

BLACK EARTH | MAZOMANIE

NEW HEIGHTS

Lutheran Church



Love God, Love Neighbor, Grow Disciples

Building a Strong Spiritual Foundation

Jesus said ⁴⁷I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47-48

New Heights Mission Partners,

The most important part of any building is the foundation, and the same goes for our church (both literally and figuratively). While in the next few years we'll be making plans for a new physical foundation, it's vital for us to focus now on building a strong spiritual foundation.

The New Heights Vision Team (council) and I have been doing some strategic planning over the past few months in relation to how we can best provide a helpful and meaningful Discipleship Process for our people. **Our hope is to support and encourage EVERY Mission Partner in our church as they develop a TRANSFORMING relationship with Jesus.** I believe God desires this for ALL of us!

I'd like to share with you how an important piece in our discipleship efforts will work. This will be weekly Men's and Women's ministry groups that can ultimately accommodate up to 50 or more participants and provide multiple Bible Study options for those who attend. We are initially testing out this approach with our Saturday morning women's study group and our Sun. night men's group.

Here are a few key pieces:

Quality Bible study (or Bible based study)

- Opportunities for discussion and life application
- Options that allow for shorter time commitments (like a 4 or 8 week series)
- Room for people at different places on their faith journey

Mutual support through Triad or Quad Accountability and Prayer Groups

- Environment/opportunity to build trusting relationships
- Accountability and challenge to reach personal spiritual growth goals.
- Provide encouragement and prayer support

A triad/quad is a group of 3 or 4 people who covenant together to provide support and encouragement for each other. This includes confidentiality, care and prayer. It's in this setting that we can do our deeper work to become the people God wants us to be (though it is always up to the individual to set their own goals and ask the group for the level of support/challenge/accountability they desire).

Please let me know if you have any questions or are interested in joining one of these groups. Let's continue to build a strong spiritual foundation together!

God's Blessings,
Pastor Rob



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Iron Men
- Lenten Schedule
- March Fundraiser
- Mobile Pantry Update



Holy Communion

Every Sunday
9:00 am Traditional

1st and 3rd Sunday
10:30 am Praise

February 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.

There's a Prayer
Group for You



Worship at New Heights

February, 2012

9:00 am Traditional Service

10:30 am Praise Service

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*

It Takes A Whole Lot Of Hands . . .

Thank you to the many people who have shared their gifts as **greeters, ushers, readers, communion preparers & servers, counters, hospitality hosts and computer & sound technicians**. And there are even more folks who are working behind the scenes to make New Heights a welcoming place for all who join us in worship: A special thanks to our members who bake the communion bread, make the wine, provide gluten free baked goods, lead us in music and shovel the walkways.

Wow! These are just our Sunday morning ministries! We are blessed to have so many opportunities to share our gifts and also blessed that so many of you are willing to give of your time and talents.

Building our Worship Life Teams

Are you interested in getting more involved at NH this year? Maybe you would like to serve in an area that's new to you! We are trying to build our Worship Life teams (Sunday morning volunteers). If you'd like to be a part these growing ministries, please let us know! We promise to train you and work with you so you'll feel confident in your role. And if you try something and it's not for you, we'll encourage you to explore another area that might be a better fit! Be bold! Serve the Lord!

Jane Mount



Wednesday Evenings

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 +



This number appears many times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant. It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).

Bible Quiz



During Jesus' time in the wilderness after his baptism, Satan tempted him to do three things. Which of the following was not one of the temptations?

- A. To change water into wine so wedding guests would know he was God's Son
- B. To throw himself down from the top of the temple, expecting angels to save him
- C. To turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger
- D. To worship Satan in order to gain all the world's

Answer: A (See Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
NHLC
2012
July 22nd-26th**



New Heights

members who helped celebrate my 92nd birthday on December 31st. Your cards and gifts are enjoyed and appreciated.
—Valborg Knudtson

IRON MEN'S



GROUP

COURAGEOUS LIVING

**SUNDAY NIGHTS
7:00-8:00 PM**

4 WEEKS

**BEGINNING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH**

Church Records
January, 2012

No Baptisms
No Funerals

Mark your March Calendars

On **March 18th** the Sunny Siders Band will provide us with great music, and we will have a soup supper and lots of good fellowship with friends. The funds raised will be split between the Building Fund and the Steven Lindley Seminary Fund. Sign up sheets will be available soon for helpers and donations.

Wisconsin Heights Knitters' News

The Wisconsin Heights Knitters will continue to meet at the NHLC Mazomanie facility on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Yarn, supplies and finished shawls will continue to be kept in Mazomanie. If you need a shawl or supplies and do not have a key to that building, please call Nancy Stoller at 795-2243 or Marilyn Huset at 795-4403.

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 .



Pearl and Lois would like to thank all of you for the plaque presented to us in recognition of our years of service at St. John's.

The plaque is pleasantly accepted with a bit of sadness to the end of one era, but in anticipation of the beginning of another.

There are many more that could be honored as well for their devotion and years of maintaining the work load associated with overseeing all the activities needed to keep the St. John's functioning properly.

Our Lord knows each and every one of you and you are truly not forgotten by Him!

Again, Thank you and God Bless.

Lois O'Connell and
Pearl Schumann

Women of the ELCA



BE Women's Group will not be meeting in February. They will reconvene in March to discuss the reorganization of the NHLC's women's group.

The Mazo Bible Study group will meet on Thursday, February 26 @ Pearl Schumann's



Men's Breakfast February 1, 7:30 am @ Luckenbooth Café, Black Earth
The main focus of this monthly event is fellowship

Thank You!

Dear New Heights Members & Council

Thank you all so much for your help with the WH Community Sharing Tree. Having gift tags available, all the people that brought gifts, and the use of the Mazo building were wonderful.

We were able to help 35 families with 94 children have a brighter Christmas this year. Thanks again for reaching out to help more of God's people.

- Dianne Roelke

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, Bud Bergum, Taylor Bryant, Dave Clason, Kensel Disrud, Bruce Hanson, Sharon Husband, Sabine Lobitz, John Mead, John Nelson, Valarie Nichols, 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, and David Shara .



NHLC Council Minutes

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

Opening Devotions: Pastor Rob led devotions

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Tricia Passage and seconded by Ginger Shomberg. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Contributions to offering and building fund were up significantly in December. Total income for 2012 down \$2330 from budget. Expenses up \$5900 from budget. Increase in expenses primarily due to unplanned expense to fix boiler, giving to ELCA not planned for in budget, and insurance cost under estimated in the budget. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Don Wallace and seconded by Ginny Nelson. Carried.

Pastor's Report

Bell Ringing: The Men's group bell ringing for Salvation Army went well.

Christmas Program: The children's Christmas program was inspiring. Thank you to all that helped to make it a wonderful ministry event for the children and the congregation.

Worship: The final regular worship service was held at the Mazo building on Christmas Day. During the month of December, many wonderful stories and memories were shared. It's been a difficult transition time of both celebrating and grieving.

Anniversary of Merger: On January 15, we recognized the 3 year anniversary of the merger of St Johns and Our Saviours. It was wonderful to have Bishop Burnside there to share in the celebration.

Men's and Women's Ministries: The new men's ministry will be called Ironmen. It will kick off with a movie on January 29 and a Superbowl party on Feb 5 – everyone invited. Following that the men's ministry will be meeting weekly on Sunday evenings. All men are encouraged to attend. Pastor has also been working with the Saturday morning Women's Bible Study as part of a larger plan to grow our women's ministries.

Financial Peace: Financial Peace University begins on January 18. This thirteen week money management course is a great outreach for the community, as we've already had at least 7 non-members register.

Staff Update: Now that Jane Mount, Connecting Ministries Coordinator, has officially begun, the staff is determining the most effective way to work together. This will include setting up regular staff meetings to coordinate activities.

Classroom Update: The wall for the additional classroom has been constructed downstairs. Last step is to add the door and trim.

Old Business

Land: For harvest season of 2012, will continue with lease agreement with Bob Duhr. Don Wallace will work with Bob to determine which 8 acres will be included. In addition, one acre will be used for the community garden. The council will formulate a land use policy in the spring of 2012 so that we have a formal process to consider other offers to lease.

2012 Council: Reviewed the council history to confirm terms of existing council members. Three council positions will be open – Tricia passage will run for another term while Ginger Shomberg and Don Wallace will not. Reviewed nominees for new council members.

New Business

Snow Shoveling: Jim Olson is plowing the parking lot in Mazo. Don Wallace is making arrangements for the sidewalks to be shoveled at Mazo. Need volunteer to keep sidewalks shoveled at Black Earth.

Personnel: Reviewed staff's salary recommendations from Personnel Team. Final recommendations will be included in the final budget proposal.

Next council meeting is on January 26. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted (pending approval)

Ginny Nelson



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>February 22 Meal 5:15-6:10 Worship 6:10 pm</p>	<p>1 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am @ Luckenbooth Contemplative Worship 10:00 am @ NH BE</p> 	2	<p>3 Parents Night Out 5:30-8:00 pm @ NHBE</p>	4
<p>5 Worship 9:00 am Traditional 10:30 am Praise Prayer Group 6:30 pm @ MZ Super Bowl Party 6pm</p>	6	7	<p>8 Contemplative Worship 10:00 am @ NH BE</p> 	9	<p>10 Play Group 10:00-11:30 am</p>	11
<p>12 Worship 9:00 am Traditional 10:30 am Praise Prayer Group 6:30 pm @ MZ Iron Men 7:00 pm</p>	13	<p>14 Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry @ NH BE</p> 	<p>15 Contemplative Worship 10:00 am @ NH BE</p> 	16	17	18
<p>19 Worship 9:00 am Traditional 10:30 am Praise Prayer Group 6:30 pm @ MZ Iron Men 7:00 pm</p>	20	<p>21 WH Knitters 6:30 pm @ NH MZ</p>	<p>22 Contemplative Worship 10:00 am @ NH BE Meal 5:15-6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 6:10 pm</p>	23	24	25
<p>26 Worship 9:00 am Traditional 10:30 am Praise Prayer Group 6:30 pm @ MZ Iron Men 7:00 pm</p>	27	28	<p>29 Contemplative Worship 10:00 am @ NH BE Lenten Worship 4:30 & 6:10 Traditional</p>	<p>Lenten Services Wednesday Evenings 4:30 pm Traditional Worship 5:15-6:10 pm Meal 6:10 pm Family Worship</p>		

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

NHLC 9:00 Traditional Service

DATE	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26
<u>Greeters</u>		Donna Chesemore		
<u>Ushers</u>	Gene Brueggeman Nancy Brueggeman	Joe Meier	Ben Hodgson	Don Wallace Verna Wallace
<u>Reader</u>	Gene Brueggeman	John Bonine	Dianne Roelke	Ann Lindley
<u>Com P & W</u>		Shiryl Roberts		Ann Lindley
<u>Com W</u>	Lori Fitzsimons		Lori Fitzsimons	Lori Fitzsimons
<u>Com B</u>	Nancy Buchholz	Dianne Roelke	Nancy Buchholz	Nancy Buchholz
<u>Counters</u>		Don Wallace Verna Wallace	Ben Hodgson Lu Hodgson	
<u>Hosp</u>	Connie Robb	Shiryl Roberts	Nancy Brueggeman Donna Chesemore	Ann Lindley
<u>Laptop</u>	Michael Roesch will train 9:00 am Laptop Assistants			

NHLC 10:30 a.m. Praise Service

DATE	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26
<u>Greeter s</u>	Joyce Schoepp	<i>Look for all the assistant sign-up sheets on the wall next to Jane Mount's office</i>		
<u>Ushers</u>	Elsa & Alaina Nelson			
<u>Reader</u>	Ginger Shomberg			
<u>Com 1</u>	Ginny Nelson			
<u>Com 2</u>	Lois Herrling			
<u>Com 3</u>	Jim Herrling			
<u>Hosp</u>				
<u>Laptop</u>	John Goomey			

Yellow Cover Sheet

9:00 Worship Life
Sign Up Sheets



Orange Cover Sheet

10:30 Worship Life
Sign Up Sheets

February NHLC Special Dates

- Feb 1 Men's Breakfast**
- Feb 3 Parents' Night Out**
- Feb 13 Play Group**
- Feb 14 Valentines Day**
- Feb 14 Mobile Food Pantry**
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday**

**Sunday evenings beginning February 12th
Iron Men 7:00 pm @ NH BE**

Church Bulletin Bloopers

**Please join us as we show our support for
Amy and Alan who are preparing for the
girth of their first child.**

**Ladies Bible study will be held Thursday
morning at 10 am. All ladies are invited to
lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is
done.**

FORGIVENESS Game

Try this twist on musical chairs.

What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.



FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.



gain as or ear van an for give
gave her on it one other he an a

B _____ w _____ h each
ot _____ d _____ give
_____ e an _____ if _____ y
of you h _____ grie _____ ce
a _____ st some _____ .
For _____ as t _____ L _____ d
for _____ you." **COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV**

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, he looked at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered: "It's Adam's suit!!!"





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:

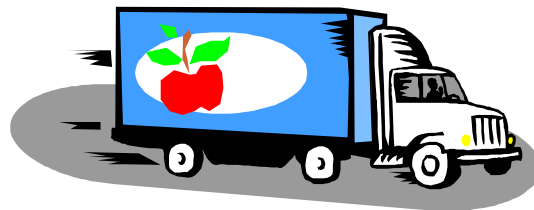
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 Facebook page
 for inspirational
 messages or friendly
 social sharing.*

**Or visit our website to learn more about us
www.newheightslutheranchurch.org**



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
February 14, 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

January 10, 2011

**29 Faith-filled volunteers serving
 97 Grateful participants in line with
 217 Family members receiving food
 95 of 217 were children (under 17)
 25 of 217 were seniors (over 60)**

New Heights Lutheran Church

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New Heights BE

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"When I said we should put the magic back in our marriage, Steve ..."

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Note: Please help us keep this directory updated. Contact the Church office (767-2247) with any changes including additions or deletions. Thank you.

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Happy Valentines Day