



Bethlehem Star

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Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Summer is here! As with many things in life, summer means different things for different folks. Some people love the heat. For some people its about spending as much time outside, either playing and/or relaxing. Maybe it's a time to visit friends and family. Maybe it's a road trip or a "staycation." Whatever summer means to you, I want to remind you that Bethlehem is "open" all summer and the bills still need to be paid. Summer can be a hard time for the church's finances but it doesn't have to be. I encourage you to sign up for electronic giving or even mail in an offering, if you can't make it. During VBS (Vacation Bible School) Pr. Jean will have four, one-hour meetings, at 6:00 pm around the kitchen table. The first session will be an overview of ELCA resources. The second will be conversation about which approach best suits our needs. The third will be discussion of our needs and the fourth brainstorming about how to meet those needs.

*Don't just come to church...become the church!
The church is not a building where we gather.
The church is the people who gather in Christ's name.
(Author unknown)*

I also want to remind you that our summer services (Saturday @ 5:30 pm, Sunday @ 8:30 am, & Sunday @ 10:30 am) will be held in the fellowship hall to avoid the heat of the sanctuary.

Kind Regards,

Lynn Bulger
Council President



Newsletter Deadline

Please submit your materials for the August newsletter by Sunday, July 15th, to Lynn Bulger. You can leave the materials in her mailbox at church or Call/Text to the number above.



As a Community of Women

created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit

We Commit Ourselves to

grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings,
engage in ministry and action,
and promote healing and wholeness
in the church, the society, and the world.

Naomi Circle



Naomi Circle will meet on July 10th, the second Tuesday of the month, at 1:00 pm in the downstairs kitchen.

Mary and Martha Circle

Mary and Martha Circle will meet on July 12th, the second Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm in the downstairs kitchen.



Note: We will meet each month this summer, instead of a combined study in August.

The Bible studies used by the two circles are from the *Gather* Magazine.

Session two – The practices of prayer
(Psalm 19:14)

All women are invited to come!

Next WELCA Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 25th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Note: We are meeting on Wednesday, so not to conflict with the St. John’s Summer Concert.

**Christmas in July
Sunday, July 22nd
11:30 am**

Christmas in July will start with a light lunch during fellowship hour. Then WELCA invites you to stay for a showing of the recent film “I Can Only Imagine” (Rated PG) that tells the story behind MercyMe’s hit song.

People are encouraged to bring snacks of the Christmas variety (cookies, fudge, and more) to share, as we watch the movie.

Please feel free to wear your festive tee shirts, shorts, flip flops, etc. as we celebrate Christmas in July!



Daily Grace

Would you like some “Daily Grace” delivered to your email inbox? Visit the web site below:

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/category/daily-grace>

and sign up to receive a faith reflection every day. Encounter God’s extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace.

You can also download the updated app for your IOS and/or Android devices.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Highlights from the **June 12th, 2018 Church Council Meeting**

(Person who presented report is in parentheses)

Property (Johnna Voto): Johnna is working with our insurance to fix some of the broken windows on the church building. The council approved \$500 to be used from the memorial fund to cover our deductible (if required). As we are entering summer, we are asking for volunteers to keep the landscaping looking nice. Johnna should have the sprinkler system running shortly.

Education (Jerry Bauck): This year, Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an affair for the whole family. Starting with a dinner at 5:30pm, then at 6:00pm dividing adults and children to different activities.

Worship and Music (Pat Gum): The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 13th at 9:30 am.

Youth Group (Casey Anguiano): Youth group had a good time at Skate World recently and will look forward to fishing coming up after 2nd service on Sunday, July 15th.

Pastor’s Report (Pastor Jean): May 2018 by the numbers: 6 Christian Education Events, 5 Church Business Meetings, 3 Community Engagements, 1 Funeral, 26 Pastoral Visits, 5 Professional Meetings & 10 Worship Services.

Treasurer’s Report (Darlene Fernelius): The overview for May 2018 is below.

TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL EXPENSES	NET INCOME	CASH BALANCE
\$9,323.71	(\$9,899.76)	(\$576.05)	\$189.41

Other: Pr. Jean, Lynn Bulger and Cole Brockman attended the Montana Synod conference in Great Falls from June 1st—3rd.

We started reviewing the Congregational Constitution, that was approved on September 11th, 2016. We were able to review up to Chapter 8 (Membership) until we ran out of our allotted time. We will pick up on Chapter 9 at our July meeting, and will continue until we get through our complete constitution. It was recommended that sections of the constitution be printed in the newsletter and also added to Pastors weekly e-newsletter/blog. *(see page 7 for Chapter 5: Powers of the Congregation)*

New Member Classes

If you are interested in becoming a member at Bethlehem, please join us for two Wednesday evenings, August 22nd and 29th, from 6:00 - 7:30pm.

Come and learn more about who we are, what we do, and what membership means.



**Youth Group
Sunday, July 15, 2018
After 2nd Service**

Be prepared to hear some tall-tales...the youth group is going fishing! Meet at church after 2nd service on Sunday, July 15th.

Contact Casey Anguiano with any questions.

Reminder: Youth group is open to anyone young of age or young at heart. The more the merrier!



Special Offering - July - World Hunger

Our normal special offering in July is Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, on the Rocky Boy reservation. It has been rescheduled for September. Pr. Linda Webster, from Our Saviour's, will be joining us on August 18th and 19th to talk about their ministry.

So, we will be collecting for ELCA World Hunger in July. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy; your gifts make it possible for the ELCA to respond & support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

2018 ST. JOHN'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
#MUSICUNDERTHERIMS

MISSION RIDGE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
July 12
HIGH COUNTRY COWBOYS
 OPENER: PIERRE & KRISTIN LAVÉ

July 19
MIDLIFE CHRYSLERS
 OPENER: ELLEN & THE OLD SCHOOL
 FREE WILL OFFERING FOR LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF MT

July 26
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM & FRIENDS
 OPENER: WILL SAPPINGTON

August 2
LANEY LOU & THE BIRD DOGS
 OPENER: DAN PAGE

August 9
THE MUSIC OF PATSY CLINE
 WITH LYSA FOX
 OPENER: JESSICA LECHNER

FREE
7PM THURSDAYS
OPENERS BEGIN AT 6PM

CORNER OF RIMROCK & SHILOH • FRED & MARIE MILLER PAVILION
 ON THE CAMPUS OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN MINISTRIES & MISSION RIDGE

July 2018

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July Birthdays

Peace and Joy be with you!



- 1 Nathan Winslow
- 2 Sharon Uecker
- 3 Crystal Hanna
- 7 Linda Clark
- 9 Vanessa Hanna
- 10 Sheri Reitz
- 14 Kristi Grob
- 14 Becky Vernon
- 17 Gayle Breeding
- 17 Andrew Smith
- 18 Ella Senn
- 22 Jerry Bauck
- 25 Cory Heggem
- 30 Ashley Frodsham



Summer 2018 Lawn Care

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered with lawn care this summer!

There is still more summer ahead, so if you are willing and able to help, please contact Johnna at (406) 670-1370.

**Family Promise
July 29th - 31st**



It is time again for our Family Promise commitment. Won't you consider volunteering for this important ministry? The sign up is located in the fellowship hall or contact Shellie DeHoyos.

Sunday, July 29th Evening Meal _____

Sunday, July 29th 1. Overnight Host _____

2. Overnight Host _____

Monday, July 30th Evening Meal _____

Monday, July 30th 1. Overnight Host _____

2. Overnight Host _____

We also need someone that will pick up our share of bedding (sheets and towels). The linens will need to be laundered and taken back to Peace Lutheran.

Christikon Congregational Retreat

Bethlehem has reserved September 7, 8, & 9th for our congregational retreat at Christikon. It's a wonderful time to be together in the beautiful mountain setting. If you would like to attend, even if circumstance gets in the way, please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex, or contact Pr. Jean. Once we have an idea of who is interested, we can work out the details.



Congregational Constitution for Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Note: A printed copy of the constitution is available in a 3-ring binder above the mail boxes (outside the sanctuary)

During the next several council meetings, your council members will be reviewing the constitution that was voted and approved on September, 11th, 2016. While we are reviewing this document, we will print excerpts in the newsletter. This month, we are focusing on the Powers of the Congregation.

Chapter 5

POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

- *C5.01. The powers of this congregation are those necessary to fulfill its purpose.
- *C5.02. The powers of this congregation are vested in the Congregation Meeting called and conducted as provided in this constitution and bylaws.
- *C5.03. Only such authority as is delegated to the Congregation Council or other organizational units in this congregation's governing documents is recognized. All remaining authority is retained by the congregation. The congregation is authorized to:
 - a. call a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
 - b. terminate the call of a pastor as provided in Chapter 9;
 - c. call a minister of Word and Service;
 - d. terminate the call of a minister of Word and Service in conformity with the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;
 - e. adopt amendments to the constitution, as provided in Chapter 16, amendments to the bylaws, as specified in Chapter 17, and continuing resolutions, as provided in Chapter 18;
 - f. approve the annual budget;
 - g. acquire real and personal property by gift, devise, purchase, or other lawful means;
 - h. hold title to and use its property for any and all activities consistent with its purpose;
 - i. sell, mortgage, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of its property by any lawful means;
 - j. elect its officers and Congregation Council, and require them to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions; and
 - k. terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as provided in Chapter 6.
- *C5.04. This congregation shall choose from among its voting members laypersons to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly as well as persons to represent it at meetings of any conference, cluster, coalition, or other area subdivision of which it is a member. The number of persons to be elected by the congregation and other qualifications shall be as prescribed in guidelines established by the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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Address Correction Requested

All Are Welcome



**Vacation Bible School
@ Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

July 11, 18, 25, and August 1

5:30—7:00 pm



Vacation Bible School will be on four Wednesdays beginning in July. We'll begin at 5:30 pm with a dinner for the whole family. The children will have lesson and craft time then move to Holy Play. Meanwhile the adults are encouraged to stay for special parent time and Christian Education.

As with all Christian Education programs here at Bethlehem, the congregation sponsors the program, there is no fee to attend.