

# Ebenezer Lutheran Church

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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



RIPE FOR  
*Harvest*

*September 2011*



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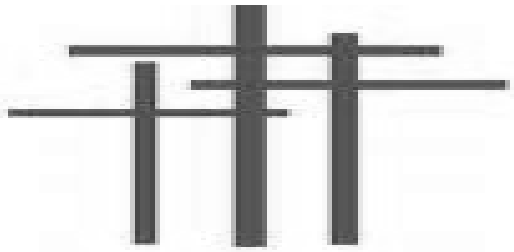
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# Enlightener

## September 2011

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. (Matthew 18: 21-22)

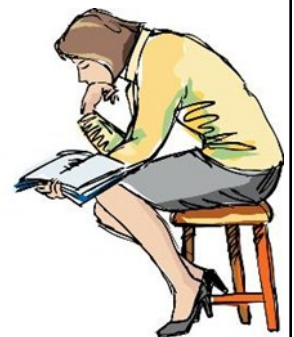
I can still remember the emotions of fear and sorrow that Tuesday morning as my classmates and I watched the smoke billowing from the Twin Towers. I was in my AP Biology classroom, and our teacher had just begun lecturing on DNA and RNA in microorganisms when another teacher came running in the door to tell Dr. Baieve to stop class and turn on the television. I don't remember our classroom ever being that silent as we watched the second plane hit the South Tower. I remember in the days and weeks that followed the attacks, all Americans rallied together to mourn the loss of life, to celebrate heroes, and to express anger and rage at those responsible, seeking revenge. Our sense of security and safety on American soil was shaken to the core.

This month marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that day. The images are still etched into our minds, and for many of us, this anniversary will bring with it many of the emotions of fear, anger and sorrow as we commemorate those who were lost as well as celebrate those who were saved. As I was looking ahead to the fall and all of the planning that goes along with it, the Matthew text above is a challenge to us. It is also the lectionary text that is assigned for Sunday, September 11, 2011. It is a parable that speaks to the importance of forgiveness, when it seems difficult, if not impossible to forgive. And yet we are a people called to speak of reconciliation and forgiveness in a world where warfare, terror and strife seem to be in control. Yes, forgiveness can be hard

Still, this is the text that we will be hearing in September—a text that is followed by a parable that demonstrates God's unlimited mercy. Unlimited mercy which human forgiveness should mirror. It challenges us to remember the past—to mourn, to feel anger—but to then direct our attentions forward, into the future, and the new life that it brings.

And there is abundant new life here at Ebenezer. During September alone, there will be many exciting things taking place. Some of our youth will be participating in Confirmation classes, as they are instructed in their preparation to affirm their Baptisms and be welcomed as adult members in our faith community. Others will begin instruction in Holy Communion, and be welcomed to share in the Meal in new and wondrous ways. We will begin our Sunday Church School program, focusing on issues of hunger and justice—for this faith community, this neighborhood, the nation and the world. This is all just a part of things to come! In only a few short months we will prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, the One whose abundant love and mercy promises us forgiveness, and teaches us how to forgive.

It is important to remember, and we will. But it is also important to turn our faces towards the life ahead that awaits us, living as sinners, redeemed and forgiven by God's steadfast love through Christ. It will be an exciting year, and I look forward to sharing in this journey with each of you!



In Christ,  
Pastor Kari

## 2011-2012 Christian Education Update

This year we have decided to increase our focus on world hunger. The "Taking Roots" curriculum, which was used in the elementary class last year, provides a very broad and creative series of themes that will enable EVERYONE at Ebenezer to participate at some level. We are enthusiastic as we begin to plan the calendar year ahead. Thank you to those of you who provided input on Sunday, August 21 when we briefly met to introduce and discuss our ideas. There will be some changes in class times as well as some adjustments in the schedule during worship in order to provide the best opportunity for learning. Once again, we invite anyone who wishes to volunteer to please let us know. There may be times during the year when any of you could offer assistance or share a talent with the children and youth. What better way to grow bonds among our members young and old?! So let us all look forward to being nourished as we look for ways to nourish others. The call is great...

Peace to all,  
Lynn Archambault

### Blessing of the Backpacks

**Attention all students, teachers, administrators, school staff, and coaches:** On September 4<sup>th</sup> we will be having a blessing of the backpacks during our Sunday morning worship service. As we prepare for the start of a new school year, bring your backpacks, briefcases, computer bags and other carrying cases with you to



The Christian  
Education committee  
invites you for Ice  
Cream Sundae's after  
worship this morning!!  
September 25, 2011



Rally Day

**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

**Church Secretary's Office Hours:**

Monday-Wednesday 9:00AM-2:00PM.

**Secretary's E Mail Address:**

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**Church Email Address:**

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**Church WEB Site**

www.summitandoak.org

**Church Telephone/Fax Number:**

(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.

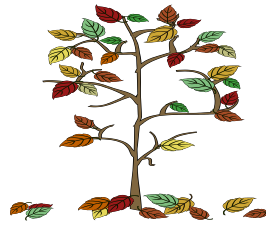
**Committee Chairpersons:**

- 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  
Sept. & Oct. 2011*

**Communion Assistants:**

**September**—Tim Swanson, Dean Vertefeuille

**October**—JJ Cramblit, Tom Anderson

**Acolytes: 9:00 a. m.**

**September 04**-Katie Ouimette

**September 11**-Elena Osorio

**September 18**-Tommy Lehoux

**September 25**-Cashay Poudrier

**October 02**-Katie Ouimette

**October 09**-Elena Osorio

**October 16**-Edgar Poudrier

**October 23**-Tommy Lehoux

**October 30**-Cashay Poudrier

**Altar Guild:**

**September**-Bethany Cramblit, Sharon Mendes

**October**-Shirley Lebiszczak, Barbara Boucher

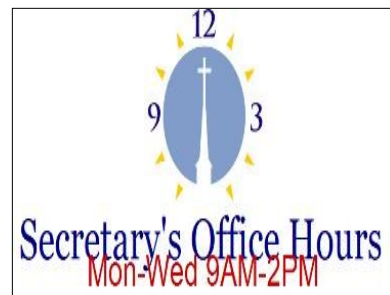
**Coffee Hour:**

**September-18**– Rally Day! Christian Education Committee invites you for ice cream sundaes :)

**October**-Lynn Archambault, Shirley Lebiszczak, Barbara Boucher, Cindy Cavagnaro

**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

## September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Communion Assistant: Tim Swanson, Dean Vertefeuille</b>  <b>Altar Guild: Bethany Cramblit, Sharon Mendes</b>  <b>Rally Sunday, September 18th: The Christian Education Committee invites you for ice cream sundaes!</b>				<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> 9:00AM Worship Acolyte: <b>Katie Ouimette</b>  <b>Blessing of the Back Packs.</b>	<i>5</i>   Church Office Closed	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> 9:00AM Worship Acolyte: <b>Elena Osorio</b>   <b>SEPTEMBER 11</b> <i>Remembrance</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> 9:00AM Worship Acolyte: <b>Tommy Lehoux</b>	  <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b> 6:30pm	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>   <i>Autumn</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 9:00AM Worship Acolyte: <b>Cashay Poudrier</b>  <b>Rally Sunday!</b>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	

# HAMMO NASSET 2011

*September 9-11, 2010*



Contact Kathy Burdick for more information & any questions. More details can be found at:

<http://www.hammoconnect.com/>

## God Bless the Students & the Teachers

Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children, youth and teachers of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds and purify their vision. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Amen.



## September Birthdays



Tom Anderson  
Wendy Clifton  
Sandy Colburn  
Anna Crawford  
John Hayes  
Doris Jones  
Shirley Lebiszcak  
Morgan Lehoux  
Ernest Lehoux  
Sally Lehoux  
Marie Liskom  
Rachel Mendes  
Anthony Mendes  
Marjorie Ouimette  
Jane Scanlon

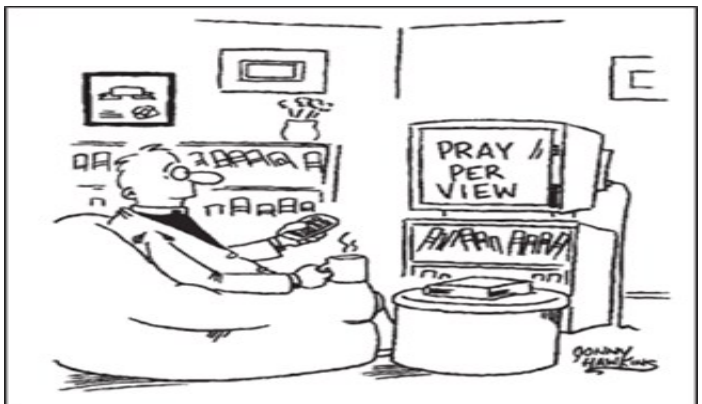
*Congratulations  
to  
Andy & Shirley  
Lebiszcak*



Dear Ebenezer family,

Thank you SO MUCH for the new computer, it's amazing! Thank you Andy for ALL your time & help with the MANY technical changes. And thank you Mr. Dunnack for the BEAUTIFUL new paint in the office! I'm very blessed to be part of such a generous and talented team here at Ebenezer.

Shannon Bacon





## Grapevine September 2011

(WEB)Women of



*Ebenezer*

We recently had a women's dinner at Main Street Café. The dinner was in response to some women in church who wanted to get together on a weekend evening. There were only six attending, but we had a nice time together.

Our autumn dinner will be at Main Street Café on Tuesday, October 18th. We'll meet there at 6:00PM. Please sign up on the WEB bulletin board as soon as possible so that I can make the necessary reservation.

More work will be done on the church kitchen very soon—storm Irene has caused some delays. I hope you have noticed the beautiful work Wes Crawford has already done!

I know summer is just ending, but it's already time to start thinking about what you want to donate to the Silent Auction! Anita Evans and I hope you will all contribute goods, services, and activities. We're counting on your generosity so that we'll have a successful auction and we'll be able to donate to charities and continue to support projects and needs at Ebenezer.

Wendy Clifton



**Fellowship**

The installation of Pastor Kari Plymette will be on Sunday, September 25th, at 2:00PM. I know you are all looking forward to it, and will want to help with the reception. Your shepherds will call soon to let you know how you can contribute. Let's make this a special time for our wonderful new Pastor!

Storm Irene apparently didn't want us to have our church picnic on August 25th. Well, that's not going to stop the people of Ebenezer! Sally and Bill Ireland have agreed to reschedule, and the picnic will be at the farm after church, on Sunday, October 2nd. Join us for a fun afternoon!

Wendy Clifton

Dear Friends at Ebenezer,

Thank you so much for the fine farewell party and gifts last month. I know you are in such good hands with Pastor Kari that it was only a little bitter-sweet to say goodbye and ask God's blessings on all of you. What a wonderful way for me to spend almost two years of my ministry, in your midst. I learned a lot about being an interim pastor and I don't think you're any the worse for my 'on the job training' as your transitional pastor! It was my pleasure.

Big thanks for the parting gifts. The short speeches with words of farewell were the best gift a pastor could ever receive BUT the monetary gift was also very much appreciated. Just last week I used that gift to buy myself and my daughter Hillary new computers. We wait eagerly for the Apple Store delivery - who knows maybe today! Still haven't gotten out to the restaurant, I'm saving that for a special night.

I begin my next opportunity in ministry at St. Mark in Glastonbury for a couple of months starting in September. Maybe after that I'll have a free Sunday to come out and visit you and hear Pastor Kari preach. That would be fun. Until then-

God's peace to all,  
Pastor Bill

### Instruction in Holy Communion

Beginning Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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! More details will follow in the October newsletter!



## Ebenezer Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 08, 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 6:30 p.m. by Sandi Dunnack

Pastor opened with devotions

**Treasurer's Report:** The beginning current account for June, 2011 was \$20,327.00. Income for June, 2011 was \$6,912.00 & July, 2011 was \$7,976.00. Expenses for June, 2011 was \$11,838.00 & July, 2011 was \$10,706. Then ending balance for July, 2011 was \$12,671.00.

Tim Swanson made a motion to have Pastor Kari purchase microwave from Parsonage Renovation fund & an air conditioner from Property. Seconded by Wendy Clifton.

Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes from the June, 2011 meeting were read & accepted. Motion (Wendy/Sally) to accept.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Kari has been attending Manchester conference meetings on Tuesday mornings & will be attending monthly meetings in September. She will also participate in local ecumenical clergy gatherings in Storrs in August, 2011. Pastor Kari has made connections for Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, End Hunger Connecticut & created Facebook at the request of numerous members to accept friends. Pastor is considering blog link on church website for teaching tool. Pastor Kari's installation will be at Ebenezer on September 25, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Kari will be on vacation September 13, 2011 thru September 19, 2011.

Motion to accept Pastor's report (Sally/Lynn) was passed unanimously.

**Property:** No report. Don Evans reported that thanks to Dave Dunnack the secretary's & pastor's office have been painted. An air conditioner has been purchased & installed in the parsonage. New computer has been purchased & installed for the secretary's office with thanks to Andy Weiss. Pastor Kari will be purchasing a church office chair. Thanks to J.J. Cramblit for lawn care.

**Fellowship:** Church picnic/potluck on August 28, 2011 at Ireland Farm directly after church. Would encourage people to use Activity Share board to post activities before happenings to allow others to attend events.

**Web:** Women's dinner on August, 26, 2011. Wes Crawford has done church kitchen renovations as requested & is looking into solutions for the church kitchen floor. Silent Auction will be held in fall, so start thinking of things to donate. Mixes in jars will take place in October, 2011. Feed the Women Conference the Third Course will be held at Trinity Lutheran, Worcester MA on October 1, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Web will provide refreshments for Pastor Kari's installation on September 25, 2011.

**Worship/Music:** Has not met.

**Youth:** No report.

**Evangelism/Outreach:** Food/Soup Kitchen-Suggestion to have one family a month to deliver our donations to the Soup Kitchen. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Pastor Kari would like members to walk with her to walk the neighborhood with prayer to introduce ourselves. Sandi Dunnack will still do prayer shawls. Community garden will be put on agenda for spring, 2012.

**Christian Ed:** No report. Meeting scheduled for August 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**Stewardship/Finance:** Has not met/no report.

**Reports Accepted.** Motion (Lynn/Sally)

**Old Business:** Time/Talent sheets to be addressed again in fall.

**New Business:** Guest preacher, Matthew Martin to preach on August 14, 2011. Free-will offering will be taken for Kid's Care. Tim Swanson made a motion to provide \$256.00 from Sunday School project fund. Anything over the \$256.00 received will be returned to the Sunday School project fund. Seconded by Sally. Motion accepted. An ELCA Event to be held on November 11, 2011 thru November 13, 2011 in Meriden CT on Lutheran Marriage Encounter. Kid's Safe Connecticut is in need of mentors with training. A Lutheran organized Facebook on September 9, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:p.m. on A Living Lutheran Creed. Communion Assistants are encouraged to put offering in safe after communion. A motion to purchase a gift certificate for Dave Dunnack for all his painting in parsonage & church offices was made by Anita Evans & seconded by Sally. Motion accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectively submitted,

Anita Evans