

Ebenezer Lutheran Church

96 Oak Street
Willimantic CT 06226
(860)-423-2193
Pastor Kari Plymette

9:00 a.m. Worship w/communion

Sunday Church School

Confirmation Class

Nursery Available

9:00 a.m. Service W/Communion

Ebenezer Lutheran Church is Handicapped Accessible



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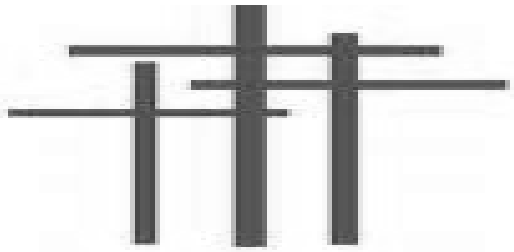


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(Windham Area Interfaith Ministry)





Enlightener

October 2011

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.” Psalm 84:1-4

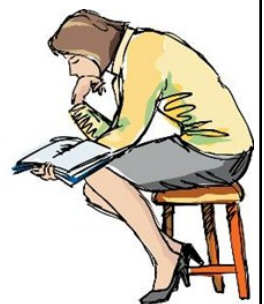
It is hard to believe that October is already upon us. We are already beginning my fourth month here as your pastor, but still it has seemed to speed by. A lot of exciting things happened during September—we worshiped in the dark after hurricane Irene knocked out our power; the youth spent a weekend camping at Hammonasset and helping to package more than 20,000 meals for Kids Care, providing meals for children throughout New England (and it was my first tent-camping experience); we kicked off our Sunday Church School program with Rally Day on the 25th, focusing on issues of hunger and nourishment.

And we also gathered to celebrate our ministry together during my Installation service! What a wonderful, joyful day! During the service, we read together Psalm 84, and as we read it, I couldn't help but think how true this is: How lovely, indeed is the house of the Lord, and happy are we who gather together to worship and sing God's praise. Thank you to all who came to celebrate, for those who were with us in thought and prayer, and for all of the wonderful gifts. Thank you to the youth for the gift of the beautiful stole—each and every time I wear it, I will be reminded of our ministry together. The reception following the service was beautiful—and it provided a great opportunity for us to all join in fellowship with one another, and with our ecumenical brothers and sisters who joined us.

Truly, Ebenezer is a lovely place of worship. As October carries us forward, we will continue to gather together to worship, to sing God's praises together, to hold out our hands to be fed at God's table, and finally, to go out into the world in service, doing God's work with our hands. This is part of what our Sunday School program will be about—nourishing us with God's Word to go out and to nourish others with loaves of bread and with the Bread of Life.

The house of the Lord is indeed a wonderful, lovely place in which to dwell. Yet we are also sent forth to carry God's Bread into the world. May we be fed in our time together, so that we may go out with joy and happiness into the world to feed those who hunger and thirst.

In Christ,
Pastor Kari



Instruction in Holy Communion

Beginning Sunday October 9nd, Pastor Kari will be leading a class for instruction in Holy Communion. The class is open to all children who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time as well as for those who may benefit from further instruction. It will be held during the half hour following worship each Sunday morning. We look forward to seeing you there!



Confirmation Classes to Begin

This year we will have several students beginning their catechetical instruction to prepare for their Affirmation of Baptism and reception as adult voting members in the congregation. Class will begin October 9nd, and will be held Sunday evenings at the church. Please speak with Pastor Kari if you wish for your child to be a part of this class!



2011-2012 Christian Education Update

NOURISH....a simple word with unlimited potential for fulfillment. The 2011 to 2012 Christian Education effort at Ebenezer Lutheran will prayerfully address the various ways that we can nourish those who suffer from hunger in our world, our nation, and our community. We also understand that many people hunger for the simple love and caring that God desires for us all. Through our Christian Education program we will learn about Jesus' teachings and act upon those teachings through multiple efforts that incorporate classroom lessons, music, service and activity projects. As always we ask that the congregation follow our progress and participate in any way that is possible. We are grateful for the support and kindness that Ebenezer displays as our children develop in their understanding of God's grace. Please keep the following prayer in your hearts as we begin this year with enthusiasm and hope:

*Dear Lord, We pray that you will **nourish** our bodies with this food, our hearts with true fellowship and our souls with your word. In Jesus name – Amen.*

Rally Day was well attended and as usual the ice cream sundaes hit the spot for many!

Due to other events of the day the annual "Ebenezer Family" photo was not taken but will be organized in the very near future...keep your "smiles" ready!

Sunday Church School begins October 2 for pre-K and elementary students (1st – 5th). Class will begin prior to the Gospel reading and will end at 10:15.

Pastor Kari will begin instruction in first Communion after worship on October 9. This will continue on an agreed upon schedule with parents to December.

Confirmation classes will also begin on Sunday evening, October 9. Please consider responding to the call for assistants to the Pastor on an occasional basis throughout the year. It will be a wonderful opportunity to mentor our future members as they grow in faith.

In peace,
Lynn Archambault

Pastor Kari's Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00AM—4:00PM
Appointments can be made through the church office.

Pastor Kari's E Mail Address

ebenezerpastor@gmail.com

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www.summitandoak.org

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(860) 423-2193 / (860) 423-8112

Ebenezer's Leadership:

We give thanks for those willing to serve our Lord as leaders of Ebenezer. The Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. The officers are:

- President –Don Evans/Sandi Dunnack
- Recording Secretary – Becky Eckert Borland
- Treasurer – Tom Anderson
- Financial Secretary – Sally Lehoux

Completing the council are: Pastor Kari Plymette, Lynn Archambault, Wendy Clifton, J.J. Cramblit, Anita Evans, Sally Ireland, Tim Swanson & Dean Vertefeuille.

Committee Chairpersons:

- Property – Frank Mendes
- Christian Education – Lynn Archambault
- Mutual Ministry –
- Stewardship –
- Worship & Music – Sue Cormier
- Fellowship – Wendy Clifton
- Evangelism – Sandi Dunnack

*If you are interested in joining a committee, please see the committee chairperson or Pastor Bill. All are welcome!

Our Vision
All people who experience the
promise of hope and peace



*Volunteer
Schedule
Oct. & Nov. 2011*

Communion Assistants:

October—JJ Cramblit, Tom Anderson
November—Don & Anita Evans

Acolytes: 9:00 a. m.

October 02-Katie Ouimette
October 09-Elena Osorio
October 16-Edgar Poudrier
October 23-Tommy Lehoux
October 30-Cashay Poudrier
November 06-Katie Ouimette
November 13-Elena Osorio
November 20-Edgar Poudrier
November 27-Tommy Lehoux

Altar Guild:

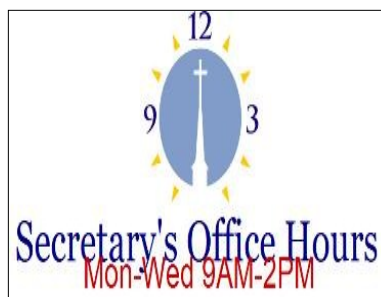
October-Shirley Lebiszcak, Barbara Boucher
November-Margaret Perez, Angela Fichter

Coffee Hour:

October-Lynn Archambault, Shirley Lebiszcak, Barbara Boucher, Cindy Cavagnaro
November-Sue Cormier, Margaret Perez, Janet Osorio, Ginnie Chamberlain

Nursery:


Parents, the nursery in Fellowship Hall is used for Preschool. Please talk with Lynn Archambault or Marie Liskom if you want to bring your child there



Our Mission
Together we spread the Word of
Jesus Christ by serving others.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church


October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Communion Assistant: Don & Anita Evans</p> <p>Altar Guild: Margaret Perez, Angela Fichter</p> <p>Coffee Hour October 16th: Lynn Archambault, Shirley Lebiszczak, Barbara Boucher, Cindy</p>						1
<p>2 9:00AM</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Acolyte:</p> <p>Katie</p> <p>Ouimette</p>	3	4	<p>5</p>  <p>Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30 PM</p>	6	7	8
<p>9 9:00AM</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Acolyte:</p> <p>Elena</p> <p>Osorio</p>	 <p><i>Columbus Day</i></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>12:30 Bible Study</p> 	13	14	<p>15</p>  <p>CHURCH WORKDAY</p>
<p>16 9:00AM</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Acolyte:</p> <p>Edgar</p> <p>Poudrier</p>	 <p>COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>6:30pm</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>LADIES'</p> <p>Night out</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30 PM</p>	20	21	22
<p>23 9:00AM</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Acolyte:</p> <p>Tommy</p> <p>Lehoux</p>	24	25	<p>26</p> <p>12:30 Bible Study</p> 	27	28	29
<p>30 9:00AM</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Acolyte:</p> <p>Cashay</p> <p>Poudrier</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> 	<p>An Encore Performance of</p> <p>"The Seasons"</p> <p>Mark Makipuro in Concert</p> <p>Sunday October 23, 2011 at 6PM</p> <p>Capitol Theater 896 Main Street</p> <p>Ticket info 860-933-9267</p>				

THIS  MONTH'S

Birthdays

Kirsten Archambault
Matthew Burdick
Cindy Cavagnaro
Susan Cormier
Liz Hayes
Ulla Hussey
Gerald Liskom
Kate Maynard
John Paul-Lucas
Dean Vertefeulle

THIS  MONTH

Happy Anniversary
Kate & Matt Maynard

Don't forget to get your Flu shot!

VNA East will offer clinics. For more information go to:

www.vnaeast.org



Get
Your
Flu
Shots

"Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren."

~Martin Luther



COMING IN NOVEMBER

Please start thinking about and preparing for what "you" can donate, Thank You!

An Encore Performance of
"The Seasons"

Mark Makipuro In Concert

Sunday October 23, 2010

Six O'clock PM

at

The Capitol Arts Theater on Main Street

General admission \$30.00

Come and enjoy a night of original music!
Folk-Classical-Jazz and Pop

For ticket information please call
(860)933-9267



CHURCH WORKDAY

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 15TH



Grapevine October 2011

(WEB)Women of



Ebenezer

It's autumn, and that means it's time for our annual "un-meeting" dinner at Main Street Café. We'll meet there on Tuesday, October 18th, at 6:00PM. Please sign up on the WEB bulletin board in the narthex, as I need to know how many to include in the reservation.

It's hard to believe that it is time to begin work on our SILENT AUCTION! I hope you are already planning what wonderful donations you can make to the sale! ADONATION BOX will be at church by October 30th so that you can let us know what you'll be contributing. Let's all be generous and get in on the fun, too! Anita Evans and I are excited about working on the auction, as not only is it lots of fun, but it is also a great fund raiser for numerous charities and for projects at church. The full auction schedule will be in the next Enlightener, and the results day will be December 11th.

As you know, a project we've raised money for in the past, and continue to do so, is the church kitchen. When you read this article, Wes Crawford will have completed the construction in the kitchen. He has done a wonderful job, so be sure to look! Next, Wes is going to finish the kitchen floor, we are going to do some more painting, and the project will finally be done!

Sandi Dunnack and I are looking forward to working on "MIXES in JARS". We think it will be a fun opportunity for as many women as possible to work together on the project, which we'll later sell at church (as another good fund raiser). The jars can be purchased for use of gifts, or to make for your families. They are, also, a lot of fun to make with the kiddies! The tentative date for making the mixes is Saturday, November 5th, at 10:00AM. A sign-up sheet will be on the WEB board, as it would be helpful to know how many workers we'll have, but if you don't sign up, still feel free to join us.

Wendy Clifton



Fellowship

Pastor Kari's installation was a wonderful event, enjoyed by all who were able to attend. Thank you to all who helped with the reception; your help was much appreciated. I believe you will be reading this on the day (Sunday, October 2nd) of the church picnic at the Ireland Farm. It's not too late to join in on a fun time. Ask for details at church!

The Salem Apple Festival is a fun event (started years ago by Selma & Bill Swanson's daughter, Judy, as a church and community fund-raiser). Our family has attended for years, as have a few other members of Ebenezer. It is on Saturday, October 29th, and you are welcome to go with us, or meet us there. An apple pancake breakfast is followed by sales of apple pies, other apple desserts, apples, cheese, fritters, sundaes, non-food items, and more. Live music will, also, be enjoyed. Talk to me if you are interested.

Let's get together for a potluck at church, on Sunday November 6th, at 5PM. Please bring a favorite main dish, salad, or dessert to share. This will be Pastor Kari's first potluck with us, and a good opportunity to get to know her better. Please sign up in the narthex so that we'll know how many places to set.

Please don't forget to post your activities on the ActivityShare board in the narthex. Your friends at Ebenezer would love to know about your concerts, plays, sport activities, whatever you are involved in. Remember, this will also help Pastor Kari get to know you better.

Wendy Clifton

Fellowship/Web:

Pastor Kari's installation reception is being planned for Pastor Kari's September 25th.

Church picnic will be at the Ireland Farm on Sunday, October 2nd after church.

There is a potential for a potluck, possibly to be held on November 6th.

The most recent Women's Dinner on a Friday evening was small and low-key. There will be an autumn dinner will be Tuesday, October 18th at Main Street Café at 6:00pm.

Wes Crawford will complete his part of the work on the church kitchen in the next few weeks. He has researched how to finish the floor and will do that, too.

Mixes in Jars – Sandi and I have not forgotten and will work on them soon!

Plans are beginning for the Silent Auction – it will be here before we know it. Again, we need to get EVERYONE involved!

Anita and Wendy will work together to purchase the replacement WEB step ladder.

Altar Guild and Coffee Hour lists will be out soon.

Worship and Music:

Meeting scheduled on Wednesday September 21.

Youth:

JJ shared insights about the Hammonasset event – some events were coordinated with Faith from East Hartford.

Evangelism/Outreach:

Pastor Kari is hoping to organize neighborhood visits soon.

Christian Ed:

A meeting was held Sunday September 7th with a primary focus on curriculum focused on feeding the hungry. We are going to try to incorporate music and activities along with the lessons.

Confirmation is scheduled to begin on October 9th (or maybe the following week depending on soccer). We are considering a new format that encourages members of the congregation to participate actively in supporting the journey of the confirmands.

First communion instruction will begin on October 16th.

Stewardship/Finance:

No report.

Reports Accepted. Motion to approve committee reports (Tim/JJ) was unanimously accepted.

Old Business:

We need to revisit the "Time and Talents Survey." How can we encourage more members of the congregation to complete these forms?

New Business:

We need to update the church directory. It has been several years since we have updated the most recent version. Olan Mills and Life Touch have both provided information. Lynn has volunteered to spearhead this effort with the help of other members of the congregation.

We need to take a new church picture for updating the website and other information – Rally day would be an excellent opportunity to do this.

Wendy inquired as to whether or not we would like to investigate the cost of installing air conditioning in the sanctuary. We will get a quote for this and then we can go from there.

Motion to adjourn (Tim/Sandi).

Meeting closed at 8:30 with the Lord's Prayer at

Ebenezer Lutheran Church Council Meeting Monday September 19, 2011

Pastor Kari	Tom Anderson	Anita Evans	Don Evans
Tim Swanson	Wendy Clifton	J.J. Cramblit	Lynn Archambault
Sally Ireland	Sandi Dunnack		

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Don Evans.
Pastor opened with devotions.

Review of Minutes: The minutes were read and accepted as corrected. Motion (Sally/Tim) to accept as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning current account was \$13,005.85. Income for the month was \$4,489 and expenses were \$2676. The ending balance was 14,483.64. The report was read and accepted as presented.

Recent purchases: Air conditioner and new office chair came out of the parsonage renovation fund. The new office computer came out of the memorial fund. Moving expenses should be posted to the memorial fund as well (and will show up in the September expenses).

Anita mentioned that the budgeted item for the sexton's salary in June and July does not match the posted salary or paycheck she received for these two months. Tom will investigate.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report (Sally/Lynn) passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report:

In August, we welcomed Pastor Matthew Martin, who helped us box over 100 meals for Kids Care following the service. This was a great opportunity to share this ministry with the congregation, as the youth prepared for their service at Hammonasset.

Due to hurricane Irene, no service was held on August 28th and the church picnic has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 2nd after church.

The youth traveled to Hammonasset on September 9-11. A special thanks to Kathy Burdick for organizing and chaperoning our group, and to JJ Cramblit for serving as the male chaperone of the trip. Our group, along with youth from several other congregations in the synod also worked on a service project together, packaging meals for KidsCare. Together we were able to package more than 20,000 meals – a great testament to God's work in our synod and in the world!

In early September, the conference met in Brooklyn, CT, to discuss Latino ministries in our conference. We had the opportunity to share in conversation about the changing demographics of our synod and conference, and to share ideas for how we might provide ministry to and with our communities.

Pastor Kari continues to attend the weekly Tuesday morning Conference gatherings to build collegial relationships with other clergy in the synod.

Funeral services were held for Dave Maynard on Saturday September 17th. Pastor Bill White conducted the services because Pastor Kari was away on vacation. We extend our condolences to his wife Jayne, and all of his friends and family.

Thank you to Pastor Joe Bourret for serving as supply pastor on Sunday, September 18.

Property:

Property Budget for this year is \$2500. Additionally, a 12-month oil contract has been approved and signed. (Prior Council approval was obtained on 9/4/2011.)

The committee has scheduled the fall cleanup for October 15th with a rain date of October 22nd.

A plan for snow removal for the winter is needed so a request for someone to take this job will be put in *The Enlightener* and Bulletin will be initiated.

Recently completed projects include: the secretary's computer and software was replaced and upgraded (Thank you Andy!), Pastor's and secretary's office was repainted (Thank you Dave Dunnack!), a new vacuum was purchased for church cleaning (Thank you Anita!), and an air conditioner was replaced at the parsonage (Thank you Andy!).