



NEWSletter

Springdale Lutheran Church
West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church

Easter really comes at the wrong time of year.

I've said it before and say it again: With the grass greening, the trees budding and the flowers blooming – especially this year when Easter's so very late – Easter comes at the *wrong* time.

Huh?!?? Wouldn't this seem precisely the *right* time as our northern hemisphere revives from wintry lifelessness and every plant and animal shares in the enlivening of nature? Yet that's my very point – it is *only* natural for trees to start putting out leaves and hibernating creatures to emerge from their dens. They've merely been dormant and aslumber as part of the natural cycle of life.

Jesus, however, was dead, crucified, buried. As far as nature, as far as the world was concerned, he was beyond enlivening and revivification. Death is final. Death is the end of the natural order.

And resurrection is *unnatural*. It is beyond the scope and expectation of the natural world. It is God's power and God's power alone that "gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist" (Rom. 4:17). Thus, I'd suggest, Easter takes on deeper meaning in the *southern* hemisphere, which is now in autumn; as the natural order enters darkness and decay there, Easter breaks in as the sign of reversal and the ultimate victory of God's gift of life in the risen Christ.

And so it is with us, God's people. What truly enlivens us is *not* the naturally occurring cycle of warm sun and fresh greenery, but the power and presence of the Resurrected One. It is not in ourselves to be renewed from our brokenness by any natural means of earth or our abilities. But *drowning* in the waters of Holy Baptism, taking the *broken body* and *shed blood* at Holy Communion, participating in the community for which Christ poured out his life – these are the unexpected things which create new life in us, whatever the season.

Joyous Easter!

Pastor Jeff Jacobs

Holy Week

At this most sacred time in our Church year, join in holy reflection and joyous celebration:

Apr. 17 Palm/Passion Sunday – 8:45 Springdale/10:15 West Blue Mounds

We remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem with our own parade, then trace his final days with a special Sunday School presentation, "The Glorious Rainbow of Easter"

Apr. 21 Maundy Thursday – 6 p.m. Springdale

We relive Jesus supper last meal with his disciples, uniting the Seder with Communion worship in Fellowship Hall

Apr. 22 Good Friday – 1-2:30 ELC, 315 E. Main

Area churches join to reflect on the Passion according to St. John with reading, music and prayer

Apr. 24 Easter Sunday – 8:45 Springdale/10:15 West Blue Mounds

We rejoice in our Savior's resurrection victory over sin and death; Easter egg hunt 9:45



Wish to Donate Flowers for Easter?

You may purchase Lilies, Hyacinths or Tulips for \$15 through the church by April 10th. Drop off a check with the type of flower and who it is honor or memory of. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to the church Saturday, April 23, or you can contribute to a "garden fund" by April 10, and flowers will be purchased.

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



W. Blue Mounds Members:

Scott Anderson, Terry Capel, Donald Evenson, Dorothy Evenson, Pat Messinger, Doris Rikli, Delbert 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), Elaine Westby (friend of Donna Bigler)

All those serving in the military and their families.

Springdale Members:

Elmer Baker, Jennifer Dahlgren, Jim Dahlgren, Lavon Dolan, Mary Humphrey, Sophie Jacobson, Marion Murray, Lana Olmstead, Rod Skindrud

Family & Friends:

Bill Ayers (Jeanne Hefty's brother), *Lexy Vrostos Austin*, (friend of Kim Zahler), *Sara Barnett*, *Arlin Bieri*, *Duane Bieri* (Lavon Dolan's brothers), *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), *Brian Eckel* (uncle of Karli Steinhauer), *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), *Richard Nelson* (Janice Magnuson's brother) *Dona Nyhus* (Jeanine Taylor's mother), *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

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Keep these in prayer, send a card or visit if you can.

at Ingleside: Clara Anderson, Cora Bilse, Donald Evenson, Dorothy Evenson, Evie Monum, Pearl Magnuson, Charlotte Scheel, Alma Skindrud, Ruth Wittwer

at Girlie's Manor: Russell Paske, Frieda Zweifel

at Four Winds Manor, Verona: Thelma Erickson, Lorna Lehman

in assisted living or other retirement communities: Evelyn Basthemer, Helen Dietrich, Lavon Dolan, Charles Frye, Helen Moyer, Philip Stenseth

at home: Bob Emerson, Oscar & Ethel Erickson, Bob & Marion Murray, LaVonne Paige, LaVerne & Carol Peterson, Delbert & Doris Rikli

"In Memoriam"

Eternal Candles

Our eternal candles for April are donated by Jim & Priscilla Laufenberg in honor of their 49th Anniversary this month.

One month's inserts cost \$16.80 (the cost has gone up) If you wish to memorialize a loved one by this, send your check, and the month you choose, to the office.

April Theme:

"It's a Long Story . . ."

With continued longer Gospels, the stories will be acted out, with congregational help, as we trace these episodes along Jesus' way to the cross. And our Passion Sunday story Apr. 17 will be dramatized by our Adventures in Faith students who are preparing a special pageant in their Wednesday sessions.

"A Lenten Spectrum"

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

Midweek worship moves to Springdale in April and continues its colorful focus on some human emotion or characteristic:

Apr. 6 – "Blue" @ SLC

Apr. 13 – "Red" @ SLC

The meal will go from about 5-6:15; "Adventures in Faith" for pre-school-6th grade, catechism and adult MDJ Bible study continue after worship, 6:45-7:45.



*Choir rehearses after worship **Wednesday, Apr. 13, 6:45 p.m., Springdale.** We're preparing*

"Were You There" – Palm Sunday, **Apr. 17, 8:45** Springdale/10:15 West Blue Mounds

"A New Commandment" – Maundy Thursday, **Apr. 21, 6:00 p.m.** Springdale

"The Lamb" – Good Friday Community Worship, **Apr. 22, 1-2:30 p.m.** @ ELC

"He Is the Risen Lord" & "Walk Worthy" – Easter, **Apr. 24, 8:45** Springdale/10:15 West Blue Mounds

If you even only sing one or two times, speak with Pastor Sharon Moschkau or Cate Gimse-Owen for the music!

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



Happy Birthday:

1 - Ami Regele, Ana Schwenn 2 - Ken Taylor, Ryan Vogel 4- Greg Jones 6 - Lynne Meyer, Sue Wittwer 7 - Mary Humphrey, Alma Skindrud 10 - Audra Anderson, Benjamin Spitzbarth 11 - Aaron Meyer 12- Vanessa Meyer 16 - Melinda Kerl 21 - Ruth Gerke 22- Karl Dignan 24 - Dan Heindl, Janice Magnuson, Jenny Neumaier 26 - Hazel Gladem 28 - Thelma Erickson 30 - Zaynthus Janz

Happy Anniversary:

5 yrs on the 22nd Amy & Jonathon Slaney
16 yrs on the 7th Chris & Cindy Hanson
28 yrs on the 8th David & Starr Corner
30 yrs on the 11th Dennis & Cindae Dignan
49 yrs on the 15th Jim & Priscilla Laufenberg

Baptismal Anniversaries

1 - Ethel Erickson, Benjamin Meyer 3 - Beth Elver
4 - Melanie Kollath, Ryan Kollath, Spenser Kollath
6 - Jill Jones 12 - AJ Baker, Alexis Hellenbrand 13 - Melba Rick 14 - Shannon Elver 15 - Karsten Bakken, Dane Nesheim 16 - Norman Rick 17 - Jackson Sale 18 - Clara Anderson 19 - Fran Chancellor, Machaela Collins, Eve Kellesvig, Hunter Rosenbaum, Jane Stenseth 24 - Starr Corner 25 - Kim Zahler 27 - Elmer Baker, Donovan Dahlgren 29 - Jackie Sale

Catechism Calendar

Springdale catechumens continue after midweek worship, approximately 6:45-7:45 p.m. at Springdale. Come early for the meal and worship before class!

Apr. 6 – Ch. 27
Apr. 13 – Ch. 28

Take note this year's final sessions, again with Perry, will be **May 4 & 16**, here at Springdale

First Communion Class

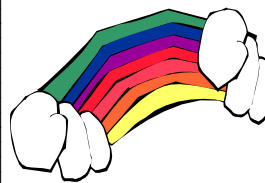
The opportunity for Communion is available to all ages, with students invited to take a short class on the meaning of this sacrament for our lives. Parents who feel their child ready for this step in faith may register for either Tuesday, Apr. 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m. or Monday, Apr. 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – contact pastor by Sunday, Apr. 10. Class location will depend on who signs up from which church. Next classes will be offered in September.

First Communion will be celebrated **Maundy Thursday, Apr. 21**, at the 6 p.m. Passover meal and worship. Blessings to our young people participating in this holy meal for the first time!



The Glorious Rainbow of Easter

Adventures in Faith will be presenting a program “The Glorious Rainbow of Easter” on Palm Sunday April 17th at Springdale at 8:45 and West Blue Mounds at 10:15. We will be working on the program during our Wednesday evening education time at West Blue Mounds on Wed. March 30th and at Springdale on Wed. April 6th and 13th. To be sure we have all of the colors of the rainbow represented please let Kip know if your child will not be able to attend.



Egg Hunt

Easter is coming! We will hold our annual Easter Egg hunt immediately following Easter service at Springdale on April 24th.



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

*We Recognize
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 2011*



Rape Crisis Center provides
free 24-hour Services for survivors
of sexual violence and supportive
family or friends.

Rape Crisis Center
2801 Coho St./Suite 301
Madison, WI 53713
24-hour crisis line (608) 251-7273
Administration (608) 251-5126
www.danecountyrc.org

“View” Article Submissions

If you're submitting something by e-mail for publication in the “View”, your best route is to send it directly to Karen at secretary@springdalelutheran.org. It's one less hoop (and one less chance to overlook!) to getting it printed.

Directory Changes

Emily, Michael & Gabe Curtis
13 Mapleaire Dr.
Blue Mounds, Wisc. 53517

Jim & Fay Dahlgren
445-4189

Springdale Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 16, 2011 Sherri Hefty, Council Secretary

Those present: Pastor Jacobs, Scott Ringgenberg, Paul Elver, Norm Rick, Betty Bakken and Sherri Hefty.
Those absent: Terry Mickelson, Jim Dahlgren and John Arnold

Devotion - No devotions were held at this meeting.

Agenda - Car show funds were added to the Agenda under New Business. A motion was made by Paul and seconded by Norm to approve the Agenda, with the addition, as presented. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report - A motion was made by Norm and seconded by Paul to approve the Minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - As of February 28, 2011, the General Account balance is behind \$16,991.12.

The General Account took another hit this month. February income was down due to bad weather and we needed to purchase another tank of fuel oil. Some of the members expressed concern that we were going through so much fuel oil this winter. Some have also smelled fuel around the tank and wondered if maybe we have a leak. It was suggested that the maintenance committee check the fuel tank for leaks. Betty will also go through the last 5-6 years of fuel bills and look for trends.

The Social Concerns committee, which is handling the funds from the Fair Trade products, has decided to donate the balance to the Habitat for Humanity build in Mt. Horeb.

A motion was made by Norm and seconded by Paul to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried

Old Business - Norm updated everyone on the status of the food items list for Onyx. With dietary issues involved, he wanted to make sure that the list is as accurate as possible before anyone starts buying food from the list. Because the need is great now, and the list is not yet ready, we will be soliciting cash first which can be used by the family to purchase food now. Norm plans to have the list available soon and will review the progress again in June.

New Business - The Council was made aware of anniversary funds that might be used as seed money for the Car Show. However, it appears that these funds may not be available for use after all. Sherri will follow up with Norma Baker on what exactly these funds are.

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The question of what to do with the Lenten offerings has come up. Because neither church has Lenten envelopes nor are we able to determine what church the funds might be redirected to, a decision must be made on how to handle them. At their Council meeting, West Blue Mounds suggested directing the funds for Habitat for Humanity. A motion was made by Paul and seconded by Norm to approve the Lenten offerings going to Habitat. Motion carried.

Betty brought to our attention that there were Lenten offerings from last year that had not been designated yet either. A motion was made by Pastor and seconded by Paul, to put those funds into Habitat as well. Motion carried.

Committee Reports - Committee reports were received from Social Concerns, Education and Worship & Music.

Pastor's Report - February – 10 Worship services, 8 Education, 28 Visitations, 0 Counseling, 5 Congregational Mtgs, 9 Misc. Items, 6 Community/ Church-wide Mtgs 650.9 Mileage

FYI & Discussion

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer - A motion was made by Sherri and seconded by Paul to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**West Blue Mounds
February Council Minutes
Jeff Peterson, Council Secretary**

Community Clothes Closet - WBM and Springdale Lutheran would work one month each in the fall.

Ash Wednesday Services are being held at West Blue Mounds this year.

Tractor Show and Car Show will be held August 27, 2011 at Springdale Lutheran.

Council approved paying 1/3 of \$134 for continuing education for Pastor.

Jeff Peterson will paint parking lines in church parking lot.

West Blue Mounds will not have a council meeting in April.

Next Council meeting will be held March 14, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

Notes to God From Kids

Dear God: I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool.

Dear God: If You watch me in church on Sunday, I'll show You my new shoes.

Dear God: In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You're on vacation?

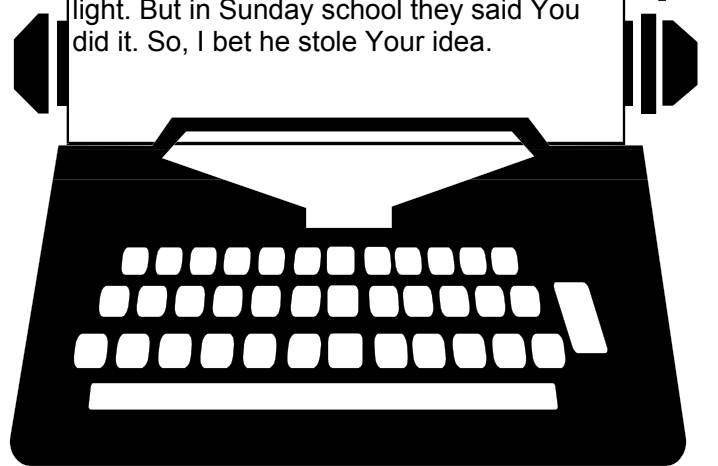
Dear God: Did You mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?

Dear God: Thank You for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.

Dear God: I think about You sometimes, even when I'm not praying.

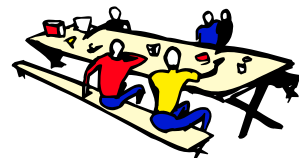
Dear God: Of all the people who work for You, I like Noah and David the best.

Dear God: We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said You did it. So, I bet he stole Your idea.



**Sunday School
End of the Year Plans**

Our Adventures in Faith closing picnic will be held on Sunday May 2nd immediately following service at Springdale. We will have great treats and fun games to celebrate the end of our Sunday School year.



SHALL WE GATHER?

Take a Bite out of Cancer

Dine at the restaurants on the dates indicated and a percentage of the price of your meal goes directly to the Relay for Life of Mt. Horeb's efforts to fight cancer.

March 23	Sole Saponi
March 29	Culvers
April 5	The Grumpy Troll
April 12	Fink's Restaurant
April 20	Norsk Golf Bowl
April 26	Schubert's
May 3	Spring Garden Restaurant
May 10	Great Scott's Pizza
May 17	Subway
May 24	Mary's Coffee Express

Maundy Thursday Passover

We again celebrate an experience harking back to Jesus' Last Supper, this year on Thursday, **Apr. 21**. Starting at **6 p.m.**, the Seder meal and Communion worship take place in Fellowship Hall. Meal is potluck, like the early church "agape" feasts, features 1st century foods like lamb, unleavened bread, olives, curds, fruit, nuts, etc., and includes worship around the table. Please sign up so we know how many to expect.

WOMEN'S NEWS

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

"Barriers to Resurrection" is the theme in this continuing study on Lutheran Biblical perspectives. Although we *know* Jesus is risen from the dead, heralding our own victory over sin and death, too often we fail to live fully as the forgiven and freed people of God.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will be starting up the Quilting on Wednesdays. The first get together is on April 13th at 1:00 pm in the church basement. You could call them the Church Basement Ladies. Everyone is welcome, with whatever ability you can bring.

Esther Circle

Esther Circle continues to meet on the last Monday of the month. This month's meeting is hosted by Melba Rick on April 25th and 7:30 pm.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will be hosted by Eunice Bakken on April 20th at 1:00. The ladies will be packing up hospice and newborn kits.



All women are invited (*spread the word*) to attend the

Barneveld Conference

Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering

Saturday April 9 at

Springdale Lutheran Church, 2752 Town Hall Rd, Mt. Horeb 437-3493

Registration: begins at 8:30 am, Meeting at 9:00 am and concludes with lunch. There will be updates from the synod board, a business meeting, bible study, speaker, fellowship and lunch. We will be collecting an offering which will be divided between Sharing Resources Worldwide and Synodical WELCA. Mary Dowling of Mt. Horeb co-founder of "**Sharing Resources Worldwide**" will be our guest speaker.

Luncheon: \$5.00 pay at the door RSVP by April 4 to Norma Baker at 437-8520 or email at toots@mhtc.net

Officer elections/volunteers: currently our Barneveld Conference only has two officers; Coordinator (myself) Marcia Thompson and Recorder – Norma Baker. Norma can no longer continue in this position due to family member health obligations.

We need someone to step up to the plate and serve as Recorder.

We also should have Mission Growth, Mission Action and Mission Stewardship officers or at least ONE (1) person serving as an officer to help promote activity within our Conference.

YOUR PARTICIPATION is needed in order for our Barneveld Conference Women of the ELCA to continue to be a viable, vibrant organization. Please don't sit back and think someone else is going to say they will serve on the board, because then nobody serves. Think how important it is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and to serve, and the love you have for the Lord. Doesn't that make you want to serve?

If you have ideas, questions, recommendations of people or want to talk before the Spring Gathering please feel free to contact: Marcia Thompson (H)- 608-924-8182 Work – 924-8621 Email: jenniton@mhtc.net

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

Holy Week Care Team Visit

Anyone who'd like to share in Communion worship with shut-ins is invited **Saturday, Apr. 16, 10 a.m.-noon**. With several Springdale and West Blue Mounds members at Ingleside and Girlie's Manor, this has grown to be a very meaningful service to those who can no longer worship regularly with their faith community.

See sign up on the PowerPoint or speak with Pastor Jacobs.

Merci Beaucoup Mardi Gras Supporters!

THANK YOU again to everyone who helped the 2011 Habitat Build and 2012 Gathering Youth by donating to or dining at the Mardi Gras Dinner. Special thanks to the families of youths going to the Gathering – Dane Bakken Drinkall, Tony Schwenn & Tyler Vogel – for their work and contributions, and to the other ingredient donors: Mary Arnold, Donna Bigler, Sandy Chilson, Jeff Jacobs, Priscilla Laufenberg, Kay Oimoen.

Remember, those
April Showers...



Bring, May flowers!

Update from

Missional Discovery Journey Team

Think back to a time when you visited another church. Did people greet you? Did you know where to go? Did you feel welcome? Would you go back again? Now think of a time in your own church when there were new faces. Did you greet and welcome them? Did you invite them for fellowship after the service? You get one chance to make a good first impression and the little things count. We want all our visitors to know that they were noticed, that they are welcome and that we want them to come again.

Hospitality was the focus of our most recent MDJ session. We were tasked with attending at least two other churches within the group to provide feedback on what we were doing well and what we could improve upon. We came away from that session with lots of new ideas we could implement, but we also realized we had some structural challenges that would need to be worked around too. We plan to discuss some of these ideas when we hold our cottage meetings. In the meantime, remember to welcome all our visitors and treat them the way you would like to be treated if you were visiting.

The fourth transformational key from "[A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation](#)" is: "It is imperative that care and intentionality be taken to build a supportive, missional leadership team that is comprised of both staff and lay leaders." Although the MDJ team is the "advance team" for our churches, it is important to remember that every member in both congregations is a lay leader. Your opinion is valued and your assistance is vital.

The fifth transformational key is: "It is important for healthy, Spirit-led leadership to stay the course when facing conflict by practicing truth telling as an opportunity for learning and growing together." As we hold our cottage meetings, there may be suggestions you might not like. Speak your heart, but keep an open mind. Communication is key as we begin the work of identifying the path God would have us follow.

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Passover Meal & Communion Worship

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1 p.m. Evangelical Luth.
Community Worship – Passion according to John

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8:45 Springdale / 10:15 West Blue Mounds
Festival Communion Worship

Saturday, Apr. 24
9-12 – Church/Cemetery Clean Up