

January Calendar of Events

Annual Reports are due Tuesday, January 4th.

EPIPHANY is January 6th.

Pulpit exchange is January 16th

Chili Lunch is January 30th

Annual Meeting is February 6th

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 6th

- Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on Sundays
- Please bring your aluminum cans and Campbell labels on the second Sunday, January 9th, ONLY.
- Dorcas Circle meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- Sunday School at 10:15 am—meets in church Sunday, January 9th.
- God's Young Voices—meets Sunday mornings at 9:40 am.
- Senior Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.
- Health and Wellness meeting, Friday, January 21st, 10:00 am
- Worship & Music meets Tuesday, January 11th, at 7:00 pm
- Good News Bible Study meets Wednesday, January 12th at 11:30 am.
- OWLS meet on Thursday, January 13th, at 8:30 am at Forum Restaurant
- Property committee meeting Tuesday, January 4th, at 6:30 pm.
- Christian Education meeting Tuesday, January 4th at 7:00 pm
- Evening Bible Study meets Thursday, January 20th, 7:00 pm.
- Friends meet Tuesday, January 25th at 9:30 am.
- Parish Nurse, Barb Estrada is here on Wednesday mornings but not January 19th she will be here on the Friday, January 21st of that week



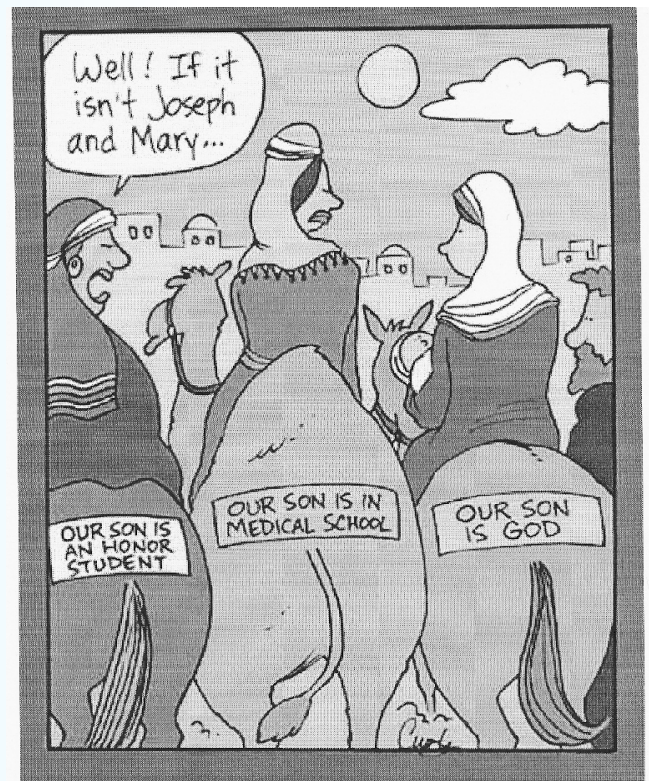


Make the Best of Everything

This is the time of year when most of us think about planning for the New Year and New Year's Resolutions. Being happy contributes to a healthy lifestyle. Here is a list I picked up somewhere that may help us to reduce stress, and have a happy, healthier New Year.

- **Practice random acts of kindness.** Do something ordinary for someone who doesn't expect you to. There are many small ways we can make others feel happy and appreciated. Look around you and act.
- **Give thanks.** Count your blessings.
- **Smile often.** Everyone smiles in the same language.
- **Do something you love to do everyday.** Read a book, take a walk, or work in the garden. It's your choice.
- **Share your day.** When your wife/husband/significant other asks, "How was your day?" Share the highlights, good and bad.
- **Say, "I love you!"** If you are fortunate enough to share your life with someone, never miss the opportunity to express your love.
- **Make at least one call that is not business.** Keep in touch with your family and friends.
- **Learn something new as often as possible.** Watch, look and listen. There is always something that will inspire you if you are interested enough.
- **Take a snooze.** A fifteen minute power nap does wonders.

- **Make the most of being alone.** Use time when you are alone to reflect, meditate, pray or just be still in God's presence.
- **Play.** The old adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Should go on to say, "All work and no play makes Jack/Jill sick!"
- **Be polite.** Politeness is a small price to win the good will and affection of others.
- **Make the most of your work!** Be proud of what you do to make the world a better place.
- **Enjoy life! This is not a dress rehearsal!**



- **Laugh often.** Look for the humor in life. Laughter is music to the soul.

Remember, the happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

Barb Estrada, RN, PN.

Council minutes from November

Members in Attendance: Betty Hembrook, Van Johnson, Kurt Kaempfer, Jennine Sonntag, Donna Winiarski, Sandy Sannes and Pastor Michael Fazio.

Treasurer's Report – Donna Winiarski:

A. **New System Performance:** We have been paying bank fees for the number of transactions that we have per month. As an example, between May and September of this year our transaction fees range from \$67 to \$139 per month. We can cut these fees out by changing our checking account to one which gives us 500 free transactions/month but we would have to maintain a balance of \$15,000. We currently have \$48,000 in general checking. Other balances are as follows: parking lot fund - \$727; building fund - \$27,500; youth fund - \$961. We have \$53,634 total with Edward Jones (several accounts). There are some memorial funds in these Edward Jones accounts as well as in our checking account. The Finance Committee needs to meet to discuss the Memorial Funds and who each sum is being held for. We are also holding stock meant for the building fund. Additionally, the Finance Committee needs to meet with Glenn from Edward Jones to discuss the memorial funds.

We are still tweaking things with Nolan Accounting. All of our e-banking should be set up in November.

Motion made, seconded and carried to switch to a checking account with 500 free transactions/month.

B. **2011 Budget Planning:** Van will check with Nolan to see how much time they need to process any salary changes. We need to have the 2011 budget completed prior to the February 6, 2011 Annual Meeting.

Pastor's Report: The Blessing of the Animals service raised \$2,500 for the parking lot! People are very enthused by the new Grief Group that has been scheduled to meet every week for five weeks. The theme of Commitment Sunday (November 14) is "cookies." The cookie theme is being used because WPLC has donated more cookies to Luther Manor than any other congregation. Time & Talent cards have gone out with a letter from Pastor.

DCE Status and Funding: Three resumes have come in. Members of the DCE Call Committee (Sharon Kaempfer and Brian Lynch) and Pastor will interview all three candidates on November 2, 2010. The Brinkmeiers are funding one-half of the DCE position for three years. We will be evaluating the position annually once the person is in place to see that the position is meeting the needs of this congregation. Pastor will place an update in the bulletin so that the congregation is aware of the status of the search.

Treasurer position: Pastor raised the idea of the Treasurer position becoming a long-term position that does not change yearly as can happen currently because the Treasurer is a council position. The Treasurer does not have to be on the council because there is always a council liaison to the Finance Committee. Council had discussion of this idea. This is something that we will continue to talk about in the future.

Pastor Fazio submitted a breakdown of all pastoral acts between 9/28/10 and 10/26/10 including: led worship and preached at 6 services (one Sunday vacation this month); three hospital visits; eight pastoral counseling appointments; one home visitation; seven home/hospital communions; 34 pastoral phone calls; led Thursday evening Bible Study and Wednesday afternoon Bible studies; one healing service; Wedding Rehearsal – October 8; Wedding Rehearsal – October 15; Wedding – Chris and Amy Bauer, October 9; Wedding – Bob and Kristin Krahches – October 16; Internment – cremated remains of Barb Nelson, October 16; Funeral – Charles Cunningham, Church and Chapel Funeral Home, October 26.

Other activities for this time period include: Blessing of the Animals service, October 2; attended DCE Call Committee meeting, October 19; Worldwide Communion/Food for the Poor presentation, October 3; attended Christian Ed. Committee meeting, October 5; CROP Walk, October 10; Polka service, October 17; Book Group – "The Unlikely Disciple (I did not attend); Ministry Fair, October 24; Lifeline Screening info., October 10; Cluster III Pastor's Pericope Studies – Tuesdays at Noon; GMS Veterans Task Force meetings.

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Other WPLC business Pastor was involved with during this time period included: continuing the process of changing financial accounting practices at WPLC; continuing the process of seeking to increase staff by hiring a Director of Christian Education.

Upcoming activities include: Reformation Sunday, October 31; DCE interviews, November 2 (three candidates); All Saints Sunday, November 7; Lifeline Screening, November 5; Commitment Sunday, November 14; Grief Group, beginning Tuesday, November 16 for five consecutive Tuesdays; Marilyn Schoenleber Food Drive, November 21.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Christian Education – Jennine Sonntag**

Planning for Sunday School Christmas Program. Looking for person to lead and organize the program. We have received good comments about the new kids' Bibles that we have begun using. We purchased 30 new kids' Bibles with the help of the Whitnall Friendship Circle. On October 8 and 9, Sharon Kaempfer and Kelly Brown attended a seminar in Janesville about Intergenerational Christian Education.

Endowment – Kurt Kaempfer

The Endowment Committee will meet in the near future to decide a dollar amount to commit for the DCE position.

Finance – Van Johnson

There was discussion of the need for a long-term planning meeting to discuss the future needs of the physical plant.

Fellowship – Sandy Sannes

The cookbooks have arrived ahead of schedule.

Health and Wellness – Jill Underberg

Lifeline Screening will take place on November 5.

Worship and Music – Donna Winiarski

Worship and Music Committee will meet next week for Advent planning.

Property – Van Johnson

The front door (parking lot entrance) was repaired. The front sign was removed and de-rusted. This work was covered under the warranty. Fall clean-up

went well. We will be replacing the three water heaters with tankless water heaters which have been ordered. We have been able to purchase them through John Just's company for a very reasonable price. John and Jennifer Just have donated one of the water heaters. Using tankless water heaters will save us money on our utilities and will eventually pay for themselves. The confirmation photographs downstairs have been rearranged, making more room for additional photos.

Social Ministry—Betty Hembrook

There is an ongoing collection of non-perishable food for Hope House. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has provided up to \$450 for the funds made from the produce table. The CROP (“Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty”) walk was held on October 10 at the Milwaukee lakefront. It is a fundraiser for the Church World Service which fights poverty and hunger and aids disaster victims and refugees. Thrivent has provided up to \$800 in matching funds and will add \$800 more if \$1,600 is raised by WPLC. Some of the Social Ministry Committee coffee hour money was used to buy supplies for 390 Lutheran World Relief school kits.

“Scribble Sheets for Little Lutherans” are at the printers and there will be no charge for them thanks to Julane Gaffney. (This is really an evangelism function, but there is no Evangelism Committee at present).

Old Business

Annual Congregational meetings – This meeting will be held on February 6, 2011. The target date for the “write-ups” for each committee is January 1, 2011.

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

Mission Statement – Tabled because of the late hour.
Council recruitment for 2011 – We will place announcements stating that we will be looking for new council members to elect at the February 6, 2011 meeting. If people are interested, they should talk to Pastor, Lou or Betty.

Submitted by Jennine Sonntag, Council Secretary.

Birthdays

1	Brook Hoffmann		Diane Remington
2	Ralph Cook	16	Scott Brothen
3	Sandy Baumgart		Marilyn King
	Jennifer Sorvick	17	Shirley Hibbard
4	Sidney Arthur		Mark Sparacino
	Daniel Hareng	18	Gale Smith
7	Teri Collins	19	Sandy Abraham
	David Koralewski		Lois Essers
	Megan Rakow		Bob Everts
9	Janine King	20	Joseph Suchla
	Dolores Porath		Roger Brinkmeier
	Roger Steckhan		Bernice King
10	Rose Palmersheim	21	Bonnie Kennelly
	Richard Staats		Nancy Blachowski
	Janice Swan	23	Harold Hackbart
11	Jennifer Seaks		Charles Herfurth
12	Braden Loebel	24	Derek Crawley
	Carol Kelley	25	Dylan Druschke
13	John Hembrook		Gerald Pagel
14	Georgi Llanas	26	Ireland Cantwell
15	James Gaffney	27	Michael Fazio
	Alec Potter		David Cotey
			Robert Labott
			Michael Remington

28	Mickie Wills
	Karen Heinrich
	Gerald Hibbard
31	Britta Bukowski
	Michael Nelson
	Teri Rouse

Anniversaries

7	Brent & Ruth Rice
12	Dean & Jolene Krychowiak
14	Andrew & Krista Bainbridge
23	John & Betty Hembrook



PARKING LOT FUND DRIVE

January Events

Our Mini-Bake sale is back on January 9th.

January begins a marvelous raffle:

Six months free membership to the Princeton Club

A great way to get in shape for the New Year!!

A Chili Lunch

is planned for January 30th just after the second service.

Tickets will be available starting January 16th—

Adults \$5.00 Children 6—12 \$2.50 Children under 5 are free.

Hot dogs, chips and a drink will be available for the kids.

Fun is also planned for that day. We will feature some NFL Bloopers for those who can't get enough football, and Bingo. Your donation of white elephant gifts will be used as Bingo prizes.

The raffle drawing for the Princeton Club membership will be January 30th.

As of November 29th we have raised \$45,067.32 towards the parking lot.

Your support has been overwhelming! Thank you!

Robin Nehring Brodie
Christmas Greetings to all of you.

To say I am excited to be joining the staff at Whitnall Park Lutheran Church is an understatement. In fact, I am thrilled and have already been making lists of things I want to get started with right away.

As you know, I begin as your Christian Education Director on Jan. 3, 2011, with responsibilities primarily in the areas of Confirmation, Adult Education, Youth and working with Kelly as needed with the programming for the younger children.

This is a busy time of the year for all of us, and I am looking forward to completing my 8th year of directing the Christmas program at Prince of Peace.

My husband and I have been members at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Howell Avenue, for almost 25 years. Before that I was a member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN, and before that a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Greendale.

Working in education has always been my passion. I was a school public relations coordinator for eight years in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, for two years in the Milwaukee Public Schools, and for two years for the Racine Unified School District. I taught grades one and three for the Milwaukee Public Schools and was an elementary school principal at St. Florian Catholic School. For the past nine years, I have worked in the Assessment Center at Alverno College, working with new students as well as students who are mid-way through their programs. I will continue at Alverno at very abbreviated hours during the transition.

I have bachelor's degrees in journalism and elementary education and a master's degree in ad-

ministrative leadership. My undergraduate work was completed at UW-River Falls and my graduate work was done at UW-Milwaukee.

As a member at Prince of Peace, I have served on the Board of Education, taught Sunday School, been a member of the Sunday School curriculum committee, served as Council President and attended synod assembly as a delegate several times. I also served on the Synod Communications Committee .

My husband and I also volunteer as ushers for the Milwaukee Rep, and I serve on the Leadership Team for the Channel 10 Great TV Auction. I am a member of the Board of the Friends of Music for the Greendale Schools, and my husband and I also volunteer at the high school when needed.

We have three children, Kirstan, a freshman at Greendale High School, Ian a senior at Carthage College, and Tristan also a senior at UW-River Falls. Two cats are also spoiled members of our family.

We look forward to meeting you, and if you have ideas for me, I love e-mail of all sorts. My e-mail for now is robinbrodie@yahoo.com.



Kent, my husband; Ian, Stephanie Schaafsman (my son's fiancée), Kirstan, me, oldest son, Tristan.

January 2 Sunday school resumes

- 8:30** Assisting Minister **Linda Shea** Acolyte **Zachary Paneitz**
 Ushers **Carl Hanson,**
 Greeter **Kathy Sonntag**
 Altar Guild **Shirle Holt**
- 10:15** Assisting Minister **Tom Laposki** Acolyte **Julia Callahan**
 Ushers **Ron Noeske, Paul Saari, Gregg Saari**
 Greeter **Susan Schlueter** Nursery **Sarah Knier**
 Altar Guild **Pat Noeske**

January 9 *Baptism of Our Lord—Services with Healing*—Sunday school begins in church

- 8:30** Assisting Minister **Jane Dillon-Perkl** Acolyte **Emily Brown**
 Ushers **John Hembrook, Ken Perkl, Jerrijo Cowman**
 Greeter **Patty Sparacino**
 Altar Guild **Jerrijo Cowman**
- 10:15** Assisting Minister **Laurie Sorvick** Acolyte **Kaitlyn Martin**
 Ushers **Tom Laposki, Brian and Kristi Peyer**
 Greeter **Nancy Sievert** Nursery **Alyssa Kaboskey & Sarah Schlueter**
 Altar Guild **Kathy Fazio**

January 16 *Epiphany*

- 8:30** Assisting Minister **Lou Graef** Acolyte **Brittney Henneberry**
 Ushers **Jim and Linda Shea**
 Greeter **Nancy Winger**
 Altar Guild **Sandy Johnson and Dianne Myers**
- 10:15** Assisting Minister **Mike Sparacino** Acolyte **Scott Johnson**
 Ushers **Larry Pfeil, Jack King, Brian Martin**
 Greeter **Jerome Thome** Nursery **Jennifer Just**
 Altar Guild **Jane Prescott**

January 23

- 8:30** Assisting Minister **Marjorie Pagel** Acolyte **Jacqueline Underberg**
 Ushers **Jim Gaffney, Duane Hause, Lyle Lance**
 Greeter **Ellen Dallmann**
- 10:15** Assisting Minister **Kraig Sorvick** Acolyte **Mitchell Cowman**
 Ushers **Jerry Pagel, Jerome Thome Walter Sievert**
 Greeter **Grace Vukich**
 Altar Guild **Elaine Johnson/with Sandra Martin** Nursery **Danielle Kaboskey**

January 30

- 8:30** Assisting Minister **Ron Sonntag** Acolyte **Joseph Hasenstein**
 Ushers **Ron Hause, John Hembrook, Ken Perkl**
 Greeter **Audrey Grabarczyk**
 Altar Guild **Diane Myers/with Pat Suderland**
- 10:15** Assisting Minister **Ron Labott** Acolyte **Melody King**
 Ushers **Brian Martin, Tom Laposki, Ron Noeske**
 Greeter **Rosemary Richter** Nursery **Samantha Llanas**
 Altar Guild **Bernice King**

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

WOW! Once again, the response to our toy collection and veteran gift collection has been overwhelming. A huge THANK YOU to every one that donated toys or gifts for the Veterans. Not only is your kindness and generosity appreciated, but the support you give to Sunday school as well.

Are you doing any early “spring cleaning”? The Sunday school students are in need of some new paint smocks. If you are looking to get rid of those old t-shirts or those old button down dress shirts, we can put them to good use! Please bring the shirt and put them in the box provided in Hornburg Hall.

Jesus is Better than Santa

Santa lives at the North Pole.
 JESUS is everywhere.
 Santa rides in a sleigh.
 JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.
 Santa comes but once a year.
 JESUS is an ever present help.
 Santa fills your stockings with goodies
 JESUS supplies all your needs.
 Santa comes down your chimney uninvited.
 JESUS stands at your door and knocks. . .and then enters your heart.
 You have to stand in line to see Santa
 JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.
 Santa lets you sit on his lap.
 JESUS lets you rest in His arms.
 Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is “Hi little boy or girl, What's your name?”
 JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.
 Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly.
 JESUS has a heart full of love.
 All Santa can offer is HO HO HO.
 JESUS offers health, help and hope.
 Santa says “You better not cry.”
 JESUS says, “Cast all your cares on me for I care for you.”






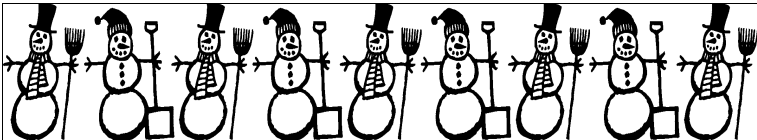
Santa's little helpers make toys.
 JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.
 While Santa puts gifts under your tree.
 JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.
 It's obvious there is really no comparison.
 Remember who Christmas is all about.
 Jesus is still the reason for the season.

A Christmas Prayer.

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the Wise Men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desire with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thought, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen

January 2011

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Annual Reports are due January 4th</p>						<p>1 New Year's Day</p>
<p>2 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP 10:15 AM Sunday school</p>	<p>3 7:00 PM Dartball League</p>	<p>4 6:30 pm Property 9:00 AM Dorcas 12:30 PM Sit 'n Be Fit 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting 7:00 PM Christian Ed meeting</p>	<p>5 9:30 AM Parish Nurse</p>	<p>6 Epiphany of Our Lord</p> 	<p>7 Pastor's day off.</p>	<p>8 Sunday school meets in church tomorrow at 10:15 am</p>
<p>9 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP 9:40 AM God's Young Voices 10:15 AM Sunday school 11:30 AM Confirmation Class Baptism of Our Lord Services with Healing</p>	<p>10 7:00 PM Dartball League</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> <p>LEAF Articles are due</p> </div>	<p>11 9:00 AM Dorcas 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting 7:00 PM Worship & Music</p>	<p>12 9:30 AM Parish Nurse 11:30 AM Good News Bible Study 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>13 8:30 AM OWLS meet at the Forum</p>	<p>14 Pastor's day off.</p>	<p>15</p>
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So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ. —II Corinthians 5:17-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wanted to begin this New Year on the right foot. . . With a passage from the Scriptures! As we look ahead with hopeful anticipation to 2011, we do so from the sure and certain perspective that we have been made right with God through Christ. . . Thanks be to God!

2010 has been an amazing year for my family personally and for our church family collectively. Kathy, Matthew and I welcomed Jacob on the Fourth of July. . . A true blessing, especially in the light of the pain of having to put our beloved dog Buckles down on June 25th after a long bout with bladder cancer. Although we miss her greatly, the joy that we get from our two boys (and our other dog Sweet Pea) keeps our home fun and lively. . . sometimes a little too lively, but that beats the alternative!

Our church family has seen some wonderful moments this year as well. We've moved forward with getting our new parking lot put in and are making great strides at getting the whole project paid in full. . . we've had the chance to walk with a number of young couples as they've joined themselves as husband and wife; and we've been given the opportunity to bear one another's burdens through the grief of loss. . . both are gifts of the Spirit. We've published cookbook, supported many local and international charities, helped feed the hungry, clothe the homeless and provided assistance to many of the men and women who have served our country. . . in short, we have been The Church!

Now, as we look ahead, we are excited to welcome a new member to the WPLC Ministry Staff. . . Mrs. Robin Brodie is going to begin her work in the Education field of our congregation on January 3rd. Robin brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position and I'm confident that she will not only help to meet the growing needs of our growing church, but will also devotedly help to lead us down the path of growth and understanding in faith. Along with Kelly Brown and the rest of our Christian Educators, we will present a whole host of new opportunities to nurture you on your Christian journey while at the same time honoring and maintaining those events you've enjoyed in the past.

I would encourage you to take time as the new year approaches and highlight all of the blessings God has provided this past year. . . then look and see how many came as unexpected surprises. One thing is certain as we prepare for 2011; God will be with us offering countless blessings and wonders along the way.

Happy New Year and God's richest blessings be with you always,

Pr. Michael