

# MAY/JUNE 2024: Onward & Upward!

Greetings Church,

As this is my final Hawk Talk article, I wish to express my sincerest appreciation for the 18 wonder-filled years I have had being your pastor! What a holy privilege it has been! It was nearly 20 years ago when I said “yes” to pursuing the pastoral call of God on my life, which set into motion a 2-year UMC Candidacy Process. Soon after completion, we received the call that a church was looking for a pastor...Blackhawk Bethlehem UMC. With many prayers and a couple trips north to check things out AND be checked out, Karen and I agreed this was God’s answer. After saying good-bye to our life-long community, families, friends and a 25-year career as a Mechanical Designer, I (we) began this amazing, exhilarating, humbling, adventure with you all on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. It’s been quite a ride! This has been my ministry goal: to be a faithful servant of Christ who lovingly shepherds God’s sheep. Through my Father’s faithfulness, the amazing grace of Jesus Christ and the ever-present help and counsel of the Holy Spirit, I believe God has allowed me to attain that goal.

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11*

Friends...for the countless ways you have manifested His grace, love, courage, and likeness; I give eternal praise to God!!! You have given me (us) much joy! Grace and peace to you, Blackhawk Bethlehem Church!!!  
Onward and Upward in Christ, PK

INTRODUCING Reverend Dr. Edward Jones

After living in the Northeast my whole life and pastoring 45 years in three states, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York, my wife Joyce and I retired to the beautiful state of Wisconsin to be with our son Ryan, his wife Jodi and their son Adam. We are excited about the added blessing of receiving the opportunity by the SPRC/Pastoral Search Team and congregation to serve as Interim Pastor of Blackhawk Bethlehem Church. The congregation’s significant history, commitment to God’s Word, and loving congregants make it an inviting place to serve. I count it a privilege to be handed the baton of leadership from Pastor Kendall Schlittler, and continue to build on the progress and growth that Blackhawk Bethlehem Church is experiencing.

**YOU ARE INVITED!** Sunday, JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 will be the last Sunday Blackhawk Bethlehem Church will worship under the leadership of Pastor Kendall and Karen Schlittler. To honor their faithful service over the past 18 years, we are planning a pot-luck meal following the morning worship service. You and your family are invited to attend this special gathering and urged to bring a dish or two to share with the church fellowship & guests. We encourage you to join this celebration to honor the ministry of our pastor and his wife, as we pray God’s richest blessing over them in their future endeavors.  
Jo Ballweg & Nola Weis

thank you!

Dear Pastor Kendall & the Mission/Ministry Team...Thank you for the incredible donation of \$200 to Tower Rock! We have an end-of-year Ag Day and an artist-in residence coming in April. This money will really help with those two events! Thank you for always supporting our school. ~Kelly Petrowski (Principal)

Dear Blackhawk Bethlehem Church...Thank you so much for your very generous donation to Pathway Home of South Central WI. With continued support like yours, we are able to help our clients find stable housing. Just this year, we have placed two families with 10 people total and a couple in their own home. We offer a safe place to research income, housing and other resources to overcome barriers. Thank you so much for helping make this possible.  
Wendy Schneider/Shelter Director

Many thanks for your generous contribution of \$300.  
Truly, John W. Hart/Sauk Prairie Area Historical Society & Ragatz Church

The Good Neighbor Clinic of Sauk Prairie wishes to extend our appreciation for the generous donation of \$300 in support of our medical services. Thank you for your kindness. Sincerely, Janice Pickarts

Blackhawk Bethlehem Church...On behalf of the families we serve, thank you for helping to build homes, communities and hope. Thank you for your generous donation (\$300)! As partners, we will work together to create a strong, stable, and self-reliant world. Thank you so very much for your support! Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin River Area

Dear Blackhawk Bethlehem Church...On behalf of the Auk Prairie Area Food Pantry, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your recent and generous donation of \$300. Your compassion and support are making a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families in the Sauk prairie area, especially during these challenging times. Your donation, along with the support of others in our community, allows us to fulfill our mission of "Building a COMMUNITY One Meal At A Time." Gratefully, Jean Schneller/SPAFP Treasurer/Volunteer

Dear Mission & Ministry Committee & BhB Church Family...Thank you so very much for the generous donation from the congregation to Family ACTS and Youth Group. Without this support, we wouldn't be able to help cover costs of Christmas gift bags at the Kid's Program, sponsor our child through World Vision, or help other programs for the kids at BhB. On behalf of Family ACTS and BhB Youth, thank you! Jane & Shalome

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To all at Blackhawk Bethlehem Church,  
Thank you for thinking of me and my family with your prayers and words of comfort. I thanked God for each of you, as I read your names. Your thoughtfulness will always remain in my heart!  
Betty Veltman & Family (John Been's sister)  
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The altar was beautifully decorated with the Easter flowers you folks ordered in Honor & Memory of Loved Ones. Thank you for sharing them with the congregation. It was lovely.

Put the right group of guys together with the right equipment and a monumental job gets done lickety-SPLIT! On a bright Monday morning, these men and their chainsaws felled the aging maple at the parsonage. That was a sight to see (and hear)! In a matter of a few short hours, the tree was sawn, split and stacked with expertise. Thank you, Jamie & Skeeter Pete (masters at their craft), John Been, Gene Unger, Mark McNeely and Kendall, for sharing your skills & equipment (chainsaws, trailers, splitters & muscles) to cross this job off the list. We will miss the leaf-shade, but LOVE the opened-up view!

THANKS A BUNCH! ...to everyone who worked at church on SPRING CLEAN DAY (week)! Blessings to you all!



## ”SINGSPARATION”

**MAY SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM**

PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Graders meet with Abby & Karen in the Sanctuary to sing/move and learn new songs. The kids will share their songs on MAY 19<sup>th</sup>.

## PRAISE & PRAYER GATHERING

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30-7:30 PM**

Pray for friends, families, church, community, our world. Sing and worship the One who is most worthy of our praise!

## WOMEN’S WORKOUT

After 15 ½ years, Karen is wrapping up the Women’s Workout class. The last dates are **MONDAYS, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>. 5:00-5:45 PM.**

## WOMEN’S WED. BIBLE STUDY

**MAY 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00 AM**

Check Sunday Bulletin for location

## SPOUSES WITHOUT SPOUSES

**THURS. MAY 16<sup>th</sup> @ No. 1 Kitchen**

**THURS. JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> @ Jose’s**

Ladies...meet for lunch at 11:30.

## MEN’S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

**MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 PM**

## MEMORIAL SUNDAY: MAY 26<sup>th</sup>

We will light candles in memory of members who have passed since last May as well as for those who died in service to our country.

## CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS & TEACHERS!

Join together in the Fellowship Hall after church on **MAY 19<sup>th</sup>** for FREE Brunch. Serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, yogurt/granola, beverage.



## **VBS 2024**

**AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00-11:30 AM**

**Age 4 yrs.-6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Diving into Friendship with God!  
Music, Games, Bible Adventure,  
Sticky Scriptures, Crafts,  
Snacks, Fun, Fun, Fun!**

Look for the REGISTRATION FORM in this newsletter and at church. Invite a FRIEND!

### **ATTENTION 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> YOUTH!**

If you want to be a CREW LEADER, please notify Abby Bennet ASAP. We may be doing a crew t-shirt project and need your SIZE.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

## **ELAINE ELEANORE WILHELM**

**JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 11:00 AM**

**BLACKHAWK BETHLEHEM CHURCH**

A graveside service will be held immediately after at Harrisburg Union Grove Cemetery.

A gathering and reception at the church will follow the graveside service.

## **BLACKHAWK 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY 2024**

The Planning Committee will meet

**THURSDAYS at 7:00 PM**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> & June 13<sup>th</sup>**



“There is no greater good in all the world than motherhood. The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation.” —James E. Faust

### YOUTH PROFESSION OF FAITH

## MAY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Romans 10:8-11

### CHAT & CHEW!

#### May 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM

In June, July and August, our Chat & Chew fellowship will be on hiatus. Thank you so much to those who donated such kind service as well as delicious, thoughtful treats for our enjoyment on those special Sundays this past year. Also, thank you to those who enjoyed eating those goodies and sharing many wonderful compliments. Be assured, there will be other special opportunities to share both food and fun with our church family during the summer. Chat & Chew will resume the first Sunday in September.

Rev. Dennis & Nola Weis & Lloyd & Jo Ballweg

## WILL YOU SERVE AS...

**WORSHIP LEADER. SCRIPTURE READER  
ACOLYTE. CHURCH BELL RINGER  
SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX**

Take a look at the Scheduled Sundays and write your name next to the week/duty you will commit to. If you have any questions, please talk to Worship Committee Chair, Jo Ballweg.

## ATTENTION!

Please look at the **4<sup>th</sup> of July WORKSHEET** in the Newsletter. This Annual fund-raiser is an important part of the stewardship of Blackhawk Bethlehem Church, requiring many hands and much cooperation from church family & friends to be successful. If you do not see your name listed, please know that we can use your help before, during & after the event (see the open spaces on the back page of worksheet). Thank you!

- We need PIE BAKERS. Any LARGE, FRUIT Or PECAN PIES are welcome (no custard-based pies, please). Please bring your pies to church on **JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> by NOON**. They will be cut and boxed that day.
- We also need a couple UTVs for the parade. If anyone has one/two we could use for the day, please call Jo.
- If you haven't been assigned a job but would like to work, please don't hesitate to call Jo. 608-544-3971

Thank you to the whole BhB family for continuing to support our family tradition. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

In Christian love, Jo Ballweg

*Blessed is the man...*



*who trusts in the LORD.*

**GENERAL COMMITTEE**

Jo Ballweg  
Julie Brickl  
Jean Schneller  
Joyce Sorg

**TREASURER:** Ranjana Been

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO  
WORK, CALL JO BALLWEG  
ASAP 608-544-3971**

**PUBLICITY & ADS**

Brittany Sorg  
Jean & Ron Schneller  
Shane & Logan Sorg  
David & Faith Michael  
Christine Elliott

**PRE- 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY JOBS**

**MARK GAS LINES FOR BIG TENT**

Before McFarlane's come to set up

**HAUL BINS FROM BASEMENT**

Stack in Fellowship Hall

**FREEZERS TO FRIG SETTING**

Bring units to correct temp

**BRING BORROWED COOLERS**

**FH MEAL-LINE SET-UP**

**SET UP GRILLS**

**JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> WORK 10:30 AM**

**YARD TABLES/CHAIRS SET-UP**

Haul & Wash shed tables (mice)

**SET OUT SIGNAGE**

Crosswalk standards; Tape  
crosswalk; Tickets, Food & Parking

**PARSONAGE GARAGE SET-UP**

Brat/Dog & Novelties Sales

**DECORATE CHURCH ENTRANCE**

**PICK UP FOOD SUPPLIES**

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Irene DeVoe

Camera in Church Study  
Edit photos for Chris to post; save  
on digital storage

**POP-UP TENTS NEEDED!  
BRING TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

**TENT SET-UP JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 PM**

Lloyd Ballweg  
Gene Unger  
Wayne Rider  
Tom Schneller  
Dennis Schneller  
Alan Landerman  
Scott Ballweg & Beau Ballweg  
Brad & Presley Rodenschmit

**WE NEED PIE BAKERS!  
BRING YOUR PIES TO CHURCH  
BY NOON JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**PIE CUTTERS JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 PM**

Jo Ballweg  
Joyce Sorg  
Joanne Zech  
Teresa Rider  
Connie Sorg & Brittany Sorg  
Cheryl Schneller  
Loretta Landerman  
Judy Wehler  
Ellen Patterson  
Sue Hoege  
Barb Hultberg

**START CHARCOAL A.M.**

**CHICKEN GRILLERS**

Jeff Sorg Jr.  
Shane Sorg  
Tim & Aaron Pagel  
Matthew Sorg  
Trent Sorg  
Todd Sorg  
Jeremy Sorg  
Cory Clavadatscher  
Jim Reisinger  
**UW Provisions Chicken:** Phil Sorg

**PARADE: 10:30 AM**

Tom Owens  
Greg Sprecher  
Steve DeMars  
John Been  
David Michael  
Steve Mallon  
**PARADE POP-CORN & DRINKS**  
Greg & Wendy Sprecher Family  
Kyle & Christine Elliott Family  
Brian & Shalome Ullmann Family

**PARKING & CROSSING GUARDS**

Russ Hankins  
David Stienmetz  
Timm Ladd  
Bruce Hasheider  
David Reeve

**SHUTTLE WAGONS**

Randy Breunig  
Ed Larson

**DINNER: 11:30-2:00 PM**

**MEAL TICKETS/CASHIERS**

Lloyd Ballweg & Rhonda Enge  
Rev. Dennis & Nola Weis  
LaNell Jaquish & Rhett Jaquish

**SERVERS: REPORT TO  
WORK AT 11:15 AM**

**KITCHEN HELPERS**

Ron & Jean Schneller  
Jim Sprecher  
Mark McNeely  
Greg Lohr

**DINNER HOSTESSES**

Marilyn Horstman  
Rita Clavadatscher

**TICKET TAKERS**

Suzanne Paskey  
Jean Reisinger  
Julie Owens

**CHICKEN**

Ranju Been  
Angie Sorg  
Tracey Waldinger

**CABBAGE SALAD**

Emily Stienmetz  
Marla Sprecher  
Vicki Meyer

**BEANS**

Marilyn Sprecher  
Barb Oelke  
Betty Waldinger

**ROLLS & CHIPS**

Kay Hankins  
Cheryl Bruckert  
Irene DeVoe

**MILK & COFFEE**

Dawn & Grace Sprecher  
JoAnn Mc Neely  
Julie Brickl

**OUTDOOR PIE SALES**

Heather Rodenschmit  
Heidi Hicks

**TABLE HELPERS/Coffee Refills**

Brittany Sorg  
Karla Waldinger  
Jane Pagel  
Donna Ochsner  
Lisa Lohr  
Charity Leister

**MORE ON BACK** →

### YOUTH BRAT & DOG STAND

Christine Elliott  
Shalome Ullmann  
Erin Jaquish

### NOVELTIES & T-SHIRTS

Jeff & Chris Sorg  
Steve Sorg  
Brad & Terri Anderson

### SOUND SYSTEM

Set up portable system in yard

### FAMILY GAMES: 1:00 PM

Austin Sprecher & Liz Stuehr  
Jonathan & Abby Bennett

### GARBAGE COLLECTION

(During & After Dinner)  
John Waldinger  
Joe Waldinger  
Timm Ladd

### PRAYER: Faith Michael

*“Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain, so let’s take time to wait upon the LORD.”*

**3:00 PM**

### AFTER EVENT JOBS

There are lots of JOBS that still need doing AFTER the day’s festivities. Please look at this list and see where you are best able to help (**a copy will be posted in the kitchen**). If we can accomplish MOST (if not all) of the post-event jobs on the 4<sup>th</sup>, it will allow for some rest on the 5<sup>th</sup>. 😊 **If not,**

### **CLEAN-UP IS FRIDAY:**

**10:30 AM.** Folks, our Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Fund-raiser is not over until this list of jobs is completed, so, remember: *“Many hands make light work!”*  
Thanks for pitching in!

### **Wash ALL Dining Tables**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### **Take down Tent Tables/Chairs**

Stack on McFarlane Racks

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### **Take down Church Tents**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### **Trash pick-up on grounds**

- 1.
- 2.

### **Trash pick-up on parade route**

North & South on C

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### **Haul tables/chairs to shed & church chair racks**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

### **Foil-Wrap Chicken to sell**

Wrap and put in freezers.  
(return units to FREEZE)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### **Left-over Food**

Determine SALE PRICE for all leftover food items. LABEL & organize for end of week sales. Send email to church family.

- 1.
- 2.

### **Repack Supply Bins**

Condense, Organize & Return to Storage Area

- 1.
- 2.

### **Fellowship Hall Clean-up**

Wash, Dry, Put away Tables;  
Wrap up trash, Mop floor

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### **Kitchen Clean-up**

Wash, dry, put away dishes;  
Stack donated pie tins

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### **Wash & disinfect chicken totes**

Bag & Haul to storage room

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### **Pick up EVENT SIGNS & store**

- 1.
- 2.

### **Return sound system to church**

### **Hand in ALL RECEIPTS to Ranju**

<b>MAY 2024</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
			1 6:30-7:30 PM Praise & Prayer	2 <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b>	3	4
5 <b>COMMUNION</b> 8:30 Choir rehearsal 9:00 Worship Profession of Faith 9:25 Christian Ed. 10:00 Chat & Chew 1:30 4H 4:00 Piano Recital	6 5:00-5:45 PM Women's Workout	7	8 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	9	10	11
12 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:00 Worship 9:25 Christian Ed. 10:00 Singspiration  19 9:00 Worship Rev. Dennis Weis Teacher Recognition HS Graduates 9:25 SS Wrap-up 10:00 Pancake Brunch ALL ARE WELCOME!	13 5:00-5:45 PM Women's Workout  20 5:00-5:45 PM Women's Workout	14  21	15  22 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study  6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	16 10:00 AM Maplewood  2:45 PM Pine Villa 3:30 Pines  7:00 4 <sup>th</sup> of July mtg.  23 10:00 AM Greenway	17  24	18  25
26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Choir practice  Sunday School Resumes SEPT. 8th	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	28	29	30	31	

# JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 COMMUNION 9:00 Worship 10:00 Trustee mtg.	3	4	5	6	7	8 <b>11:00 AM Elaine Wilhelm MEMORIAL SERVICE</b>
9 9:00 Worship 10:00 Choir practice	10	11	12	13 7:00 PM 4 <sup>th</sup> of July mtg.	14	15
16 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Choir practice	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 8:30 Choir rehearsal 9:00 Worship <u>10:00 Potluck Meal</u> 30 9:00 Worship John Been	24 <hr/> JULY 1	25 <hr/> 2	26 <hr/> 3 10:30 AM SET-UP 12:00 Pie Cutting 3:00 Tents	27 <hr/> <b>4<sup>th</sup> of JULY!</b> 10:30 Parade 11:30 Chicken Dinner 1:00 Games 3:00 Clean-up	28 <hr/> 5 10:30 AM CLEAN Grounds/Church	29 <hr/> 6





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 (please fill out registration form for each child)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the Fall \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or medical problems we should be aware of \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form to: Blackhawk Bethlehem Church S10174 Cty Rd C Sauk City, WI 53583  
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Return Service Requested

MAY/JUNE 2024  
HAWK TALK

Blackhawk Bethlehem Church  
S10174 Cty Rd C Sauk City, WI 53583  
Pastor Kendall Schlittler

