



Bethlehem Star

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Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Newsletter Deadline

Please submit your materials for the October newsletter by Friday, September 21st, to Lynn Bulger. You can leave the materials in her mailbox at church or Call/Text to the number above.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Highlights from the August 21th, 2018 Church Council Meeting

Pastor's Report (Pastor Jean): Pastor and Jan had a good vacation in August. Pastor Jean got to meet with her mentor and have some good conversation. Some follow up to some projects that were discussed: we are going to hold off on a Wednesday Church Night and we will not have a specific Gods Work, Our Hands event in September.

Worship & Music (Pat Gum): In November, the worship & music committee will make a recommendation to Council about the three worship services that we offer here at Bethlehem. The next meeting is set for September 11th at 4:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report (Darlene Fernelius): We have had a negative cash balance for the last three months. In September, there are 5 Sundays, so that may help our bottom line.

TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL EXPENSES	NET INCOME	CASH BALANCE
\$11,372.94	(\$10,550.43)	\$822.51	(\$2,585.91)

Education (Jerry Bauck): Rally Sunday will be September 16th. Gary Koch will continue to lead Sunday School with Jerry focusing on Adult Forum. Youth Faith Formation will start on Wednesday, September 19th.

Other: With the resignation of Andrew Smith, the Vice President position is vacant. We have three people (Johnna Voto, Jerry Bauck & Jim Rheindollar) interested in the Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA) program. On Sunday, Sept 16th, we will take a free-will offering to cover their tuition. Any balance after the offering has been approved by council to come out of the Memorial Fund.



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 September 11th, 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 September 13th, the second Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm in the downstairs kitchen.



The Bible studies used by the circles are from the *Gather Magazine*, published by the ELCA.

The fall 3-part Bible Study, written by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, focuses on repentance.

September (Part 1)
Turning to God, time after time

All women are invited to attend!

Next WELCA Business Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 27th, 2018 at 7:00pm.
Hostess: Darlene Fernelius

**WELCA Fall Event
Saturday, October 13th, 2018**

Saturday, October 13th will be the annual Chili & Pie Lunch. Times to be announced after the September 27th business meeting.



**Lefse Making
Friday & Saturday
October 5th & 6th**

Are you interested in making lefse (lefsa) to sell at the WELCA fall fundraiser? Contact Norma Severance for times. You don't have to be an expert, just ready to learn!



***UPDATE* Kid's Stuff Give-away**

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing, shoes, toys and cereal for this year's Kid's Stuff Give-away! Thank you to everyone that set up, worked and cleaned up after the event!

Thank you to Sharon King for organizing the event and contacting Meadow Gold. Meadow Gold once again donated coupons for free milk!

We served 67 people on August 18th. In addition, some clothing, cereal and milk coupons went back to the Rocky Boy Reservation with Pr. Linda Webster. Jessie Hanna made sure some cereal and milk coupons got to Sue Runkle at Washington Elementary School for distribution.



**Sparkhouse Book Fair
October 13, 2018**



Bethlehem will be hosting a Sparkhouse Book Fair in conjunction with the WELCA Fall event. This fundraiser will sell Sparkhouse books and Bibles for kids age 0-12 and videos for kids ages 3-10.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lynn Bulger at (406) 647-2749. We will need people to work the event and then distribute the orders after the sale.

**Family Promise
October 28th - 30th**



Our next Family Promise commitment will be next month, in October. The sign up is located in the fellowship hall or contact Shellie DeHoyos.

Sunday, October 28th Evening Meal _____

Sunday, October 28th 1. Overnight Host McCrays 2. Overnight Host Pr. Jean

Monday, October 29th Evening Meal Corby S.

Monday, October 29th 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.

*September Birthdays
Peace and Joy be with you!*

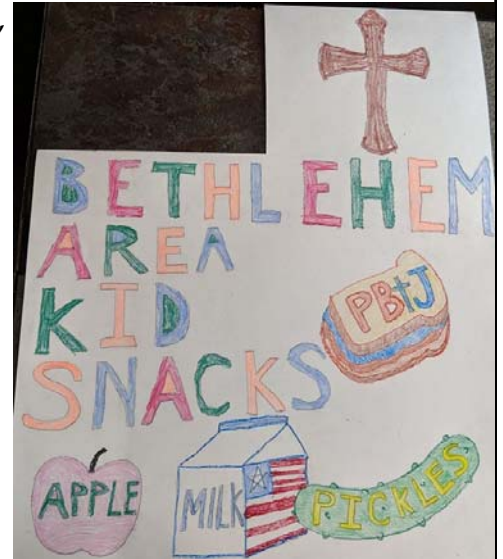
- 1 John Reitz
- 6 David Teeling
- 7 Bill Ruff
- 8 Glenda Hochhalter
- 10 Nick Enslow
- 11 Julie Kelso
- 15 Cindy Bye
- 15 Donald Hochhalter
- 17 Isaac Johnson
- 18 Rosalind Bulger
- 18 Joel Reitz
- 20 Parker and Spencer Gallagher
- 24 Dave Frodsham
- 26 Darlene Fernelius



**Youth Group
September**

During September, the Youth Group will focus on Bethlehem Area Kid Snacks.

This is a great outreach to the children of the neighborhood by providing healthy snacks after school.



Special Offering - September - Rocky Boy Indian Reservation



Our special offering (benevolence) for September will go to support the mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on the Rocky Boy reservation.

***UPDATE* School Supplies**

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for Washington Elementary School and Lutheran World Relief! And Thank you to John Fernelius, who got all the supplies and backpacks over to the school!



The Lutheran World Relief school kits will ship out in Spring 2019.

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Address Correction Requested

All Are Welcome

Sunday, September 16, 2018



It's time to rally and start the new season of Christian Education (Adult Forum & Sunday School & Youth Faith Formation)! We will also welcome New Members to the congregation.

We will be taking a free-will offering to cover the expense of sending 3 people to the LPA (Lay Pastoral Associates) program this fall.