

April Calendar of Events

April 1	Last Lenten worship-soup lunch & suppers
April 5	PALM SUNDAY—Services with Healing
April 9	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship and First Communion
April 10	12:00 Good Friday Ecumenical Worship in Greendale 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship here at WPLC
April 12	7:00 am, 8:30 and 10:00 am Worship Easter Sunday 8:00 am Altar Guild sponsored Easter Brunch
April 14	LEAF Articles are due
April 19	Baptism Matthew Fazio
April 20	Book Club— <i>The Handmaiden and the Carpenter</i> by Elizabeth Berg
April 26	Confirmation classes begin



Easter Brunch, April 12th at 8:00 am sponsored by Altar Guild—free will offering. This is a fund raiser for Altar Guild.

- Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on Sundays
- Please bring your aluminum cans and Campbell labels on the second Sunday, April 12th, ONLY.
- Dorcas Circle meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- Sunday School at 10:00 am—no Sunday school on Easter
- God’s Young Voices—meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00 .
- Senior Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.
- Health and Wellness meeting, Friday, April 17 at 10:00 am
- Worship & Music meets Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:00 pm
- Ladies Aid meets Wednesday, April 8th at 11:30 am.
- OWLS meet on Thursday, April 9th, at 8:30 am at Forum Restaurant
- Property committee meeting Tuesday, April 14th, at 6:30 pm.
- Christian Education meeting Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 pm
- Everyone’s Bible Study meets Thursday, April 16th, 7:00 pm.
- Friends meet Tuesday, April 28th at 9:30 am.
- Parish Nurse Barb Estrada will be returning in May.
- PICK N SAVE WPLC WE CARE NUMBER IS # 934480



Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

12TH ANNUAL

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

FRI.—MAY 1ST • 8³⁰—5

SAT.—MAY 2ND • 8³⁰—1

WANTED / NEEDED:

Household Goods • Toaster Ovens • Children's Clothing • Toys! • Tools...any kind • Small Appliances • Electronics • Linens • Jewelry • Books
TVs, Radios, CD/DVD players • Lawn & Garden Items • Decoratives
Games • Bicycles • Unique Items • Collectibles • Crafts • All Furniture
Sporting Goods • Antiques • *You don't want it? Someone else does!*
Please...no refrigerators (freon), stoves, dishwashers

Our great BAKE SALE needs your bakery items!!

**DROP OFF YOUR RUMMAGE DONATIONS
AFTER EASTER thru WED., APRIL 29th**

Check with your neighbors & friends—ask if they would like to contribute!

If Pick-Up is needed, call church office for further info—414-425-1169

*Sponsored by Whitnall Friendship Circle
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Condensed Council minutes from February 24th, 2009

1. Devotions and welcome back to Gloria
2. Offsite
 - a. Reviews
 - i. Outline for Kelly's Job Description completed by Pastor, Ruth and Kris
 - ii. Reviews for this year will be completed based upon the job descriptions
 - iii. Review with Dan completed by Pat and Randy
 - iv. Pastor's review to be completed by the Executive Committee –Kris, Kyle, Ruth, and Jill
 - v. All reviews need to be completed soon
3. Secretary's Report
 - a. Jill motion—Kyle second—minutes approved
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. No new numbers for January beyond Annual Report
5. Pastor's Report
 - a. Review of key Pastoral Acts
 - B. Raised the concept of "Transparency" as a key push for this year
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Education—Kyle—no meeting
 - b. Endowment—Betty -
 - i. Roger's term will end in July
 - ii. Roger will arrange to have the books audited by a few church volunteers
 - iii. Glenn Lemmenes from Edward Jones recommended staying the course with exiting investments. Motion made and passed
 - c. Fellowship—Kris—no new updates
 - d. Health and Wellness—Jill—Labyrinth here through Lent
 - e. Worship & Music—Ruth—unable to attend—prayer are with her
 - f. Property—Van-
 - i. Snowplowing for January was \$1,498, including moving snow pile to easement area

- ii. Last item for flood cleanup is elevator and it will be completed soon
- g. Social Ministry—Gloria—no updates
- h. Stewardship—Kris-Need to wrap up debt reduction campaign and archive documents
 - i. Evangelism—Gloria—no new updates
 - j. Audit—Ralph-no new updates
 - k. Mutual Ministry—Jill—no new updates
 - l. Green Committee—Kyle –Pastor has a book that has some information that may be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,
Van Johnson
Church council secretary



Last month the long time members of the *Prayer Chain* were recognized. This month we want to thank and praise the most recent members of the prayer chain:

Joan Lance
Connie Honebein
Pat Messinger
Evelyn Schubert
Sharon Hause
Ruth Rice
Sandy Johnson
Karen Paddock
Karen Olson
Evelyn Klug

Thank you so very much for your faithful prayers and dedication.



Luther Manor News

On **May 3**, we will again be celebrating *Bless the Years Sunday* when we **lift up everyone in our congregation who is 80 years** young and above with a gift of flowers. On that Sunday we will also welcome Linda Lueck from the Client Relations Department at Luther Manor who will give a Temple Talk on the latest at Luther Manor. My co-worker Sandy Abraham and I will also be collecting our annual **Auxiliary memberships** – still only \$2.00 per year. These monies help buy the extras for the residents who call Luther Manor “Home”.

Kathy Sonntag, Key Person



The Youth Group and Chaperones are looking forward to the Mission trip and serving the residents in New Orleans July 22-26, 2009. Our group has signed up to help in the area of Health and Wellness. Health & Wellness projects will include physical work such as painting, cleaning and organizing health care centers, playground and park restoration, supporting sports camps, learning about trauma recovery, talking with doctors and health care providers, listening to Katrina stories, and much more. Finally, we will be sent back to our own community to promote and support its health and wellness. There will be 3 days of mission work, where 12,000 people each day will be transported to their designated serving sites working in the areas of Health & Wellness, Housing, Environment, The Arts and Culture and all that Jazz and Wealth and Poverty. The descriptions of all these areas of service will be on the Youth Group kiosk in Hornburg Hall.

Mission Trip continued—

Youth Group Fundraising Activities 2008 thru February 2009

2008 Coffee Hour	\$373
2007/08 Cookie Dough	\$672
2008 Pancake Supper	\$132
Dartball Tournament	\$111
2008/09 Cookie Dough - Sold 161 tubs	\$882
2009 Pancake Supper - Feb 25, 2009	\$446
2009 Coffee Hour - Jan/Feb	\$ 56
Total Fundraising 2008/2009 To-Date	\$2,672

Upcoming Fundraiser

WPLC Family Night at Culvers--April 21st

The WPLC Youth Group is very grateful to the congregation for all the support they have given to all the fundraising activities. We had a wonderful turn out at the 2009 Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper, 96 people purchased tickets, and the youth group families covered almost all of the expenses – Thank You Everyone for this Wonderful Fellowship Event – **Special Thanks to The Youth Group did a Great Job!**

ELCA Gathering Mission Trip to New Orleans

July 20-27, 2009 - 11 Attendees

Gathering Conference \$295 each	\$3,245
Transportation/Bus \$185 each	\$2,035
Hotel \$270 each (5 nights)	\$2,970
Expense/Food - \$280 each (7 days)	\$3,080
Estimated Total Cost	\$11,330
Attendees Paid \$125 each	-\$1,375
Paid \$200 Deposit Bus Transp.	-\$200
Funds Raised to-date in Bank	-\$2,400
Remaining Funds Needed (\$669/person)	\$7,355
Amount Needed Per Person	\$668.64

Birthdays

- 1 Joyce Goetz
Joshua Kopp
Patricia Sparacino
- 2 Andrew Untiet
- 3 Karen Everts
- 5 Sidney Arthur
Holly Loebel
- 9 Emily Ably
- 10 Marilyn Medeiros
- 11 Donald Dowell
Jennifer Just
Troy King
Briana Reiswitz
- 12 Mari Fredrickson
- 13 Elaine Johnson
- 14 Dwayne Harbort
- 15 Stuart Arthur
Charles Schoenleber
- 16 Johanna Koralewski
Patti Kowalski
- 17 Eric Wiza
Kathryn Wiza
Norman Zimmer
- 18 Marilyn Gustafson
Melanie Saari
William Senft
- 19 Pamela Dorenbos
Van Johnson
Ervin Kuglitsch
- 20 Mark King
Marybelle Potter
- 23 Kaci Rouse
- 24 Michele Palmer
Hunter Schubert
- 25 Shawn Ahles
Scott Cole
Ralph Llanas
James Meier
- 26 Kaitlyn Martin
Trista Mittelstaedt
- 27 June Steinke
- 30 Elwood Potter

Anniversaries

- 1 Tony & Patti Kowalski
- 15 John & Jennifer Just
- 16 Lukas & Amanda Stone
- 17 Carl & Marilyn Medeiros
- 28 Robert & Lori Edmundson
- 30 Joseph & Amy Suchla
Steven & Kathleen Clark



Mother-Daughter Dinner 2009

**Moms—Daughters—
Grandmas—Aunts—Sisters—
all Ladies:**

**You are invited to
WPLC's 3rd Annual
Thursday, May 7th at 6:00 pm
Join Us for a Special Evening
of Fun, Food & Reflections**

What's all the fuss and talk about aprons?! Let's find out. . . it will be an enjoyable evening for everyone. Do you have an apron? Many aprons? Old aprons? Do you wear them? Did mom? Bring them along to share. Mark your calendars.

Tickets go on sale
Sunday, April 19th.

Adults: \$6; Children ages 5—13:
\$4; Under 5: Free

Senior High School Scholarships Available through Church Endowment Fund

The Whitnall Park Lutheran Endowment Fund offers scholarships to Senior High School graduates who plan to further their education by attending a vocational school, college, or university following graduation. Application form and guidelines are available in the Church Office or may be downloaded from the church website, www.whitnallparkchurch.com—found under Monthly Activities. The scholarship is available for the 2009-10 academic year. **DEADLINE for submitting the application is April 15, 2009...**mark your calendars...don't miss out on this great opportunity.

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERING PLANTS FOR EASTER SUNDAY.

You are invited to take part in creating the beautiful Easter morning "garden" by ordering plant(s) to beautify the church sanctuary on Easter. Your plant may be in honor of someone, or in memory of someone, or a blessing, or simply to add to the beauty of the season. Please fill out the order form and place it in the box provided in the church office.

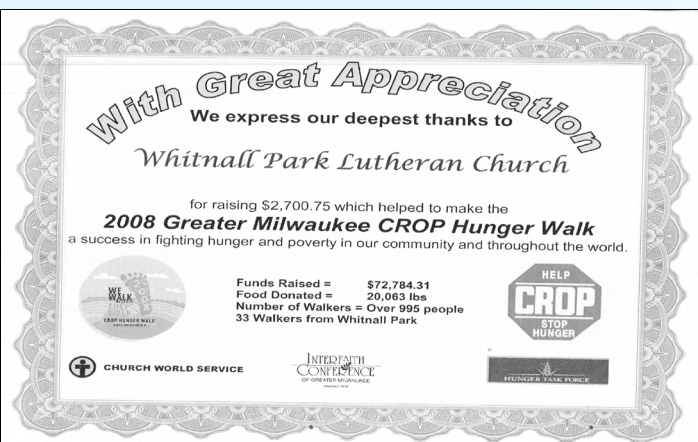
Social Ministry Update:

2008 CROP Walk Recognition and Results

The results for the 2008 CROP Walk are in: 20,063 pounds of food were collected to benefit the Hunger Task Force and \$72,784.31 was raised for the programs of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee and Church World Service. The money will be used for hunger programs and disaster and refugee relief in the United States and throughout the world.

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church has received a certificate of appreciation for its 33 walkers who participated and everyone who contributed to the \$2,700.75 raised by the church. The total included a generous matching grant of \$900 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The certificate is on display on the table in Hornburg Hall through Easter Sunday.

This year's CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 11th. This year even more participation is encouraged in this vital outreach program of Whitnall Park.



2009 Walk A Mile In Her Shoes

The third annual *Walk A Mile In Her Shoes* takes place at Cathedral Square in downtown Milwaukee on Sunday, May 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. (with the Kick-off Ceremony beginning at 10:45).

"Put yourself in her shoes."

You cannot truly understand someone else's plight until you have walked a mile in his

or her shoes. On May 3rd you can turn words into action by participating in Walk A Mile In Her Shoes, which benefits the domestic violence programs of Sojourner Family Peace Center (the merged Sojourner Truth House and Task Force on Family Violence) and Jewish Family Services. This unique march invites members of the community to walk a mile in women's shoes (optional) to raise awareness and funds for programs that help those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Anyone wanting more information on the walk or wanting to volunteer to walk or help raise funds should contact Charles Schoenleber. It would be nice to have a second walker this year. Everyone is challenged to

"Put their foot down and help end the cycle of violence."

—Charles Schoenleber

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full."

Proverbs 19:17

For the third year the Social Ministry committee is asking Whitnall Park church members to show their love and support for the hungry by joining together to meet the *Feinstein Challenge!* Here's how you can help: For every donated item of non-perishable food, the Feinstein Foundation will make a supporting monetary match to the South Side Food Pantry at Hope House, donations include all food items made to Hope House from March 1st through April 30th, 2009. Please make a special commitment to bring canned or any non-perishable food items on any Sunday (or weekday) in **March and April**. Deposit your contributions in the food baskets in Hornburg Hall. **All food items donated by Sunday, April 26th will be delivered to Hope House before the April 30th deadline!**

Due to present economic conditions, the South Side Food Pantry at Hope House is in dire need of our generous support as the needs of so many are so great! Thank you for always rising to the challenge of supporting people in need!
—Marilyn Schoenleber

April 5	PALM SUNDAY Services with Healing	
8:30	Assisting Minister Jane Dillon-Perkl Ushers Ron Hause, Carl Hanson Greeter Nancy Winger Altar Guild Bernice Sparacino	Acolyte Samantha Cowman
10:00	Assisting Minister Ron Labott Ushers Sid Arthur, Ron Noeske Greeter Kris Laposki Altar Guild Sandy Abraham	Acolyte Michelle Fedran Nursery Danielle Kaboskey
April 9	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	Assisting Minister Tom Laposki Acolyte Jessica Fedran Altar Guild Everyone
April 10	7:00 Good Friday Worship	Assisting Minister Marjorie Pagel Ushers Jerry Pagel, John Hembrook
April 12	THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD	
7:00	Assisting Minister Linda Shea Ushers Don Jensen, Jim Shea, Jack King Greeter Rachelle Hasenstein Altar Guild Evelyn Schubert	Acolyte Heather Hasenstein
8:30	Assisting Minister Kyle Sorvick Ushers John Hembrook, Dorothy Perkl, Don Jensen Greeter Ellen Dallmann Altar Guild Krista Bainbridge	Acolyte Samantha Llanas
10:00	Assisting Minister Ron Labott Ushers Tom Laposki, Brian and Kristine Peyer Greeter Joan Maasz Altar Guild Bernice King	Acolyte Daniel Peyer Nursery Heidi Martin
April 19		
8:30	Assisting Minister Lou Graef Ushers Jim and Linda Shea Greeter Audrey Grabarczyk Altar Guild Jerrijo Cowman	Acolyte Sarah Martin
10:00	Assisting Minister Ruth Rice Ushers Larry Pfeil, Brian Martin, Jack King Greeter Charlotte MacPherson Altar Guild Elaine Johnson	Acolyte Christopher Sorenson Nursery Susan Schlueter
April 26	Communion at 10:00	
8:30	Assisting Minister Kristin Martens Ushers Jim Gaffney, Duane Hause, Lyle Lance Greeter Sharon Hause	Acolyte Stacy Tikkanen
10:00	Assisting Minister Tom Laposki Ushers Jerry Pagel, Jerome Thome, Larry Pfeil Greeter Kim Mason Altar Guild Marilyn King	Acolyte Mitchell Cowman Nursery Jill Underberg

The Acolyte schedule was duplicated with the dates April 27 and April 26. I eliminated April 27 and continued with April 26th, May 3rd, May 10th, etc. Sorry for the inconvenience. Sandy

**From M.E., Kelly Brown
Minister of Education**

There is still time to pick up your *Resurrection Eggs*! The Resurrection Eggs are to be used with your family to gain a better understanding of this Lenten and Easter season. Each egg contains a small item along with a slip of paper with a Bible verse on it. On April 1st, as a family you should open Egg #1. Please continue to open the eggs in numerical order each day leading up to Easter.

On **Good Friday**, we will be stepping away from our usual format for the children. In the past, children have met in church for a short children's message before being dismissed downstairs for activities. However, this year we are inviting the children to attend the church service with their parents to hear the story of Jesus and the crucifixion.

Reminder:

April 5th —Palm Sunday—the Sunday school children are learning a special song to be sung with the Senior Choir on Palm Sunday.

April 12th—Easter—NO Sunday School

Have a blessed Easter!

JUST 4 YOUTH!

April 2009 Youth Group Activities

April 5th

7 PM Youth Group Meeting – Good Friday Project

April 10th

6--8 PM Participate in Good Friday Worship Service

April 21st


Last WPLC Family Night at Culver's Hales Corners

April 26th

9 AM Coffee Hour Sponsored by Youth Group




Make a
beautiful
Butterfly



The butterfly is a symbol of new life and is often associated with Easter. Make your own butterfly.




You will need:

- ✿ paper
- ✿ scissors
- ✿ crayons or markers
- ✿ glitter
- ✿ glue



Directions:

1. Fold a piece of paper in half.
2. Draw the outline of half a butterfly on one side of the paper with the middle of the body on the fold.
3. With the paper still folded, cut along the outline.
4. Open the butterfly and decorate it with crayons, markers and glitter.

April 2009

Whitnall Park Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>EASTER</p>			<p><i>1</i></p> <p>12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 12:30 PM Lenten Lunches 6:00 PM Lenten Suppers 8:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours Pastor's day off</p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p><i>5</i></p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday school PALM SUNDAY Services with Healing</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>7:00 PM God's Young Voices 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>8:30 AM OWLS meet at the Forum Restaurant 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship - First Communion</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Ecumenical Worship in Greendale 7:00 PM WPLC Good Friday Worship</p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12</i></p> <p>7:00 AM EASTER 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Easter Brunch 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class 6:30 PM Property Ed 7:00 PM Christian Ed 7:00 PM Worship & Music</p> <p style="font-size: small;">LEAF Articles are due</p>	<p><i>15</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Everyone's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours 10:00 AM Health & Wellness meet Pastor's day off</p>	<p><i>18</i></p>
<p><i>19</i></p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Matthew Fazio Baptism 10:00 AM Sunday school</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>7:00 PM BOOK CLUB MEETING The book is The Handmaiden and the Carpenter by Elizabeth Berg</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>7:00 PM God's Young Voices 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Assemble the LEAF</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours Pastor's day off</p>	<p><i>25</i></p>
<p><i>26</i></p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday school 11:30 AM CONFIRMATION RESUMES</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas 9:30 AM Friends Meeting 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class 7:00 PM Council meeting</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>7:00 PM God's Young Voices 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	 <p>April</p>	



Dear Friends in Christ,

Following is a thought-provoking story that can help us look inward as we continue our journey toward the cross during this season of Lent and on into the hope and promise of the Easter Resurrection. You may have seen this one before, but even if you have, take time to read it again and take stock of where you currently in your life. Enjoy...

A professor stood before his Philosophy 101 class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous - - yes.

The professor then produced a large cup of coffee from under the table and proceeded to pour the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your family, your partner, your health, your children, your friends, your favorite passions - - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full." "The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else - - the small stuff." "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for your life.

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out dancing. Play another 18. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal."

"Take care of the golf balls first - - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented? The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a cup of coffee."

Another version of this story has the professor pouring a can of beer into the jar; stating that there's always time for a few beers...I'll leave it to your discretion to apply the appropriate beverage. Either way, the lesson provides us with a great reminder to not lose sight of the big picture when life has us mired in the details.

God's Peace and Blessings,
Pr. Michael