



Bethlehem Star November 2021

From the Pastor's Desk...

This month we are taking intentional time to celebrate Bethlehem's 60th Anniversary on November 7. The actual incorporation date was April 9, 1961, so we are a few months behind in our celebration but wanted to wait until we could safely and confidently gather for an in-person celebration. 60 years of ministry...think of the many people and lives that have been touched through the worship services, activities, events, and programs held throughout these many years. When planning for such a momentous occasion, we tend to look back, reminisce, and maybe even pine for days since past...we miss those who have passed, those who have moved, and those we just don't see as often. There is certainly nothing wrong with looking back, as long as we don't get stuck and that's our only view. Many stories in scripture include warnings and consequences when people only look back, mourning what they left behind and what they miss...often times, the focus shifts to looking forward, ahead, to see what God is up to.

As we approach our celebration of BLC's 60th Anniversary, I invite and encourage you to give thanks for BLC's past and the rich history that it's been a part of and in addition, with maybe an extra measure of invitation and encouragement, look forward, look ahead to see what God is up to in the ministries and people of BLC, and let's move and dream together into the present and future while respecting the past. I hope you are able to join us for our 60th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, November 7. Worship will include a musical offering from Imanuel Indonesian and their Pastor Robert will be assisting in the service. Pastor Tom Goellrich, Assistant to the Bishop and DEM (Director of Evangelical Mission), will preach. We'll enjoy a delicious catered lunch, reflect on BLC's history, participate in something new for many of us in "beer and hymns", and enjoy each other's company.

Thanks be to God for the 60+ years of ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, let us ever look forward and ahead to see what God is up to in the future.

The Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the 2022 budget and 2022 Church Council will be Sunday, November 21 immediately following the worship service.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship: We'll take a midweek pause on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm for a time of worship, reflection, and Holy Communion in celebration of Thanksgiving. We hope you will join us in-person or online with our recorded worship service, as we give thanks to God.

We recently concluded our stewardship emphasis “Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace”, thank you to the committee that helped put this together and to our speakers for our stewardship moments during worship. Thank you to all of you, for your continued support and participation in the ministries of BLC, in time, talent, and treasure. We are grateful for your faithful willingness to witness and proclaim our shared faith in Jesus in a variety of ways. Being a faithful steward of God’s infinite grace can be both joyous and challenging and we are blessed to be a part of this together, as a community of faith.

November Diaper Drive for LSS: This month, we are encouraging you to buy a pack or two of diapers (any size, child or adult sizes) that we will bring to LSS. According to Google, children use between 6-12 diapers a day and while they are a necessity, they are not inexpensive, especially considering how many are used by even 1 person on a daily basis. LSS divides up packages of diapers to be able to serve more of their clients and we would like to lovingly overwhelm them with diapers of all sizes so they may serve more of their clients. At this time of year, there is often an emphasis on fall and harvest food drives and while we continue to gratefully receive your food donations, we wanted to draw your attention to the need for diapers as well. Diapers can be donated any time of year but we thought we would emphasize this need at the time when food donations may be in more plentiful supply. Diapers can be placed in the Pastor’s Pantry box or to the side of it, thank you in advance.

Advent Wreath Lighting and Readers: The season of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year. One of the beautiful traditions of marking time in this season is to light candles on the Advent Wreath. Pastor Jennifer is looking for volunteers to read a prepared reading and light the corresponding candle on the Advent wreath. Individuals, Couples, and Families are welcome to sign-up... the prepared reading will be given or mailed out to those who sign up. The available dates to sign up for are Sundays, December 5, 12, and 19. Please talk to Pastor Jennifer if you’d like to volunteer.

Midweek Advent Worship: A time to reflect, pause, and prepare on three Wednesdays during the Advent season. Join us for this time of singing “Holden Evening Prayer” on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, and 15 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Pastor Jennifer is looking for a reader for each service, if you’d like to volunteer to read at a service, please let her know.

Looking ahead:

Decorating for Christmas on Saturday, December 4 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary
Christmas Eve worship on Friday, December 24 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary



Men-in-Mission meetings : The next Bethlehem Men-In-Mission meeting will be on Saturday, November 6th, 2021, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue with a study of the Book of

Romans from The **Master Builders Bible for Men**. The reading for this week will be Chapters 9:1-11:36 with discussion on verses 9:1-29 / **God’s Word is True**. All men are invited.

We will also meet on Saturday, November 20th, 2021, at 9:00 A.M in the Fireside Room. We will continue with a study of the Book of Romans from The **Master Builders Bible for Men**. The reading for this week will be Chapter 12:1-21 with discussion on verses 12:1-8 / **Responding to God**.



47th Annual Apple Festival Bazaar Report 2021

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Chairpersons: Dianna Reynolds & Christina Watson

DEPARTMENT:

Gourmet/Bakery

Addie's Attic

Setup/Teardown

Lynn's Book Nook

Cashiers

HEAD CHAIRPERSON (S)

Dianna Reynolds

Johanne Hansen & Jeanne Sandvig

Men in Mission & others

Erika & Katrina Gary

Andrea Campbell, Dianne Clark

Our 47th Apple Festival Bazaar was held on a very warm day, October 16, 2021, from 8 am until 12 noon. Coffee and donuts were provided to the workers. Set up began at 6 am with Jeanne Sandvig directing the volunteers-mostly men, layout of the tables and pop-up canopies.

To publicize the event, Dianna posted notices two months before the bazaar in the newsletter. Liz Nehenberg decorated the kiosk in our patio with information. Christina passed around a sign-up sheet at the August W.E.L.C.A. Bar-B-Q. Verbal announcements were made starting in September. Members placed posts using Social Media on Facebook as well as the Neighborhood App.

The beige banner was placed on the metal pipes facing Katella on Sunday Oct. 10th and the red banner was strung across two poles facing the alley on Monday October 11th. The wooden APPLE FESTIVAL BAZAAR sign was propped up against the trees on Wallingsford, festooned with colored vinyl flags one week prior to the bazaar. Unfortunately, a strong wind knocked down the wooden sign and shredded the flags. Ron Clausen propped the sign back up using lead pipes inserted in the ground to keep the sign from blowing over.

Once again a "bag and tag" workshop was held on Thursday Oct. 13^h at 6:30 pm to prepare the baked goods that were donated. Pastor Jennifer, Linda Scott and Dianna Reynolds attended the workshop. The members of Bethlehem (and some friends of members) provided a vast assortment of baked goods, jam, jars of New Year's Day Good Luck Bean Soup and home-made candy that filled the tables. What wasn't sold at the Bazaar was sold after church the following Sunday. \$881 was raised in the Bakery Department.

In keeping with our goal to keep all Bazaar departments outside, the Bakery used Fireside for staging and set-up was in the breezeway.

Jeanne and I accepted some donations prior to the bazaar. Some other members had to bring their items early and everything was stored in a vacant Sunday school room. It took two days to sort the early donations. Bachman Hall was 50% full by Sunday October 10th.

Jeanne Sandvig, Lois De Forest and Merle Hower spent a lot of time sorting and pricing all the treasures. Lois went above and beyond by taking silver plated pieces to her jeweler and was given \$200 for the Bazaar. Johanne Hansen sorted the nicer clothing items and hung them up on 6 racks. The clothing donations were minimal this year and they were not priced. Tarps were used for the folded clothing. These were staged on the grass area. The Addie's Attic items were taken out and displayed under a tent in the back parking lot. Merle and Jeanne oversaw the used items outside.

Erika and Katrina Gary ran "Lynn's Book Nook". \$92 was raised and will go in Bethlehem's Youth fund.

Andrea Campbell, Dianne Clark and Lois De Forest, were the cashiers for "Addie's Attic". Lois oversaw the jewelry that was displayed at the cashier station; she did not have her own cash box.

Signs were placed to help direct the shoppers into the Bakery/Gourmet area that used 2 tables for display.

Setup began at 6 am by the Men in Mission. 10 pop-up tents were used plus one for an eating area near the food truck (which was later discarded due to wear and odor). More of the lighter weight tables were used outside, keeping the heavy tables in Bachman Hall for paper rollers. 2 6-foot tables and 1 shorter table were used for the cashiers and jewelry. 9 tables were used for the "used treasures". New and gently used items were not segregated this year. 3 tables were used for Lynn's Book Nook and 2 tables for electronic items. Larger items were placed along the parking lot wall.

The Bazaar committee decided not to offer food for sale to the public this year. A Hawaiian Ice food truck came and parked in the parking lot. Dianna staged an area in the parking lot, parallel to Wallingsford, for them. It was a hot day and some sales were made, but not much.

Take down began at 12 pm. Beacon House; a non-profit organization located in San Pedro took almost EVERYTHING (except the books, which Christina Watson will take to the Friends of the Library.) The leftover jewelry was kept for future sales. Some glassware will be taken to Precious Life.

The church building and parking lot were cleaned up by 1:00. It was a very hot (87 degrees) afternoon, and our members that helped, were exhausted.



\$1,907 was raised this year: Bakery/Gourmet \$881, “Addie’s Attic” \$1,026. Money earned by “Lynn’s Book Nook”, \$92, was deposited to the Youth Group account.

The decision to hold a Bazaar this year was not an easy one. Due to the pandemic, there were doubts if the public would come and shop, and if Bethlehem members would participate. Dianna and I were very happy to see the Bethlehem members who did participate in this year’s Bazaar. It was a fun (but very hot) day of fellowship that made additional money for church needs and financial support to various organizations.

We feel, once again, that Bethlehem provided an outreach to the community by offering reasonably priced and good quality items.

In Christ’s Name, Dianna Reynolds & Christina Watson

10/19/21







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



Dear Bethlehem Family and Friends,

We are asking you for your continuing help during **November 2021** for:

THANKSGIVING FOOD ITEMS AS LISTED BELOW:

Canned Yams, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Marshmallow Bags, Canned Gravy, Stuffing Mix, Potatoes (boxed or bags), Mac and Cheese, Rice, Canned Corn and Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Pumpkin, Canned Ham or Spam.

Continuous donated items of pasta, spaghetti sauces, any kind of individual cookies, bars or candy, individual size cereal bars, diced fruit cups and juice boxes are always appreciated.

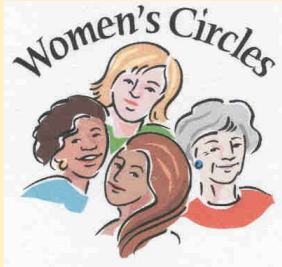
- Socks (new or gently used) are always needed for men, women, or children.
- Warm sweaters or jackets for the fall would be appreciated. Blankets any size.

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



November 2021



Faith Circle We will meet in Fireside on **Tuesday, November 2**, at 9:30 a.m. Andrea Campbell will lead the study. For questions and details, call Andrea Campbell.

Phoebe Circle We will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Debby Gustafson on **Tuesday, November 9th**. Pastor Jennifer will lead the study. For questions and details, call Jeanne Sandvig.



Sunday Morning

Coffee & Cookies

Coffee service will resume when conditions allow.

Women in the Pacifica Synod

Check out Pacifica Partners on line

www.pacificawomen.org

click on news & events



A huge **THANK YOU** to all who participated in our 47th Annual Apple Festival Bazaar—the sorters, pricers, bakers, jam makers, those who set up and those who take down, cashiers, and customers—all these made for a succesful outreach event.

November 5-6 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Business Meeting/Gathering will be held via Zoom with the business meeting, for Board and Delegates, on November 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for election of officers and board members. On November 6, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., a Gathering for all women will be held, via Zoom. Pastor Juli Patten of Christ Lutheran in San Clemente will be our keynote speaker. Love gifts are targeted for agencies dealing with human trafficking in San Diego county, Inland Empire, Hawaii and Orange county. Checks made out to our WELCA can be given to Christina Watson to be sent as a single donation to Pacifica WELCA treasurer, Laura Ortiz.

Zoom link: Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634217328?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634217328?pwd=aWE3S1ltNmpPdTZDQVdwOHl0QW9iUT09)

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Meeting ID: 836 3421 7328

Passcode: 713252

Pacífica Synod Women of the ELCA

2021 Zooming with Our Sisters-in-Christ

Date: Saturday November 6th, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting on Zoom .Com: Meeting ID: 836 3421 7328 and Passcode: 713252

Theme: Spiritual Disciplines—**Prayer, studying, solitude, service, submission, meditation, simplicity** are just a few of what is know as **Spiritual Disciplines.**

LOVE GIFTS:

*Hawaii will be sponsoring **Hale Lanipolua***

*Inland Empire will be sponsoring **Million Kids***

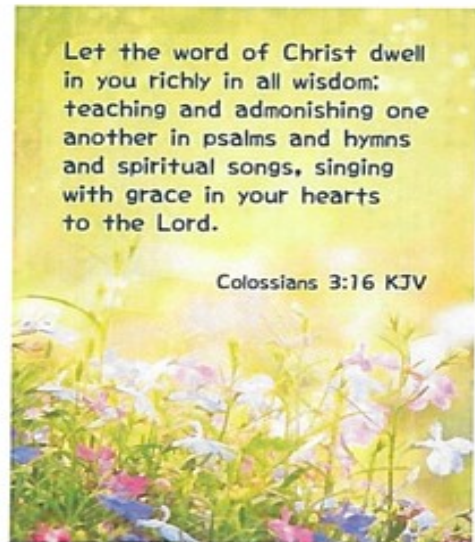
*San Diego County will be sponsoring **Generate Hope***

*Orange County will be sponsoring **Thattiana's House***

The Love Gift receipts work with individuals focusing on teenagers who are trying to get away from human and sex trafficking.

Let the word of Christ dwell
in you richly in all wisdom;
teaching and admonishing one
another in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, singing
with grace in your hearts
to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16 KJV



FOR QUESTIONS

Please Contact President Eunice Hanson at

Phone # (760) 717-2646

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Juli Patten

Pastor for Christ Lutheran Church

***Pastor Jennifer hosted the
“Blessing of the Animals”
Saturday, October 2, 2021***





Atticus came by for a blessing



Lois DeForest with Lucy & Lacey



Jeanne Sandvig with Chelsea



Charlie & James with Ruby & Lily



Liz Nehrenberg with Echo





11/9 Arlene Pollard

11/15 John Payne

11/20 Darren Sandvig

11/27 Paul Meyer

11/30 Ken Watson

11/10 Alice Roop

11/18 Harold Snell

11/22 Dick Hansen

11/28 Monica Kracy

11/12 Harold Miller

11/19 Andrea Campbell

11/22 Jim Martin

11/28 Camille Riach



Julie Anderson

Elaine Asbury

Amy Bachman

Kevin Betts

Kate & Steve

John Buezis

Fritz Campbell

Shirley Campbell

Caren Cantafio

Laurie Carpenter

Linnea Clayton

Irene Cooper

Maxine Cornwell

Sara DeWeese

Katrina Gary

Marge Hargrove

Janet Harris

Joe Harris

Diana Hayden

Gaylord Hollister

Jason Jackson

Genevieve Jenkins

Betty Jones

Dean Kinzel

Julie Kizziar

Barbara Krause

Joan Lee

William Lewis

Erin Lopez

Patricia Lueckert

John Maio

Jessica McIntire

Pete Miller

Ethan Mohr

Retta Rasmussen

Shary Reed

Dale Retrum

Sandy Retrum

Hattie Stretz

Leslie Summers

Ed Sutton

Pauline Taylor

Ann Tegtmeier

Steve Tegtmeier

Candie Toth

Tom Watkins

Jerry Whitmore

Nancy & H.R. Williamson

Marynell Wolfe

Mitsuko Yamamoto

Margaret Ziegler