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“A Place Where There is Always Room”

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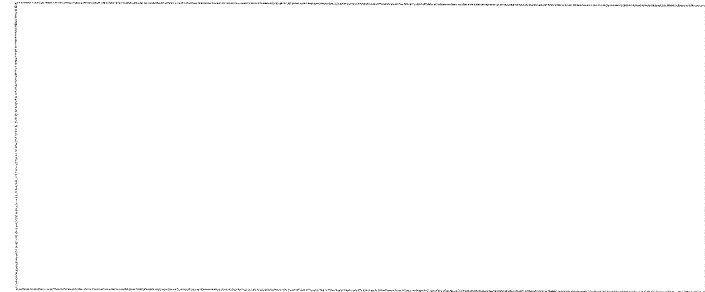
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Bethlehem News

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**November
2018**



LWML Bazaar

November 17th & 18th

Come and check out the crafts and baked goods.

Do your Thanksgiving & Christmas shopping early !

The Bazaar will be open for business ½ hour before and after both the week-end services.

If you have items to donate for the bazaar, they can be brought to church from:

10am – 4:30pm

Monday –Thursday

November 12th—15th

or you can bring them on Saturday, November 17th (2—3pm), during set-up time. The committee would like you to place suggested prices on the donated craft items.

All proceeds: support Seminary Students and the food bank at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis (items not sold are to be picked up after the bazaar.)

A Word From the Elders

“Breaking Up is Hard to Do”

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” - Romans 3:23

by Chip Carlson

Christians have heard, read and stated many times that **ALL** are sinners and that Jesus Christ shed his blood to forgive our sins. As believers we have confessed that we believe and understand these basic tenets of the Christian faith. One day as I was doing some self-examination I was confronted with a question that stopped me in my tracks. How is it that if I say that I am a sinner, Jesus blood covered my sins and “if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness – (1 John 1:9) , that I am still wrestling with mistakes made yesterday, months and even decades ago? These things constantly pop up in my heart and mind at the worst times. The past, for a time, dominates the present. It can be immobilizing and keep from utilizing my God-given gifts. Isn’t this what many of us do? We often have a difficult time setting down and letting go of past hurts and mistakes. The “would a’s”, “should a’s” and “if only’s” are a heavy burden and yet we carry them around with us almost daily. They creep into our hearts and minds preventing us from living the life that Christ created us to have.

Why is breaking up with our past so hard to do? We have to realize that we must “Be so-

ber-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world” – (1Peter 5:8-9). There is a heart-mind connection which is often described as “the devil’s playground”. We have a part in this as well. Because of the past mistakes in our lives we have assigned labels to ourselves that stick to our hearts and minds following us everywhere reminding us of our past. Labels such as: shame, rejected, defeated, weak, no good, useless, hopeless, sick, victim, forgotten, broken, unstable, and guilty. We have listened to these labels, associated with our mistakes, so much that we have become convinced that they are true and it’s who we are. That has kept us from moving forward with God’s plan for us. David in **Psalm 51:10** said, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” Pastor Josh emphasized James 1:19 in his sermon recently “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear (listen), slow to speak, slow to anger” (**James 1:19**). Pastor cautioned that we have to be careful which voice we listen to.

We have to know who we are: We are not who these labels and Satan say we are. Remember, *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy” (John 10:10a)*. Satan’s condemning voice just heaps more shame and guilt on us. In our hearts and minds he says *“Remember what you’ve done, remember where you come from, your life will never change and neither will you”* If we choose to listen to Satan’s lies then we are being lead to destruction. The truth is, our past does not determine our future – it didn’t for Peter, for David, for Paul and it doesn’t for you and me.

We are who God says we are. We are God’s children, “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,” – **(John 1:12)**. God’s word leads to everlasting life. *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16)*. Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6)*.

Martin Luther said, “This is our glory to know for certain that our righteousness is divine in that God does not impute our sins. Therefore, our righteousness is nothing else than knowing God. Let the Christian who has been persuaded by these words cling firmly to them, and let him not be deceived by any pretense of works or by his own suffering. ... It is, however, the office of Christ to bear our sins. Hence we must conclude from this text: “If Christ bears my iniquities, then I do not

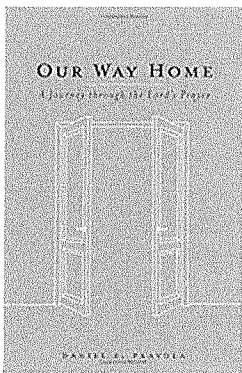
bear them.” All teachings which say that our sins must be borne by us are ungodly. From such a text countless thunderbolts have come forward against an ungodly self-righteousness” (Martin Luther, *Day by Day*, 2006).

Conclusion: Luther also said, speaking of Satan, “let me hear, not you with your accusation and condemnation but Christ, the Savior of the human race who says he came to save sinners” (1Timothy 1:15) and to comfort the despairing, and proclaim release to the captives (Luke 4:18)”. Remain steadfast in our faith, “Faith comes by hearing (listening) and hearing (listening) by the word of Christ”, (Romans 10:17). As Pastor Josh said, “We must have the wisdom to listen to God. His word is more powerful than our own.” “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5).

Your Brother in Christ,
Elder—Chip Carlson

October 2018

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our LORD Jesus Christ! October has been a very busy month for me. This past week was Reading Week, so that means there are no classes, and it gives all the students to catch up, catch our breath, and work ahead for the next seven weeks. I had a lot to do this week, but it was a relaxing week as well. I

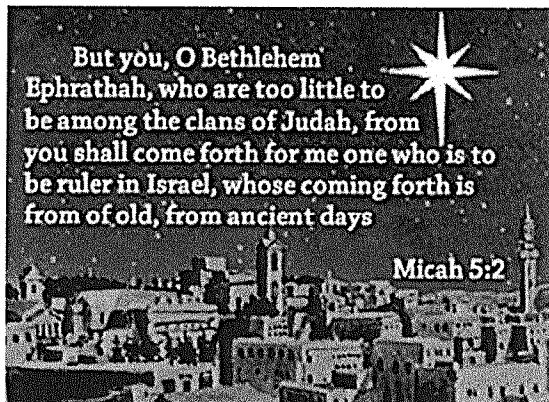


read through Daniel Paavola's book, *Our Way Home*. It talks about the Lord's prayer as a journey from Our Father in heaven to our daily needs on earth back to heaven where God's power and glory currently are. I would recommend everyone to read this book. It shows the Lord's Prayer from a

different perspective to help you think about the Lord's prayer rather than simply saying it during church or during your devotional time.

I also have been teaching Sunday School and we have been doing a devotional read through of the Minor Prophets. The Prophets are super interesting to read, but very confusing if you confuse the Law and Gospel parts of the readings. I have been approaching each of the prophetic books as Paavola does in his book; take what is known, and share it in a new way to broaden your knowledge of the Scriptures. Doing this has also been helpful for me since I have often not understood what exactly some of the prophets are saying to Israel.

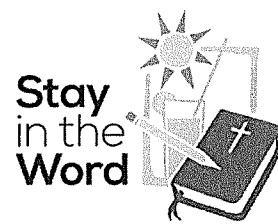
It has been a busy month, but hopefully November will be a bit less busy. God's richest blessings to all of you this month!†



Please Pray For:

- For all people, that they may come to the knowledge of Christ and so be saved.
- For all our leaders, that the rules they enact may lead us to quiet and dignified lives.
- That the Church may be strengthened.
- For the Seminary students in St. Louis and in Ft. Wayne, that they may be able to serve His people faithfully.
- That the second years going on vicarage and fourth years receiving their first calls may be strengthened.
- For all pastors and professors that they may be faithful in their service to the Church and to the Scripture

If you have prayer requests, or want to talk, please send them to me! My email is brownn@csl.edu, and my address is: 801 Seminary Place St. Louis, MO 63105



WEEKLY WORSHIP

Saturday Night Bible Study 5:30 pm

Saturday Traditional Worship 7 pm

Sunday Traditional Worship 9 am

Education Hour after Sunday Worship

Small Groups at Bethlehem...

"Quilting"

In the church basement

Wednesday

10am—2:00pm

Contact: Cathy Teeslink — 348-6283

WHERE TWO OR
THREE
ARE GATHERED...

"Crafters"

Bring your craft of
choice and join us for
fellowship and fun!

Tuesday's—6 pm

BYG (Bethlehem Youth Group)

Always welcome!

Meeting

every Wednesday

6 —7:30pm

Bible Studies

Adult Bible Study

Saturday—5:30 pm

Leader — Pastor Josh — 343-2011

Sunday during the Sunday School hour

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High School Bible Study

Sunday during the Sunday School hour.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Monday mornings at 8:45 am

Bethlehem Church

Leader — Lois Hartmann — 787-6593

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 7:45 am

Bethlehem Church

All women are invited.

Leader — Lois Hartmann — 787-6593

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Thursday mornings at 7 am

Hardee's Restaurant—Haines & Disk Dr., RC

Leader — Pastor Josh — 343-2011

Book Study

Thursday Nights at 5:45—6:45 pm

Bethlehem Church

Leader — Bill Schulz — 391-4284

Alternative Bible Studies call Church

for current times and locations

Sunday School News



November	Lesson
4	Moses & the Burning Bush
11	Moses, Plagues, & Passover
18	Crossing the Red Sea
25	The 10 Commandments

If you ever have questions about Sunday School please email: joneszgirl@yahoo.com or contact the church office 605-343-2011 and leave a message for Jamie Jones.

The Sunday School Team:

SnacksLoretta Doyen
 Pre-K, K, 1stMelissa Haugan
 2nd, 3rd, 4thAndra Hagen, Jordan Wright,
 Cassies Wessels, Liz Burdsal, Kim Pfister
 5th, 6th, 7th, 8thJanet Pawlak
 High SchoolJamie Jones
 AdultsPastor Josh

Away in a Manger,
 Joy to the World, Silent Night,
 Holy Night, What Child is this,
 Oh Come All Ye Faithful,
 Hark the Harold Angels Sing,
 Oh Little Town of Bethlehem,
 Go Tell it on the Mountain

What do these songs make
 you think of. . . CHRISTMAS!!!

**Time to prepare
 the Celebration!**



Christmas Celebration

There will be two practices after Sunday school, we will provide lunch after class and then we will practice. We need some volunteers to provide some Little Caesar's and subs from Walmart, drinks, chips and fruit.

December 2 nd	Lunch & Christmas Practice	11:30 – 1:00
December 9 th	Lunch & Christmas Practice	11:30 – 1:00
December 16 th	Christmas Celebration	10:30 – 11:30
December 23 rd	No Sunday School	Christmas Break
December 30 th	No Sunday School	Christmas Break
January 6 th	Sunday School JBACK ONJ	10:15 Treats/ Opening

Musical talent wanted!!

We have lots of kids that play instruments, we would love to have you provide music to celebrate the birth our Savior!!

If you are interested please email joneszgirl@yahoo.com or call Jamie Jones 791-2750 ASAP.

BYG NEWS

Greetings! Nine students are registered for the national youth gathering in July! A few fundraisers are planned in November to help fund the trip.

- The first is a Schwan's fundraiser which starts **Nov. 10th** and runs through **March 20th**. Order from Schwan's (online or telephone) and type in or mention campaign #42898 —(BYG national youth gathering). The group will earn 20% on food purchases and 40% on eGift Cards for the first 45 days and 5% on food orders for the next 90 days. It is an easy way to support BYG and enjoy some delicious food from Schwans.
- The second is on **Sunday November 11th** from 11:30-1:00 for a soup and dessert luncheon. All proceeds from free-will donations will go toward national youth gathering expenses.
- Lastly youth will be selling the delicious butter braids just in time for your holiday guests.

Thank you so much for supporting the youth at Bethlehem.

In Christ, Stacey Wessels

Mark your calendars

- ♦ Saturday Night Worship—7:00pm
- ♦ Sunday Morning Worship—9:00am
- ♦ Sunday School—10:15am—Sunday School Opening (basement)
 - ♦ Adult Bible Study—after worship—Upper Room
- ♦ Thanksgiving Worship —Wednesday, November 21st—6 pm
- ♦ Church Christmas Decorating — Saturday, December 1st at 9 am
 - ♦ 1st Advent Service — Wednesday, December 5th—5:45 pm
 - ♦ Annual Meeting—Sunday, December 9th at 10:15 am
- ♦ Sunday School Christmas Celebration—Sunday, December 16th, after church

Caring by Sharing

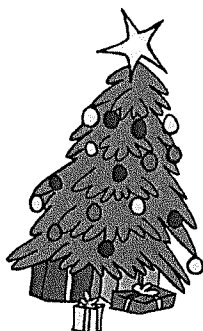
The Caring by Sharing (CBS) Committee has recommended Tom & Amy Montoya Family for the third quarter. The \$5000 was approved at the October 18 Bethlehem Church Council meeting. Tom & Amy suffered a tragedy with the loss of their home due to a fire on September 13. Even though there was insurance coverage, there are still financial hurdles to face in the days and weeks ahead. This funding will allow the church to use Caring by Sharing support with a family that is hurting and to share God's love and care as we pray and walk through this devastating tragedy with this family who are an integral part of our church family.

Caring by Sharing applications are available in a digital format so they can be filled out on your computer rather than by hand. Please contact the church office (bethlehem@rushmore.com) or Jacque Sly (jsly@q.com) to have an application sent by email.

The CBS fourth quarter will end the Sunday before the November Council meeting. The time frame is shorter than usual, but the Council does not meet in December so in order to stay within the budget year CBS needs to present their recommendation at the November meeting. The CBS committee has a carry-over application from the third quarter to consider.

How Many Days 'til Christmas?

During the Advent and Christmas Season, Bethlehem will once again be offering three community outreach giving opportunities:



Project Angel Tree, Christmas gifts for children who have a parent in prison;

Pastor's Community Outreach, donations to provide shopping cards for families in need; &

Meals on Wheels, donations to assist seniors using the meals program.

Watch the December newsletter, weekend bulletins and bulletin board for more information about how you can participate.

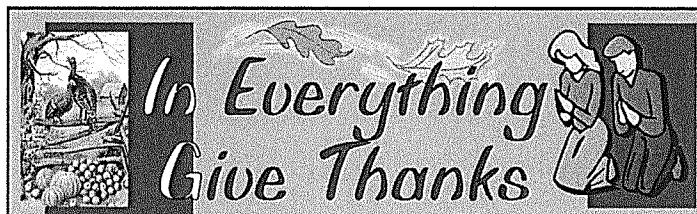
Save the Date!

November 17th & 18th

Bethlehem LWML

Fall Bazaar—Pie & Bake Sale

The proceeds of the fundraiser go to support the seminary food bank and the seminary "Adopt—a—Student" Program



Black Hills Lutheran School: Classically Christian

November is here, and we are reminded to **thank the Lord for all of our blessings** each day. Since 1863 each president of the United States has made a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, others had previously but this tradition has not been broken in 155 years! On November 9th we will be having our **Veterans Day Program**, where we show our appreciation for these men and women who have served our country. Please join us at 8:45 am on the November 9th for this special event, featuring a guest speaker, and special music from our band and orchestra.

As this school year continues we are able to delve deeper each day into **Classical Education** with our students. To that end we address the question **"What is the end to which we are striving?"** We believe that education is much more than vocational training. **Education is a tool given to us by God.** To that end we need to ensure that the education students receive trains them not only for

the here and now but more importantly equips them for eternity. Our students need to have a deep connection to God, given to them in all their courses so that they have a strong Christian worldview that can be shared with everyone. In the words of C.S. Lewis, **'All that is not eternal is eternally out-of-date.'** " We invite you to stop in and visit, your Black Hills Lutheran School so that you can see what we do each day.

Ways to Support BHLS:

- You can direct your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to BHLS. If you have questions on how to do this, please contact your Thrivent Representative.
- Do you purchase **gift cards** for **Christmas**? Purchasing your gift cards through Black Hills Lutheran gives you the same great gift cards that you can purchase anywhere only when you **purchase through BHLS** the retailer gives BHLS money in return. Call the school at 721-0760 for purchasing your gift cards through us.

In Christ,

Lacey Hoogland

Administrator/Teacher

Please join us every month for **TGIF** (The Goal Is Fellowship) group! This a fun group of folks all ages, that get together for some fun and fellowship with fellow Christians. We also welcome guests, so please bring your friends!



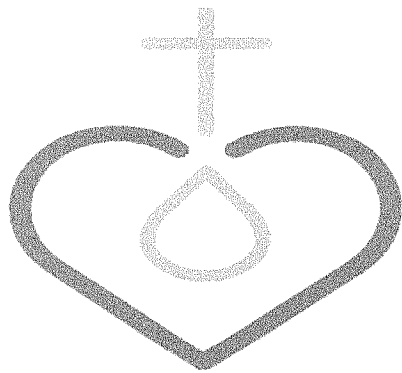
Friday, November 16th

Event and time TBD

Hosted by the Pfister's

Look in the up coming bulletins for more information

Would you consider hosting your TGIF group for a month? It can be something as simple as a game night, potluck, bowling, picnic, movie night, miniature golf, dinner out at a restaurant. . . You can even plan something with another family and share the responsibilities. If you'd be willing to host TGIF for a future month.



LWML

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

November — 2018

November 7 — Faith Circle

1:30 pm Faith Circle

Hostess: Margie Wiedebush

3403 Hallmark Ct. — RC

November 8— Hope Circle

7 pm Hope Circle

Hostess: Jacque Sly (church)

Opening & Mite Box Devotions: Monthly Hostess

Topic: Prayer Gives My Life Balance

November 17—18 — Fall Bazaar-Pie & Bake Sale

The proceeds of this fundraiser go to support the seminary food bank and the seminary “adopt-a-student” program.

HUMAN CARE for November:

- ♦ Mittens, hats & scarves for local children

ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS:

- ♦ *Family Fare* receipts (Lutheran Schools)
- Box Tops & Family Thrift UPC code labels

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Bethlehem

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Helps sponsor:

Black Hills

Lutheran Schools

Did you know that by turning in Family Thrift receipts can mean \$\$\$\$ for Black Hills Lutheran Schools?

Family Thrift Center will give \$500 to Black Hills Lutheran Schools

For only \$150,000 worth of receipts! Just bring receipts to Bethlehem and put them in the basket by the mailboxes.

Prayer Chain—

Janet Thompson -791-0878 or
Church Office – 343-2011

We also have yellow prayer request forms in the Narthex that can be filled out and left at the church office or with Pastor.



Christian Stewardship

November, 2018

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else.

We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty.

We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church:

"I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance.

The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing.

Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.

He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.

*From the LCMS Website: www.lcms.org—Stewardship Department—LCMS
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod – Stewardship Ministry*

Council Meeting Minutes—September 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Mick Moulton and opened with prayer.

Attendance: Mick Moulton, Larry Kaiser, Tony Mosel, Dave McCarthy, Kendra Lambert, Judy McCarthy, Tara Wright, Joyce Bowman, and Terry Larson.

Council Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the August 16 meeting were reviewed. The following corrections were recommended:

lead should be "led the Council".

In Trustees report, strike the words "and the bids he received for proof of \$24,000."

Kendra Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Tony Mosel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Tony Mosel discussed expenses for the month. Kendra made a motion to approve the report. Terry Larson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Pastor's Report: In his absence, Pastor Josh submitted a written report, which was read by Kendra Lambert, informing the Council of the health status and passing of congregational members and other issues pertaining to members. Confirmation classes for 5th-8th grades will begin September 26. The National Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis in the summer of 2019. Registration and meetings begin September 30th. Our church is responsible for the noon meal at the Cornerstone Mission on Sat, September 29. Pastor also informed that he was officially granted candidacy for the Doctor of Ministry program.

Elders: Dave McCarthy reported that in lieu of their meeting, the Elders attended the visitation and prayer service for Roger Rickard. Pastor Brian and Amanda Gauthier from Panama visited Rapid City and preached on August 25. They will remain stateside until mid-October.

Education: Tara Wright reported that Sunday School teachers have been found for 2-4th grades. High School students will do devotions with Jamie Jones. The Sunday school and Board of Education will host the TGIF on October 26 to fill the boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Parish Fellowship: Kendra Lambert stated that the “Off the Wall” TGIF night went very well and was enjoyed by the attendees. The next TGIF event will be Oct 26 to fill boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Financial Secretary: Judy McCarthy announced that the 3rd quarter will be ending soon and quarterly contribution statements will be completed and distributed.

Trustees: Terry Larson reported that the parking lot striping has been completed and a painter has been hired to paint the fascia trim. Time Equipment Rental has generously offered to donate the use of a lift for the painting project. Terry and the Board have been preparing the church and vicar’s house for winter. They are also working on determining the best course of action to remodel the west entrance of the church to make it more accessible to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.

LWML: Joyce Bowman reported that the books have been completed and distributed to members in their mailboxes. The monthly meetings will be held Sept 10 and 11. The Zone Fall Retreat will be held Oct. 19 and 20 at Divine Shepherd in Black Hawk, the church bazaar will be held Nov 17 and 18 and the Christmas Brunch will be December 8th.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: In preparation for the annual meeting in December, Pam Moody prepared a list of the current board members and council officers along with the responsibilities of each board for the Council’s perusal. The consensus of the Council was that this information, including the term length of each position and number of open positions on each board, should be included in the Oct or Nov newsletter or made readily available to congregation members. This information would educate congregation members and may be beneficial in helping individuals in their decision to serve in an office or on a board as involvement of more members is desired.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm after a motion from Kendra Lambert with a second from Joyce Bowman. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next regularly Scheduled Council Meeting: Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy McCarthy for Bridget Scherbarth

Bethlehem Council Secretary

Annual Congregational Meeting

December 9th / 10:15 am

In preparation for our Annual Congregational (voters) Meeting we have included a list of current Officers and Boards that make up our current Church Council. A listing of positions and board responsibilities has been included. If you have questions, please talk to one of the officers or board members listed below.

*Please prayerfully consider becoming involved and
sharing your talents and gifts with Bethlehem Lutheran.*

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS—2018

PresidentMick Moulton (18)
Vice-President Larry Kaiser (18)
Secretary Bridget Scherbarth (18)
Treasurer Tony Mosel (18)

BOARD OF ELDERS

Dave Hoyer (19)
Dave McCarthy (19), Chairman
Chip Carlson (20), Co-Chairman
Eric Scott (20)
Andy Pfister (18), Secretary
Randy Holmquist (18)
Jeff Frankhouser (19)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Terry Larson (20), Chairman
Rob Hengen (20)
Scott Moody (20)
Don Hensley (20)
Barth Lippert (20)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Denise Baldwin (18), Chairman
Tara Wright (20)
Kim Pfister (18)
Heidi Scott (19)
Janet Hensley (20)

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

BOARD OF OUTREACH

BOARD OF PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Kendra Lambert (18), Chairman

BOARD OF FINANCE

Judy McCarthy, Financial Sec. (19)
Kay Steinberg, Asst. Financial Sec.(19)

COUNTERS

Joe & Sheila Hillberry (19)
Dave McCarthy (19)
C. Mark Schoenborn (19)
Chuck & Kay Steinberg (19)
Rob & Marsha Hengen (20)
Eric & Heidi Scott (18)
Rod Michael (19)
Gaylen Bialas (19)

MEMBER AT LARGE (LWML)

LWML

BLACK HILLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL DELEGATES

Margaret Marrs (18)
Bridget Scherbarth (18)

THE PRESIDENT

Responsibilities:

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the congregation, responsible only to the Assembly. He shall provide leadership for the administration of the congregation's programs. He shall be responsible that all officers, boards and committees are performing their designated functions.

THE VICE PRESIDENT

Responsibilities:

The Vice-President shall assist the President in his duties and shall train to function as President when he shall assume that office. He shall review the current Handbook of Operations and make recommendations to the Church Council for any necessary revisions.

THE SECRETARY

Responsibilities:

The Secretary shall be responsible for the safe-keeping of all permanent minutes, past and present, of the congregation and for faithfully recording, in permanent records, all minutes of the Assembly and the Church Council.

THE TREASURER

Responsibilities:

The Treasurer shall manage the funds of the congregation as directed by the Church Council. The Treasurer shall use standard, acceptable bookkeeping procedures.

THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE

Responsibilities:

The Secretary of Finance shall be responsible for the security of all funds received by the congregation until such time that they have been deposited in the name of the congregation in a bank designated by the Church Council and shall also be responsible for maintaining accurate records of all contributions made to the congregation.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF FINANCE

Responsibilities:

The Assistant Secretary of Finance shall be responsible for assisting the Secretary of Finance in carrying out his duties and shall be responsible for the orderly functioning of the Board of Finance in counting and recording all offerings received during worship services.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS

Responsibilities:

The Board of Elders shall be responsible for the following:

- a. The spiritual welfare of the congregation and of each individual member.
- b. Insuring that the teachings within this congregation conform to the confessional standard as stated in Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation.
- c. The conduct of worship services.
- d. The welfare of the sick.
- e. The Social welfare of the members of the congregation.
- f. Other functions not specifically assigned to the Assembly, the Church Council, or other boards and offices.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Responsibilities:

The Board of Trustees will have responsibility for the following functions:

- a. Custody of all properties of the congregation, including the parsonage.
- b. Proper maintenance of these properties.
- c. The securing and providing of all necessary legal information to the congregation.
- d. Providing for the safety of persons on church property.
- e. Providing for adequate custodial services, but excluding housekeeping of the parsonage.
- f. Providing for an adequate insurance program for the congregation.
- g. Recommending policies to the Church Council for the use of church property and equipment.

The Board of Trustees may authorize expenditures for repairs up to a maximum of \$2,000 per project without prior approval of the Church Council. Arrangements for custodial services for the church property must have prior approval of the Church Council.

THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Responsibilities:

The Board of Finance shall be responsible for the counting of all offerings and collections received by the congregation.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Responsibilities:

The Board of Christian Education shall be responsible for:

- a. Developing policies and programs of Christian education within the congregation and for implementing such programs as are approved by the Church Council or the Assembly.
- b. Supervising the youth program of the congregation.
- c. Obtaining the necessary personnel to carry out the education and youth programs.
- d. Providing for adequate training of the personnel supervising, teaching, or counseling in these programs.

Appointments to the positions of superintendents and assistant superintendents of the educational divisions and counselors for youth groups must have the approval of the Church Council before they are effective.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Responsibilities:

The Board of Stewardship shall be responsible for analyzing and evaluating the total program of the congregation, for developing an adequate and continuing program of enlisting the time, talents, and resources with which God has endowed the members, promoting education and training in Scriptural principles of Christian and worshipful giving, and annually preparing a budget proposal for submission to the Church Council. This Board may request assistance from all officers, boards, committees, organizations, and departments of the congregation in preparing this budget proposal.

THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Responsibilities:

The Board of Evangelism shall be responsible for mobilizing the membership in the congregation to win the unsaved for Christ, recall the backsliders to Christ, and send believers forth to witness for Christ.

THE BOARD OF PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Responsibilities:

The basic objectives of this Board are the strengthening of fellowship between the members of the congregation both spiritually and socially, with other boards, the integration of new members into the life of the congregation, the general up building of mutual cooperation, trust and enjoyment among the members of the congregation, the general integration of the congregation's work into the life of the community through the presentation to the public of a Christian image which will reflect favorably upon the work of Christ and of the congregation as His instrument, and the publicizing of the work of the congregation through various channels.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Responsibilities:

The Church Council shall be responsible for carrying out its functions as defined in Article X-C of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

TERMS OF OFFICE

- The President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Member-at-Large will serve for terms of one year.
- The Vice-President will be elected for a term of two years, one year as Vice-President followed by the second year as President
- The Secretary of Finance and the Assistant Secretary of Finance shall be elected to terms of two years, the former to be elected to begin serving their term in even numbered years and the latter in odd numbered years.
- The members of the Board of Elders, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Education, and the Board of Finance shall be elected to terms of three years. The election of the members of each board shall be scheduled so that not more than one seat in excess of one-third of the board membership shall require election each year.
- The members of the Board of Stewardship, the Board of Evangelism, and the Board of Parish Fellowship/Public Relations shall be elected to terms of three years, the election of members to be so scheduled that no more than one term on each board shall expire any year.
- The President cannot succeed himself.
- The Vice-President cannot succeed himself.



Sunday, December 9th

Following Worship Service

Serving the Lord — November 2018

Acolytes

Elders / Ushers

November

Nov 3	7 pm	Communion	Chip Carlson
Nov 4	9 am	Communion	Dave Hoyer
Nov 10	7 pm		Dave McCarthy
Nov 11	9 am		Eric Scott
Nov 17	7 pm		Dave Hoyer
Nov 18	9 am		Andy Pfister
Nov 21	6 pm	(Thanksgiving)	Eric Scott
Nov 24	7 pm	Communion	Chip Carlson
Nov 25	9 am	Communion	Eric Scott

Organist's

November

Nov 3	7 pm	Communion	Sheila Hillberry
Nov 4	9 am	Communion	Sheila Hillberry
Nov 10	7 pm		Sheila Hillberry
Nov 11	9 am		Sheila Hillberry
Nov 17	7 pm		Beth Young
Nov 18	9 am		Beth Young
Nov 21	6 pm	(Thanksgiving)	Beth Young
Nov 24	7 pm	Communion	Beth Young
Nov 25	9 am	Communion	Beth Young

November

Nov 3	7 pm	Communion	Eden Otten
Nov 4	9 am	Communion	Chelsea Hartman
Nov 10	7 pm		Sierra Wold-Fortier
Nov 11	9 am		Kallie Flint
Nov 17	7 pm		Ashly Forbes
Nov 18	9 am		Hailey Wright
Nov 21	6 pm	(Thanksgiving)	Volunteer
Nov 24	7 pm	Communion	Kaylee Iddings
Nov 25	9 am	Communion	Noah Jones

December

Dec 1	7 pm	Communion	Kaylee Iddings
Dec 2	9 am	Communion	Chelsea Hartmann
Dec 3	5:45 pm	(Advent 1)	Amber Forbes
Dec 8	7 pm		Daniel Wold-Fortier
Dec 9	9 am		Willis Lemer

ACOLYTES

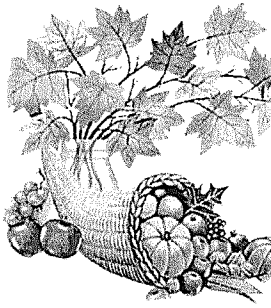
If you cannot acolyte at the service you are scheduled for, **please find your own replacement**; and then **let the church office — Bethlehem@rushmore.com** to let him know of the change.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ACOLYTE FOR A SERVICE MARKED "VOLUNTEER,"

NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.—**PLEASE contact Pastor or Pam if you need assistance—343-2011.**

Birthdays

- ♦ **November 1st**
Andrew Anderson
Keaton Norris
Skylar Smith
- ♦ **November 2nd**
Mick Moulton Jr.
Fran Syverson
- ♦ **November 3rd**
Gary Hettich
Amber Rasmussen
- ♦ **November 4th**
Florence Kallemeyn
- ♦ **November 5th**
Joyce Bowman
Mason Matthew
- ♦ **November 6th**
Logan Gies
Emery Magda
- ♦ **November 7th**
Ashton Iddings
Eli McClendon
- ♦ **November 8th**
Sue Buck
- ♦ **November 12th**
Charlene Lolley
Lila Sharp



- ♦ **November 13th**
Bill Schulz
- ♦ **November 14th**
Peyton Iddings
- ♦ **November 15th**
Rick Holste
- ♦ **November 16th**
Kyle Young
- ♦ **November 18th**
Braedyn Dietrich
Megan Meier
Marina Mikkelsen
Christopher Stephens
- ♦ **November 19th**
Chip Carlson
- ♦ **November 23rd**
Sheryl Dietrich
- ♦ **November 24th**
Dow Bartling
Julie Christianson

- ♦ **November 27th**
Dave Hoyer
David Kallemeyn
- ♦ **November 28th**
Rick Hayes
- ♦ **November 29th**
Margaret Anderson
Judy Robbins
- ♦ **November 29th**
Dennis Hettich

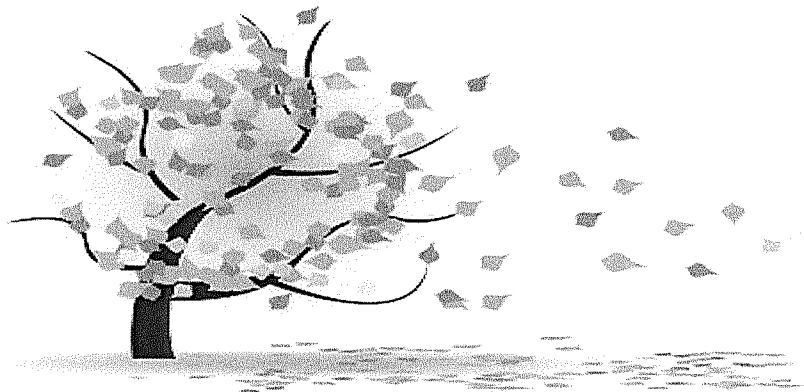
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Anniversaries

November 2018

Kanin & Sydney Asay	11/28/2009 (9)
Gary & Bobbi Drewes	11/27/2004 (14)
Clyde & Janet Thompson	11/25/1989 (29)
Bill & June Welk	11/22/1985 (33)
Richard & Christal Hexem	11/5/1983 (35)
Rod Michael & Ellen Pinholt	11/27/1976 (42)
Arley & Joanne Pease	11/23/1972 (46)
Tom & Joyce Bowman	11/12/1966 (52)



Weekly Service Times

Saturday—7pm

Sunday—9am

Educational Hour –

Sunday – after worship service

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 21st—6 pm

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