



## Bethlehem Newsletter September, 2017

**Flat Luther:** A combination of the anticipation of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation and a riff on the children's book, "Flat Stanley", you are invited to print a **full-size** Flat Luther found in this newsletter. You can cut out the pattern, color it, attach it to a popsicle stick if you wish, and take him with you on your various Summer/Fall outings. We'd love it if you'd snap a picture of Flat Luther's Summer/Fall travels...you can e-mail it to the church and we're working on an easy way to post pictures to the church's Facebook page. Have fun this Summer/Fall and don't forget to take Flat Luther with you!



### Greetings from Pastor Jennifer,

I was recently reminded by a good friend to "Stretch and Pray" as a response to various situations...a timely reminder in that "Stretching and Praying" wasn't my initial response to an unexpected situation. This is a good reminder for us all...to physically stretch, to emotionally stretch, and to spiritually stretch...stretch our minds, our thinking, our perceptions, our experiences. Stretching sometimes involves being temporarily uncomfortable. To stretch and pray is a slightly different perspective...to stretch and pray leads us into a focused posture, which may at times make us temporarily uncomfortable but with this focused posture we are intentional about leaning into prayer. Pray, whether it is a few quick words or a lengthy collection of thoughts...to stretch and pray is to lean into God, to lean into the relationship that offers space and grace to pray our utmost concerns, our most frivolous of requests, and everything in between. In a moment of stress, I was reminded to "Stretch and Pray", something that I will try to hold ever before me and I offer the same invitation to you. Stretch and Pray...in moments of stress, in moments of joy, in moments of doubt, in moments of grief...Stretch and Pray to the Lord, the One who hears all of our prayers.

Peace,  
Pastor Jennifer

Responding to those in need: Hurricane Harvey has caused a lot of damage in parts of TX and LA and we have an opportunity to respond. You are invited to share your monetary gifts to help those affected by this most recent hurricane by giving through Lutheran Disaster Response. LDR is a reputable ELCA organization that supports case management primarily, through local providers like Lutheran Social Services...while they respond to immediate crisis, they are also there for the long haul. This is certainly not the only organization to give to in response to this great need but as a point of information, through LDR 100% of designated donations will be used for this disaster until the response is complete. If you would like to give a donation to LDR, you may give through the church. If you would like to donate through the church please make your check payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and mark on both the envelope and the check memo line: LDR. Cash can also be donated, just make sure to put it in an envelope marked LDR. We will collect these gifts and send donations directly to LDR, thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Rally Day** is Sunday, September 10, which is also “God’s Work, Our Hands” Day. The schedule for the day includes an ALL Ages (Children & Adults) Activity in the Fireside Room at 9:00 am. Worship with communion at 10:00 am (if you have a yellow God’s Work, Our Hands Day T-shirt, please wear it this day. We’re receiving school supplies, dried beans, rice, and/or monetary donations for Lutheran Border Concerns...these gifts will be blessed during worship. Following worship, we’ll have a potluck (Taco Bar, please talk to Andrea Campbell if you have any questions about the potluck) and then we’ll hear from Ramon Contreras, Ministry Coordinator for Lutheran Border Concerns.

**Sunday School:** We have classes available on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for all ages. Children meet in Bachman Hall, Adults meet in the Fireside Room. Adults will be using “By Heart” for a portion of the fall schedule. “By Heart” is a book that focuses on Martin Luther’s Small Catechism. Purchase of this book is not required to participate in this class but it will help guide our discussion. If you pre-ordered a book, they should be available for pick up on Sunday, September 10 and the final price is \$13 per book. There are a couple of extra books, please talk to Pastor Jennifer if you would like to purchase one. You can make checks payable to the church or pay cash, please pay at class, so your name can be marked off of the list.

**Bishop’s Fall Gathering:** Those in leadership positions and others who are interested are invited to attend the Bishop’s Gathering, “Congregational Leadership in Changing Times” is the theme. The closest one is on Saturday, September 23 from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran in Fullerton. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up with Pastor Jennifer, she’ll register our group, there is no cost but it’s helpful for the host congregation to have an accurate estimate of attendees.

**Animal Blessing:** In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, we will be hosting an animal blessing on Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 am in the courtyard of the church. You are invited to bring your leashed or crated pet for a blessing...our animals are often our companions and bring so much love and joy to our lives, this brief service will give thanks and blessings for these animals. Please bring pick-up bags to clean up after your pet, water and treats will be available. If your animal isn’t comfortable around strangers or other animals, please use your best judgment as to whether you bring your pet, sometimes this kind of setting can be stressful for our animals and their owners.

**Book Reading and Discussion Group:** “Tattoos on the Heart” by Gregory Boyle is our featured book. This book is available online and there’s a Kindle edition too. Everyone is welcome to participate in this book reading and discussion group, there will be two opportunities for discussion: Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 pm, you need only attend one discussion group (Fireside Room). This book relates stories of Boyle’s work with Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of LA...ultimately this book is a collection of stories of his various interactions with former gang members and “The Power of Boundless Compassion”. This book provides a different lens to view the complicated and sometimes heartbreaking power of relationships and God’s grace in the midst of it all. Everyone who participates is encouraged to have read the entire book prior to the discussion group. Pastor Jennifer is also looking into a field trip to Homeboy Industries, so that we can see and hear about their ministry and businesses.

**Rick Steve’s Luther and the Reformation DVD Viewing Opportunity:** Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, you are invited to come and view this 1 hour public television special commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Rick Steves is a well-known travel guide and is a Lutheran, living in WA...he generously donated a copy of this DVD to hundreds of ELCA churches. Please feel free to invite others to join us.



**God's work.**  
Our hands.

Are we ready for **“GOD’S WORK OUR HAND’S” Sunday, September 10, 2017?**

I would say, “almost” by seeing our overflowing collection box in the Narthex. Your donation items are pouring in. Thank You all.

In case you forgot, this is a servant/project Sunday event that we are celebrating along with other ELCA churches, which total 3.7 million members in nearly 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and Caribbean region. Let me remind you that our Bethlehem Social Ministry Committee and our Thrivent Action Team members have chosen to help:

**Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry**

**“Celebrating 50 years in Tijuana, Mexico and now spreading to nearby areas”**

Ramon Contreras, Ministry Coordinator, will join with us during our Potluck Taco Salad Bar Luncheon immediately following church services to tell us about his Ministry across the border and changes that are flourishing.

He will receive our donations with prayers and blessings. He is in need of cereal (large boxes or bags), pinto beans and rice (large bags 10 to 50 pounds), school supplies (pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, lined filler paper, composition books (70 pages) and glue); socks (newborn thru teens) and new sewing fabric for kids clothes.

Can you please help by bringing an item(s) to church this Sunday, September 3rd or by Sunday September 10th? Monetary gifts will graciously be accepted and our Action Team will do the shopping for you.

With our \$250.00 gift card from Thrivent Financial Services grant, our Action Team members will purchase additional cereals and socks along with a dessert for our fellowship luncheon.

**SO: Sign up on the patio for Potluck Luncheon and what you’ll bring to share. Wear your yellow God’s Work Our Hands T-shirt or the Thrivent Action Team shirt if you have one.**

**A thought to remember, consider the words of Martin Luther...“A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all.”**

See you September 10<sup>th</sup> and Thank You for your kindness to serve and love our neighbors,  
Your Social Ministry and Thrivent Action Team Members.



Rehearsals for the Bethlehem Bells will resume Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in ringing bells is

welcome. We have several openings.

If you would like to make a short-term commitment to participate only in the Reformation Sunday celebration (October 29, 2017), we would love to have your help with making the celebration special.

We will meet in the church's Narthex every Thursday from 6:00 to 6:55 p.m. please let Heidi Kracy know if you are planning to participate.

**All Faith Circle** members and guests will be meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, which is the first Tuesday of the month. Our Hostess will be Margie Moeller and our Bible Study Leader will be Pastor Jennifer. We start at 9:30 am and I can't wait to see all of you! Thanks, Arlene Pollard.

**The next Bethlehem Men In Mission** meeting will be on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. We will continue our study of the Gospel of John from the Master Builders Bible for Men. The reading for this week will be Chapter 5:16 thru Chapter 8:11 with discussion on verses 7:53 thru 8:11, the Adulterous Woman.

**Stewardship Emphasis Begins in September:** The Stewardship Emphasis in preparation for the calendar year 2018 is titled **“Working Together – Celebrating God's Good Gifts.”** It will be based on 1 Corinthians 3:9 – “For we are God's servants, working together.” The campaign will emphasize how we are working together with God as managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

The campaign emphasizes how we use the three elements of total stewardship – our time, talents and treasure – to do what God has called us to do in the ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This Emphasis will begin Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It will consist of a Newsletter article, mailings to our homes plus bulletin inserts and temple talks on four Sunday mornings.

It will culminate on **“Harvest Celebration Sunday,”** October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, when we will submit our **Response Cards** and **Time and Talent Sheets**. Please give prayerful consideration as to how you can best give of your time, talents and financial resources to help Bethlehem meet its mission to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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## **“Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace”**

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” (1 Peter 4:10).

A steward is one who is responsible to transact the business of another. A steward is not an owner, but a representative of the owner. A steward is one who manages that which belongs to someone else.

All of us are managers and stewards for God. According to Psalm 24:1, the earth and everything in it belong to God. God has entrusted us with managing God’s resources. For that reason, as God calls us to a level of deeper devotion, we view our time, our talents and our treasure as gifts of God’s infinite grace, as blessings God has loaned to us for a short time.

As managers and stewards, we use our time and our talents to do that which God has called us to do in ways that will strengthen the ministry of our church. Similarly, we use our financial resources for God’s glory, for the good of others, and for the furtherance of this ministry.

In this annual stewardship emphasis, God is asking each of us to step out by faith concerning our finances and our giving. God is asking each of us to demonstrate by our actions that we really believe God will fulfill the promises of Scripture as we respond in obedience.

It’s what Jerry Bridges, Vice President of The Navigators, meant when he said, “When God burdens your heart about something and you confirm God’s leading based on the Scriptures, you can obey, being fully confident that God will provide a blessing, even when circumstances appear contrary.”

As we consider our giving in the coming months, we have a choice. Each of us can analyze our financial situation and make a commitment concerning our giving based strictly on human logic and reason. Or, as “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace,” we can step out by faith in response to God’s leading. As we follow God’s direction, we know that God will provide, even if we do not know the source of the funds.

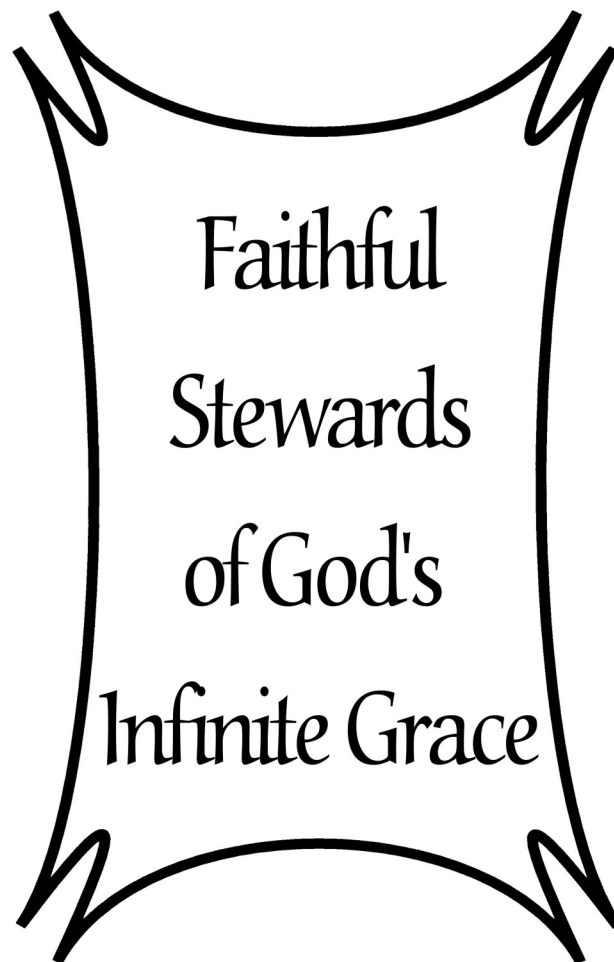
As you consider your life during this time of stewardship emphasis, will you excel by first giving yourself to the Lord?

Will you then respond by giving your time, your talents and your treasure for God's glory in the ministry here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church?

Please ask God to give you specific direction concerning what you should give. Then, please complete the My 2018 Pledge Card which is included with this brochure and bring it with you to the worship service on "Harvest Celebration Sunday," October 15, 2017.

Thank you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for your faithful financial support in the past. Thank you as well for being one of the "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace" here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. And thank you for following the Lord's leading concerning your financial support in the coming year.

Bethlehem Stewardship Committee





# A BIG UPCOMING ANNIVERSARY



This year is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing the 95 theses to the church door on October 31, 1517.

*To help all of us get a better understanding of the occasion, the Worship & Music Committee is publishing a series of articles in the church newsletters. The first article was in the October, 2016 newsletter giving a brief biography of Martin Luther's early years and the life changing thunderstorm when he promised to become a monk. The December, 2016 newsletter featured the story of Martin Luther's "Ah-ha" discovery as a result of his searching for God's grace. In the February, 2017 newsletter, we looked at the sale of indulgences and how the 95 Theses sparked the Lutheran Reformation. In this month's edition, we look at the events that led to the Bible translation by Martin Luther and its impact.*

Following Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses in 1517, the pope condemned Luther's writings. In a debate with Johann Eck, Luther denied the infallibility of the pope and general councils of the church. By 1520, Pope Leo X had ex-communicated Martin Luther from the Catholic Church and declared him to be a heretic. The proclamation demanded that Martin Luther be seized and turned over to the pope.

Luther negotiated and obtained safe passage to attend the Diet of Worms in 1521. He was given the opportunity to repent and recant his writings before Emperor Charles V. After a great deal of thought, he refused to recant, calmly giving his reasons for writing the books and explaining why he could not recant. His most famous quote is attributed to this moment in time<sup>1</sup>:

"Since your majesty and your lordships desire a simple reply, I will answer without horns and without teeth. Unless I am convicted by scripture and plain reason--I do not accept the authority of popes and councils for they have contradicted each other--my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise, God help me. Amen."<sup>2</sup>

The emperor banned Luther's writings and declared him a heretic and an enemy of the state.<sup>3</sup> On his way home from Worms, Luther was kidnapped and hidden at Wartburg Castle by order of Frederick the Wise of Saxony,<sup>4</sup> the founder of the University of Wittenberg where Luther had taught. While in protective custody, Luther translated the New Testament into German in only eleven weeks.

He had previously translated parts of the Psalms, Old and New Testaments, and he was not the first to translate the Bible. However, the other translations were from Latin, and Luther translated the New Testament from Greek.

"Das Neue Testament Deutzsch was published in September, 1522. A typographical masterpiece, containing woodcuts from Lucas Cranach's workshop and selections from Albrecht Durer's famous Apocalypse series, the September Bibel sold an estimated five thousand copies in the first two months alone."<sup>5</sup>

By that December, a second edition was published with corrections and improvements.

After he was allowed to return home to Wittenberg in March of 1522, Luther went to work translating the Old Testament from Hebrew with the help of a committee of scholars. The Old Testament was published in parts – Pentateuch in 1523; Psalter, 1524.

‘At last the whole Bible, including the Apocrypha as "books not equal to the Holy Scriptures, yet useful and good to read," was completed in 1534, and printed with numerous woodcuts.’<sup>6</sup>

Luther, already a best-selling author, surprised everyone with the popularity of his Bible. Other Bibles translated in the local dialect could not be read outside of their locales and were banned by the Catholic Church. Luther combined the language of the government and the ordinary citizen and invented words and phrases that are still used today.<sup>7</sup> Even his critics and rivals used his German language to dispute his translation.

“The German Bible of Luther was saluted with the greatest enthusiasm, and became the most powerful help to the Reformation. ... Hans Lufft at Wittenberg printed and sold in forty years (between 1534 and 1574) about a hundred thousand copies,--an enormous number for that age,--and these were read by millions. The number of copies from reprints is beyond estimate.”<sup>8</sup>

Luther continued to revise, correct and improve editions of his German Bible throughout the rest of his life. His goal had been to write in a living language to be read by women, children and then men. Luther’s German became the language for the entire country and is in use today whether the German citizens know it or not.

Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup><https://www.christianhistoryinstitute.org/magazine/article/legends-about-luther/>

<sup>2</sup><http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1501-1600/martin-luthers-most-noble-words-11629925.html>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.britannica.com/event/Diet-of-Worms-Germany-1521>

<sup>4</sup>[http://www.pbs.org/empires/martinluther/char\\_frederick.html](http://www.pbs.org/empires/martinluther/char_frederick.html)

<sup>5</sup><http://www.christianitytoday.com/history/issues/issue-34/bible-translation-that-rocked-world.html>

<sup>6</sup>[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/luther\\_martin.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/luther_martin.shtml)

<sup>7</sup><http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04k6rc8>

#### **BBC Radio Episode**

“Luther and a Language for All Germans  
Germany: Memories of a Nation”

15 minutes; The story of how Martin Luther’s translation of the Bible created the modern German language.

<sup>8</sup><http://www.bible-researcher.com/luther02.html>

#### **YouTube Video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tgfKbOergM&feature=youtu.be>

“Rick Steves’ Luther and the Reformation: The Story Behind the Show”

10 minutes



Instructions: Print this page, cut out Flat Martin Luther, mount on cardboard and glue to the back a popsicle stick or tongue depressor as a handle at the bottom. For an extra special touch, add some color to it.





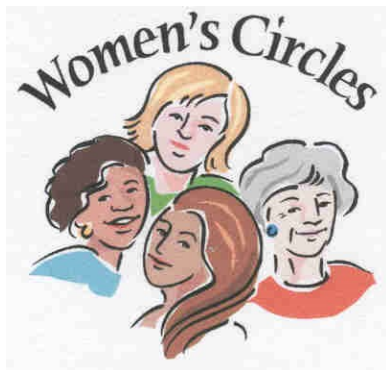
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Gather Study

The Apostles' Creed

Session one: We believe in God...



FAITH Circle Meeting Tuesday morning 9-:30 a.m., September 5, Fireside Room. Hostess Margie Moeller, Bible Study Pastor Jennifer. For questions and details, call Faith Circle leader, Arlene Pollard.

PHOEBE Circle Meeting Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse at Carol Snyder's--4212 Via Largo, Cypress, CA For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig. All Women of Bethlehem are welcome.



Sunday Morning

Coffee & Cookies

Thank you to Phoebe Circle for providing coffee for the month of July and Faith Circle for August. Men in Mission are responsible for September.

Women's 2017 Theme

**"Grace and Goals"**

**Special thanks to the women who participated in the Women's Service July 9. Thank You to Debby & Bruce Gustafson for hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual WELCA BBQ August 15.**

### WELCA's Calendar of Events

October 21 Apple Festival Bazaar



### WELCA Board

The next meeting of the WELCA Board will be held **Sunday, October 1**. For more information, contact Jeanne Sandvig.

*Check out Pacifica Partners on line*

[www.pacificawomen.org](http://www.pacificawomen.org)

*click on news & events*

Join the Pacifica Synod

Women of the ELCA On Facebook

# SAVE THE DATE:

## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Festival Bazaar 2017

Saturday, October 2st 8am to 1pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Chairpersons: Dianna Reynolds & Christina Watson

### DEPARTMENT:

### HEAD CHAIRPERSON(S)

Kitchen

Dianna Reynolds & Dawn Rentch

Cashiers: Charlotte Driskill & Vanessa Stevenson

Gourmet/Bakery

Debby Gustafson-Assistant Linda Scott

Addie's Attic

Johanne Hansen & Jeanne Sandvig

New Treasures

Marianne Sakowski & Ann Tegtmeier

Handmade Crafts

Marjorie Moeller & Susan Schneider

Personalize Ornaments

Liz Nehrenberg

Setup/Teardown

Men in Mission

Lynn's Book Nook

Brian & Katrina Gary

Cashiers

Andrea Campbell, Diane Clark & Alice Roop

Advertising

Erika Gary

New this year: we are going to hold some "baking" workshops prior to the bazaar. More information to come.

NOTE: You may begin bringing your "Treasurers" on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please get all your donations in by Thursday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> to allow time to sort and price.

PLEASE NOTE: If you bring a large item and it does not sell, please be prepared to pick it up by Sunday Oct. 22<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you, Christina and Dianna

## Parish Life

I know its early, but we have received the information for the "The Magic of Christmas, starring the Young Americans at the La Mirada Theatre. Dates run from December 7th thru the 17th. Please see Marianne if you are interested, so we can order our tickets early this year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our summer events, Hollywood Bowl, Angels game, etc. We are happy that so many people enjoyed time together this summer. And, as always, a very big thank you to all of the Parish Life committee members and volunteers for helping things run so smoothly.

Marianne

### New Church Photo Directory Schedule:

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 8pm

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, noon - 8pm;

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, noon - 8pm;

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 5pm.



Photos will be taken in Bachman Hall. The two classrooms next to Bachman Hall will be used for sign ins. Appointments can be made through a website provided by Lifetouch.

The church member site is:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y6ck2ipk/>





## Lutheran Social Services-Long Beach Community Care Center Monthly Report

Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

As we continue our monthly request for in-kind food donations in 2017 we are asking you for your continuing help during September for **Can soup and Peanut Butter (small jars)**. **Cereal** is needed daily. Continuous donated items of all food, clothes, and **socks** (new or gently used) are always needed any time of the year.

**Thanks again** for helping to keep our Lutheran Social Services cupboard (Pastor's Pantry in Narthex) full. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Long Beach and the people and families served daily in their Ministry again appreciate your kindness, care and compassion.

Bob, Andrea and crew  
Social Ministry Committee





## **Lutheran Social Services—Long Beach Community Care Center**

Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

Thank you all very much for your wonderful response to our requests for in-kind food donations, supplies, bicycle, lots of beautiful warm blankets, warm scarfs, gloves, socks, grocery bags, clothes, financial support and volunteer assistance for **LSS**. These contributions have been used in their Ministry and have been very meaningful during this time when requests are great and resources are few for those in need.

The staff is always so happy to see Bethlehem Lutheran members and friends arrive with a car full of donations and give special thanks and hugs for your help, support and prayers.

We do receive many special Thank You letters from LSS during the year addressed to our entire Bethlehem family.

Blessings,  
Andrea and Bob Campbell and their helpful crew





# BIG THANK YOU!!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School July 24- 28, 2017 9am-Noon

Church wide Bar B Q Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:30

Theme: "Go Green with God"

Respect and Preserve our God given Natural Resources:

Plants, Animals and our Earth...Recycle!!!!

Program- Brian Gary and Ken Watson

Publicity-Christina Watson

Banner- Ken Watson

Signage-Dawn Rentch & Dianna Reynolds

Pre-Registration - Alice Roop

Daily Sign-In/Out- Vanessa Stevenson & Charlottte Driskill

Lessons and Music- Brian Gary and Ken Watson

Instructor Pre-School-K "Little Srouts" 5 boys- Erika Gary Assistant Lindsey Gill

Instructor 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> "Animal Advocates" 2 children Jeanne Sandvig-Asst Hannah Coe

Instructor 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> "Planet Protectors" 5 children Christina Watson & Pastor Jennifer

Crafts -Marjorie Moeller, Liz Nehenberg, Johanne Hansen

Snacks - Janice Hunt and Camille Riach

Games-Katrina Gary Assistant Cici Moeller

Barbeque Food Coordinator-Dianna Reynolds

Friday Barbeque Set-up Coordinator-Dale Retrum

Chiefs-Paul Meyer, Dale Retrum, Frank Gary, Marv Schneider & Ray Shelton

Friday Barbeque Clean-up-Susan Schneider & Dianna Reynolds

We had 12 children in attendance for the week and 65 people enjoyed the Friday night Bar B Q and program.

\$166 was donated and sent to Lutheran World Relief for the South African Drought Project.

Thank you for everyone who took a wish slip, registered a child, taught a lesson, prayer and song or implemented a snack, craft and game. Thank you to the Paul Meyer family and the Eric Dobberteen family for their monetary contributions.

Next year we are considering a VBS family evening program, which would include a light supper, instead of a daytime program. We are looking for your opinion.

Please email me your thoughts by October so that we can plan next year's VBS. Tentative theme is "Incredible Journeys" Jesus, Paul, Joseph, Moses, Ruth etc.

Blessings, Director: Christina Watson

Summer Celebration BBQ of the Adult Choir and  
Handbell Choir—they all had a lot of fun!





## Bethlehem Women Gathering for Outdoor Food and Fun!





## Summer Fun 2017



Carefully viewing the eclipse



9/5/1954 Hal & Marynell Wolfe 9/10/1977 Bruce & Debby Gustafson  
 9/12/1964 Dick & Johanne Hansen 9/13/1986 Brian & Ginny Gary

9/1	Johanne Hansen	9/1	Nikolas Thomsen	9/4	Renee Correia
9/6	Anthony Correia	9/6	Heidi Kracy	9/6	Carol Snyder
9/7	Delbert Carrillo	9/8	Steve Wolfe	9/10	Larry Rolf
9/12	Margaret Ziegler	9/17	Marge Hargrove	9/24	Dale Retrum
9/27	Christina Watson	9/30	Candie Toth		



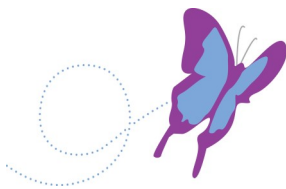
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 Amy Bachman  
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 Andrea Campbell  
 Bob Campbell  
 Laurie Carpenter  
 Bob Chambers  
 Linnea Clayton  
 Etta Bjornson Connell  
 Irene Cooper  
 Maxine Cornwell  
 Sara DeWeese  
 Keresey Dillon  
 Don Dooling  
 Laura Duke

Joan Ebersold  
 Doug Evans  
 Judy Frazier  
 Katrina Gary  
 Dr. Steve Graham  
 Bruce Gustafson  
 Bill Haglund  
 The Halverson Family  
 Janet Harris  
 Joe Harris  
 The Hashimoto Family  
 Diana Hayden  
 Gaylord Hollister  
 Genevieve Jenkins  
 Betty Jones  
 Dean Kinzel  
 Julie Kizziar  
 Joan Lee  
 William Lewis  
 Erin Lopez  
 Patricia Lueckert  
 Jessica McIntire  
 Pete Miller  
 Sandy Miller  
 Mark Mills  
 Ethan Mohr  
 Linda Nygard  
 Coler Pearce

Andrew Pritchard  
 Dale Retrum  
 Bill Ritz  
 Louise Ronchetto  
 Jason Sakowski  
 Valerie Sanchez  
 Elaine Schultheis  
 Rich Schultheis  
 Dorothy Sideris  
 Charlotte Sohl  
 Leslie Summers  
 Ed Sutton  
 Joyce Tarver  
 James Taylor  
 Ann Tegtmeier  
 Steve Tegtmeier  
 Alyssa & Jurrian Terpstra  
 Candie Toth  
 Hank Van Zant  
 Elisabeth Waddell  
 Tom Watkins  
 Jerry Whitmore  
 Hal Wolfe  
 Mitsuko Yamamoto  
 Alex Yarbrough  
 Margaret Ziegler

## Thanks to These People for Serving in September

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
9/3	Vanessa Stevenson		George & Marsha Egbert Merle Hower Christina Watson	Dick Hansen Alice Roop
9/10	Charlotte Driskill		Caryl Harris Marianne Sakowski Pam Tipich, Ann Tegtmeier	Caryl Harris Joyce Payne
9/17	Jim Martin		Paul Meyer David & Samantha Retrum Brad Stevenson	Dale Retrum David Retrum
9/24	Charles Toth		Bruce & Debby Gustafson Terry Morriss Ray Shelton	Margie Moeller Doris Morrissey



### Altar Guild

9/3  
9/10 Egberts  
9/17  
9/24 Roop



### Altar Flowers

9/3 Hansen, Martin  
9/10 Gustafson, Wolfe, Zarkos  
9/17 Hansen, Stevenson  
9/24 Dieter, Watson, Toth