 members.

Tillie's husband passed away when he was 61 yrs. old. She moved to Salina and attended Immanuel Lutheran.

At that time, those taking the video tried to interview Walter and Elmer. That proved to be a little difficult since Tillie wasn't ready to stop talking an Elmer's wife Mildred kept trying to shush her and give Elmer suggestions about what he should say. Everyone was polite to one another and tried to conduct the interview in spite of all the interruptions.

Such a lively time was pictured on this video and much more information than can be condensed into such a small space.....so next month we will continue with all the interesting facts and fun we heard from Walter, Elmer and Mildred. Many thanks to Einar for loaning the tape.

If you have interesting "tidbits" of history from this area which can be included in this special section of the newsletter, please given them to Donna by the 20th of each month. Call her at 785-668-2600 or email her at [donlee@hometelco.net](mailto:donlee@hometelco.net).



**Many thanks** to Ron Lofgren for the special music on Sunday, August 8th. He played music on a Lute.

**First Communion** classes were held on Sunday August 15 at Falun and Sunday August 22 at Salemsborg at 2pm for all youth who feel they are ready to take communion as well as at least one parent.

**Ladies Calendar Group 4** met at the front of the church after services on August 15 to discuss the concession stand at the Lofgren Sale. They asked for volunteers to bring pies. A sign-up sheet was at the back of the church for those who wanted to help out.

**A Worship & Music** Committee meeting was held at Salemsborg on August 22 at 5pm.

**The Esther Group Dine-Out** was held on Monday, August 23 at the Timberline Steakhouse in Salina. They met at 6:30pm.

**The flowers** in front at Salemsborg on August 22 were from Viola Miller's funeral in her memory.

**The flowers** on the altar at Salemsborg on August 22 were from Jessica MacDonald Rawson's wedding.

**The Noisy Offering** at Falun for the months of Sept., Oct., and Nov. 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 Nita Kay Carlson. Her email address is [wncarlson@hometelco.net](mailto:wncarlson@hometelco.net). By phone you can call her cell at 785-227-5363.

**The deadline for information needed  
in the October 2010 Newsletter  
is Monday, September 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).

## 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!

## Hymn Sing

The First Baptist Church of Lindsborg will host a Hymn Sing on Sunday evening, August 29th at 7:00 p.m. They would love to have people from all the churches share in this experience with them. The hymn sing will focus on cherished hymns of First Baptist and it's people, but many folks might like to sing a long celebrating the hymns they know, and rejoicing in the hymns that they don't know so well. All are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in going, Donna has the tickets. There is no charge and a ticket is not necessary to attend. They would just like to have some idea about how many would like to attend.

## Ladies Bible Fellowship

Ladies, do you need a fun time of fellowship and Bible study this fall? Consider joining Women's Bible Fellowship on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 9:15am at Bethany Lutheran Church starting Sept. 8th. Join us as we study James. For more information contact Joyce Peterson 227-2201.

## Bethany College Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

You are invited to the Bethany College Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament. The event will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. The location is the Lindsborg Golf Course; 1541 Svensk Rd; Lindsborg, KS 67456

## Senior Fair

You are invited to attend the Area Agency on Aging's 2010 Senior Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 21; 8am-4pm; at the Salina Bicentennial Center. The outer space theme is: *To Oldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before!* The event will feature great informative workshops, more than 70 exhibitors, and entertainment--all this and a hot lunch for one low price. If you call to register by Sept. 10, the cost is only \$15, or pay \$20 at the door. For more information or to register, call 800-432-2703 or 785-776-9294.

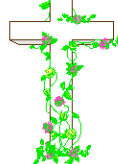
## A Bit of Biblical Humor

**Q:** What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?  
**A:** Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a *Fury*. David's *Triumph* was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one *Accord*.

## IN MEMORY

### Viola W. Miller

February 26, 1909--August 14, 2010



Viola W. Miller went to be with her Lord on August 14, 2010, at the age of 101. She spent the last years of her life at Salina Presbyterian Manor. She was born February 26, 1909 in rural Saline County, to August W. and Augusta (Johnson) Peterson, and was the youngest of eight children. She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers and three sisters.

Viola graduated from Falun High School. She met Vernon Miller through Salemsborg Lutheran Church when she taught Sunday School there, and they were united in marriage at Salemsborg on December 25, 1937. They lived on the family farm near Assaria before moving to Salina in 1982. They were each other's best friend and he preceded her in death in March of 1986.

She was a homemaker, hard working farmer's wife, devoted wife to Vernon, and loving mother to two daughters, Jeannine and Karen. Karen preceded her in death in 2008.

Viola was a life-long member of Salemsborg and was baptized, confirmed and married there. She loved Salemsborg and her church family. She had served as a Sunday School teacher, sang in the choir, and was an active member of the Women of the ELCA. After moving to Salina, she enjoyed singing in the Senior Center RSVP chorus for as long as her health permitted.

Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the joy of her life. And her great-grandchildren were a special treasure. She looked forward to visits from Jeff's Colorado kids, Tori, Madison and Cade. They knew her as "Great Miller". She was happy she lived long enough to get to know Jennifer's daughter Ella and always looked forward to visits from them.

She will be remembered as a very caring and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was also a friend to many and always put others before herself. Her faith was strong and unwavering, in spite of whatever trials were put on her plate. Her passing will leave a void in the lives of many.

She is now in God's hands and we rejoice that God has taken her home and she has joined loved ones who have gone before her.

She is survived by her daughter Jeannine Pihl and husband Norman of Salina; grandson Jeff Pihl and wife Amanda of Larkspur, Colorado and granddaughter, Jennifer Gregg of Salina. Also surviving are four great-grandchildren; Tori, Madison and Cade Pihl, and Ella Gregg.

Her memorial service was held on August 20, 2010 at the Salemsborg Lutheran Church after a private family burial at the Salemsborg Cemetery. A time of fellowship was held in the church basement following the service. Memorials can be made to the Salemsborg Lutheran Church Window Fund or Salina Presbyterian Manor.