



Giving Thanks

*Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.
Psalm 106:1*

Partners in Ministry-

We come to November with fall in the air and Thanksgiving just around the corner. I'm sure that many of you have thought about your Thanksgiving Day plans and are looking forward to what that Holiday will mean for you and your family.

Thanksgiving offers us all an important opportunity. How often is it that we find ourselves thinking about our anxieties and fears, and focusing on what's missing from our lives rather than on what we've been blessed with? Despite all the negativity that we so often focus on, we can instead choose to mark our lives by our blessings. It is good for us to regularly take time to consider what we are thankful and grateful for.

Many in our congregation now regularly practice 'The Faith Five'. An important part of this is daily sharing 'Highs and Lows'. I've discovered a tremendous gift in listening to my children talk about their Highs each day. And it's amazing to me how this simple practice has taught them to appreciate what really matters in life (time with their family, a phone call from Grandma, a kind word from another).

We believe that EVERYTHING we have is a GIFT from God. And we celebrate that EACH DAY is a new gift full of opportunities to experience the abundant life that God gives us. As we near Thanksgiving, let each of us take the time each day to give God thanks for all we have received. What are you thankful for?

Thankful for you and our ministry together,

Pastor Rob



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Meet Jane Mount**
- **Holiday Luncheon & Bazaar**
- **Community Thanksgiving Service**
- **Annual Christmas Bazaar**
- **2nd Harvest Food Pantry Report**



Every Sunday
NHLC, Mazomanie
1st and 3rd Sunday
NHLC, Black Earth

November Worship Schedule

Worship at New Heights is central to our life together as a community. It is in worship that we are given the opportunity to give God thanks and praise for all that He has abundantly given us.

Please check below for our worship schedule.

Worship at New Heights

November, 2011

There's a Prayer
Group for You



There's a Prayer
Group for You



9:00 am Traditional Service at NH MZ

10:30 am Praise Service at NH BE

Join us in worship as we proclaim God's word of grace, forgiveness, and hope in a way that shapes our lives, so that we may be God's hands and feet in the world.

Prayer Groups for the Year

Sundays, 6:30 pm @ NH MZ,

Wednesdays, 10:00 am @ NH BE



Meet Jane Mount,

Our New Connecting Ministries Coordinator!

I feel so blessed to have been asked by your pastor and council to serve you in this new staff position. This area of ministry has been my passion for the past several years. Previously I worked in a similar capacity at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton. I then spent time developing written materials for congregations. But I missed working within a church and serving a congregation! I believe the Holy Spirit led me to New Heights.

Our family has lived in the Madison area for the past twelve years. My husband Ken works for UW. Our daughter Meredith is a junior at St. Olaf College; our son John is a senior at Madison Memorial. Ken grew up in New York City and I was raised on a farm in Indiana. We have learned a great deal from one another throughout the years! We all love this area.

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Wednesday Evenings through October, 2011

SCHEDULE BELOW

MEAL: (\$2/person or \$10/family max.) 5:15-5:50 pm

FAITH STUDY GROUPS:

CHILDREN (3 YRS-5TH GR.) 6:00-7:15 pm

CONFIRMATION (6TH-8TH GR.) 6:00-7:15 pm

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6:00-7:15 pm

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (EVERY WED.) 6:00-7:30 pm

+ Christian Symbols +



Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning “horn of plenty,” has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

Bible Quiz



Some churches observe National Bible Week in November. According to 2 Timothy, which of the following are ways that God intends for us to use Scripture?

- A. Teaching and training in righteousness
- B. Equipping God’s children for good works
- C. Reproof and correction
- D. All of the above

Answer: D (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.)

Jane Mount (continued)

I look forward to getting to know all of you and to hear your stories of how you came to New Heights: Through baptism? Marriage? Did you grow up worshipping here? Or did Trunk or Treat bring you in?! I am eager to get to work at New Heights. Together we will welcome new members and build stronger relationships within the NH faith community. Blessings,

Jane

Knitters Set Sights on 200 Chemo Caps

The Wisconsin Heights Knitters are issuing their annual challenge to knit or crochet caps for chemotherapy patients and this year their goal is 200 caps by December 1st. In past years, the Knitters have always exceeded their goal and they need your help to continue their success. The caps will be delivered to the American Cancer Society for distribution to grateful patients. Patterns and yarn are available from the Knitters. Patterns can also be found at <http://headhuggers.org/patterns/patterns.htm>.

The Knitters also continue their tradition of making prayer shawls for the elderly, those who are ill, families of armed service members, and anyone else who is in distress in any way and baptismal shawls to welcome the youngest members of our church while making skull caps for soldiers to wear under their helmets and baby sweaters and caps for layettes for mothers in need.

Anyone with an interest in knitting or crocheting for good causes is encouraged to attend the monthly gathering at 6:30 p.m. at New Heights - Mazomanie on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Judy Nelson at 795-2660 or Nancy Stoller at 795-2243 if you have any questions.

Seeking meals for new Moms

The Care Team needs a volunteer to coordinate the "Meals For New Moms" Ministry. If you would like to help with this ministry, you can contact Ann Lindley @ 795-2741 or by email: alindley01@charter.net



In the meantime, if you would like to provide a meal, Auna Nelson is the contact person .

NH BE Annual Christmas Bazaar



The NH BE Women's Group will be having their annual **Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3rd**. If you wish to help or bring something, please sign up on the sheets available in the narthex at the Sunday services during November.

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Church Records October, 2011 Baptisms

Paityn Marlene Hauge
Chesney Shay Moyer



Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon

NHLC—Mazo

Saturday, Nov. 5th

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Luncheon Menu

Assorted Meat Dishes
Salads—Relishes—Pickles
Rolls and Butter
Variety of Desserts
Coffee/Milk

Bazaar

Crafts

Bake Sale

Raffle Items:

1st Quilt

2nd Afghan

3rd Insulated Tote

4th Afghan

5th Pie Pan with Cover

6th Welcome Wreath

Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon



Adults - \$6.00

Children (under 12) - \$3.00

Under 5 years old - free

Women of the ELCA



MAZO WELCA
Will meet on Tuesday
November 28, 1:00 PM

MARTHA
MARY/MIRIAM CIRCLE
Will meet November 21 @
9:30 am for Bazaar planning



**Men's Breakfast November 2, 7:30 am @
Grandma Mary's, Arena**
*The main focus of this monthly
event is fellowship*

NH BE Annual Christmas Bazaar



We ask that craft items be brought the day before (Dec. 2). The church will be open during the day from 6:00-8:30 pm for drop offs. Grocery items may also be

dropped off then. For pricing, baked goods can be dropped off Friday or before 9:00 am on Saturday.

Food for the luncheon may be brought through the east door entrance near the kitchen. Hot dishes can be there by 11:00 am when the luncheon starts. Please call Joyce Schoepp, 798-2228 or Lavonne Clason, 712-2565 with questions.

ALL ARE WELCOME

A Care Team Ministry is in place @ New Height's for visiting and/or taking Communion to shut-ins. If you are interested, please contact Ann Lindley (795-2741) or alindley01@charter.net

Prayer Chain Ministry is still growing! If you have a prayer concern or you wish to become a prayer chain member you can call Kay Rettenmund (767-2328), or Lu Hodgson (795-2537)



"Visiting Friends/Secret Pal Ministry" with Heartland Country Village is underway. This program involves sending a card now and then or spending 1-2 hours a month with a resident helping to brighten their day. Contact Joyce Schoepp (798-2228) for more information.



Ivan Adkins, Jackie Bach, Marissa Bode, Lyn Brohn, Cynthia Burnside, Kensel Disrud, Earl Hacker, Bruce Hanson, Sharon Husband, Sabine Lobitz, John Mead, John Nelson, Helen Sarbacker, Arika Schulz, April Sherman, Ralph Slater, Wil Spreacher, Shellia Summers, Donna Swanson, Betty Warber, and Cheryl Wick *Prayers* are also offered for the safety and well-being of our service members, Yumi Couper, Jake Hill, Zachary Hodgson, Keith Juve, Matthew Lickel, Gannon Schnobrich, David Shara, and Guthrie Stotser.



NHLC Council Minutes

October 25, 2011

Members Present: Kim Amundson, Ginny Nelson, Tricia Passage, Michael Roesch, Dave Seymour, Ginger Shomberg, Don Wallace, Pastor Rob, Jane Mount

Opening Devotions: Pastor Rob led devotions

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Don Wallace and seconded by Tricia Passage. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: For September, we are \$651 ahead of budget (plan). Year to date, we are \$5,775 behind budget (plan). Overall giving is down slightly from previous year. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Tricia Passage and seconded by Michael Roesch. Carried.

Pastor's Report

Family Faith Night is going strong. Over 100 children in Sunday School, 27 in Confirmation and 12-15 in youth group each week, as well as some adult bible studies. Family Faith Night, in many cases, is providing the entry point to the church.

Befrienders: Seeing an increase in interest and requests. Two support groups in operation – Grief and Concerned Persons.

Glory Bees: Some very generous donations made it possible to replace the carpet ruined by the water damage. A special thank you to Mike Wagner who arranged for and replaced the carpet and to Paul Reynolds for donating the pad.

Health Fair: The Health Fair held at NHBE and sponsored by Northwest Dane Senior Center was well attended. At the event, NDSS expressed potential interest in the NHBE facilities down the road. Will continue that conversation at the appropriate time.

Property: There are more benches out on the new property thanks to the Gee and Geishert families, along with the 6th grade boys who stained the benches. Don Wallace and Aaron Maes put up a cross on the land that provides a very special focal point for those on the land and those driving by. Over 70 people attended the last scheduled campfire.

Special Praise Service: The Saturday night service with Ben and Amy was a wonderful experience and we so appreciate them sharing their gifts with us.

Worship Attendance: Attendance at worship services has increased this fall.

Synod Event: Pastor Rob attended the Bishop Convocation event that focused on the Holy Spirit's role in the missional church.

New Member class Nov 13th NHBE 5-7pm, New Member Sunday Nov. 20th.

Old Business

Prayer Walk: Many are participating and providing wonderful feedback. The prayer walk runs through October. Pledges are now at \$2,800.

Cottage Meetings: The cottage meetings were attended by over 50 people. Good information was provided about future goals and plans for NHLC to support God's mission. FAQs will be available on the website and at the churches that summarize the key information. Everyone is encouraged to contact Pastor Rob or any council member for more information or clarifications.

Worship Services: All worship services will be held at the Black Earth location beginning January 2012. We hope those currently helping with the traditional service will continue those activities after the service is moved (money counters, greeters, ushers, etc.). Will be working with the transition team and many others to facilitate a smooth transition.

Consecration Sunday: Working toward the Nov 6 Consecration Sunday event that will follow the two worship services. Consecration Sunday is a proven stewardship program that focuses on spiritual aspects of giving.

New Business

Carpet Cleaning: Don Wallace will get a quote on cleaning carpet in specific areas at the Black Earth location.

Staff: Jane Mount has been hired as the Connecting Ministries Coordinator! This position is being funded by the ELCA grant. The position begins in January 2012, but Jane is already attending worship and other events to become integrated into our church family.

Office Space: Jane's office will be in the room next to the church office, resulting in a loss of a Sunday School classroom. Recommendation made to break down one of the larger classrooms downstairs into two rooms at a cost not greater than \$750. Motion to approve made by Michael Roesch and seconded by Ginger Shomberg. Carried

Seibert Grant: Will be applying for another grant by Dec 1 to supplement the new position's staffing costs.

Council will read "Move" book and be prepared to discuss at the next council meeting.

Next meeting is November 17. Meeting adjourned.





Respectfully Submitted (pending approval)

Ginny Nelson



November 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Consecration Sunday Celebration November 6th 11:30 am</p>		1	<p>2 Men's Breakfast 7:30 @ Grandma Mary's Contemplative Worship 10:00 am @ NH BE NO FAMILY FAITH NIGHT</p>	3	<p>4 Parents Night Out 5:30-8:00 pm @ NHBE</p>	<p>5 Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon 11:00-1:00 pm NH MZ</p>
<p>6 Worship 9:00 -MZ 10:30 am NH BE Prayer Group 6:30 pm @ MZ <i>All Saints & Consecration Sunday</i></p>	7	<p>8 Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry @ NH BE</p>	<p>9 Contemplative Worship 10:00 am @ NH BE</p> 	10	<p>11 Play Group 10:00-11:30 am</p>	12
<p>13 Worship 9:00 -MZ 10:30 am NH BE Prayer Group 6:30 pm @ MZ New Member Class</p>	14	<p>15 WH Knitters 6:30 pm @ NH MZ</p>	<p>16 Contemplative Worship 10:00 am @ NH BE</p> 	17	18	19
<p>20 Worship 9:00 -MZ 10:30 am NH BE Prayer Group 6:30 pm @ MZ New Member Sunday</p>	<p>21 Community Thanksgiving Service 6:30 pm @ Mazo UCC</p>	22	<p>23 Contemplative Worship 10:00 am @ NH BE</p> <p>No FFN</p>	<p>24 <i>Happy</i></p>  <p><i>Thanksgiving</i></p>	25	26
<p>27 Worship 9:00 -MZ 10:30 am NH BE Prayer Group 6:30 pm @ MZ <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i></p>	28	29	<p>30 Contemplative Worship 10:00 am @ NH BE</p> 	<p>Community Thanksgiving Service Monday, November 21 @ 6:30 pm Mazomanie United Church of Christ <i>Offering (monetary or non-perishable food) given to the food pantry</i></p>		



**Schedule for Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Communion Assistants,
Communion Prep/Clean-up Counters and Hospitality**

NHLC MZ 9:00 Traditional Service

DATE	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27
<u>Ushers</u>	Frank Wahl Barbara Wahl		Ben Hodgson Lu Hodgson	
<u>Reader</u>			Marilyn Huset	
<u>ComP & W</u>	Lori Fitzsimons	Lori Fitzsimons	Patty Borgen	Lori Fitzsimons
<u>Com W</u>	Nancy Buccholz	Nancy Buchholz	Nancy Buchholz	Nancy Buchholz
<u>Com B</u>			Marilyn Huset	
<u>Counters</u>	Marilyn Huset	Bob Stoller Nancy Stoller	Ben Hodgson Lu Hodgson	Worship Assistants needed for remaining November Sundays
<u>Hosp</u>	Nancy Bucholz Donna Chesemore	Patty Borgen	Mary Lou Borgen Patty Borgen	
<u>Laptop</u>	Marilyn Huset			

NHLC BE-10:30 a.m. Praise Service

DATE	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27
<u>Greeter</u>	Lynn Gates	Ginger Shomberg	Joyce Schoepp	
<u>Ushers</u>		Nelson Family	Joyce Schoepp	Lindley Kids
<u>Reader</u>		Brett Stampfli		
<u>Com 1</u>	Ginger Shomberg		Kristy Meyer	Worship Assistants needed for remaining November Sundays
<u>Com 2</u>	Lois Herrling		John Goomey	
<u>Com 3</u>	Jim Herrling			
<u>Hosp</u>		Debbie Goomey Cathy Phillips		Shawn Stampfli Brenda Carlson
<u>Laptop</u>				

NHLC Special Dates

- Nov. 2 Men's Breakfast**
- Nov. 4 Parent's Night Out**
- Nov. 5 Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon**
- Nov. 6 All Saints & Consecration Sunday**
- Nov. 13 New Member Class**
- Nov. 15 WH Knitters**
- Nov. 20 New Member Sunday**
- Nov. 21 Community Thanksgiving Service**
- Nov. 27 1st Sunday in Advent**

Church Bulletin Bloopers

This Sunday morning following services we will have our monthly fellowship.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.

SIGN OF THANKFULNESS

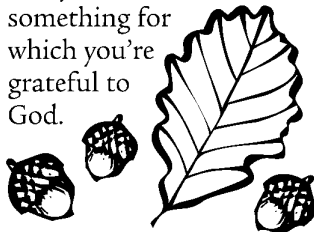
Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



PUZZLE

Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

- | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Give
Take
Grab | 2. peanut
praise
pear | 3. temple
house
LORD | 4. proclaim
past
present | 5. name
boy
lad | 6. ruin
destroy
make |
| 7. pine
acorn
known | 8. train
nations
bus | 9. done
donut
muffin | 10. Sing
Sleep
Yawn | 11. she
him
girl | 12. sun
praise
moon |
| 13. tell
fast
slow | 14. red
all
blue | 15. horrible
dreadful
wonderful | 16. acts
sisters
aunts | | |

" _____ to the _____, _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ . " PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts
 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and let him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the dad replied.

The boy thought for a moment and then asked, "Did God throw him back down?"





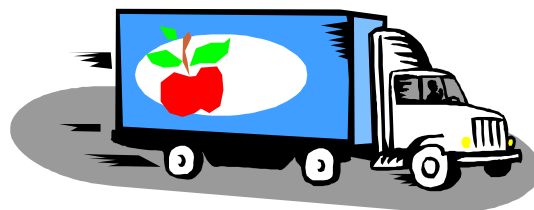
The Glory Bees' calendar year will run from September through May and will follow the Wisconsin Heights School District calendar. The Glory Bees will meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. For more information or to register, please contact Koren Lindley at the address below:

Koren Lindley
Glory Bees' Preschool Director/Lead Teacher
Cell: 219-6152
Email:
glorybeespreschool@yahoo.com

We would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who helped out when the Glory Bees classroom was flooded! Thanks to the group of guys who cleaned up the water, ripped out the old (and stinky) carpeting, and cleaned up the floor. Thanks to Paul Reynolds for donating new padding. Thanks to Mike Wagner and Wagner Flooring for installing the new carpeting. Finally, thanks to the Bees and their families who were patient and flexible. - Korey & Jesica

Giving thanks for all things It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that he is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?



Black Earth MOBILE PANTRY

Sponsored in partnership with Second Harvest Foodbank, United Way of Dane County and Black Earth and Mazomanie area churches

**Where: New Heights Lutheran Church
 1705 Center St., Black Earth,
 WI 53515**

**When: 2nd Tuesday of each month
November 11, 4:00-5:30pm
 Volunteers please come at 3:30**

Information to pass along to those in need

- **The food is free**
- **The variety will change month to month**
- **Participants will receive 50-70 lbs of food**
- **Bring bags, boxes, carts, etc to transport food to your car**

If you are interested in volunteering please call Monica 608 767-2247.



Mobile Food Pantry Report

October 11, 2011

28 Faith-filled volunteers serving
104 Grateful participants in line with
289 Family members receiving food
106 of 289 were children (under 17)
37 of 289 were seniors (over 60)

New Heights Lutheran Church

Mazomanie - Black Earth

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Office Hours: M-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

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Pastor's General Office Hours

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New Heights BE

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Program Staff

Children's Faith Formation—Auna Nelson (12 hr/wk)

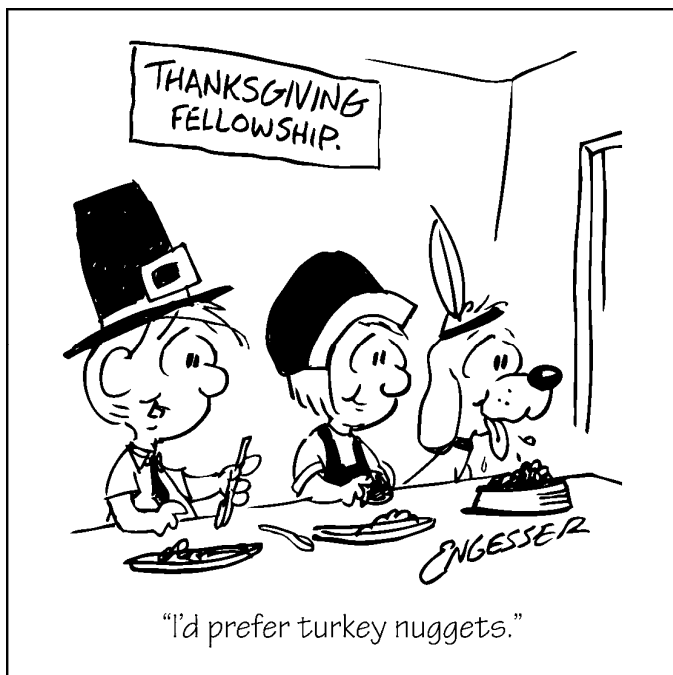
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