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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Bethlehem Lutheran Church is committed to making disciples for Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words and deeds.

VALUES STATEMENT: We are a discipleship driven ministry, inviting all people to become disciples for Jesus Christ, nurtured by scripture and prayer. We are a community of caring and forgiving people who create a nurturing and Christian environment where everyone feels welcomed.

Working cooperatively, we serve as a leader in partnering with families, businesses and other churches to maximize the outreach services available to the Christian community. We strive to serve as a cornerstone of the community.

June 2017

A Word or Two...by Pastor Mark

Summer is a great time to worship God by getting more in touch with your life. These days, people seem not to feel right if they aren't running and running. Consequently, we end up being "human doings" more than human beings. Of course to be faithful to your work and family and self, you need to do a lot of stuff. And at times it gets hectic. But that doesn't mean you have to make stress a lifestyle! You don't live life better or savor its blessings the faster you run. Here are some tips to rediscover the life God meant for you and carry it into the fall later:

Take a mini-vacation every day, even if it's only a few minutes. Tell your family this is "me time," and read a book, eat a favorite food, walk in the neighborhood. Do whatever brings you joy.

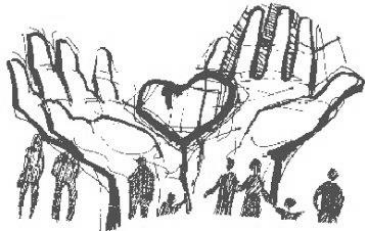
Read a book that speaks to you spiritually. A good book reminds you that life is about more than doing stuff.

Don't take yourself so blame seriously. Life is serious enough without our trying. Too often we dramatize our circumstances and mistakes to the point where we constantly feel apprehensive and oppressed. Just remind yourself repeatedly that, while very important, your life's challenges aren't as earth-shaking as you are making them. Believe it or not, the planet will keep turning no matter what you do, and others are far more concerned about themselves than you.

Allow God to give you grace. I'd be the first to say that we need to be more conscious of God's displeasure at our sin. We stand under His judgment, and that's

not something to take lightly. But just as often we seem to block out His grace when He's so willing to fill us with His love. Allow God's presence of His Spirit to affirm who you are, to forgive your sins, and to comfort you even when you don't think you deserve it. That's the kind of God we worship.

I once heard a story about a pastor who remarked that he was taking a vacation the following month. One of the church members commented, "The devil never takes a vacation." Whereupon the pastor said, "So, you want me to be more like Satan?" This summer, remember that Jesus regularly took time to go to "a quiet place" to pray and rest. Follow His example, and recapture the sense of real living for which you were created.



Prayers

For victims of terrorism, and those who labor to prevent terror and find its perpetrators.
For Bethlehem, that the "summer slump" will be replaced with a renewed desire for worship and service.
For safety as families and individuals enjoy travel.

New Member Sunday

On June 18, Father's Day, we will celebrate new members joining Bethlehem:

Dan and Donna Bredeson

Dan is on the Ag faculty at Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg, and Donna babysits for grandkids!

Scot Brown

Scot married Amanda in May 2016 (Pastor Deb's last wedding at Bethlehem). He works at the license plate office in Spencer and at HyVee.

Calvin Diekmann

Calvin will be marrying Tami Mugge this September. He is administrator for three care facilities.

Jan Johnson

Jan has already been an active part of Bethlehem's ministry, so many know her. She's also Missouri Lutheran, so she knows a lot about the Bible and what it means to be a committed church member!

Briana Swanson

Married to Brandon, Briana is an occupational therapist at St. Luke's in Spencer.

We welcome these new members!

Men – Wear Your Tie for Father's Day!



It was wonderful to see all those hats on Mother's Day and to hear some of the stories about them. Now it's the guys' turn. We are inviting men and boys to wear ties on Father's Day, June 18. Bow ties, string ties, regular ones; striped, plain, loud, even shaped like a fish. If you can't find a tie, cut one out of a piece of cloth. We look forward to celebrating the day with all those ties dressing up the worship service.



Your Chance to Add Something to Coffee Hour!

We'd love to have YOU share your cookies, bars, rolls, or anything. There is a calendar on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office where you can put your name on a Sunday this year. If you (or you with a friend) sign up, you should bring

enough pieces and/or cookies for about 100 people. Coffee and hot chocolate are already prepared. Add to the joy of our fellowship time after church!

Volunteers for June:

June 4th:

Kay Kracht & Joann Nelson

June 11th:

Cindy Crouch, JoAnn Treinen, Betty Kruse

June 18th:

Carma Betz, Kathy Hegwer

June 25th:

Cynthia Behrends, LaVonne Schuknecht



If you would like to give a donation for parsonage repair please indicate on your check it is to be used for parsonage. We still need approximately \$3,000.00.

“Scripture Verse for June”

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

If you have a favorite verse you would like to see in the Cross Currents, call Cindy at the church office. 933-2229 or email blc@royaltelco.net



- Ethan Batschelet, Missionary--Siloam Girls' School in India
- Joyce Sabel (daughter of Roger & Betty Kruse)---Marge Barglof
- Elsie Anderson--Officer Pat Morgan and his family (Friend of Jane & Dave Kruse)--Paulette Tuton--Keith Dannatt (brother of

Kay Kracht)--Jada Thomsen Miller (Paul & Sheila Thomsen's daughter)--Pam VanderLugt (close friend of Josh & Iesha Toft)--Duane Kracht (*Please call the church office to add someone to the prayer list. Requests stay on the list for one month unless you instruct us to do otherwise.*)



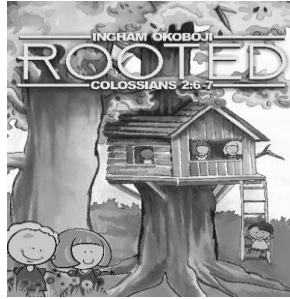
BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Deanna Logan, Evelyn Schuck, David Holtz, Wayne Mason, Todd Schoenherr, Lindsey Lucas, Kyla Ritchart, Robert Clements, Aaron Mugge, Bertha Ritchart, Neil Johnke, Elizabeth Claus, Logan Houston, Douglas Iverson, Katie Birchard, Alisa Jarvie, Ann Phelps, Caitlyn Fletcher, Shirley Fredericks, Barbara Johnson,

Amber Huberg, Donnabelle Ekberg, Betty Kruse, Brittni Birchard, Emerson Malchow, Kaeden Malchow, Lydia Malchow, Wyatt Malchow, Kaden McCoy, Steven Christenson, Javan Kruse, Allison Englert, Sierra Goyette, Eve Maker, and Olivia Maker.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Nancy Wick, 43 years; Michael & Sara Stroud, 4 years; Mark & Lee Pierce, 4 years; Todd & Kris Vogel, 27 years; Javan & Danielle Kruse, 5 years; Don & JoAnn Nelson, 52 years; Jake & Betsy Schoelerman, 7 years; Michael & Jennifer Hosch, 8 years; Dale & Sharon Stafford, 26 years; Matt & Allison Goyette, 14years; Charles & Jade Woodall, 4 years; Reyes & Cynthia Salinas, 25 years; Cory & Stefani Eggenberger, 16 years; Andre' & Amy Hendrickson, 3 years; Jack & Judy Phillips, 60 years; Mel & Linda Ott, 47 years; Keith & Marjorie Mortensen, 55 years; Rickey & Joy Nielsen, 45 years; Bud & Linda Yungbluth, 41 years; Dave & Sue Brugman, 42 years; Greg & Deb Kingery, 13 years; David & Amy Holtz, 7 years; Keith & Joyce Kruse, 36 years; Jim & Paulette Tuton, 33 years; Steve & Chanda Noll, 2 year.



Bethlehem Lutheran is pleased to once again team up with Ingram Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp for Day Camp this summer. This is a week filled with fun crafts, games, and songs! All children, of any denomination, are encouraged to attend this exciting week!

Day Camp is for youth who will have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade in 2016-2017.

There will also be a class for preschoolers (must have completed at least one year) and those going into Kindergarten. Day Camp runs Monday-Thursday with an evening program starting at 6:30 on Thursday night. Day Camp participants will **not** have to bring their own lunch this year. A noon meal, beverage, and snack will be provided.

There will be a shuttle bus to and from Day Camp that leaves from Everly. Please place a note on your registration if you plan to use this shuttle service. Departure from Everly is at 8:40 am from the East side of the school. Students will return to the same drop-off point at approximately 2:20 each day.

The week concludes with a Thursday Day Camp Program and ice cream social where Day Campers show all they've experienced and learned throughout the week! We hope you join us for Day Camp!

Dates: June 12-15 Time: 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Royal

Registrations Due: **June 2nd** – Registrations are on table by bulletin boxes.

Sign-up Online: <https://tinyurl.com/mhlhjgf> OR

Please drop off at any area church or mail to:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, PO Box 224, Royal, IA 51357

*A donation of \$25 per child is encouraged to help cover the cost of bringing the counselors to Royal.

Local Contact: Betsy Schoelerman – bschoelerman@gmail.com/712.363.4635

Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed to provide meals for the counselors for Vacation Bible School. Meals can be brought to the church for the counselors. There will be approximately 8 counselors and meals are needed on the following days:

Wednesday, June 14th - Breakfast and Supper, Thursday, June 15th - Breakfast and Supper

Please see Betsy Schoelerman to sign up.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The May 24th, 2017 meeting of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Keith Kruse at 7:10 P.M. Council members in attendance were Keith Kruse, Chris Swanson, Dave Holtz, Pastor Mark Wilms, Betsy Schoelerman, and Amanda Mugge. Council members Roland Mortenson, Mindy Means, Jennifer Findling, Sarah Dehrkoop, and Marra Glackin were absent.

Due to the lack of quorum, council discussed items, but no actions were made. Discussion began at 7:10 P.M.

Topics discussed:

-Youth Leader- The education team would like to introduce the idea of needing a youth director at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They feel we are missing out on a great opportunity to reach out to our youth. The team will continue to research the possibility of a youth leader and report at the next council meeting in June.

-Pastor's Report- Pastor Mark Wilms is currently working on the curriculum for Confirmation.

-Stewardship- Different avenues of giving to the Church are being looked into. One idea is a program called Simply Giving. The possibility of having plain envelopes available for Church members giving cash to write their names on to place their offering in was an idea that was also brought up.

-Next Meeting- The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 21st at 7:00 P.M..

Discussion was closed at 7:44 P.M.

The next council meeting is set for Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Mugge,
Secretary

Bethlehem Lutheran Women

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women met on May 18, 2017 at the church for a brief business meeting with 5 members present. Alice Roghair opened the meeting. The treasurer reported a balance of \$454.04 in checking. Donations were sent to the following organizations:

- * Bethlehem Lutheran Parsonage Fund \$275
- * Midwest Christian Services of \$137.50 (Funeral donations)
- * Free Medical Clinic of \$137.50 (Funeral Donations)
- * Midwest Christian Services of \$31.00 (Quarterly offerings)
- * Free Medical Clinic of \$31.00 (quarterly offerings.)

The new tables were \$164.62 and Marge Barglof was reimbursed \$65.46 for serving trays. A deposit from Lavonne Schuknecht's Thrivent fund of \$100.50 was put in savings. Total in savings is \$1645.60

Our Do-Day Potluck will be held on July 27 at 9:30 with the meeting to follow at 2:30.

Duties this month:

Coffee - Evening Circle

Visitation - Esther Circle

The meeting was adjourned and the members moved to the school for the Patriotic Program honoring our Veterans which was presented by the Clay Central Everly 4th-6th grade students. The program was very enjoyable with speakers, Reader's Theater, a slide show and the CCE 5th and 6th grade chorus and band. A lunch was served.

Ann Johnke
Secretary



The Monthly Men's Breakfast
Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 AM
at the Royal Café (June 8th)
to come together in prayer and to study God's word.

Postponed

New Date Coming Soon

Up & Comers Dinner that was scheduled for June 4th has been postponed. We will contact you when a new date has been confirmed.

June Mission of the Month **Upper Des Moines Opportunity**



Items especially needed right now include:

Hamburger helper, Boxed potatoes, Pancake syrup, Mustard,
Bar soap, Lipton noodles in pouch.

PARENTS: Bringing items to church as a family is a great way to teach your kids about caring for others.

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**ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

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| June 4  | Ian Steffen<br>Zach Schoelerman  |
| June 11 | Dalayna Brugman<br>Haydn Bushee  |
| June 18 | Chance Noll<br>Gracie Dehrkoop   |
| June 25 | Sierra Goyette<br>Natalie Joenks |

**ALTAR GUILD**

Donna McClain                      Joyce Kruse

**LITURGICAL COLORS**

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| June 4     | Red   |
| June 11    | White |
| June 18-25 | Green |

**USHERS**

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Don Nelson   | Randy Roghair |
| Duane Kracht | Doug Munden   |

**GREETER CHAIR**

Linda Yungbluth

**SCRIPTURE READER CHAIR**

Donna McClain

**BIBLE STUDY LEADERS**

Betty Kruse      Joyce Kruse