



VIEW FROM THE HILL

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THE BEACON

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“View from the Beacon on the Hill” - !!

Though this *isn't* our new publication name, a *welcome* is extended once again to 'new readers' from West Blue Mounds Parish – your comments and suggestions are *most* welcome as we aim to highlight the news from both congregations for the enlightenment of all our members.

Currently, a number of Springdale members receive this newsletter online as a pdf attachment, both a cost-saving and an eco-friendly measure. Members of either parish who wish to receive the “Beacon/View” by monthly e-mail are invited to contact the office – secretary@springdalelutheran.org or 437-3493 – to make arrangements. Printed copies will continue to be available at church the last Sunday of the month or by mail.

Even if you don't receive the newsletter by e-mail, members are still encouraged to give an e-ddress to the church office as one efficient way of contacting everyone for important parish announcements (member deaths, service cancellations, etc.).

When to Call the Pastor

When you're hospitalized or going in for day surgery, or if you hear of a member who is, please let Pastor Jacobs know. Area hospitals or nursing homes *rarely*, if ever, contact clergy, even though they may take church information. Pastor would rather hear of a member's hospitalization from a dozen people than never hear it once! Contact numbers are office – 437-3493, home – 848-1294 or cell – 577-4535. Thank you!

From the Treasurer....

Just a little information about our building loan with Cross Plains bank. At the end of August our principle balance was \$163,982.71. We pay about \$600.00 dollars each month on the principle and of course that amount will increase each month as the principle declines. The building fund account is doing o.k. The balance August 31 is \$12,625.40; enough to make several payments. Checkbook gained \$363.00 this month. Takk Skal Du Ha to everyone who keeps Springdale going financially. B.Bakken Treasurer

It's the Final Quarter . . .

The final quarter for 2010 giving begins Oct. 1, and we encourage everyone to bring their giving up to date. Bearing in mind that things mailed after the 29th *may* not get to the Treasurer in time, you are strongly urged to get 2010 offerings in before books close **Thursday, Dec. 30.**

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

Autumn Theme

“Finders, Keepers, Losers, Seekers”

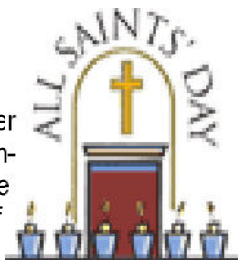
Lepers, widows, publicans – stories of the lost and outcast continue in our gospels this month as we continue to reflect how we, as God’s welcomed and redeemed people, are blessed to proclaim that same welcome and redemption among family and friends, neighbors and strangers.

Reformation/All Saints Day Choir

Any who wish are invited to prepare a song for Reformation Sunday, Oct. 31, at Springdale and All Saints Sunday, Nov. 7, at West Blue Mounds Next rehearsal is **Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6:45-7:30 p.m., Springdale**. And if interest is there, we may continue meeting the “second Wednesday” each month to prepare for upcoming festivals. Speak with Pastor Jacobs, Cate Gimse-Owens or Sharon Moshkau for details.

All Saints Sunday

Nov. 7, All Saints Day, we remember those who rest in the ‘Church Triumphant’. Special observance is made for those whose funerals were part of our ministry since last All Saints, and God’s continuing comfort is prayed upon family and friends as we give thanks for those whose lives we have shared.



Ruth Circle - Oct. 20, 1:00 pm at Susan Docken’s

Esther Circle - Oct. 25, 7:30 pm @ Spr.

Sarah Circle - Oct. 26, 1:00 pm @ Spr.

Women of the ELCA study

dates, times & places of each Circle’s meetings

The new WELCA study on the Bible and how we read and understand it as Lutheran Christians continues with “Unity in the Midst of Diversity”. As St. Paul describes the Church, we are *one* body, yet *many* members; we have our common source and goal in Christ, yet there are a variety of viewpoints and lifestyles among us. How we respect those differences and maintain genuine relationship with one another is one aspect of this session.

Catechism Calendar

Take note of *varied* locations this month as we have a *class* session, a *service* session and a *fun* session all in different places:

Oct. 6 at **Perry**

Chapter 17 done in class

Oct. 11 (**Monday**) at **Immanuel** – **1:00-8:00** Mt. Horeb Early Release Day

Sharing a movie, discussion, supper and the annual *Ultrazone* outing with other catechism groups – please get \$22/person for games and food to Pastor by Sunday, Oct. 10

Oct. 20 at **Springdale**

Highway clean up on County ID from the 18-151 exit to the overpass

Also, Catechism Recognition for our current 7th and 8th grade students is Sunday, Oct. 3, lifting them up at this stage in their faith life.

Finally, students planning to go to the Feb. 4-6, 2011, Dells Youth Quake should remit at least a \$50 deposit (total is \$134) by Nov. 21; make check to Springdale Lutheran with ‘Youth Quake’ on the memo.

Affirmation of Baptism

Reformation Sunday, Oct. 31

On this day we celebrate the Confirmation of Dane Bakken, Mandi Hollfelder, Melanie Kollath and Ana Schwenn. An organizational meeting is proposed **Sunday, Oct. 3, 11:30 a.m.**, at Springdale to begin such tasks as

Choosing robes from the office

Creating symbols for stoles

Selecting songs for worship

Dividing responsibilities for reading lessons or assisting at Communion

Some snacks will be provided to sustain you over the lunch hour(!), and future meetings for rehearsal and such will be determined at this time.

God’s blessings to these young people as they affirm their continued growth in faith!

Anniversary Wishes in October

3 - Bob & Marion Murray celebrate 56 yrs
Steve & Denise Schwenn celebrate 23 yrs

6 - Todd & Kristine Ringgenberg celebrate 9 yrs

9 - Leo & Mary Humphrey celebrate 39 yrs

10 - Dave & Lori Elver celebrate 29 yrs

12 - Tim & Nancy Heindl celebrate 19 yrs

19 - Michelle Hefty & Joe Burrese celebrate 19 yrs

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

Remembering

To those of you who knew Suzanne Bartels, (she was our synodical president a few years ago), her husband, Tom, passed away on September 16. He had been ill for some time but was at home. Condolences can be sent to Suzanne at 6899 Old 32, Boscobel, WI 53805.

"In Memoriam" *Eternal Candles*

Eternal Candle donors for October/November are Susan Docken and In Honor of Eunice Bakken from her children.



IN OUR PRAYERS IN SEPTEMBER

W. BLUE MOUNDS MEMBERS:

Scott Anderson, Thelma Erickson,
Bob Emerson, Dorothy Evenson,
Verna Fargo, Pat Messinger, Carol Peterson, Doris Rikli

Family & Friends

Bonnie Johnson (friend of Kim Bigler), Michael Mahoney,
Betty Miller, George MacLean, Muriel Perkins, Ron Schneider,
Marj Gerber (Brad Leverton's Mom)

All those serving in the military and their families.

SPRINGDALE MEMBERS:

Clara Anderson, Elmer Baker, Cora Bilse, Jennifer Dahlgren,
Jim Dahlgren, Lavon Dolan, Chuck Frye, Sophie Jacobson,
Lorna Lehman, Pearl Magnuson, Evie Monum, Marion Murray,
Lana Olmstead, Russell Paske, Alma Skindrud,
Jonathan & Amy Slaney, Philip Stenseth, Frieda Zweifel

Family & Friends:

Karl Ahrens, friend of Art & Beth Elver
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
Roger Field - Eunice Bakken's brother
Hans Floan
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
John Percy
Mary Ann Reimer, Beth Elver's son's mother-in-law
Mike Stoller, friend of Jim & Priscilla Laufenberg
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

We continue asking everyone to review names for spelling, correct relationships, etc. Thank you for updating our information.



Recognition for October

- 5 - Alyssa Vogel
- 7 - Lori Kollath
- 12 - John Zimmel
- 14 - Zachary Philipps, Karli Steinhauer
- 16 - Evelyn Dahlgren, Wm. C. Elver
- 17 - Sierra Corner
- 18 - Robert Gerber
- 20 - Grace Hildreth
- 22 - Sierra Corner, Cindae Dignan
- 23 - Michelle Hefty, Shane Magnuson
- 24 - Clint Murray, Amy Slaney
- 26 - Marie Fink
- 28 - Mary Arnold, Krista Dignan
- 29 - Ellie Kellesvig

A Big Thanks

To the Ecclesia at Springdale & West Blue Mounds, Greetings!

"View from the Beacon on the Hill" . . . So far I've just been joking about that becoming the name of our joint newsletter, drawing from West Blue Mounds' *The Beacon* and Springdale's *The View from the Hill*. It's a bit unwieldy, yet it has certain appropriateness to it:

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

So said Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:14-16). And the final sentence is part of our Baptismal liturgy, as one newly welcomed into God's family receives a Baptismal candle as a sign to bear God's light into the world.

We the *baptized* of Springdale and West Blue Mounds, we the *ecclesia*, the "called out ones" of our respective township or village, are indeed called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified to be God's light in these places. Thus it's a fitting coincidence (*if 'coincidence' it is!*) that both newsletters should be titled with reference to light, whether the Beacon's light that draws toward security and peace or the lighted View that offers a vision of hope and joy.

This month, with other churches of the synod, our Missional Discovery Team – Kim Bigler, Scott Bigler, Fay Dahlgren, Paul Elver, Sherri Hefty, Dennis Oimoen, Melba Rick and myself – begin an 18-month process of classes and prayers, discussion and reflection on what it means to be The Church at this time and, specifically, what it means to be "West Blue Mounds" and "Springdale" in the places God has put us.

We know there have been challenges and setbacks for us both in recent years; this was part of what moved us to share resources and venture into this partnership. But I take it as a hopeful "glimmer" (*more than coincidence?*) that our newsletters already allude to *light* and the vision of a bright future.

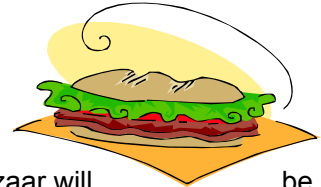
This month and through the 18 months to come, pray for vision and enlightenment for our 'MDJ' Team. And pray that all our eyes may be open to the new light God is kindling within us and before us as we go forward into His future. Remember,

"You are the light of the world. . . . Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Yours in Faith,

W. Blue Mounds sends their thanks to Jeff and Nan Peterson for the yard work. Also, to Cole Peterson for the mowing of the lawn.

2010 Springdale Soup & Sandwich Supper & Bazaar



The Springdale Soup Sandwich Supper & Bazaar will be held on November 10, 2010, with funds going to Springdale Church General Fund to help lower the deficit.

With only one fundraising event this year, Springdale needs all members to be involved by helping with the event, donating food or giving a cash donation to help defray the cost of food and supplies.

The committee will be contacting members to ask for their commitment in October. We thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have not been contacted by the end of October, please contact the church office, 437-3493.

Mount Horeb Police Department Press Release

The Mount Horeb Police Department recently launched an email newsletter, the MHPD Bulletin, to keep residents up to date on urgent issues. The service will let people know about incidents that are happening and to alert residents to take extra precautions.

A message might alert businesses within moments about a robbery, notify citizens about a missing child or a traffic detour, or simply remind residents about alternate side parking days, or inform them of street closings during community events.

Service is free and subscribers can cancel at any time. Visit www.mhpd.org and look for the MHPD Bulletin link on the left side of the page. Click the link and follow the brief instructions.

If you would like more information, contact the police department at 608-437-5522.

Bulletin Comments

Comments, suggestions and improvements of all sorts are welcome as we continue to shape our combined Sunday bulletin. Feel free to speak with Karen Halena at the church office, secretary@springdalelutheran.org or 437-3493, or with Pastor Jacobs.

All Committee Reminder

Budget Preparation needs to be done no later than **November** meetings, so start thinking about your 2011 needs at October's meetings.

Electronic Giving

David Bell, "Giving" magazine

A growing number of churches are finding electronic giving programs to be one more means of providing parishioners an opportunity to be Christian stewards and generous givers in their local church.

(C)hurches can increase contribution by 10 to 30 percent while steadying their cash flow and . . . (s)tatistics have shown that people who contribute regularly to the church give more to the church than those who give sporadically.

We are called to recognize that God is the owner of all that we possess. Our response to God through Jesus Christ, regardless of our method of giving, should be the same—a spiritual discipline of joyful, generous giving.

Pastoral Record

Wedding

God's blessing to Lisa Dignan & Ben McMullan, married at his family's home Aug. 21

Deaths

God comfort the family of Mark Peterson, son of LaVerne & Carol Peterson, who died Aug. 21. Mark's funeral was Sept. 11 at ELC.

God comfort the family of Curt Chilson, husband of Sandy Chilson, who died Aug. 30. Curt's funeral was Sept. 3 at Ellestad Funeral Home.

God comfort the family of Kathy Bongard, wife of Jim Bongard and niece of Joyce Garfoot, Clara Anderson's daughter, who died Sept. 6. Kathy's funeral was Sept. 10 at Ellestad Funeral Home.

Springdale Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 16, 2010

Those present: Pastor Jacobs, Tim Heindl, Scott Ringgenberg, Betty Bakken, John Arnold and Sherri Hefty.

Those absent: Terry Mickelson

I. Devotion - The meeting began with a slow reading of the Lord's Prayer for thoughtful consideration of the meaning.

II. Agenda - A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Pastor to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

III. Secretary's Report - A motion was made by Pastor

and seconded by Scott to approve the Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report - As of August 31, 2010, the General Account balance is behind \$18,085.24.

Scott is planning to go to the bank on Friday to check the contents of the safe deposit box and will report back.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Scott to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

V. Old Business- The Missional Discovery Journey team has been finalized. Fay Dahlgren, Paul Elver, Sherri Hefty and Melba Rick from Springdale and Kim Bigler, Scott Bigler and Dennis Oimoen from West Blue Mounds. The registration fee is due by September 30 and the first meeting will be on Saturday, October 23.

The next planning meeting for the Collector Car and Tractor Show will be on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interesting in helping is encouraged to attend. The tentative date for the show is August 27 and there will be lots of opportunities to help in different areas.

VI. New Business - The date for the joint Fall Parish Council meeting will be Thursday, November 18 at 6:45 p.m. at Springdale, to be followed by Springdale's regular Council Meeting. This will be the first of two annual joint meetings.

It is time to get the Nominating Committee working. Vacated Council positions by Art Elver and Ken Kahler will also need to be filled.

VII. Committee Reports- Committee reports were received from Worship and Music and Education.

The joint Parish Potluck will be held at Springdale at noon on Sunday, October 24. Everyone is encouraged to attend and get to know our fellow parishioners.

VIII. Pastor's Report - August

7 - Worship services 5 - Education 25 - Visitations
2 - Counseling 4 - Congregational Mtgs
8 - Misc. Items 3 - Community/Church-wide Mtgs
.574.6 Mileage

IX. FYI & Discussion - Council has approved the suggestion of changing the secretary's office door lock with the furnace room lock for better security on Sundays.

Matt S. has suggested a website upgrade. This would allow both churches to merge access to the websites. The cost would be \$600-\$700. This will be discussed further at the joint meeting in November.

X. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer - A motion was made by John and seconded by Scott to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sherri Hefty, Council Secretary

SHALL WE GATHER?

Hot Dish



& Salad Luncheon October 13, 2010

Come to W. Blue Mounds Lutheran Church on Wednesday, October 13 from 11:00-1:00. Cost is \$7.



Operation Christmas Child Outreach Ministry

Springdale's Esther Circle has again chosen Operation Christmas Child as one of their outreach ministries for 2010. We invite everyone to help us by a donation of gifts to fill shoe boxes with small items that would delight a child from age 2 to 14 years old. As you will remember, last year we asked for each person to bring as many small gifts as they could, instead of each person filling an entire shoe box. You may still pack a shoe box if you so desire, but it is not necessary. We had such an overwhelming response of gifts last year that we were able to send 62 shoe boxes all over the world.

Definitely a record for us! We hope to match that again this year, or even top that record. However, it costs \$7 to send each individual shoe box, so if you do not wish to donate gifts, please consider a monetary donation in any amount you can afford to help defray the shipping cost.

Collection boxes are located in the narthex. There will be one for boy gifts and one for girl gifts. Please decide whether your gift will be for a boy or girl and place them in the appropriate box. Please purchase gifts for these age categories: 2 to 4 years, 5 to 9 years, and 10-14 years. Remember, your gifts must fit into a shoe box. Additionally, there will be a jar for monetary donations. **The deadline for accepting contributions is Sunday November 14, 2010.**

Suggested Gifts

Toys -- small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

School Supplies -- pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Hygiene Items -- toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other -- hard candy, lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

Do Not Include -- Well used items, war related items (toy guns, knives, soldiers, etc.) Perishable items (chocolates, canned food, crackers, etc.) Liquids (shampoo, perfume, lotions, bubbles, etc.) Medicine (vitamins, cough drops, ointments, etc.) Breakable items (glass mirrors, china dolls, etc.)

Let us all remember our blessings and help bring joy and hope to children around the world who find themselves in desperate situations. We can all help them receive the Good News of Gods Love and Compassion.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.



Ladies-remember we host the Barneveld Conference spring gathering in April so if you have any ideas for a light luncheon menu please let me know and also if you can help. Norma Baker



Springdale's Collector Car and Tractor Show 2011



The planning has begun for Springdale's Collector Car and Tractor show in 2011, which we hope will become an annual event. The tentative date is August 27 and we will need event help in lots of different areas, namely: Advertising, Food (Concessions), Parking-Exhibitors, Parking-Spectators and Registration. There will be opportunities for all age groups and some leadership roles are still available. If you are interested in helping, during the planning stages and/or the day of the event, please talk with one of the following committee members: Dean Hefty, Jim Laufenberg, Tom Magnuson, John Arnold or Sherri Hefty. Watch the bulletins and newsletters for upcoming scheduled meetings.

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



Now Departing at Gate A...

Another Sunday School year is under way and we are off on our adventure. It is so nice to see the boys and girls again. I would like to thank our teachers in this first rotation for all of their enthusiasm: Marion Ringgenberg, Fay Dahlgren, and Dean and Kim Vogel. The workshops include t-shirt design in arts and crafts, an experiment of faith in science, games and activities that help us understand trust in our outdoor workshop; and finally a dramatic reading by Sarah, Isaac's mother in our Storytelling workshop. We are also working on learning our theme song for the year: "Our God is Greater" by Chris Tomlin. The boys and girls have been helping with creating actions to go with the powerful lyrics. Stay tuned for information as far as when the performance will be held. As always, I welcome your comments. Check out what the kids are doing anytime. They love it when parents and congregation members share an interest in their learning. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents for our Sunday School children, please contact Kip at 987-1534 or by email at bakkenek@mhtc.net.



Any and all are invited to help at Springdale's fall clean up **Wednesday, Oct. 20**, on our highway section on County ID from the 18-151 exit to the overpass. The catechism class leaves from Springdale about **4 p.m.** to start at both ends. Bags, gloves and attractive orange vests(!) are provided – *Many hands make light work!*

Koats for Kids

Sept 13 - October 9th you can take your gently used coats, hats, and mittens to any Klinker cleaners. They'll be cleaned and donated to the Community Action Coalition for our neighbors in need. Mt. Horeb Community Clothes closet receives their coats, etc. from there. You can catch daily updates and surprises on News 3. This is the 25th year for this event.

Care Team

"Care Team" has been an ongoing ministry in partnership with Oakwood Village and Catholic Charities. This program serves intergenerational families county-wide with non-medical needs including friendly visits, errand running, light housework and caregiver relief.

Volunteers become an extra measure of compassion extended by the parish and receive training in active listening, confidentiality and appropriate caregiver limits. Learning events and other resources are offered through the year to enhance one's skills.

Springdale and West Blue Mounds now have nearly 20 parishioners either in assisted living or in their own homes with limited mobility. To meet the growing need, we hope to expand the number of Team Members active in this ministry, and those interested are encouraged to see the brochures in the entry or speak with Pastor Jacobs.

Current team includes Norma Baker, Sue Docken, Melba Rick, Marion Ringgenberg and Sue Wittwer. The next Care Team meeting is **Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.** A staffer from the Catholic Charities office will be present to review the updated Guidebook, and guests are welcome to come learn more.

The Road Home/Interfaith Hospitality Network Springdale is most likely doing entree for the meal at St. Luke's, 7337 Hubbard Ave., Middleton, **Monday, Nov. 9, 5-7 p.m.** You can help by cooking, making a donation in the entryway or being the male or female overnight host; contact Pastor Jacobs, Linda Nesheim or another Social Concerns member for more details.

Family Faith Night Field Trip

Wednesday, Oct. 6, from about 5:15-7:30, Education Committee is planning to visit New Heights Lutheran, 1705 Center St., Black Earth, to see what their midweek "Family Faith Night" is all about. This program has drawn a number of community families into the life of that parish, and our new Springdale/West Blue Mounds parish is contemplating what something like that might look like for us.

Anyone interested is welcome to tag along. Speak with Pastor Jacobs or Supt. Kip Bakken so we can let New Heights know how many to expect.