



New Heights is Awarded \$60,000 Grant

The grant from the ELCA, to fund a new staff position, will be given over a three year time period

Brothers and Sisters in Christ-

Your church council has been working very hard this summer planning for the near and distant future of God's work through NHLC. A large part of this has been study and discernment and we are now putting the finishing touches on some significant goals for the next three years which we will be sharing with you in the next month or so!

Through this process it's become clear that now is a vital time for New Heights to staff for the future so that I'm not overwhelmed with the workload, our people are not neglected, and our church and its ministries can continue to grow and thrive.

Recognizing that we do not currently have the giving needed to afford a new staff position, the council began to look for grants that fit our situation. We discovered that the ELCA offers sizable grants to churches like ours... that is, churches who have grown too big to function well with just one full-time staff person (the pastor), but do not yet have enough members to afford additional staff.

Ginny Nelson and I worked together to write our ten-page grant application and received some very helpful guidance from Rev. Blake Rohrer, Assistant to the Bishop in our Synod. Recently we received the fantastic news that we have been awarded the grant!!

Here are a few of the details. First of all, this is considered a three-yr tiered grant. This means that we will receive about \$30,000 the first-year, \$20,000 the second year and \$12,000 the third year. The idea is that during this time we will continue to grow our congregation and our budget and be able to afford more and more of the position on our own as each year goes by. Additionally, we plan on applying to some other sources for additional grant monies to further fund the full-time position. Finally, the grant from the ELCA will begin to be paid to us this Feb.

While the full job description is still taking shape, I can tell you a few of the things we hope this new position will help us with. Most importantly this person will focus on welcoming guests and working with new members to help them get connected into our faith community. Further, this person will work with both current and new members to help people become involved in our ministry teams in ways that fit their gifts and passions and maximize the teams' effectiveness. Finally, this person will work closely with me in a variety of capacities to keep our church running smoothly and allow me to stay focused on my primary responsibilities.

The council and I are very excited to share with you all of the things we have been working on and hope to have a presentation ready to share with you in either late Sept. or early Oct.

Blessed to see The Spirit moving so strongly among you,

Pastor Rob



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- **Worship Time Changes**
- **Family Faith Night Begins**
- **Men's Brat Fry**
- **Mobile Pantry Report**



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

September 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

There's a Prayer
Group for You



September, 2011

Beginning Sunday, September 11

9:00 am Traditional Service at NH MZ

10:30 am Praise Service at NH BE

There's a Prayer
Group for You



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

9 / 11

Remembrance, Healing, & Hope

The Community is invited to join us

Sunday, September 11

for services of

Remembrance, Healing & Hope

Marking the 10th anniversary

of the events on

September 11, 2001

9:00 am @ NH MZ

10:30 am @ NH BE

Contemplative Worship

10:00 am Wednesdays

@ NH BE

6:30 pm Sundays

@ NH MZ

A time of music, prayer,

quiet reflection

and fellowship

All are welcome to attend



Will resume on Wednesday, September 14, 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 +



Robe

A robe, specifically one that's new and white, symbolizes the righteousness we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection. Isaiah 61:10 speaks of "the garments of salvation" and "the robe of righteousness." In Revelation 6:11, faithful martyrs each received a white robe. People who are being baptized or confirmed often wear white robes as a sign of purity.

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Bible Quiz



At the outset of his reign as Israel's third king, Solomon saw the Lord in a dream. God invited Solomon to request anything he wanted. What did Solomon ask for?

- A. The ability to discern between good and evil
- B. Long life
- C. Riches
- D. Conquest over his enemies

Answer: A (See 1 Kings 3:4-14.)



New Heights will return to the following worship schedule:

9:00 am Traditional Service

10:30 am Praise Service

The Sunday following Labor Day, Sept. 11th

*First Day of Autumn
September 23*



Thanks and Keep on Knitting

The Knitters will be issuing their annual cap challenge this fall, but in the meantime those caps are good small things to knit or crochet (as are the skullcaps we supply to the military). And although they warm us up while we knit, the need for prayer shawls continues to be strong. So please keep on knitting.

The Knitters meet to knit and chat 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.

Marilyn
Marilyn J. Huset
mhuset@charter.net



Seeking meals for new Moms

Contact

Ann Lindley 795-2741

to participate



Terror no More



“O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for

the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more” (Psalm 10:17-18)

Ten years have passed since that tragic September morning in 2001, when terrorists took thousands of innocent lives and shattered America’s sense of security. As we reflect on this anniversary, Psalm 10 reminds us that God is on the side of the victim, the weak and the helpless. He won’t ignore the cries of people in need, and he ensures that justice is ultimately done.

Church Records

August, 2011

Baptisms

Maddex Aez Greffin

Funerals

Evert Reeve



Mark Your Calendars

BRAT FRY's @ the SHOE BOX

Fri., Sept. 9, 9:00 am

All proceeds from the brat fry's help support the activities of the Young Men in Mission, such as registration fees for softball and the December Holiday Luncheon. All are encouraged to support our fundraisers. In addition, help is needed with the brat fry's. Call Roy Carley (795-2257) to participate.

Christians in Action Food Pantry
Mazomanie

Volunteers Needed from NHLC

Saturday, September 24

9:15 am—Noon

**Call Kristy Meyer if you can help
767-3110**

Women of the ELCA



MAZO WELCA
Will meet on Tuesday
September 26 , 1:00 PM

MARTHA
MARY/MIRIAM CIRCLE
Will be meeting September
15 @ NH BE



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

**NH BE Women's Group
Business Meeting @ NH BE
Thursday, September 15 @ 9:15 am
Followed by
Book Discussion @ 10:00 am
All NH women are welcome**

NH Mazo Mississippi Drive

Clean out your cupboards and closets and put items in medium size boxes and securely tie boxes up. Place the boxes under the clothes rack in NH MZ.

No boxes will be accepted after September 16th. Please call Janet Carley (795-2257) if you have questions.

This will be the final Mississippi Drive. Thank you to everyone who has participated over the years.

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, Heather Boehnen, Lyn Brohn, Kensel Disrud, Earl Hacker, Sharon Husband, Sabine Lobitz, Jerry Ketelboeter, John Mead, John Nelson, Julie Mellum, Aricka Schulz, Ralph Slater, Joan Statz, Shellia Summers, Steve Starczynski, Betty Warber, and Cheryl Wick . **Prayers** are also offered for the safety and well-being of our service members, Yumi Couper, Zachary Hodgson, Keith Juve, Matthew Lickel, David Shara, Gannon Schnobrich, Spencer Shimniok, and Guthrie Stotser.



NHLC Council Minutes
August 11, 2011

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

Opening Devotions: Pastor Rob led devotions

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Michael Roesch and seconded by Tricia Passage. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Giving has been down over the summer and we are unable to cover some unplanned expenses (e.g. boiler repair (\$1800), ELCA donation (\$1500). Approved taking \$4,500 from Mission Investment Fund to cover expenses. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Don Wallace and seconded by Kim Amundson. Carried.

Guests

Korey Lindley provided an update on Glory Bees Preschool. Fall registration went well, only one opening remains. There is an even split between 3 and 4 year olds attending. There was no increase in tuition this year. Plan to do a Gift of Love offering sometime during the school year for supplies, special projects and scholarships.

Steven Lindley provided an update on his seminary studies. Key learnings so far have been that God calls the most unlikely people and to trust God above all. He hopes to be studying full time in one year. It is important that NHLC supports those pursuing seminary. A Seminary Scholarship Fund will be started and a fund raising plan will be put in place to start building the fund.

Pastor's Report

NHLC was awarded the ELCA grant! The grant totals approx \$60,000 over three year, beginning in Feb 2012. The grant is designed for churches like NHLC that have grown to where it is difficult to manage all the systems in place and need help funding the support staff. The grant will be used to fund a staff person whose responsibilities will include: developing welcome and assimilation ministries to help new members get connected into the congregation; coordinate volunteer opportunities allowing members to leverage their gifts; provide staff connection and support to ministry teams. The goal is for NHLC to be able to fund on our own in three years.

Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) national convention was a great experience. LMM, the men's ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a dynamic ministry that is attracting many young men.

Looking into planning joint youth events with St Paul/St John and Vermont churches.

One of the VBS counselors will join us the last weekend in August. Ben, a gifted musician, will join the praise band for a special prayer and praise service on August 27 and for the Praise Service on Sunday the 28th.

Funerals the last couple of weeks. Lots of baptisms coming up.

Old Business

Prayer Walk: Continuing to work on the plan for the prayer walk targeted for October.

Parade Float: Plans are in place for building the float for the Field Days and Wild West Day Parades.

Online Giving: The new online giving option will be available on the NHLC website later this month.

Picnic Tables: John and Dana Gee are organizing youth building of picnic tables for the new land.

Second Harvest Food Bank: The second mobile food pantry was held August 12. 89 families (245 family members) were served. 29 volunteers helped with the distribution.

New Business

Family Faith Night: Begins September 14!

Facebook: Looking at reviving the NHLC Facebook .

NHLC Website: Looking at refreshing the website design and content.

Leadership Essentials: The council will begin reading Leadership Essentials, a small group study on growing leaders in discipleship.

NHLC Goals: The council is actively working on identifying 3 year goals to share with the congregation this fall.

Next meeting is September 8. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted (pending approval)

Ginny Nelson



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

NHLC MZ 9:00 Traditional Service

DATE	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25
<u>Ushers</u>	Don Wallace Verna Wallace	Joe Meier Gene Brueggeman		Joe Meier Don Wallace
<u>Reader</u>	Ruth Jacobson	Gene Brueggeman		Verna Wallace
<u>ComP & W</u>	Patty Borgen			
<u>Com W</u>	Marilyn Huset		Lori Fitzsimons	Nancy Buchholz
<u>Com B</u>	Judy Nelson		Nancy Buchholz	
<u>Counters</u>	Marilyn Huset Rod Nelson	Don Wallace Verna Wallace	Ben Hodgson Lu Hodgson	Marilyn huset Verna Wallace
<u>Hosp</u>	Patty Borgen	Nancy Brueggeman	Lu Hodgson	Mary Lou Borgen
<u>Laptop</u>	Troy & Paul Jacobson			Marilyn Huset

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

DATE	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25
<u>Greeter</u>	Joyce Schoepp Lois Herrling	Abigail Goomey		
<u>Ushers</u>	Abby Goomey	John Goomey	Joyce Schoepp Emmy & Zoe Lindley	Dave Seymour
<u>Reader</u>		Lavonne Clason	Aiden Lindley	
<u>Com 1</u>	Doug Drabenstadt		Ginny Nelson	
<u>Com 2</u>	Teresa Drabenstadt		Lois Herrling	Worship Assistants needed for remaining September Sundays
<u>Com 3</u>	Kristy Meyer		Jim Herrling	
<u>Hosp</u>			Lynn & Ashley Gates	
<u>Laptop</u>				

Special September Dates

- Labor Day, September 5
- Patriot Day, September 11
- National Grandparents Day, September 11
- Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15–October 15,
- First Day of Autumn, September 23

NHLC Special Dates

- Service Time Change, September 11
- Welcome To Family Faith Night, September 14
- 2nd Graders receive Bible @ Praise Service Sept. 25

Church Bulletin Bloopers

Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.

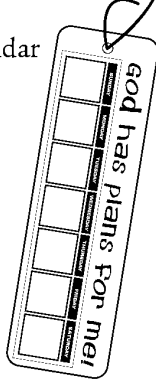
The agenda was adopted...the minutes were approved...the financial secretary gave a grief report.

A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

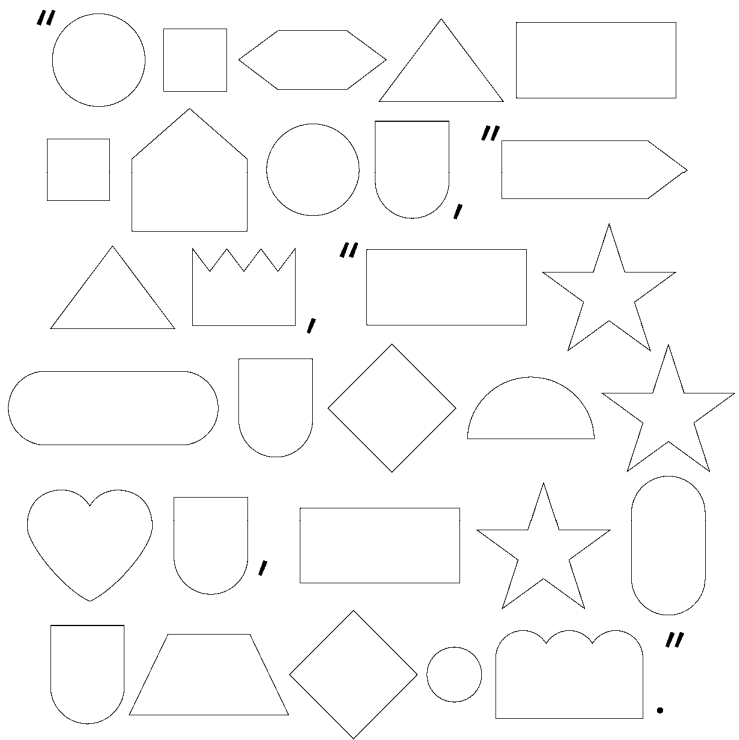
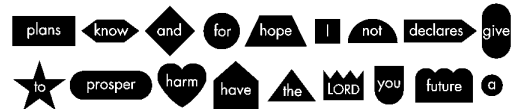
1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know—Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."





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:

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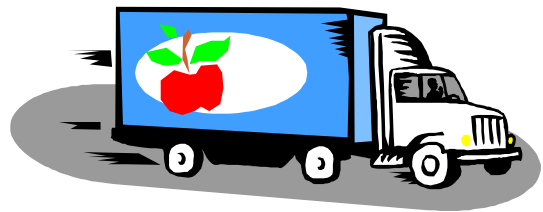


Labor of Love

During Labor Day weekend many congregations bless members of various occupations. From painting to parenting, from truck driving to teaching, from farming to pharmaceutical research, work is honored and holy.

Some might believe that certain jobs—pastor, missionary, bishop—are holier than others. But in his classic book *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence tells of performing even the most common, tedious tasks as holy service to God: "I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of God," he wrote. "It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God."

No matter your field of work, remember that any task done in God's name and to his glory is holy.



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
September 13, 4:30-5:30pm
 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

August 9, 2011

29 Faith-filled volunteers serving
89 Grateful participants in line with
245 Family members receiving food
75 of 245 were children (under 17)
23 of 245 were seniors (over 60)

New Heights Lutheran Church

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New Heights BE

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– Nate Timm 795-2381

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Lois O'Connell NH MZ 795-2518

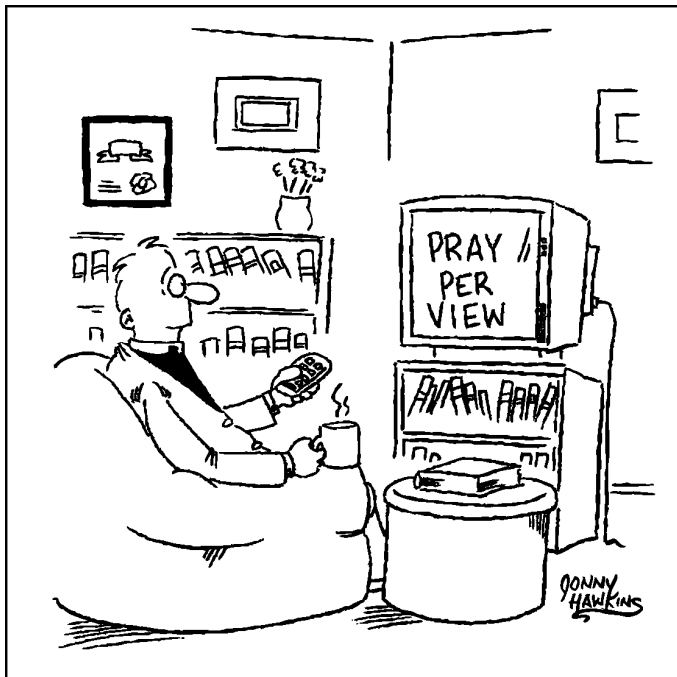
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*From New Heights
Lutheran Church*

*Have a
Safe and Blessed*



LABOR DAY