

## **January 2010 Newsletter Highlights**

1. Sunday Services  
8:00 am (Traditional)  
10:15 am (Contemporary)
2. Wednesday Evenings Service  
6:45 pm
3. January 16 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
Sledding – Whitnall Park
4. Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Game Night – Pizza & Cheesecake Bakeoff.
5. Sunday January 31st  
Annual Meeting (after 8:00 am Service).
6. February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 – 7:00 pm

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## Pastor's Letter

Do you remember Sesame Street? Every episode was "sponsored" by a letter and /or a number. I feel like that is what we should do now. This year is brought to you by the word "NEW." Happy New Year! I know, new can be scary. I know there has been a lot of whispering, and maybe loud whispering, about some of the changes taking place this year. I understand that there is some concern about what church is going to look like in this New Year. I also wonder if some of the concern has to do with all the other new things that have happened over the past year, a new pastor being the biggest change. Perhaps you are wondering how a new person can come in and change things so quickly – not having the history, the investment that long term members have. I assure you, nothing that is planned was taken lightly, and nothing that is planned was done so without a great deal of thought, conversation, input, and most importantly, prayer.

Many of the changes have to do with worship, which is the center of this community. I realize that change, whatever it might be, is difficult, but when it involves the center, it can be even more upsetting. The two worship services we had last year have not changed, but their time slot has. Our traditional service will now be at 8am on Sunday, and our blended service (formerly at 8am) will be at 6:45pm on Wednesday. These changes are directly related to our musician, Heidi Surpernant, who has returned to play for us as she had for many years in the past. We welcome her back, and are excited to have her on board again. These changes have given us a great opportunity to create a new worship service for the Sunday 10:15 time slot. There has been much talk, and excitement about this new service. It

will be EXPERIENTIAL. That means it's about experiencing Jesus in new and different ways. It will be INTER-GENERATIONAL. That means it will have elements that resonate with all age groups. It will also be PARTICIPATORY. That means there will be more to DO than sit and stand. The worship committee, our Family Life Minister, Marcia, and I invite you to "come and see" what this new service will be.

As a member of a community, it is vital that we all listen to one another. During the conversations regarding the new configuration of the sanctuary, it became evident that some members were upset about mixing pews with chairs. Their concern was heard. We have determined another model that can accommodate the pews, while giving us room to grow into the 10:15 service. It is based on a plan this congregation designed years ago when you were considering the addition of a pipe organ. With a little tweaking here and there over the coming months, I believe the reverence of the sanctuary and the space of the new worship space will be able to compliment one another, making it possible to spread the Word of God beyond our small church family and into the community at large. After all, that's the point. It's not about us, it's about JESUS!

As this New Year begins with the light of Christ coming into the world to live among us, let us be willing to carry our light into the world. It takes risk. It takes courage, and it most importantly takes PRAYER. I pray that this New Year finds you preparing for the joys and challenges we all will face as we try to make Jesus the center of our hearts, our lives, and our community.

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## Tuesday Bible Study with Marcia (9:30-11:15am)

Bible study is just what you need to be ready to tackle your full schedule in 2010. We'll be exploring the stories about Jesus' life and applying the truths to our own. Join Marcia Marquardt, Family Life Minister, on Tuesdays in January 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.

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## Sunday School Schedule

There are no Sunday School classes on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classes resume January 10 at 9:00am. Encourage faith conversations at home by reviewing the Sunday School lessons.

January 10: Zechariah Prophecies About Jesus. Luke 1:68-79

January 17: John Prepares People for Jesus' Coming. Luke 3:7-18

January 24: The Son of God is Born! Luke 1:26-45; 2:1-20

January 31: Jesus Grows Up. Luke 2:39-52

## Game Night with Cheesecake Bake-Off

Sunday, January 17 at 5:30-7:00pm

Get ready for a delicious slice of cheesecake or two! Join others at Bethel and the community for an evening of games and fun! This is an event for everyone from the kids to the adults. We'll have games for the whole group like Family Feud, Trust Maze, and Charades. Bring along other board and card games. We'll share a pizza supper and then close with the Cheesecake Bake-Off. Bakers, bring in your best cheesecake to win the prize! A free will offering will be taken for the costs of the pizzas. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

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## New Bethel Web Site Address

Our new website has been launched. Check it out at:

[www.bethelmuskegoelc.org](http://www.bethelmuskegoelc.org)

## RAFFLE BASKET REPORT

The Outreach Committee thanks all who worked, donated and bought tickets to make our raffle basket sale a success. The fundraiser netted \$615. We are donating \$200 to the Muskego Food Pantry and adding the balance (\$415) to the Parking Lot Fund.

*The winners of the raffle baskets are:*

- No. 1 -- Patrice Michaels, Muskego
- No. 2 -- Julia Krueger, Muskego
- No. 3 - Sharon Garbett, Bethel
- No. 4 - Wade Gehrt, Bethel
- No. 5 - Amber Seidler, Waterford
- No. 6 - (Framed picture) - Nancy Kangas, Muskego
- No. 7 - Wade & Lauren Gehrt, Bethel

Thanks also to the individuals and local businesses that were kind enough to donate. Please remember to patronize these local businesses.

Donations were from:

- P& L Insurance, Mike Plumly
- Hair Magic, Debbie
- Shell
- San Laurio Coffee House
- Kings Wok
- Tres Locos
- Amy Schram, Pampered Chef
- Kathy Duran
- Edna Czaplewski (Picture)
- Culver's
- Rozman True Value
- Great Clips of Muskego
- Hair & Body Solutions, New Berlin
- Subway
- Michelle Roum, L'Brie Products
- Yvonne Hafferman
- Jean Paape
- Lori Schwanz

## Help Wanted

Muskego Senior Taxi is looking for drivers.  
They provide the vehicle.



If you are able to give a little of your time please call. 262 679-4754

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## Address & Phone Change

Jill & Russ Hager  
S74 W19076 Bay Court  
Muskego, WI 53150

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## Muskego Food Pantry

Thanksgiving has come and gone. It was very successful as we provided Thanksgiving dinners for 37 families. We are completing our Christmas preparations. With matching funds from Thrivent 30 families will get \$25.00 gift cards for Wal-Mart. There are 60 children who will receive gifts purchased by caring Muskego residents who have picked their name off a tree located at Pick-N-Save. We will be providing 40 families with a full Christmas dinner. As always a big thank you to Bethel for all your donations. The pantry is always looking for laundry detergent and cleaning supplies if you wish to donate. If you want to volunteer please see me. Thanks for your generosity.  
Julie Frahmman

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## South Side Food Kitchen Update! (St. Vincent de Paul Meal Ministry)

Hello Bethel,

We made it to the Food Kitchen this month before the storm blasted Wisconsin and we helped serve 378 people! God provides! What a great feeling helping others! We are blessed!

Members from Bethel do a fantastic job of making stews, jello, cakes and serving for the Food Kitchen. If anyone would like to help, please contact me. We could use some back-ups for the food. We are going to put out the Stew Pot once at the 1st Sunday of the month and also at the last Sunday of the month. Reason being, the stew meat cost approximately \$70-\$85. We have been collecting on average \$50-\$65. Any extra change is greatly appreciated.

A Big Thanks to all of you who have helped with the South Side Food Kitchen this year. You have made my job as coordinator run very smooth. I truly couldn't do it without your help!

God Bless! Jean Paape 262-679-4369

# January 2010 Volunteer Schedule

Date	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Altar Care Set U	Julie Frahmman	Janet Pawlowski	Barb Siebert	Nancy Nieman	Sue Getzel
Clean Up	Sue Getzel	Barb Osberg	Kathy Beale	Julie Frahmman	Janet Pawlowski
Assisting Minister 8:00	Cathy Pierce	Julie Frahmman	Ed Hammer	J.Francis	
Lector 8:00	Alyssa Wutke	Natalie Paape	Megan Worden	Mickey Francis	Nick Henkel
Junior Lector 8:00	Alex Pawlowski	Katie Wasiak	Dakota Galkowski	Ben Shalk	Steve Henkel
Acolyte 8:00	Adam Hilker	Tyler Gressle	Max Lindhorst	Emma Milton	Erik Henkel
Greeter 8:00	Julie Frahmman	Jean Paape	Kathy Duran	Jeanne Kolkoski	Yvonne Haffermann
Ushers 8:00	Al Bolter Dan Conner Diane Conner Keith Jochims	Tom Hettrick Teri Orlando Bryon Paape Jean Paape	Curt Worden Annette Worden Cassie Cook Ed Siebert	Debbie Zortman Kakonis Family	Al Bolter Tom Hettrick Randy Bauer Debbie Bauer

Volunteers for the Wednesday, 6:45 worship will be scheduled starting in February.  
Please contact Jeanne Kolkoski to schedule your volunteer dates and times. (262) 679-2396

## Prayer Requests:

- Jean & Floyd get well soon
- Judy – recovering from cancer
- Russ Hager – Cancer
- Ginny Boettcher's mom
- Lois Schneider – healing prayers for knee
- Vera Gottfried
- Blake ( 8-month old grand-nephew of Marcia) burn unit in Chicago & his parents Kristen & Jason

## Sledding at Whitnall Park

January 16th, 1:00pm-3:00pm, , come back to church to make posters for Souper Bowl Sunday and hang out for family night at church. Contact Person Ed Hammer

# Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

February 1<sup>st</sup> 5:00 - 7:00pm. Contact Janel Francis, she will e-mail you more info ASAP as far as cost and reservation times.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2 7:30 pm AA Group
8:00 am Traditional Serv. 9:00 am Adult hour 10:15 am Contemporary Serv.  <i>STEW POT SUNDAY</i>	3  3:30 pm Evangelism	4 9:30 -11:15am Bible Study@Atonement 4:45 pm Wgt. Watchers 7:00pm Worship Grp	5  6:45 pm Worship 7:00-8:30 pm Confirm. 7:30 pm Senior Choir	6 Pastor-Day off	7	8 9 7:30 pm AA Group
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