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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

2006 Memorial Lutheran Church Saints

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| Wellner, Louis | 1/27/06 |
| Mahlberg, Johanna | 2/13/06 |
| Veitel, Donald | 3/14/06 |
| Zywicki, Elaine | 2/25/06 |
| Fischer, Marion | 8/29/06 |

Worship
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

Education Hour
Sunday 9:15am

OFFICE HOURS
MON, WED, THU, FRI
9 am - 1 pm
Office is closed on Tuesday.

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**SEE THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES
& HOLIDAY EVENTS INSIDE !**

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This issue was mailed on October 30, 2006

MONTH-AT-GLANCE



NOVEMBER



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| 5 | Sun | 8:00a & | All Saints' Sunday/ Baptism Renewal Service |
| 12 | Sun | 9:15a | Worship Assistants' Training |
| 13 | Mon | 12:00 noon | December DISCOVERY articles due |
| 18 | Sat | 6:00p | Memorial Celebration Banquet |
| 22 | Wed | 7:00p | Thanksgiving Eve Service |

DECEMBER

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| 1 | Fri | | Christmas POINSETTA order due to Dejon Wagner |
| 16 | Sat | 12:00 noon | Decorate Sanctuary |

Baptism Renewal: Members Baptized between August - November

Members of all ages who were baptized in August, September, October, or November are invited to renew their covenant of baptism Sunday, November 5 at 8:00 AND 10:30 worship. **ALL members**, please look at this list of baptized, **pick out one, two or three people**, then lovingly, graciously complete this sentence about them:

I have seen _____ show the light of Christ in her/his life by _____.

AUGUST

Beaber, Hannah
Dobbe, Brian
Fisk, Bryce
Hiller, Jennifer
Komberec, William
Krome, Dorothy
McManus, Colleen
McManus, Sean
Moeser, Susan
Papp, Joseph
Peterman, Steve
Rose, Susan
Siegel, Kathi
Stastney, Pierce
Szohr, Carter
Tamms, Ruth

SEPTEMBER

Anderson, Hope
Cybela, Chloe
Eiers, Cassidy
Fischer, Benjamin
Kelley, Robyn
Knoblock, Kristy
Komberec, Olivia
Komberec, Beverly
Luecke, Sharon
Makela, Alyssa
Marx, Dorothy
Meyer, Rolf
Moeser, Aaron
Papp, Sue
Peterman, Darcy
Star, Beulah

Stastney, Agnes
Steiner, Stephen
Steiner, Samantha
Steiner, Stephen
Ulness, Stephanie

OCTOBER

Bach, Jessica
Bach, Jason
Cormany, Kathy
Cybela, Stephanie
Davis, Olivia
DuBois, Bret
Fraser, Kyle
Lauer, Cory
Horton, John
Joppich, Johanna

Knoblock, Michael
Luecke, Jessica
McManus, Cindy
McManus, Rip
Papp, Julie
Rice, Samantha
Schneider, Mary
Schulz, David
Searles, Meredith
Strand, Donna
Sunde, Jane
Wagner, Eugene

NOVEMBER

Biondich, Amy
Cole, Hanna
Cybela, Trent

Ellington, Diane
Frank, James
Frank, Phyllis
Haines, Lila
Johnson, Wyatt
Kasten, Paul
Mehlenbeck, Kathy
Meilander, Jeff
Meilander, Jennifer
Miller, Cheryl
Mittelstadt, Phyllis
Rice, Brian
Schoenfeld, Walter
Searles, Ronald
Sieckman, Elaine
Siegel, Christopher
Szohr, Mia

OUR VISIT IN EL SALVADOR

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Our family was shepherded by Mary Campbell and her son, Ricardo, for an eight day trip to El Salvador in early October. Many have asked me, "How was your trip?" The best one-word answer for me has been *overwhelming*. It will take many months to process what we saw and experienced. Although my meager Spanish is an obstacle, I hope to grow in understanding. I hope to help our family of faith grow in understanding.

I knew the heat would be a challenge for me. The climate and the hours of daylight change very little during the year; there is a dry season and a rainy season, of which we caught the tail end. The strength of the rainfall makes it easy to see how there could be mudslides.

Mary did all the driving, in a rented pick-up truck. Horns are blaring constantly in San Salvador, and diesel exhaust is prevalent. Right away you notice private security guards or police with their hands resting on their machine guns, standing outside of many businesses. Riding standing in the back of a pick-up is very common; many are outfitted with a frame above the bed for riders to hang onto.

On Sunday we drove west out of San Salvador, then up a winding road to Jayaque, the community where *Pan de Vida* ministers. Memorial is seeking to support the partnership which our neighbor, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, has with *Pan de Vida*. Pastor Francisco Carillo considers the whole community, rather than only the members, as his ministry. It was a special youth Sunday, so the people from *Dos de Mayo*, down at the bottom of the mountain, had come to join in. Jesus, Pastor Carillo's wife, is their pastor. There were more than 60 children for Sunday School in the room next to the sanctuary; the total space was quite a bit smaller than Bruemmer Hall. All the people were very gracious, especially when I read my sermon in Spanish. We presented the gifts from Memorial: Pastor Carillo put a prayer shawl around his shoulders. When we talked around their table before lunch, he explained some of their ministry: the clinic, the ambulance they operate, organizing to be prepared for flooding in the *Dos de Mayo* area. Gangs/organized crime and rogue elements within the police make for an atmosphere of fear. There is a sense that the terror of the days of the civil war is returning. Pastor reported receiving death threats over the phone. He told us that fear, not poverty, is their biggest concern.

► There is much, much more to share. For now, I believe they would want me to tell you that knowing that sisters and brothers are walking with you makes a huge difference. The gifts we brought, the generous outpouring of money and medicine from Memorial and from Abiding Savior (also overwhelming!!), and our presence help to make real the **theme of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church, CAMINANDO CON JESUS (WALKING WITH JESUS)**. But, most important of all, the

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WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am
Education Hour: 9:15 - 10:15 am

STAFF
Pastor
Jonathan Breimeier
HOME: 332-3766
Director of Music & Worship
Jim Burmeister
Christian Education Director
Cindy J McManus
Office Manager
Marlina Wiggins-Williams
Custodian
Jasmin Radisevic

APPOINTED POSITIONS
Financial Secretary
Phyllis Mittelstadt
Parish Nurse
Eileen Weller
Treasurer
Linda Byrum
Youth Coordinator
Sean McManus

CHURCH COUNCIL
President - Tom Schaefer
V. President - Cathy Zacher
Secretary - Dina Kaye
Bill DuBois
Bev Komberec
Sean McManus
Bob Meilander
Sue Moeser
Sue Papp
Darcy Peterman
Don Star
Carole Underkofler

November 2006

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Special Christmas Gifts



Poinsettias

You may help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Services by placing your order for poinsettia plants now. **Payment is due with your order and is needed by December 1st.** Make checks payable to "*Dejon Wagner*" and place your completed order form and payment in her mailbox.

___ Red @ \$10.00 each = _____
___ White @ \$10.00 each = _____
___ Pink @ \$10.00 each = _____

Chancel Decorations (Sanctuary Christmas Tree and Tower Advent Wreath) = _____
Total \$ _____

Given in Honor / Memory (circle one) of _____

Name: _____
Telephone: _____

HOLIDAY EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

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| December 1 | Poinsettia order deadline | WATCH FOR MORE IN THE ADVENT MAILING! |
| December 3 | First Sunday in Advent | |
| December 10 | Second Sunday in Advent | |
| December 16 | Decorate sanctuary: Noon | |
| December 17 | One service 9:00 Third Sunday in Advent Sunday School Christmas Program Caroling to Homebound - after worship | |
| December 20 | Christmas Caravan 6:30 p.m. | |
| December 24 | One service 9:00 Fourth Sunday in Advent | |
| Christmas Eve | Service especially for children 4:00 Candlelight service 7:30 <i>Pre-service music begins just after 7:00</i> Candlelight Carol Service 11:00 | |
| December 25 | Christmas Day 9:00 | |
| December 31 | One service 9:00 | |

Mittens & Scarves and Hats for Hephatha Starting Sunday, November 5th, and going through Sunday, December 3rd, the Christmas tree will be up in Bruemmer Hall for the annual collections of mittens, slippers, hats, and scarves for Hephatha Lutheran Church. This project is an annual event sponsored by the Mary Martha Circle and the items are given to Hephatha for distribution to those members who have a need. Help to make a needy person's winter warm and dry this winter.▪

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS If you would like to contribute to this project, please mail or bring in your donation to church by **Sunday, December 17**. Designate "**Christmas Food Baskets**" and make checks payable to "**Memorial Lutheran Church.**" The 2006 Entertainment Books have a coupon for Jewel/Osco for \$5 off a \$50 purchase; please donate this coupon to the program if you will not be using it yourself. The coupon will be used to purchase additional food. Give your coupons to **Herb Marx**, or leave them in his mail slot at church. Memorial will be applying to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for \$300 matching funds for this program. *Thank you to Herb Marx, coordinator of the Christmas Food Basket Program.*

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

POINSETTIAS Help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas by placing your order for poinsettias now. You can also contribute to the cost of the Christmas trees for the sanctuary and the tower Advent wreath. Last day to order—December 1.

CHRISTMAS EVE INSTRUMENTALISTS Support the gift given to the heavenly musicians who grace our worship for Christmas Eve.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL GIFTS Each Sunday School family will receive a special Christmas book after the Sunday School Christmas program, December 17 at 9:00. Your gift to this fund will help our children know that "Jesus Is the Reason for the Season."

Order forms for each of these gift opportunities are ready now in the church office and on the table in Bruemmer Hall.▪

Announcements

THANK YOU ALL!

There's been a lot of activity buzzing around the church grounds lately. Thank you Tom Vanderbilt for shampooing the carpet in the Lower Level nursery. Thanks to Richard Siebers for installing a window in the Education Director's office. We are thankful that Brett Luecke was able to fix the door and locks on the dumpster enclosure. And last but definitely NOT least – thanks goes to everyone that came out on Saturday, October 21 for the fall cleanup of the church grounds.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TRAINING

Looking for ways to serve in God's house? We are always happy to have more members involved as greeters, ushers, communion assistants, lectors, acolytes, or in preparing the altar or the coffee fellowship. There's always a need for additional help to count the offering. During the hour between services on Sunday, November 12, simple training will be offered in each of these areas. None of these are difficult, but each is important as we praise God and grow in fellowship.

La Fiesta III... an intergenerational event! Celebrating Partnership with El Salvador

The Greater Milwaukee Synod El Salvador Committee announces an event designed for all ages!! Learn about El Salvador and celebrate the partnership with our

Salvadoran brothers and sisters. Discover what life is like in El Salvador, make and taste food samples, paint a La Palma-style craft, fly a piscucha, dance to "El Torito Pinto". Learn about the synod's sister church relationships, community development projects and health-related mission trips. Our special guest will be Pastor Santiago Rodríguez from Los Héroes de la Fe, El Salvador.

"La Fiesta III...an intergenerational event" will be held at All Peoples Lutheran Church, 2600 N. 2nd Street, Milwaukee, Sat. November 4th, from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Cost for the event is \$5/person, \$10 max/family. For more information, contact Vonda Drees, vdrees@wi.rr.com or (262)968-9859. Hope to see you at La Fiesta III!•

THANK YOU FROM HEPHATHA DINNER

Hephatha Lutheran Church is inviting all of its supporting churches to come to Hephatha on **Saturday, November 4th for a 3 PM worship service to thank all of the churches which support Hephatha.** A great meal is planned right afterwards at 4 PM. Hephatha, of course, is one of our sister churches. Please call the church, if you intend to come. Call 352-1160.

COOKIES FOR LUTHER MANOR

Each weekday, Luther Manor volunteers bring coffee carts to serve cookies, coffee and tea to our Health Care Center residents. The volunteers travel door to door offering tasty treats,

friendly greetings and a bit of news from our community to more than 200 residents who are a part of our Luther Manor family.

The cookies represent love in action and become a valuable link to our Luther Manor member congregations. Together, we affirm that joint ministry, we share in serving the older adults of the Greater Milwaukee Area.

Please consider helping to support this ministry by showing a little kindness with donations of homemade or purchased cookies for the coffee carts. You can bring them to church any time and they will be delivered to Luther Manor on a weekly basis. They will be very much appreciated. Questions? Call Phyllis Mittelstadt at 351-1081.

ATTN: Altar Guild Members

I would like to have an Altar Guild Meeting on **Saturday November 4th at 9:00 am** to go over any new changes, etc. as well as to polish the silver prior to the Christmas season. Please plan on attending. I would truly appreciate a phone call or e-mail if you are able to come (or if you are not able to come). It is appreciated if you would please be there. **This is both a very important and respected part of the worship service.** You can reach me at 262-677-1477 or 414-403-7914 or talk to me after church next Sunday. *Thank you. Ruth Ann*

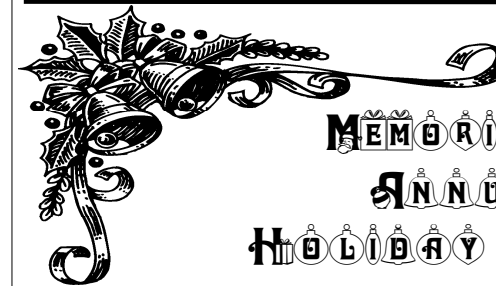
► **Our Lady of Good Hope,
Fish Fry, every 2nd Friday**

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE Again this year, we will be collecting nonperishable food in Bruemmer Hall. The food goes to our mission partner congregation, Hephatha Lutheran Church. The last opportunity to bring food will be **Sunday, November 19.** As always, nutritious food which is high in protein is the most beneficial. Paper products and diapers are also very much needed. Last year, we filled a tent. This year, let's see if we can get a bag of food for each of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. If you want to help with delivery to Hephatha after worship on the 19th, please talk to one of the staff members.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP The service will be Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. We are hosting the service here at Memorial, welcoming sisters and brothers from Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, and Hill Point Church. Our worship will include Scripture, singing, prayer, and stories of Thanksgiving. As your family prepares to give God thanks and to celebrate the holiday, make this service a priority. It will be a special, joyous evening, which will absolutely put the rest of your festivities

GREAT NEWS!! MEMORIAL DOES IT AGAIN !!

The Quilters completed **91 quilts** for Lutheran World Relief. Sunday School collected enough school supplies to fill **39 school supply kits.** These are **tremendously valuable** in the areas of the world to which they will be shipped. Congratulations and thank you to all who contributed to this effort.▪



MEMORIAL'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Date: **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th**
Time: **Before & After Both services**
What's for sale: **Baked Goods, Handmade Crafts**
An array of Miscellaneous Items

How can you help? Donations of any items from the above "for sale" list would be appreciated from any and all members who wish to donate. PLEASE PUT A PRICE ON ALL DONATED ITEMS. This is an opportunity to get a jump start on your Christmas shopping.

An important way you can help?

BUY, BUY, BUY !!



Reformation Pantry

Reformation Food Pantry item for the month of November is: **Spaghetti and meatballs or any canned pasta with meat.**

During November, our Sunday School classes will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for Hephatha. We encourage you to participate in this project.

Council Highlights – October, 2006

This month the council will be reviewing a five-year contract with Liturgical Publications for printing the **Discovery**. It is anticipated that any implementation would occur during the first quarter of next year.▪

The new worship books have been purchased and opportunities for people to purchase one or more books at \$20 a piece, in honor or memory of a loved one or family member will be available over the next several weeks. ▪

The need for more people to participate in supporting **worship** was discussed. A training hour featuring various tasks, such as ushering, money counting, communion assistants, communion preparation, coffee hour preparation, will be held between services, **Sunday, November 12**. This will give members an opportunity to learn what is involved in these small, but important tasks. Consider attending one or more of these 'how to' sessions that morning as a way to give of your time and talent to the church. ▪

The council is extremely pleased with the response so far to the fund raising efforts for saving the **Bell Tower**. It is encouraging to see our members take action when asked. At \$20 a brick, together we can achieve our goal. ▪

The council reviewed some preliminary numbers for the **2007 budget**. We are encouraged by the increase in giving of about 4.3% this year when compared to 2005. There will be an open budget review meeting on **December 5**. Anyone interested in learning how the church allocates its resources or who would like input into the allocation process- in order to fulfill our mission of 'witnessing for Christ'- is welcome to attend. ▪

It was noted that Memorial will host the **Thanksgiving Eve worship service** led by Rabbi Berkson and Pastor Breimeier this year. We look for a strong Memorial presence to help provide hospitality at that time.▪

In closing, the Council encourages everyone's attendance at the Celebration Dinner on **Saturday, November 18**, at Bruemmer Hall as a very special way to recognize the church's accomplishments over the past year. ▶The next council meeting will be held **November 14, at 7:00 p.m.**

"We are all ministers witnessing for Christ in our community."

Memorials and Special Gifts

Walter and Marion Fischer Scholarship Fund

From Nancy Wenzler, Walter Schoenfeld, Barb and Don Neubauer, Marian Meyer and Family

Operating expenses

In memory of Walter Schneider
From Myrtle Schneider

Music Trust Fund

In honor of Don and Barb Neubauer
From Marian J. Meyer
From Margie Floyd

Bell Tower

In honor of our grandchildren
From Bev and Frank Komberec

In memory of William Geier and Jennifer Geier

From Virginia Geier

Hymnals

In memory of James B. Kaye
From Dina Kaye

De Paul Meal

In memory of Gertrude Faltersack
From Virginia Geier

In memory of Courtney Jacobs
From Carol and Michael Hepp

El Salvador Pastor

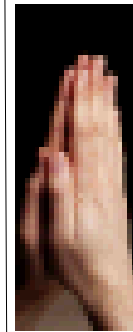
In honor of Pastor Breimeier
From Virginia Geier

THIS IS OUR NEW ADDRESS!

Rick & Karen Nowak 689 W. Hickory Lane, Saukville, WI 53080
Sharon, Mitch & Jess Luecke 450 W. Willow Court, Fox Point, WI 53217



From the Parish Nurse...

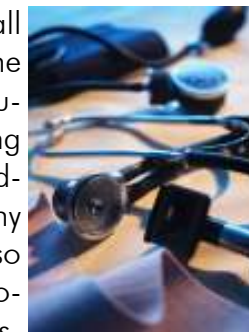


The question of stem cell research is currently a controversial subject in the debate over biotechnology and human genetics. But what is it really all about? Stem cells are of wide interest for medicine, because they have the potential to develop into almost all of the types of cells. They should therefore be able to repair damaged or defective tissues (for example, destroyed insulin-producing cells in the pancreas). Many of the so-called degenerative diseases, for which there are as yet no effective therapies, could then be alleviated or healed. So what is the problem? It will help us understand the controversy, if we have a little science background information.

Broadly speaking, a stem cell is one that—in the course of cell division and increase in the numbers of cells—is able to reproduce itself and also mature into various specialized types of cells. There are two types of stem cells: embryonic and adult. Embryonic stem cells are taken from

a developing embryo at the blastocyst stage, and as a consequence, the embryo is destroyed. The stem cell with the greatest potential is the fertilized egg cell, which is capable of developing into a complete organism. Researchers hope to grow stem cells and stimulate them to become brain cells to treat Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease. For a diabetic patient whose pancreas does not produce enough insulin, the stem cells would be pushed into becoming pancreatic tissue. In theory, almost any type of tissue could be grown from a batch of stem cells.

Adult stem cells, on the other hand, are found in all tissues of the growing human being and, according to many reports, also have the potential to transform themselves into practically all other cell types, or revert to being stem cells with greater reproductive capacity. Embryonic stem cells have not yet been



used for therapy, while adult stem cells have already been successfully used in numerous patients, including bone marrow transplants.

The current debate in scientific and political circles about stem cell research is on funding embryonic stem cell research, and primarily the use of government funds. Many respected scientists put forth well-thought arguments about the morality (or immorality) of using stem cells for research from embryos that will be destroyed by the process. Is it destruction of human life? Is it moral or right to take one potential life to potentially save another? Hard questions, to be sure.

God tells us through Scripture that life is sacred; that all life is to be respected and protected. How that belief concept gets translated into the high-tech world of today is debatable. Obviously, there is no section on embryo research in the Bible. So, each of us has to think and pray for God's guidance in forming our opinions on this difficult, and often heart-wrenching topic.▪

WISDOM TO PONDER

▶ "The planting of trees is the planting of ideas." ~Wangari Maathai, quoted by Ben Rinehart in his Confirmation report

▶ "We have ten years, at most, to thoroughly reverse the way we are warming the earth, before the effects of climate change will be irreparable." Professor Barbara Rossing, citing Jim Hanson and Bill McKibben

November 2006



New members are always welcome. Come every month, or only when the book interests you!

November 28 - Eat, Pray, Love : One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia by Elizabeth Gilbert Plagued with despair after a nasty divorce, the author, in her early 30s, divides a year equally among three dissimilar countries, exploring her competing urges for earthly delights and divine transcendence. Sustaining a chatty, conspiratorial tone, Gilbert fully engages readers in the year's cultural and emotional tapestry—conveying rapture with infectious brio, recalling anguish with touching candor—as she details her exotic tableau with history, anecdote and impression.

The BOOK CLUB meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. We will meet here at Memorial through the end of the year.

Coming up:

January 23, 2007- A Map of the World by Jane Hamilton
 February 27, 2007 - The Tall Pine Polka by Lorna Landvik
 March 27, 2007 - The Known World by Edward P Jones
 April 24, 2007 - The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCuller



PRAY CONTINUALLY
God is always with you..... talk to Him.



Pastor Breimeier
 Sue Beese
 Paula Emmons
 Char Hiller

Steve Koenig
 June Mueller
 Sallie Rosenow
 Ruth Scharf

Beulah Star
 Dolores Stops
 Pat Witt
 Ruth Wood



We care about you! Please keep us informed of your recovery progress. If you would like to be a Prayer Partner or add a name to the Prayer Chain list, please contact June Mueller, 365-8865 or the church office, 352-1160.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

Mary Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, November 2nd at 12:00 noon. Bring a sandwich and we will furnish coffee and dessert. Pastor Jon will continue our study on the topic "What does it mean to Lead a Godly Life?" Visitors and new members are always welcome.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you have completed a prayer shawl, please bring it to Church. Our supply is not very large and we want to have them available for our Homebound Communion Ministers, Parish Nurse & Pastor. If you need help, the crochet group is still meeting every Wednesday from 6:30

to 8:30 pm Questions??? See Jean Hoffmann or call 414. 332. 2152. The last meeting for the Crochet Group is Nov 15th; we will resume Jan. 3rd, 2007.

BUDGET REVIEW

A church's budget reflects its ministry plan. The budget review meeting is set for Tuesday evening, December 5th. All members are

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Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service, Wednesday, November 22, will be followed by a reception for members of Memorial and our guests.

Caroling to the Homebound, Sunday, December 17, after service. Groups of carolers will meet back at Bruemmer Hall for sandwiches, cookies and FUN afterward. Watch for more information and sign up to bring some Christmas cheer to our shut-ins.

Christmas Caravan, Wednesday, December 20,

Fellowship

6:30 p.m. See the beautiful Christmas lights and return for some carols, cookies and cocoa.

We need you! Volunteer to host the fellowship hour between services. It's fun and easy. Just bring a treat and serve the coffee. Directions are posted in the kitchen. Sign up in Bruemmer Hall – you'll be glad you did!

If you have any ideas or concerns for the Fellowship Committee, please bring them to us. Or better yet, join us. New members are always welcome. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, Novem-**



Stewardship

Celebrating Memorial's Gifts and Talents

We encourage adult members of Memorial to come together for a celebration on **Saturday, November 18 beginning at 6:00 pm.** We will gather in Bruemmer Hall. The evening will begin with a special, catered dinner provided by Michael Majewski, a friend of Pastor Jon's. The menu will consist of Beef and Pork Tenderloin, Apple Compote, Rosemary Potatoes, a selection of vegetables, and dessert.

A special program will follow dinner. We will view an entertaining and informative video highlighting the strengths and events of our church family.

Guest speakers for the evening are Aleta Chossek and Reverend Sue Ruehle, Assistants to the Bishop. Please join us for this special celebration of all the accomplishments we have made together in the past year.

Reservations are \$12.00 / person. **RSVP by Monday, November 7.** For more information contact any member of the Stewardship Committee: Dina Kaye, Cindy McManus, Pam Schaefer, Cathy Zacher, or Pastor Jon.

This event is sponsored by the Stewardship Committee.



Year to Date Financial Report

| | Actual Receipts | | Actual Expenditures | | Surplus/Deficit Year-to-Date |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| | Month | Year-to-Date | Month | Year-to-Date | |
| August | 13,949.19 | 142,854.14 | 16,342.91 | 142,457.43 | 396.71 Surplus |
| September | 14,159.05 | 157,013.19 | 16,550.01 | 159,007.44 | (1,994.25) Deficit |

Education-Life Long Learning

Food Collection for Hephatha Lutheran

The month of November is Hunger Awareness month. Throughout the month the Sunday School classes will collect canned and non-perishable foods for Hephatha Lutheran Church. We urge the congregation to participate in this worthwhile project. This year we are hoping for more items than ever before. Beginning **Sunday, October 29**, the students will be collecting food items in each of their classrooms. On **Sunday, November 19**, the total weight of the food will be calculated for each class. The class with the highest weight will receive a special reward. The other classes will also be awarded something special for their participation.



Sunday School Picture Day

Sunday, November 22 we will be taking pictures of our Sunday School children for our Christmas card to the homebound and others. Make sure your children are here wearing their best smile!

Volunteer Training for Confirmation – Adults

Sunday, November 12, training opportunities will be available for anyone interested. Training will be available for greeters, ushers, lesson readers, and communion assistants. Whether you have never assisted or just need a little reminder, please join us. If you have any questions, please contact a church council member.

Remember those who are less fortunate.



Christmas Giving Tree

Once again, we will be providing Christmas Gifts and food to several families from Hephatha. Our Family Gift Tree will be in the Sunday School area beginning **Sunday, November 12th**. We will move the tree up to Bruemmer Hall, **Sunday December 4th** so the entire congregation has an opportunity to participate in this wonderful project of giving. Take ornaments from the tree, buy the items listed on the back and return the ornament and unwrapped gifts to the Gift Tree. The last day to collect contributions will be **Sunday, December 17**. We need help wrapping the gifts. Please call Barb Cybela or Cindy McManus to volunteer.

Reminder for 5th – 7th graders

Please check the Acolyte Schedule for your assigned Sunday. The schedule is posted on the wall outside of the 5th grade classroom, Youth Room and in Bruemmer Hall on the board next to the kitchen. Two acolytes are needed for each service so don't forget – you are responsible for finding a replacement if you are not able to serve.

High School Youth Ministry meets every Sunday 11:45 am to 1:30 pm.

Fundraising orders must be turned in **NO LATER than Sunday, November 19**. You may turn the orders in to Sean between services or at the Youth Ministry meeting.

EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM
Monday,
December 4 @ 7:00PM

Memorial Lutheran's College Students

Freshmen

- Stephanie Cybela – University of Wisconsin-EauClaire
Music Education Major in the School of Music
- Chris Emmons – Art Institute of Chicago
Studying film
- Nicholas Rudolf – University of Wisconsin-Madison
Studying International Studies

Sophomores

- Micah Johnson-Breimeier – Santa Clara University
Studying philosophy and art
- Julie Hofherr – University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Communications major, music minor
- Jenny Meilander – Miami of Ohio University
Management Information Systems major
Music Performance minor

Junior

- Hannah Morris – University of Florida
Marketing major
- Brian Dobbe – University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Undeclared major
- Sean McManus – University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Philosophy

Seniors

- Daniel Hofherr – University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Political Science major
Public Administration & Pre-law emphasis
- Kevin Meilander – University of Wisconsin-Madison
Math and Computer Science major
- Anna Schaefer – Northwestern University
Social Policy major, hoping to work in the nonprofit sector
research and advocacy for affordable housing or education
- Heather Underkofler – University of Wisconsin-Madison
Premed - Biology major

Graduate School

- Paul Fraser – University of Wisconsin-Madison
Mechanical Engineering – Solar Energy Research