

September Calendar of Events

September 7th	Knitting and Crocheting resumes
September 8th	Good News Bible Study at 11:30 am <i>All are welcome.</i>
September 12th	Rally Sunday, Sunday school begins at 10:15 am, please meet in church. Third grade receives their Bibles. Fifth grade has acolyte training at 11:15 am.
September 12th	God's Young Voices begins and meets at 9:40 am
September 13th	LEAF Articles are due.
September 13th	Dartball League begins
September 16th	Evening Bible Study resumes.
September 19th	CHURCH PICNIC ←

- Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on Sundays!
- Please bring your aluminum cans and Campbell labels on the second Sunday, September 12th, ONLY.
- Dorcas Circle meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- Sunday School at 10:15 am—meets in church Sunday, September 12.
- God's Young Voices—meets Sunday, September 12th at 9:40 am.
- Senior Choir meets every Wednesday beginning September 8th at 7:30 pm.
- Health and Wellness meeting, Thursday, September 9th, 7:00 pm
- Worship & Music meets Tuesday, September 14th, at 7:00 pm
- Good News Bible Study meets Wednesday, September 8th at 11:30 am.
- OWLS meet on Thursday, September 9th, at 8:30 am at Forum Restaurant
- Property committee meeting Tuesday, September 14th, at 6:30 pm.
- Christian Education meeting Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 pm
- Evening Bible Study meets Thursday, September 16th, 7:00 pm.
- Friends meet Tuesday, September 28th at 9:30 am.
- Parish Nurse, Barb Estrada is here on Wednesday mornings but not September 15th she will be here on the Friday, September 17th of that week
- PICK N SAVE WPLC WE CARE NUMBER IS # 934480





Life Line Screening

On November 5th, 2010, Whitnall Park Lutheran Church will be hosting a community health screening program offered by "Life Line Screening". This is a company that offers health screenings to determine your risk for stroke and other vascular or heart rhythm problems. Your health insurance will not cover the cost of these screening tests done by this company. If any abnormalities are found on these tests, your personal physician would most likely repeat the procedures to determine disease and its risk to you.

Four different health screenings will be offered. The screenings are performed using Doppler color flow ultrasound systems and include the following:

- 1) A Carotid Artery Screening – visualizes the build up of plaque in the carotid arteries which could lead to stroke.
- 2) An Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) test – looks for an enlargement in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.
- 3) An ankle Brachial Index (ABI) – screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities.
- 4) And a test for Atrial Fibrillation, which test for a type of irregular heart beat.

The cost of the above screening package is \$149.00. Because they will be using WPLC's space on Nov. 5th, they are offering any of our members who would like to participate in the screening process a discount off of the usual cost of \$149.00. WPLC members cost would be \$139.00. Rob Ray, service coordinator for Lifeline will be at WPLC on Sunday, Oct. 10th. He will have pre-registration forms available at that time or by calling 1-800-324-1851. You must pre-register to get the discount. He will also be able to explain the tests in greater detail to you at that time.

These health screening tests are not for everyone. They are not recommended for anyone younger than age 50. They do not predict risk for these particular health problems. I suggest that if you are interested in participating in this type of screenings that you speak with your personal physician to seek his or her opinion about the screenings and your particular health risks. I would like to **emphasize that WPLC does not either endorse or recommend these tests/screening to anyone and is only offering the space to provide a community service.**

Please feel free to see or call me with questions about the Life Line Screening program. Have a safe and healthy September.

Barb Estrada, RN, Parish Nurse

Social Ministry Update:

Hope House

Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Hope House. Any donation is greatly appreciated, and food items are desperately needed to help people in these turbulent economic times.

Fresh Garden Produce Table

September is the beginning of the end of the growing season in Wisconsin. Take advantage of the Produce Table while you can. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring in their surplus garden produce. Other members then can take the abundance home for a small donation. This year the money raised will go to the following causes:

- ELCA World Hunger
- Hunger Task Force
- Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is providing up to \$450 in matching funds at the rate of fifty cents on a dollar.

CROP Walk

The 2010 Greater Milwaukee CROP Walk takes place at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, at McKinley Marina on Milwaukee's Lakefront. Walkers can cover the short route of about two miles or the long route of about 5.5 miles. Everyone is encouraged to walk, help collect donations on the Sundays before or after the walk, or sponsor a walker with a donation. The money raised helps fight poverty and hunger in the United States and around the world. If you want to walk or help collect donations, please contact Charles Schoenleber as soon as possible. Otherwise watch for further information about the CROP Walk and the collaborative efforts of Lutheran World Relief (school kits and Dorcas quilts) and Church World Service (CROP Walk) beginning in mid-September.

Some of the money raised this year will be designated to ship Lutheran World Relief/Church World Service quilts and school kits from the New Windsor, Maryland, warehouse to where they are needed.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is providing up to \$800 in matching funds at the rate of fifty cents on a dollar.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Bring in your school supplies. Hopefully you have taken advantage of the "back to school sales" of July and August. The deadline is Sunday, October 3rd, as the box car is loaded the following Saturday. Members of the congregation will have the opportunity to assemble the school kits in September.

Please help to fill school bags for eager, but impoverished, school children in the United States and around the world. You have the option of filling a complete bag with the eight items needed, buying an item or two in any quantity, or donating money. Money would allow the Social Ministry Committee to purchase items that are needed to fill out complete kits.

The **eight** items needed for each bag are as follows:

- Three **70-page** spiral notebooks, for a total of 210 pages for each school kit.
- One pink pencil eraser about two and one half inches long.
- One **BLUNT TIP** scissors with **metal blades**.
- One pencil sharpener. (Needed only for complete kits as there are 400 on hand.)
- One ruler with 12 inches on the top and 30 cm (*The rulers must have the 30 cm.*) on the bottom of the front side. Flat wood (or plastic) rulers are easiest to pack.
- One box of **24 crayons**.
- Six new **unsharpened #2** pencils with erasers.
- 12 sheets of construction paper.

Any other surplus school supplies will also be accepted and taken to Hope House for their programs.

September Daze at **WPLC**

Sunday, September 19, 2010

A day of fellowship & fun on church lawn!

Lunch at 11:15 am

\$7 Adults • \$5 Seniors (age 65+) • \$3 Kids (age 6-12) • 5 & under free

followed by

Fun & Games for All Ages; Door Prizes; Raffles

Watch for Sign-up Sheets in Hornburg Hall

WPLC Church Picnic

Birthdays

1	Brian Martin
	Jenna Ridder
	Amy Worden
3	Marge Ristow
4	Mary Llanas
5	Jackson Bussler
6	Todd Brinkmeier
	Robert Dallmann
	Lois Pogratz
7	Erin Hareng
	Terry Sparacino
8	Jenna Laposki
9	Katrina Loebel
10	Nicole Braun
11	Hannah Breese
13	Leroy Pfeil
	Stacy Tikkanen
14	Collin Ehleiter
	Joshua Kienbaum
17	Madison Bainbridge
	Jessica Stanton
18	William Peck
	Rachelle Suchla
19	Jamie Bussler
20	June Jensen
	Ronald Labott
21	Elvin Arthur
	Matthew Elertson
22	Tom Abraham
	Charlotte Christensen
23	Lisa Hayes
	Patricia Page
24	Cody Suchla
25	Joseph Posick
26	Lloyd Gellings
	Kyle Sorvick
27	Thera Baginski
	Angela Cotey
	Dolores Cobb
	Donald Hareng
	Gregory Stanton
28	Deborah Krajewski
	Michael Myers
	Nicole Sparacino
29	Charlotte MacPherson
	Kathy Swenson
30	Michele Paneitz
	Emily Skubal

Anniversaries

1	Lyle & Joan Lance
2	Donald & Mary Ann Barrows
	Russell & Joyce Goetz
4	Donald & June Jensen 64
7	Gordon & Darlene Kelley
9	Brian & Kristine Peyer
10	Donald & Kathy Ross
13	Richard & Vickie Katschke, Sr.
15	Robert & Karen Everts
	Kurtis & Sharon Kaempfer
	Robert & Margaret Michaels
17	Thomas & Sandra Abraham
18	Luther & Lorraine Graef 56
	Donovan & Melissa Kronquist
21	Alan & Nancy Olson
22	Roy Stollenwerk &
	Jennine Sonntag
26	Joe & Amy Worden
27	Andrew & Nicole Braun
	Ward & Lynn Kopp
28	Roger & Mary Ann Steckhan

BOOK GROUP WPLC----*The Purple Culture*

The next meeting of the book group will be on **Monday September 13th** at 7 PM at church. The book discussion will be led by Marjorie Pagel. The book is ***The Purple Culture*** by Stephen Boehrer. This is a novel on the mystery surrounding the clerical abuse scandal and the role played by the bishops. What motivated politically adept men to knowingly place predatory, pedophile priests around innocent children? What moved them to present deaf ears to victims and parents of the victims? The mystery is solved in the impartial process of a courtroom. **The author, Stephen Boehrer, a Wisconsin native who spent 10 years as a priest in Rome and the United States, will join us for the lively discussion on the 13th. All are welcome to attend.**

To All Women of the ELCA:

The Women's organization of the ELCA will be holding its annual convention at Atonement Lutheran Church, Muskego, on October 1st and 2nd. The theme is "*Fill My Cup, Lord.*" All are invited. With the convention site being so close, we would like to see at least 6 women from WPLC attend. We also need someone to volunteer to be a delegate.

Registration for both days of the convention is \$65; Friday only, \$35; Saturday only, \$40. (Meals are included with all registrations.) Registrations must be mailed by Aug. 9 for these rates; a \$5 late fee is charge for those received later.

Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the registration. See newsletter for application form. Please check the kiosk for more information; for a free, email copy of the newsletter, contact Marjorie Pagel, 414-425-4066
mepagel@milwpc.com

A Report on the Synod Assembly 2010

Hello everyone!

This is just a little note from my wife Annie and I to let you know how the Synod meetings went. The theme this year was “***Beyond the Walls***”.

At the Thursday night worship service they played music that came from all over the world.

The prayers were read by seven different individuals and each in a different language. The prayers were written in English in our bulletins and after reading the prayer each spokesperson would end their prayer with the same phrase saying in English “*Hear Us O Lord.*” We would respond by saying “*Your Mercy is Great.*”

At one point we all held hands and were encouraged to say the Lord’s Prayer in what ever language we felt comfortable speaking in.

I myself thought it was kind of weird for it sounded more like mumbling to me and I felt kind of uncomfortable about it. I asked Annie what she thought about it and she said she thought it was really neat. **I said what?— She said, “imagine, that’s how God hears our prayers from all over the world. He understands prayers from ALL walks of life, in ALL languages and at the same time.”** I was so taken by the truth of what she said that I came away with an entire new way of thinking. She really opened up my eyes, ears and my heart to what the theme of the Synod was all about.

Our Church displayed a very clever booth called “***Stations of the Heart***”. I told Barb Estrada and Sandy Abraham who were running it, that they should have that display at our Church. I’ll let them surprise you with that when they feel fit to do so.

Annie and I bought some land from Tanzania to support the Makumira Farm Mission Fund. We were given a “Certificate of Ownership”. It’s kind of how they did it for Packer fans to own a piece of Lambeau Field. The proceeds from their land sale will go for their farming development. A portion of the funds raised will be used in starting the student housing dormitories for the Tanzania Makumira University. Providing clean, safe and close to campus housing. Their government really keeps close tabs on Christianity over there. It’s a very dangerous environment. Annie and I were fortunate enough to meet Pastor Elias Kitoi Nasari who is from there. We’re sure the money will be put to good use.

The Saturday morning worship had contemporary music that was very uplifting. The message of the day was given by Seminararian Marilyn Miller. Her explanation about “Going Beyond the Walls” was very powerful which dealt with how we all need to try and break down the barriers that separate us such as racism, discrimination, titles like poor or rich, labels like these where the list goes on and on. Her message was quite moving and made you even look at yourself in a different light. It was a great opportunity to see and hear how others from across the globe live and worship.

We can’t forget to mention the meals as they were all delicious.

We really came away with a new eye opening experience and we would encourage everyone to attend the Synod meetings if you’re given the opportunity.

God Bless You All,

Jerry & Annie Magyera

Jerry and Annie this is a wonderful and inspiring description of your experience. Now you have made it our experience Thank you!!

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

Just a few more weeks and we will all be back into the swing of things. The chirping crickets has always been a sign for me that school is just around the corner. **Rally Day is September 12th at 10:15.** All children should meet in church. Following a short children's message and teacher installation, children will be dismissed to their class.

ALL third grade students should remain in church on Rally Day, to receive their Bible. As a long standing tradition, the third grade students have received Bibles as a gift from the congregation. This year, I am very excited about the new Bibles to be given out - they are called "*Spark*" Bibles. So, what makes these new Bibles so neat?

- * the cool colors and design
- * key bible verses are highlighted throughout the Bible
- * on the bottom of the pages there is a section called "*did you know?*" - this section has interesting facts to help you explore more about the people, places, things, and events in the Bible story you are reading.
- * each page has an important vocabulary word from that story that is defined.
- * pages include a section that has "*know it*" and "*ask it*" questions. These are reflective questions to better understand the story. There are also "*try it*" activities- suggested activities to try with family or friends. These are just a few of the highlights of these great new Bibles. I encourage the third grade students and their families to check out these Bibles together.

**Please welcome our teachers
for 2010-2011**

3 & 4 Year Olds: volunteer

Kindergarten and First Grade: **Lori Nelson**

Second Grade: **Lori Ridder**

Third and Fourth Grade: **Mark Williamson**

Fifth and Sixth Grade: **Jessica Williamson**

Seventh and Eighth Grade: **Sharon Kaempfer**

Important: **We still need a teacher for the 3&4 year olds.** Please let Sharon Kaempfer or Kelly Brown know if you are interested.



**July 25th was our FAITH -
FOOD - FUN -
and FELLOWSHIP
Summer Event.**





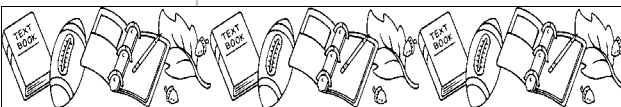
This one day event was in place of our traditional *Vacation Bible School*.

Our evening started out with a delicious picnic dinner followed by an adult Bible study and a Bible study for the kids. We all gathered together for an art project, where we all got to show our creative sides. We painted garden stones. These decorative stones were a reminder that **God is our rock.** While the stones dried, we met outside for games. The kids were not the only ones to have fun...the adults got in on the fun too.

This was the first time for such an event. I was thrilled to see the turnout - 52 people joined us for some great fellowship and fun. This was great attendance for a first time event. I know that I had a great time and I hope that all other participants did too!!

September 2010

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="color: blue; font-style: italic;">September Days Church Picnic September 19th</p>			1 9:30 AM Parish Nurse	2	3 Pastor's day off.	4
5 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM WORSHIP	6 Labor Day Office is closed. 	7 9:00 AM Dorcas 1:00 PM Knitting & Crocheting 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 7:00 PM Health & Wellness	10 Pastor's day off.	11 Sunday school meets in church tomorr- ow at 10:15 am
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I'm thinking about this newsletter, I'm looking forward to Rally Sunday in September and the return of all of our programs. Yet, thinking back to all that's gone on this summer, there's quite a list of activities that have filled our time as a church as well. I'll never forget, when I was on my internship in Stevens Point, the Senior Pastor retired and the Associate (my supervisor) left his call with two months of my internship remaining. The last day that the Senior Pastor was in the office he said, "Don't worry, July and August are slow." I had eight funerals over the next two weeks!!! It was then that I realized whoever thinks summer is a slow time for the church is sorely mistaken. Following are some of the things we've accomplished or are well on our way to accomplishing as the faithful people of WPLC:

† **The parking lot – IT'S DONE!** And we are making great strides toward paying it off.

† **Creating more time between services** – alright, I know this is an easy one...but the time we have to fellowship and allow more room in the parking lot for cars going and coming is making a positive difference in our time together on Sunday mornings.

† **Preparing to hire a Director of Christian Education** – we have a committee of people dedicated to the Christian Education of our congregation working toward finding a qualified person to assist me with teaching confirmation, providing more adult educational opportunities and working with Kelly Brown and the Sunday School staff to ensure the best possible education for our children and adolescents. This person is not going to replace anything I do as your pastor, just assist me in certain areas and allow us as a church to have many more opportunities to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

† **The transfer of our financial record keeping to Nolan Accounting Firm** – With the forthcoming "retirement" of Brent Rice as our church Treasurer, we needed to find a suitable replacement, which came in the form of Nolan Accounting Firm. We are just about finished transferring all of our records to Nolan, getting payroll set up through them and having them prepare our monthly financial statements for council. There have been a number of people involved with this delicate and complex process, but a few have truly gone the extra mile in service to our church. A special "Thank You" to Brent Rice for all of his years of service, Van Johnson for leading the finance team through the transition process and Donna Winiarski for taking on the role of treasurer, writing checks to pay all of our bills... these folks are doing more for WPLC than you could imagine!

† **Increased church office presence** – Starting in September, Sandy will now be in the office Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm. This will allow more continuity and greater communication for our church...Thank You Sandy!!!

As you can see, we've been up to quite a bit this summer, and it's all for the glory of God and the service to His people. Thank you all for your support and your prayers as we're moving forward in faith and living out the call of Christ in this place at this time!

God's richest blessings be with you all,
Pr. Michael