

Bethlehem Star

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Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth her song begin;
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Invisible and visible,
Their notes let all things blend
For Christ is risen
Our joy that hath no end.

John of Damascus

This ancient hymn envisions the whole of creation joining in celebration. The resurrection of Christ is the triumph of hope over despair, of life over death, which reaches out to all creation.

Although we live in a world where the power of death and despair seem undiminished, the promise of Easter is that the victory of life over death has already take place in Christ. Our work as Christ followers is to take hold of the promise in faith and live in light of this new reality.

In the past decades we have been made increasingly aware of the threats to the health of our planet and the creatures with whom we share it. Just as all of creation is included in the celebration of Easter's victory of life over death, to live in light of Easter means to care for the well-being of God's creation.

On the Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 17th – we will commemorate Earth Day. Although it is not officially a church year festival it is an especially appropriate theme for the season: as we are reminded each time we gather to share the Lord's Supper, we celebrate Christ's resurrection by joining with all creation in an unending hymn of praise.

Peace, Pastor Richard

Easter Celebration

Bethlehem enjoyed a great Easter morning of worship, music and fellowship.

The children were thrilled with the Egg Hunt after service and thanks to Carol Snyder for taking the initiative to decorate our Flower Cross.

As you can see, she did a wonderful job. Thanks, Carol!



The Sandvig & Watson families with the Flower Cross. Great picture!

IT'S TIME FOR CARD BINGO

April 10th in the Fireside Room

2 pm – 4 pm

The game is back by popular demand!! Come see what is going on that Sunday. Bring a wrapped \$3 new gift or a White Elephant. We will even wrap them if you don't want to. Refreshments will be served along with a lot of laughs from the attendees. If you have any questions, please contact Margie.

Hope to see you on
Sunday, April 10th at 2 pm.

Faith Circle Meeting - we would like to remind all you wonderful women about our meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. Jennie Anderson will be our Hostess and Merle Hower will be our Bible Study Leader. See you on April 5th!

Men in Mission will resume on Saturday, April 2nd we'll be studying Luke's "Gospel to the Gentiles" from the Masters Builders Bible for Men. The first week's reading will be chapter 1, verses 1—38 with discussion of verses 26-38. We meet at 9am in the Fireside Room.

SAVE THE DATE(S)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church's
Vacation Bible School July 25 to 29, 2016 9am-Noon
Bar B Q Friday July 29th 5pm

Theme: "*Christmas in July*"

Once again, our own talented Brian Gary and Ken Watson are creating an original Vacation Bible School session filled with song, crafts, games and treats. Mark your calendar now and tell your friends and family.

Thank you, Christina Watson, Director

Parish Life News

We have the information on the events at the Hollywood Bowl for 2016. Sign up for which events you would like to go see. We need at least **10** tickets per each event to preorder.

- June 18th Opening Night with Steely Dan
- June 24th Sing a Long - The Sound of Music
- July 2,3,4 Fireworks Spectacular- Chicago
- July 8-9 Star Trek in Concert
- July 15-16 Diana Ross
- July 22-23 Weird Al Yankovic Takes the Bowl
- July 29-31 A Chorus Line
- August 5-6 Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Fireworks
- Aug. 12-13 An Olympic Carnival-with Sergio Mendes, Herb Alpert and Lani Hall, Dianne Reeves, & Romero Lubambo.
- August 19 Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals
- August 20 Brandi Carlile—Old Crow Medicine Show.
- Aug.26-27 Culture Club
- Sept. 2,3,4 John Williams-Maestro of Movies.

The La Mirada Theatre presents Dream Girls March 25-April 17th.

We have the Angel Baseball tickets ordered for June 12th @ 12:35 p.m. with the Cleveland Indians .

Thanks to all the groups for cooking and serving the Soup and Salad Suppers during Lent. Everyone enjoyed the soup and salad and not having to cook on Wednesday nights!



We need volunteers to learn and operate the Audio/Visual system. If you would like to learn this interesting process and be part of the team, contact Ann Tegtmeier at 562-596-5961 or asaint2@verizon.net.



W.E.L.C.A. News

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Women's Bible Study

Session 4: Christian Citizenship 101 –

Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Keep On Keeping On



WELCA Board

The next meeting of the WELCA Board will be held **Sunday, April 3rd after service in the Fireside room.** For more information, contact Dianna Reynolds.

FAITH Circle

Meets **Tuesday, April 5th** beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The hostess will be Jennie Anderson and Bible Study leader will be Merle Hower. For questions and details call Faith Circle leader, Arlene Pollard.

PHOEBE Circle

Meets **Tuesday, April 12th** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Charlotte Driskill. Charlotte will also conduct our Bible study. For questions and details? Call Dianna Reynolds All Women of Bethlehem are welcome.



Sunday Morning

Coffee & Cookies

Thank you to Men in Mission for providing coffee and cookies in the month of March. Phoebe Circle will be responsible for the month of April.

WELCA Yearbooks **are now Available!**

See your Circle Leader or Erika Gary for your copy. A BIG THANK YOU to Heidi Kracy for her help with the Yearbook!

Women's 2016 Theme

"Serving with Joy"



WELCA's Calendar of Events

April

Enjoying Spring!



Thank you to all the Women who served, cleaned up and donated items for the WELCA Soup and Salad night. A Big Thank You to Erika Gary for the wonderful Minestrone Soup.

"Growing Through Narrows Spots

From Fear to Joy"

Sunday, May 22nd we will hold our Spring Gathering and General Meeting of WELCA, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Ruth Bachman will provide an inspiring program and a light lunch will be included.

Please join us! Cost is \$7.00



Check out Pacifica Partners on line

www.pacificawomen.org

click on news & events





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 2016 we are asking you for your continuing help during April for **Cereal, Fruit Cups or Can Beans**. These items are needed daily. Continuous donated items of clothes, socks (new or gently used) are always needed this time of the year.

Thanks again for helping to keep our Lutheran Social Service 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



The Social Ministry Committee made 20 kids' bags for the Easter Community Kids Party.



Bethlehem Granted a Gift - Bethlehem Lutheran Church and F&M Bank have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship for many, many years. It is because of this relationship that F&M Bank has again generously donated a \$200 gift to us.

In keeping with Bethlehem's tradition of passing the funds along to our greater community, the Church Council voted that this gift be used to help a child in need of dental work. We will work with the non-profit L. B. Children's Dental Health Clinic to identify and help such a child. We graciously thank F&M Bank for their generosity and our recognition by this gift.

Alice Roop, Council President



December 18, 2015

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Our founder of 108 years ago was an individual of high morals and Christian principles. It was his firm conviction that F&M Bank should dedicate itself to serving the needs of its community, and should lend its support to religious and humanitarian institutions. The succeeding generations of our management have not only adhered to our founder's principles, they have ensured that his philosophy of giving will continue by constantly adding to the financial strength of F&M Bank. Today we are acknowledged as one of the safest banks in the nation.

There has always been and will continue to be a mutuality of interest between your Church and the Bank, which we sincerely believe will continue to make life more rewarding for us and those we seek to serve.

Therefore, it is our pleasure to enclose this gift in appreciation for your contributions to the community, and to enable you to continue serving those in need. We would be most pleased to hear how these funds are used, especially funds used to support local individuals and families in need.

May we extend to you and those you touch our sincere blessings, warmest good wishes and prosperous New Year. Thank you for the opportunity we have together to make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Walker, CEO
Chairman of the Board

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President

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4/1/1989	Richard & Candie Toth	4/11/1987	Ken & Debbie Johnson
4/14/2007	David & Krissy Retrum	4/18/1975	Marv & Susan Schneider
4/23/1983	Jim & Susan Martin	4/24/2010	George & Marsha Egbert
4/24/1976	Lon & Cathy Warnock	4/30/1971	David & Jeanne Sandvig

4/1	Noah Carrillo	4/1	Maria Sakowski	4/2	Ken Johnson
4/3	Kenneth Correia	4/3	Caryl Harris	4/6	Caroline Sisk
4/6	Cathy Warnock	4/8	Marv Schneider	4/10	Marynell Wolfe
4/11	Merle Hower	4/12	John Buezis	4/17	Geoff Kracy
4/19	Erika Gary	4/26	Cheri Dobberteen	4/26	Laura Duke
4/30	Melissa Sandvig				



Gladyce Ackerman	Keresey Dillon	Linda Kjenstad	Valerie Sanchez
Julie Anderson	Lynne Estabrook	John La Barbera	Rich Schultheis
Melody Andreoli	Doug Evans	Joan Lee	Mary Seibert
Elaine Asbury	Jean Franz	Erin Lopez	Dorothy Sideris
Amy Bachman	Judy Frazier	Lori Maldonado	Bertram Sohl
Colleen Bidwell	Katrina Gary	Lynn & Noel Miles	Charlotte Sohl
Arthur Brandon	Rick Gary	Sandy Miller	Ed Sutton
Charlie Buezis	Jason Guerin	Michael Murray	James Taylor
Luelle Buezis	Bruce Gustafson	Linda Nygard	Ann Tegtmeier
Elinor Blum	The Bryan Halverson Family	Jeanette Olmstead	Steve Tegtmeier
Bob Campbell	Joe Harris	Andrew Pritchard	Allen Thunselle
Laurie Carpenter	The Hashimoto Family	Dale Retrum	Linda Thunselle
Shirley Carrier	Dennis Hengy	Nick Riley	Hank Van Zant
Maxine Cornwell	Donna Hoffman	Bill Ritz	Sandy Wasky
Jeff Davis	Genevieve Jenkins	Louise Ronchetto	Tom Watkins
Sara DeWeese	Betty Jones	Jason Sakowski	Hal Wolfe

Thanks to These People for Serving in April

	Reader	Cantor	Ushers	Counters
4/3	Bill Haglund	Andrea Campbell	Dianna Reynolds Christina Watson	Dale Retrum David Retrum
4/10	Jim Martin	Andrea Campbell		Caryl Harris Joyce Payne
4/17	Vanessa Stevenson	Andrea Campbell	George & Marsha Egbert	Charlotte Driskill Jim Martin
4/24	Charlotte Driskill	Andrea Campbell	Marianne Sakowski	Margie Moeller Doris Morrissey

Altar Guild

4/3 Arlene Pollard
 4/10 Vanessa Stevenson
 4/17 Alice Roop
 4/24 Jim Brandon

Altar Flowers

4/3 Clausen, Meyer
 4/10 Buezis, Wolfe
 4/17 Hansen, Kracy
 4/24 Egbert, Sandvig, Warnock

