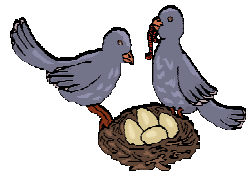


# THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR

NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

MAY 2008



What does it mean to affirm your baptism? What does it mean to deny the devil and all evil forces? What does it mean to say, "yes" to the Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit? What does it mean to state you want to be a more active member of the Church? Does it make life easier? Harder? Does it do anything?

On Sunday, May 4th, the following young people are going to affirm their baptism; Desiree Harrison, Nikki Taylor, Grace Aspenwall, Kelly Pihl, Taryn Scott, Greyson Pihl, Wade Allton, Bryce Kampfe and Quinn

Dippel. Can I ask you to do me some favors? Can I ask you to seek out and visit with these young people? Now I don't want you to lecture them. I want you to talk to them as fellow members of the Body of Christ. People who have gifts to give and share with the Church; equals.

I would ask you to talk to them about your faith. Maybe you could visit about what it means to be a more active person in the Church. You could visit about what it means to you to be a baptized child of God. I think you get the drift of the conversation. If you would visit with them, I would appreciate it very much. These young people are the future of the Church. They are important people. They are people who God has claimed. They are fellow children of God.

I ask you to do this favor because too often in the past confirmation hasn't meant much. It has been looked upon as a graduation out of the Church not as starting a active pathway.

On May 4th, pray for these young people and the Church. We rejoice that God has shed grace on them and they have not rejected it. It's a big day for these young people. As you know life is complicated with so many choices to be made. On May 4th, let's rejoice and celebrate in the choice that these young people have made—Belief in God, the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier! Let's gather physically or Spiritually and hear the word that these young people will proclaim, God will use them to touch our lives! Let's make it a day that we all will remember  
God's Peace

Pastor Ethan

## Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Ethan and family will be on vacation May 16 though May 18th. In case of an emergency, please contact your Council President—Jerrine Oleen (F), Doug Anderson (S). They will have the name and number of the Pastor covering for Pastor Ethan.

## Parish Bible Study

Sunday Night Bible Study will resume next fall. We hope you can join us then as God moves us and helps us grow in faith and as a Body of Christ.

## Baptism at Salemsborg

Congratulations Cade Camac on your baptismal day, March 30, 2008! You have been baptized with the water and the word. You have been marked with the cross of Christ. You are God's! God will never leave you! We also congratulate Cade's parents; Cole Camac and Cara MacDonald as well as his sponsors; Jessica MacDonald and Travis Camac. God bless everyone and don't forget that we as fellow members of the Body of Christ are always here for you!

## Thank You

**Thanks for all** the Easter Cards, prayers and other gifts given to us this past Easter, you once again have touched our hearts. Pastor Ethan, Kellie and Alex.

**Thanks to everyone** who supported the First Annual UYG Fundraising Dinner last Sunday! Your support is greatly appreciated! It was a huge success because of you! The UYG raised over \$1000, thanks!

**Jerrine Oleen and her third grade class** want to offer a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped collect Freedom Dollars. We were notified on Monday, April 7th that our 76,071 Freedom Dollars that we turned in took first place in the contest. We will receive a \$200 gift certificate for Scholastic Books as the prize. We are donating that as well as an additional \$1,300 in donations that we have received to the Greensburg Elementary School. Watch for a story in the Salina Journal telling about everyone's efforts in collecting the Freedom Dollars.

**The United Youth Group** would like to thank Thrivent Financial for their generous Matching Funds for the Lasagna Dinner. They matched \$1,300.00!

**Thank you so much** for the cards, calls, gifts, flowers and mow meals while I do chemo treatments. You will never know how much this touched me and lifted up my spirits. I am so proud to be a member of Salemsborg Lutheran Church.

Sue Pihl

## Dedication at Falun

New playground equipment for the Falun Park was blessed and dedicated on Sunday, April 20th immediately following the worship service that morning. Thanks to all who made this happen.

## W/ELCA NEWS

### Salemsborg WELCA

The Sewing/Quilting group met for this year's final session of April 10, 2008. Twelve ladies were in attendance. A bountiful noon meal was enjoyed. Dolly Nelson then shared interesting and informative notes about the spirit of Native American Indians which was researched and studied by Brent.

The business meeting was called and reports given:

The Holmquist farm sale was staffed by seven ladies with a busy sell-out of all food offerings on April 5th. There were many comments appreciating the large variety of pies.

Five ladies from our church attended the Smoky Valley Cluster IIB meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church, Salina, the same date. The theme of "Come to the Waters" was emphasized in the Bible study led by Pastor Cheryl Lamaak. She interacted with the group citing numerous Biblical references to water as a source of sustenance, healing, cleansing, and revealing the presence of the Holy Spirit in Baptism. Marc Anderson furthered the theme in his presentation, "Living Waters for Daily Living". We were impressed with facts about water cycles and availability and tips for daily conservation. The meeting concluded with a Communion service. Dates were noted for future meetings: April 18, 2009, at Redeemer Lutheran in Salina; and April 10, 2010, at Salemsborg.

Additionally, it was voted at our Salemsborg meeting to provide the corsage/boutonniere for confirmands each year.

The meeting concluded with finishing ten quilts. A total of twenty-nine quilts were completed this year. All quilts will be displayed at church later and then contributed to various groups. The quilts are so beautiful and will be a gift of warmth and comfort and love from Salemsborg. Our ladies truly have been a service for God with their dedication and faithfulness. We honor Betty Pihl, Coleen Pihl, Jo Holmquist, Mary Holmquist, Mary Tillberg, Audrey Miller, Norma Oborg, Chris Barnes, Sherrie Johnson, Dolly Nelson, Diana Fairbanks, Karyn Johnson and Kristin Johnson. As well, we recall the help of many other ladies who participated in years past. And we are most grateful to Pastor Feistner for his attendance, prayers and guidance.

### WELCA Convention

The Central States Synodical WELCA Convention will be held July 25-27th at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield, MO. The theme is year is "Baptized-Blessed-Believers" Carla Wilson from Messiah Church in Lindsborg, made the logo for the convention. The deadline for early registration is June 1st. At that time, the fee will be \$60.00. The final deadline is June 16th at a cost of \$75.00. Once again they plan a basket auction for the Barbara Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each cluster is asked to donate a basket. Individual churches or individuals can also donate. There will be a short informative meeting for Presidents and Treasurers at the convention. Please contact Mary Tillberg or Melanie Ryding for registration forms.

**The deadline for June/July Newsletter information is Tuesday, May 20th**

### Salemsborg Sunday School

Sunday, May 18th, will be the last day for Sunday School for the summer. The Sunday School kids (8th grade and younger) will be "the sermon" at the 11:00 worship service. Immediately after church there will be a wiener roast meal provided for all the Sunday School families.

### Guest Speaker at Falun

Rev. Dr. Vance Eckstrom will be the guest pastor at Falun Lutheran on Sunday, May 18th, while Pastor Ethan is on vacation. He will do communion that Sunday as well.

### Craft/Bake Sale and Flea Market

A big craft / bake, flea market sale will be coming up in the fall with a big mission weekend for the needy. Crafters and bakers can donate items. Flea market items are needed as well. Anything can be donated, but keep in mind a holiday and fall season. Outside vendors will be coming in also. Food, drinks and desserts will be available for a free will donation. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary if you are able to help in any way. On the list, please tell us what you will be making. This is a great opportunity to help those in need. Many thanks to all who help us every year.

The Evangelism Committee

### You're Invited

**Amber Pihl** wishes to invite anyone from our Salemsborg/Falun Churches to help her celebrate her graduation from pharmacy school. Her graduation party will be Sunday, May 25th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Smoky Valley Nursery South of Lindsborg.

**An open house** is planned on May 18th to celebrate Ray & Deanna Applequist's 50th wedding anniversary. The event will be held at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center from 2-4:00 p.m. All are invited and welcome to attend.

### Special Request

We need your help. If you are planning to use the church for any special events, could you please call Pastor Ethan or Diana Fairbanks to let them know. They in turn will let our cleaning lady know so she can plan her work around the church's schedule. Thanks for your help.

### Salemsborg Farm Ground

Bids for the Salemsborg Church ground for the next five years are now being taken. If you are interested, please contact a Council person.

### 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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[salemsborg@hometelco.net](mailto:salemsborg@hometelco.net)

## 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



## Parish Notes

Thank offering boxes were distributed on Sunday, March 30. The boxes will be gathered in November and contributed to the national synod of WELCA for disaster, health and education. Women and girls of the congregation are welcome to participate in this activity.

Worship/Music committee met on Sunday, April 6th at 5:00 pm at Salemsborg.

Smoky Valley Cluster IIB Gathering was held Saturday, April 5, 2008 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 302 S. 7th, Salina. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. "Come to the Waters" was the theme this year. Cheryl Lamaak, Pastor at Elim in Marquette presented the Bible Study and Marc Anderson, John & Pat's son, with Kansas Dept. of Agriculture presented the program.

Calendar Group #2 served at the Holmquist sale on April 5th.

Thanks to everyone who supported the First Annual UYG Fundraising Dinner last Sunday! Your support is greatly appreciated! It was a huge success because of you! The UYG raised over \$1000, thanks!

If you need Pastor or know of someone who does, please contact him. Sometimes it's assumed that Pastor knows what's going on or that he knows a person is in the hospital, etc., we don't want to assume anything. Your help is appreciated!

The Evangelism Committee will be sending "care boxes" to our college students. Please let Diana Fairbanks or Dolly Nelson know the name and address of your college student so they can be put on the list to receive their box of goodies. A list of items needed appears on the insert in this bulletin. Thanks for all your help!

On Sunday, April 27th we will be recognizing and blessing the 2008 high school and beyond graduates. If you have a child who is graduating or who may have graduated this past December, or know of someone who is graduating, please write their name down and give it to Pastor Ethan or Donna.

Falun Lutheran Women are meeting at Martini's Steak & Chop House, 117 N. Santa Fe, Salina, on Wednesday April 30th at 6:30 p.m. for supper. Please call Freddie Smith at 667-4475 to let her know if you can come. She needs the number attending for reservations. They will meet back in the banquet room.

Alice Nelson will be selling her books on Sunday, May 4th during coffee time. She has designated proceeds to go towards the United Youth Group.

Theophilus Fellowship was held April 20th at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center at 6:30 p.m.

There was a potluck dinner with a meeting following to begin planning the trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering after church at Salemsborg on Sunday, April 20th. This meeting was open to all youth who are now in the eighth grade through 11th grade. One parent/guardian of the youth was there also. All youth even thinking about going attended this meeting. A count of the youth who may be going was needed as well as discussion of registration, travel, etc.

Our next Confirmation Day will be next Saturday, April 26th. It will begin at 9:00 am and end around 3:00 pm. Don't forget to bring your Bibles and a writing utensil! The topic for the day is Discipleship. At 8:00 pm, we will begin the lock-in. All people involved should have received a letter about the day. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ethan

The Noisy Offering at Falun for the month of May will be Camp Tomah Shinga.

Salemsborg will continue their noisy offering on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Any funds left over after the final completion of the Fellowship Center will be used toward a major maintenance project on the church building.

If you would like to access information regarding Bethany College and/or events taking place there go to [www.bethanylb.edu](http://www.bethanylb.edu) on the web

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). Thanks

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:

Greg Aune, Gregg Swanson, Carlina Swisher, Steve & Bren Blanner, Eli Redmond, Rebecca Copley Johnson, Jack Haigh, Mike Nelson, Kristine Govier, Kristine Govier's friend, Linda Drake, Curtis Forsberg, Cal Williams, Msgr. Tim Harkin, Abram Jennings, Seretha Johnson, Sue Pihl, Carol Brown, Jennifer Hoffmans, Jennifer Applequist, Dolly Nelson, Leann Marr, Vickie Everhardt, Allen Nicholson, Paul Brown, Larry Lamer, Sgt. 1st Class Eddy Carranza, Tom Hollopeter, Harry Sandahl, Melinda Ho, the Tunison family, Jim Gooch, Evelyn Peterson's daughter Kathy, Luke & Tabitha Peterson, Lois Peterson, Anita Neilson and her family, Gerald Walter, Mary Tillberg's aunt, Pastor Steven Little, Leigh Heller, Norma Oborg, Joan Garman, families in conflict, Kathy Sadey, Deb Meyers, Jade Pihl, Janet Rowland, Diane Williams, Carolyn Johnson, Marjorie Oleen, Viola Miller, Karen Miller, Rosella Oleen, Irene Dauer. We also pray for many unspoken requests.

If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize. Please let us know.

## Lindsborg Millfest

Celebrate our pioneer heritage at the Millfest in Lindsborg on May 3 (9am-5pm) & 4 (12-5pm). Tour the flour mill, enjoy musical entertainment, traditional arts & crafts, barbecue and the Millfest Bake-Off. Admission is \$2.00 for adults; ages 6-12yrs are \$1.00. For more information, call 227-3595 or visit [www.oldmillmuseum.org](http://www.oldmillmuseum.org).

## Hospice Teleconference

The fifteenth "Living with Grief: Children and Adolescents" Teleconference will be hosted by Hospice of Salina on April 16, 2008 at Salina's Community Access TV. This live via satellite Teleconference will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and will provide insight on ways professionals and families can best support these populations. The program will be broadcast Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. upstairs at Access TV. There is no charge for admittance. There is however, a fee if you are seeking CE's; \$25 if you receive your certificate on line and \$35 if the certificate is mailed to you from Hospice Foundation of America. Please call the Hospice office to register at 785-825-1717.

## Summer Camps at Bethany

Bethany College hosts a wide variety of summer camps for many ages and interest. Camps currently scheduled for 2008 include: Tennis Camp, June 2-6; Boys Commuter Basketball Camp, June 2-5; Girls Commuter Basketball Camp, June 9-12; Youth Crime Scene Investigation Camp, June 22-26; Commuter Youth Football Camp, June 21-24; Yearbook and Newspaper Workshop, June 28-31; Crime Scene Investigation Adult Workshop, August 1-3. For more information, contact Roxie Sjogren at 785-227-3380, ext. 8158, or [sjogrenr@bethanylb.edu](mailto:sjogrenr@bethanylb.edu).

## Upcoming Bethany Events

- \*May 1-3--Festival of One Act Plays--7:30 p.m.  
Burnett Center, \$5.00 at the door; Free for Bethany Students
- \*May 4--Handbell Ensemble Concert--7:30 p.m.  
Presser Hall
- \*May 6--Bethany Jazz Ensemble in Concert--7:30 p.m.  
Presser Hall
- \*May 13--Symphonic Band Concert--7:30 p.m.  
Presser Hall
- \*May 17--Bethany College/Lindsborg Community Orchestra  
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- \*May 25--Baccalaureate--10:30 a.m.  
Presser Hall
- \*May 25--Commencement--3:00 p.m.  
Presser Hall

## Josh Lindgren Recital

Josh Lindgren will give his senior organ recital on May 11th at 7:30 p.m. at Presser Hall. All are invited

## Caring Host Families Needed

Caring host families (with or without children) as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for one or two semesters starting in late August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation, a non-profit, educational exchange program. It is not too late to apply. Please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit the website at [www.emfusa.org](http://www.emfusa.org). A print-out of the students available is located on the bulletin boards at each church.

## Join Hands Day

"Join Hands Day" sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be held on Sunday May 4th at 4:00 p.m. at the Emergency Aid Food Bank, 255 S. Chicago, Salina. More information is available on the poster located on the inside front cover of this newsletter.

## "Children of Augustana"

Plan on it! Join your friends of the Augustana Synod Lutheran tradition as they gather to celebrate "Children of Augustana". June 19-22, 2008 are the dates and Lindsborg, Kansas is the place. The event will be held in conjunction with the long-standing traditional Lindsborg Midsommer's Day celebration. For more information about Gathering VI, see the website [www.augustanaheritage.org](http://www.augustanaheritage.org), or contact Pastor Richard Monson at 620-241-6003.

## Kid Stories

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do yo expect to get into Heaven behaving that way?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Joseph! Come in or stay out.'"

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-in, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, a minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: "Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes."