

The United Lutheran Parish



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Elias—Gresham -----8:00am
St John's—Leopolis-----9:15am
Bethlehem—Pella ----- 10:30am
Zion—Tigerton -----8:00am
Peace—Tilleda -----9:15am
St Matthew's—Bowler --- 10:30am

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“WORDS ON THE CROSS”

Ash Wednesday—Feb 17th
“*Repentance*”

Worship at Peace @ 6pm
and at Bethlehem @ 8pm

Mid-Week Worship
at Peace @ 6pm
and at Bethlehem @ 8pm
Feb 24—*Rebirth*
Mar 3—*Faith*
Mar 10—*Light*
Mar 17—*Spirit*
Mar 24—*Heirs*



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YOUTH NEWS



Confirmation classes continue on Wednesdays at 4:30pm at Zion and 6:30pm at Bethlehem and also on Sunday at 4:30pm at Bethlehem.

Students: Remember to work on your project for this year. If you went to confirmation camp last summer, you must present your scrapbook to your congregation—then get your scrapbook to the TULP office for safekeeping until Confirmation. Some of you have not yet chosen a project—please do so right away and get working on it. Remember, it must be approved by Pastor Dennis.

Confirmation Camp 2010 is July 11-16 at Imago Dei. Registration forms will be handed out during confirmation classes.

CROSSWAYS SUMMER CAMP brochures are available in the back of church. There are individual programs for grades 1-12 and family programs for people of ALL ages. Take a brochure and discover great summer adventure opportunities for your entire family. Remember: there is no better investment in your children's faith development than a week at Bible Camp!

Adult Supervision For February:

Date	Zion	Bethlehem
2/3	Bailey	Bestul
2/7	---	M Otto
2/10	Berg	Habeck
2/14	---	Urban
2/17	Dobizl	Homan
2/21	---	Krueger
2/24	Dobizl	Homan
2/28	---	Laude
3/3	Koenig	Kust
3/7	---	M Otto

JESUS IS OUR LIFEGUARD

**Junior High Youth Gathering—Grades 6-8
Feb 20-21, 2010**

**City Center Hotel, Oshkosh
Convention Center**

Cost: \$75

**Speakers: Dara Stull and
Dan Scharnhorst**

Music: Crossways Camp Band

Check-in— 11am on Sat, Feb 20

Ends: Noon on Sunday, Feb 21

Saturday dinner theme is a **Hawaiian Theme**

Silent Auction

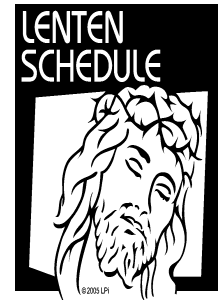
Registration Deadline-Feb 4, 2010



February Calendar Highlights

NOTE: Not all events (eg: Individual Church Bible Studies) are listed here— please check your churches news page(s) for additional information.

- Jan 27 Confirmation Class—4:30pm @ Zion 6:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Jan 31 Youth Service at Zion
- Jan 31 Confirmation Class 4:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Feb 2 Bible Study 7:30am @ Schultz's—Tigerton
- Feb 2 Team Meeting 10:00am
- Feb 3 Confirmation Class—4:30pm @ Zion 6:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Feb 3 Project Heart Search 7pm @ Bethlehem
- Feb 7 Confirmation Class 4:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Feb 9 Shawano Conference—Peace, Tilleda—9:30am
- Feb 9 Zion Council 5:30pm
- Feb 10 Confirmation Class—4:30pm @ Zion 6:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Feb 11 Elias WELCA 1pm @ Pat Arnold's
- Feb 14 Confirmation Class 4:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Feb 14 Shawano Conference Assembly 5pm @ Immanuel, Cicero
- Feb 16 Bible Study 7:30am @ Schultz's—Tigerton
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins
Worship at Peace—6pm and at Bethlehem—8pm
- Feb 17 Confirmation Class—4:30pm @ Zion 6:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Feb 18 Peace Council 6:30pm
- Feb 18 Advisory Council 7:30pm @ Peace
- Feb 21 Bethlehem Council 11:15am
- Feb 21 Food Pantry Distribution 1pm
- Feb 21 Confirmation Class 4:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Feb 24 Lenten Worship Peace—6pm and Bethlehem—8pm
- Feb 24 Confirmation Class—4:30pm @ Zion 6:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Feb 28 Confirmation Class 4:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Mar 2 Bible Study 7:30am @ Schultz's—Tigerton
- Mar 2 Team Meeting 10:00am
- Mar 2 Peace Brotherhood 6pm
- Mar 3 Lenten Worship Peace—6pm and Bethlehem—8pm
- Mar 3 Confirmation Class—4:30pm @ Zion 6:30pm @ Bethlehem
- Mar 3 Project Heart Search 7pm @ Bethlehem
- Mar 4 Peace WELCA 6:30pm



ASH WEDNESDAY AND MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Peace @ 6PM
Bethlehem @ 8PM

Feb 17, 24,
Mar 3, 10, 17, 24

**Shawano Conference
Assembly—Feb 14th—5pm**
at Immanuel in Cicero.
Each congregation should
have representation at this
meeting.

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FOOD PANTRY ANNUAL REPORT

Thank you to all who have donated time, money and food to our pantry. This year we provided assistance to 30 different families, totaling 99 persons. We helped these families a total of 106 times, averaging 3 requests per family over this past year. These numbers are double the number of people we helped during 2008. The majority of these families were not members of our parish churches, although some are members.

Our guidelines allow us to help any family needing assistance, regardless of church membership or physical address. They do not have to meet any particular qualifications, though we do ask them to be honest about their need for assistance. We help any single family once per month, as often as 12 times in any 18 month period. We provide them with groceries for the month, but realize this will not feed a family for an entire month. The food is meant to be a supplement to other assistance they may be eligible for. In November families were given a frozen turkey bought with accumulated funds, and in December, families were each give a 5# canned ham and fresh fruit donated by some of our parish members. Several area churches and church organizations are also supporting our Food Pantry with regular donations of food items or cash, along with other groups and individuals (I would like to name them but fear I might miss someone – **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**).

Everything we give away is donated to us by church members and local organizations. Any cash donations we receive are used to purchase food products as needed and to purchase perishable grocery gift certificates at Shawano's Country Store.

Our donations are keeping up with the current requests, thanks to the continued generosity of the community and some funds that we were awarded through United Way and Stimulus Funds that were also made available last year. We are not guaranteed these funds this year, so please continue to donate as you are able.

Anyone wishing to donate to the food pantry may drop off non-perishable foods that are NOT past date to our main office in Tilleda. Please call 715-787-3367 to make sure that someone is in the office to receive your donation or make special arrangements to drop it off. Cash donations should be in the form of checks made out to "United Lutheran Parish" with "food pantry" in the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support which provides God's blessing of abundance to share with families in need!

Diane Kryll

PROJECT HEART SEARCH

January 6, 2010 at Bethlehem: 7PM

Introductions and **updates** on what Project Heart is and has done in the past year. Project Heart Search has been operating for one year as of this January. The group is working on hand outs. The hand out are distributed to the congregational members to keep one item for themselves and to pass the other item to someone that may need to hear the word of God at any given moment of time. The group is working on inviting new members to church.

A **prayer list** was compiled and **Pastor Dennis Creswell** lead the group prayers. Numerous individuals and families were listed, military personnel, new members, food pantry families, T.U.L.P. congregations, lonely, people with health issues, family issues, Project Heart Search, everyone and that we all get to heaven.

Topics:

January - Sound the Horn - He is Born!!!!

February - Sweets for the Soul...

March - Gospel Seeds....

April - Jelly Bean Prayer....

Next meeting date is Feb

3rd at Bethlehem at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to attend the Project Heart Meetings. Project Heart Donations may be put in the churches collection plate with a designation of "Project Heart" in the memo or make on the envelope. These funds do help pay for the numerous projects. Thank you for your continued support of evangelism for our churches.

Project Heart Search



Any Question, Please Contact:

Elias	Linda Hohn	715-787-3844
Peace	Sharon Stein	715-787-3475
Bethlehem	Lynn Steinke	715-524-3979
St Johns	Carol Peterson	715-787-4402
Zion	Bill Kriegel	715-535-2168
TULP	Diane Kryll	715-787-3367

Rest in Peace

Adeline Schultz.....Peace	12/29
(funeral will be May 8)	
Alice Kriesel	Zion.....1/4
Sonny Niemuth	Bethlehem



Thank You

TEAM REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR DOUG

Dear Friends in Christ at The United Lutheran Parish,

This topic may have been addressed in a previous newsletter but some facts need to be repeated. As most of you are aware, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at its national convention last August, made some changes relating to who can serve in the office of ordained pastor in ELCA congregations and opened the door to the possibility of some sort of church blessing of same-sex monogamous relationships. The convention passed resolutions to this end by considerable margins. Many disagree with the decisions and presently 9 congregations in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin are in the process of withdrawing from the ELCA as Immanuel withdrew from TULP even a year before the convention. I say “in the process” because it is not clear to me that any of the 9 congregations has actually fulfilled all steps and officially withdrawn as of this date. There is some discussion among some members of TULP congregations concerning whether their congregations should withdraw from the ELCA as well.

Before putting such decisions into play, **we need to be aware of a few facts about these decisions.** The following is fresh in my mind because I attended a meeting with Bishop Jim Justman in Wausau last night (Jan 18) and 2 1/2 hours were devoted to this topic. **First, the decision of who a congregation calls as pastor rests with the congregation, assuming that person has met the academic requirements for an ELCA pastor and has otherwise been approved.** Such approval comes through a long process these days. In other words, no congregation is being forced to call a gay pastor. The decision of the convention only allows that possibility for congregations who want to call an

openly gay person. Indeed, as the Bishop pointed out, there are ELCA congregations which do not wish to call women pastors, and that preference is honored, even though the decision to ordain women was made 40 years ago, in 1970. The same is true for pastors and congregations concerning whether they shall provide some sort of rite of blessing for same-sex couples. The authority for these decisions still lies with the local congregation. Despite what you may have heard, the ELCA has no means for imposing these choices on congregations from above.



Second, if an ELCA congregation refuses to call a pastor who is gay, this does not expose the congregation to a lawsuit for discrimination.

There is a lot of confusion on the whole matter of hiring practices of religious groups and how these relate to civil government. Because of the separation of church and state, congregations are not bound to the same anti-discrimination laws as secular employers. If this were not true, all Christian groups in America, including the Roman Catholic Church, could be forced to accept women clergy. We know that is not going to happen. Strange as it may sound, clergy are not covered by the Equal Opportunity Employment Act and churches can discriminate amongst clergy on grounds for which a secular employer could be sued. If this were not true, a Lutheran congregation could be forced to call a Baptist pastor or a Catholic priest, if one applied for the call. Government does not want to get involved in such religious matters.

If congregations are going to vote to depart the ELCA, at least they should vote knowing the facts. If you have questions concerning this topic, contact either of the pastors of TULP and we will discuss it.

Pastor Doug Helling

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 2009, The United Lutheran Parish

At the beginning of the calendar year, I went from 3/4 time to 1/2 time as a pastor with the congregations of TULP. At the same time each of the pastors went from leading 2 services per Sunday to 3 services per Sunday. From my perspective, this has worked very well. I no longer taught Catechism classes, though I did fill in once or twice when needed. I did take responsibility for most Communion visitations of shut-ins in the parish. In the months of January, April, July, and October 1 called on the all the shut-ins of the parish. The other 8 months, these folk had the opportunity to receive Communion from lay persons of their congregations. A few individuals who were missed by the lay distributors, I usually visited in those 8 months as well.

For most of the year, Pastor Jen called on those hospitalized in the Fox River Valley while I called on those in Wausau and Marshfield. I have continued a twice-monthly Bible Study in Tigerton on the first and third Tuesday mornings. I led several funeral services during the year and did several baptisms. The staff continued staff meetings once per month on the first Tuesday. I also attended all meetings of the Advisory Council. Every month I distributed food from the Food Pantry on one Sunday afternoon according to a schedule set up by Office Manager Diane Kryll. Some very capable people now pack all the food to be distributed according to a formula and this is done a couple of days before distribution. This approach has worked well. I look forward to continuing these ministerial tasks in the new year with the newest member of the TULP staff, Pastor Dennis Creswell.

Pastor Douglas Helling

SOWING SEEDS OF HOPE: GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

2010 Synod Assembly—May 21-22 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point.

This year we are partnering with the Northwest Synod of WI. Both Synods are honored to have Bishop Mark Hanson as a presenter at the assembly. Our guest speaker is Reggie McNeal, who is the Missional Leadership Specialist for the Leadership Network.

Early Bird registrations must be postmarked by March 31st. Registration includes meals. Visitors wishing a meal package will pay \$65.

Pastors, Diaconal Ministers, AIMs, and Deaconesses with a call are eligible voting members. In addition, **Congregations shall have 2 voting members**, preferably one male and one female. In assembly, voting members review the work of the Synod, adopt a budget, elect representatives, ratify resolutions, and oversee various other business of the Synod. Registration materials will be sent directly to congregations in mid-February. Registrations and payments are due in

the Synod Office by May 1st. On-line registration will also be available.

If you have not determined your representatives, do so quickly so they can receive the packet of information prior to the assembly.

Agenda: Special Activities:

- Worshiping together
- Listening together
- Enjoying together
- Working together
- Playing together
- Sharing time together
- Laughing together
- Praying together

Being the Church TOGETHER

There will be separate Plenary Sessions to allow each synod to conduct their business.

MISSIONARY NEWS—JANUARY 2010

We pray you have all enjoyed your Christmas celebration with family and friends. We had a blessed time with our adult kids, friends and people from our church. Thank you for remembering us during this Christmas time with your prayers, thoughts, words of encouragement and gifts. We deeply appreciate it.

Fall of 2009 was a difficult time for me, Marshall, in terms of my health. This included the discovery that in addition to the non-curable progressive eye disease of Macular Degeneration, I now have Retinopathy as well. This is also a non-curable progressive eye disease. Both diseases affect the retinas located at the back of the eye.

Working long hours at my job, and traveling extensively meant lots of reading, writing and computer work which all stressed and strained my already diseased eyes. So, after much prayer and reflection, Vanice and I felt that my top priority should be the care of the remaining sight in my eyes. Consequently, I stepped down from my role as Director of Organizational Development for Wycliffe international on December 1, 2009.

This does not mean I have retired from Wycliffe! I'm moving into another assignment on the Campus of the International Linguistic Center here in Dallas as the Dallas Center Chaplain and Coordinator of Spiritual Unity. I start this new role February 1, 2010. In my new job I will be able to monitor the numbers of hours I spend reading, writing and working on the computer. This will greatly slow down the progression of the eye diseases.

Many of you recall that I had knee surgery in May of 2008 which was followed by all sorts of therapies and injections to relieve me of the constant pain. I finally found an orthopedic surgeon this fall who felt he could help me through performing a partial knee replacement. So, on December 1st I had the Unicompartmental Knee Replacement Surgery up in North Dallas. Everything has gone well including therapy and I am thrilled to report that I am walking pain free.

We want to thank you for your involvement with us in Bible Translation and Wish you a very Happy New Year.

Marshall and Vanice Schultz

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The images of the despair and destruction in the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti continue to overwhelm us, but they also call forth our response of prayer and generosity.

Thank you for continuing to hold in prayer the people in Haiti and all those who are working to bring relief. Thank you for your generous financial gifts.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is already working through long-standing partnerships with The Lutheran World Federation and Lutheran World Relief to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies.

This church is uniquely positioned to provide immediate and ongoing help. The ELCA has committed an initial \$250,000 from ELCA International Disaster Response, and we've authorized an additional \$500,000 as congregations respond both to the immediate needs and long-term rebuilding efforts.

For those of you who would like to support these relief efforts, I encourage you to visit this Web page

(www.elca.org/haitiearthquake) or call 800-638-3522.

Our phones are open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST.

One hundred percent of all gifts made to ELCA Disaster Response, designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief, will be used for immediate relief and ongoing recovery.

This is what it means to be the church together in mission for the sake of the world.

I invite you to pray:

Merciful God, hear our cry for mercy in the wake of the earthquake. Reveal your presence in the midst of our suffering. Help us to trust in your promises of hope and life so that desperation and grief will not overtake us. Come quickly to our aid that we may know peace and joy again. Strengthen us in this time of trial with the assurance of hope we know in the death and resurrection of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In God's grace,
The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop

CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT

Crossways Camping Ministries is an association of congregations who together provide opportunities for ministry to strengthen the faith development of people of all ages so that they might live as disciples

Notice of Annual Meeting for
Crossways Camping Ministries
Saturday, Feb 20, - 10am
St Mark Lutheran Church—Neenah

brought people together from more than a dozen countries around the world, 5 continents, and many cultural backgrounds.

“Walking Together in God’s World” reminds us

of Christ in their own communities. Crossways is 180 congregations, three camps/retreat/conference centers, 21 day camps, over 450 acres of God’s beautiful creation, over 1 3/4 miles of lakeshore, 15 dedicated year ‘round staff, 80 summer program staff, hundreds of volunteers, Board and committee members, and hundreds of donors (congregations, organizations, and individuals). It is strengthened for service through the prayers of partners who understand the importance of the faith development of our young people, the growth of family relationships through quality experiences together, the growth in personal self esteem and self-understanding and the building of life-long friendships that happen at camp.

In 2009 we were once again blessed with a wonderful group of talented, gifted Christian young men and women who answered the call to do ministry through our camping programs. We emphasize that serving at a Crossways’ camp is not a “summer job” but an opportunity to do ministry and help shape the faith lives of hundreds of young people. Over 3,000 young people, family members and adults participated in one of our camp programs this past summer. We also have a growing array of program opportunities for people of all ages during our fall, winter and spring retreat season.

The first Global Village Camp was held in partnership with the East Central Synod in July, 2009. This intergenerational, multi-cultural, international camp

that this is not OUR world, and that we do indeed live on this earth with folks who seem very different from us, but are really very much the same as God’s creation. The second Global Village Camp is set for July, 2010.

We continue our partnership with the Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. Three wonderful young people, Jacky, Dipuo, and Bridgett, joined us for the summer and made a lasting impression on all with whom they came in contact. This relationship has been an important part of Crossways’ summer program for over 10 years, with 17 young people having been with us from South Africa during this time.

The continued economic recession has had its impact on Crossways, as with other ministries of the church. The Board and staff took several steps in April to reduce expenses while maintaining quality programs and services. Those efforts saved over \$100,000 in expenses from 2008. Revenue was also down, and the Board continues to look for ways to economize while continuing the vital ministry that affects so many lives.

2009 was the 90th anniversary of the start of camping in the Lutheran Church. As we look forward to another year of ministry, all of us at Crossways say, **“Thank You”** for your partnership in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Wayne Harrison/Executive Director

St. John’s News

St. John's ladies met with Shirley on Jan. 16th. Bible lesson was given. Pastor Doug arrived for communion with Shirley and Margaret and a short prayer session. We had lunch at noon. Minutes were read and approved. Thank you's for the cheer boxes were read. Our next meeting will be on Feb. 3rd at Kindred Hearts in Clintonville with Margaret at 12:00.

Project heart search items were given out on the 10th. Our annual meeting is the 24th of January.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rocky Delorme
- 5 Judy Kroening
- 13 Steven Kucksdorf
- 19 Debbie Hessilink
- 21 Ryan Kucksdorf



The Guidepost

Serving the members and friends of the Peace - Elias Lutheran Church and The United Lutheran Parish

Peace - Elias Lutheran Church - PO Box 96 · Tilleda, WI 54978

Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Hohn
- 1 Larry Gast
- 1 Roger Kucksdorf
- 2 Irene Schultz
- 2 Eugene Sr Schultz
- 3 Devin Lang
- 6 Elaine Schultz
- 13 Phyllis Giese
- 14 Mary Madsen
- 15 Sydney Dallmann
- 16 Haley Nicole Malueg
- 17 Roy Giese
- 17 Dorine Watters
- 22 George Watters
- 22 Steve Cervený
- 23 Nicci Banaszynski
- 29 Michael Spolar

Anniversaries

- 12 Roy & Mabel Giese

Baptismal Anniversaries

We are baptized children of God, born anew in the Spirit of God. To celebrate this, we are recognizing all who have a baptismal anniversary according to our records. If your baptismal anniversary is not listed for any particular month, please notify the church office and give us the date so we can update our files. Thank You.



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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 – Eugene Kroening | 11 – Elizabeth Giese |
| 2 – Tim Otto | 11 – Matt Otto |
| 4 – Joan Wohler | 17 – Roger Kucksdorf |
| 6 – Lee Hiltgen | 19 – Robert Maas Jr |
| 9 – Cole Wohler | 22 – Craig Rickert |
| 10 – Shirley Kilday | 29 – Phillip Lang Jr |

Please keep in Prayer – Delores Lechterman, Shirley Kraeger, Ewald Wohler, Linda Hohn, Bill Kriegel, all others who are ill or alone and those who have lost a loved one - that they might find comfort and peace. We also pray for all those in nursing homes & care centers and all our shut-ins - especially Lilly Malueg, Eva Kraft, and Rueben Schwartz - that they would feel God's love and caring touch.

*******Our heartfelt prayers, thanks and blessings to all veterans who have served our country faithfully with courage, honor, and devotion to duty. You will never be forgotten. *******

Polka Service & Annual Soup Dinner – A Polka Service will be held at Peace on **Sunday, March 7, 2010**. The II Edition Band will be providing the special music during our church service at 10:00 am. An all-you-can-eat Soup Dinner will be served from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in the church basement. On the menu will be pea, chili, and chicken dumpling soup, crackers, cheese, homemade bread, desserts and beverages. Cost will be adults: \$5.00, children ages 5 – 10: \$3.00, under 5: free. Soup-to-go is \$5.00 per quart. The proceeds will go to the youth and church repair fund. Matching funds are applied for from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Come and have a good time !

Thank You – I would like to thank everyone for keeping me in their thoughts and prayers during my hospital stay and recovery at Evergreen. Your cards, gifts, and visits were greatly appreciated and brightened my days. Special thanks to Pastor Doug for his visits and Mary & Lee for the many things they help me with!

God bless you! Delores Lechterman

New Peace Council Members

Cindy Graper, Mary Hiltgen, Robbie Maas, and Mike Trinko have been elected as the new members of Peace Council.

Thank You to the Peace Brotherhood members and the ladies of Peace WELCA for the Christmas party and Appreciation Dinner on December 6th at Peace. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, fun, and food. Thank you to both organizations for all you do throughout the whole year. It is very much appreciated.

Thank You to the children, the teachers, volunteers, and assistants for all your efforts in putting together the Christmas program. Thank you also to all those who donated and put together the “goodie bags” for the children. It is all very much appreciated.

"Time for Twos" , Mondays from 9-10:30am at Divine Savior School, 102 Northridge Drive, Shawano, WI. **FREE**... Limited space... An adult must accompany the two-year old child for this learning and play time experience, siblings are welcome ... Registration is required... call 715-526-6880...

The Guidepost (cont.)

Elias Lectors	Peace Lectors
Feb. 7 – David Miller 14 – Dorothy Schwartz 21 – Hazel Kucksdorf 28 – Mary Madsen	Feb. 7 – Joan Wohler 14 – Lynn Kersten 21 – Lois Graper 28 – Sharon Stein
Elias Ushers	Peace Ushers/Greeter
Don & Pat Arnold	Bill Hermann & Conrad Ecker Roseann Hermann
Elias Communion Assistant	Peace Communion Assistant
Linda Arndt	Lorna Dumke & Joan Wohler
Elias Altar Guild	Peace Altar Guild
Germaine Hohn & Linda Arndt	Gertrude Dalke & Sharon Breitenfeldt

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Peace Brotherhood— No meeting	Elias WELCA— Feb 11th 1pm @ Pat Arnold's
Peace WELCA— No meeting	Peace Council—Feb 18th 6:30pm

Peace & Elias Notes:	Thank You
<p>Heart Sunday – You are all invited to join us on Sunday, February 14th for our “Heart Sunday” at Peace Church. There will be fun, fellowship and singing after the 9:15 am service with lunch served at 11:00 am. Please bring an item for the Food Pantry. Free will donations will be accepted. Please come and be a part ! Ann Lang, Peace WELCA Sec. of Stewardship</p>	<p>to the ladies of the Elias WELCA for the Family Night Christmas party on December 12th at Elias. We had a nice turnout with lots of good fellowship and good food. Thank you to all the ladies and everyone for all you do throughout the whole year. It is very much appreciated.</p> <p>to Harlan Wright for his donation of \$50.00 towards the children's Christmas bags this year. We very much appreciate your donation for the children of the Sunday School.</p>

PEACE COUNCIL MEETING—(cont.)

<p>Present: S. Stein, L. Hiltgen, L. Splinter, M. Spolar, B. Hermann, G. Kroening, B. Giese, C. Graper Staff: Pastor Doug Helling Absent: L. Kersten Guests: Joan Wohler, Bob Wohler, Lois Graper Pastor Doug led Council in prayer. Meeting called to order by President, M. Spolar. The minutes from November 19, 2009 were approved as printed M/S/C G. Kroening, B. Giese. Treasurer's Report: M/S/C S. Stein, L. Hiltgen to approve the Treasurer's report. Books will be audited after the first of the year. Pastor's Report: Pastor Doug did not have anything new to report. Correspondence: None</p>	<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the Congregational Meeting on December 13, 2009 the 2010 TULP Budget was accepted. • Nominations for ballot are: Mike Trinko, Robbie Maas, Mary Hiltgen and Cindy Graper as the Youth Rep. <p>Parish Hall – M. Spolar did a tour of the Parish Hall listing the numerous repairs/improvements that would need to be made to the building. Details will be brought before the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Prior to the meeting Gene will attempt to obtain estimates for the roof and bat excrement clean-up.</p>
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PEACE COUNCIL MEETING—December 17, 2009

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New Businesses:

Request has been made if the additional railing could be replaced in the church entrance. G. Kroening will look into replacing.

- Discussion on Lenten Services in February. Do we want to hold a soup supper? Tabled until next meeting.
- Discussion held on possible fund raisers to be held by the church to help defray costs.
- Budget for 2010 was presented by Joan Wohler. Preliminary figures were reviewed with suggested changes. M/S/C to approve the budget and present

to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Discussion held regarding the salary given to the secretary for the month of January. It was felt that it is not necessary to increase the wage during January that there is enough time available to complete all necessary work. M/S/C G. Kroening, B. Hermann to adjust the January salary accordingly.

Next meeting scheduled for January 21, 2009. Motion made to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's

Prayer
Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Stein, Council Secretary

St. Matthew's News Page

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Melanie Laatsch
- 3 Richard Treptow
- 7 Patsy Koenig
- 11 Pat Treptow
- 16 Kurt Hafferman
- 21 Roger Rosenow Sr.
- 23 Tonya Rosenow
- 25 Nancy Helling
- 26 Rachel VenRooy



Prayer List

Art Hermann April Allikas

Please Pray for our Shut-ins

Art Hermann Roger Beilke
Marie Fuhrman Lucille Treptow

Ushers

- 7 Jim & April Allikas, Otto Kolpack
 - 14 Debbie & Cindy Miller, DonnaMae Rosenow
 - 21 Jerry & Alice Alfheim, Terry Innerebner
 - 28 Roger & Sue Rosenow, Alice Rosenow
- Communion on the second & fourth Sunday of each month.*

Readers

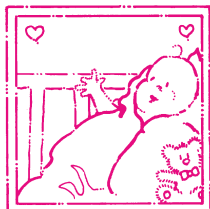
- 7 Otto Kolpack
- 14 Debbie Miller
- 21 Jerry Alfheim
- 28 Sue Rosenow



Altar Guild

Alice Alfheim & Alice Rosenow

On March 7th, Peace will have their annual polka service and soup dinner. St. Matthews will not have worship that day. We encourage you to attend the polka service at Peace that day.



Congratulations to Aaron & Erin Wisnefske. They had a baby Girl, Sophia Marie on January 13. She comes home to her two older sisters, Lilly & Aubrey.



Church Officers for 2010
Cindy Miller-President
Jason Rosenow-Vice-President
Debbie Miller-Secretary
Kristi Parker-Treasurer
Sue Rosenow-Trustee

Church Funnies/Bloopers

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.


NARTHEX NEWS

ZION SERVANTS

ACOLYTE/TV MINISTRY	LECTORS
7—Payton Bailey	7—Missi Rosenow
14—Kelsey Berg	14—Whitney Johnson
21—Aaron Dobizl	21—Whitney Johnson
28—Tanner Dobizl	28—Linda Krueger
USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
Ron Anderson Jordan Arndt, Lowell Johnson Chris Rosenow	Wanda & Sarah Minniecheske

BIRTHDAYS

1 Angie Dent	7 Vaughn Schultz	18 Presley Rosenow	25 Aaron Hilley
2 Joel Minniecheske	2 Holly Hilley	18 Dianne Kriegel	25 Jodi Jerome
3 Trisha Hilley	12 Jessica Kriegel	21 Josh Carlson	
3 Sarah Minniecheske	12 Janet Lang	21 Jacob Minniecheske	
6 Lindsey Schwalback	13 Dave Redman	24 Gary Lang	



Zion Council—Feb 9th 5:30pm NO WELCA meeting this month	Ash Wednesday is Feb 17th—worship will be at Peace at 6pm and at Bethlehem at 8pm. Mid-week worship continue at Peace and Bethlehem through March 24th.
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<p>Zion Council Meeting—Jan 12, 2010</p> <p>Members present: Wanda Minniecheske, Pat Bailey, Linda Krueger, Jan Thompson, Kathy Low</p> <p>Deacons: Gary Thompson, Whitney Johnson, Missi Rosenow</p> <p>Trustees: Marlene Blumreich, Bill Kriegel, David Johnson</p> <p>Absent: Whitney Johnson, Missi Rosenow</p> <p>The meeting was called to order by President Wanda Minniecheske at 5:30pm. Pastor Creswell led the council in prayer.</p> <p>Agenda: Kathy Low moved to accept the agenda without additions: second by Marlene Blumreich.- Accepted</p> <p>Secretary's Report: Bill Kriegel moved to accept; second by Jan Thompson. Accepted.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report: Pat Bailey moved to accept; second by Kathy Low. Accepted.</p> <p>Pastor's Report: Pastor Creswell is settling in.</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>United Lutheran Parish Advisory: Results of elections: Roger Kucksdorf, President; Wanda Minniecheske, Vice President; and Jan Thompson, Secretary.</p> <p>Zion Food Program: 30 families were served in December.</p> <p>Property/Grounds Committee: Thanks to John Hoffman who donated the gas for the lawnmower last summer.</p> <p>Education Committee: The birthday party for Jesus was not well attended by the youth of the congregation. Sunday School resumed last Sunday.</p> <p>Evangelism Committee:</p> <p>Project Heart Search: Meets the first Wednesday of the month. Projects are planed through March.</p> <p>Care Coordinator: Various members were called</p>
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NARTHEX NEWS (cont.)

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during December.

Coffee hour: Kathy Low will contact some members to see if they would like to help with bars or cake for after worship on the first Sunday of the month.

Worship Committee: Worship is planned through March. There will be a baptism on February 14.

Youth Committee: The youth of SMAC are planning the service for the 5th Sunday of January.

WELCA: The next meeting will be in March

Old Business – No old business

New Business:

Pastor Jen and Jon Czarnota requested to transfer out. Bill Kriegel moved to accept, second by Kathy Low. Passed.

Committees updates will be completed next month, after the second half of the annual meeting.

The second half of the annual meeting will be after worship on Jan 17. Reports will be reviewed and committee vacancies filled.

Next Meeting Date: February 9 at 5:30pm.

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 6:35pm

Respectively submitted,

Linda Krueger, Secretary

Annual Meeting Zion Lutheran Church 12/14/2009

The first half of the annual meeting was called to order by President Wanda Minniecheske after the Worship service. Pres. Minniecheske advised the congregation that the purpose of this half of the annual meeting was to elect officers for the council and to approve the TULP and Zion budgets.

The minutes from the second half of previous annual meeting were distributed. Jan Thompson moved to accept the minutes, Kathy Low seconded. Approved by voice vote.

The nominations committee submitted the following ballot:

Deacon	Gary Thompson
Trustee	David Johnson
	Brad Breaker
Deacon	Sharon Meisner
Treasurer	Jan Thompson

Pres. Minniecheske thanked the committee for their work to get members to serve on the council. Audrey Nelson moved to cast a unanimous vote for Gary Thompson for Deacon, second by Doris Allaire. Doris Allaire moved to close nominations for Trustee, second by Connie Yonker. Dianne Kriegel informed the assembly that Whitney Johnson said she would be willing to have her name put in nomination. Connie Yonker moved to add Whitney's name to the remaining Deacon position,

second by Jan Thompson. Don Nelson moved to close nominations, second by Kathy Low. Doris Allaire moved to cast a unanimous vote for Jan Thompson for treasurer, second by Selma Neubauer.

Jan Thompson thanked everyone who purchased items for the church and did not turn in bills to be paid. These donations helped the church pay other bills. Audrey Nelson asked for clarification about the TULP salaries. Our new pastor will be 75% time for six months. This accounts for the slight reduction. Don Nelson noted the difference between what is budgeted and the Sunday offering. We have used CDs and Thrivent investments in the past to pay operating expenses. Don Nelson moved to approve the Zion budget, second by Ron Hoffman. Passed. Doris Allaire suggested that the council review the amount of savings and how long it will last. Don Nelson moved to accept the TULP budget, second by John Hoffman. Passed.

The election results:

Deacons Gary Thompson and Whitney Johnson, Trustee Dave Johnson, Treasurer Jan Thompson.

The second half of the Annual Meeting will be after Worship, Sunday, January 17, 2010.

Jan Thompson moved to recess until January 17, 2010, second by Sylvia Low.

Bethlehem Star

Birthdays

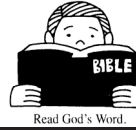
- 1 Lindsey King
- 1 Christa Spoehr
- 4 Joshua Miller
- 4 Arlyn Tober
- 6 Jessica Kust
- 7 Brittany Wickman
- 8 Irene Krueger
- 8 Michael Berger
- 8 Rueben Reinke, Jr
- 11 Lee Lohrentz
- 12 Michelle Lasecki
- 14 Julie Lohrentz
- 17 Collin David Schueler
- 19 Joshua Hobart
- 19 Mariah Hobart
- 20 Robert Secrest
- 20 Mathilda Dancker
- 20 Cody Urban
- 21 Dan Lohrentz
- 21 Ron Laude
- 22 Micah Laude
- 22 Robert Frost

Liturgical Roles

Readers

- 7 Dawn Riemer
- 14 Eddie Jung /Kayla Habeck
- 21 Jan Baerenwald
- 28 Mary Zimmerman

If you are interested in being a reader for the lessons on Sunday, please put your name on a slip of paper and put it in the offering plate!! We are always looking for more readers. Everyone is welcome to read if they are interested! Thanks!



Acolyte
Cody Urban

Communion Deacon
Herb Behl

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS: PRAY FOR:

Jim Poppe, Bill Kriegel, Jeanie Schmidt, our shut-ins, all who are ill, the family of Delysle "Sonny" Niemuth and all who mourn the loss of a loved one, the people in Haiti who are suffering from the tragic earthquake, our churches, and churches worldwide, missionaries, those who serve our country, that they may return home safely, our Military leaders, our President and all our government leaders.

O God, thank you for being the wonderful God that you are, and for coming to the earth to bring hope to all the world. May we never forget to give you praise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BETHLEHEM / ST. JOHN'S FUNDRAISER FOR KIDS FOR CAMP

ASH WEDNESDAY - SOUP SUPPER FEBRUARY 17TH, 2010

6:00PM --- 7:45PM

(this will give us time to clean-up
before the church service,
beginning @ 8:00PM)

MENU:

CHILI
DOROTHY'S POTATO SOUP
CHEESE
GRILLED CHEESE
SANDWICHES
COFFEE, MILK, AND JUICE

Free-will offering



Altar Guild

Coor: Baerenwald Roger & Jan	754-5339
Anker, Brian & Tina, Nikki, Alyssa	526-6066
Beyersdorf, George & LaVonne Allen & Patrick	823-6735
Anker, Nathan, Shannon	526-9186
Behl, Herbert	823-3669
Berger, John & Julie	823-2995
Jung, Edger & Crystal Kayla, Blake, Kelsee	754-4919
Michonski, Mike & Cathy	823-6968
Chase, Lacey, Jetlyn, Magnum	

Please encourage your committee members to participate!

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Begins Feb 17—
Ash Wednesday
And continues through Mar 24
Worship at Bethlehem—8pm



BETHLEHEM COUNCIL – JANUARY 17, 2010

The Bethlehem Council met following services. The meeting was called to order by President Al Riemer.

The minutes of the December 2009 meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gordon Graetz, second by Dean Laude. Motion carried.

Letter to members of Bethlehem regarding the ELCA's position on Homosexuality and Abortions was read. After some discussion and changes, a motion to accept the corrected letter was made by Arlyn Tober and second by Jen Wissmann. Motion carried. This will be sent to all Bethlehem members.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jen Wissmann. A motion to accept the report was made by Gordon Graetz, second by Jan Baerenwald. Motion carried.

Trustee Report: None.

Deacons Report: Bob Westphal reported that he visited (5) families.

Building Fund: No report.

Cemetery Report: Lynn Steinke reported a balance of \$548.41. So far \$1935.25 has been re-

ceived for the water project. They will meet @ 8PM today.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Earthquake in Haiti. A motion was made by Arlyn Tober and second by Jen Wissmann to place offering plates in the back of the church for (2) Sundays. The money collected will be submitted thru Thrivent, as they will match \$1.00 for every \$2.00 collected. Motion carried. A letter of thanks was read from Caroline Aces 4-H club. We need (2) council members for the Advisory Council. With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Arlyn Tober, 2nd by Gordon Graetz, motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Secretary – Jan Baerenwald

Members Present: Al Riemer, Arlyn Tober, Dean Laude, Bob Westphal, Gordon Graetz, Dan Lohrentz, Mark Homan, Jen Wissmann, Jan Baerenwald, and Pastor Dennis Creswell.

Priceless Gifts by Dennis J. De Haan

The wisemen's gifts are not for play—
Some toy would better do—
Unless in them deep meaning lay
That speaks to me and you.
The gold reveals His kingly reign
From all eternity—
A rule that someday will be plain
For all mankind to see.



Then frankincense with fragrant scent
That rises to God's throne,
Symbolic of a priestly work
This world has never known.
But what of myrrh, that bitter spice
With which to bury dead?
How could this priest be king in death
By making hell His bed?

Ah, herein lies God's gift of love
To sinners here on earth;


For since His Son left heaven above,
A cross eclipsed His birth—
A cross on which the world could see
Him pay sin's awful price,
For no one else could sinless be
To make the sacrifice.

And when redemption's work was done,
The powers of death gave way;
So now when sinners trust God's Son,
They are reborn that day.
How fitting, then, the wisemen's gifts,
The spices and the gold;
But far more priceless is God's Gift—
A Gift of love untold!

JOINT MONTHLY CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2010

DC=Pastor Dennis

DH=Pastor Doug

SUN	SUN EVENTS	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		2/1	2 DC Bible Study 7:30am @ Schultz's-Tigerton Team Mtg 10am	3 Confirmation Class 4:30 @ Zion LG 6:30 @ Bethlehem DR Project Heart Search 7pm @ Bethlehem	4 Elias WELCA 1pm @ Pat Arnold's	5	6
7-5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY							
Elias 8:00am (DH) C St Johns 9:15am (DH) C Bethlehem 10:30am (DH) C Zion 8:00am (DC) C Peace 9:15am (DC) St Matthew 10:30am (DC)	Confirmation Class 4:30 @ Bethlehem DR		9 DH Shawano Conference Peace—Tilleda 9:30am Zion Council 5:30pm	10 Confirmation Class 4:30 @ Zion DC 6:30 @ Bethlehem DC	11 Elias WELCA 1pm @ Pat Arnold's	12	13
14-TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD							
Elias 8:00am (DH) St Johns 9:15am (DH) Bethlehem 10:30am (DH) Zion 8:00am (DC) C Peace 9:15am (DC) C St Matthew 10:30am (DC) C	Arndt baptism at Zion Confirmation Class 4:30 @ Bethlehem Shawano Conference Assembly at Immanuel in Cicero—5pm	15	16 DC Bible Study 7:30am @ Schultz's-Tigerton	17-Ash Wednesday Mid-Week Worship 6pm @ Peace DH 8pm @ Bethlehem DH Confirmation Class 4:30 @ Zion DC 6:30 @ Bethlehem LS	18 Peace Council 6:00pm Advisory Council 7:00pm	19	20
21-1ST SUNDAY IN LENT							
Elias 8:00am (DH) C St Johns 9:15am (DH) C Bethlehem 10:30am (DH) C Zion 8:00am (DC) Peace 9:15am (DC) St Matthew 10:30am (DC)	Bethlehem Council 11:15am Food Pantry Dist 1pm Confirmation Class 4:30 @ Bethlehem LS	22	23 DH	24—Lenten Mid-week Mid-Week Worship 6pm @ Peace DC 8pm @ Bethlehem DC Confirmation Class 4:30 @ Zion LG 6:30 @ Bethlehem LG	25	26	27
28-2ND SUNDAY IN LENT							
Elias 8:00am (DH) St Johns 9:15am (DH) Bethlehem 10:30am (DH) Zion 8:00am (DC) Peace 9:15am (DC) C St Matthew 10:30am (DC) C	Confirmation Class 4:30 @ Bethlehem TL	3/1	3/2 DC Bible Study 7:30am @ Schultz's-Tigerton Team Mtg 10am Peace Brotherhood 6pm	3/3—Lenten Mid-week Mid-Week Worship 6pm @ Peace DH 8pm @ Bethlehem DH Confirmation Class 4:30 @ Zion DC 6:30 @ Bethlehem LG Project Heart Search 7pm @ Bethlehem	3/4 Peace WELCA 6:30pm Zion WELCA 6:30pm	3/5	3/6

"WINDSHIELD WIPER LESSON FROM A CHILD"

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick.

Suddenly, my son Matthew spoke up from his relaxed position in the front seat.

"Mom, I'm thinking of something."

This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while and was now ready to expound all that his seven-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear. "What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain," he began, "is like sin and the windshield wipers are like God, wiping our sins away." After the chill bumps raced up my arms I was able to respond.

"That's really good, Matthew."

Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation?

So I asked... "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?" Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer:

"We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us."

I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on. Isn't it comforting to know that God does keep forgiving us? That all we have to do is trust Jesus as our savior and He will keep washing our sins away.


Hallelujah! Amen !!!

**Prepare your hearts during Lent
to receive the ultimate, constant
gift—forgiveness!**

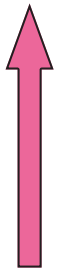


MY MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

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Date—2010	Regular	Mission	Special	Other	Total
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7					
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14					
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21					
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28					
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MONTH 					

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- Peace—Tilleda—c/o Joan Wohler—W7803 Sycamore Rd—Shawano WI 54166
- St Johns—Leopolis—c/o Pattie Peterson—P O Box 492—Shawano WI 54166
- St Matthews—Bowler—c/o Kristi Parker—P O Box 116—Bowler WI 54416
- Zion—Tigerton—c/o Jan Thompson—P O Box 238—Wittenberg WI 54499

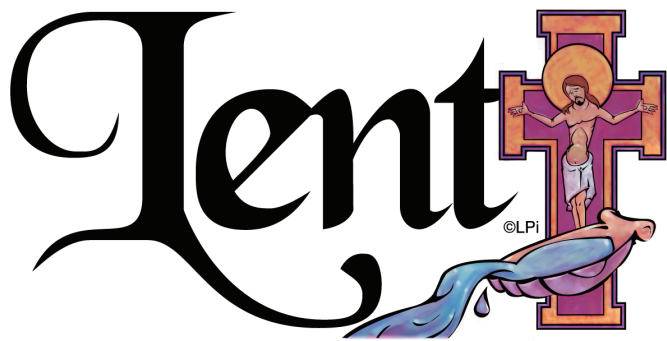
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Join us on our Lenten Journey as we
study “*Words on the Cross*”

FEBRUARY 2010

The United Lutheran Parish
Mission Statement



A multi-point cooperative ministry is intent on assisting each individual congregation in carrying out its own defined ministry and mission. Together, under the direction and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, and with the encouragement from one another, we commit ourselves to share our faith, hope and love in the strong name of Jesus, in our rural settings.
