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Newsletter

November 2009

November Coming Events

1. **November 6th**
 - a. Volunteer Dinner

2. **November 21st**
 - a. Craft & Bake Sale

3. **November 22nd**
 - a. Craft & Bake Sale
Drawing

Pastor's Letter

The church year is divided into two parts: the part about Jesus' life, and the part about our lives. We call the part about us **ORDINARY TIME**, you know, the time when the church colors are green. Ordinary time begins after Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descends upon the people, thus beginning the church. We read from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, which is the best witness to the early church and what discipleship has been about since Jesus' death and resurrection. As we enter the final month of the church year, we celebrate 3 events: Reformation, All Saints, and Christ the King. These are not the same kind of church holidays with which most people are familiar. Reformation (October 31) celebrates the work of Martin Luther and the other reformers of the church – our banners are red and depict Luther's Rose. This is the day we, as Lutherans, remember how we have direct access to God. There is no longer any need to have the priest intercede for us. God hears **OUR** prayers. **WE** can read the Word for ourselves, discuss it among our congregations, and pray with and for one another. Reformation gives each of us the Office of the Keys – the ability to hear and forgive as Jesus forgives us. I'll be doing a short series on Reformation during November's sermons. All Saints Day (November 1) is the day we remember the saints who have gone before us, with whom we are connected in the body of Christ. We celebrate the witness of all those who have gone to their eternal rest, knowing that we too will one day rest with all the saints in light. This is the Communion of Saints we talk about in the Apostles' Creed. Christ the King is the last day of the church year, when we celebrate the reign of Christ as we will at the end of the world when Jesus will return in all his glory and take us to eternity. Somehow, though, it's not as easy to celebrate Reformation, All Saints, or Christ the King as it is to celebrate Christmas or Easter. So here are a few suggestions:

Read the Bible

Every time you read the Bible, you can remember that Luther made this possible for us.

Pray

We can attach ourselves to that great choir of angels in heaven that pray without ceasing.

Worship

Come together with the community to worship God and be equipped for service in the world.

The end of Ordinary Time signals the beginning of the time we celebrate the saving events of Jesus' life. At the very least, we're getting ready for Christmas. At the very best, we're ready to put **OUR** story in the background, so that Jesus' story has center place. Remember, it's not about us, it's about Jesus. **AMEN!**

Appreciation Dinner

On 11/06/09 at 6:30 p.m., An Appreciation Dinner for BETHEL volunteers & their spouses will be held. A complimentary meal, dessert & beverage will be served as a way of saying thank-you for services done. Announcements will be made & a sign-up sheet will be passed around at church also, so a count of people attending can be determined

Prayer Requests

Steve – healing from back injury and find employment

Kim's dad – health issues

Dana Johanson's mom, Dorothy – Stroke

& Abbey, granddaughter – new seizures/ cause?

All Breast Cancer Survivors and Patients and their families as well as remembering those who have died from it.

Muskego Food Pantry Update

This has been a long summer for the food pantry. Hopefully with school back in session and churches finished with their summer slump we can get back to the business of feeding families in Muskego. The only item on our shelves that did not take a hit over the summer is soup. As always the full grocery cart in the narthex is really appreciated. We received two deliveries of milk from Golden Guernsey in September which really helped. Again, cereal is really needed but whatever extras you can pick up when you do your weekly shopping will go to good use. We will be having the Turkey Drop again this year. Please get your frozen turkey to Bethel by 11:00 am on Saturday 11/21. If it is more convenient for you, you could also drop it off at Salentine Buick/Pontiac that day. You could then take a quick tour of the food pantry. We served 31 families last Thursday. We are getting busier and busier as the days get colder and families have to pay for heat. Bethel's support is greatly appreciated.

Julie Frahmman

Southside Food Kitchen News

On September 8th volunteers from Bethel helped feed 457 very needy people. A huge thanks goes out to all who participated in the making, delivering and serving of this food.



Simply Giving Program to be discontinued

Several years ago we offered the Simply Giving program to have your weekly or monthly donations automatically transferred from your checking account to Bethel's checking account. Over the years participation has declined to now having only two families participating in the program. We will be discontinuing the program at the end of the year due to new charges that will go into effect in 2010.

Those of you who are currently participating in the program don't need to do anything. I will complete the proper paperwork to withdraw you from the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy McGregor, Financial Secretary at 414-422-9254.

Bethel's annual Christmas concert

Bethel's annual Christmas concert this year is "Together for Christmas" and will be held on December 20th with two performances on that day, 3:00 and 7:00. This new approach is directed to help those who reside in assisted living centers or nursing homes to attend the concert, or for those who do not like driving at night. The concert will include Bethel's Junior and Senior choirs, along with members from the Menomonee Falls Symphony Orchestra. Watch the Worship bulletin board for future information.

Taking Time for Me!

Wednesday, November 11 at 10:00-11:30am

Parents and caregivers gather to be refreshed and renewed by getting to know each other, grow in parenting skills, and encourage one another. Marcia Marquardt will lead a discussion about helping our children find true meaning during the Holidays. Child care is provided. The community is invited.

Tuesday Bible Study with Marcia

A great time to be refreshed and renewed! Tuesdays at 9:30-11:15am in Room 201 at Atonement Lutheran Church, S70 W16244 Martin Drive in Muskego. Members of Bethel and Atonement gather together in this study.



Sunday School Offerings

The Sunday School children are donating their offerings to Muskego Food Pantry in November and December.

Camp Christmas

Saturdays, December 5, 12, 19 at 1:00-4:00pm

Bring the true meaning of Christmas to life for your children as they prepare for the Sunday School Christmas Offering—the special Advent worship service where the Sunday School children will be leaders. Each Saturday the Sunday School students will participate in rehearsals, hear the Christmas story, wrap Christmas presents for children in need, and do Christmas crafts and games. Children with speaking parts will need to be at the rehearsals for the entire afternoon. The other children will receive a schedule of the time slots when they will be needed. Speaking parts will be assigned during Sunday School in November.

Adults can help by volunteering to supervise kids during 1 ½ hour shifts, preparing a craft project or game, or making costumes. Sign up on the Family Ministry bulletin board or contact Marcia Marquardt (262-784-2062, marcia1@wi.rr.com) to help.

Children should bring a \$10 gift and wrapping paper for a child in need on December 5 (we'll do the wrapping at Camp Christmas) and a snack each Saturday.

The Way Angels Tell It

Sunday, December 20 at 10:15am

The Sunday School children will lead Advent worship as we prepare for the coming of our Savior.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NEWSLETTER October 20 ,2009

The council meeting was held October 20th. It opened and closed with prayer.

Financial reports were reviewed and approved. Old business included information on upgrading the sound system, and the need for four new members to serve on the council starting January, 2010. New business included the purchase of a chair for our organist, Mike Huffman; development of the stewardship fund; and the volunteer dinner scheduled for November 6th. A reminder was made to submit notices and articles for the upcoming three months in the November newsletter which will be the larger, quarterly newsletter.



November 2009 Volunteer Schedule

Date	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Altar Care setup 8:00	Julie Frahmman	Barb Siebert	Nancy Nieman	Sue Getzel	Janel Francis
Clean up 10:15	Kathy McGregor	Barb Osberg	Janet Pawlowski	Jeanne Kolkoski	Kathy McGregor

Assisting Minister 8:00	Julie Frahmman	Cathy Pierce	Heidi Lindhorst	Julie Frahmman	Janel Francis
Assisting Minister 10:15	John Francis	Janel Francis	Buzz Gtezel	Ed Hammer	Kathy McGregor

Lector 8:00	Zach Wargolet	Robby Sindic	Megan Worden	Rachel Reed	Nick Henkel
Lector 10:15	Max Francis	Cassie Cook	Christine Zanotelli	Megan Walsh	Alex York

Junior Lector 8:00	Alex Pawlowski	Katie Wasiak	Ben Shalk	Emma Milton	Steve Henkel
Junior Lector 10:15	Kate Jochims	Lauren Gehrt	Brendan Danielson	Sam Runyun	Dakota Galkowski

Acolyte 8:00	Andy Martin	Tyler Gressle	Max Lindhorst	Kelsee York	Erik Henkel
Acolyte 10:15	Madison Francis	Tylor Cook	Adam Hilker	Madelyn Runyun	Caleb Galkowski

Greeter 8:00	Julie Frahmman	Jean Paape	Kathy Duran	Julie Frahmman	Jean Paape
Greeter 10:15	Yvonne Hafferman	Lori Schwanz	Jeanne Kolkoski	Yvonne Hafferman	Lori Schwanz

Ushers 8:00	Tom Hetrick	Al Bolter	Curt Worden	Bryon Paape	Randy Bauer
	Teri Orlando	Gretchen Sindic	Annette Worden	Jean Paape	Debbie Bauer

Ushers 10:15	Dan Conner	Pat Martin	Russ Hager	Vicki Kakonis	Cody Puranen
	Diane Conner	Ed Siebert	Katie Hager	Kayla Kakonis	Amber Puranen
	Keith Jochims	Debbie Zortman	Matt Zanotelli	Jill Kakonis	Lori Schwanz
					Alex Schwanz

