

# NOVEMBER 2022

## It's a Wonderful Life!

How quickly the seasons change! Seems like we just celebrated the *Lord's Acre Festival*, and now we are making plans for the '22 Holiday season! Along with all of the excitement and festivities during this time of year, I've noticed that most people have their own "must see" Christmas movie(s). What is your #1 classic movie that Christmas would just not be complete without watching?

Mine? *It's a Wonderful Life*, a 1946 American Christmas fantasy drama produced and directed by Frank Capra, based on the short story and booklet *The Greatest Gift*. The film stars James Stewart as George Bailey, a man who has given up his own personal dreams in order to help others in his community. One Christmas Eve, after some unfortunate circumstances, George finds himself in utter despair. There is no fix. No way out. He lashes out at his loved ones. He begins to doubt his core values. And then he rationalizes that his family would be better off without him. Just as he is about to follow through with this thought, he is divinely interrupted by Clarence, his guardian angel. The story then shows just how much George impacted everyone around him and he finally realizes the importance of his life, one worth living even amidst the troubles.

I look forward to seeing it every year! The story line, the characters, the giving of self for the greater good, the value of each person, the focus on faith, all draw me in. Even my passion for decent and affordable housing (think Habitat for Humanity) is nurtured by this movie.

This year the Sauk Prairie Chamber's "Holly Jolly Christmas" is drawing inspiration from *It's a Wonderful Life* and the community is offering many events based on the movie. We have been invited to participate in a **Country Church Christmas on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Honey Creek/Ragatz church by providing music. Members of our Bethlehem Choir will help lead Christmas hymns played by Karen, and Shalome will share inspirational favorites on the harp (see more details in this Hawk newsletter).

Tagging onto this, I plan to preach a sermon series that deals with some of the themes encountered in *It's a Wonderful Life*. **On Sundays Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>**, I will examine movie themes that include goodness, godliness, prayer, and miracles. Please plan to attend, and invite your friends and neighbors. May we all be inspired by the goodness of God during this season of Advent and Christmas.

Colossians 1: <sup>15</sup> *The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.* <sup>16</sup> *For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.* <sup>17</sup> *He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.* <sup>18</sup> *And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.* <sup>19</sup> *For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,* <sup>20</sup> *and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

This Advent, let us celebrate together the *Wonderful Life* that is ours through faith in the One Who is Immanuel, God with us!!!

Onward and upward in Christ,  
PK

# MANY THANKS!

**LORD'S ACRE 2022** was held on a warm, Autumn Saturday. Soon after the sun come up, our “grill guys” had the cooker chugging out the meaty aroma of thick, juicy, porkchops. The kitchen crew added a perfectly baked potato, beans, roll, home-made applesauce and home-baked cookie. What a meal! DELICIOUS! The YOUTH had an outside sales tent, offering brats, dogs, chips, popcorn and beverages. Baked goodies loaded down the tables in the Fellowship Hall along with a splendid array of items for the 1:00 Auction. It was a wonderful day! Extra thanks to Chairpersons Kyle & Christine Elliott and co-chairs, Nick & Bobbi Jo Hartley for their leadership in pulling this event together. Thank you to ALL the Committee persons for fulfilling assignments... everyone doing their part helps to share the load. Thank you to Ellen Patterson and her kitchen crew as well as the Dunse Family for providing the delicious home-made apple sauce (it's NOT out of a can, folks!). Thank you, Shalome Ullmann for baking dozens of cookies for the dessert part of the meal. Yum. Gene & Sandy Unger... thanks for the taters (and for the crew who prepped them)! Perfect size. Perfectly cooked. Our thanks to Fritz Wyttenbach for the use of his “cooker” and thanks to Dennis Schneller for setting everything up. Many THANKS to EVERYONE who brought AND bought items for the sale. A special thanks to our Auctioneer, Lyle Wanless; we are grateful for his part in this fund-raising effort. It was a successful day!

**BEAUTY.** The altar was decorated for the season by LaNell Jaquish and family. Thank you for blessing us with a lovely display of garden splendor, earth's bounty and “notes” of music... the harpist is awesome.

**WINTER PREP.** It's an annual job... pulling out the ladders and putting up the church storm windows. Thank you, Kay, Russ & PK for taking care of this task.

**ENDING HUNGER.** The Annual Sauk Prairie Against Hunger Food Pack Event was held Oct. 27-29<sup>th</sup> at Grand Avenue School. The Sunday prior, BHBUMC took a NOISY OFFERING to help in the effort to reach the goal of packing 3 MILLION meals in 10 years! Thank you to everyone who dropped coins and cash into the cans. Our contribution amounted to \$265.88. WOW! We had a great crew to pack food on Thurs. evening: Pastor Kendall and Karen, Rich & Kathy Anderson, Steve, Laura and Sam Mallon, Lloyd Ballweg, Sarah & Anna Gerike. We packed a total of 22 boxes. What a blast!

**WELCOME.** On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we received four new members into our Black Hawk-Bethlehem UMC fellowship by transfer: Irene DeVoe, Dennis & Suzanne Paske, and Erin Jaquish.

## GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART!

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church, PdS

## Worship & Praise

the Giver of all good things!





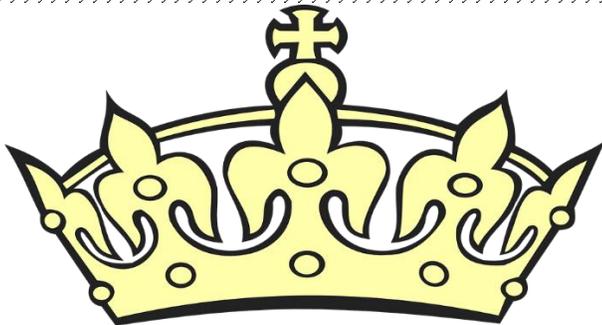
**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION  
DIGGING  
INTO THE BIBLE!**

**Family ACTS Sunday PROJECT 2022**

All the classes gathered in the Fellowship Hall to make prayer pillows for our area Veterans.

**Thank you,** Jeff and Joyce for providing the materials and instruction.

**HEADS UP FAMILIES!** With the turn of the calendar, we look ahead to preparations for the Sunday school Christmas program. Class time will shift to program practice mid-way through November; please make Sunday mornings a priority so the kids have plenty of rehearsal time together. Thanks!



**THE KING'S BIRTHDAY**

In Bethlehem town,  
A long time ago,  
A baby was born,  
God's love to show.  
The shepherds all worshiped;  
The angels did sing!  
For it was the birthday  
Of Jesus the King!

**Sunday School  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
4:00 PM Christmas Eve  
LIVE-NATIVITY  
Outside following program**

**SOWING & GROWING**

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**WOMEN'S WORKOUT**

Held at BHBUMC on MONDAYS, 5:30-6:15 PM  
Cardio, strength, drumsticks and stretching to  
inspirational music. Led by Karen Schlittler  
FREE! Bring a mat & water bottle.

**4-WEEK MUSIC IN MOTION**

A Women's Fitness Class for the  
Body, Mind & Spirit  
Recharge. Renew. Revive.

**WEDNESDAYS Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30  
5:30-6:15 PM**

Led by Certified Revelation Wellness  
Group Fitness Instructor

Karen Schlittler

Black Hawk-Bethlehem UMC FREE!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 8:30 AM

Call Karen for location 608-544-3991

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Guys! Gather to study God's Word & Pray.

**Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 PM**

**SPOUSES WITHOUT SPOUSES**

Ladies, meet for lunch at The Eagle Inn,  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.**

**LOOKING FOR... Vacation Bible School**

Photos PRE-2006. Do you have pictures we could  
put in the VBS MEMORY BINDER? Give your  
photos OR a written memory to Karen Schlittler.

**END OF YEAR DONATIONS**

If you are planning to make an end-of-the-year  
donation, the Black Hawk Cemetery would  
appreciate any donations. The mowing of the  
Cemetery cost over \$4,000 this year.  
Please make your check payable to:

**BLACK HAWK CEMETERY**

Mail to: Dennis Schneller

730 Lincoln Ave. Prairie du Sac WI 53578



**SET CLOCKS  
BACK  
ONE HOUR  
NOV. 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **NOVEMBER 2022** **WORSHIP SERVANTS**

If you are **UNABLE** to serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a substitute and notify Karen by Wednesday of that week. Thank you.  
**Keep this page as your reminder.**

### **Worship Leader**

6<sup>th</sup> Ranju Been  
13<sup>th</sup> Angie Sorg  
20<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Horstman  
27<sup>th</sup> Kay Hankins

### **Acolyte**

6<sup>th</sup> Sarah Elliott  
13<sup>th</sup> Micah Bennett  
20<sup>th</sup> Abigail Hartley  
27<sup>th</sup> Sarah Gerike

### **\*Audio/Visual Technician**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Brian Ullmann  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Gene Unger  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Nick Hartley  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Katey Ullmann  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rhett Jaquish

## **IMPORANT MEETING!**

**2022 CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE  
SUNDAY, NOV. 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM**

Gather together after worship to affirm the ministries of our church, discuss and approve the annual budget and cast the vision for 2023. Directly following the meeting, the **UMC Disaffiliation Team** will be here to answer questions about the 17 STEP process. All members and friends of BHBUMC are encouraged to attend.

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

Sauk Prairie Area Historical Society is excited to participate in Sauk Prairie's community-wide event,

### ***"It's a Holly Jolly Life"***

based off the 1945 Frank Capra movie,  
*"It's a Wonderful Life"*.

Come visit Santa and Mrs. Claus outside the Tripp Museum on the morning of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. In addition to meeting and greeting families, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be collecting letters from our visitors to take back to the North Pole where Santa will read each letter, and then write a note back to each of the children. Be sure to include your return address if your "littles" want a letter from St. Nick.

In that nostalgic theme of "It's a Wonderful Life", on Saturday evening, **Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:45 pm**, SPAH will host **"Christmas Carols in the Country"**

at the Salem Ragatz Church located at the corner of Highway PF and Church Road. We invite you to enjoy a wonderful, old-fashioned Christmas gathering. You can sing along or just listen to your favorite Christmas Carols, led by the Blackhawk-Bethlehem UMC Choir. The evening will start off with the sound of seasonal angelic harp music performed by Shalome Ullmann, then singing in the gorgeous church which is now one of the Historical Society's museums. The program will conclude at 6 pm with a time for Christmas cookies, coffee, and milk in the church basement.

Begin your holiday season by coming and enjoying the Christmas cheer that the Sauk Prairie Historical Society will be sharing with the community.

## **Tis the season of giving...**

For many years, it has been our tradition to bring Christmas joy and blessings to the residents of Mendota Men's Mental Health Institute. Once again, MMHI has asked us to give **MONETARY DONATIONS** instead of presents. If you choose to write a check, please make it out directly to **Mendota Mental Health Institute** (not BHBUMC) and place in the designated basket at church by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your generosity; your gift is an outward expression of Christ's love to these men who then pass the love back to us in the form of cards written with heart-felt words of gratitude. You **DO** make a difference.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM MIM	3	4	5 TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
6 ALL SAINTS 8:30 Choir rehearsal 9:00 Worship 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:00 SS Music <b>10:00 Charge Conf.</b> 10:30 Disaffiliation mtg.	7 5:30-6:15 PM WW	8	9 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM MIM	10 8:00-Noon Habitat Retreat	11	12
13 VETERANS REMEMBRANCE 9:00 Worship 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:00 SS Music 10:00 Coffee Cart	14 5:30-6:15 PM WW	15	16 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM MIM 6:30 PM Men's Study	17 11:30 Spouses w/o Spouses Ladies Lunch @ Eagle Inn 3:30 Pines	18	19
20 9:00 Worship 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:00 SS Music 10:00 Choir practice	21 5:30-6:15 PM WW	22	23 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Ecumenical Worship @ St. John's Lutheran in PdS	24 <i>Giving Thanks</i>  10:00 Greenway	25	26
27 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent 9:00 Worship 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:00 SS Music 10:00 Choir practice	28 10:00 AM Circuit mtg. Reedsburg 5:30-6:15 PM WW	29 10:30 Habitat mtg.	30 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM MIM	1 <b>DECEMBER</b>	2	3 Christmas in the Country @ Salem Ragatz Church 4:45-6:00 PM

# What **ARE** You Thankful for?

**Can you fill the entire page?**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods...His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the LORD of lords... His love endures forever.

To Him, who alone does great wonders...His love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-4



... Growing Generations of Faithful Since 1864

Black Hawk-Bethlehem  
United Methodist Church  
S10174 County Rd C  
Sauk City, WI 53583

Return Service Requested



## NOVEMBER 2022 HAWK TALK

We, the faith community of Black Hawk-Bethlehem United Methodist Church,  
exist to grow generations of faithful followers of Jesus Christ by:

**Preparing** the fertile soil bed of faith

**Sowing** seeds of God's Word in people's hearts

**Cultivating** and nurturing each individual's spiritual growth

**Harvesting** the fruit of souls made righteous by God's grace

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