

November Calendar of Events

November 1—Shower for Kathy Fazio at 11:30 am
November 2—All Saints
November 2—Youth Group meeting at 7:00 pm
November 8—Fall Clean Up—at 8:00 am
November 23—Christ the King Sunday
November 23—Commitment Sunday
November 23—Pick up your Christmas wreath order
**November 26—Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00 pm here
at WPLC**
November 30—First Sunday in Advent
November 30—Youth Group meeting at 7:00 pm

- Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on any Sunday
- Please bring your aluminum cans and Campbell labels on the second Sunday, November 9, ONLY.
- Dorcas Circle meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- Sunday School at 10:00 am—meets in church Sunday, November 9th.
- God's Young Voices—meets Wednesday evenings at 6:45.
- Senior Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.
- Health and Wellness meeting, Friday, November 21st, 10:00 am.
- Worship & Music meets Tuesday, November 4th, at 7:00 pm
- Ladies Aid meets Wednesday, November 12th, at 11:30 am.
- OWLS meet on Thursday, November 13th, at 8:30 am at Forum Restaurant
- Property committee meeting Tuesday, November 11th, at 6:30 pm.
- Christian Education meeting Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 pm
- Women's Bible Study meets Thursday, November 19th, 7:00 pm.
- Friends meet Tuesday, November 25th, at 9:30 am.
- Parish Nurse, Barb Estrada is here on Wednesday mornings but not, November 19th she will be here on the Friday, November 21st, of that week.
- PICK N SAVE WPLC *WE CARE* NUMBER IS # 934480



2008 Fall Blessings Picnic Report

Weather was the topic at this year's annual congregational picnic. Cool temperatures and the threat of rain (blessings in disguise!) moved plans for an outdoor Fall event indoors. But the weather indoors stayed festive and busy with raffle baskets to look at and peek into, games for the kids, great food to indulge ourselves in, beaded bracelets to create, a pie eating contest, pumpkins for children to decorate, and cookies to frost and even transform into great artistic delights. *Blessings in abundance!*

Bingo was played upstairs in Hornburg Hall while the Youth group led the games outdoors for the kids, and they even took part in a great game of volleyball themselves. Door prizes were plentiful and caramel apple sundaes were wonderfully delicious. And, as usual, the raffle baskets were a great hit. Each basket had a theme which grabbed your attention, wondering what's in there....and then... had to get a ticket! 21 baskets in all!

Yes, it WAS a successful church family picnic, raising over \$1400 profit to be shared with our church family or community (recipients to be determined soon)...*truly a blessing!*

A HUGE thank you to all who participated, those who cooked and baked, bought and sold, set up and cleaned up, planned and shopped, donated items (Kings - chicken; Hauses - pumpkins; Pat Page/ Dairy Queen & Cowmans - ice cream & toppings; families who donated baskets; our numerous & generous businesses in our community for their donations; and so many others!), took pictures, helped at the various activities, those who pitched in when and where needed, and in general those who were present with smiles and laughter...it all created the warmer "weather" indoors at WPLC.

A list of businesses who supported our picnic this year is on display in Hornburg Hall...take a look and give them thanks!

Blessings to you,
Sharon Hause & Pat Suderland
Co-chairpersons

Condensed Council minutes from September 23rd, 2008

Capital Fund Appeal

Council members have been asked to open their homes to host a small group of church members for “cottage meetings” to discuss what we will do with funds we save as a result of the fund appeal. The meetings should take place between Nov. 2nd and Nov. 15th and should be about 30 – 60 minutes in length (opening prayer followed by a guided discussion focusing on 2 or 3 points). Sign-up sheets will be posted at church.

Funding for Whitnall School Calendars

The church was approached earlier this year to place an ad on a sports poster for Whitnall High School. The business card-sized ad is \$215 and would run for approximately four months (the length of the sports season). 95% of the money would go into the poster and the school. The church would also get two posters of our own. No budgeted funds are in place for outreach projects like this. Endowment has declined funding this project, saying this type of project is not their mission. In any event, it's too late to scrape up funds now because the calendars have already been printed. More calendars will be done in the Spring, so we must decide if we want to budget something for next year. It was pointed out this would be a good project for the Evangelism Committee, but there is no formal committee in place.

Snowplowing bids/pre-payment on salt

A couple of firms have been contacted to obtain bids for snowplowing. Createscape had reasonable prices for plowing, but salt prices were 27 cents per pound. Our current vendor, Bob Schaefer, who did a good job last year, submitted a bid with slightly higher prices but his salt prices are 22 cents per pound. He needs to pay for salt upfront this year which puts him in a bind. Salt is very expensive and hard to come by, as it is no longer available to small businesses at the usual spot down by the lakefront. He must now purchase it direct from Utah. He has asked all his customers to pay \$2,000 up front so he doesn't have to borrow money to buy the salt. He wants to lock in customers by October 1st. After much discussion at the council meeting and later e-mails, a decision was made to approve a \$1,500 pre-payment which would lock in salt prices under 22 cents per pound. Any unused portion of the pre-payment would be applied to snowplowing costs.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Fazio submitted a breakdown of all pastoral acts for 8/27/08 – 9/24/08. His statistical report indicates one funeral for Henry Poehler and one baptism for Cailinn Maureen Lynch. Other pastoral acts include leading worship/preaching at 8 services; 1 healing service/blessing of prayer shawls; 1 chapel service at Steeple View; 8 hospital visits; 11 pastoral counseling appointments; 4 home visitations; 3 home/hospital communions; 4 pre-marriage counseling sessions, acolyte training, confirmation classes and committee meetings and Ladies Aid bible studies on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings as well as continuing participation in the Synodical Task Force/Ministry to Returning Veterans and Families. Pastor Fazio has also pointed out the need for back-up teachers for confirmation classes.

Secretary's Report – Ruth Rice

The minutes from the 8-26-08 council meeting were approved with the following correction...

The request for council members to consider being trained on defibrillators came from the Health and Wellness Committee, not the pastor.

Treasurer's Report – Ruth Rice

Brent will join council next month to discuss the 2009 budget.

Audit Committee - Ralph Llanas

An audit of the church books is coming up this fall, per Brent.

Education – Kyle Sorvick

A Sunday School teacher in-service took place in mid-September.

Endowment – Betty Hembrook

Our portfolio is down 7.73%. Scholarships of \$750 each were recently awarded to church members Caitlin Larsen and Karl Vierthaler. The endowment fund has donated a total of \$9,625 in 2008 for worthy causes.

Stewardship – Pastor Fazio

Letters have been sent to all council members and selected members of the congregation inviting them to attend the Advanced Commitment Gathering at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, 10/13.

Health & Wellness – Jill Underberg

- An addition of a second blood drive in winter is being considered. This would be coordinated with area churches so we don't overlap.
- A \$1,000 donation has been received to be used towards purchase of defibrillator.

- Efforts are being made to earn a grant in order to get money for research and education on boomers and adult ministry to those age 55+.
- Barb will coordinate a medical drive on 10/12 gathering prescription meds for use in free clinics. Medications can be two years past the expiration date, but no controlled substances will be accepted. All donations will be taken to United Lutheran Church.

Worship & Music – Ruth Rice

- Sandy, our church secretary has been asked to print 10 copies of the weekly bulletin at 130% zoom for distribution to people in the congregation who have vision problems.
- Also, bulletins need to be put in a more prominent spot so late-comers see them. W&M would like to re-locate the credenza currently located under the coat rack in Hornburg Hall into the sanctuary, right under the banner. Property committee has been asked to put the credenza on casters to make it portable.
- A sample full-length zipper robe has been ordered from Gaspard. If it meets with approval, enough robes will be ordered to accommodate all assisting ministers.
- A sample Reserved pew sign has been received and approved by the committee, so seven more signs have been ordered online from Church Partner. The current signs are flopping over and some letters are missing. The new signs will be paid for with memorial funds.
- The choirs will present **Christmas Music Sunday at both services on 12/14.**
- Sunday School Christmas Program will take place at the **10:00 service only on, 12/21.**

Property – Van Johnson

- Basement reconstruction is going well. There are some issues with the elevator deck and new panel, which are both included in the insurance settlement. Clean-up is still needed in the custodial area. The mural in the nursery area still needs to be re-done. Cost is covered.
- The previously proposed check valve in the basement would interfere with plumbing in the downstairs restrooms, so that idea is no longer being pursued.
- Oconomowoc Sign has completed repairs to our sign on Forest Home Avenue. All work is guaranteed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Rice, Council Secretary



It's That Time of Year Again – **FLU SEASON**
This year the CDC has issued new recommendations for receiving the flu vaccine. The primary change is the recommendation that all children ages 6 months and through age of 18 receive an annual flu vaccine injection. As always, children younger than 6 months of age should NOT receive influenza vaccination. Household members and other close contacts (daycare providers, older siblings and adolescents, parents and grandparents) should be vaccinated instead. Please contact your pediatrician and follow their advice on this procedure. Children and adolescents at high risk for influenza complications should continue to receive their annual vaccination. Health officials believe vaccinating children will reduce the spread of the flu germ in general as well as protecting the child. Inhaled vaccine might be appropriate for children and adults ages 5-49. Again ask you doctor if this may be a better method of delivery for some people.

Annual recommendations for vaccination for adults have not changed. Vaccination against influenza is recommended for any adult who wants to reduce the risk of becoming ill with the flu or transmitting it to others. There should be adequate amounts of vaccine available this year for all who wish to receive it. Good health habits are essential for **everyone** to avoid or reduce the chance of getting sick.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick or are exhibiting symptoms of the flu.
- Stay home when you are sick. You will help others from catching your illness.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- **Clean your hands often** to help protect you from becoming ill. Wash your hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based sanitizers.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Birthdays

- 1 Evelyn Modrak
 2 Debra Mlnarik
 Ruth Rice
 3 Marilyn Beier
 Jodi Graef
 4 Katayoun Fazio
 Julane Gaffney
 Aimee Schlueter
 5 Sharon Ehleiter
 Jacob Hause
 6 Shane Arthur
 David Brown
 Marilyn Simpson
 Ronald Sorenson
 7 Todd King
 William Nelson
 Kristine Peyer
 8 Emily Biloff
 10 Mitchell Broadhead
 11 Warner Kilbey
 Gina Sparacino
 12 Rachelle Hasenstein
 13 Joseph Hasenstein
 14 Sidney Arthur
 Anna Fredrickson
 Sandra Krause
 15 Grace Vukich
 Larry Wills
 16 Dean Krychowiak
 17 Nicole Thompson
 Daniel Underberg
 18 Collin Krainer
 Deborah Thome
 19 Emily Brown
 Tricia Henneberry
 21 John Just
 Christopher Sorenson
 Danielle Sorenson
 23 Lynda Brothen
 24 Donald Schubert
 25 Janet Cook
 Allen Palmersheim
 26 Heather Nelson
 27 Brady Aderman
 Greg Saari
 Dorothy Simonson
 29 Samuel Bukowski
 Ronald Noeske
 Linda Shea
 30 Susan Schlueter

Anniversaries

- 10 Philip & Deborah Krajewski
 22 Wayne & Sandra Baumgart
 26 Allen & Luverne
 Palmersheim **61**

Social Ministry Update:

The Social Ministry committee is happy to report some exciting numbers concerning our church support for Lutheran World Relief. The Dorcas Circle sewed and assembled a total of 134 quilts since last October. The **School Kit drive was a success**—234 bags filled with the items needed. Both quilts and School Kits were delivered to railroad boxcars for shipment to the warehouse in New Windsor, MD on October 18th. There they are re-packed into huge boxes of kits and bales of quilts for use in disaster areas in the U.S. and for shipment to areas of poverty throughout the world. We sincerely thank anyone who donated yarn and material for the quilt making and who filled school bags or brought school supplies for the bags. Well done, members of Whitnall Park!! **THANK YOU!**

Please continue to support Hope House and the South Side Food Pantry. Your donations of non-perishable food, baby products and toiletries are delivered monthly. Your help is desperately needed as the shelves in the Food Pantry are emptied almost faster than food is available! Your continued help is greatly by the food pantry patrons and the homeless sheltered at Hope House.

The *Produce Table* will be stocked as long as the weather allows. Thank you to all who have enjoyed the fresh produce and who have generously contributed to the *Hunger Container* in exchange for the fresh garden produce. This money will be divided between the Hunger Task Force, America's Second Harvest and the CROP Walk—all groups helping feed the hungry here and around the world!

Fall Clean Up Saturday, November 8th 8:00 am

It seems like we just got into summer and now the leaves are falling along with the temperature. Most of our work will be outside—weather permitting.

Please join us for a morning of fellowship, work and as always—energy snacks and coffee.

—Pat Suderland

WPLC Christmas Cookie Exchange 2008

This year's annual Christmas Cookie Exchange will take place either Sun., Dec. 7th or 14th at 9:30 am. Let me know what your preference is! ...then watch for updated info in December's LEAF...

Sharon Hause

Ascension Lutheran Church
1236 S. Layton Blvd. Milwaukee, WI 53215
The *Ascension Candle Light Concert* will be held on Sunday, **December 7th at 3:00 pm.** This year's theme is "*Kneeling in Bethlehem*". The concert will include the Senior Choir, Handbells, Kids of the Kingdom, Organ and Instrumentalists.

November 2 ALL SAINTS

- 8:30** **Assisting Minister** Jane Dillon-Perkl **Acolyte** Michelle Rubenzer
Ushers Ron Hause, Carl Hanson
Greeter Audrey Grabarczyk
Altar Guild Jerrijo Cowman
- 10:00** **Assisting Minister** Tom Laposki **Acolyte** Maria Sparacino
Ushers Sid Arthur, Steve Mason, Ron Noeske
Greeter Joan Henderson **Nursery** Kathy Ross
Altar Guild Pat Suderland

November 9 Services with Healing/Blessing of Prayer Shawls —Children meet in church

- 8:30** **Assisting Minister** Marjorie Pagel **Acolyte** Tyler Henneberry
Ushers John Hembrook, Dorothy Perkl, Don Jensen
Greeter Evelyn Klug
Altar Guild June Jensen
- 10:00** **Assisting Minister** Mike Sparacino **Acolyte** Alyssa Kaboskey
Ushers Tom Laposki, Brian and Kristi Peyer
Greeter Marilyn King **Nursery** Susan Schlueter

November 16

- 8:30** **Assisting Minister** Ron Sonntag **Acolyte** Amber Martin
Ushers Jim and Linda Shea
Greeter Joan Lance
Altar Guild Sandy Johnson
- 10:00** **Assisting Minister** Ron Labott **Acolyte** Melanie Saari
Ushers Larry Pfeil, Jack King, Brian Martin
Greeter Louise Ludwig **Nursery** Jill Underberg
Altar Guild Dolores Vorpahl

November 23 Christ the King Sunday/Commitment Sunday

- 8:30** **Assisting Minister** Lou Graef **Acolyte** Sarah Martin
Ushers Jim Gaffney, Duane Hause, Lyle Lance
Greeter Sharon Hause
Altar Guild Jim & Linda Shea
- 10:00** **Assisting Minister** Ruth Rice **Acolyte** Andrew Schlueter
Ushers Jerry Pagel, Jerome Thome, Walter Sievert
Greeter Sandra Krause **Nursery** Jessica Callahan
Altar Guild Sandy Abraham

November 30 First Sunday in Advent

- 8:30** **Assisting Minister** Jane Dillon-Perkl **Acolyte** Sarah Schlueter
Ushers Jim and Linda Shea
Greeter Shirley Meyer
- 10:00** **Assisting Minister** Kim Mason **Acolyte** Maddison Underberg
Ushers Jerry Pagel, Walter Sievert, Brian Martin
Greeter Charlotte MacPherson **Nursery** Tricia Henneberry
Altar Guild Marilyn King

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

Autumn greetings!

The confirmation students will be attending Lutherdale Bible camp for the Fall Confirmation Retreat. They will spend the weekend experiencing Luther and the Reformation movement that made the church. Why was it so important for him to tuck up that note on the church door, and how he started a movement that changed Christianity forever.

Believe it or not, our Christmas program is right around the corner—December 21st at 10:00 am. Be sure to watch for upcoming information regarding the program. Please keep our Kindergarten teacher, Lori Nelson, in your thoughts and prayers. She will be out for the rest of the year due to back surgery. We look forward to her speedy return.

**How do you mend a broken Jack-O-Lantern?
—With a pumpkin patch!**

JUST 4 YOUTH!

The Crop Walk on October 12th was wonderful! We had a combined total of 31 people with the Confirmation Class and Youth Group along with Charles Schoenleber, Pastor and Kathy Fazio – it was beautiful day for a blessed event! Thank you All!

Our group going to the **ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA July 22-26, 2009** is pictured below – 30,000 have already registered. The ELCA needs 500 “more” Servant Companions to help in New Orleans. The target age group is 20-25 years old, but they will also take the “young at heart”. If anyone is interested check out the ELCA Gathering website for details, call or email Kathy Graef (414-525-2811, kgraef@wi.rr.com).

The Youth Group will be fundraising for the trip to New Orleans, beginning in November with the Youth Group Annual Cookie Dough sales – just in time for Christmas cookie baking! Please watch the weekly church bulletin for details.



The 2nd Sunday of each Month the Youth Group sponsors the Coffee Hour, so please plan to join us for between service refreshments.

The “tentative” Youth Group Meeting Schedule: November 2nd, November 30th, December 28th.



November 2008

Whitnall Park Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">1</p> <p>11:30 AM BABY SHOWER FOR KATHY FAZIO</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time ends</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">2</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday school ALL SAINTS</p> <p>Youth Group Meeting</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">3</p> <p>7:00 PM Dartball</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">4</p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">5</p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse is here</p> <p>1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit</p> <p>6:45 PM God's Young Voices</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">6</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">7</p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours</p> <p>7:00 PM Rehearsal Sorvick/Jaeger</p> <p>Pastor's day off</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">8</p> <p>8:00 AM - 12:00 PM FALL CLEAN UP</p> <p>3:00 PM Wedding Sorvick/Jaeger</p> <p>*Sunday school meets in church tomorrow</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">9</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Andresen Baptism</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday school</p> <p>11:30 AM CONFIRMATION</p> <p>Services with Healing</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">10</p> <p>7:00 PM Dartball</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">11</p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class</p> <p>6:30 PM Property</p> <p>7:00 PM Christian Ed</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship & Music</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">12</p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse is here</p> <p>11:30 AM Ladies Aid</p> <p>1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit</p> <p>6:45 PM God's Young Voices</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">13</p> <p>8:30 AM OWLS meet at the Forum Restaurant</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">14</p> <p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Office hours</p> <p>Pastor's day off</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">15</p>
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<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">23</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday school</p> <p>11:30 AM CONFIRMATION</p> <p>Christ the King COMMITMENT SUNDAY</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">24</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">25</p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>9:30 AM Friends</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting class</p> <p>7:00 PM Council meeting</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">26</p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse is here</p> <p>1:00 PM Sit 'n Be Fit</p> <p>7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship-WPLC</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THANKS-GIVING</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">28</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Pastor's day off</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">29</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">30</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday school</p> <p>First Sunday in Advent</p> <p>Youth Group Meeting</p>						



As I was thinking about what to write for this month's newsletter article, I naturally thought of Thanksgiving and how much we have to be thankful for. It then occurred to me that this would likely be the topic for many church articles this month and therefore decided to give my piece a little more consideration before I began writing. As I was looking through various commentaries about the Thanksgiving holiday, I came across a picture of the Horn of Plenty and thought, *"I've seen this symbol for the last 38 years, and although I have an idea as to what it means, I have no idea where it comes from?"* Hence, a newsletter article is born.

The Horn of Plenty (a.k.a. Cornucopia) is a symbol of prosperity and affluence that dates back to the 5th century before Christ. In Greek mythology, Amalthea (the foster mother of Zeus) raised and fed her son on the milk of a goat; in return, Zeus (the leader of the mythological Greek gods) gave her the goat's horn, which apparently had the power to give to the person who possessed it whatever he or she wished for. Thus began the legend of the Horn of Plenty.

The great thing about symbols is that although they have an original representation, we can take their meaning and personalize it to suit the context of our own lives. As Christians, we can therefore look at how the Horn of Plenty can be represented in our lives as followers of Jesus.

For example, the Horn symbolizes prosperity and affluence, but what does prosperity and affluence look like in the Christian life? Does it have to do with the amount of grace that one receives? Is it the amount of work that one does in service to the neighbor or at the local congregation? Is it the amount of time, talent and resources that are shared in the name of Christ? Well, the answer to all these must be a firm and unyielding 'NO.' What makes the Christian life prosperous and affluent is simply the presence of the living Christ...no more and no less! Because of Christ's presence, we can live lives of true affluence by knowing a sense of peace, serenity and hope that transcends anything that could be obtained through the things of this world.

The Horn is also said to have the power to give to the person who possesses it whatever he or she desires. Thanks be to God that this idea comes from Greek mythology and is far from reality. Can you imagine what your life would look like if you got everything you desired? I don't know about you, but for me, some of the best gifts I've received have been the times when God shot down my finest ideas for something of His own design. My affluent life in Christ is best lived if I simply show up and remain willing to go wherever God calls, rather than me telling Him where I ought to be led next.

Looking at all that God has done and is doing in our lives truly gives us reason to be grateful. So, I guess this article is turning out to be one of Thanksgiving after all; Thanks be to God for allowing us to live lives full of affluence and prosperity in Christ...and Thanks be to God for not allowing us to get everything we think we want or desire.

Thankfully in Christ,

Pastor Michael