

March Calendar of Events

March 6th	New member welcome
March 9th	ASH WEDNESDAY—worship at 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
March 9th	Soup Lunch at 12:30 pm & Soup Supper at 6:00 pm These meals are a fund raiser for the Parking Lot
March 10th	Articles for the LEAF are due
March 13th	Healing services
March 16th, 23rd, 30th	Mid-week worship, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
March 16th, 23rd, 30th	Regular Soup lunch 12:30, and supper at 6:00 pm
March 17th	Evening Bible Study at 7:00 pm
March 19th	Dartball Tournament at Hales Corners Lutheran

- Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on Sundays
- Please bring your aluminum cans and Campbell labels on the second Sunday, March 13th, ONLY.
- Dorcas Circle meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- Sunday School at 10:15 am—meets in church Sunday, March 13th.
- God's Young Voices—meets Sundays at 9:40 am.
- Senior Choir meets every Wednesday at 8:00 pm during Lent.
- Health and Wellness meeting, Friday, March
- Worship & Music meets Tuesday, March 8th, at 7:00 pm
- Good News Bible Study meets Wednesday, May 11, at 11:30 am. Please come to the Ash Wednesday worship, March 9th at Noon or 7:00 pm.
- OWLS meet on Thursday, March 10th, at 8:30 am at Forum Restaurant
- Property committee meeting Tuesday, March 8th, at 6:30 pm.
- Christian Education meeting Tuesday, March 1st, at 7:00 pm
- Evening Bible Study meets Thursday, March 17th, 7:00 pm.
- Friends meet Tuesday, March 29th, at 9:30 am.
- Parish Nurse, Barb Estrada is here on Wednesday mornings but not, March 16th, she will be here on Friday, March 18th, of that week.

Information re. Church Picnic

New coordinators for our annual church picnic are needed this year. Sharon and Pat feel it's time for new coordinators to take over this much anticipated annual event and have stepped down, although Pat has offered to help contact businesses for door prizes, if needed. Please consider chairing or co-chairing this important ministry for WPLC ... it is open to new ideas, new format, new season ... whatever would fit your time or schedule. A potluck dinner has been suggested; raffle baskets are optional; even changing it to June or July is a possibility. If you are interested, or need more information or a little persuasion ☺, contact the office or Pat Suderland or Sharon Hause.



Chronic Kidney Disease

You know when you have a headache, sore throat, a cold or the flu. But do you know if you have Chronic Kidney Disease? This condition is often called “the silent disease” because it frequently isn’t detected until it has reached a later stage. March is National Kidney Month, the perfect time to take this test from the National Kidney Foundation by seeing if any of these statements pertain to you:

1. You have diabetes
2. You have high blood pressure or heart disease
3. You have a family history of chronic kidney disease
4. You are 60 years of age or older
5. Your ethnic background is African-American, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander

Healthy kidneys balance your body’s fluids by filtering and releasing wastes and excess fluids from your body as urine; regulate your body’s fluid level and important minerals in your blood such as sodium, potassium, phosphorus and calcium; remove drugs and toxins from your body; and release hormones into your blood that control blood pressure, make red blood cells and keep your bones healthy. When you have chronic kidney disease, your kidneys can no longer perform these functions properly.

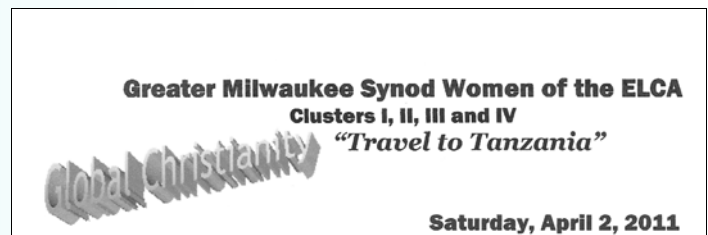
According to the National Kidney foundation, 26 million Americans have CKD, but don’t know it. The leading cause of CKD is diabetes and high blood pressure. Some kidney diseases are inherited or congenital. Drugs and toxins can also cause kidney problems. Using large numbers of over-the-counter pain relievers for a long time may be harmful to the kidneys. Certain other medications, toxins, pesticides and “street” drugs can cause kidney damage.

Diabetes increases pressure inside the kidney’s filters. Over a period of time this pressure damages the filters, which then leak protein into the urine. High blood pressure means that the pressure of your blood against the walls of the blood vessels increases. If left untreated, hypertension can lead to CKD, heart attack and strokes. A sudden onset of kidney disease could be Acute Kidney Disease. This usually occurs within days or even hours of being diagnosed with a new medical condition, trauma, surgery, or having received dyes used in some

medical tests. Most often, acute kidney disease is reversible.

Chronic Kidney disease is a slow progression of failure over a period of years. This is good news because, if CKD is caught early, medications and lifestyle changes may help slow its progress and keep you feeling your best for as long as possible. Some simple tests can be done to detect early kidney disease. They are having your blood pressure checked and receiving treatment if needed; a test for protein in the urine and a test for blood creatinine. If you said yes to any one of the questions above or want more information about this medical condition, ask your doctor about getting tested for kidney disease.

—Barb Estrada, Parish Nurse, RN



The Women of the ELCA Clusters I, II, III, and IV Invite you to our Spring Event:

“*Travel to Tanzania*” presented by Pastor Gail Broderson-Heins and Julie Starks, both of St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church, Greendale. (Pastor Gail and Julie were members of a 2010 delegation from Greater Milwaukee Synod to the Meru Diocese in Tanzania.)

Date: Saturday, April 2, 2011

Place: Luther Manor, Linden Room, North Terrace Dining Room-4545 N. 92nd Street

Time: 8:30 a.m. – Registration until lunch

9 a.m. - Noon Bible Study and Program

Pastor Gail Broderson-Heins and Julie Starks,
12 Noon Lunch (Chicken Salad Croissant)

Cost: Registration and Luncheon \$10

Registration only (no lunch) \$ 2

(Cost includes Mid-morning Refreshment break.)

Registration deadline: March 22

Mail registration form and check (payable to Jan Fox) to: Jan Fox, Treasurer

4130 Carnaby Lane, New Berlin, WI 53151

Questions: Call Marjorie Pagel, 414-425-4066

Council minutes from December 2010

Members in Attendance: Betty Hembrook, Van Johnson, Jennine Sonntag, Donna Winiarski, Sandy Sannes, Pastor Michael Fazio, Jill Underberg, Jennifer Breese and Lou Graef. Member Absent: Kurt Kaempfer

Also present: Joe Posek (WPLC member)

Nomination and Election of New Council Member:

Motion made, seconded and carried to elect Jennifer Breese to serve the remainder of Gloria Brinkmeier's term. Nomination of Jennifer Breese to serve as council liaison to Endowment Committee (along with Kurt Kaempfer because the Endowment Committee requires two council liaisons). ***Motion was seconded and carried.***

Treasurer's Report – Donna Winiarski:

Balance Sheets and Treasurer's Report are distributed. Mortgage balance is \$330,653.87. Mortgage payment is \$4,386/month. Amount owned on the parking lot loan is \$20,000. We owe \$1,740.18 for the cookbooks. We have \$88.22 in the parking lot fund. We have collected \$2,108.82 in cookbook sales. We have \$35,655.98 in the building renovation fund and \$4,530 in the mortgage payment fund. Our general fund checking account balance is \$60,675.36. ***Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.***

Pastor's Report:

Joe Posek shared his experiences as Treasurer and council member within his former long-time congregation.

There were good turn-outs for Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the Sunday after Christmas. The Blue Christmas service was sparsely-attended but nice. The Grief Group was successful. Pastor would like to do it again next year.

The new Director of Christian Education, Robin Brodie, will start on January 3.

Pastor Fazio submitted a breakdown of all pastoral acts between 11/24/10 and 12/28/10 including: led worship and preached at 14 services (including Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas services); seven hospital visits; five pastoral counseling appointments; four home visitations; 11 home/hospital communions; 28 pastoral phone calls; led Thursday evening and Wednesday afternoon Bible studies; one healing service; Confirmation instruction; Pre-marriage meeting – Jennifer Palmersheim and Matt Sutton – Dec. 14; Thanksgiving Eve worship at Emanuel UCC –

Nov. 24; Funeral planning meeting with the Dietz family – Dec. 1; Funeral of Ardeth Dietz – Dec. 6; Christmas Eve worship 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. Christmas Day worship – 10:15 a.m.; Sunday, Dec. 26 worship – 10:15 a.m. only; Funeral planning meeting with the Eggert family; Funeral of Bill Eggert —Dec. 17.

Other activities for this time period include: Choir Music Sunday – Dec. 12; Sunday School Christmas program – Dec. 19; Blue Christmas service – Dec. 15; Friendship Circle Christmas party – Dec. 5; Friends Group – Nov. 30; Grief Group – Nov. 30, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11; Altar Guild meeting – Dec. 5; Christmas luncheon with Dorcas Group – Dec. 7.

Local Pastor's Meetings: Cluster III Pastor's Pericope Studies – Tuesdays at Noon; Veterans Task Force Meetings; Green Corners Christmas party (ecumenical clergy group).

Other WPLC business Pastor was involved with during this time period included: continuing the process of changing financial accounting practices at WPLC; hired Robin Brodie as WPLC Dir. of Christian Ed.

Upcoming activities include: Green Corners Pulpit Exchange – Jan. 16; WPLC Annual Meeting – Feb. 6.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education – Jennine Sonntag

The Sunday School Christmas program went well.

Endowment – Kurt Kaempfer

The Endowment Committee has committed to \$10,000 for the Dir. of Christian Ed. position.

Finance – Van Johnson

We have \$35,000 in the Building Renovation Fund. We will take \$10,000 out to pay down the mortgage principal. This still leaves plenty of funds to take care of shortfalls that may occur in the summer months.

Fellowship – Sandy Sannes

Our sign says "Welcome Robin Brodie" in anticipation of Robin joining our staff on Jan. 3. A "meet and greet Robin" during coffee hour is proposed to take place on Jan. 9.

Health and Wellness – Jill Underberg

The Health and Wellness Committee has a new member – Cathy Paremski. Three birthday cakes have been delivered to shut-ins and the recipients have been happy to be remembered on their birthdays. The "Bless the Years" Sunday and the Luther Manor Auxiliary Drive will take place on May 1. A breakfast or lunch for the prayer shawl creators will be held in January.

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Property – Van Johnson

Paid \$10,000 of the \$30,000 parking lot loan back. A chili lunch parking lot fundraiser will be held on Sunday, Jan. 30.

Stewardship – Sandy Sannes

The time and talent questionnaires need to be reviewed and compiled so that volunteers can be contacted. Sandy will speak to Sandy Kestner about doing this by the end of January. The time and talent questionnaires will need to be revised as they are out of date.

Audit – Van Johnson

This will be completed after the close of the 2010 books.

Mutual Ministry – Jill Underberg

Jill and Randy Sannes will discuss how they feel this ministry is going.

Social Ministry—Betty Hembrook

Our congregation responded generously and gave Christmas gifts for the veterans and the kids at Hope House. Also, a large collection of mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for kids and adults of all ages were taken to Hope House on Dec. 19. The Produce Table, funds from the Hunger Jug and Social Ministry Committee Coffee Hour, plus a donation from Thrivent provided \$735 which was equally split between two charitable organizations – the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and the Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee. The WPLC Sunday School collected toys for Hope House. There is an on-going collection of non-perishable food for Hope House. WPLC will again be collecting soup for Hope House and money for the Hunger Task Force on Sunday, Feb. 6.

Old Business

Annual Congregational meetings – This meeting will be held on Feb. 6, 2011.

Constitution/By-Laws Changes – Jerry Pagel has drafted the changes to the Constitution and the By-Laws concerning the process of electing new council members in February in order to start new terms in March, 2011.

Council recruitment for 2011 – Joan Lance has agreed to serve on council.

Mission Statement – The new mission statement should be short and able to be memorized by everyone in the congregation. We will have a contest for the congregation to enter with a suggested mission statement.

New Business

Annual Reports – These are due on Jan. 4, 2011.

The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2011 (the third Tuesday rather than the fourth which falls on Pastor's birthday this year).

Submitted by Jennine Sonntag, Council Secretary.

Council Minutes from January 18th, 2011

Members in Attendance: Betty Hembrook, Van Johnson, Donna Winiarski, Pastor Michael Fazio, Jill

Underberg, Jennifer Breese and Lou Graef.

Members Absent: Kurt Kaempfer, Jennine Sonntag, Sandy Sannes. Also present: Robin Brodie

Treasurer's Report – Donna Winiarski:

Need to connect with Nolan Accounting to finish 2010 numbers for Annual Meeting. Work in process.

Bank is charging \$7.00 monthly service fee for having over 500 transactions (check deposits).

Less than 300 cookbooks left (any more sold will be pure profit).

Pastor's Report: Pastor Fazio submitted a breakdown of all pastoral acts between 12/29/10-1/18/11

including: led worship and preached at 5 services (including 1 service at Christ Methodist Pulpit exchange), 5 hospital visits, 2 Pastoral Counseling Appointments, 2 Home Visitations, 3 Home/Hospital Communion, 21 Pastoral Phone Calls, Lead Thursday evening Bible Study and Wednesday afternoon Bible Study, 1 Healing Service, Confirmation Instruction, Pre-marriage meeting-Jennifer Palmerheim and Matt Sutton-Dec 14, funeral planning with Flower Family, 1 funeral-Betty Flower-Jan 5th.

Other activities for this time period include:

Local Pastor's Meetings: Cluster III Pastor's Periscope Studies – Tuesdays at noon; Veterans Task Force Meetings

Other business: Council agreed for the church to purchase a Kindle for Pastor's use.

Council agreed for Pastor to attend a continuing education program from May 16th- 20th in Minneapolis, MN.

Pastor met with Robin Brodie and Kelly Brown for a year-long planning session for Christian Ed. and Worship/Music schedule.

Pastor will sign Barb Estrada's pay increase of 3% and send to Luther Manor.

Upcoming activities include: Synod Luncheon at Jackson Park Lutheran Church for Cluster III Clergy, Confirmation Program-Death and Dying (including visit to Hartson Funeral Home on January 23, 2011), WPLC Annual Meeting-February 6th, Continuing education opportunity Minneapolis, MN -May 16-20th (Festival of Homiletics).

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Christian Education – Robin Brodie**

Robin has been busy and has had a wonderful first two weeks (very thankful for the warm welcome).

Activities including: Preached Children's Sermon on January 9th, attended partial meeting of the Board of

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Education on January 4 as well as a staff meeting on January 5th. Met with Sandy Sannes to discuss how she can help the Book Club (created template for book club leaders to use), met with Kelly Brown to begin planning for the Summer Intergenerational Activity, is working with Kelly on creating a learning opportunity for summer possibly around the theme of “The Gospel according to Dr. Seuss”, met with Kelly and Pastor to work on 2011 Workshop and Christian Education Planning Calendar (scheduled to preach children’s sermon every third month, rotating with Kelly and Pastor), observed confirmation class on January 9th (will observe again on January 23) and is scheduled to teach on February 6, looking at possible adult education opportunities during Lent as well as future opportunities during the year.

Finance – Van Johnson

Discussion was held about the pledges that have been made for 2011 (2011 pledges need to be compared to 2010 pledges).

Preparing financial information for the annual meeting on February 6, 2011.

Fellowship – presented by Lou Graef on behalf of Sandy Sannes

Mother/Daughter Banquet being planned for May.

Time/talent sheets need to be summarized.

Suggestion to list Robin Brodie’s hours in the yellow church bulletin.

Suggestion to post all of church activities including committee chairs/contact information.

Health and Wellness – Jill Underberg

No Meeting in December.

Betty Hembrook passed along a suggestion for the Bless the Years Sunday (May 1st) to honor 2 charter members.

Worship and Music – Donna Winiarski

Vacation Bible School will be held for 1 day in summer.

Property – Van Johnson

Current snowplow charges are less than last year.

Hot water heaters-2 are in the process of being purchased.

Discussion of getting dimmer switch for the sanctuary (a memorial has been given for this purchase).

Stewardship- Sandy Sannes

The time and talent questionnaires need to be reviewed and compiled so that volunteers can be contacted. The time and talent survey form needs revision.

Audit – Van Johnson

Will be scheduling audit for February/March.

Mutual Ministry – Jill Underberg

Pastor, Jill, and Randy Sannes met and determined that this ministry is meeting the needs of the church employees.

Social Ministry—Betty Hembrook

Money and cans of soup will be collected for “Souper” Bowl Sunday on February 6, 2011, and donated to the Hunger Task Force and Hope House. Non-perishable food items and other items such as toiletries and baby products can be placed in baskets at the entrance to Hornburg Hall on any Sunday and will be delivered to Hope House.

Old Business

Overseeing the staffing of the nursery has been assigned to the Christian Education Committee (a volunteer coordinator is needed and volunteer training will be provided).

Annual Congregational meeting – This meeting will be held on Feb. 6, 2011 (after second service).

Church Council, Vice President, Van Johnson will be presiding at the meeting.

Church Council President, Lou Graef, will prepare the agenda for the annual meeting.

Constitution/By-Laws Changes – Bylaws changes have been prepared and the Congregation will need to approve these changes at the annual meeting on February 6.

Memorial – How memorial funds are going to be used was discussed.

New Council Members – Brian Lynch, Joe Posick, and Joan Lance have agreed to be elected to serve on council. Van Johnson and Betty Hembrook will need to be elected for their second term of two years on council.

Mission Statement – A new Mission statement needs to be written for our congregation.

2011 Church Budget- The 2011 Budget is being prepared for the Annual Congregational meeting on February 6.

New Business

The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2011.

Submitted by Jennifer Breese

Acting Secretary for 1/18/11 meeting

Birthdays

2	Ronald Hause		Raymond Remington		Kayelynn Cameron
	Scott Johnson		Edith Smith	25	Debbie Schulte
	Alyssa Schubert	17	Joshua Hareng	26	Casey Kienbaum
4	Travis Brugger		Mark Winiarski	27	Keith Jankowski
5	Stephen Meier		Irene Bonnert	28	Justine Kaempfer
7	Korine Vierthaler	18	Jennifer Schubert		Sarah Knier
	Warren Wollmer		Alan Gellings	29	Ryan Sparacino
8	Michael Krajewski	19	Russell Goetz	30	Denise Jankowski
9	Joan Maasz		Kirsten Henneberry	31	Marlys Boyer
	Anthony Seaks		Jason Krainer		Kristin Hause
11	John Meyer	20	William Sorvick		Chris Crawley
	Donald Ross		Dawn Stein		Jerrel Kruschke
13	Lucas Rakow		Walter Sievert		Georgi Llanas
14	Kelleen Brown	21	Savanah Cousert		
	Tyler Kronquist	22	Kurtis Kaempfer	1	Jerry & Sally Cole
15	Claire Staats		Sheila Mittelstaedt	16	Donald & Bonnie Hareng
16	Heidi Bukowski		Robert Bonnert	20	Kenneth & JoAnn Kiefer 57
	Kenneth Kiefer	23		21	Robert & Barbara Gollash 58

Anniversaries

Senior High School

WPLC Endowment Fund Scholarships

All current high school seniors are encouraged to apply for the \$750 education scholarship offered by the Endowment Fund, to be used to further their education at either a college, university, or technical school. The application form is available from the church office or you may download it from the church website (www.wplc.net). Deadline is April 15th, 2011. Please be sure to obtain all of your required paperwork prior to submitting the application.

Whitnall Park Spring Rummage Sale

The annual spring rummage and bake sale will be held on **Friday May 6 and Saturday May 7**, this year. Please save your "*treasures*" (furniture, household items, knick knacks, books, tools etc) and encourage your friends and neighbors to do likewise. Collecting these "treasures" at church will begin on **Monday April 25, the day AFTER Easter**. Volunteers for sorting, displaying and helping with the sale are greatly appreciated. We hope to make this year's sale the best ever.

Book Club

Book club will meet the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the church. Everyone is welcome.

March 21 - *The Alienist* by Calab Carr

A New York Times reporter and a psychologist (alienist), enlisted by NY police commissioner Teddy Roosevelt, work together on a murder investigation.

April 18 - *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff

This novel tells two parallel stories of polygamy. The first recounts Brigham Young's expulsion of one of his wives from the Mormon Church and the second is a modern-day mystery set in a polygamous compound in Utah.

May 16 - *Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas

An unforgettable tale of friendship between two women, one in which the deepest of hardships are shared and darkest secrets are confessed.

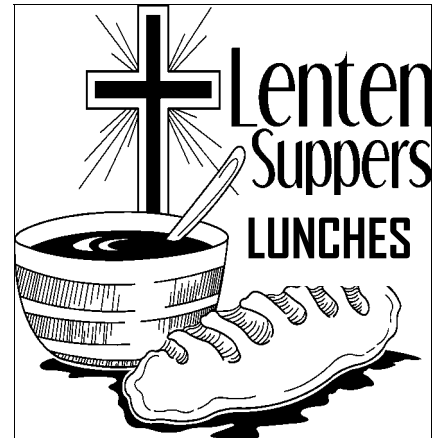
September 19 - *Second Glance* by Jodi Picoult

Ghosts and ghost hunters collide in this tale of the paranormal set in Vermont's green mountains. Taking place in modern-day, the novel delves into Vermont's eugenics project of the 1920s and 30s to provide a compelling study of things that come back to haunt us--literally and figuratively.



A Dollar A Day for Poverty Lenten Campaign

The Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA has challenged 40 of its member congregations to enlist 40 families to raise one dollar a day during the 40 days of Lent to support 22 congregations and ministries working to be a light of Christ in the poorest neighborhoods of our Synod. Participants in this campaign will receive 40 daily devotions and an offering “bank.” Whitnall Park is taking part in the campaign this year. Copies of the devotions will be available to every member and the donation level can be more or less than a dollar a day. The hope is that by combining all of the donations the amount will reach \$40 for 40 families. The money is desperately needed and will go to help many people. The discipline of using the devotions and putting some amount in the “bank” daily will make Lent more meaningful to any individual or family who participates in this campaign.



LENTEN

SOUP LUNCHES at

12:30 pm AND

SOUP SUPPERS at

6:00 pm

...beginning

Wednesday,

March 16th, 2011

Keeping a Holy Lent—Fast From—Feast On

- Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; Feast on divine order.
- Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.
- Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.
- Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.
- Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift.
- Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.

—William Arthur Ward

Sign-up Sheet will be posted on the kiosk in Hornburg Hall for volunteers to cook their favorite soup recipe for about 16 to 24 people – or, if you are unable to make a large amount of soup, you may “partner” with someone else and share recipes, or even make two different soups. We’re flexible and food-friendly at WPLC!

From My Perch:

When you are named after the first bird to reappear in the spring, winter is a difficult season for me. I enjoy the first snow, a white Christmas, even a “clean-up” every so often, but enough already. I’m dreaming of daffodils, hyacinths and tulips—and especially of robins returning to Wisconsin. My dreams must be a sign that spring is on its way, along with the season of Lent. We are closer to setting dates for an adult Bible study on prayer with a session on meditation possibly included. Along with the Bible study, we will host church leaders from other faith groups in our area to discuss prayer. That session will be held on a Sunday morning.

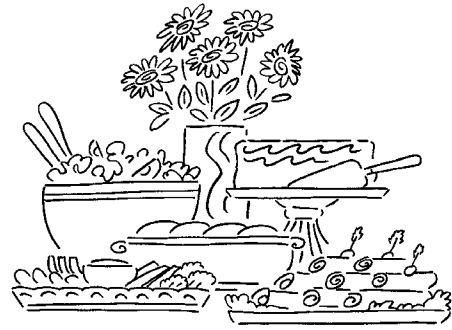
I am looking forward to the Book Club’s discussion of “*Heaven is for Real*”, led by Kelly Brown, and next month’s discussion of “*The Alienist*” by Caleb Carr, which I will lead in March. Kelly and I will continue to look into a summer program, “*The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss*” which will feature sessions for adults and children. Hopefully the children will be able to come in their pajamas and participate in the wonderful stories by Dr. Seuss, perhaps even outdoors on the lawn. With the 25th anniversary of the beloved “*Peanuts*” characters, a book, “*The Gospel According to Peanuts*” has also come out, and I am looking at perhaps developing a study around that book as well.

I have enjoyed meeting more of you by attending the Friends meeting and the Health and Wellness Committee meeting as well as the Board of Education meetings and the Council meeting. I have been working with the Confirmation class, and they have agreed to participate in an intergeneration event—also in an effort to think that spring really is on its way! It’s a surprise—so more on that later.

Later this month I will be contacting more of the youth to survey their interests in participating in church life, and I am especially looking for high school students to participate in a “Getting Ready for High School” panel for our confirmation students. If you are a high school student or a recent graduate, and you would be willing to participate in a panel on a Sunday morning, please send me an e-mail at: robinbrodie@yahoo.com.

Finally I am thinking about getting our youth together to interview our veterans to create a booklet in time for Veteran’s Day next November. This project is in the very early stages. I would like to kick it off sometime near Memorial Day and plan for the unveiling in November. To begin, I will need the names and contact information for the veterans in our congregation. Please send them to me via e-mail at: robinbrodie@yahoo.com or leave the information on my desk—or stop by during my office hours.

In faith, I remain,
Robin Nehring Brodie



PARKING LOT FUND RAISER— Ash Wednesday Soup Luncheon at 12:30 pm and Soup Supper at 5:30 pm

Breaking from the traditional pancake supper on Ash Wednesday we will be serving up a soup lunch after the noon service and a soup supper before the evening service. Please watch your Sunday bulletins for more information. Proceeds to go to the parking lot fund drive.

Mother-Daughter Dinner 2011

Mark your calendars for Thursday evening, May 12, 2011 for a Mother-Daughter Dinner. Bridal Gowns Through the Years will be our theme this year. More information will follow.

Social Ministry Update:

“Souper” Bowl Results

The Green Bay Packers won the Super Bowl, but members of Whitnall Park helped win the “Souper Bowl.” Thanks to everyone who brought in 123 cans of soup and 99 other non-perishable food items. They were delivered to Hope House for the Southside Food Pantry after church on Sunday, February 6th. Members also placed \$137 in the soup kettles. That along with \$63 in Social Ministry Coffee Hour funds is being sent to the Hunger Task Force. The food and money will be used to fight poverty and hunger in the Greater Milwaukee area.

Hope House

Non-perishable food items are collected each Sunday for Hope House. **The next delivery will be after church on Sunday, March 6th.**

March 6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

8:30	Assisting Minister Linda Shea Ushers Ron Hause, Carl Hanson Greeter Shirley Meyer Altar Guild Pat Suderland	Acolyte Lucas Hoffmann
10:15	Assisting Minister Tom Laposki Ushers Ron Noeske, Paul Saari, Gregg Saari Greeter Sandra Krause Altar Guild Dorothy Saari	Acolyte Abby Callahan Nursery Laura Rakow

March 9 ASH WEDNESDAY Worship 12:00 & 7:00 pm

12:00 pm	Assisting Minister Lou Graef Altar Guild Bernice Sparacino	Ushers Dorothy Perkl, John Hembrook
7:00 pm	Assisting Minister Kraig Sorvick Ushers Gregg Saari, Paul Saari	Acolyte Julia Callahan Altar Guild Evelyn Schubert

March 13 Services with Healing — Sunday school children meet in church

8:30	Assisting Minister Jane Dillon-Perkl Ushers John Hembrook, Jerrijo Cowman, Ken Perkl Greeter Karen Olson Altar Guild Shirle Holt	Acolyte Kaitlyn Martin
10:15	Assisting Minister Kris Laposki Ushers Tom Laposki, Brian & Kristi Peyer Greeter Charlotte MacPherson	Acolyte Zachary Paneitz Nursery Becky Sorvick

March 16 Wednesday Worship 12:00 and 12:30/ Lenten Lunch 7:00 pm Worship 6:15 Lenten Supper**March 20**

8:30	Assisting Minister Ron Sonntag Ushers Jim and Linda Shea Greeter Karen Paddock Altar Guild Jerrijo Cowman	Acolyte Emily Brown
10:15	Assisting Minister Laurie Sorvick Ushers Larry Pfeil, Brian Martin, Jack King Greeter Aimee Schlueter Altar Guild Jane Prescott/Pat Suderland	Acolyte Brittney Henneberry Nursery Jill Underberg

March 23 Wednesday Worship 12:00 and 12:30 /Lenten Lunch 7:00 pm Worship 6:15 Lenten Supper**March 27**

8:30	Assisting Minister Kristen Martens Ushers Jim Gaffney, Duane Hause, Lyle Lance Greeter Dorothy Perkl	Acolyte Scott Johnson
10:15	Assisting Minister Rebecca Sorvick Ushers Jerry Pagel, Jerome Thome, Walter Sievert Greeter Nancy Sherman Altar Guild Julie Ann Sorenson	Acolyte Jacqueline Underberg Nursery Kelly Lynch/Jessica Stanton

March 30 Wednesday Worship 12:00 and 12:30/ Lenten Lunch 7:00 pm Worship 6:15 Lenten Supper

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

As I write this article and see the foot of snow outside of my office window, I continue to remind myself that there are only 40 more days until Spring!

During this Lenten Season, the Sunday school children will be working on filling our ark.

Our goal is to fill the ark with animals, by doing

Acts of Random Kindness.

Each time an act of kindness is completed, the children will take a paper animal and write their name and act of kindness completed. The animal is then placed on the ark. Whether it be holding the door for someone, helping a neighbor in need or just giving a big smile to a stranger - any act big or small is welcome. Yes, *you* can help us to fill the ark too!

We encourage **everyone** to be kind and lend a hand.

In the month of March, the fifth grade Sunday school class will be painting chalices and baking unleavened bread to be used for their first communion. Due to the work involved, we will be working on the chalices over several Sundays. While I know that circumstances arise and children cannot be at church every Sunday, attendance is very important during this time. This is a memorable project that we would like all of the fifth graders to participate in.

We are encouraging the Sunday school children to attend the Good Friday service with their family. Workbooks will be available for children attending the service. These workbooks use games and kid friendly explanations for each day of Holy Week.



During this Lenten season let us never forget:

**We love because He first loved us.
1 John 4:19**

Please take note of the following dates:

March 13th, Daylight Savings Time begins - set your clock ahead 1 hour

April 1 & 2, First Communion classes for the Fifth grade

April 17th, Palm Sunday



April 21st, Maundy Thursday - Fifth grade class takes their first communion

April 22nd, Good Friday

April 24th, Easter - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 2011

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>12:30 PM Sit 'n Be Fit</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting</p> <p>7:00 PM Christian Ed meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior Choir</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pastor's day off.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:40 AM God's Young Voices</p> <p>10:15 AM Sunday school</p> <p>11:30 AM Confirmation Class</p> <p>New Member Welcome</p> <p>Transfiguration of Our Lord</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 PM Dartball League</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting</p> <p>6:30 PM Property</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship & Music</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse</p> <p>12:00 PM - 7:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP</p> <p>12:30 PM - 5:30 PM SOUP Lunch & Supper Parking Lot Fund Raiser</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 AM OWLS meet at the Forum</p> <p>LEAF ARTICLES ARE DUE</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pastor's day off.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time-Turn your clocks ahead tonight.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:40 AM God's Young Voices</p> <p>10:15 AM Sunday school meets in church</p> <p>Services with Healing</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 PM Dartball make-up if needed.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p> <p>12:30 PM Lenten Lunch</p> <p>6:00 PM Lenten Supper</p> <p>8:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 PM Evening Bible Study</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse</p> <p>10:00 AM Health & Wellness meeting</p> <p>Pastor's day off.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Dartball Tournament at Hales Corners Lutheran Church</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:40 AM God's Young Voices</p> <p>10:15 AM Sunday school</p> <p>10:15 AM Williamson Baptism</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>12:30 PM Sit 'n Be Fit</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting</p> <p>7:00 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse</p> <p>12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p> <p>12:30 PM Lenten Lunch</p> <p>6:00 PM Lenten Supper</p> <p>8:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 AM Assemble the LEAF</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pastor's day off.</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:40 AM God's Young Voices</p> <p>10:15 AM Sunday school</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Dorcas</p> <p>9:30 AM Friends Meeting</p> <p>12:30 PM Sit 'n Be Fit</p> <p>1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 AM Parish Nurse</p> <p>12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p> <p>12:30 PM Lenten Lunch</p> <p>6:00 PM Lenten Supper</p> <p>8:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>31</p>		



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I remember a time at Hope Lutheran Church in Bowers, PA (my first call) when I was teaching an adult education class on the Apostle's Creed and we came to the section where we profess, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church..." During our conversation, one elderly woman mustered up her nerve and asked, "Pastor, why do we say we believe in the "Catholics"? I went on to explain that "catholic" with a small "c" refers to the universal nature of the church and not the Roman Catholic brand of Christian belief. It never occurred to me that a woman who had spent her whole life in the Lutheran church would not have known that particular aspect of the faith...but then again, why would she if it were never taught!

This idea has led me to my preaching theme for this upcoming Lenten season. As you know, I try to choose a particular theme on which to base the homily for the five mid-week services (not counting Ash Wednesday, which has its own message.) This year I'm going to focus on the Liturgy (literally, "The work of the people") and how our structure of worship is based in the Holy Scriptures. Did you know this?

The outline will be as follows:

Week 1: **The Invocation** – from *Matthew 28:19*

Week 2: **The Greeting** – from *2 Cor. 13:13*

Week 3: **The Sharing of the Peace** – from *John 20:19, 21, 26*

Week 4: **The Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper** – from *1 Cor. 11:23-26*

Week 5: **The Benediction** – from *Numbers 6:24-26*

Worship is a crucial part of our faith-lives and how/why we do what we do is something that calls for further understanding. It's worship that gives us practice in hearing and speaking the first language of faith and the liturgy brings us back to the basis of everything; the bible and God's story of our salvation through Christ.

I look forward to walking with you this Lenten Season toward the sorrow of the cross of Good Friday and onward to the hope and promise of the life-giving resurrection of Easter Sunday. Lent begins with our **Ash Wednesday service on March 9 at 7pm** and we will gather (in addition to Sunday mornings) **every Wednesday at noon and again at 7pm**. These services offer a wonderful time of faith and fellowship as we assemble in God's Word, encounter His Living Spirit and then depart in His grace; the soup after the noon worship and before the evening service are pretty great too!!!

May God bless you and keep you in his Grace,

Pr. Michael