

AUGUST 2026



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2 (S) 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee (F) 10:30 Coffee 11:00 Worship 5:00 pm Worship & Music (S)	3 7 pm (F) Council	4	5	6	7	8
9 (S) 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee (F) 10:30 Coffee 11:00 Worship 6 pm Parish Swim	10 7 pm (S) Council	11 12 pm (F) Senior Citizens	12	13 7 pm (SFC) Bluegrass Jam	14	15
16 (S) 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee  Backpack Blessing (F) 10:30 Coffee 11:00 Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 (S) 4-H Sunday 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee (F) 10:30 Coffee 11:00 Worship	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26	27	28	29 Party in The Salemsborg Park 4:00 p.m.
30 (S) 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee (F) 10:30 Coffee 11:00 Worship	31			Virtual Worship The YouTube link for worship: www.youtube.com/SalemsborgLutheran Special thanks to Milton (and others) that make these connections happen each week for us!		

August



SERVANTS

Lectors

August 2 (S) Mary Ann Carlson
(F) Jerrine Oleen
August 9 (S) Krew Swisher
(F) Kloey Schroeder
August 16 (S) Jared Nichols
(F) Erick Anderson
August 23 (S) 4-H youth
(F) Seth Johnson
August 30 (S) Nita Kay Carlson
(F) Gay Carlson

Deacons

Aug (S) Mary Ann Carlson
Nic Eppenbach
Aug 2 (F) Clair Oleen
Aug 9 (F) Bernie Dauer
Aug 16 (F) Jim Smith
Aug 23 (F) Keith Johnson
Aug 30 (F) Gwen Oleen

Calendar Group # 2

Serves for August at Salemsborg.
Leaders: Jennifer Tillman
Kathy Rishel



Altar Guild

August (S) Mijkin Haxton & Emily Pihl
Aug 2 Jerrine Oleen
Aug 9 Tina Dauer
Aug. 16 Bernie Dauer
Aug. 23 Debbie Johnson
Aug. 30 Gay Carlson

Acolytes

Aug 2 (S) Volunteer (F) Volunteers
Aug 9 (S) Beau Johnson & Levi Pickering
(F) Jase Kindlesparger
Aug 16 (S) McKenzie Corwin & Rylynn Biegert
(F) Volunteer
Aug 23 (S) 4-H Youth (F) Grady Johnson
Aug 30 (S) Volunteer (F) Jace Schroeder

Ushers

August (S) Nate & Maggie Ginest
Aug 2 (F) Clair and Jerrine Oleen
Aug 9 (F) Chris & Tina Dauer
Aug 16 (F) Keith & Debbie Johnson
Aug 23 (F) Mary Negus
Aug 30 (F) Glenn & Gwen Oleen

The Parish Communicator

Falun/Salemsborg Lutheran Parish
August 2026

How 'Boutcha Church!



Wow has it been an eventful summer!

We have had several kids at Camp Tomah Shinga this summer, the camp staff came and did day camp with our kiddos for a week, we have worshiped as a parish, and the list goes on! This summer has been a real eye opening for me. It's nothing new, but I have really paid attention to all the things that people do around our parish.

We had work days at Falun and Salemsborg, we have had several repairs happening, all done by members of our parish. Our community is alive and well! The next big event coming up will be the "Party in the Park". Kendall Pihl and several others have been getting the park and grounds behind the Fellowship Center polished and ready for all of us to gather and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the current Salemsborg Church. It will be just like the good 'ol days!

I also would like to point out the work that our council presidents have been doing. They never seek recognition, and they do a lot of work that no one sees. One of the big focus points for churches in the U.S. is the increasing cost of insurance. With so many severe weather events across the country the insurance premiums have sky rocketed, and the requirements have become more stringent. Tom and Josh have worked very hard to organize and get all the work done that is required for us to continue to be insured.

The list goes on and on of how much our members do to keep our facilities and our ministries running like a well-oiled machine. So from the bottom of this Pastor's heart, thank you! There is more to do, and we will have some major projects coming up in the near future.

If you are a new member and looking to get involved, please let me know and I'll point you in the right direction!

Blessings to you all as we move into August, and a new phase of the year begins. Make sure to keep checking your church calendars to see all of the things that we have coming up!

Peace, Pastor Ben





Anyone heading back to school is welcome to bring their backpack to worship & receive a special blessing on August 16, at both churches.

4-H Sunday

Come celebrate our 4H Youth on Sunday, August. 23 at Salemsborg church. If you have any *4H swag*, wear it to show your support! We give thanks to Kelsey Swisher for organizing this special day.



A First Communion Class will take place on Sept. 12 from 9-10 am at Salemsborg Church. The recommended age is 4th grade and older.

The first communion class is about 2 hours long, and we will talk about the meaning of the Eucharist, and what a sacrament is.

IF you would like your child to participate, check your email for a link, visit with Melanie or with Pastor Ben.

August Birthday

Warren Johnson	8/1	Quinn Dippel	8/18
Knox Pihl	8/1	Shawn Smith	8/19
Baylor Whitehair	8/1	Paisley Biegert	8/19
Tammy Morrical	8/3	Marilyn Divelbiss	8/19
John Carlin	8/3	Valerie Anderson	8/20
Keir Swisher	8/3	Tana Houghton	8/20
Tanner Corwin	8/4	Kurtis Turner	8/20
Aspen Chaney	8/5	Ron Wilson	8/21
Brad Forsberg	8/5	Lenny Dauer	8/22
Samantha Pihl	8/5	Jill Pihl	8/22
Kendall Banning	8/6	Derek Isaacson	8/23
Tony Henry	8/7	Marilyn Smith	8/24
Blayke Wimer	8/7	Anna Nelson	8/24
Boone Poland	8/8	Tanner Scott	8/24
Derek Pihl	8/9	Megan Johnson	8/25
Jon Rowland	8/9	Diane Best	8/25
Gallo Brozek	8/11	Tyler Johnson	8/26
Khyle Otto	8/11	Craig Goodell	8/26
Ryley Wimer	8/11	Christina Tillman	8/26
Travis Oleen	8/11	Jerrine Oleen	8/27
Desiree Harrison	8/12	Sherri Saunders	8/27
Allison Applequist	8/13	Alison Coykendall	8/27
Jillian Coykendall	8/13	Amelia Coykendall	8/27
Terry Holmquist	8/13	Alexandra Coykendall	8/27
Kerington Haxton	8/13	Harrison Carlson	8/27
Bex Banning	8/14	Weston Stacks	8/27
Raeleigh Brozek	8/14	Paige Morris	8/28
Rebecca Holmquist	8/15	Michelle Oborg	8/29
Sonja Anderson	8/15	John Bengtson	8/29
Jeanette Zamrzla	8/15	Pat MacDonald	8/29
Denise Carson	8/15	Jace Eppenbach	8/29
Ty Rawson	8/15	Karen Clark	8/30
Jenna Jones	8/15	Jill Barnes	8/30
Sutter Jones	8/15	Nathan Reid	8/31
Rylynn Biegert	8/16	Blair Eppenbach	8/31
Tom Holmquist	8/18		

OOPS!

Don't see your birthday? Do we have a wrong date?

Contact Melanie Rishel salemsborgtech@gmail.com Thank you.



Parish Day Camp

So many "Thank You's" need to be given this year as it took all of us to make the 2026 Parish Day Camp a Success. I do apologize if I leave someone out as that is not my intention.

We had 35 campers registered, 4 Camp Tomah Shinga staff (Ava, Deserae, Amelia and Aidan), kitchen/ boo-boo help (Jennifer, Mona, Cindy, Ann, Mike, Maxine and Blanca), Paster Ben and his guitar, and everyone who either donated food or money for the purchase of food for the week.

Wayne and Nita Kay for housing the camp staff which gave them a peaceful place to rejuvenate.

The camp staff were fed well each night by Mike and Cindy, Wayne and Nita Kay, Paster Ben and Blanca. Lastly, thank you to all you parents!

If it weren't for you and the love you have for your children and Jesus, this camp wouldn't be possible.



Sincerely, Jennifer Tillman, Day Camp Leader

Drive Something Different Day June 21, 2026





August Anniversaries

Arlen & Cookie Johnson	8/1
Tom & Marlysue Holmquist	8/2
Ed & Syd Dippel	8/2
Patrick & Stacy Lundquist	8/2
Dalton & Darriane Eastep	8/5
Logan & Rilee Windholz	8/7
David and Alisha Nance	8/8
Kendall & Karla Pihl	8/10
Jim & Anita Preston	8/11
Scott and Stephanie Wolf	8/12
Kurtis & Samantha Pihl	8/12
Chris & Tina Dauer	8/14
Chad & Kristine Wallick	8/14
Scott & Crystal Gengler	8/15
Austin & Hilary Abeldt	8/20
Raymond & Alexis Dauer	8/20
Derrick & Jessica Rawson	8/21
Eric & Carmen Hawk	8/22
Andrew & Rachel Krier	8/22
Nic & Michelle Eppenbach	8/24
Leon & Donna Swanson	8/25
Dana & Janice Anderson	8/25
Garrett & Stacy Cloyd	8/26
Dave & Gloria Schmidt	8/28
Victor & Audra Schartz	8/30



Prayer List

Please contact Kathy Rishel, 785-227-5356, or Pastor Ben if there are names that can be removed or added to our prayer list. Thank you.

Pastor Ben & Family

Pastor Bill & Judy

Kenny Johnson

Rebecca Chief Eagle

Eldon Tillberg

Chris Barnes

Ray Applequist

John Anderson

Kristin Johnson

Edna Kvacik

Ray Negus

Dana Anderson

Tom Hollopeter

Pastor Del Strecker

Evelyn Krein

Those serving in the Armed
Forces & Law Enforcement

Bethany Village, & Riverview
Estate residents

Bethany College students/staff

Camp Tomah Shinga
volunteers & staff

**We pray for peace, healing,
strength and courage, that all
will feel God's loving hands.**



Prayer Warriors:

Prayer requests should be sent to Pastor Ben, 785-845-1567 or Kathy Rishel, 785-227-5356

Parish
MISSION
Trip

Sept. 24-28

 **SKY RANCH**





Get Connected



Gwen Oleen - Falun Sunday School Teacher

Glenn and Gwen Oleen will have been married 55 yrs. this Nov. 20th.

Glenn & Gwen lived at Hugoton the first six years of their marriage before returning to Glenn's home area of Falun in 1977 to form a farming and registered Hereford cattle operation partnership with his brother, Chuck.

It will be a 50-year partnership in 2027. Chuck's son, Brandon, is a very huge and important part of the operation.

Thank you Gwen for your years of service within our Parish Ministries.

Gwen (Anderson) Oleen was baptized, confirmed, and married at the Andover Lutheran Church 5 miles south of Windom, KS. She grew up within a mile of that church.

Gwen worked for USD #400 for 31 years and retired in 2015.

Gwen has been teaching Sunday School at Falun Church since approximately 1980 when their two daughters, Kristi Kern and Lori Thielen, were very young. She's mainly taught the Pre-K age and also served as SS director. It's been so long, she can't recall if it has been continuous, or if she took a break during those years!!

She also currently serves on the Parish Worship & Music Committee and Bethany Home Auxiliary.

Gwen loves the Swedish heritage of both Falun and Salemsborg Lutheran Churches. It reminds her of her home church, Andover Lutheran, and the Swedish community where she grew up.

Through Ancestry.com, it says she's 96% Swedish! That's probably true with the last names on all four sides of her family: Anderson; Nyquist (Nyquist was changed from Carlson when her great grandfather married in Sweden); Ekholm; and Peterson. Her paternal great grandparents, Otto Vilhelm (O. V.); Sofia Anderson, and her paternal great, great-grandparents, John A. and Sophia Anderson were members at Salemsborg, and are buried at the Salemsborg Cemetery.

Gwen feels at home with the two rural churches and the great people in our parish and community.



Get Connected



Nic and Michelle Eppenbach - 6th - 8th grade youth

- Michelle is a lifelong member of Salemsborg and has brought Nic along for the ride.
- They are the parents of Ada (7) and Wren (5). Nic is also an active member of the Salemsborg Church Council.
- Together they have a family farm near the church full of cattle, chickens, dogs, cats, a pony and a mini donkey!

Haley Sherwood - 1st -3rd grade Youth at Falun

Haley & her family live in Lindsborg, She and her husband; Jason been together for 15 years and will celebrate 10 years of marriage in September and they have three little boys.

In October of this year Haley will have been a member of the Falun church for 10 years.

This is her first year helping to teach Sunday school. Haley comments the best thing about Falun Church, is the people. "We have a great group of parishioners! "



Party in The Park

Please join us for the 1 st Annual Party in the Park!

This event, held on Saturday, August 29, just east of the Salemsborg Fellowship Center, will be a fundraiser for the Salemsborg Cemetery Association.

The good times begin at 4:00 p.m., and will include shuffleboard tournaments, corn hole tournaments, games for the kids, supper, and homemade ice cream!

Be on the lookout for reminders in the weekly bulletins, as well as announcements in church about signing up for the tournaments. Get ready to have some old fashioned fun!



First Annual Clunkers Parade Photos:



Feeding the 5,000



BLESSING BOX FOOD DRIVE

Let us join in ministry with
Redeemer Lutheran Church
and collect items for their
Blessing Box/Room.

**Race to the
finish line:
Falun vs
Salemsborg**

Who will collect more items?

August Needs

- Mac & Cheese Cups/Boxes
- Canned Meat: Tuna, Chicken
- Chicken Broth
- Ramen Noodles
- Snack size pudding cups
- Pasta Sauce
- Chef Boyardee products
- Minute Rice / Rice a Roni
- Vienna Sausages
- Instant Potatoes
- Instant Hasbrowns
- Evaporated Milk
- Cup of Soup
- Dish Soap (Small)
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent (small)

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.”

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!”

Download the Parish App and Get Connected



Have questions about the App?
Contact Melanie, salemsborgtech@gmail.com

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Calendar of Events
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August 2026

“For God so loved the world that He gave His
only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in
Him should not perish but have everlasting life”

August Worship Schedule

Salemsborg

9:00 am Worship
10 am Coffee & Fellowship

Falun

11 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

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