



VIEW FROM THE HILL

Springdale Lutheran Church
Mt. Horeb, WI

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Sunday Worship & Education Hour Changes - ??

At 'press time', it was unknown what changes, if any, may come as a result of the Jan. 17 Worship Forum and Annual Meeting discussion. If there are changes in time, format or whatever, watch the website, check bulletins or contact church office for updates.

Installation of Church Officers

Installation of all council and committee members, outside ministry representatives, etc. will be during worship Sunday, **Feb. 7**. *Thank you* to all who are serving in these areas through the coming year!

You've Got Mail!

A reminder to all council and committee members, outside ministry representatives etc.: Most of you have a mailbox in the hallway between the sanctuary and fellowship area. Check it regularly for mail, minutes and other items related to your service. Thanks!

Ash Wednesday Feb. 17

Ash Wednesday worship is **Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.** This Communion service of renewal reminds us of our Baptism into Christ's death as worshippers are invited to receive a cross of ashes on their forehead or hand.

Winter cancellation note



Winter Cancellations

If in doubt as to whether worship will be held due to the weather, please: Call the church - 437-3493. If pastor is able to arrive at church he will change the phone recording updating worship information. After 7 am listen to these stations: WIBA AM1310, WIBA FM101.5, WTSO AM1070, WMLI FM96.3, WMAD FM92.1 or WZEE FM104.1

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

Lenten Theme: Fast and Feast

Lent is traditionally a time of fasting and self-denial, yet the heart of the Gospel is certainly *not* that God wants to deny us the enjoyment of good things, but rather to find fullest joy in the *best* things God has to offer. We will explore in this season how we might turn from otherwise good things that distract and deplete us to the greater gifts Christ wishes to give us – namely, his very life.

Lenten Midweeks

At 'press time' plans were not in stone, but Springdale will likely participate with several churches in a "round robin" series. The topic would be *animals* connected with the Lenten story, such as the donkey Jesus rode into Jerusalem or the rooster that crowed when Peter denied him, which should be both entertaining and insightful.

It is also probable that a *family-friendly* meal will be served prior to or as part of the worship, so watch for sign up details.

Reminder to Ushers

Thank you for your ministry! With changes in our services, you have *additional* important duties for helping worship go smoothly – details are on the sheet inside the basement stairwell.

- Arrive *20 minutes early*
- See that doors are unlocked and lights and sound system are on. Turn on fans and open windows as needed
- Welcome worshipers and distribute bulletins
- Light candles 5-10 minutes before service; ask pastor for any special instructions
- Operate the PowerPoint
- Ring bell at beginning of service
- Take offering
- Record number of worshipers on stairway calendar
- Set up Communion railing and cushions (if needed), guide communicants up and collect empty glasses
- Ring bell after Dismissal
- See that sound system is off, windows are closed and fans are off. Turn off lights and lock doors if sanctuary not being used.

Things get hectic when usher teams are short members, so consult the calendars for your schedule, and if you cannot serve when assigned, please recruit a replacement. And we'd love having more ushers in rotation, so speak with Pastor Jacobs or Jim Laufenberg for info.

PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

In Our Prayers in January

Those ill, hospitalized or with continuing conditions:

Members:

Clara Anderson, Elmer Baker, Cora Bilsle, 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:

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
Clemmie Bollant, Kip Bakken's student
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
Melissa Hanson, Lexi Hellenbrand's classmate
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
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
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
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

Lenten Altar Decor

Because of Lent's solemn nature, it is most appropriate to have no chancel flowers. This underscores reflection on our Savior's suffering and death and magnifies the joy of the Easter celebration when flowers return in profusion. Green plants can still be offered, while flowers received this season may be placed in the entry or other suitable place.

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

Catechism Calendar

Our only Wednesday class in February is **Feb. 3** and will be at *Springdale* (Mt. Horeb Middle Schoolers, take the 'Horse' bus!). Homework to complete before class is

Feb. 3 – Chap. 11 God Promises David a Kingdom”
& Chap. 12 “God Blesses Solomon”

Read ‘God Looks at the Heart’ & ‘Blessings of the Kingdom’, pp. 42-43

Do second ‘With My Family’ activity, p. 43

Read ‘A Place for Me’ and fill in ‘My favorite place’ blanks, p. 44

Read ‘A House for God’ and answer questions, p. 45

There will be no formal classes through Lent, *but* the plan is to use Mt. Horeb’s early release day Monday, Mar. 8, to meet at the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet for a service project, followed at 4:00 or so with a move to the kitchen of Springdale or Perry (TBD) to cook chili as a midweek meal and possible National Youth Gathering fundraiser, so watch for further details.



Adult Education

“Foolishness of the Cross”

9:30 Sunday Forum

‘April Fools Day’ falls in Holy Week this year, suggesting aptness to addressing Paul’s own words in I Cor. 1:18, “the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing...” What *is* “foolish” about Christ’s cross, and what does it mean to consider ourselves ‘fools for Christ’? Join the conversation in the sanctuary Feb. 7 through Lent as we look specifically at I Corinthians 1-4.



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:

3 – Bev Brager

4 – Jessica Docken, Chris Olson

9 – Chase Neumaier, Jacob Sale, Tyler Vogel

10 – Chase Ringgenberg

13 – Jim Laufenberg, Matt Mani, Skylar Scrivner

14 – Gary Bakken

18 – Paul Magnuson

19 – Norma Baker

20 – Cobain Pellebon-Bohan

21 – Brandon Christian

22 – Kyle Hanna, Marny Skindrud

26 – Jamie Heindl

27 – Evelyn Monum

29 – Evelyn Basthemer



Devotions in Lent

Like Advent, Lent is a time of preparation for a celebration. *Unlike* Advent, Lent is more somber, but that should not discourage families from deepening their faith together. Consider these ways to build your spiritual life:

Set time when everyone is together – early Saturdays or after supper Wednesday or before bedtime or whatever works

Make space for a home altar and adorn it with a picture of Jesus, a cross, your Bible, etc.

Have everyone participate in some way – reading, singing, drawing, praying, etc.

Give up something during Lent and use the extra time or money to serve others

Memorize a Lent, Easter or other favorite hymn

Plant bulbs or seeds indoors for an Easter garden

Put concerns in a jar and have everyone take one out for prayer

Resources will be available on the PowerPoint, in addition to “Christ in Our Home,” Lutheran Digest” and other booklets in our information area between the sanctuary and fellowship room.

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

Address Change

Evelyn Basthemer
9401 Old Sauk Rd., #230
Middleton, Wisc. 53562

Council Minutes January 21, 2010

Those present: Pastor Jacobs, Erik Bakken, Terry Mickelson, Ken Kahler, John Arnold, Betty Bakken, Tim Heindl and Sherri Hefty

I. Devotion

Reading from I Corinthians.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by John and seconded by Terry to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

III. Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Ken and seconded by Terry to approve the Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, 2009, the **General Account balance is behind \$4,420.49**. The year-end financials and proposed 2010 Budget were reviewed in preparation for Sunday's Budget forum after the service.

An additional \$36 was collected over and above the \$500 benevolence for the Food Pantry in November and December. The \$36 will be forwarded to the Seminary Assistance Fund.

Funds collected during the special Synod appeal, in the amount of \$24, will be forwarded to the Synod.

V. New Business

The church secretary position has been filled. Karen Halena will begin on February 1.

The order for the Annual Meeting Agenda was discussed and Council Members will bring coffee and breakfast treats for the Annual Meeting on January 31.

The Helpmate update is due by February 28. This item has been tabled until February's meeting.

Two new recycling bins have been received for use in the church. Recycling containers will be available in both the fellowship and basement areas.

A motion was made by Pastor and seconded by Tim to confirm Betty Bakken as the Treasurer for 2010. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Terry to confirm Sue Bakken and Kim Zahler as Financial Secretaries for 2010. Motion carried.

VI. Old Business

Time and talent forms were received in the Fall that can be used to help identify those interested in various church ministries.

Pastor will follow up on the status of our application to ELC for endowment funds.

Conversations with West Blue Mounds are ongoing. They are looking primarily for pastoral care and hope that we can help them with that. While talks continue, the Council has expressed interest in inviting them to join our Lenten services and welcome them to participate in Sunday School and any ministries in the future.

VII. Pastor's Report

Pastor will be on vacation from January 23-29. Pastor Parmley and Pastor Twiton will provide pastoral coverage if needed.

Pastor has suggested that a Pastoral Ministry evaluation be conducted some time this Spring. One has not been conducted in awhile and it will give us better insight going forward.

5 - Worship services 8 - Education 32 - Visitations 0 - Counseling 7 - Congregational Mtgs 9 - Misc. Items 1 - Community/Church-wide Mtgs 535.7 Mileage

A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Sherri to give Pastor a \$300 bonus for all the administrative work (Sunday PowerPoints, newsletter, weekly bulletins, Annual Meeting booklets, etc.) he provided in the absence of a secretary for the month of January. Motion carried.

VIII. Committee Reports

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

IX. FYI & Discussion

Reminder of LEAD Workshop on Saturday, March 13.

X. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Pastor to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Sherri Hefty
Council Secretary

Measure of Our Commitment...

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Dec. 24 - \$1888	95
Dec. 27 - \$1560	18
Jan. 3 - \$3280	34
Jan. 10 - \$ 940	20
Jan. 17 - \$	
Jan. 24 - \$	

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!

Care & Feeding of Our Labyrinth . . .

Well, we *don't* have to feed it (nor the Minotaur - !), but we do need volunteers to mow the path regularly. Snow may still be on the ground, but it's not too early to begin recruiting. Please speak to Pastor Jacobs so this unique asset on our property continues to be an attractive and usable one!



Getting Married?

Congratulations! The pastor and parish of Springdale pray God's blessing on your wedding and your future life together. Please make *early* contact with the pastor to be sure the church is available the day you choose. Pastor will meet with you to get basic information and review guidelines for Scripture, music, fees, pre-marriage counseling etc.

Wedding fee for non-members totals \$550. Members enjoy a great privilege of reduced fees – only \$50 for use of the church and \$50 for the custodial assistant – but members also have a responsibility for supporting their parish year round.

We rejoice with you in your upcoming marriage and hope for a celebration that will lift up Christ's love in your lives.

To the Church at Springdale, Greetings!

The "logic" of the groundhog is actually puzzling. When Jimmy sticks his head out in Sun Prairie Feb. 2nd, if it's *sunny* and he sees his shadow, it's six more weeks of *winter*, but if it's *cloudy* and he doesn't, *spring* is soon to arrive! The groundhog seems to have it backward – shouldn't the clouds bode more winter and the sun presage bright spring ahead?

Yet again, from a Christian perspective, Jimmy may be onto something more true. Quoting Isaiah 29, Paul wrote in I Cor. 1,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
And the discernment of the discerning
I will thwart'

...Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

Human logic and sensibility say that doing right and working hard and earning your way make good things happen. The 'foolishness' of God declares that no human rationale, no human effort makes salvation possible, but only the humility and self-denial which merely accepts, not "earns" God's gracious gift.

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God (I Cor. 1:27-29)

Midway through this month we leave the sunny Epiphany light and enter the 'cloudy' Lenten days of the Church year. We focus again upon the death of our Lord Jesus Christ and recall the dark sinfulness in our human nature that brought this suffering upon him. It is a solemn, sorrowful time, yet we also discover through it that the clouds of Christ's Passion are not the termination, but the beginning of renewal, healing and joy for us and all people.

The shadow of Lent and the shadow of the cross soon spread over our sight, but remembering that Christ has triumphed not just in spite of death, but through death itself, we know these clouds are *truly* the first sign of spring, the eternal spring of Resurrection life.

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength (I Cor. 1:23-25)

Yours in Faith,

SHALL WE GATHER?

WOMEN'S NEWS

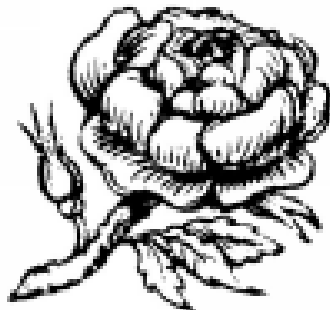
Women of the ELCA study

"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.



Winter Fun Day at Sugar Creek

Sugar Creek Bible Camp invites families to enjoy the snow at their place **Sunday, Feb. 14, 1-5 p.m.**, 13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd, Ferryville. \$3 per person includes a lunch of hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate and more served 2:30-3:30. Activities include tubing (tubes provided) and ice skating (bring your own skates). See entryway poster or contact the camp, 608-734-3113, for details.



HospiceCare Grief Support Groups

In February, HospiceCare Inc. offers two recurring support groups for those grieving a death, hosts an informational discussion for caregivers and begins a caregiver support series. All are free, but usually require pre-registration, and are at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, unless noted. To register, call HospiceCare at 276-4660 and ask to speak with a grief counselor.

Bridges Weekly Support Group, Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00 a.m. An open-ended, weekly group for adults who have suffered loss from death. Pre-registration *not* required.

Young Widows Group, first Thursday of month, 7–9 p.m., San Damiano's, 4123 Monona Dr., Madison. Monthly group for women under age 50 who have experienced the loss of their spouse/partner due to death; held with The Center for Life and Loss Integration and Gunderson Funeral Home.

After the Caregiving Ends, Wednesdays, Feb. 17–Mar. 10, 4–6 p.m. Four-week interactive series to help caregivers adjust to their changed role after the death of their care recipient.

Conducting Family Meetings, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6:30–8 p.m. Seminar for those caring for someone with progressive or terminal illness; offers guidelines for conducting effective family meetings to help decide how to share caregiving responsibilities and decisions.

OUR FAITH ON ITS FEET

“. . . You Clothed Me”

The area churches that support the Mount Horeb Clothes Closet will receive their annual Love Offering in February. Watch for the bulletin insert, and *thank you* for your generosity toward this outreach.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Returns?

A conversation about bringing IHN dinners and overnight guests back again to Immanuel is tentatively scheduled at Immanuel **Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m.** If it is to return, *several* more people from each partner church are needed to make the commitment. If you've served this ministry in the past or are interested for the future, speak with Pastor Jacobs for info and plan to attend.



Synod-wide Leadership Education And Development Day

The annual LEAD conference is **Saturday, Mar. 13, 8:30-3:15**, at St. Luke's, 7337 Hubbard Ave., Middleton. It's a day of inspiring presentations and informative workshops for council members, lay leaders, pastors, Sunday school staff, stewardship leaders and anyone interested in growing as a disciple of Jesus.

Theme is "We Are an Offering", and Nebraska Synod Bishop David deFreese is keynote speaker. His gentle leadership has inspired Nebraska congregations in numerous joyful and generous expressions of faithful stewardship over the past six years.

Registration of \$20 includes lunch; watch for brochure and registration forms soon.



Haiti Earthquake Relief

As you know, Haiti suffered a devastating earthquake Jan. 12 near its capital, Port-au-Prince. Already *the* most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere (70% living in extreme poverty), this disaster increases the wretched conditions for over 3 million people, a third of Haiti's population.

Giving through ELCA International Disaster Response is one of the better ways to help because the Lutheran church already has a long-standing presence there and knows who to contact and where to go with resources. 100% of the designated donations will go for immediate and ongoing relief efforts there, and you can give either by e-mail (www.elca.org/haitiearthquake) or regular mail (PC Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694). Keep Haiti in your prayers, and thank you.

WHOOPS!

Were you in a service rotation - lector, fellowship host, Communion assistant, etc. - and have you "fallen out"? It's come to our attention in the office that some people who used to serve in these and other ways got dropped off the list during one quarter or another and never put back in -- be assured, it was entirely inadvertent, and we definitely want anyone who wants to be on!

If you *do* wish to be in rotation as a lector or fellowship provider or Communion assistant and so forth, please let us know soon. With a new secretary coming on board, we want to have all our lists up to date. Thank you!

When to Call the Pastor . . .

When you're hospitalized
When you're feeling depressed
When you've had a baby (it's great to visit in the hospital!)
When you've got questions about Scripture
When you've lost your job
When you have an idea for church
When you've lost a loved one
When you can't communicate with your children
When you can't communicate with your parents
When you've had an accident
When you're facing marital difficulties
When you're having surgery (even day surgery)
When ever . . .

I won't have answers for everything, but with the Lord's help I'll strive to minister to you with Christian prayer and love – Pastor Jeff Jacobs

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FEB. 17

7 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Communion Worship