

HAWK TALK: July/August 2024

When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you
take things for granted or take them with gratitude.

G. K. Chesterton (1874–1936)

Blackhawk Bethlehem Church is a blessed Congregation, for 18 years we were led by Kendall and Karen Schlittler; they love God, people and sought to honor God through their ministry. In these last years they had to navigate the congregation through a “Perfect Storm” of the covid, political turmoil and the erosion of moral and religious values in the culture and Church. After prayer, counsel, and leading of the Holy Spirit Pastor Kendall, the leadership team and congregation pursued the course of disaffiliation with the United Methodist Denomination; it was a spiritual battle that had to be fought. The blessings the congregation is now experiencing and will experience in the future are the fruits of the battles fought and won.

Pastor Kendall often begins his sermons with the prayer, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.” You know this is a pastor who spoke from his heart, wanting us to hear God’s heart, and we wanted to listen. Reflecting on their retirement we will always remember their high work ethic, personal integrity and perseverance. They hold a significant place in the story of Blackhawk Bethlehem Congregation, they are now part of its great history and promising future. So, with grateful hearts, we count their pastorate one of God’s special blessings to the life and ministry of Blackhawk Church. We can say to Kendall and Karen, “*Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.*” (Phil 1:3) Reverend Ed Jones

Welcome Our New Pastor

On Sunday, July 7th Rev. Dr. Edward Jones, our interim pastor, will be sharing God’s word with us for the first time. This service will be a special experience for both Rev. Jones and our congregation as we will now continue our spiritual journey together.

To help welcome him, we ask for your **prayers** in preparation, your **support** in attendance, and, to help provide a spirit of welcome, **time** to share refreshments and fellowship together following the worship service. It is our hope that this will allow each of us the opportunity to introduce ourselves, get to know each other better, and extend a loving welcome to our new pastor.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the many volunteers for making the pancake breakfast a success! It was a wonderful way to celebrate all the learning that happened among the Sunday School students and the extra work the teachers put in throughout the year! Whether you donated food, brought your cooking items to use, cut food, cooked food, served food, decorated the tables, washed dishes, and/or cleaned up afterwards, the breakfast could not have happened without your help. Thank you for making this a great time to come together! Jeff Sorg & Terri Anderson

Thank you so much for your prayers upon my mom’s death. Thank your congregation; it was greatly appreciated. Also, thank you for coming in for a prayer; we really appreciated it.
The Millie Esser Family (Angie Sorg’s Grandmother)

Dear Pastor Kendall & Karen Schlittler and all your congregation...your beautiful birthday card was not only a surprise, but a heart-warming keepsake. I thank you so much, and God Bless you all. Never dreamed I would be here 100 years! The day was both sad and happy as I missed my twin sister Dorothy Lehr, but am thankful we had 98 years together. I am so grateful for her 2 daughters, Scherrie Roth and Kendallyn Hughes, who shower me with love. I feel so blessed, and then to get this beautiful greeting from your church made me so happy. I’ll never forget this card. God Bless. Thank you all! Doris Vaughan



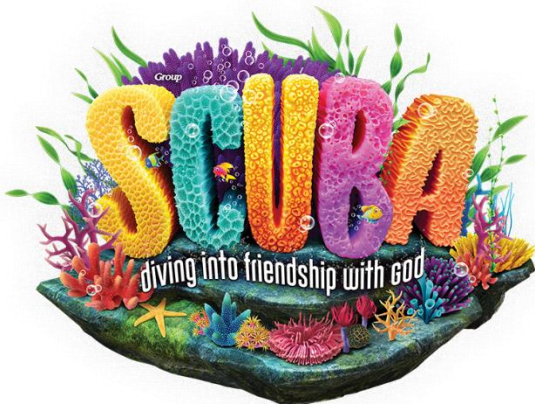
BLACKHAWK CELEBRATION

Sponsored by BhB Church &
Denzer UMC

10:30 Parade through Black Hawk
11:30 Chicken Dinner on church grounds
1:00 Family Fun Games
Check out Facebook & website for details.

ATTENTION!

Please, carefully look over the 4th of July WORKSHEET in this newsletter. It has work assignments and requests. If you have questions, please call Jo: 544-3971



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

AUGUST 5th-9th

9:00-11:30 AM

Ages 4 yrs.-6th Grade

Diving into

Friendship with God!

Music, Crafts, Games, Bible Adventure,
Cinema/Sticky Scriptures, and Snacks!

Invite a friend! FREE!

Online Registration: blackhawkvbs@gmail.com

SPOUSES WITHOUT SPOUSES

Ladies, meet for lunch at 11:30
THURSDAY, JULY 18th at Wollersheim's
THURSDAY, AUG. 15th at The Shop*
*(in event of rain, meet at Hot Dog Place)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th, 6:30-8:00 PM
Read. Discuss. Pray.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, 9:00-10:30 AM
JULY 10th & 24th; AUGUST 14th & 28th
Reading the book of Daniel

SAUK PRAIRIE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, Aug. 17th

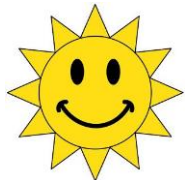
See details/sign-up sheet at church.

ATTENTION!!

SS TEACHERS & PARENTS

There is a Christian Education Meeting on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th** after worship. This meeting is also open to anyone interested in helping teach as well as parents who have ideas/questions about our 2024-2025 SS program. Classes **RESUME SEPTEMBER 8th**.

**HAVE A
HAPPY SUMMER!**



PRE-VBS LEADER MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31st 6:00 PM

STATION LEADERS/YOUTH CREW LEADERS

Meet at the church for training with Abby.

VBS FRIDAY FINALE!

Everyone is WELCOME to come to church for the VBS finale on **FRIDAY, AUG. 9th at 11:00 AM.**

The kids will share their favorite music!

Lunch will be served after the program. JOIN US!



Special Administrative Council Meeting

Date: May 23, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Blackhawk Bethlehem Church

Attendees: Tom Owens, Pastor Kendall & Karen Schlitter, Lloyd & Jo Ballweg, Nick Hartley, Kay Hankins, LaNell Jaquish, Nola Weis, Gene Unger & Irene DeVoe
Not in attendance was Christine Elliott

Tom Owens brought the meeting to order.

Church Treasurer Position. SPRC recommends Irene DeVoe. (Training on or about June 1st, 2024 with Irene assuming Treasurers responsibilities on July 1st, 2024.
Discussion - Irene left the room until this vote was completed

Jo made the motion to accept the SPRC recommendation of hiring Irene DeVoe as the Church Treasurer

Motion was 2nd by LaNell

Motion was carried

Training by Karen of the Treasurer duties.

Secretary Position: SPRC recommends Christine Elliott. Christine to start the Secretary position on or before June 1st, 2024. (see item 4) This position is to be hourly paid, reporting time to Pastor Ed.

Discussion - Church Secretary will be using a time card to track hours of training and job. Secretary will officially start July 1st, 2024.

Nick made the motion to accept the SPRC recommendation of hiring Christine Elliott for the paid position (\$18 per hour) of Church Secretary and she will continue to post the Facebook procedures. Nola 2nd the motion.

Motion was carried

Discuss possibility of training a back-up person to Secretary Discussion - To look for a Back-up Church Secretary.

Karen and Christine will be paid for training time including a back-up Secretary, using the time card.

Karen made the motion to have a paid substituted church secretary - only being paid during training and actual hours worked using a time card.

Nick 2nd the motion

Motion passed

SPRC recommends Kendall and Karen to be able to stay in the parsonage as long as needed to secure suitable housing elsewhere (at \$ zero rent). If longer than 60 days, some compensation may be requested (Electric, Heat, lawn care only).

Discussion - Pastor Kendall & Karen were out of this portion of the discussion, and returned after the discussion.

Lloyd made the motion to allow Pastor Kendal & Karen allowed to live in the parsonage up to 60 days at no charge & this will be revisited on August 14th, 2024. Depending on the housing.

Jo 2nd this motion.

Motion passed.

Pastor Kendall is willing to continue to mow the lawn, and Karen will continue taking care of the beautiful flower beds.

Dr Rev Edward Jones has requested 60% of the budgeted 2024 \$79,644 (\$50,544 salary + \$29,100 benefits) was budget for Pastoral salary = 60% would be \$47,786 (salary & benefits) that will be paid to Dr Rev Edward Jones in the year 2024.

Jo made the motion to pay Dr Rev Edward Jones 60% as requested

Nick 2nd the motion

Motion passed

Further Discussion: Regarding the Church Credit Card.

Pastor Kendall will close out the Credit Card s of June 30th.

Lloyd will set up a new Credit Card by July 1st, Bank of Prairie du Sac can set up the new Credit Card with a start date of July 1st, 2024.

The website bill is set up as auto pay and will also be changed as of July 1st, 2024

Jo made a motion that Christine & Irene each have a Credit Card

Nick 2nd the motion

Motion passed.

Karen made the motion to adjourn the meeting

Kay 2nd the motion

Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Administrative Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Submitted by: Recording Secretary Irene DeVoe



Blackhawk Bethlehem Church
AUGUST 5th-9th, 2024 9:00-11:30 AM
AGES 4 yrs.- 6th Grade
(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
OR Email: blackhawkvbs@gmail.com

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK!

CHRISTINE ELLIOTT will begin her position as the Blackhawk Bethlehem Church secretary on **MONDAY, JULY 1st**. The office will continue to be at the parsonage with limited onsite hours. Bulletin/Newsletter information can be emailed to her at bhbumc@gmail.com. This email address may change, so please check future newsletter/bulletins for updates. The office landline remains the same: 608-544-3991.

IRENE DEVOE was voted in by the Admin Council to assume the Volunteer Treasurer position. Her responsibilities include: receiving, paying and sending bills; managing the monthly/yearly Finance Worksheet; working with Lloyd Ballweg/Finance Chairperson to present monthly Admin Council meeting reports, among other tasks.

With new leadership, there is bound to be new practices. Patience and understanding in the process is key. We are grateful these gals have said YES to the call to serve the church with their unique giftings and we ask the LORD to abundantly bless them as they transition into their new ministry roles.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

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