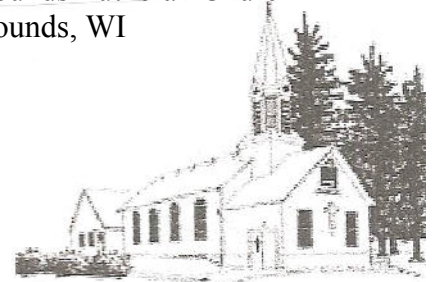


## VIEW FROM THE HILL

Springdale Lutheran Church  
Mt. Horeb, WI

## THE BEACON

West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church  
West Blue Mounds, WI



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### Springdale Annual Meeting

Springdale's Annual Meeting is **Sunday, Jan. 30, 2010**. Reports from all committees, groups and others are due in church office **Monday, Jan. 3**. 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. 9. Budget review and question time is tentatively during 9:45 Education Hour Sunday, **Jan. 23**.

### West Blue Mounds Annual Meeting

Springdale's Annual Meeting is **Sunday, Jan. 16, 2010**. Reports from all committees, groups and others are due in church office **Sunday, Jan. 9**. Copies of the Report will be distributed at the Annual Meeting



- 4 - Danny Elver 8 - Tony Schwenn  
 9 - Paul Magnuson 12 - Rhonda Doescher 13 - Jim Laufenberg  
 14 - Alex Regele 15 - Kay Midthun 17 - Madison Steinhauer 18 - Fay Skews  
 20 - Gary Bakken 21 - Karsten Sale 22 - Pearl Magnuson 23 - Eve Kellesvig, Denise Schwenn  
 24 - Machaela Collins, Todd Ringgenberg 26 - Priscilla Laufenberg, Kim Zahler 29 - Evelyn Basthemer  
 31 - Sophie Jacobson



### 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.

## January Theme The Righteous Kingdom

Because of a late Easter this year (Apr. 24!), we have a rare opportunity to hear readings from all eight Sundays after Epiphany. And in this year of Matthew, large portions from the Sermon on the Mount are selected. Through these weeks, we will reflect on the righteousness, the holiness, the transformation that being part of God's new kingdom in Christ brings us.



### Add Your Voice to the Parish Choir

We continue building our parish choir, meeting the *second Thursday* each month. Next rehearsal is **Thursday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.,**

**Springdale**, and we'll review our Epiphany piece and look ahead to Lent and Easter. Speak with Pastor Jacobs, Cate Gimse-Owens or Sharon Moschkau for more.

### Ash Wednesday Peli Play?

Easter's late, but thinking about Lent *already??* Another Peli puppet play is being considered for Ash Wednesday service **Mar. 9**, one involving not only everyone's favorite pelican(!), but live actors and a *memorized* script as well. The story is "Jesus and the Three Temptations", a less somber take on his experience with the devil in the wilderness. If interested in taking part, speak with Pastor Jacobs!

## Sunday School News

need to thank all those that helped our Sunday School kids present "The Angels' Message" telling the story of Jesus' birth.

First and foremost, thank you to our talented boys and girls themselves. Without you, there is no program. While we have a larger group of early readers, they practiced at home and performed very nicely. Thank you parents for understanding the importance of performing at both congregations. Several members in Blue Mounds expressed their gratitude for bringing the tradition back to West Blue Mounds for the first time in over twenty years.

Thank you to Fay Dahlgren and Michelle Kole for painting our background for Mary's Home; Sharon Moschkau for musical accompaniment and the members of the combined choir for performing "O Come Emmanuel." Thank you to Kim Vogel and Fay Dahlgren for helping to make the practices run smoothly and to Karen Halena for putting together a great power point slide show and bulletin as well as taking pictures for us at the Springdale performance. Thank you Pastor Jeff for your creative suggestions, additional props, coordinating the choir presentation of O Come Emmanuel with our program and letting us into West Blue Mounds (I forgot that I would need keys to get in for the dress rehearsal). Thanks to Jim and Fay Dahlgren for transporting the backgrounds between the two churches. Thank you to the women of Springdale for the gift bags for the children.

We will have our Christmas break with no Sunday School Dec 26<sup>th</sup> and Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Sunday School children. On January 9<sup>th</sup> we will begin a new rotation and have a great time learning about one of the most interesting figures of the bible in our first rotation of the new year.



# Nuts and Bolts

## Catechism Calendar

All classes for January and February will be at Springdale (Mt. Horeb Middle Schoolers, take the 'Horse' bus!). This month's schedule is

Jan. 5 – Chap. 22 "Peter Confesses Jesus"

All work done in class – *remember your books!*

Review of completed work in chapters 16-21 in preparation for Midyear Test

Jan. 19 – Midyear Test

Friday-Sunday, **Feb. 4-6**, two Springdale and three Perry students are going to the Dells Youth Quake. The plan is to 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

Bring your medical permission form (Pastor has these)

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

Bring a Bible

Speak with Pastor for further details.

## 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.



## An Article on 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)

## 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. 3**.

## 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!'



## Special Springdale Fellowship Offering

Through this month, we're trying something a bit different – freewill gifts put in the basket for Fellowship after worship will go to two January youth projects:

- Purchasing scarves to be hand-dyed and given to chemotherapy patients
- Offsetting costs for catechumens going to the Feb. 4-6 Youth Quake

Thank you for supporting these efforts!

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

"I'm the most responsible person here – if anything goes wrong, I'm responsible!"

It's a gag line, expressing the mock frustration of any who find themselves dealing with slip-ups by others – or ones of their own! But being responsible – completing one's homework, maintaining one's car, meeting requirements at work, filling a position on a team – is a necessity, of course, in both reaching personal goals and serving the greater good.

While the word "responsibility" doesn't appear in Paul's letters, he addresses the concept in a variety of ways. One of the best known is his image of the body of Christ from I Corinthians 12:

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body.

Each part of our body has some essential responsibility for the operation of the whole (new research even suggests the disregarded appendix plays a part in maintaining digestive tract health!). And anyone who has suffered diminishment of hearing or sight, crippling injuries to hands or back or legs, ailments affecting heart, lungs, kidneys or other organ, or any number of debilitating occurrences can well appreciate how damage to even a "minor" part of the body seriously affects the whole.

Pastoring both Springdale and West Blue Mounds congregations these months, I've grown in awareness of how many responsibilities there are maintaining a healthy Body. And, occasionally, I've found myself stretched a mite thin doing some things I'd taken responsibility of before, but are sometimes bigger than I should be handling alone. So I've grown in appreciating *how many people*, both staff and volunteers, take so much responsibility in the smooth functioning of parish life:

- Our secretary, Karen, running bulletins, creating PowerPoint screens, scheduling worship teams, editing newsletters and more
- Our custodians and others cleaning and maintaining facilities, restocking supplies, shoveling snow or mowing grass
- Usher teams organizing our Sunday morning space and assisting worshipers

- Altar Guild setting up Communion, changing paraments and decorating
- Readers and musicians giving unique voice to lessons and liturgy
- Sunday school superintendent and teams creating appealing rotations for our young learners
- Outreach ministers who serve at the Clothes Closet, visit shut-ins on Care Team, work at Countryside Community Center, oversee Relay for Life, prepare Sunday fellowship and annual dinners, collect for LWR and Operation Christmas Child, maintain the Garden of Love, help with Habitat for Humanity, and much more
- Council and committee members faithfully supervising the many aspects of our parish life

There are many I've missed, I'm sure, but you see the point that our Body is strong when many fulfill these roles, and the Body is weaker when such functions are downplayed or disregarded.

So as we begin this new year, *Thank You, Thank You* to all those who have taken and continue to carry out responsibilities for the health and vitality of our West Blue Mound and Springdale parish.

God has so arranged the body...that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. (I Cor. 12:24-25)

Yours in Faith,  
Pastor Jacobs

### "Citizens with the Saints" 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

This phrase from Eph. 2:19 is the National Youth Gathering theme for New Orleans July 18-22, 2012. Students now in 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to attend, and interested families are asked to attend our area meeting **Sunday, Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran.**

The congregations of Barneveld, ELC, Immanuel, Perry, Primrose and Springdale/West Blue Mounds are among those working to raise transportation funds and make the trip together – preferably via the "City of New Orleans" train out of Chicago! A major proposal is having a Mardi Gras supper (jambalaya, gumbo, pancakes, etc.) with games, a raffle and other activities at Barneveld Lutheran on Sunday, Mar. 6, just before 'Fat Tuesday', with part of the proceeds supporting Mt. Horeb's Habitat build.

So as not to miss making train reservations, we're asking students to *commit* to the event by Apr. 1 this year. Even if you're just a little interested, please come to the Jan. 16 meeting to see who else is considering and to learn more!

**Springdale Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
December 15, 2010  
Sherri Hefty, Council Secretary**

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

**Devotion** - We completed the study of the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer.

**Agenda** - Appointments of Treasurer and Financial Secretaries and status of the snow removal contract were added to the Agenda. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Pastor to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report** - A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Pastor to approve the Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - As of November 30, 2010, the **General Account balance is behind \$16,811.94.**

A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Sherri to use Thrivent funds to reimburse the Laufenbergs for the purchase of the Christmas tree. Motion carried.

The proposed 2011 budget was reviewed a final time. A motion was made by Pastor and seconded by Sherri to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried. Copies of the proposed budget will be available to the congregation on January 16 and reviewed following the January 23 service.

A motion was made by Sherri and seconded by Pastor to reappoint Betty Bakken as Treasurer and Sue Bakken and Kim Zahler as Financial Secretaries. Motion carried.

**Old Business** - Pastor and Sherri offered their personal observations of the Missional Discovery Journey so far. The next large group meeting will be hosted by Springdale in January. The Council members were encouraged to attend as well.

The Nominating Committee is still filling some gaps for the January ballot. Anyone interested in being considered for a position should speak with someone from the committee.

A contract for snow removal has not yet been received and will be followed up on.

**New Business** - A decision has been made to have a shorter worship service on January 30 so the Annual Meeting can be started about 9:15 a.m. so as not to interfere with the service at West Blue Mounds.

A motion was made by Pastor and seconded by Scott to use the fellowship funds in the month of January for the catechism class to be used towards Youth Quake and a scarf project. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports** - No committee reports were received.

**Pastor's Report – November** – 13 Worship services, 4 Education, 19 Visitations, 0 Counseling, 9 Congregational Mtgs., 4 Misc. Items, 11 Community/ Church-wide Mtgs, 486.1 Miles

#### **FYI & Discussion**

**Adjournment and Lord's Prayer** - A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Pastor to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



#### **Update from Missional Discovery Journey Team**

Congregations are unique in that they represent God in the world. What is God calling us to do and how can we be effective in doing God's work? These are some of the questions we will be working on as a group and as congregations. In [A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation](#), the first transformational key is identified as: "Congregation that have a clear vision for ministry are more likely to move forward together than those who seem to lack a common purpose." What will our shared vision be?

Each congregation also has their own set of unique gifts, opportunities and challenges. We will all be on a quest in the months to come to identify our individual gifts, and how to use them to maximize our opportunities and minimize our challenges. What do you see as opportunities to do God's work? How can we use our gifts to make positive changes in the world we live in? Please share with us. We want to hear from you.

## *In Our Prayers*

### *W. Blue Mounds Members:*

Scott Anderson, Dorothy Evenson, Pat Messinger, Doris Rikli

**Nursing Home Residents and those with limited mobility:** Helen Dietrich, Bob Emerson, Ethel Erickson, Oscar Erickson, Thelma Erickson, Verna Fargo, Helen Moyer, Lavonne Paige, Carol Peterson, Charlotte Scheel

### *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:*

Elmer Baker, Jennifer Dahlgren, Jim Dahlgren, Lavon Dolan, Sophie Jacobson, Marion Murray, Lana Olmstead

**Nursing Home Residents and those with limited mobility:** Clara Anderson, Evelyn Basthmer, Cora Bilse, Chuck Frye, Lorna Lehman, Pearl Magnuson, Evie Monum, Ruth Monum, Russell Paske, Alma Skindrud, Philip Stenseth, Ruth Wittwer, Frieda Zweifel

### *Family & Friends:*

Lexy Vrostos Austin, friend of Kim Zahler  
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  
Jeanne Darrow, Kim Zahler's friend  
Hans Floan

Betty 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  
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 O'Brien, Priscilla Laufenberg's brother  
John Percy

Mary Ann Reimer, Beth Elver's son's mother-in-law  
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  
Vicky Webber, friend of Kim Zahler  
Sue & Chris, friend of Fay Dahlgren

### *Those in military service:*

Bill Elver, Chris Hanson, Bryan McVeigh,  
Ryan Nyhus, Leif Skindrud, Marny Skindrud

## *Baptismal Anniversaries in January*

- 1- Mary Greenlaw-Meyer, Margot Ninneman, Danielle Vesely-Bark
- 3- Patricia Messinger
- 6- Cayden Slaney
- 9- Ron Stenseth
- 11- Lorna Lehman
- 13- Marion Ringgenberg
- 15- Bill Kollath
- 23- Dennis Oemoen
- 25- Jessy Jacobson
- 27- Sheila Helland, Todd Oemoen



I thank everyone once more for the thoughtful gifts, cards and good wishes given this Christmas season, as well as all the kindnesses of the past year. May our year ahead together be filled with abundant grace through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Gratefully Yours,  
Pastor Jeff Jacobs



Don't forget to keep your volunteer schedule to remind you when it is your turn to serve. The office emails reminders for the upcoming Sunday. If you would rather get a call, please let the office know.

Everyone's duties are important, so if there is a time when you are unable to make it you should try to find a replacement. If a replacement cannot be found you need to: call the usher captain if you are an usher, call the office if you are a lector, communion assistant, or fellowship.

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# SHALL WE GATHER?

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## WOMEN'S NEWS

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle meeting will be held on January 24, at 7:30 at Marion Ringgenberg's house.



**OAKWOOD  
VILLAGE**

### **Women of the ELCA study The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity**

The WELCA study on approaching the Bible as Lutheran Christians continues with "Worship". Over 2000 years, Christians have worshiped a *lot* of different ways – this has been both a great gift of variety and a source of dis- gruntlement and separation. As Jesus speaks with the Samaritan women in the theme text, how we worship in "spirit and truth" becomes the true touchstone of devo- tion.

**Oakwood Village West Saturday Hymn Sing Pianists/** Leaders still needed to play/lead resident Saturday morning Hymn Sing programs once a week, 10:45- 11:45 a.m. Contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Kim Viney at (608)230-4238 or [kim.viney@oakwoodvillage.net](mailto:kim.viney@oakwoodvillage.net) for more information.

### **January Travelog - ??**

Norway? Israel? Guatemala? Japan? Fellow members have traveled to many exciting locales around the world, and a suggestion was raised to gather and share slides, experi- ences and fellowship. January could be a great escape from winter doldrums, so if you're in- terested, speak with Pastor Jacobs soon.



### **Marriage Seminar**

Madison Marriage mInistry will present this seminar fea- turing Dr. Gary Thomas on January 29, 2011. The Sa- cred Marriage seminar helps couples uncover how marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God and each other.

This will be held at City Church, 4909 E. Buckey Rd., Madison. For more information contact Joel Alberti at 608-210-8015 or [jalberti@madicitychurch.org](mailto:jalberti@madicitychurch.org). You can register online at [www.citychurchonline.org](http://www.citychurchonline.org).

### **My New Year Prayer For You**

In the coming year here's my prayer for you  
May your days be meaningful and true  
In all you do may you find success  
And may your every hour be blessed

May your table be laden with daily delights  
May your bed give contentment thru the night  
In the workplace may you feel secure  
And relationships have the strength to endure

When you're feeling troubled and see no end  
May you find the comfort of a friend  
And when you're happy and full of hope  
Share it with all who helped you to cope

Times of pain and strife will come your way  
And you don't think you'll make it thru the day  
May you never give in to defeat or fear  
As your heavenly Father has you in His care.

May an attitude of gratitude be your goal  
To keep you healthy, strong, and whole  
May you remember as you travel over the miles  
To make someone happy with your smiles.

by: Eileen T. Waldron

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**Jan. 3**

Springdale Annual Reports due

**Jan. 9**

W. Blue Mounds Annual Reports due  
**9:45 a.m.** – Sunday School resumes

**Jan. 16**

**11:15 a.m.** – W. Blue Mounds Annual Meeting

**Jan. 23**

**9:45 a.m.** – Springdale Budget Forum

**Jan. 30**

**9:15 a.m.** – Springdale Annual Meeting