

November Calendar of Events

- November 5th** Life Line Screening
- November 7th** All Saints Sunday
- November 14th** Commitment Sunday
- November 16th** Grief group begins-meets—Nov. 23rd, Nov. 30th, Dec. 7
- November 21st** Fill the Truck —Marilyn Schoenleber Food Drive
- November 24th** Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Emanuel, United Church of Christ—10627 W. Forest Home Ave., at 7:00 pm

Please prayerfully consider a position on the church council. The election of new council members will be February, 2011. If you are interested, please contact Betty Hembrook, Lou Graef or Pastor Fazio.

- Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on Sundays
- Please bring your aluminum cans and Campbell labels on the second Sunday, November 14th, ONLY.
- Dorcas Circle meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- Sunday School at 10:15 am—meets in church Sunday, November 14th.
- God’s Young Voices—meets Sunday morning at 9:40 am.
- Senior Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.
- Health and Wellness meeting, Friday, November 19th, 10:00 am
- Worship & Music meets Tuesday, November 9th, at 7:00 pm
- Good News Bible Study and lunch meets Wednesday, November 10th at 11:30 am.
- OWLS meet on Thursday, November 11th, at 8:30 am at Forum Restaurant
- Property committee meeting Tuesday, November 9th, at 6:30 pm.
- Christian Education meeting Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm
- Evening Bible Study meets Thursday, November 18th, 7:00 pm.
- Friends meet Tuesday, November 30th at 9:30 am.
- Parish Nurse, Barb Estrada is here on Wednesday mornings but not November 17th she will be here on the Friday, November 19th of that week.



Poinsettias

Please purchase a Poinsettia to honor or remember someone you love and beautify the altar as well. They are \$11.00. Please order by December 1st, and include your payment with this order form.

I wish to honor _____

I wish to remember _____

Your name _____

Will you be picking up your plant after Jan. 2nd? Yes _____ No _____



INFLAMMATORY BREAST CANCER

I recently heard about this form of breast cancer and wanted to share the information. Inflammatory breast cancer can strike women of all ages, from teens on up. Inflammatory breast cancer is a unique and uncommon type of breast cancer. It is unique in that it does not produce a distinct mass or lump that can be felt within the breast which makes it difficult to detect by mammograms or manual breast exams. Inflammatory breast cancer cells infiltrate the skin and lymph vessels of the breast and when the lymph system becomes blocked by the cells the breast becomes red, swollen, and warm. Skin changes associated with IBC can cause the breast skin to look like the skin of an orange. The appearance of the breast is similar to other inflammatory conditions such as cellulites or mastitis. This can lead to IBC being misdiagnosed. If you have some of these symptoms schedule an appointment with your physician. Some of the symptoms of IBC are:

- One breast larger than the other
- Red or pink skin
- Swelling
- Rash (entire breast or small patches)
- Orange-like texture
- Skin hot to the touch
- Pain and/or itchiness
- Ridges or thickened areas of breast
- Nipple discharge or nipples that appear inverted or flattened
- Swollen lymph nodes under the armpit and possibly of the neck

Inflammatory breast cancer is best diagnosed based upon the results of a biopsy and MRI. Typically, IBC grows rapidly and requires aggressive treatment. Chemotherapy followed by surgery and radiation is the recommended treatment course. All women need to continue to do monthly self-breast exams. In that way you will know your body and quickly recognize changes.

Barb Estrada, RN



Luther Manor News

Items of interest from the Annual General Meeting of the Luther Manor Auxiliary held on Thursday, October 7.

The Holiday Bazaar will be held on Friday, November 12 from 7 AM to 4 PM. The notice and detailed information is posted on the kiosk.

A new venture, “*Love Lights*”, similar to what you see in many hospital lobby areas, is now underway at Luther Manor. Each light on the tree is dedicated to either the honor or memory of someone of your choosing. The cost is \$5 per light or \$100 per strand. Information and envelopes for contributions, sent directly to Luther Manor, available on the kiosk. **The tree lighting ceremony and reception will be held Thursday, December 16 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at Luther Manor.**

Cookie donations are always welcome – homemade and or purchased. Please no nuts. Leave them on Barb Estrada’s desk and we will take them to Luther Manor. At this writing we have given just **over 300 dozen so keep them coming.**

Donations to the Resale Shop –
The Den of Antiquity – have been fantastic.
Thanks so much.

We thank all who continue to support this ministry.

Kathy Sonntag, Key Person
Sandy Abraham, Co-worker

Council minutes from August 22nd, 2010

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

Agenda Review: Item to include in today's agenda – Sandy Kestner's hours have been adjusted so that she will be working M-F from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. beginning on September 1, 2010. This schedule will result in Sandy working one additional hour/week than she has been – from 19 to 20 hours. Therefore, we need to adjust her salary information with Nolan Accounting. **Motion made and carried** to adjust Sandy's paychecks for 20 hours/week. Donna will write Nolan Accounting a letter informing them.

Treasurer's Report – Donna Winiarski:

A. **New Accounting System:** Brent Rice transferred some figures to Nolan Accounting for its use. The transition to Nolan has been a little rough but we are getting there. Donna recommends that we pay certain bills electronically: Thrivent, mortgage, telephone, Pastor's cell phone, Luther Manor (for our Parish Nurse Barb), Veolia (garbage pick-up), utilities and pension. **Motion made and carried** to pay the above bills electronically.

B. **Parking Lot:** We have raised \$5,668.55 toward the parking lot fund since June 21, 2010. We are now in the position to make a payment to our benefactor who lent WPLC \$30,000 for the new parking lot. **Motion made and carried** to make a payment of \$5,000 to our benefactor.

C. **Building Fund:** We will be getting monthly statements beginning in September.

Pastor's Report: We have received a \$1,500 gift as a memorial from the family of Marcella Kleinschmidt. The funds have been divided as follows: \$500 for the parking lot fund, \$500 for the new Spark Bibles for the 3rd grade and for the Sunday School, and \$500 for the Helping Hands Fund.

There is currently over \$1,000 in the Helping Hands fund.

The Associate in Ministry position is now called "Director of Christian Education" and the job has been posted as such. The reasoning behind the title change is the AIM Call Committee determined that we want to get the largest number of resumes from qualified persons possible and we would get fewer resumes if we insisted that applicants have the AIM credential. The focus of the position is still the same. The change is only a matter of semantics. The job has been posted on the synod listserv and in the office of Carthage College Career Services.

Pastor would like to publish a book of devotions from WPLC members as was done in the 1980s. He would like to discuss this project further after the cookbook project is completed.

Pastor attended a meeting of the Endowment Committee and requested that it make a commitment of \$10,000/year for three years to help in funding the DCE position. This is in addition to the commitment of a generous member of WPLC to also fund this much of the position's salary. Assuming that this position is a successful addition to WPLC, the salary could eventually be included in the yearly budget.

There is currently no money in the Sabbatical Fund. This is

something that we should think of in advance of needing it when Pastor Fazio takes his own sabbatical when the time comes.

There is a Synod-sponsored ministry conference in Janesville, WI on Friday and Saturday, October 8 & 9 focusing on cross-generational ministry. It would be great if some of the people involved in Christian Ed could attend.

Pastor Fazio submitted a breakdown of all pastoral acts between 6/23/10 and 7/31/10 including: led worship and preached at four services; 12 hospital visits; seven pastoral counseling appointments; two home visitations; 21 home/hospital communions; 25 pastoral phone calls; led Thursday evening Bible Study (on hiatus for summer); one healing service; four Baptisms (Missy Kronquist and her three children: Amber, Dylan and Tyler – July 17; Funeral planning with the Gellings Family; Funeral of Lorrene Gellings – July 16; Funeral planning with Nelson Family; Funeral of Barb Nelson – July 24; Two Pre-Marriage counseling sessions with Ricky and Krysta Abramowski – Jun 28 and July 29; Pre-Marriage counseling with Chris and Amy Bauer – July 1.

Pastor Fazio submitted a breakdown of all pastoral acts between 8/1/10 and 8/24/10 including: led worship and preached at eight services; four hospital visits; seven pastoral counseling appointments; one home visitation; seven home/hospital communions; 22 pastoral phone calls; led Thursday evening Bible Study (on hiatus for summer); one healing service; Baptism of Jacob Fazio – August 8; Funeral planning with the Jane Dillon-Perkl Family.

Other activities for these time periods include: New Member Reception – June 27; Antique Appraisal Event; Summer Fellowship Event – July 25; attended meetings of Worship and Music Committee; attended meetings of Finance Committee; Southwest Interfaith Meeting at WPLC – June 24; Blood Drive – July 20; DCE Call Committee Meetings – July 21 and August 18; Distributed \$500 to WPLC family from Helping Hands Fund; attended Cluster III Pastor's Pericope Studies – Tuesdays at Noon; Veterans Task Force Meetings; meeting with Synod rep concerning DCE position – August 2; Gideon's Presentation – August 1; Pastoral Evaluation with Executive Committee – August 12; Friendship Circle party at Noeskes' – August 1; God-Speed Service for college-bound members of WPLC – August 15; Memorial Service for Marcella Kleinschmidt – August 22.

Other WPLC business Pastor was involved with this during these time periods included: continuing the process of changing financial accounting practices at WPLC; continuing the process of seeking to increase staff by hiring a DCE; birth of Jacob Fazio;

Upcoming activities include: funeral service for Ruth Muckerheide – August 27; Labor Day Sunday – Sept. 5 (Ralph on vacation); Rally Day – September 12; Acolyte Training – September 12; Wed. afternoon and Thursday evening Bible studies resume; Chapel Service at Steepleview – September 16; Petersdorff/Abramowski wedding – September 18; church picnic – September 19; Greater Milwaukee Synod Theological Conference – September 25-28.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education – Jennine Sonntag

The “Summer Fellowship Event” which took place on Sunday, July 25 was quite successful for the first time, with over 50 participants. New curriculum has been ordered and Sunday school teacher orientation is coming up in anticipation of Rally Day on September 12.

Endowment – Betty Hembrook and Kurt Kaempfer

The Endowment Committee made a \$5,000 payment to the mortgage reduction campaign. A total of \$10,000 has been distributed to the mortgage fund in 2010. Distributions from the Endowment Fund account since January 1, 2010 total \$16,550 as of August 22, 2010. The payments were made to community service organizations, a Confirmation class retreat at Lutherdale, scholarships to seven graduating senior members of WPLC and two payments to the mortgage fund. The balance of the Endowment Fund account at the end of the second quarter on June 25, 2010 was \$361,978.30. The two-year term of Betty Hembrook as council representative to the Endowment Board ended on July 14, 2010. Therefore, the council will need to elect another member to serve a two-year term as a council representative to the Board. Lou will fill in on this Committee until another member can be installed.

Finance – Van Johnson

We are still planning the audit of our books. It is budget time. We do not budget according to commitments because we do not get many commitments returned. Committees should look at their budgets by the next council meeting. Stewardship Sunday will be moved to November 14 at which time we will need to have a preliminary budget. The church calendar needs to be changed to reflect this date change. Recommendations for committee budgets should be in to the Finance Committee by the next council meeting.

Fellowship – Sandy Sannes

Work is in progress for the upcoming church picnic on September 19. Raffle baskets will be on display starting September 5. The second church cookbook is in process. The book will be called “Seasoned with Love – II.” The name was taken from the original cookbook that WPLC published in 1985. We would like to see the majority of church families represented in the new cookbook. The typed and proofed information will be submitted to Morris Press by the end of September. The finished product is expected by early December – a perfect Christmas gift for family and friends.

Health and Wellness – Jill Underberg

The committee is making and delivering birthday cakes to shut-in members. This is a new project.

Worship and Music – Donna Winiarski

Special music was prepared for the Godspeed Service for college-bound members of WPLC. We will change our gathering song to one verse which will change from week-to-week. This change will be implemented beginning on September 12, which is Rally Day. A special memorial service was held on August 22 for Marcella Kleinschmidt (a friend of Peg Meier who

moved to Arizona 32 years ago and who wanted to have a memorial service at WPLC).

Property – Van Johnson

Pat Suderland is doing a tremendous job with parking lot fundraisers!! The property committee is doing well with regular maintenance at the church. All emergency exit lights are working. The fire extinguishers were checked. We need to repair one exit door. We will be marking the steps in the chancel as people have fallen on them. We will need to have a painting party to paint the sanctuary and other parts of the church. We need new carpeting in Hibbard Hall as it is very dirty and unable to be completely cleaned. We anticipate being able to purchase it in approximately three years.

Social Ministry

Charles Schoenleber places announcements in the Leaf for all social ministry events.

Publicity/Evangelism

Pastor received an unsolicited telephone call from a professional church evangelism company who could help us for \$250. He declined their involvement at WPLC. The next meeting of the book club will take place on September 13. The book being discussed is “The Purple Culture” and we will be joined by the author Steve Boehrer, who is a resident of Hales Corners.

Stewardship – Sandy Sannes

Audrey Grafwallner contacted everybody who had not picked up their envelopes for 2010 and no one wants to be removed from membership. Stewardship Sunday will now be on November 14, 2010.

Old Business

Scheduling of Annual Congregational meetings – This meeting will be held in February, 2011.

Constitution/By-Laws Changes – We need to make the appropriate changes so that we are electing new council members in February in order to start new terms in March 2011. Lou and Betty will work on a draft of modifications to the Constitution and By-Laws in anticipation of the Congregational Meeting to reflect this change and that can be voted on.

Memorial – The memorial for the stained glass window donated by the Grafwallner family is up to \$4,000. It is anticipated that the cost will be \$150/square foot because there will not be pictures of figures or scenes – just plain stained glass.

Memorial Wish List – We would like to put a wish list together for items that can be donated via memorials. We will invite the congregation to add to the wish list.

New Business

Mission Statement – We have received two suggested revisions of the Mission Statement (so that we have a simpler and more direct statement capable of being stated from memory) but further discussion is tabled until the next meeting.

Strategic Planning – Tabled until the next meeting.

Submitted by Jennine Sonntag, Council Secretary.

Birthdays

- 1 Evelyn Modrak
- 2 Claudia Hoffmann
Debra Mlnarik
Ruth Rice
- 3 Marilyn Beier
Jodi Graef
Bonnie Hayburn
- 4 Katayoun Fazio
Julane Gaffney
Aimee Schlueter
- 5 Sharon Ehleiter
Jacob Hause
- 6 Shane Arthur
David Brown
Marilyn Simpson
Ronald Sorenson
- 7 Todd King
William Nelson
Kristine Peyer
- 8 Emily Biloff
- 10 Mitchell Broadhead

- 11 Warner Kilbey
Gina Sparacino
- 12 Rachelle Hasenstein
- 13 Joseph Hasenstein
Melissa Kronquist
Rebekah Kruschke
- 14 Sidney Arthur
Anna Fredrickson
Sandra Krause
Dianne Myers
- 15 Grace Vukich
Larry Wills
- 16 Dean Krychowiak
- 17 Nicole Thompson
Daniel Underberg
- 18 Collin Krainer
Deborah Thome
- 19 Emily Brown
Tricia Henneberry
- 21 John Just
Christopher Sorenson
Danielle Sorenson
- 23 Lynda Brothen
- 24 Donald Schubert
- 25 Janet Cook

- 26 Allen Palmersheim
Heather Nelson
Justin Sparacino
- 27 Brady Aderman
Renee Franz-Piotrawski
Aubree Jankowski
Gregg Saari
- 29 Samuel Bukowski
Sandra Martin
Ronald Noeske
Linda Shea
Laura Staats
- 30 MaryAnn Labott
Susan Schlueter

Anniversaries

- 8 Ken & Beth Jaeger
Neil & Jane Prescott
- 10 Philip & Deborah Krajewski
- 22 Wayne & Sandra Baumgart
- 24 Dean & Marilyn King
- 26 Allen & Luverne Palmersheim **63**

September Daze Fall Picnic

September 19th. The weather was cool and wet but that didn't stop the kids from playing outside. The bouncy house, was again a big attraction and thanks to Jessica and Mark Williamson the kids enjoyed several new and clever games.

The chicken, donated by the King family was delicious and was polished off in short order! Thank you to all who made salads, desserts and side dishes. Also, those who helped with the set up and take down and cleaning up. You have our gratitude and Thanks.

The proceeds from the picnic will be given to Helping Hands, Hope House and the Marilyn Schoenleber food drive in November.
The 2010 Picnic Committee.



Family Favorite Treasures—
Then & Now

Cookbook up date:

Our new cookbook is now at Morris Press Printing Company. We anticipate delivery around Thanksgiving or the week following. The new book will have 520 recipes and will sell for \$13 each. Prepaid coupons are available for purchase ahead of time so you may do your Christmas shopping early, if you wish. Thank you to everyone who helped make the cookbook possible.

EVERGREEN WREATHS ON SALE

Whitnall Friendship Circle is selling Christmas Wreaths to raise money for its many ministries here at WPLC. **Orders are due by October 31st.** You may use the order form from the October LEAF or pick one up from the church office; or call Sharon Hause (262-679-2161) to place an order. *Thank you!*

Social Ministry Update:

Lutheran World Relief Quilts and School Kits

On Saturday morning, October 9th, 102 quilts and 390 school kits were taken to the LWR boxcar in the Menominee Valley. Dorcas should be congratulated for making the quilts. Thanks to the members of the congregation who contributed school supplies or money to purchase school supplies. Some Social Ministry Committee coffee hour money also was used to buy supplies. Also thanks to Carl Medeiros and Dan Mueller for transporting the quilts and school kits to the box car.

The quilts will keep people in need warm, provide shelter from the sun, and even be used to transport a family's belongings. The school kits will allow victims of disasters and conflict the supplies needed to go to school.

The box car will take the quilts and school kits to a warehouse where they will be packed for their journey to where they are desperately needed.



Whitnall Park had 31 walkers on Sunday, October 10th. Pledges are still being collected at press time. The goal is to raise at least \$1,600 so that the entire matching grant of \$800

can be obtained from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Some of the money raised will be earmarked to Lutheran World relief to ship Whitnall Park's quilts and school kits from the New Windsor, Maryland, warehouse overseas. (It costs about \$2 to ship each quilt and school kit.) The remainder of the money raised will go to Church World Service to fund their programs to fight hunger and poverty and aid refugees and disaster victims throughout the world or stay in the greater Milwaukee area to help the poor and hungry.

Watch for the complete results of the CROP Walk in the December Leaf.

Hope House

Do not forget to bring in non-perishable food items for the Southside Food Pantry at Hope House. With the poor economy food is more needed than ever.

Fresh Garden Produce Table

At press time the growing season had not yet ended, but the amount of produce was diminishing each week. In advance of the end of the growing season, thanks are due to everyone who brought in produce and everyone who donated and took home the bounty to enjoy. The money raised will be split evenly between the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and the Hunger Task Force. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be matching all money raised at the rate of fifty cents on a dollar.

Coffee Hour

The Social Ministry Committee sponsors the coffee hour the first Sunday of each month. All of the money raised in November and December will be used to support the ministry in the Caribbean of the Pastor Schmeelcke who delivered the powerful message on behalf of aiding the poor, hungry, and oppressed on October 3rd.

“Seeds of Faith”

is the program for all women on Nov. 13, 2010. It is sponsored by Milwaukee area Clusters I, II, III and IV.

The gathering will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, West Milwaukee, 5500 W. Greenfield Ave., beginning with a breakfast at 9 a.m. and followed by Bible study and program. Leader for the day will be Venice Williams, a well-known community leader in the ELCA. Ms. Williams is Executive Director of Seed Folks Youth Ministry and the Community Program Coordinator of Alice's Urban Garden, and has been featured in recent newspaper articles and on Lake Effect radio for her work in the urban community. The program will end before noon.

The cost for breakfast and program is \$7; program only is \$2. Please see flyer and sign-up sheet on the kiosk; reservations are due by Nov. 3. Please call Marjorie Pagel for details (414-425-4066); she will mail in all registrations together. If desired, we can carpool from WPLC.

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

Autumn Greetings! Yes, we are in the season of Autumn even though it feels like summer.

We have “Fall”n into a great routine in Sunday school. We are using the new Spark curriculum which we all enjoy. This new curriculum has two different Bibles which compliment the curriculum—the Spark Story Bible (for ages three through second grade) and the Spark Bible (for Grades 3 and up). The third through eighth grade children have all had their Bibles upgraded to the new Spark bibles. The kids love them. We are very blessed to have received a donation from the Whitnall Friendship Circle. This donation has allowed us to purchase the Spark Story Book Bibles for all of the three and four year old children.

“*Thank You*” to the Whitnall Friendship Circle, for your kind and generous donation.

Be sure to stop by our table at the Ministry Fair and check out the new Bibles.

On October 8th, I attended the Vibrant Ministries Conference held at Faith Lutheran church in Janesville, WI. It was a great opportunity to meet people from other churches. The guest speakers had lots of great ideas, which I brought back with me.

HALLOWEEN “Did You Know?”

*Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers being #1

*Paraskavedekatriaphobia is a fear of the number 13

*Samhainophobia is an intense fear of Halloween

Q: What do you call a fat jack ‘o lantern?

A: A plump-kin



November 2010

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I love the way that God works in the lives of the faithful...yesterday (a few weeks ago by the time you are reading this), a parishioner approached me and asked if we had a grief group here at WPLC; which we currently do not. When faced with this type of dilemma, I have two basic courses of action as a pastor: 1) direct the individual to existing groups in the area (which is a fine and viable option), or 2) create a group that would help meet the person's needs, while at the same time providing an opportunity for others within our community. I have decided to follow the latter and **create a grief group** here at Whitnall Park Lutheran.

I'm sure I don't need to remind anyone that the holidays are rapidly approaching and for many, a time of joy and celebration with family and friends. However, for many others, the holidays bring up fond memories of the past and the heart-ache that people who were present in our lives "*back then*" are no longer here with us. I think more than any other time of the year (with the exception of certain birthdays and anniversaries) the time from Thanksgiving through New Year is very difficult for many people.

By offering a grief group, our hope is to gather a group of people who have experienced a variety of types of loss; not only the loss of spouse, but also the loss of parents, children, siblings or good friends. Anyone who has experienced grief through loss knows that it takes on many forms and comes at the most unusual and unexpected times. By **providing a place for people to come and share their grief**, we can offer tools to help get through the difficult times and the comfort of knowing that we don't travel that road alone.

The group will meet for the first time on **November 16th at 7:00 pm**, and then every Tuesday after that for the course of five weeks and will culminate in mid-December, just before the Blue Christmas service, which offers a time of worship for those going through loss and grief.

I will ask you to share your thoughts with me (and our Parish Nurse Barb Estrada, who will also be playing a major role in organizing and running the grief group) and let us know what you think about this opportunity. And if the spirit moves, and you find yourself feeling like this group would be beneficial to you or a loved one, please come and find hope and healing with members of your church family.

Barb and I are very excited to bring this opportunity to WPLC and look forward to walking with you through the pain of grief and into the hope and promise of healing in Christ.

God's Peace and Blessings be with you all,

Pr. Michael