



# VIEW FROM THE HILL

Springdale Lutheran Church  
Mt. Horeb, WI

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## **SPRINGDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 13, 2010 - Sherri Hefty, Council Secretary**

Notice for this special congregational meeting was duly printed in the bulletin and announced the preceding three Sundays, as well as by a letter mailed to each congregant in May. The purpose for this meeting is to vote on the proposed partnership agreement with West Blue Mounds Church. A total of 32 members were in attendance.

This special congregational meeting was called to order on Sunday, June 13, at 10:10 a.m. by the Council President, Tim Heindl. Questions were taken from the floor regarding the content of the two-year partnership agreement.

A motion was made by Bob Murray and seconded by Renee Mickelson to vote on the agreement. Paper ballots were distributed and collected. By unanimous vote, the two-year partnership agreement between Springdale and West Blue Mounds churches was approved.

A motion was made by Bob Murray and seconded by Fay Dahlgren to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried.

### **Missional Discovery Journey**

As Springdale and West Blue Mounds enter this two-year trial partnership, we will also be starting this 18-month program involving 4-6 leaders from both congregations working to

- Deepen the spiritual relationship with God
- Discern God's direction for our parishes
- Equip leadership for congregational change
- Transform the outlook from maintenance to mission

Team Leaders will be active members committed to monthly meetings with each another and occasionally with other participating churches and should be enthusiastic for growth in themselves and in Christ's Kingdom. As we continue this recruitment, all members are encouraged to pray that God move Leaders to say Yes when called.

### **Financial Update**

Our General Fund deficit is currently **-\$13,021.52**. Both attendance and giving pick up with Kick Off Sunday in Sept., and there will be additional income through our partnership with West Blue Mounds, but let us not simply sink lower till then!

We are grateful for the ongoing commitments of all whose giving supports the worship, education, fellowship and ministry our members and visitors enjoy.

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

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## Summer Theme: The Race That Is Set Before Us

Worship continues at **8:45 a.m.** with our 'sporty' theme. This month we will especially be looking at that famous strong man of the Bible, Samson, both his feats and his foibles.



## July Hymn of the Month

LBW #498, "All Who Would Valiant Be", had been a 'HOTM' back in '03, but it's fitting to bring it back with our focus on Samson this month.

The author is John Bunyan, writer of the classic *Pilgrim's Progress*. Born Nov. 30, 1638, Bunyan joined a Nonconformist religious community and became an influential preacher in the 1650s, which earned him over twelve years imprisonment from the Church of England. During one of those terms he began the first part of *Pilgrim's Progress*, published in 1678, and published the second part in 1684. The poem containing this hymn is from part two. Bunyan died Aug. 31, 1688.

The composer, Charles Winfred Douglas, was born Feb. 15, 1867, in Oswego, New York, and besides being an Episcopal priest was an organist, choir director, linguist, musicologist, and authority on Hopi and Navajo culture! He taught and played throughout the US, Europe and southeast Asia, with periods of pastoral service St. Paul's in Fond du Lac (1907-11) and at the Community of St. Mary in Kenosha (1934-37). He was inspired to write this tune to "Bunyan's burly song", as he called it, in 1917. Douglas died Jan. 18, 1944.

(information from *Hymnal Companion to the Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1981)

## Devotional Resources

July/Aug/Sept "Christ in Our Home," regular and large print, is in our Information Center between the sanctuary and fellowship area. Other resources include "Lutheran Digest" and "Lutheran Message" for your spiritual nurture at home, school or work.

## IN OUR PRAYERS IN JULY

Those who are ill, hospitalized or have continuing conditions.



## Members:

Clara Anderson, Elmer Baker, Cora Bilse, Jennifer Dahlgren, Jim Dahlgren, Lavon Dolan, Lorna Lehman, Pearl Magnuson, Evie Monum, Steve Schwenn, Terry Ninneman, Lana Olmstead, Russell Paske, Alma Skindrud, Philip Stenseth, Frieda Zweifel, Chris Doescher, Chuck Frye, Jonathan & Amy Slaney,

## Family & Friends:

Lexy Vrostos Austin, friend of Kim Zahler  
Ervin Banaszynski, Diane Kahler's father  
Sara Barnett  
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  
Audrey Fosshage, Norma Baker's sister-in-law  
Neal Fosshage, Norma Baker's brother  
Alice Garlock, Jeanne Hefty's brother Russell's mother-in-law  
Melissa Hanson, Lexi Hellenbrand's classmate  
Diane Harms, Kim Vogel's mother  
RoxAnn Heindl, Tim & Nancy Heindl's sister-in-law  
Robert Klaas  
Sue Kole, Michelle Kole's mother  
Linda, Fay Dahlgren's co-worker  
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  
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  
Ann Bakken, daughter of Betty Bakken  
Vicky Webber, friend of Kim Zahler

## Those in military service:

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

*If you notice someone on the prayer list who can be removed, or someone you would like added, please let me know at [secretary@springdalelutheran.org](mailto:secretary@springdalelutheran.org).*

# G R O W I N G   I N   G R A C E

## “Pray Always”

### Women of the ELCA study

various days and times (see church calendar)

The shorter summer-time study continues in *Lutheran Woman Today*. ‘Persistence’ was last month’s theme, but ‘patience’ is this month’s as we reflect on waiting for God’s answers to our prayers in the way God knows is best.



### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:

- 2 – Judy Goldschmidt
- 12 – Trevor Johnson
- 16 – Michaela Paulson  
Sue Wittwer
- 18 – Megan Heindl  
Aaron Meyer
- 19 – Greg Jones
- 20 – Maggie Spitzbarth
- 21 – Dennis Dignan
- 22 – Jessica Elver  
Benjamin Spitzbarth
- 28 – Holly Kellesvig
- 29 – Dave Chancellor  
Vanessa Meyer



Bill & Kathy Kollath celebrate 19 years on the 4th  
Chris & Amy Olson celebrate 6 years on the 17th

## Sunday School Summer Fun!

What a great time our Springdale friends Ellie, Sam, Elizabeth, Karsten and Hayden had at Sugar Creek Bible Camp on June 15<sup>th</sup> for the Explorer Day Camp! They rode horses, swam in the pool, created animal masks, read the Creation Story in Bible study, had a great lunch and snack, participated in fun games, learned great songs and held a worship service. My car load slept most of the way home!

Check out the information in the mail center between the sanctuary and the fellowship area for a listing of great day camps and overnight camps that Sugar Creek Bible Camp offers for kids and even adults. Watch for pictures from the camp on our website!

### Birthday



### Wishes

- 1 - Alyssa Vogel
- 3 - Penny Magnuson
- 5 - Hailey Johnson
- 7 - David Corner III
- 10 - Justin Haglund
- 17 - Kipalee Bakken  
Tom Mickelson  
Courtney Murray  
Marion Murray
- 18 - Garfield Kittelson
- 19 - Lori Elver
- 20 - Cayden Slaney
- 22 - Terry Mickelson
- 27 - Dave Elver
- 28 - Ed Doescher
- 30 - Linda Nesheim
- 31 - Dane Drinkall-Bakken

# N U T S   A N D   B O L T S

## Madison Symphony Orchestra Free Concerts

Free SECOND SATURDAY Farmers' Market Concerts will be held from 11 a.m. – Noon in Overture Hall at 201 State Street.

Each concert features the 4,040 pipes of Madison Symphony's Overture Concert Organ. Concerts are open to all ages and no reservations are required.

July 10 – Sousa Marches and other fireworks from the colossal Klais

Aug. 14 – Bach, Mendelssohn, Langlois



### COUNCIL POSITION REMAINS OPEN.

If you would like a direct voice in Springdale's mission, speak with pastor or a council member.

## Lifest in Oshkosh July 7<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup>

Just in case you don't already know about it, we have an incredible Christian music festival right here in Wisconsin during the summer. It runs July 7-11 in Oshkosh. Over 150 bands and speakers on 6 stages! It's an amazing experience. Lifest is still looking for more volunteers as well. You can get more information, purchase tickets and sign up to volunteer on the Lifest web site. <http://www.lifest.com/>

If you want a way to try Lifest in a smaller way, and for FREE, come up on Sunday! Worship with Kutless and Luis Palau, and a few thousand brothers and sisters in Christ! Free admission!

### Measure of Our Commitment...

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
May 23 - \$1,643	35
May 30 - \$1,260	33
June 6 - \$2,232.25	35
June 13 - \$1,167	42
June 20 - \$1,091.25	38

## Joining In With God's Work

### A Renewable Way of Being the Church

July 18-19, 2010

New Life Lutheran Church  
7564 Cottage Grove Road

God is on the loose in the world. And you and your congregation have been invited to partner what matters most. And you are invited to join in--just as you are--to co-create with the God we have in Jesus.

A Renewable Enterprise (ARE) works with congregational leaders across North America teaching simple principles that shape:

- 1) Being who you are.
- 2) Seeing what you have.
- 3) Doing what matters!

Dave Daubert and Kelly Fryer will share practices of a renewable way of working that is a freeing, fruitful way to be the church!

For more information contact synod office, 608-270-0201.

## The Blue Mounds Food Pantry is now open!

11010 Blackhawk Drive  
In the Blue Mounds Industrial Park

(from 18/151 turn south on Cty F, and go one block to Blackhawk Drive then turn right. We are the next building past the Spring Valley Kennels)

### Food Pantry Hours: Thursdays

9:00-11:00 am & 4:00-6:00 pm

On your first visit please bring a valid ID and proof of your residence with a utility bill receipt. (This is required by the government for permanent food pantries.)

**Springdale Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
June 17, 2010**

Those present: Pastor Jacobs, Tim Heindl, Betty Bakken, Scott Ringgenberg and Sherri Hefty.  
Those absent: Terry Mickelson, John Arnold and Ken Kahler.

As there was no quorum to conduct business, we spent the time discussing a couple of the topics under Old and New Business.

Betty updated us on some accounting items: \$252 was received from Burns for land rental and a \$130.81 dividend was received from the Co-op (\$74.56 in cash). Bills were received for snowplowing services (\$865) and the balance of the fuel bill (\$661.45). The contract for winter fuel is expected next month.

As of May 31, 2010, the **General Account balance is behind \$13,021.52.**

We would like to add Scott Ringgenberg, as Vice President, as an additional authorized signature on the checking and safe deposit accounts. To do that, we will need to have a resolution prepared on church letterhead and signed by Tim Heindl, as President, authorizing the addition.

We have been discussing options to assist the Financial Secretaries in their duties on Sunday mornings. We would propose that one member of that week's usher team serve as the second counter with a Financial Secretary. Also, that an additional person be recruited to serve as a counter in the absence of one or both Financial Secretaries.

A suggestion has been made that we acquire a debit or credit card for the church to use for occasional online purposes. Betty thinks that a debit card has the potential to cause all kinds of bookkeeping problems and that a credit card is a better option. This will be discussed further.

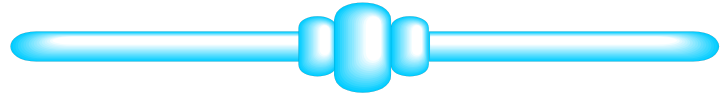
**Pastor's Report**

5 - Worship services    5 - Education    18 - Visitations  
1 - Counseling        3 - Congregational Mtgs  
5 - Misc. Items        2 - Community/Church-wide Mtgs  
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Pastor will be attending a conference on Washington Island the week of June 21 and Pastor Parmley will be covering any pastoral emergencies.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Sherri Hefty  
Council Secretary



**2009 Synod Assembly Notes**

The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly was June 5-6 in Wisconsin Dells and was attended by Pastor Jacobs and Voting Members Erik and Kip Bakken.

Theme was "Where Will God's Love Take You?", and Bishop Burnside, speakers John Nunes from Lutheran World Relief and Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl from the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, and many presentations and workshops showed how God's love has taken the congregations of our synod out with faithful service into our communities and our world.

Among business items acted on was

- Keeping 2011 rostered leader compensation guidelines at the same level as 2010
- Developing a "Leadership for Mission Initiative" to promote more outreach among synod congregations
- Creating a task force to assist congregations sponsoring immigrant and refugee resettlement
- Urging Augsburg/Fortress Publishing to make more of its basic materials available for those with visual problems
- Thanking Marilon Krebs, administrative assistant to the bishop, for 23 years service, ever since the South-Central Synod came to be

\$6,836.30 was received in worship to be shared between our companion synod in northeast India and Haiti disaster relief, plus over \$5000 for "Caden's Fund", initiated by a five-year-old from St. John's in Madison who was also touched by Haiti's tragedy and wanted to help children there. Finally, 644 hospice, 778 health and 1104 midwife kits were received for distribution through Lutheran World Relief.



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# SHALL WE GATHER?

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## Ice Cream Social

In anticipation of a special twist *next* year, the Social this year moves to a later date of **Aug. 7**. Funds raised will benefit the possibly *eight* (at least at press time!) Springdale youth who are considering going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012. Check at church for sign ups to prepare or help serve, donate pies or other ingredients, and to assist in other ways. Thank you!



# WOMEN'S NEWS

## Lutheran World Relief Kits

It's that time of year to again put together Sewing, Layette, School and Health kits. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. Soap will be collected in Aug. and Sept.; bath size (4-5 oz) are preferred.

### Sewing Kits

The kits are used to teach young men and women sewing skills they can use to earn an income

- Three yards of 44" or 45" wide cotton or cotton-blend fabric; four yards if 36" (no knits or 100% polyester)
- One package of about 10-15 needles for hand sewing (needles purchased in larger packages can be divided by inserting 12 needles into a swatch of felt or thick fabric)
- One spool of matching thread, 300 yards
- One card of 6 or more 1/2" to 5/8" matching buttons

All item should be new and in good condition. Wrap sewing notions inside fabric and tie with string, yarn, or strip of fabric.

### Layettes

Layettes are a warm welcome to newborns and their mothers in refugee camps, hospitals, and villages.

- Two shirts or Onesies (or similar item)
- Two gowns or sleepers (with or without feet)
- Two receiving blankets
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One sweater or sweatshirt made from heavy double knits or fleece. It is preferred that they have buttons or ties down the front.
- A bolt of flannel can furnish a number of receiving blankets, diapers and gowns. A square cut the width of fabric easily makes a blanket. Dia-

pers can be made using a pinking shear to cut pieces 25" x 27" (this is a change in size from previous guidelines)

- It may be necessary to zigzag edges or sew a hem when making blankets and diapers with flannel to prevent raveling.

### School Kits

School kits may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. A school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes.

- Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8x10 1/2 inches totaling 150-200 sheets (Do Not include loose-leaf paper.)
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- Six unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, secure together with a rubber band
- One eraser approximately 2 1/2 inches long
- 12 sheets construction paper in assorted colors (if necessary fold in half to fit into the school bag)
- One box of 16 to 24 crayons
- One sturdy cloth bag approximately 12 x 14 inches with cloth handles or drawstring enclosure (patterns for school kit bags are available by calling 800-LWR-LWR-2. Or visit [lwr.org/parish](http://lwr.org/parish) and click on School Kits.)

Remove any excess packaging and pack items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn.

### Health Kits

These kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile, and can contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

- One hand towel, dark color
- One washcloth, dark color
- One bath-size bar (4-5 oz) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One comb, wide tooth, remove packaging
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, (no emery boards)
- Six Band-Aids (or similar brand), 1/2 to 3/4 inch secure together with a rubber band

Wrap smaller items in the washcloth; wrap washcloth and remaining items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

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

## Women's Bible Study



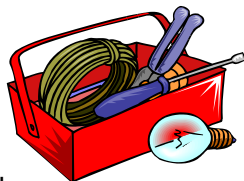
Every issue of Lutheran Women Today brings you articles that inform, challenge, comfort, and encourage. The 2010-2011 Bible study (from Sept. To June) is "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity" This study looks at what unites us and defines us as people of faith. These days, the tendency is to stay focused on the issues that divide us. The goal of this study is to help us understand how our different backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives can be shared as we study the Bible together and focus on our common faith in Jesus Christ. The theme verse is Amos 3:3 "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (KJV) This should be a very interesting Bible Study, especially as it related to our situation today.

If you don't have LWT now and would like to order it please let Norma Baker know. The cost is \$12 for 1 year/ 10 issues.



Springdale, Immanuel and Mt. Horeb Methodist next provide the meal at St. Luke's, 7337 Hubbard Ave., Middleton, **Monday, Aug. 9, 5-7 p.m.**, preparing *dessert* this time. You can help by cooking, making a donation in the entryway, or staying overnight; speak with Pastor Jacobs, Linda Nesheim or another Social Concerns member for details.

## Projects, Projects



All kinds of large and small tasks need doing around the church, so if you see something that *you* may have aptitude for, contact our Maintenance Committee (Jim Dahlgren, Paul Elver, Terry Mickelson, Joel Ringgenberg, Dean Vogel). And even if you don't know what needs doing but you're handy with a paintbrush, shovel, hammer or other, let them know you can help. Thanks for offering your time and talents!

## Thrivent Choice Delivers \$1 Million

Thanks to all voting Thrivent members who helped decide how \$1 million would be distributed among ten organizations. Below is the percentage of votes and the amount disbursed.

Organization	% of Votes	Contribution
LCMS World Relief	19	192,122
Lutheran Disaster Response	14	147,242
ELCA World Hunger	14	145,345
Habitat for Humanity	11	114,212
LCMS World Mission	11	112,315
Feed My Starving Children	10	99,465
American Heart Association	6	67,854
WELS Committee on Relief	5	57,281
Thrivent Financial Selection	4	*
WELS Humanitarian Aid	3	32,987
Lutheran Malaria Initiative	3	31,176

\* Votes cast for "Thrivent Financial Selection" were distributed equally among the ten organizations.

While there were over 151,000 votes, though, it apparently did not hit the target of 15% of members which would have upped the total contribution to \$2 million. Assuming this will be done again next spring, Thrivent members are urged to keep watch for that voting opportunity!

## Calling on Pastor . .

Pastoral visits to the sick express the whole church's concern and are a ministry to Christ himself ("I was sick and you took care of me" – Matt. 25:36). But because hospitals rarely make the contact, it's crucial to *let church office know* when a member goes to the hospital so Springdale's ministry is there for them. If you know someone is hospitalized, please call – it's better to hear from a dozen than not hear it once. *Thank you* for helping promote this ministry!

