



## *Two Steeples Parish*

*Springdale and West Blue Mounds Churches*

**February 2012**

### **Installation of Church Officers**

Installation of all council and committee members, ministry reps, etc. will be during worship Sunday, **Feb. 5**. *Thank you* to all who are continuing or beginning their service in these areas through the coming year!

### **You've Got Mail!**

A reminder to all elected leaders: Most of you have a mailbox either in the hallway between the sanctuary and fellowship area at Springdale or on the cabinet in fellowship area just outside the sanctuary at West Blue Mounds. Check it regularly for mail, minutes and other items related to your service. Thank you!

### **To the Ecclesia of Two Steeples Parish Greetings!**

*"LOVE" . . .*

In this month of Valentine's Day, all thoughts of love usually turn to the sweet and sentimental, to hearts and flowers and ribbons and lace, to fuzzy wuzzy, honey bunny, oochie koochie feelings . . .

Not that there's anything wrong with that!! There's definitely a place for fun and frilly aspects of love. But the "agape" love of which we most often speak in the church, builds upon something more substantial and lasting.

I just learned a great definition of this love from one segment of "Marriage: Built to Last", the DVD series being offered three more Wednesdays this month (details in Growing in Grace, p. 3!): "Love is giving someone what they need the most when they deserve it the least even at great personal cost."

The supreme model of that love is, of course, our Savior. As Paul puts so eloquently in Romans 5, "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us." We couldn't have a clearer insight into God's unconditional love than that of Christ betrayed, denied, abandoned and hung on a cross, yet still declaring, "Father, forgive them . . ."

And through the centuries, countless saints and martyrs demonstrated that same self-sacrificing love in their own lives. Though much of it is speculative, even the life and death of Valentine, the saint now associated with the day, bears this witness. Legend goes that in the late 3<sup>rd</sup> century, Emperor Claudius II forbade marriages among the younger populace, because too many young men were taking wives and opting out of army service. Valentine, a Roman priest, defied the order by continuing to wed young couples and helping them avoid the emperor's strictures. When he was finally exposed, he was beheaded, purportedly on Feb. 14, which became the date of his commemoration in 496.

A nice *romantic* story for Valentine's Day, eh?! But as we bear witness in our own day to true love – God's agape love in Christ – may we grow in that same love toward sweethearts or spouses, children and parents, sisters, brothers, friends, neighbors and all around us, empowered by God's grace to give what they need most, though they may deserve it least, even at great personal cost . . . as Christ has given to us.

Yours in Faith,

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### *Worship News*

#### **Sundays in Lent**

##### **“Thank You for Your Service”**

On Sundays through Lent, we’re taking time to lift up various ministries in our parish with *thanks* for all who have served and who continue to serve in these areas. The tentative schedule for recognition is

Feb. 26 – Worship (Altar Guild, ushers, musicians, etc.)

Mar. 4 – Social Ministry (quilters, Habitat, LWR contributors, etc.)

Mar. 11 – Education (Sunday school, VBS, etc.)

Mar. 18 – Fellowship (dinner planners & helpers, etc.)

Mar. 25 – Maintenance (buildings & grounds workers, etc.)

We hope many will be present to *be* honored and *to* honor those whose service supports the ongoing mission of Springdale & West Blue Mounds.

#### **February Theme**

##### **“Run the Race That You May Win It”**

In Paul’s letters to the Corinthians, we glimpse how the early Church took shape amidst much confusion, expectation and yearning. And in the Church today, we also often find that same yearning for new vision, and the same obstacles of human brokenness.

Through the remainder of Epiphany, we continue our review of issues Paul addressed with the Corinthian church and make applications to our own lives in the light of Christ’s presence and blessing.

#### Ash Wednesday

##### **6:30 p.m., West Blue Mounds**

The season of Lent begins as always with a celebration of Holy Communion, including Confession and Forgiveness and tracing a cross with ashes on one’s forehead or hand. Though the service is a solemn one, it is a reminder that God is not seeking to punish us, but in love inviting us to turn from sins which hurt and diminish us to new ways of living that bless and empower us.

Countryside Community’s freewill Soup Supper continues on Wednesdays through March, 4:30-6:30. Our Lenten midweek services will follow, Feb. 29-Mar. 28, 6:30 to 7:30, with “Adventures in Faith Sunday School” doing its Palm Sunday unit 6:40-7:20.

#### **Getting Married?**

Congratulations! Two Steeples parish and pastor pray God's blessing on your wedding and your future life together. Please make *early* contact with Pastor Jacobs to be sure the church is available the day you choose. Pastor will also make plans to meet with you to get basic information and review guidelines for Scripture, music, fees, pre-marriage counseling, etc.

February Candle is in Honor of Baker Family February Birthday’s and our 58th anniversary on Feb. 20th.

Springdale  
December Offerings  
10,397.75  
January Offerings

**Marriage: Built to Last**  
**Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.**

Continuing three more weeks at West Blue Mounds, this series of DVDs looks at conflict resolution, building intimacy and creating a Christ-centered marriage. Sessions begin in the sanctuary after CCC Soup Suppers, 4:30-6:30, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Vignettes from real couples dealing with challenging issues lead into commentary from Pr. Chip Ingram, who offers practical insights on clarifying communication and deepening relationships with one's spouse. Other featured interviewees include NFL quarterback Kurt Warner & wife Brenda and financial expert Dave Ramsey & wife Sharon. Accompanying worksheets help participants bring the message home and continue to explore the themes.

Each session stands somewhat independently, so feel free to join when convenient. For more info, contact Pastor Jacobs.

**Catechism Calendar**

Classes remain at Springdale (take the 'Horse' bus). This month's schedule is

Feb. 1 **@ Springdale** – Chap. 11 "God Promises David a Kingdom" & Chap. 12 "God Blesses Solomon"

Read 'A Leader for the People' and answer question at top, pp. 42-43

Read 'A Place for Me' and fill in 'My favorite place' blanks, p. 44

Feb. 15 **@ Springdale** – Chap. 13 "God Empowers Elijah"

Read 'A Friendly Contest' and answer questions, p. 48

**Monday, Feb. 13, 1-8 p.m.**, a Mt. Horeb Early Release Day, plans are in the works to gather at either ELC or Immanuel to share with catechumens there in a movie, discussion, pizza supper, and Ultrazone laser tag outing. Keep watch for further details!

Then during Lent, Springdale/West Blue Mounds students will continue sessions during *midweek services*, which will *all* be at West Blue Mounds, 6:30-7:30, on these dates

Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday

Feb. 29 Mar. 7 Mar. 14 Mar. 21 Mar. 28

Countryside Community Soup Suppers precede the evenings from 4:30-6:30, so you and your families are invited to come first for the meal.

**Women of the ELCA study**

*see calendar for dates & times*

*of Circle meetings*

The *Gather* study continues in Mark with "Tough Questions". As we walk with Christ toward his cross, we find difficult crossroads and queries of our own facing issues like divorce, the use of our money, the place of those who are "the least", and others. Whether by stern challenge or gentle admonition, Jesus directs us to deeper understanding of a life seeking to follow and to serve.

**"Citizens with the Saints"**

**National Youth Gathering**

**New Orleans, July 18-22, 2012**

Dane Bakken, Nicole Kelly, Tony Schwenn & Tyler Vogel, with chaperon Dean Vogel, are our parishioners planning to take the fabled "City of New Orleans" train to this triennial ELCA Gathering, along with youth from Barneveld, Evangelical, Immanuel & Perry. Students are reminded they're expected to attend group orientations at the following churches on these Sundays, 6:30-8 p.m.:

Mar. 18 – Barneveld

Apr. 22 – Springdale

May 20 – Immanuel

June 17 – Perry

Also keep in mind your commitments for our last joint fundraiser, a Mardi Gras Dinner **Sunday, Feb. 19** (snow date Feb. 20), **4-7 p.m., at ELC**.

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*General News*

December 21, 2011  
West Blue Mounds Church  
Council Meeting

Present: Bob, Pastor Jeff, Jeff, Kim, Paulette & Kay

First business budget review: Pastoral ministry. Raised pastoral ministry budget to accommodate shortfall from year before. Worship and office. Council added line for secretary for 1500.00 budgets upped to consider that expense. Church maintenance. Budget stayed the same. Budget update was voted on. Paulette made motion to accept, Bob second it. Members going off council in 2012, will be Paulette and Jeff Peterson. New name for congregation voted on combined parish is TWO STEEPLES PARISH;

Reports for annual reports need to be in by January 15, 2012. Council will meet Jan. 18. Annual meeting Jan. 22nd.

Meeting Adjourned

Secretary

Jeff Peterson.

<b>December Receipts</b>	4,312.50
<b>December Disbursements</b>	<u>6,288.76</u>
<b>Memorials</b>	15,961.67

**Prayers & Thanksgivings..**  
**Springdale Members..**

Elmer Baker, Cassie Dahlgren, Jennifer Dahlgren, Steve..Eckel, Lana Olmstead..

**Family & Friends**

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)

Cami (Fay Dahlgren's co-worker's daughter)

Beckie Dahlgren

Francis Collins (Renee Mickelson's father)

Lorraine Dahlgren (Jim Dahlgren's mother)

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's mother-in-law)

Robert Klaas

Sue Kole (Michelle Kole's mother)

Adriana Larry (niece of Lavon Dolan)

Linda (Fay Dahlgren's co-worker)

Amy Moschkau (Niece-in-law Sharon Moschkau)

Dona Nyhus (Jeanine Taylor's mother)

John Percy

Mary Ann Reimer (Beth Elver's son's mother-in-law)

Duane Sherven (Bob & Marion Murray son-in-law)

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)

Sue & Chris (friend of Fay Dahlgren)

**Prayers & Thanksgivings**  
**West Blue Mounds Members..**

Terry Capel, Dorothy Evenson

**Family & Friends**

Sheri Ayers

Cate Gimse-Owen

Barb Green (friend of Cate Gimse-Owen)

Bonnie Johnson (friend of Kim Bigler)

Lois

Michael Mahoney (grandson of King & Sharon Mahoney)

Betty Miller (Scott & Doreen Bigler sister-in-law)

Muriel Perkins

Marj Gerber (Brad Leverton's mother)

**February..**

**Baptismal Anniversaries..**

3- Bev Brager

4- Jessica Docken, Chris Olson

8- Paulette Olson

9- Chase Neumaier, Jacob Sale, Tyler Vogel

10-Chase Ringgenberg

13-Jim Laufenberg, Matt Mani, Skylar Schrivner

14-Gary Bakken

18-Paul Magnuson

19-Norma Baker

20-Cobain Pellebon-Bohan

22-Kyle Hanna, Maury Skindrud

26-Cassy Dahlgren, Jamie Heindl

27-Evelyn Monum

28-Arbutus Capel

29-Evelyn Basthemer

**Springdale Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
January 19, 2012**

Present: Pastor Jacobs, Norm Rick, John Arnold, Paul Elver, Betty Bakken, Terry Mickelson, Jim Dahlgren and Sherri Hefty  
Absent: Scott Ringgenberg

**I. Devotion**

We read and discussed Chapter 10 "Called by God to Serve" from *Called by God to Serve*. February's devotion will be Chapter 4.

**II. Agenda**

A motion was made by John and seconded by Terry to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

**III. Secretary's Report**

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

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

As of December 31, 2011, the **General Account balance is behind \$10,243.57**. A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Pastor to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

**V. Old Business**

Norm presented his summary of the expenses related to re-keying the church doors. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of re-keying. A motion was made by John and seconded by Pastor to not move ahead with re-keying at this time but compile a list of members that currently have keys to the church. Motion carried.

**VI. New Business**

The meeting to review the proposed 2012 budget with anyone interested will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 22, following the service.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 28, following a shortened service. One of the topics on the Agenda will be to discuss how we feel the shared ministry with West Blue Mounds has been going and to make recommendations on how we proceed when the current Agreement expires in September.

**VII. Pastor's Report**

December

12 - Worship services<sup>2</sup> - Education<sup>3</sup> - Visitations<sup>1</sup> - Counseling<sup>4</sup> - Congregational Mtgs<sup>3</sup> - Misc. Items<sup>4</sup> - Community/Church-wide Mtgs.<sup>7</sup> 34.1 Mileage

A "Going Social" workshop is being offered on January 24 in Cottage Grove to discuss using social media to get the message out. The cost is \$35 per congregation and anyone can attend.

As of right now, Pastor plans to take some time off after Easter to travel to Spain. He plans to miss one Sunday during that time.

Pastor is still planning to apply for a paid sabbatical in 2013. The deadline for application is in May.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

No committee reports were received.

**IX. FYI & Discussion**

**X. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer**

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

**Mardi Gras Dinner**  
**Sunday, Feb. 19, 4-7 p.m.**  
**(Snow Date Monday, Feb. 20)**  
**ELC, Mt. Horeb**

*Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

“Let the good times roll!” as they say in New Orleans.

Barneveld, Evangelical, Immanuel, Perry and Springdale/West Blue Mounds Lutheran churches invite you to a Mardi Gras Dinner, Sunday, Feb. 19, 4-7 p.m., at ELC, 315 E. Main St. Proceeds help send 35 area youth (including four of Springdale/West Blue Mounds’) to New Orleans for the ELCA’s National Gathering this summer.

Mardi Gras, or “Fat Tuesday”, is celebrated in New Orleans from early January till Ash Wednesday. The menu includes favorites of the season like pancakes, jambalaya (a zesty Cajun chicken & sausage stew), red beans & rice, beignets (large ‘donut holes’ covered with powdered sugar) plus beverages.

The evening also features Mardi Gras-themed music, games and prizes. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-10, and kids under 3 are free. For info and tickets, speak with Pastor Jacobs.

**Winter Fun Days...At Sugar Creek Bible Camp**  
**February 12 & 26**

Come for an afternoon of Fun including down hill tubing (tubes provided) and ice skating (bring your own skates).

Hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate, etc., will be served. Lunch served about 2:30 p.m. - 3:30p.m.

Cost for the day \$4/person. Call camp for reservations for you or your group. [Camp@sugarcreek.org](mailto:Camp@sugarcreek.org)  
608-734-3113



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*Ministry News*

### **“ . . You Clothed Me” Jan. - Feb. Benevolence Community Clothes Closet**

Because of the decision to take benevolences ‘out’ of the regular budget, outside ministries supported by Springdale Lutheran through the year rely on the generosity of members during the highlighted months in order to make our gift.

Our Jan-Feb Benevolence is Mt. Horeb’s Community Clothes Closet which provides clothes, shoes and bedding for neighbors in need. Our goal is to raise *at least* \$400 for rent and additional support, particularly for February’s “Love Offering”, which is Feb. 12 this year. Place cash or check (payable to Springdale; memo “Clothes Closet”) in the PowerPoint plate; contributions of usable clothing are, of course, also welcome. Thank you!

### **Synod-wide Leadership Education And Development Day**

The annual LEAD conference is **Saturday, Mar. 10, 8:30-3:30**, at Covenant Lutheran, 1525 N. Van Buren St., Stoughton. It’s a day of worship, inspiring presentations and informative workshops for lay leaders and pastors. Cost is \$25/person, which includes lunch; flyers are in the entryways, and online registration is at [www.scsw-elca.org](http://www.scsw-elca.org) – deadline Mar. 2.

This year’s theme is the future of church’s partnership with God’s mission in the world, looking at our changing culture and context, and how to connect ministry with the needs of the world through practical ideas for moving ministry forward. Keynote speaker is Ken Inskeep, ELCA Director for Research and Evaluation, and workshops will be offered on community connections, youth & family ministry, mission, stewardship and more.

### **“Kans for Our Kids” National Youth Gathering Fundraiser**

In support of our four youth going to the Gathering – Dane Bakken, Nicole Kelly, Tony Schwenn & Tyler Vogel – and in honor of Pastor Jacobs’ 10 years at Springdale, everyone is reminded to bring their aluminum cans to church where, with each fill of the large can, a match of \$25 is also being made up to \$500.

Also, in support of the joint travel account, Two Steeples parish members are invited to contribute ingredients for the “Mardi Gras Madness Punch” (pineapple juice, grape juice & lemon-lime soda) and powdered sugar for the beignets – see lists at church for details.

Thank you for your generosity!

#### **When to Call the Pastor . . .**

When you’re hospitalized  
When you’re feeling depressed  
When you’ve had a baby (it’s great to visit in the hospital!)  
When you’ve got questions about Scripture  
When you’ve lost your job  
When you have an idea for church  
When you’ve lost a loved one  
When you can’t communicate with your children  
When you can’t communicate with your parents  
When you’ve had an accident  
When you’re facing marital difficulties  
When you’re having surgery (even day surgery)  
When ever . . .

I won’t have answers for everything, but with the Lord’s help I’ll strive to minister to you with Christian prayer and love –  
Pastor Jeff Jacobs

#### **Snow Shoveling**

*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’

#### **Sharing Resources World Wide**

*Thank you* to everyone that donated to our medicine bottle collection.  
Sharing resources is no longer collecting them, so please do not leave them.

Norma Baker

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Dated Material: Please Do not Delay..

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Jeff Jacobs, Pastor Cate Gimse-Owens, Music Director

Feb. 5  
8:45 & 10:15 worship  
Installation of Congregational Officers

Feb. 19  
4-7p.m.  
Mardi Gras Dinner @ ELC

**Feb. 22**  
6:30 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Worship  
West Blue Mounds