



VIEW FROM THE HILL

Springdale Lutheran Church
Mt. Horeb, WI

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January 2010

Annual Meeting

Springdale's Annual Meeting is **Sunday, Jan. 31**, 2010. Reports from all committees, groups and others are due in church office **Monday, Jan. 4**. If you are unable to get your reports in at that time, you are responsible for making copies to distribute at the meeting.

Copies of the Annual Report should be available for review Sunday, Jan. 10. Budget review and question time is tentatively during 9:30 Education Hour Sunday, **Jan. 24**. A forum for review of the current Worship/Education time and format is tentatively scheduled during Education Hour Sunday, **Jan. 17**.

Winter Cancellations

If in doubt as to whether worship will be held due to weather, please call the church - 437-3493 - pastor will try to update the phone message before 8 a.m. You may also try listening to Clear Channel stations (WIBA AM1310, WIBA FM101.5, WTSO AM1070, WMAD FM92.1, WZEE FM104.1), Christian station WNWC FM102.5 or NBC TV station 15; fewer facilities run these announcements, however, and most often will refer you to their websites.



G O D ' S P R A I S E S W E S I N G

January Theme Keep On Singing!

"When the song of the angels is stilled . . . the work of Christmas is begun" – many of you recognize the contemporary song from which these words are taken. And it is an appropriate quote as we enter Epiphany. The music and festivity of Christmas are past, but with the light of this new season revealing Christ turning water to wine, giving sight to the blind and proclaiming good news to the poor, we have even greater reason to *sing*.

The Lutheran Digest

The Lutheran Digest is an independent publication featuring humor, poetry and inspirational stories. About two dozen free copies are delivered quarterly to Springdale, subsidized by regional businesses including Premier Co-op, Viking Hardware, Schubert's, and Prairie Ridge Cheese, whose contribution is appreciated.



Prayers and Thanksgivings

Eternal Candle Donors for December

Gary Bakken

In memory of Eleanore Moore

Sarah Greenlaw

In memory of Robert Greenlaw

In Our Prayers in December

Those ill, hospitalized or with continuing conditions:

Members:

Clara Anderson, Elmer Baker, Cora Bilse, Jennifer Dahlgren, Jim Dahlgren, Lavon Dolan, Lorna Lehman, Pearl Magnuson, Evie Monum, Sharon Moschkau, Terry Ninneman, Lana Olmstead, Russell Paske, Alma Skindrud, Philip Stenseth, Frieda Zweifel

Family & Friends:

Mark & Jamie Ahrens, friends of Jim & Fay Dahlgren
Lexy Vrostos Austin, friend of Kim Zahler
Ervin Banaszynski, Diane Kahler's father
Penny Barrett, Linda Nesheim's mother
Arlin Bieri, Lavon Dolan's brother
Duane Bieri, Lavon Dolan's brother
Guy Bieri, Lavon Dolan's nephew
Irene Bonkowski, Fay Dahlgren's mother
Cami, Fay Dahlgren's co-worker's daughter
Francis Collins, Renee Mickelson's father
Lorraine Dahlgren, Jim Dahlgren's mother
Neal Fosshage, Norma Baker's brother
Alice Garlock, Jeanne Hefty's brother Russell's mother-in-law
Louise Greenlaw, Sarah Greenlaw's & Mary Greenlaw-Meyer's mother
Diane Harms, Kim Vogel's mother
RoxAnn Heindl, Tim & Nancy Heindl's sister-in-law
Sue Kole, Michelle Kole's mother
Linda, Fay Dahlgren's co-worker
Roy Litticote, Fay Dahlgren's friend
Theresa MacDonald, Lisa Dignan's friend's mother
Dona Nyhus, Jeanine Taylor's mother
John & Jim O'Brien, Priscilla Laufenberg's brothers
Dennis Olson, Kim Zahler's uncle
John Percy
Mary Ann Reimer, Beth Elver's son's mother-in-law
Harold Schlimgen, Jim & Fay Dahlgren's friend
Wayne & Joni Shearer, Kip Bakken's uncle & aunt
Mike Stoller, friend of Jim & Priscilla Laufenberg
Kenneth Sutter, Hope Connor's brother
Kris Swalheim, Jodi Elver's aunt
Greg Taylor, Jeanine Taylor's brother-in-law
Theresa, Jim & Fay Dahlgren's friend
Vence & Marianne Vesley, Danielle Vesley-Bark's parents
Bob Vogel, Dean Vogel's father
Lois Brechler Wendt, friend of Beth Elver

Those in military service:

Bill Elver, Chris Hanson, Bryan McVeigh, Ryan Nyhus, Leif Skindrud, Marny Skindrud, Todd & Krista Verstraete

G R O W I N G I N G R A C E

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:

- 1 – Mary Greenlaw-Meyer, Margot Ninneman
Danielle Vesely-Bark
- 6 -- Cayden Slaney
- 9 – Ron Stenseth
- 11 – Leigh Ellingson, Lorna Lehman
- 13 – Marion Ringgenberg
- 15 – Bill Kollath
- 18 – Mya Kahler
- 22 – Quintin Ellingson
- 25 – Jessy Jacobson
- 27 – Sheila Helland

Keeping Devotions in the New Year

If you started devotions in Advent and Christmas, continue through this season of Light:

- Keep a time when *everyone* is together for reflection
- Maintain a home altar which can be decorated seasonally
- Memorize Scriptures or favorite/new hymns together
- Put loved ones' names in a jar and take out a few each day for prayer

Resources in the Info Area between sanctuary and fellowship include *Christ in Our Home* devotionals, *The Lutheran Digest* anthologies and *The Lutheran Prayerbook* collections.

Adult Education

Sunday Forum, 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 17 & 24 will be two important opportunities for members to review Springdale's direction for 2010. **Jan. 17** is for discussing the Worship/Education 'experimental' time and format we have had in place since Sept., and Council invites your thoughtful input for improvements. Jan. 10 is for discussing the 2010 Budget, and again your thoughtful input is appreciated.

Women of the ELCA study "To God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans"

various days and times (see church calendar)
Study continues in Romans, Paul's best expression of his understanding of the Gospel. In Chapters 9-11, Paul addresses the challenge of how God's new way of saving all people through Christ still reflects his faithfulness to his original covenant people, the Jews.

Catechism Calendar

All classes for January and February will be at Springdale (Mt. Horeb Middle Schoolers, take the 'Horse' bus!). Homework to complete before class is

Jan. 6 – Chap. 8 "God Delivers His People" & Chap. 9 "God Leads His People . . ."

Read 'Impassable', p. 29-30

Read Exodus 14:5-31

Answer questions under 'Out of Egypt', p. 30

Read 'All the Comforts of Home' and answer questions below, p. 33

Read 'God Provides a New Leader' and 'Across the Jordan', pp. 34-35

Answer questions on p. 34

Jan. 20 – Chap. 10 "God Brings Ruth into His Family"

Read Ruth 1:1-5, 11- 16, p. 38

Read 'Two for the Road' and 'My Kinsman-Redeemer', pp. 39-40

Answer questions, p. 39

And Friday-Sunday, **Jan. 8-10**, of course, several of you are going to the Youth Quake at the Wilderness Resort in the Dells; if all are agreeable, we'd leave about 4:30 Friday, stop on the way for supper, and arrive sometime after 6:00.

Besides the usual necessities for two nights (plus swimsuits!), you should

Pay your remaining **\$94** to Springdale Lutheran by Jan. 3.

Bring your *completed* medical permission form (Pastor has extras)

Bring money for meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 suppers - \$30-40?)

Bring a Bible

Speak with Pastor for further details.



N U T S A N D B O L T S

Measure of Our Commitment...

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Nov. 29 - \$2743	56
Dec. 6 - \$2888.50	58
Dec. 13 - \$1065	36
Dec. 20 - \$2688	116

Thank You

I thank you all again for the gifts, cards and good wishes given this holiday season, as well as for all the kindnesses shown this past year, and pray the year ahead is filled with new riches of grace through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Gratefully Yours,
Pastor Jeff Jacobs

Member Update

To update records for January's Annual Report, please make sure that any address or phone changes you have made in the last year have been recorded in the church office by **Jan. 4**.

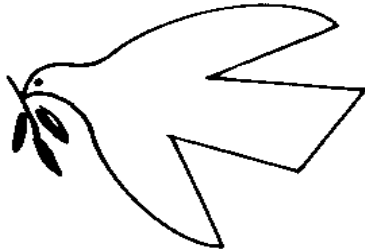
Snow Shoveling Season

Thank you to volunteers shoveling and salting our **four** entrances – the west side sanctuary entry, south side office entry, east side Sunday school stairwell and the old north side office entry. See entryway sign-up if you wish to play 'snow shovelers roulette!

Farewell and Thank You

I just want to say thanks and good-bye to Springdale's members. It has been a great pleasure working here and I will miss your kindness and generosity. You have my warm wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Narda



An Article about Articles

When you have anything to communicate from committees, circles, fellowship events, etc., please consider publicity write-ups for:

“View from the Hill” website
Sunday bulletins
Narthex & community posters
“Mt. Horeb Mail”

Styles differ for each, and Pastor Jacobs can help edit. It is greatly appreciated when announcements are submitted “ready-to-publish” (mail directly to secretary@springdalelutheran.org)

Council Minutes
December 17, 2009

Present: Pastor Jacobs, Erik Bakken, Terry Mickelson, John Arnold, Tim Heindl and Sherri Hefty **Absent:** Ken Kahler and Betty Bakken

I. Devotion

II. Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the Agenda: applicants for secretarial position and thank you gift for Narda. Motion carried to approve Agenda as amended.

III. Secretary's Report

Motion carried to approve the Minutes as printed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

As of November 30, 2009, **the General Account balance is behind \$7,685.80.**

As a clarification to the payment of the mortgage following the recent renegotiation, we will continue to pay the same (higher) monthly mortgage amount with the understanding that we can pay the new (lesser) amount if necessary.

A final review of the proposed 2010 budget was conducted. A couple of amounts were adjusted but the proposed budget is ready. A motion carried to approve the proposed 2010 budget as amended.

Completion of the commitment form for the Synod office has been tabled until January.

The Clothes Closet is asking for a pledge of \$400 by January 30. A motion carried to pledge \$400 to the Clothes Closet.

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VI. New Business

Elevator inspection contracts have been received by NEIS and WEI. The decision was made to go with NEIS, which was for \$70.

Council has approved the purchase of a Thank You gift for Narda who will be leaving at the end of the month.

The decision has been made to wait until after the first of the year to interview any of the applicants for the secretarial position. We will request the help of volunteers until we can hire another secretary.

VII. Committee Reports

Committee reports were received from Worship and Music and from Social Concerns.

The Nominating Committee is still pursuing individuals for positions on the Council and the Education Committee.

VIII. Pastor's Report

November

6 - Worship services 7 - Education 17 - Visitations

1 - Counseling 4 - Congregational Mtgs 2 - Misc. Items

6 - Community/Church-wide Mtgs. 554.8 Mileage

A list of 21 inactive members has been prepared. Before any action is taken, it will be confirmed that there have been no contribution of record in the last four years.

IX. FYI & Discussion

Reminder of the LEAD workshop scheduled in March.

X. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

A motion carried to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Sherri Hefty, Council Secretary

SHALL WE GATHER?

Sweetheart Dinner - ?

At 'press time', a couple people have expressed interest in chairing this year's Sweetheart Dinner (around Feb. 14), but nothing is yet firm. Keep watch for more info and opportunities to help out and/or to make reservations for the meal.

Seasons of Grief - Seasons of Healing

The next grief support group will be Saturday mornings, January 23rd, 30th, February 6th and February 13th from 9:30-11:30 am. Location to be announced. This support group is for anyone who has lost a loved one no matter how long it has been. The sessions are free. Contact Mary Williams at 437-4810 to sign up or if you have questions.

"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"

Saturday, Jan. 30, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. couples are invited to Lake City Church, 4909 E. Buckeye Rd., Madison, to hear Pastor Mark Gungor give this entertaining, informative seminar. The event is designed to create better communication in marriage, help spouses better understand one another and rekindle romance in an (obviously) light-hearted way.

Cost is \$69 per couple. To register, go to laughyourway.com; for more info, see flyers in the church entryway or contact Joel Alberti, 210-8015/jalberti@madcitychurch.org.

A Gift to Your Family: Advance Care Planning

HospiceCare invites you to this next question-and-answer seminar Tuesday, Jan. 12, 6:30-8 pm. at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Pkwy, Madison. This free seminar will help participants start preparing their own advance directive, a document that makes an individual's healthcare wishes clear to family and healthcare professionals. Pre-registration is requested; call Carrie Glantz at 327-7202.

Grief Support Groups

Six HospiceCare support groups begin in January; all are open to the public and free of charge, but pre-registration is required. Groups meet at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, unless otherwise noted. To register, call 276-4660 and ask to speak with a grief counselor.

Family Series: Support for Children, Teens, and Parents – Mondays, Jan. 4–Feb. 15, 5:30–7 pm

Journey Through Grief

Tuesdays, Jan. 5–Feb. 16, 6–8 pm

Thursdays, Jan. 7–Feb. 18, 4–6 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 550 Lincoln Dr., Sun Prairie

Tuesdays, Jan. 19–Mar. 2, 6:30–8:30 pm at St. Albert the Great, 2420 St. Albert Dr., Sun Prairie

Spouse/Partner Loss Support Group – Wednesdays, Jan. 6–Feb. 3, 4–6 pm

Young Widow's Group – Thursday, Jan. 7, 7–9 pm at San Damiano's, 4123 Monona Dr., Madison

Bridges Weekly Support Group is held every Wednesday, 9:30–11 am. *Pre-registration not required for this.*



O U R F A I T H O N I T S F E E T

Thank You to Our Thrivent Coordinators

For several years, Thrivent Financial's "Care in Congregations" program (and its Lutheran Brotherhood and Aid Association for Lutherans predecessors) have provided thousands in supplemental funds toward Springdale's dinners and other fundraisers. Instrumental in that work has been the role of the three Congregational Coordinators.

The Care in Congregations program has actually ended, but a new way of distributing funds is in development and the role of Coordinators will also change. It is an appropriate time, then, to express *thanks* to those who have served in this capacity by applying for funds, recruiting volunteers, sending out publicity, tracking hours and doing what it took to bring this extra money to our congregation.

Our current Coordinators are Norma Baker, Beth Elver and Sherri Hefty, but we also gratefully acknowledge Joel Ringgenberg and Bob & Marion Murray as ones who have served thus with Thrivent or its predecessor organizations. We hope they and other Thrivent members will continue to step forward in service to our congregation and community.

Oakwood Village News

Oakwood Village West Terrace Tea Room volunteers are needed to help serve residents once a week, Monday-Friday, 10:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., for lunch. For more information contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Kim Viney at 230-4238 or kim.viney@oakwoodvillage.net.



To the Church at Springdale, Greetings!

Janus, the Roman deity for whom January is named, is depicted as a two-faced god looking both forward and back – appropriate for a month which, looking back at the previous year, has seen much change, and, looking forward, sees.....well, what will the new year see?

We've returned to a single Sunday Service after several years with two and even three different worship styles, and also returned Sunday school to a separate hour. Ministries and social events have also changed, with some long-time activities fading, others revived and new ones coming to the fore.

Looking back where we've been, though, there can be legitimate concerns that Springdale is *sliding* back as membership and worship attendance show declines, budget increases only cover rising utility and other costs, not expanded ministries, and the momentum that propelled Springdale in its early independence wanes.

Yet looking *ahead*, we can see renewed energy in our worship and Sunday school and a new commitment to the ministries we support as we concentrate our resources. We're certainly not alone among churches making cut-backs in this challenging economy, but if we see these changes as steps toward *rebuilding*, not merely 're-circling the wagons', we will continue to make an impact, and even a better one, to our members and to our community.

Looking back and looking ahead, some may fret that Springdale is unavoidably moving toward its final days. I guess the only two answers to that is to prove that fear right...or to prove it wrong.

Springdale may never be a large congregation numerically, but it doesn't *have* to be in order to be faithful in its witness to Christ. Looking back, again, we can point to many instances, in times as challenging as these, when Christ has proved faithful to *us* and seen us through to better days. Looking ahead, as we continue to worship with joy, learn with eagerness, love one another with encouragement and serve others with compassion, we will see Christ bringing us to a promising future as well.

Yours in Faith

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Jan. 4
Annual Reports due

Jan. 10
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School resumes

Jan. 17
9:30 a.m. – Worship/Education Forum

Jan. 24
9:30 a.m. – Budget Forum

Jan. 31
9:45 a.m. – Annual Meeting