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***"A Place Where There is Always Room"***

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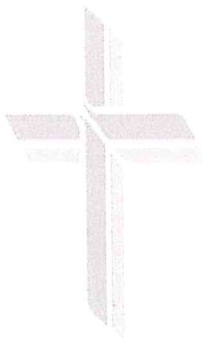
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# **May 2014 NEWSLETTER**





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# Bethlehem News

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## *Pastor's Ponderings*

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### *"Zoe's Ride"*

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion a the day of Jesus Christ."*

*Philippians 1:3-6*

"Zoe's Ride" has finally arrived! We took delivery of the van in mid-January and broke it in on our bi-annual trip to the Twin Cities for doctor appointments. Altogether you helped raise nearly \$50,000 to support Zoe and our family. The total cost of the van was nearly \$63,000. God's timing was perfect. It has been a particular blessing for Jamie as she has been doing physical therapy herself because of back problems caused by lifting and transferring Zoe so much and often alone. And just in case you were wondering, Zoe has said several times, "I like the new van" with a smile on her face.



We don't even know where to begin to thank all of you for your generosity and kindness. When we first realized what we actually needed, we told God that he needed to do something because it was beyond us. And through you, his people, he has indeed done just that. Certainly, we are grateful for your donations, prayers, and concerns for our family, but the reason you were willing to help means so much more.

Many of you don't even know our family. You likely don't see the daily (and nightly) struggles and challenges we face. You likely don't see our frustration or our hope. You probably don't feel our hearts aching for our little girl or for our son, Noah (7) who have had to endure so much in the last five years because of Zoe's disabilities. You don't witness the tears we shed or the prayers we offer to our Lord. And still, out of compassion and love, you have been willing to walk with us on an extremely difficult and often lonely road. It means so very much that you care.

It is hard to accept a gift of this magnitude. It is hard for us as humans, it seems, to receive help of any kind. Since Zoe's arrival, we have received a lot of help difficult to accept. This is no exception. It is strange and uncomfortable to recognize we need help

for things that most people don't. Thus far, it doesn't appear this will get easier with time. One of our greatest fears is that others will perceive us as ungrateful or taking advantage of the care and compassion we have received especially because we don't feel like we deserve the grace which has extended to our family. Certainly we don't deserve any of what we have received. On his deathbed, Luther wrote the words, "We are all beggars." It took me a long time to understand what one of the greatest theologians in history was thinking when he wrote something so bizarre. What he meant was nothing short of the theology of the cross that he preached and taught so brilliantly throughout his life. In short, it means that none of us deserves anything at all. We don't deserve new handicap accessible vans. We don't deserve caring and compassionate people to help and encourage us. We don't deserve the best doctors in the country. We don't deserve special adaptive equipment that litters our living room. And we especially don't deserve God's grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus. Everything we have is a gift from God. (I know this is starting to sound like a sermon, but I believe

## *“Zoe’s Ride”*

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God has seen fit to use our challenges to help others know of his love and grace, so bear with me.)

When Zoe was very young and we knew she had a lot of problems, for over a year I (Josh) prayed one prayer over and over again, “Lord, if you give her nothing else, please let Zoe know your Son, Jesus Christ.” Over the course of time, that prayer began to fade until when she was less than three years old, before bedtime, she recited the Lord’s Prayer in its entirety without any help. In that moment, God’s Spirit flooded my mind with the prayer I had offered so many times before to remind me of his presence, abundant mercy, and the fact that he hears and answers prayer. I prayed that prayer because there is one thing that matters more than all others in this life: salvation through Jesus’ death and resurrection. Compared to that, nothing else matters. And if God gives forgiveness and the hope of eternal life, do we really need anything else? Truly, we don’t.

And yet God has done “far more abundantly than all we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). Indeed, in Jesus, he has forgiven us and given us the hope of eternal life by his death and resurrection from the

dead. He has given us each far more than that. God has taught us through trials and even suffering that we need to rely completely upon him and his grace through his Son. We are slow learners. Yet, he keeps loving us and forgiving us just the same.

Your gift to us is so wonderfully special. Yes, the van, but much more so your care, compassion, and willingness to walk with us. “Zoe’s Ride” is now a reality, but our journey is not finished. We still deal with daily challenges of getting dressed, trying to keep her hearing aids in her ears, bathing, transferring, eating, sleeping, playing, etc. Our next challenge is a daunting one. This summer, Zoe will be having brain surgery to implant a deep brain stimulator. There are two hospitals in the country that are even doing this particular, unique procedure. One of them is Gillette Children’s Hospital in St. Paul, MN. Hopefully in June, Zoe will become the 9<sup>th</sup> child to ever have had this surgery. It is only being done for children with cerebral palsy related dystonia (arms and legs get “stuck” in uncomfortable and distorted positions). It will be done in two stages. The first surgery will be in early June to put wires deep within Zoe’s brain. The next surgery

will be to connect the wires to a stimulator (like a pacemaker) implanted in her abdomen. In total, this will require four trips to the Twin Cities over the course of the summer and early fall. Needless to say, we will be putting some miles on the van!

The goal of this procedure is care and comfort. We and the doctors are optimistic the surgery will make Zoe more comfortable (consider Zoe's need for assistance merely to lie down) and also allow us to be able to care for her. We are unsure what the surgery will actually do. The results in other children range from little improvement all the way to nothing short of miraculous. It is clear Zoe's condition will worsen significantly over time and presently we have exhausted all other options. It has also been made clear that Zoe is very unique. Her symptoms are some of the most unique and severe the doctors have encountered to date. The strangest thing of all is that all of Zoe's brain scans read "normal." Merely looking at the brain scans, the doctors expect to see a five year old little girl running around the room when they walk in. The positive aspect of this is that they believe there is a lot of potential because Zoe's brain does not show massive damage

like many other children with her condition show. Needless to say, we continue to seek God's guidance in this endeavor as this type of surgery has significant risks. We ask your continued prayers for Zoe, our family, and the doctors who care for her.

We are so very thankful for you. We are grateful for your care, love, compassion, support, encouragement, and prayers.

Your Partners in the Gospel  
(Philippians 1:5),

Pastor Josh, Jamie,  
Noah, and Zoe Jones



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## Voters Meeting

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**A special Voters meeting  
will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>  
between services regarding  
service time changes.**

# Helping Out at the Jones'

## *Do You Have Two Hours on Tuesday?*

The objective for this program is to help our pastor and his family each Tuesday by preparing an evening meal in order that he and Jamie have at least one mealtime to enjoy with their family. Because of the special needs of Zoe, it is sometimes difficult to have the time to prepare and eat a meal together. When asked what we as a congregation could do to help, this has been one suggestion and so far it has worked out well.

If this sounds like something you would be able to do (you would probably be called on only one time unless you want to sign up again) please sign up on the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex or call:

Judy Rickard, 923-4250. We are scheduling now, so please sign up soon.

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## **Blessed Emmanuel—*Little Lambs Preschool***

Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Church is accepting resumes for a Lead Teacher position for their preschool. The position is open for the 2014-2015 preschool year. Previous experience teaching early child-

hood is preferred and pay is determined depending on education, certification and experience. If interested, please call 423-5870 for details and/or send a resume to : 2942 Pine Tree Trail—Sturgis, SD 57785

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## **Board of Outreach**

Again this Easter we made Easter cards and prepared goodies bags for our community outreach – and enjoyed some wonderful fellowship as well. Thanks to Cindy, Sarah, Jeannie, Jan, Kay, Pam and Tony. It would not get done without your help!!!! To Nels, Barb, and Robert, thank you for delivering the bags on your meals routes. I am sure the people love to see your smiling faces.

Remember, RUMMAGE SALE will be held on **June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Start gathering up your goodies we'll start taking delivery after June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are also in need of lots of help to put it all together and clean up afterwards. If you can help or have some ideas please let me know.

This month we are gathering “pasta” for our in—gathering. Blessings!

Your Sister in Christ, Ellen Bennett

## Small Groups at Bethlehem...

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### **"Quilting"**

In the church basement

Wednesday

10am—2:00pm

Contact: Cathy Teeslink / 348-6283

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WHERE TWO OR THREE  
ARE GATHERED...

### **"Crafters"**

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

Every Tuesday night / 6:30—8:00 pm

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### **BYG Bethlehem Youth Group**

Always welcome!

Meeting every Wednesday

6:30—8:00pm

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## Bible Studies— Being in the Word

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### **Adult Bible Study**

Sunday during the Sunday School hour

Leader – Dow Bartling – 343-2011

### **High School Bible Study**

Sunday during the Sunday School hour.

### **Monday Morning Bible Study**

Monday mornings at 9 am

Bethlehem Church

Leader – Lois Hartmann – 787-6593

### **Women's Breakfast Bible Study**

Wednesday mornings at 7 am

Colonial House Restaurant

2501 Mount Rushmore Road

All women are invited. Bring your Bible!

Leader – Lois Hartmann – 787-6593

### **Men's Breakfast Bible Study**

Thursday mornings at 7 am

Hardee's Restaurant—Haines & Disk Dr.

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**New Book Study—Starting May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm / Bethlehem upper room**

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## **"Mere Christianity"**

By C.S. Lewis

In the classic *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis, the most important writer of the 20th century, explores the common ground upon which all of those of Christian faith stand together. Bringing together Lewis' legendary broadcast talks during World War Two from his three previous books *The Case for Christianity*, *Christian Behavior*, and *Beyond Personality*, *Mere Christianity* provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith.

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# Short Breaks for Blessings

## My Jesus I Love Thee

By Jacque Sly

### I John 4:19

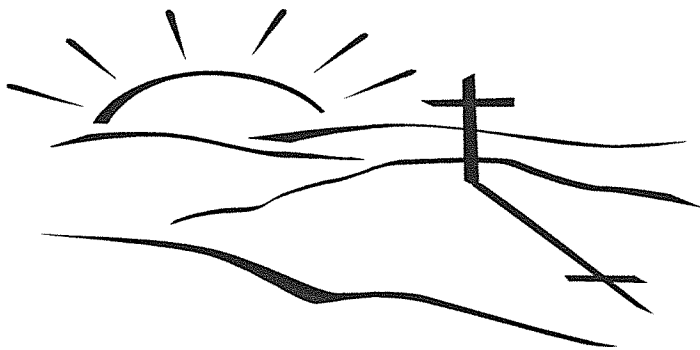
*"We love Him because He first loved us."*

1. A 6000 year old Egyptian tomb bears this inscription: "We live in a decadent age. Young people no longer respect their parents. They are rude and impatient. They inhabit taverns and have no self-control." Socrates stated, "Children now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority. They show disrespect for elders, and love chatter." The philosopher Plato complained, "The youth are rebellious, pleasure-seeking, and irresponsible. They have no respect for their elders." In the sixteenth century Martin Luther fumed, "The young people of today are utterly dissolute and disorderly."
  - a) Do any of the above comments sound familiar?
  - b) Are young people worse now than 6000 years ago?
2. The next time you think the "modern generation" is going to the dogs, remember that God always has a rich handful of teenage heroes ready to change the world. In Bible times we read of Joseph the dreamer, Daniel in Babylon, David the giant-killer, and the Virgin Mary (likely still a teen). Charles Spurgeon was a Baptist minister at the age of 19. When people referred to his youth he replied, "Never mind my age. Think of the Lord Jesus Christ and His preciousness."
  - a) Can you think of any young people today who have had an impact in either a small or large way?
  - b) Think of when you were growing up, what did you do to contribute or serve in the community or world around you?



3. Some of our favorite hymns were written by young adults. Isaac Watts wrote most of his most memorable hymns by the age of nineteen. (When I Survey the Wondrous Cross and Joy to the World were written by Watts.) The hymn for this month was written by William Ralph Featherston at age sixteen. He was born in Montreal, Canada in 1846. He died at the age of 26. It is thought he wrote this hymn at the time he came to know Jesus. It is believed he sent the hymn to his aunt who lived in Los Angeles, and somehow the text appeared in an English hymnal in 1864. Some years later Dr. A.J. Gordon, an American Baptist pastor, wrote a new tune for the hymn. Since that time it is often included in many hymnals.

a) Little else is known about the author or the hymn's origin. What we do know is that God can change the world through anyone, regardless of age.



### Branching Out:

Quietly read or sing the words

#### “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

My Jesus I love Thee: I know Thou art mine.  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, My Savior art Thou.  
If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee, because Thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as  
Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus 'tis now.

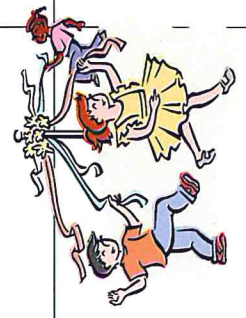
In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, My Jesus, 'tis now.

### Prayer:

“My Jesus, I do love you. Your death on the cross for me, your heavenly home waiting for me, your forgiveness of my sins...Lord, I give you thanks. Amen.”

This devotion is taken in part from “Then Sings My Soul” and “Amazing Grace.”

<p><b>Monday, May 12th—7:00pm</b>  <b>“Chamber Choir—2014 Tour</b>  <b>Zion Lutheran Church—RC</b></p>		<p><b>Tuesdays—6:00pm</b>  <b>Book Study “Mere Christianity”</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4 Third Sunday of Easter</b>              8:00 am - Worship / Communion /Sanctuary Choir              9:15am – Refreshments/Council (Elders&amp;Stewardship)              9:30am – SS/ Adult Bible/ Youth Bible              10:45am – Praise / Communion</p>	<p><b>5</b>              6pm – Bethlehem Bells              7:15pm–Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b>              6:30pm – BOCE Mtg.              6:00pm              Book Study</p>	<p><b>7</b>              7am – Women’s Bible Study              10:00am – 2:00pm – Quilting              7:15—8:00pm—BYG Meeting</p>	<p><b>8</b>              7am – Men’s Bible Study              6:30pm—LWML Retreat (Hisega Lodge—Rapid City)              Meet at church at 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>10</b>              7pm—Worsl              Communion</p>
<p><b>11 Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>              8:00am – Worship              9:15am - Refreshments/ LWML              9:30am – SS/ Adult Bible/ Youth Bible              10:45am - Worship</p>	<p><b>12</b>              9:00am              Women’s Bible Study              6pm – Bethlehem Bells              7:15pm–Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b>              WINKLE              6:00pm              Book Study              6:30pm – Crafters</p>	<p><b>14</b>              7am – Women’s Bible Study              10:00am – 2:00pm – Quilting              7:15—8:00pm—BYG Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b>              7am – Men’s Bible Study              6—7:15pm -Elders Mgt              6—7:15pm—All Boards Mgt              7:15—8:30pm—Council Mgt</p>	<p><b>16</b>              News              Articles  <b>DUE!</b></p>
<p><b>18 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>              8:00am – Worship              9:15am - Refreshments/              9:30am—Special Voters Meeting              9:30am – SS/ Youth Bible              10:45am - Praise Worship</p>	<p><b>19</b>              9:00am              Women’s Bible Study              6pm – Bethlehem Bells              7:15pm–Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b>              6:00pm              Book Study              6:30pm – Crafters</p>	<p><b>21</b>              7am – Women’s Bible Study              10:00am – 2:00pm – Quilting              7:15—8:00pm—BYG Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b>              7am – Men’s Bible Study              11:30am – Echo Ridge              Church office Closed</p>	<p><b>23</b>              Church              office              Closed</p>
<p><b>25 Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>              8:00am – Worship / Communion              9:15am - Refreshments/ BYG              No Sunday School              10:45am - Worship / Communion</p>	<p><b>26</b>              Church office Closed</p>	<p><b>27</b>              6:00pm              Book Study              6:30pm – Crafters</p>	<p><b>28</b>              7am – Women’s Bible Study              9:30am – Newsletter Mailing              10:00am – 2:00pm – Quilting              7:15—8:00pm—BYG Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b>              7am – Men’s Bible Study</p>	<p><b>30</b>              7pm—Worsl              Communion</p>



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<p><b>June 1<sup>st</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>              8:00am – Worship / Communion              9:15am - Refreshments/ Council (Outreach &amp; Trustees)              9:30am – Adult Bible              10:45am - Worship / Communion</p>					
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**May  
2014**

Our second annual Legacy Banquet was held April 4th. We had a great event with 136 people in attendance and were blessed to have Lloyd Wag-natz of Heartland Lutheran speak. His challenge to us was **“Is Lutheran Education worth it?” with the answer “It is worth the time involved, the treasures needed”** because **we are impacting students for today and eternity!** We fell short of our fundraising goal for the evening and would like you to join us in our **67 @ 67** campaign. We are looking for **67 donors** to donate 67 cents per day, a little over \$20 per month or \$244.55 this year. With this goal reached we will exceed our goal of \$25,000. To date we have 6 of our 67 donors.

Are you thinking of ordering flowers for Mother’s Day, a wedding or just because. If so ordering through **Flow-ers by LeRoy** earns **BHLS 10%**. When

you place your order give them this code **HH1403** and Flowers by LeRoy will make a donation to BHLS at no extra cost to you.

Most importantly, **we want your stu- dent!** We would love to have you and your student join us for the 2014-2015 school year. At BHLS they will benefit from a **Christ centered edu- cation** where all teachers believe and openly emulate Christ in their class-rooms thus **reinforcing** in school **what you teach at home**. Call the school at 721-0760 to set up a visit for your 6th-12th grader.

In Christ,  
Lacey Hoogland  
Administrator/Teacher

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- ♦ Black Hills Lutheran School is look- ing for a secretary position includ- ing bookkeeping and payroll re- sponsibilities. If interested send re- sume & cover letter to Lacey Hoogland at BHLS PO BOX 3034 Rapid City, SD 57709.
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# Parish Nurse News 2014

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## I Wish I Could Go to Church, But ...

by Marilyn Swain, R.N., B.S.N.

Many people have disabilities or barriers that prevent them from participating in the joyous time of worship in their Father's house. LCMS Health Ministry's Disability Task Force indicates that in our U.S. population, 3 percent of people have developmental disabilities, 4 percent are blind or visually impaired, 7 percent are deaf or profoundly hard of hearing, 15 percent have a learning disability, and one in four families is affected by mental illness.

When we look at the five senses that God has given us, we can find areas in which we can help. Large print bulletins and good sound systems can help those with vision and hearing loss. Parish nurses making home visits can be alert for those who may have lost some of their sense of smell due to aging.

Do they have operating smoke detectors? God gave us a sense of taste. Are there sugar-free items at the coffee and donut station following the worship service? What about touch? Some folks don't welcome it but others love a hug!

Mobility problems can make it hard for some who come to church to get to the pew. It would be helpful if each church



could offer a wheelchair. Space can be left at the end of pews so those who have trouble walking don't have to struggle to get to the middle of the row. Perhaps extra cushions could be available for those who need them.

Several districts in the Synod have developed programs to help those who wish to worship at home. In the LCMS South Dakota District on Sunday mornings, the "Kids' Crossing" and "Main Street Living" programs are aired between 9 and 10 a.m. The first half-hour has a Sunday school lesson plus activities and crafts. During the next half hour, one of our South Dakota pastors presents the liturgy and delivers a previously taped sermon. A choir sings hymns with the words projected on the screen.

Five years ago at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where I serve, pastor Josh's daughter, Zoe, was born prematurely at 26

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weeks. She has a rare type of cerebral palsy. There was a need for a van with a specialized wheelchair lift. The LCMS South Dakota District office published a notice for a benefit fund raiser titled, "Zoe's Ride," to meet the cost of the vehicle. More than \$47,000 was raised and the van was delivered in January 2014.

The South Dakota District Board of Directors also has established the "President's Mercy Grant Fund" to assist professional church workers who have experienced extraordinary or catastrophic circumstances, which require financial resources that oth-

erwise are not covered by their salaries or retirement benefit plans. The district has asked our South Dakota congregations to provide assistance to this fund through special offerings or through a budgeted gift as well as individual donor support.

Perhaps the most loving goal for helping those with disabilities is to "love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27 ESV) so that all of us may remain faithful as brothers and sisters in Christ. For more information on resources to reach out to people with disabilities, visit [www.lcms.org/disability](http://www.lcms.org/disability).

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### ***Bethlehem Lutheran Church—Council Minutes—March 20, 2014***

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President Ed Kepner called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Opening devotion and prayer was led by Pastor Josh.

**Attendance:** Pastor Joshua Jones, Ed Kepner, Alan Haberling, Patty Larson, Julie Kaiser, Ellen Bennett, Karla Bucknall, Terry Larson, Ken Bella.

**Council meeting minutes:** The minutes for the February 20, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Karla Bucknall to approve the minutes, seconded by Ellen Bennett. Motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie Kaiser submitted the February report for the Council's review. Sunday School has had invoices paid out of wrong fund, and would like to move from budget to Sunday School offerings to purchase supplies (\$810). Moved by Karla Bucknall to approve, seconded by Ellen Bennett. Motion was approved.

Terry Larson made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved, seconded by Ken Bella. Motion was approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reviewed his report for March. Preaching Rotation is under way. Pastor reviewed new members. At the Circuit Forum, a resolution was passed that the District consider making a subsidy to schools. The resolution will be presented at next year's convention. They are still waiting on FDA approval for Zoe's surgery, which is needed before insurance will approve. Pastor will be meeting with someone about the Vice President vacancy.

## ***Bethlehem Lutheran Church—Council Minutes—continued***

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**Board of Elders:** Ken Bella reported that the Elders reviewed the proposed survey for new church times. The Elders requested that April's meeting be moved to April 10 due to Maudy Thursday.

**Board of Christian Education:** Denise Baldwin was not present. Pastor reported they are working on Seder Meals, Vacation Bible School, and are making Red Stoles for the confirmands.

**Board of Outreach:** Ellen Bennett reported that the Board gave 17.2 pounds of food to Feeding South Dakota. Sheila Hillberry has joined the Board. Karla Bucknall made a motion that we approve Sheila Hillberry joining the Board of Outreach, seconded by Terry Larson. The motion was approved. The Board is working on a rummage sale, which will be held on June 7. The Board agreed that they should merge with Fellowship and Stewardship Boards. But would still have three members on Council. A merger would require a change to the By-Laws. Previous changes to the By-Laws have not been submitted to District, so that wouldn't be difficult. For now it will be done informally, to see how it works. The merger will be presented at the next Congregational Meeting for approval.

**Board of Parish Fellowship:** Andrea Hovey was not present but sent a report via email. Pastor reported on First Friday lunches. The Board is working on another outing to the Outdoor Campus.

**Stewardship:** Alan Haberling reported on the Dave Ramsey class. There has been a very good response, with good discussions. People are working to reduce their debt and have evaluated their insurance. Another class starts April 24. Zion has indicated they are not interested in participating. Peace is interested, but Alan hasn't heard back from them. He will be contacting Peace, along with Our Redeemer and Good Shepherd, in follow up.

**Financial Secretary:** Karla Bucknall has nothing new to report.

**Trustees:** Terry Larson reported that there were problems with the sewer line. It was snaked and scoped but there is no blockage. Trustees will be monitoring the situation, and will have it checked again in a year or two. It has been estimated that it will cost \$6,000-\$7,000 to replace the pipes. Pastor mentioned that this happened about a year ago. Will be replacing the toilets in the women's bathroom with taller, low-flow toilets, and will be installing a grab bar.

All outlets in the kitchens are now GFCI's, and two duplex outlets have been added. New double-oven stove has been ordered and will be installing a new microwave. Pastor suggested getting a comprehensive list of things to do and what the cost would be. Tile in the entryway will be replaced.

**LWML:** Cari Garwood-Beard was not present.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

There be no further business, Alan Haberling moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Julie Kaiser. The motion was approved.

Meeting closed by saying the Lord's Prayer.

**NEXT REGULARLY-SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING:** April 10, 2014 at 7:15 p.m.

Patty Larson—Council Secretary



**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00pm Business Meeting at church

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Joint Meeting—Dinner—Retreat

**Hisega Lodge**

23101 Triangle Trail—Rapid City, SD

- ◆ Springtime Buffet \$15 per person – Please RSVP by May 6<sup>th</sup> or questions...
- ◆ Frieda Fenster 343-2152
- ◆ Cari Garwood-Beard 391-2401 or
- ◆ Church office 343-2011.
- ◆ If you would like to carpool please let us know and we will plan on leaving the church parking lot at 6:00pm

**Special Project May:**

- ◆ Bethlehem Kitchen Shower

**HUMAN CARE for April:**

- ◆ CareNet Resource Center

**ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS:**

- ◆ Quilting
- ◆ Soup labels & *Family Thrift* receipts

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**We Need Your Help!**

We are in need of chairperson & co chairperson for the hospitality program for the church. Please contact—Cari Beard if you are interested or know of someone who might be.

**LWML *Bethlehem*  
Lutheran Church**

*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

## Organist's

May—2014

3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm	Beth Young
4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Frieda Fenster
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am (Praise)	Beth Young
10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Beth Young
11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Sheila Hillberry
11 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	Sheila Hillberry
17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Sheila Hillberry
18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Beth Young
18 <sup>th</sup>	10::45am (Praise)	Beth Young
24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Sheila Hillberry
25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Frieda Fenster
25 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	Frieda Fenster
31 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm	Beth Young

## Acolytes

3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm (Communion)	Charlie Baldwin
4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am (Communion)	Dylan Watkins
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am (Communion)	Keaton Norris
10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Will Fennell
11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Natalie Montoya
11 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	Amanda Wessels
17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Alex Forbes
18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Mary Sanders
18 <sup>th</sup>	10::45am	Cassie Wessels
24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm (Communion)	Jacob Schild
25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am (Communion)	Dillon Dump-Roelandt
25 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am (Communion)	Marina Mikkelsen
31 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm (Communion)	Charlie Baldwin
1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am (Communion)	Sawyer Hagen
1 <sup>st</sup>	10:45am (Communion)	Levi Wixon

## Elders / Ushers

May—2014

3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm	Jon Jordan
4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Bradee Beard
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	Burton Sly
10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Clayton Miller
11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Brad Clocksene
11 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	Jon Jordan
17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Brad Clocksene
18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Dave Hoyer
18 <sup>th</sup>	10::45am	Ken Bella
24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Bradee Beard
25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Dave McCarthy
25 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am	Larry Kaiser
31 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm	Dave Hoyer
1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am	Clayton Miller
1 <sup>st</sup>	10:45am	Ken Bella

## Serving the Lord

May 2014

If you cannot acolyte at the service you are scheduled for, please find your own replacement; and then let the church office or Pastor Josh—[Bethlehem@rushmore.com](mailto:Bethlehem@rushmore.com) to let him 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

- ♦ **May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Grace Herron
- ♦ **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Dani Jeffress  
Tara Wright
- ♦ **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
James Schmitz  
Diane Shouldis
- ♦ **May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Jessica Davis  
Christal Hexem  
Tom Montoya
- ♦ **May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Steven Dubbelde  
Cecilia Steen
- ♦ **May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Travis Jordan  
Anna Schild
- ♦ **May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Steven Brownlow  
Shawnee Flint  
Tracy Soenksen  
Jason Steinberg  
Renaë Watkins  
Lori Weber
- ♦ **May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Erhart Denke  
Cole Tucker
- ♦ **May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Melanie Toney  
Sandra Norris  
Janet Zietlow
- ♦ **May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Matty Baldwin  
JoAnn Mikkelsen
- ♦ **May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Sabre Skjervem
- ♦ **May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Amy Pease  
Amy Roe  
Don Schumacher
- ♦ **May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Trey Trisler
- ♦ **May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Sydney Asay  
Kailor Haegele
- ♦ **May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Brenda Kallemeyn
- ♦ **May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Eric Haugland  
Agnes Schelske
- ♦ **May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Jacque Sly
- ♦ **May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Patti Haberling  
Judy Rademacher  
Joshua Steinberg
- ♦ **May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Rob Hengen  
Missy Perrigo  
Henry Porisch  
Roger Rickard  
Kirsten Smith  
Kade Wickersham
- ♦ **May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Kanin Asay  
Darlene Roehrs
- ♦ **May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
VyDel Gogolin
- ♦ **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Rose Dougherty  
Halle Perrigo  
Payton Wright
- ♦ **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Heather Roeber
- ♦ **May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Carol Iseminger
- ♦ **May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Richard Krol  
Connie Sukut
- ♦ **May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Matthew Reed
- ♦ **May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Danea Crowder  
Laura Peymann
- ♦ **May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Ken Bella  
Janet Hensley  
Paul Iseminger Jr.  
Jeremy Quiram
- ♦ **May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Bradee Beard  
Don Hensley  
Alexander Otten
- ♦ **May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
James Fiorella  
Carolyn Magda  
Morgan Messer  
Mike Ohlogge

## Buzz and Betty Oligmiller Education Scholarship

Applications now available in the church office or on  
the bulletin board.

Application & Essay are due by **May 1, 2014**

No late applications will be accepted after that date.

# May 2014

# Anniversaries

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	<b>26</b>	27	28	29	30	31



## Meetings

## Dates & Times

- May 6<sup>th</sup> —BOCE Meeting—6pm
- May 8<sup>th</sup> —LWML Dinner Retreat—6:30pm (*Hisega Lodge—Rapid City*)
- May 13<sup>th</sup> —WINKLE / Emmanuel Lutheran (Creighton, SD)
- May 15<sup>th</sup> —Board of Elders—6pm
- May 15<sup>th</sup> —All Board Meetings—6pm
- May 15<sup>th</sup> —Church Council Meeting—7:15pm
- May 18<sup>th</sup> —Special Voters Meeting between services
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> —Echo Ridge—11:30am
- Church Office Closed 22<sup>nd</sup> —26<sup>th</sup>
- May 28<sup>th</sup> —Newsletter Mailing—9:30am

- Dan & Debra Boschee May 1, 1987 (27)
- Emery & Carolyn Magda May 2, 1953 (61)
- Chuck & Margaret Marrs May 2, 1979 (35)
- Ray & Doris Schild May 2, 1948 (66)
- Pete & Diane Shouldis May 5, 2001 (13)
- Gaylen & Ann Bialas May 7, 2005 (9)
- Jackie & Melanie Toney May 7, 2011 (3)
- Glen & Anna Schild May 15, 1993 (21)
- Dennis & Julie Christianson May 19, 1973 (41)
- Wayne & Val Iddings May 21, 2005 (9)
- Jeff & Stacey Wessels May 22, 1993 (21)
- David & Karla Bucknall May 23, 1987 (27)
- Travis & Cara Jordan May 25, 2005 (1)
- David & Sharon Kallemeyn May 27, 1972 (42)
- Leo & Guriene Schartz May 27, 1949 (65)
- Larry & Julie Kaiser May 28, 1983 (31)
- Andrew & Jessica Davis May 29, 2011 (3)
- Joshua & Jamie Jones May 31, 2003 (11)
- Dennis & Marvel Thuringer May 31, 1986 (28)

## Chamber Choir

### 2014 Tour

Concordia University Nebraska

**Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

at

Zion Lutheran Church

# Happy Mother's Day!

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## Service Times

*Saturday*—7:00pm

*Sunday*—8:00am

*Sunday*—10:45am

## **Educational Hour** –

*Sunday* – 9:30am

“Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently, but  
you surpass them all.”

*Proverbs 31:28-29*

Please join us as we walk humbly with God

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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