

# September Newsletter 2011



**Ebenezer Lutheran Church – Port Hudson**  
**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**

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## **From the Pastor's Desk:**

### **165 years of Grace!**

*I Samuel 7:12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer (stone of help) saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us."*

On September 18<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ebenezer Lutheran Church. Dr. James Kalthoff will be our preacher for this special 10:00 AM service. More information on this service and activities will be in our Church bulletins.

Many changes have occurred since our church's founding. Where humble beginnings started with a meeting in a simple rural home with no electricity, no central heat or air conditioning, no running water, we have come to the point of broadcasting live to many people around the country and the world via live streaming on the Internet. The times have changed but our message is the same that was that of our fathers. "That God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) This is our Ebenezer or "our stone of help."

The name, Ebenezer, is fitting as a name for our congregation. "The Lord has helped us." The rock in front of our church reminds us that our Lord is our Ebenezer, "Our Stone of Help." As we move forward in Christ we thank God for our many blessings over these 165 years, and

pray that the Lord would give us vision to serve in the years ahead proclaiming the rock solid message of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

**Prayer:**

**The Lord hath helped me hitherto  
By His surpassing favor;  
His mercies every morn were new,  
His kindness did not waver.  
God hitherto hath been my Guide,  
Hath pleasures hitherto supplied,  
And hitherto hath helped me.**

**The Old Smoke House**

Pictured on the front of our newsletter is our smokehouse. It is the oldest building on our property. The stone on top of the door says it was built in 1887. It was used to preserve meat by smoking it for the Pastor and his family. The patina on the inside walls are colored dark brown from the many years of usage. The nails still hang from the ceiling and walls where the hams, bacon and other meats were smoked. We now use it for storage. Our present church was built in 1896 which would make it 115 years this year. Unlike the smoke house nothing really remains of the original inside of the church. It has undergone many redecorations over the many years.

The Ladies Aid of our congregation has commissioned Dennis Schmelzer a local artist from Washington, Missouri

to make renditions of our church in the style of pen and ink to make cards and pictures suitable for framing. These renditions will be used in our bulletin covers, newsletters, stationary and other uses at our church. Dennis did pictures of our Church, Cemetery, Smoke house, and Lake. The Cemetery and Lake also include our church. These will be available for sale by September 18. We thank our Ladies Aid and Dennis Schmelzer for this special opportunity.

### **A History of Ebenezer Lutheran Church (Taken from [ebenezerlutheranchurch.wordpress.com](http://ebenezerlutheranchurch.wordpress.com))**

Ebenezer Lutheran Church had a humble beginning. German immigrants who had settled in this area west of St. Louis felt the need for a church in the community – a church close to home so they could attend regularly and be active participants. They wanted the blessings of God in their daily lives as their community grew.

On September 1, 1846, a congregation was formed. It was called The Evangelical Lutheran Protestant Church at Johannesburg. They met in a log house on what would later become the property of Harvey and Esther Hoemann. That log building is still standing; the banner at the top of this site's pages shows a close-up of the beams in one of its walls.

Our church was reorganized and renamed Ebenezer in 1849. A log church was built on our church's present site. The log church served until a frame church was built in 1863. In 1868, our congregation joined with the synod

founded by their Saxon brethren of Perry County in 1847, which is now known as the Missouri Synod.

In 1896, as part of the congregation's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the present brick building was constructed at a cost of \$3,073. This church building, which has undergone many renovations and additions over the years, has served us since.

On December 30, 1968, the church experienced a destructive fire caused by lightning. The fire started in the pipe organ console, causing damage to the choir loft, church ceiling and furnishings. A re-dedication of the repaired church building, new organ and furnishings was held April 20, 1970.

The teaching of God's Word and Lutheran doctrine has been an important part of our church's history. A school was founded and maintained for 106 years until its closing in 1952. Today the tradition of education continues in the form of Sunday School, confirmation classes, Bible studies and Vacation Bible School.

As part of the Great Commission, community outreach has deep roots in our church. Our members have served God by serving their neighbors. Ebenezer's organizations, including the Ladies Aid, Men's Club, Altar Guild and Choir, work locally and in conjunction with worldwide missions. We sponsor an annual picnic the second Sunday in June and a sausage dinner the fourth Sunday in October. Our 40-acre campus serves as a site for community

gatherings, and is a favorite venue for walkers who want to exercise and take in the splendor of God's creation.

With the basic doctrine and ethics acquired at Ebenezer, many of our members have served in state and county government. Our members and their descendants have served our nation in many other capacities as well. The "Rock of Ebenezer" has been a foundation stone for people now spread across this country.

By placing the great stone near the entrance to the church, the congregation wished to always remember that God is our "Stone of Help." This church has flourished for more than 160 years by the Grace of God. From its founding in the wilderness to the challenges of adapting to the change from a rural church to a suburban church, God has graced us with His presence. He has gathered our hopes, our dreams and our prayers, and He will allow us to surmount whatever challenges occur in the future.

Thus far the Lord has helped us. Amen!

### **Walther League Reunion**

Some of our older members may remember the Walther League in the days of our youth. Now there is to be a reunion –

**What: Reunion and Reminiscing with  
Rev. Walter Schoedel**

**When: Sunday, September 25, 2011  
2 – 4:30 PM**

**Where: Meramec Bluffs  
1 Meramec Bluffs Drive  
Ballwin, Missouri 63021**

There is no fee to attend, but please RSVP by September 16<sup>th</sup> to Sue Thompson at the Missouri District office at [Sue.Thompson@mo.lcms.org](mailto:Sue.Thompson@mo.lcms.org) 314-317-4556. (Look for the district's new phone numbers at [mo.lcms.org](http://mo.lcms.org) or ask your church office after August 15.)

Light refreshments will be served during this time of reunion of past Walther League members. Bring your memories and share in this afternoon of reminiscing and fellowship! Hosted by the Missouri District in partnership with Lutheran Senior Services.

### **News from United Way of Franklin County**

Please check out the following web pages:

(<http://youtu.be/ZJNnB-p9CFM>) and

([www.franklincountyuw.org/](http://www.franklincountyuw.org/)) to check out the Richard Scheer family and Kathy (grandma) in support of the United Way of Franklin County. The Scheers are involved with the Exceptional Equestrians that help Claire Scheer, Richard and Cindy's daughter to develop skills of balance and self-esteem. The Exceptional Equestrians are part of the many United Way programs of Franklin County.

Kathy's Rick's, Cindy's, Ellie's, and Claire's smiles say it

all! Thank you Kathy for sharing this important program with us!

### **Ebenezer Pork Sausage Dinner**

#### **Important information regarding our upcoming Pork Sausage Dinner:**

On September 11<sup>th</sup> we will be peeling apples and making applesauce after the Church service. There will be a deli tray provided and we ask that participants bring a side dish to share. Bring a peeler (If you have one of those fancy hand crank types, even better). This is a great time to meet, talk and have some fun. If you are new or haven't helped before, come on downstairs after the Church service and get acquainted and watch those peel fly! This will be in preparation for the Pork Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sign up sheets to help with the dinner will be posted in the Church on the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> of September and weeks following. **Please join us and help make this project a success!** If you need some more information, please contact Bob Kirschenmann.

### **Franklin County Farm Toy Show**

A Franklin County Farm Toy Show is sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church at Beaufort. The toy show will be held at the church in Beaufort on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Buy – Sell – Trade – or Just Look. Full size tractors will be on display. If you have toy tractors etc. to display - \$10 per table. Admission

is \$2 for anyone over 12 years of age. For more information call Jim Rinne @ 573-484-3331 or [connierinne@att.net](mailto:connierinne@att.net). There is a poster on our bulletin board near the Church entrance.

### **Thrivent Calendar Available**

Thrivent Financial is offering members a smaller version of the annual Thrivent Financial wall calendar again this year as a free offer from Thrivent magazine. The 2012 wall calendar features unique photos taken by Thrivent members that illustrate a favorite Bible verse, similar to the “Words You Live By” section in the magazine. The 9 ½ inch by 12 ¼ inch calendar also includes principal Lutheran seasons and festivals.

The traditional 14 ¾ inch by 13 ½ inch calendar will continue to be distributed to churches, schools and Lutheran institutions. The smaller version is intended to give all members the opportunity to receive a unique calendar and enjoy the amazing photos submitted by members.

**How to Order:** To order a free copy (limit one per member): \*Simply go to [Thrivent.com/magazine/calendar](http://Thrivent.com/magazine/calendar), or \*Mail the business reply card found in the August issue of *Thrivent* magazine. Orders must be placed by October 15, and calendars will be mailed by the end of December.

### **Mission Society News**

The Ebenezer Mission Society held a meeting and sewing night on August 15<sup>th</sup>. 33 warming bags were made for the

Labor and Delivery floor at St. John's Mercy Hospital in Washington. Another sewing night will be held on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The Mission Society will again have a "Country Store" at the annual pork sausage dinner on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Men's Club**

The Men's Club and the men of our congregation have been invited to Bethlehem Lutheran Church's Men's Club dartball night on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15 PM. So mark your calendars for an evening of fun and fellowship!

### **Ladies Aid**

The Ladies Aid will have a covered dish luncheon at 12 noon on September 2, 2011. All ladies of the congregation are invited to come and enjoy the lunch!

### **Books You Can Check Out**

Over the years many, many books have been collected from various sources and placed on the yellow book shelves near the Church office. Please take a moment to look over some of these books and check out the ones that have a card in the little pocket on the inside front cover. There is a red box where the 3x5 cards are to be filed when you check out a book. Some of the books do not have cards in them, but feel free to take them home to read and then return to the shelves. The old books on the very top shelf are not to be checked out. Happy Reading!

## Acolyte Schedule for September

### September 4

Cody Adams  
Justine Huellinghoff

Bell Ringer  
Corey Adams

### September 11

Brian Nelson  
Brent Thurmond

Matthew Kassebaum

### September 18

Cody Adams  
Justine Huellinghoff

Jeff Hohlt

### September 25

Brian Nelson  
Brent Thurmond

Codie Brunkhorst

## Usher Schedule for September

1: Corey Adams  
2: Phil Pelster  
3: Andrew Kassebaum  
4: Bryan Adams  
5: Mark Kassebaum  
Alternate: Dave Summers  
Head Usher: Wilbert Baumann

Altar Guild  
Judy Allmeroth  
and Diane Nicks

### September Birthdays

<b>Ethan Roewe</b>	<b>9-1</b>
<b>Paula Sprick</b>	<b>9-2</b>
<b>Stewart Darrah</b>	<b>9-2</b>
<b>John Redhage</b>	<b>9-3</b>
<b>Esther Voelker</b>	<b>9-4</b>
<b>Kenzie Crego</b>	<b>9-4</b>
<b>Jeff Bopp</b>	<b>9-8</b>
<b>Marvin Sprick</b>	<b>9-9</b>
<b>Andrea Wesche</b>	<b>9-10</b>
<b>Bob Kirschenmann</b>	<b>9-10</b>
<b>Bill Roewe</b>	<b>9-11</b>
<b>Bob Schreiner</b>	<b>9-13</b>
<b>Adeline Keune</b>	<b>9-13</b>
<b>Paul Gleitz</b>	<b>9-14</b>
<b>Julie Hilkerbaumer</b>	<b>9-21</b>
<b>Steve Gilbert</b>	<b>9-22</b>
<b>Elmer Kellmann</b>	<b>9-23</b>
<b>Brian Nelson</b>	<b>9-26</b>
<b>Kaleb Ragan</b>	<b>9-28</b>
<b>Jessica Angeles</b>	<b>9-29</b>
<b>Jennifer Thurmond</b>	<b>9-29</b>

### September Anniversaries

<b>Rommel &amp; Jessica Angeles</b>	<b>9-1</b>
<b>Jeff &amp; Joyce Mae Hohlt</b>	<b>9-5</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Babs Kormeier</b>	<b>9-6</b>
<b>David &amp; Joan Menke</b>	<b>9-7</b>
<b>Kevin &amp; Susan Hoemann</b>	<b>9-14</b>
<b>Marvin &amp; Barb Kassebaum</b>	<b>9-18</b>
<b>Barry &amp; Angie Kormeier</b>	<b>9-24</b>
<b>John &amp; Glenda Alexander</b>	<b>9-27</b>
<b>Corey &amp; Michelle Kasman</b>	<b>9-30</b>

*We wish all of you a very Happy Birthday and Anniversary!*

## **Mixed Choir**

The Mixed Choir will practice Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome to come. **Use your voice in praising our loving Savior!**

## **165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service**

The children of Ebenezer will be singing at our anniversary service on September 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The children will be singing “We are the Church”, and practice Sunday morning at Sunday School. All children of the congregation are welcome to join us!

## **Nut Sunday**

It will soon be time for the walnuts to ripen and fall. We are planning to pick up walnuts on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> after a light lunch at Church. All are welcome to join us. If you have a good crop of walnuts and would like to donate them or have us pick them up, please contact Pastor or Margaret. Weather permitting we will pick up walnuts for recycling in Beaufort. The funds received will go toward our recycle for missions money. These funds help our missionaries: Robin McCoy, John Strasen, and Mike and Cindy Rodewald.

## **North Franklin County Chapter News**

Activity: It's the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Thrivent Fish Fry

Date: Friday – September 9, 2011

Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Place: Washington City Park Pavilion – Corner of High & Roberts Streets, Washington, MO

Contact: Mark or Kurt Koch Please RSVP by Wed. September 7, 2011 – 573-237-2686 / email: **mark.koch@thrivent.com**

With pleasure, the North Franklin County Chapter invites you to the 6<sup>th</sup> annual FISH FRY. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Fish, Hot Dogs, Table Service and Drinks will be provided.

Directions: Hwy 100 to North on High St., 1.3 mi. to Roberts St.

### **165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meal**

**On September 18<sup>th</sup> we will be having a meal in celebration of our 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary here at Ebenezer. Roast Beef will be furnished by Thrivent Financial. Bread and drinks will be provided, as well. We are asking that those attending please bring a dish or dessert to share. Please plan on joining us as a congregation on this special day!**

### **Paper Dumpster**

Our paper dumpster is full. We have been told that it will be replaced during the week of August 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your patience and support!

## Monthly Treasurer's Summary July 2011

Beginning checking balance	\$20,002.56
Receipts	\$17,233.50
Disbursements	\$12,750.78
Ending checking balance	\$24,485.28
LCEF savings balance	\$68,720.28
Thrivent FPDA balance	\$18,292.69
Pledged to Missouri District for year	\$4,800.00
Paid to Missouri District this year-to-date	\$2,800.00
Monthly receipts needed to meet budget	\$11,798.00
Surplus or (shortfall) in actual receipts	\$5,435.50

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Ladies Aid Luncheon 12:00 PM  Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 PM	3 McCollum/Lewis Wedding 2:00 PM  Worship w/ Holy Communion 5:00 PM
4 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM	5 Labor Day	6 Elders 7:00 PM	7 Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	8 Basic Christianity Class 7:00 PM	9	10 Worship 5:00 PM
11 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Peel apples for applesauce after Church	12 Mission Society Sewing Night 6:30 PM	13 Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM	14 Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	15 Basic Christianity Class 7:00 PM	16 Citizenship Day	17 Worship w/ Holy Communion 5:00 PM
18 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 165 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and meal	19	20 Sunday School Teachers 7:00 PM	21 Confirmation 6:30 PM	22 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 PM  Basic Christianity Class 7:30 PM	23 Fall Begins	24 Wedding Ratliff/Brune 2:00 PM  Worship 5:00 PM
25 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM	26	27	28 Confirmation 6:30 PM	29 Basic Christianity Class 7:00 PM	30	