

# June Calendar of Events

**Sunday, June 5 Choir Music Sunday and Blessing of the Bikes**

**Sunday, June 12th Pentecost Sunday / Services with Healing**

**Monday, June 13th *LEAF* articles are due**

**Tuesday, June 14 - *Horton Hears a Who* at 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, June 18th Antique Appraisal at 11:00 am—3:00 pm**

**Tuesday, June 21 - *What Was I Scared of?* at 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, June 28 - *Yertle the Turtle*, at 7:00 pm.**

- **Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on Sundays**
- **Please bring your aluminum cans and Campbell labels on the second Sunday, June 12th, ONLY.**
- **Dorcas Circle meets Tuesday, June 7th & 14th at 9:00 am.**
- **Sunday School at 10:15 am, starting September 11th—meets in church that Sunday.**
- **God's Young Voices—meets Sunday, June 5 & 12th at 9:40 am.**
- **Senior Choir meets Wednesday, June 1 & 8th at 7:30 pm.**
- **Health and Wellness meeting, Friday, June 17th at 10:00 am**
- **Worship & Music meets Tuesday, June 14th, at 7:00 pm**
- **Good News Bible Study meets Wednesday, June 8th at 11:30 am.**
- **OWLS meet on Thursday, June 9th, at 8:30 am at Forum Restaurant**
- **Property committee meeting Tuesday, June 14th, at 6:30 pm.**
- **Christian Education meeting Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 pm**
- **Everyone's Bible Study meets Thursday, June 16th, 7:00 pm.**
- **Friends meet Tuesday, September 27th at 9:30 am.**
- **Parish Nurse, Barb Estrada is here on Wednesday mornings but not June 15th she will be here on the Friday, June 17th.**

## **Eighth Annual Blood Drive**

**Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 2 pm-6 pm.**

It's not too soon to begin thinking about donating blood at WPLC.

If you are regular donor, **please do not schedule blood donation at the blood center or another drive after May 30<sup>th</sup> 2011** as you will be ineligible to donate at WPLC. You must wait at least 56 days between whole blood donations.

If you have been deferred in the past due to low hemoglobin (iron) levels, think about increasing your consumption of iron rich foods one to two weeks prior to the blood drive date. Foods that are high in iron content are lean meat (beef, chicken turkey pork, and of course liver), eggs, whole-grain enriched breads, enriched cereals and potatoes. Other foods are spinach and other green vegetables, raisins or other dried fruits. You can increase the amount of iron your body absorbs by eating foods high in vitamin C along with ones rich in iron. Drinking tea and coffee during or after meals generally decreases iron absorption.

Watch for other tips and information, including sign up either online or at church as we get closer to July 25<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you, Barb Estrada, RN,PN*



## Thyroid Disorders: Common But Complex

Since the addition of iodine to salt over 50 years ago, we really don't hear much about thyroid disease. But it is still rather common. One out of ten women over the age of 60 is being treated for some sort of problem with the thyroid. These diseases will also affect younger women and men. Sometimes the signs and symptoms are so subtle or mimic other symptoms that it may take a while for a diagnosis to be made. That is why it is important as good consumers of health care to know about the thyroid so one can discuss this with your MD.

The thyroid gland is located in the front of the neck attached to the lower part of the voice box and to the upper part of the windpipe. It has two sides or lobes, which are connected by a narrow neck. The primary function of the thyroid is to regulate and control metabolism. This may sound simple but "metabolism" is a very complex concept involving all the physical and chemical changes and transformations that take place in our body. This involves almost every function, such as digestion, elimination of waste products of the body, thinking and memory, our heart beat, movement and muscle function, skin rejuvenation, energy and fatigue.

The thyroid gland produces thyroid hormones, the main components of these hormones is iodine. The two most important hormones are thyroxin (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3). Enlargement of the thyroid gland is called a goiter.

The two general types of thyroid disorders are hypothyroid (underactive) or hyperthyroid (overactive).

Hypothyroid is quite common. Sometimes there are no symptoms at all that the doctor could see on examination. Some symptoms might include loss of appetite, weight loss, fatigue, sluggishness, constipation, forgetfulness, dry skin, hoarseness, slowing down, shortness of breath, or worsening of heart problems, menstrual irregularities, or hair loss. This disorder is diagnosed with a simple blood test. If you are found to have an under active thyroid, you will be started on medicine. The medicine will most likely reverse the disorder. It is easy to take and is low cost. You will have to take the medication for the rest of your life and will need

periodic blood tests to monitor the dosage. It is important to take your medication about the same time every day. Both the generic or brand name drugs are effective. Do not switch between them without consulting your doctor.

Hyperthyroidism is also a common disorder. Symptoms can also include nervousness, fluttering heart, and weight changes, but many people have very few symptoms that they are aware of. Atrial fibrillation (irregular heart beat) is present in 20-40% of people with hyperthyroidism. Again, a simple blood test is needed for diagnosis. Treatment for this disorder is taking radioactive iodine by mouth to destroy thyroid tissue. This treatment is simple and effective but some individuals will end up developing hypothyroidism in the future.

Due to the fact that the thyroid is very important to our overall health and that thyroid disorders are common and can easily be overlooked, it is important that you talk to your doctor about unusual symptoms you are experiencing. If you are diagnosed with a thyroid problem, follow your medication regimen and have follow up lab tests as recommended by your doctor.

### Blood Pressure Clinic

The Blood Pressure Clinic held during the National Kidney month program was a great success. With the help of pharmacist, Jill Underberg, we screened over 25 WPLC members. Due to this response, the Health and Wellness Ministry will offer blood pressure checks for anyone who would like this service.

Please watch the yellow bulletin sheet for future BP clinic dates. Many primary care physicians like to know how your blood pressure is when you're not in their office.

If you are a health professional trained in taking blood pressure readings and would like to join in the effort, please let me know. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered.

Our next Sunday Blood Pressure clinic will be held on:

**June 12, 2011**

**Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> service in the library**

See you there!

Barb Estrada, RN, PN

## Condensed Council minutes from January 3rd, 2007

Members in Attendance: Pastor Fazio, Kurt Kaempfer, Jennifer Breese, Joe Posick, Betty Hembrook, Van Johnson, Donna Winiarski, Joan Lance, Sandy Sannes, Jennine Sonntag, Lou Graef  
Members Absent: Brian Lynch

### Treasurer's Report – Donna Winiarski

Monies owed: Mortgage: \$321,059 and parking lot loan: \$20,000.

### Pastor's Report as submitted by Pastor

(Report for 3/23/11 – 4/26/11)

#### ***Pastoral Acts:***

- † Lead Worship and Preached 11 Services (Incl. Maundy Thurs, Good Fri. Easter Sun.)
- † 8 Hospital Visits
- † 6 Pastoral Counseling Appointments
- † 5 Home Visitations
- † 12 Home/Hospital Communion
- † 45 Pastoral Phone Calls
- † Thursday Evening Bible Study (Cancelled this month due to Maundy Thurs. Service)
- † 1 Healing Service
- † Confirmation Instruction
- † **Pre-marriage meeting – Dave Mueller and Kim**
- † **Pre-Baptismal Meeting – Benn Family**
- † **Pre-Baptismal Meeting – Peare Family**
- † **Baptism – Madelynn Peare – 3/27**
- † **Baptism – Chloe Benn – 4/3**
- † **Baptism – Seth Saggese – 4/10**
- † **Funeral – Jeanette Eberhardt (in Watertown, WI) – 3/29**
- † **Funeral Planning – Maples Family – 4/13**
- † **Funeral – Donna Maples – 4/14**
- † **Internment for Donna Maples – 4/15**

#### ***Other Functions at/involving Whitnall Park Lutheran Church:***

- † **First Communion Instruction (5 Fifth Graders) – 4/1-2**
- † **8 Mid-Week Lenten Services (Noon and 7:00)**

#### ***Local Pastor's Meetings:***

- † Cluster III Pastor's Pericope Studies – Tuesdays at Noon
- † Veterans Task Force Meetings

#### ***Other business:***

- † Finance Committee's Research on Refinancing Church Mortgage

† Incorporating Dir. of Christian Ed. into preaching schedule on quarterly basis

† **Donated \$500.00 to member in need from Helping Hands Fund – 4/13**

† **Helping Hands Fund Balance - \$862.33**

#### ***Upcoming:***

- † Mueller Wedding – 4/30
- † Luther Manor/Bless the Years Sunday – 5/1
- † WPLC Rummage Sale – 5/6-7
- † Saturday May 14 – Council Planning Session – Luther Manor
- † Request Vacation – May 2 – May 9 (Rev. Carl Lund providing Pastoral Coverage)
- † May 1 – High School Panel for Confirmation Students entering High School
- † May 1 and 15 – Confirmation Interviews after second service
- † Continuing Ed. Opportunity – Festival of Homiletics – May 16-20

### **Director of Christian Education – as submitted by Robin Nehring Brodie**

Activities: Co-taught the First Communion class with Pastor on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. Worked with First Communion students to make their banners on April 3. Worked with confirmation students to make their stepping stone on April 3 and 10. Preached the children's sermon on April 10. Met with Kelly Brown regarding "Seuss Under the Stars". Met with Barb Estrada and Kelly Brown regarding Intergenerational Event. Drew up tentative schedule and menu to be presented to Health and Wellness Committee. Met with Sharon Kaempfer and Kelly Brown regarding final Sunday School event on May 15. Sent reminder letter to all High School and beginning college students regarding panel on May 1 with theme of "Getting Ready for High School" for Confirmation students. Letter also invited youth to get involved with the Veteran's project. So far, three students have indicated their willingness to participate. Continued to meet informally with Pat from the Property Committee regarding tree planting. She is getting a group of adults together to actually dig the hole and will have the tree delivered. Students will finish the site and place their stepping stones on Saturday, April 30, in time for the Bless the Years Sunday.

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### ***Church council minutes continued from page 4***

Sent a reminder e-mail to the Confirmation students regarding tree planting and recognition for the Bless the Years Sunday. Wrote column for Leaf as well as separate articles to publicize the Seuss event and the final day of Sunday School event. Attended Board of Education meeting. Attended Wednesday noon services and soup lunches. Led First Communion students in procession for Maundy Thursday service. Stripped off banners on Good Friday and replaced them in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Attended Book Club on April 18. Created flyer regarding summer event. Will complete it and ready it for printing as a hand-out for the last day of Sunday School.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Finance – Joe Posick**

Research is currently being done on possibly refinancing the Building Mortgage. Audit to be done this summer.

##### **Fellowship – as submitted by Sandy Sannes**

Once again the church was in bloom on Easter morning. The fresh spring plants decorated the church and formed a dramatic cross. The individuals making this stunning beauty possible were led by Sharon Hause and Pat Suderland. Special thanks go out to all those involved with the transformation on Easter Sunday and to Sandy Abraham for heading up the Easter breakfast and all the workers who helped make this a wonderful event.

The annual Rummage and Bake Sale will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> at the church. It is hoped that this is once again a successful fund raiser. The leaders of this event are Kim Mason, Lou and Lorraine Graef and Jim and Julane Gaffney.

On May 12th, the annual Mother-Daughter Dinner will be held at the church at 6:00 p.m. On Saturday June 18th, the Property Committee will be sponsoring the Antique Appraisal event. The hours will be 10-3. It is a great event to invite guests to attend and learn more about their potential “treasures”.

##### **Health and Wellness – Joan Lance**

A blood pressure testing program was held on March 27<sup>th</sup> and was very well received. Plans are being made for another one to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Prayer Shawl luncheon will be held on May 20th. CPR/AED classes are planned for a Saturday morning in July or August. There is a sign-up sheet on the Kiosk.

### **Worship and Music – Donna Winiarski and Betty Hembrook**

The Liturgy has been set for the Easter Season until Pentecost. Use of a computer for the music room and obtaining a new dimmer switch for the lights in the Sanctuary were discussed.

##### **Property – Van Johnson**

In the process of coordinating the installing of the water heaters, WE Energies did an energy analysis of the church and presented suggestions for cost savings. The Ozaukee Public Health Department performed a water test and this passed. A fire inspection has been performed. Spring clean up will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Research is being done on sealing the parking lot and a church member will donate \$500 toward the seal coating.

##### **Social Ministry—as submitted by Betty Hembrook**

The Whitnall Park 40x40x40 Poverty Lenten Campaign was very successful. The money will go entirely to the Greater Milwaukee Synod Outreach for Hope project. A variety of ministries to the poor in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha are being helped by this program. \$87.51 was raised at the March and April coffee hours of the Social Ministry Committee and this money will be sent to the Poverty Lenten Campaign.

On Sunday, April 10, five and one half bags of non-perishable food items were delivered to Hope House. On April 18, \$125 was sent to Food for the Poor and this \$125 was matched by an outside group.

People are needed to make bags for the LWR school kits. The person who used to make them can no longer do it so Charles Schoenleber said he desperately needs another source for the bags.

##### **Old Business**

The Council will be having a planning session on Saturday, May 14, at Luther Manor in Wauwatosa.

##### **New Business**

The next Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24th, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Breese, Secretary

**ALTAR GUILD**  
**EASTER BREAKFAST**

Did you bake? Did you cook? Did you help set up or clean up? Did you make a contribution and enjoy the food? Whichever path or paths you choose, your efforts were greatly appreciated and helped make the 2011 Easter Breakfast a success. This year the Altar Guild received \$528 in donations. Thank You and God Bless. —Sandy Abraham

***Birthdays***

1	Chloe Benn		Andrew Paremski
	Carson Cotey	16	Daniel Buss
2	Gayle Cameron		Lee Pfeil
	Elizabeth Katschke	17	Donald Hause
	Mark Morrill	18	Lori Edmundson
	Dorothy Nurse		Jack King
3	Philip Krajewski		Evelyn Schubert
	Anne Magyera	19	Kimberley Graef
4	Tammy Johnson		Trevor Henneberry
5	Amiya Baginski		Robin Nehring-Brodie
	Carli Hause	20	Jane Prescott
	Leta Klute	21	Edna Hillman
7	Donald Jensen	23	Richard Katschke, Sr.
8	Priscilla Brugger		Mitchell Rakow
	James Gaffney		Lawrence Gaffney
9	Nancy Collura	24	Barb Gollash
	Michael Olson	25	Sara Untiet
10	Christine Umnus		Alice Breese
11	Sara Doering-Fiedler	26	Scott Sorenson
	Heather Duensing		Becky Horcos
	Alyssa Kaboskey	27	Jennifer Breese
	Melinda Ross	28	Shirle Holt
12	Genevieve Bleibaum		Randolph Reiter
	William Steinke	28	Abigail Callahan
13	Catherine Paremski		Julia Callahan
14	Shilah Ahles	29	Abigail Brown
	Krysta Buss		
	Jeffrey Johnson	30	
	JoAnne Kiefer		

***Anniversaries***

2	Ronald & Katherine Graef
5	John & Skylar Cousert
	David & Johanna Koralewski
8	Todd & Joann King
	Bradley & Tanya Metzger
9	Brady & Kimberly Aderman
10	Glenn & Nancy Winger <b>50</b>
11	John & Shirley Meyer <b>62</b>
12	William & June Steinke <b>60</b>
15	Douglas & Sheryl Tikkanen
16	Thomas & Kristine Laposki
	Greg & Dorothy Saari
18	Brian & Heidi Martin
	Ronald & Kathleen Sonntag <b>51</b>
	Mark & Suzie Sorvick
19	Jerry & Laura Rakow
	Warren & Joann Wollmer
21	Daniel & Susan Hareng
23	Michael & Emily Fazio
	Van & Sandra Johnson
24	Edward & Sandra Krause
25	Ervin & Marion Kuglitsch <b>62</b>
	Randolph & Mildred Reiter
	Terry & Patricia Sparacino
27	Mark & Vanessa Thompson

*On behalf of the Whitnall Park Lutheran Church, Church Council and the Whitnall Friendship Circle,*

I would like to thank all who helped in the week long effort called the "**Rummage Sale**" Thanks to the approximately 45 working volunteers, the bakers, the numerous donors and to all who purchased the "treasures" available, it was a most successful event. At the events close we estimated a net of about \$5000. Special thanks to Lyle Lance for his donation of NASCAR items which were very popular, Chipotle Restaurant who provided a free lunch to the workers on Saturday afternoon and to Sharon Hause, who seemed to be everywhere coordinating details.

Lou Graef,  
Council President

**Cook Book——**  
**"Favorite Family Treasures Then & Now"**  
 Need a gift for a birthday, wedding shower or anniversary? Pick up our very own cookbook. There are many delicious recipes that will delight for years to come. Copies are available in the church office, from Sharon Hause or Pat Suderland. The cost is \$13.00.

## Social Ministry Update:

### *Fresh Garden Produce Table*

If the weather shows more cooperation by the end of May the spinach and leaf lettuce planted on April 9<sup>th</sup> should be ready for harvesting. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring in any type of surplus garden produce. Other members then can take the abundance home for a small donation. This year the money raised will be split equally between

- The **ELCA World Hunger Appeal**, which funds a comprehensive and sustainable program that uses multiple strategies--relief, development, education, and advocacy--to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. It responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world.
- The **Hunger Task Force**, whose mission is feed the hungry. The Hunger Task Force distributes food to a network of food banks, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens in the greater Milwaukee area free of charge. Hope House gets food from the Hunger Task Force.

### *40x40x40 Lenten Devotions and Appeal*

Forty-four families and individuals from WPLC participated in this forty-day devotion series that focused on the work of the **Outreach For Hope** ministries of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. These ministries, run by various congregations in the Synod, aid the poor and distressed in Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha counties. During these forty days the participants learned about the vital work of Neighborhood Ministers, homework help programs, creative arts camps, "**Good Samaritan**" money, meal programs, development of worship designed to draw in the community, and creative Bible study programs, to just name a few examples. The participants also contributed \$1,383.95 to fund these programs. The Social Ministry Committee added \$87.51 from its March and April Coffee Hours, to bring the grand total to \$1,471.46. Thanks to everyone who participated, and hopefully the devotions provided a different focus for your Lenten journey and a renewed sense of what the power of Easter can do in people's lives.

## From Kelly Brown, Sunday School Superintendent

What a great year! I'm sad to see the year come to an end but I love to reflect on how much we all have learned. Thanks again to all of the teachers for a great year.

### **"From there to here, here to there... miraculous things are everywhere", Dr. Seuss**

Join us for "**Seuss Under the Stars**": *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss*. It will consist of three nights, each reading and discussing a different book written by Dr. Seuss. We will meet outdoors, weather permitting, so kids can wear their p.j.'s and bring a blanket or sleeping bag. Each nightly session will include reading the book together and then separating for sessions led by Kelly and Robin and then getting back together for a snack and closing prayer. The evening begins at **7:00 pm** and will conclude by 8:30 pm.

**Tuesday, June 14 - *Horton Hears a Who***  
**Tuesday, June 21 - *What Was I Scared of?***  
**Tuesday, June 28 - *Yertle the Turtle***

**Hope to see some friendly faces!!**

**Join us for a night that any age  
will be sure to enjoy.**

**Sunday, July 24 from 4-7 pm will be an  
Intergenerational Event.**

Food, workshops, activities, Bible study, and games suitable for all. Learn about reading labels, making smart food choices, how to make healthy snacks, plan healthy menus for you and your family. Get exercise tips for activities you can do as a family while you are at work or watching TV. Enjoy games and make a snack cookbook to take home.

**Have a super summer and see you when  
Sunday school begins, September 11th!**

**June 5**

**8:30** **Assisting Minister** Linda Shea **Acolyte** Joseph Hasenstein  
**Ushers** Ron Hause, Carl Hanson  
**Greeter** Karen Olson  
**Altar Guild** Jim & Linda Shea

**10:15** **Assisting Minister** Ruth Rice **Acolyte** Emily Brown  
**Ushers** Gregg Saari, Paul Saari, Ron Noeske  
**Greeter** Susan Schlueter **Nursery** Julie and Danielle Sorenson  
**Altar Guild** Pat Noeske

**June 12 PENTECOST SUNDAY / SERVICES WITH HEALING**

**8:30** **Assisting Minister** Jane Dillon-Perkl **Acolyte** Maria Sparacino  
**Ushers** John Hembrook, Ken Perkl, Jerrijo Cowman  
**Greeter** Karen Paddock  
**Altar Guild** Bernice Sparacino

**10:15** **Assisting Minister** Laurie Sorvick **Acolyte** Mitchell Cowman  
**Ushers** Tom Laposki, Brian and Kristi Peyer  
**Greeter** Jerome Thome **Nursery** Becky Sorvick  
**Altar Guild** Dorolthy Saari

**June 19 The Holy Trinity Sunday / FATHER'S DAY**

**8:30** **Assisting Minister** Lou Graef **Acolyte** Alyssa Kaboskey  
**Ushers** Jim and Linda Shea  
**Greeter** Dorothy Perkl  
**Altar Guild** Evelyn Schubert

**10:15** **Assisting Minister** Tom Laposki **Acolyte** Tyler Henneberry  
**Ushers** Jack King, Brian Martin, Larry Pfeil  
**Greeter** Rosemary Richter **Nursery** Jill Underberg  
**Altar Guild** Jane Prescott

**June 26**

**8:30** **Assisting Minister** Majorie Pagel **Acolyte** Melanie Saari  
**Ushers** Jim Gaffney, Duane Hause, Lyle Lance  
**Greeter** Dolores Porath

**10:15** **Assisting Minister** Mike Sparacino **Acolyte** Amber Martin  
**Ushers** Jerry Pagel, Jerome Thome, Walter Sievert, Michael Prescott  
**Greeter** Karon Hedlof **Nursery** Kathy Fazio  
**Altar Guild** Julie Ann Sorenson

**July 3**

**8:30** **Assisting Minister** Linda Shea **Acolyte** Sarah Schlueter  
**Ushers** Ron Hause, Carl Hanson  
**Greeter** Evelyn Schubert  
**Altar Guild** Pat Suderland

**10:15** **Assisting Minister** Kim Mason **Acolyte** Andrew Schlueter  
**Ushers** Ron Noeske, Gregg Saari, Paul Saari  
**Greeter** Elsie Hansen **Nursery** Kelly Lynch  
**Altar Guild** Barb Meyrose and Marilyn Medeiros

## From My Perch:

This has been an exciting month with the informative “*Getting Ready for High School*” panel and the blessing of the tree and stepping stones on May 1. On a personal note, I completed my 25<sup>th</sup> year as a Channel 10 Public Television “*Great TV Auction*” leadership volunteer, and Kent and I are the proud parents of our first college graduate. Ian, our middle child, graduated from Carthage College with a major in physics and a minor in math, on May 22.

**I have enjoyed getting to know the Confirmation students over the past few months, and I’d like to share some information about them here.**

**Tyler Henneberry** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Lake Denoon Middle School. He will be attending Muskego High School in the fall. Tyler will be playing select baseball for the Storm this summer and looking forward to playing freshman football this fall. He will also be participating in the strength, power and speed development program through his school as well as participating in football camp. Tyler acolytes at church.

**Alyssa Kaboskey** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader and will be attending Eisenhower High School in the fall. Alyssa is on the honor roll at her school. She enjoys painting, drawing and photography. Her artistic talent is especially evident if you see her stepping stone. Look for the one with the rainbow. Her volunteer activities at church include helping out in the nursery, acolyting, fall clean-up, Crop Walk, helping at the church picnic, preparing the site for the planting of the tree, and handing out the Easter flowers.

**Amber Martin** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Lake Denoon Middle School. She will be attending Muskego High School in the fall. Amber is also an artist as you can see by her carefully completed stepping stone. She is involved in softball and gymnastics. Her volunteer activities at church include acolyting, Crop Walk, and preparing the site for the planting of the tree.

**Melanie Saari** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at East Middle School, Oak Creek. She will be attending Oak Creek High School in the fall. During her middle school years, she has been involved in volleyball and track and field, including hurdles, long jump, and sprint relays. She is the cheerleading captain, and her team placed

first at the Bucks Competition in 2010. She has been on the honor roll every semester during middle school. Melanie also enjoys tumbling, swimming, traveling, shopping, producing and editing videos with her friends, and she was involved in Girl Scouts. Besides acolyting at church, she also made tie blankets for babies at St. Francis Hospital while a Girl Scout. Melanie also tutored students in reading and math and volunteered at Crest House reading to and playing games with the elderly residents.

**Andrew Schlueter** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Forest Park Middle School. He will be attending Franklin High School in the fall. In school, he has been a member of Outdoor Club and participating in bowling. Andrew has also been a Boy Scout and enjoys snowboarding, fishing, hunting and golfing. He acolytes at church.

**Sarah Schlueter** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Forest Park Middle School. She will be attending Franklin Middle School in the fall. At school, she is a member of Pop Singers, Art Club and the yearbook staff. Sarah also enjoys softball, volleyball and photography. Sarah acolytes at church and helped in preparing the site for the tree. She also helps in the children’s area at the library and sorts books. Sarah made cards for soldiers and Blankets for Love for adopted children.





**Maddison Underberg** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Longfellow Middle School. She will be attending Wauwatosa East High School in the fall. At school, she is a member of Student Council, Theatre, Ski Club and Forensics. She is also a member of Espirit Pom and Dance Team. Maddison acolytes at church.

During the Memorial Day service, we will kick off our Honor Our Veterans project. My husband Kent will be playing his “patriotic” set on the bagpipes. Please watch for a sign up sheet on the kiosk. I have youth who would like to interview a veteran and do a short write up to be included in a booklet in time for Veterans Day in November. If you know of a veteran who is a member of our congregation or if you are a veteran willing to share your story, send me an e-mail or call me with contact information, and I will begin to set up meeting times.

*In faith, I remain,*  
Robin Nehring Brodie

# June 2011

## Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">PENTECOST</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH</h2>			1 9:30 AM Parish Nurse 7:30 PM Senior Choir	2	3 6:30 PM Rehearsal Palmersheim/ Sutton  Pastor's day off.	4 2:00 PM Wedding Palmersheim/ Sutton
5 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP 9:40 AM God's Young Voices 10:00 AM Blessi- ng of the Bikes CHOIR MUSIC SUNDAY 	6	7 9:00 AM Dorcas Circle Luncheon 12:30 PM Sit 'n Be Fit 7:00 PM Christian Ed meeting	8 9:30 AM Parish Nurse 11:30 AM Good News Bible Study 7:30 PM Senior Choir	9 8:30 AM OWLS meet at the Forum	10 Pastor's day off.	11
12 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Blood Pressure Clinic 9:40 AM God's Young Voices 10:15 AM Kruschke Baptism PENTECOST Services with Healing	13 LEAF ARTICLES ARE DUE	14 Flag Day 6:30 PM Property 7:00 PM Family Event: The Gospel Accord- ing to Dr. Seuss 7:00 PM Worship & Music	15	16 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study	17 9:30 AM Parish Nurse 10:00 AM Health & Wellness meeting Pastor's day off.	18 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM ANTIQUE APPRAISAL 
19 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP FATHER'S DAY  SUNDAY	20	21 7:00 PM Family Event: The Gospel Accord- ing to Dr. Seuss	22 9:30 AM Parish Nurse	23 9:00 AM Assemble the LEAF	24 Pastor's day off.	25
26 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP	27	28 7:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM Family Event: The Gospel Accord- ing to Dr. Seuss	29 9:30 AM Parish Nurse	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">                 Bring your bike or scooter to <b>Bless the Bikes Sunday, June 5th</b>—at 10:00 in front of church.             </div>	



*Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,*

Question: What is a Mission Statement?

Answer: **A mission statement is a formal, short, written statement of the purpose of a company or organization.**

I pose this topic this month, because the church council has been questioning the clarity of our mission as Whitnall Park Lutheran Church. We have our current mission statement printed on the front cover of the bulletin each week, but in my opinion, it's more of an identity statement than a mission statement...plus, it's way too long!

A few months ago, council raised the idea of formulating a new, simple and direct statement of our mission. This is where all of you come in...why not make this (somewhat) fun and have a contest to see who can best identify the mission of our church...the winner will receive great rewards in heaven and the satisfaction of coming up with the mission statement that will be chosen by the church council from the variety of submissions. Following are some examples of mission statements used by local churches:

*† Sharing God's Love. . . Caring for Community.*

*† Gather, Empower, Serve*

*† Transformed by our Lord, Jesus, we go into the community to serve and welcome all people.*

*† "Touched, we invite, equip and send people in Jesus' name."*

*† "A Community Gathered in Christ, Fed by God's Word, Sent to Serve..."*

*† "Reaching out in our community to share the Word of God"*

*† Witnessing to God's love and grace in Jesus Christ for all people through prayer, worship and service.*

*† Called, we worship; Blessed, we share; Sent, we serve.*

As you ponder why we do what we do as people of God at WPLC, please keep this in mind, a mission statement should guide the actions of the church, spell out its overall goal, provide a sense of direction, and guide decision-making. With this in mind, please submit your ideas into the box in the narthex. At the June council meeting, council will vote on which idea we feel best represents the mission of our church.

Thank you for participating and helping us to define our mission as called people of God.

God's Peace be with you,  
Pr. Michael