



From The Pastor

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

“Missional” . . . I type that word on my screen, and Spellcheck immediately underlines it in red (‘Huh? What’s this? No such word in this computer dictionary!’)

We’ve tossed that word around lots the last couple years, especially in the year since Springdale & West Blue Mounds *Missional* Discovery Team – Kim Bigler, Scott Bigler, Fay Dahlgren, Paul Elver, Sherri Hefty, Dennis Oimoen, Melba Rick and me – began its journey through seminars, discussion and reflection on what it means to be a “missional” church. So it behooves us to keep some definition of “missional” before us, and a good one was provided in our first meeting from last October:

Missional churches are communities that seek to create safe environments, characterized by acceptance, healing, and hope, where people live lives of honesty (not perfection) and where practices are congruent with professions of faith. As a community of

faith, the church is a living response to the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Faith here is not primarily a doctrinal position *about* God, but a response *to* God’s invitation to follow Christ into God’s mission.

That mission is the church’s primary function, meaning the church exists for the well-being of others and of creation, rather than for self-service. Missional churches risk themselves for engagement in God’s work on earth and direct activities outward toward the context in which the church is located and beyond to the broader world.

(adapted from “What Makes a Church Missional”, by Dr. Ron Carlson)

There’s a lot to unpack in that, but in brief, the church’s objective is not meeting needs of members *inside*, but extending God’s care for all people *outside*. Jesus didn’t come just to save his little group of a dozen, nor even just the nation of Israel, but to spread his salvation to everyone in the world. That outreach continues through the witness, love and service of his body, his Church wherever it is in the world today.

When Christ was about to ascend into heaven (Acts 1), his disciples asked, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom of Israel?” They still hadn’t quite gotten it – they still assumed God’s kingdom was all about redeeming a small, select group. Jesus responds by saying their question is not one they’ll have answered, then declares, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of earth.”

And that remains West Blue Mounds’ and Springdale’s commission at our ‘end of the earth’, to proclaim God’s love in Christ out in the communities where we have been placed on our *missional* journey.

Yours in Faith,

P.S. I have now *added* “missional” to the Spellcheck’s dictionary, so it’ll never be underlined again. Spellcheck, however, still gets the red line . . .

*The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance,
the wise grows it under his feet.*

- James Oppenheim

IN OUR PRAYERS

Springdale Members

Elmer Baker
Cassie Dahlgren
Jennifer Dahlgren
Steve Eckel
Lana Olmstead

Family & Friends:

Bill Ayers (Jeanne Hefty's brother)
Lexy Vrostos Austin, (friend of Kim Zahler)
Sara Barnett
Rachel Bergen (Beckie Dahlgren's sister-in-law)
Arlin & Duane Bieri (Lavon Dolan's brothers)
Guy Bieri (Lavon Dolan's nephew)
Irene Bonkowski (Fay Dahlgren's mother)
Ruby Brewer
Cami (Fay Dahlgren's co-worker's daughter)
Beckie Dahlgren
Francis Collins (Renee Mickelson's father)
Lorraine Dahlgren (Jim Dahlgren's mother)
Jeanne Darrow (Kim Zahler's friend)
Brian Eckel (uncle of Karli Steinhauer)
Betsy Elver (Art & Beth's granddaughter -in-law)
Pat Ferrell
Betty Fosshage (Norma Baker's sister-in-law)
Neal Fosshage (Norma Baker's brother)
Alice Garlock (Jeanne Hefty's brother Russell's m-in-law)
Melissa Hanson (Lexi Hellenbrand's classmate)
Dee Jones, Robert Klaas
Sue Kole (Michelle Kole's mother)
Adriana Larry (niece of Lavon Dolan)
Linda (Fay Dahlgren's co-worker)
Dona Nyhus (Jeanine Taylor's mother)
John Percy
Mary Ann Reimer (Beth Elver's son's mother-in-law)
Duane Sherven
Dorothy Schwenn
Linda Stoller (Jim & Priscilla Laufenburg's friend)
Kris Swalheim (Jodi Elver's aunt)
Greg Taylor (Jeanine Taylor's brother-in-law)
Vence & Marianne Vesley (Danielle Vesley-Bark's parents)
Delores Vogel (Dean Vogel's mother)
Dewey Wagner
Lois Brechler Wendt (friend of Beth Elver),
Vicky Webber (friend of Kim Zahler),
Sue & Chris (friend of Fay Dahlgren)

West Blue Mounds Members

Terry Capel
Dorothy Evenson

Family & Friends:

Scott Anderson
Sheri Ayers
Barb Green (friend of Cate Gimse-Owen)
Bonnie Johnson (friend of Kim Bigler)
Gordon Lehner
Lois
Michael Mahoney (grandson of King & Sharon Mahoney)
Betty Miller
Muriel Perkins
Marj Gerber (Brad Leverton's mother)

Those in Military Service:

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

Pastoral Acts Funerals

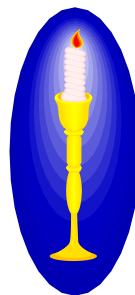
Sept. 23 - Funeral of Lorna Lehman, Springdale

God welcome her into eternal peace and life and comfort
her loved ones in the hope of Christ.

Eternal Candles

The eternal candles for September were
generously donated by Dolores Hanson in
memory of Lowell Hanson.

The eternal candles for October have been
generously donated by Susan Docken in
honor of Peter.



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

Happy Anniversary to:

Bob & Marion Murray celebrate 57 years on the 3rd
Steve & Denise Schwenn celebrate 24 years on the 3rd
Karl & Connie Dignan celebrate 3 years on the 4th
Leo & Mary Humphrey celebrate 40 years on the 9th
Dave & Lori Elver celebrate 30 years on the 10th
Tim & Nancy Heindl celebrate 20 years on the 12th
Dennis & Shelley Ryan celebrate 26 years on the 12th
Michelle Hefty & Joe Burress celebrate 20 years on the
19th



3 - Cindy Hanson
4 - Amy Slaney
5 - Peter Docken
12 - Dean Hefty
- Todd Oimoen
13 - Maxwell Boldt
- Philip Stenseth
15 - Eunice Bakken
16 - Lori Kollath
17 - David Corner
21 - Robert Emerson
- Donald Evenson
- Dorothy Evenson
- Addyson Slaney
- Barrett Slaney
24 - Renee Mickelson
26 - Donovan McClellan
- Lisa McMullan
28 - Gabriel Curtis
30 - Sandra Chilson
31 - Roger Bakken
- Mary Miller

Catechism Calendar

Take note of the special session this month on the Early Release Monday Oct. 10:

@ Perry: Oct. 5 – Chap. 4: “God Blesses Abraham”
Assign: Read ‘Better Than Hoped For’, answer questions, top pp. 16-17

Oct. 10 – Monday, 1:00-5:45 Early Release Day starting **@ Perry** then going to Springdale – highway clean-up; conclude w/ Culver’s supper

@ Perry: Oct. 19 – Chap. 5: “God Blesses Jacob”
Assign: Read ‘My Two Sons’, answer questions #1-3, left side p. 20

Affirmation of Baptism Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30

On this day we celebrate the Confirmation of Kably Ryan and Tyler Vogel. God’s blessings to these young people as they affirm their continued growth in faith!

“The Lutheran” . . .

...is the ELCA’s national monthly magazine of information and insight on our church’s work in the world. About a half dozen copies are available in the entries at both Springdale and West Blue Mounds for folks to peruse while they’re at church or borrow to read at home. Issues are usually available a couple months back. Help yourself!

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Alyssa Vogel
7 - Lori Kollath
12 - John Zimmel
14 - Zachary Philipps
- Karli Steinhauer
16 - Kathy Kollath
17 - Evelyn Dahlgren
- Bill Elver
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
29 - Ellie Kellesvig

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

Our Commitment... Offering Attendance

August 7	\$1535.00	??
August 14	\$2091.00	??
August 21	\$1283.00	27
August 28	\$1305.00	34

Upcoming Events

October 3, LWR Kits
Deadline
October Parish Council
@ Springdale
October 26 Halloween
Dinner Party @ WBM

Car Show Thanks

Many people worked very hard to make our first Car Show a real success! Compliments were received from both entrants and visitors, and over \$1000 was raised to support local pantries and our youth going to the ELCA 2012 National Gathering.

Special thanks go to those marked * because of their year's work on the planning committee, but *everyone* is appreciated for their contributions!: John*, Mary & Elizabeth Arnold, Ann Bakken, Betty Bakken, Kip Bakken, Pam & Machaela Collins, Darin* & Hope* Connor, Jim & Fay Dahlgren, Ed & Chris Doescher, Art Elver, Paul* Elver, Diane Harms, Dean* & Jeanne Hefty, Sherri* Hefty, Tim & Dan Heindl, Susan & Nicole Kelly, Jim* & Priscilla Laufenberg, Tom Magnuson, Terry & Renee Mickelson, Bob Murray, Pat Neumaier, Mike Reynolds, Joel Ringgenberg, Marion Ringgenberg, Kably Ryan, Ron Stenseth, Kim, Tyler & Alyssa Vogel.

Sept-Oct Benevolence: Road Home (Interfaith Hospitality Network)

The Road Home's "Housing and Hope" campaign is very near its \$4,000,000 goal to create 30 units of safe, affordable housing for area families in transition. Springdale is halfway through its four-year commitment to give \$2000, and your contributions are encouraged. Make checks to Springdale Lutheran and put "Road Home" in the memo Thank You!

Highway Clean Up

Our catechumens will work with Perry classmates on highway clean up Monday, Oct 10, starting in Daleyville with Perry's road section about 1:30, then coming about 3:00 to Springdale's section of County ID. Anyone able to help out (especially if you might be able to drive students!) are welcome - please let Pastor Jacobs know your coming. Bags, gloves and orange vests provided, and we'll close the afternoon about 5:00 with supper at Culver's.

Got Talent?

These are some areas we would gladly accept more help in - speak with pastor or member of the appropriate committee for details.

Worship

Usher - besides welcoming at the door, Springdale teams are responsible for operating the PowerPoint projector, counting offering after worship and closing up the building

Lector - reading Scriptures in worship and, if willing, leading non-communion worship when pastor is away

Funeral ushers - retirees or others able to assist "short notice" for funerals

Fellowship

Sunday fellowship host - providing treats after worship

Funeral lunch coordinator - ordering food and organizing kitchen help at "short notice" for funerals

Evangelism/Publicity

Photographer- taking digital pictures during special events to transfer to website and other uses.

"Members in Motion" organizer - posting member features on the entryway bulletin board



Springdale Lutheran Council Minutes
Sept. 13, 2011
Sherri Hefty-Council Secretary

Present: Pastor Jacobs, Scott Ringgenberg, Norm Rick, Terry Mickelson, John Arnold, Paul Elver and Sherri Hefty.

Absent: Betty Bakken and Jim Dahlgren

I. Devotion

Because the meeting had a late start, no devotion was held.

II. Agenda

The selection of a new church secretary was added to New Business and updates from Norm were added to FYI/Discussion. A motion was made by Pastor and seconded by John to approve the amended Agenda. Motion carried.

III. Secretary's Report

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

IV. Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report was available.

V. Old Business

LSJ Construction has been selected to do the steeple repairs. They expect to start in a couple of weeks and the project is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. Half of the estimated cost of \$12,000 is owed up front and the balance at the completion of the project. A request for funds for the steeple repair will be put in the bulletin and the newsletter. Donations should be marked with "Steeple" in the memo field.

Because the meeting was moved up, Matt Schlueter was not able to attend and present his proposal for the combined website. He estimates \$900 for complete website design, integration of West Blue Mounds and backend content management. Matt will be available for questions and answers at the West Blue Mounds Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm.

VI. New Business

Church Mutual sent a risk alert on the concealed weapons law. They suggest that if we don't want concealed firearms in the church, we post a sign to

that effect. Our insurance is not affected regardless of our decision. A motion was made by Norm and seconded by John to poll the Council on their opinion. Motion carried. It was decided to table further action until Pastor can check with other area churches to see what, if anything, they plan to do.

Pastor, and the Council members who participated in the interviews, reviewed each candidate and their strong points. Following discussion, the three best candidates were selected. A motion was made by Norm and seconded by Paul to offer the church secretary position.

VII. Committee Report

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

VIII. August Pastor's Report

11 - Worship services
9 - Education
28 - Visitations
0 - Counseling
4 - Congregational Mtgs
4 - Misc. Items
8 - Community/Church-wide Mtgs.
587.4 Mileage
Pastor plans to be off on Sunday, October 9, to attend St. James' anniversary celebration in Verona.

IX. FYI & Discussion

The Synod is holding a Stewardship event on September 19 from 6:00-7:30 at Immanuel. Norm plans to attend this event.

Norm has turned in the theft report to the Sheriff's office. A motion was made by Norm and seconded by Terry to turn in an insurance claim related to the theft of the laptops, software and keyboard. Motion carried. Norm has also attached the vandal guard to the Sunday School door.

Terry has suggested rekeying the doors since the source of the break-in is undetermined. He will look into the expense for doing this.

X. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

A motion was made by John and seconded by Terry to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sherri Hefty
Council Secretary

WOMEN'S NEWS

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle meets at the home of Hazel Gladem 1:00
October 19th.

“Renew, Respond, Rejoice!” Women of the ELCA study

Various days and times (see church calendar)
The new study in *Gather*, the Women of the ELCA magazine, continues “To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark”. Session 2, “Mother and Brothers”, looks at the community that began to form around Jesus’ teachings and actions, and the early controversies that began to form as well.

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

Springdale Steeple Repair

Springdale’s steeple has been plagued with leakage for some time, and to repair it will cost around 12,000. The Endowment Fund is perhaps able to put in about \$2000 toward the expense, but members are needed to make a special donation to cover this and prevent even worse damage. Please put “steeple fund” in your check’s memo line, and thank you for the support.

It’s the Final Quarter . . .

The final quarter for 2011 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 2011 offerings in before books close **Friday, Dec. 30**.

All Committee Reminder

Budget Preparation needs to be done no later than **November** meetings, so start thinking about your 2012 needs at October’s meetings.

Getting Married?

Congratulations! The pastor and parish of Springdale and West Blue Mounds pray God’s blessing on your wedding day and your married life. As you plan, contact the pastor *right away* to assure that he and the church are available the date you wish. Pastor will also schedule a meeting to discuss Scripture, music, fees, counseling, etc.

When to Call the Pastor

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

West Blue Mounds Council Minutes

September 21, 2011

We opened with prayer by Pastor Jacobs.

The treasurer report for July & August was read.

New secretary was selected (5 interviews).

Pamlette made motion for financial Kim second it (except) reports all five O.k.

Kay met with building insurance man - he measured the building, premium went down.

Maybe we should have him come and explain it. We should take pictures of alter and windows and organs as well as other things that may increase our coverage, we will need a itemized list.

Pastor needs a new laptop, upgrade website computer and facebook.

Concealed weapon law - do nothing about it right now.

Blue Mounds Garden Club

Maybe we should give them a donation.

Need new sign down by highway.

October 9th Pastor Jacobs is going to be gone.

Next meeting will be November 16, 2011.

The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.

- Helen Keller



SHALL WE GATHER?

Heigh Ho for Halloween?

How about a community Halloween party Wednesday, Oct 26, At West Blue Mounds? You know Pastor Jacobs likes dressing up and decorating for the "howl-iday" - we'd just need a few more people to put on a simple meal and assist with some games. Speak to Pastor soon if you'd like to help out.

West Blue Mounds Salad & Hotdish Luncheon

Wednesday Oct. 12

West Blue Mounds holds its fall luncheon Wednesday Oct 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 and proceeds benefit the Women's support of the parish and outside ministries. Contact Donna Bigler, 437- 5659 for more Information or to help.

GOD'S PRAISES WE SING

Hymn of the Month

After the lively Caribbean beat of last month's HOTM, this month's is slower and more stately – "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" WOV #756 & ELW #579.

Its author, Jeffery Rowthorn, was born Apr. 9, 1934, in Gwent, Wales. Educated at Cambridge and Oxford, he taught for 19 years in ecumenical U.S. seminaries before becoming Bishop of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe. In 1973, he helped establish the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale, then after 14 years as liturgics professor he became Suffragen Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut.

The tune, called "Abbot's Leigh", is by a fellow countryman, Cyril Taylor, born Dec. 11, 1907, in Wigan, England. Also educated at Oxford, he was ordained a priest in 1932 and served several parishes throughout England, including a 14-year stint as assistant to the head of BBC religious broadcasting. Taylor wrote the tune on a Sunday morning in 1941 while in the village of Abbot's Leigh, England. *He died* June 20, 1991, in Petersfield, England.

May these words help us hear anew our Lord's commission to heal, preach and serve.

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

Autumn Theme

"Mission: Possible!"

As we continue reflecting on our Missional Discovery Journey, we see in the gospels varied aspects of what it means to be a follower of Christ. Amid challenging stories of human rejection of God's call, God's grace still invites us to be people of renewal and love.

"The God Who Answers"

Springdale members may recall this short Advent play a few years ago. This Advent, Pastor Jacobs is looking to do special presentations each Sunday of the season, a couple at Springdale and a couple at West Blue Mounds, with this likely on Dec. 4 at West Blue Mounds.

It calls for seven adults (high school and older, at least two of them men) and two children. If you'd like to 'break a leg' for this performance, speak with Pastor soon – we'd start rehearsals in late Oct. if possible.

Devotional Resources

Oct/Nov/Dec *Christ in Our Home*, regular and large print, is now out, and other resources including "Lutheran Digest" and "Lutheran Message" are yours for the taking for spiritual nurture at home, school or work. Issues of "The Lutheran", our magazine of news and insights from the ELCA are also available for your perusal.

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West Blue Mounds
Wednesday October 12
Salad & Hotdish Luncheon
11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Springdale Lutheran Church
Confirmation
8:45 a.m.