

August 2017 Newsletter

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Family Childcare

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News from Pastor & Kathy

Dear Friends,

The LORD be with you!

Looking back now, *over my 21 years at Bethlehem*, I have been very busy – *too busy* – with many church-related things; in many cases I brought that busyness upon myself☹. Most years around Christmas and Easter – *joyous times of the year for most Christians*, I found myself exhausted☹. Over the years I did my best to be a blessing at Bethlehem☺, *but sadly I neglected my own family*☹.

Therefore, Kathy and I are thankful for the sabbatical time you have given us☺:

- To think about many things.
- To continue in God's Word each day.
- To rebuild family relationships.
- To de-clutter at church and at home.
- To catch up on various home projects.
- To attend other churches to gain a new perspective on what is good and what is not; then, in the future, to improve how we proceed at Bethlehem.

- To read some helpful books.
- To relax.

We invite you to use that list to keep us in your prayers; *thank you in advance!*

Pastor & Kathy



Bethlehem Now

Be Faithful – The attendance has been down and the number of unused daily devotion booklets is up; *not a good combination*☹:

- **Attendance:** At Bethlehem we gather as the baptized children of God to receive God's much needed gifts of Word and Sacrament! Since **God** is the **Giver**, *faithfully come and gladly receive!*
- **Daily Devotion:** As physical food is needed daily, so is spiritual food; please make time each day to *listen to God in His Word and talk to Him in prayer!*

Thank You – To everyone at Bethlehem who has stepped out in faith to do whatever needs to be done; *God bless you as you honor our Lord and serve as needed!*

- **Positions and Regular Tasks:** Many have certain positions (leadership team, usher, etc.), while others do certain tasks (like weekly refreshment preparation); you are invited to become a teammate or help with a regular task.
- **Unsure How to Serve:** If you are willing to serve in some way – *but aren't sure where you are needed*, contact Dr. Giessler or any leadership team member, tell of your desire and interest, and seek advice.

Gather and Be Blessed

August Service and Sunday Class Schedule

S, 8/6: Service 8:00; Classes 9:30; Service 10:45

S, 8/13: Service 8:00; Classes 9:30; Service 10:45

S, 8/20: Service 8:00; Classes 9:30; Service 10:45

S, 8/27: Service 8:00; Classes 9:30; Service 10:45



Living the Lutheran Lectionary Bible Class

Thursdays: 10 AM – Study the upcoming assigned readings; the class meets in our Christian Life Room.



From the Childcare Director

Miss Tricia Wise ♦
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July was a busy month for the children. We are ready to end the summer of 2017 with a bang this month! We will have a Colorful Castle Bounce House on August 18; Splash Days, and other surprises. Make sure you confirm any Fall schedule changes soon. Space is limited in all our classrooms; some are full and last minute changes may not be possible. Don't forget that we will be closed for Labor Day on September 4. Happy August!

Infant News

Miss Kim, Miss Amanda, Miss Ann Marie

The Infants had a busy month of buggy rides, finger plays, and strengthening our motor skills. We said "good-bye" to Emma as she graduated to the Toddler Room. We are excited about our new friend, Claire, who will be starting soon.

Toddler News

Miss Tammi

The Toddlers want to know where summer went. How is it almost August? The wet, hot, and humid weather may have kept us inside more than we liked in July, but you can't dampen the spirits of a Toddler!

In Chapel, we focused on Bible leaders Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph. We also learned about Community Helpers by reading and talking about dentists, carpenters and veterinarians. We even set up a vet clinic for our toy puppy. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Junior Preschool 1 News

Miss Michelle & Miss Nadia

The Junior Preschool class started July with plenty of sparks! We enjoyed the warm summer days outside. We continue to grow in God's Word from stories we hear at Chapel. This month we learned about Isaac's blessings, Joseph's colorful robe, Pharaoh's dreams, and a baby in a basket. Maci and Ella both turned 3! We displayed our creative sides when we painted with flowers and designed our very own popsicles! Have a great month!

Preschool News

Miss Joni

The Preschool Honeybees celebrated the summer and the 4th of July with Splash Days and lots of art projects. We learned about Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and

Esau in Chapel. We started spelling our names in new ways as we get ready to move to Pre-K! Even though our handwriting notebooks are finished, we continue to practice writing and reviewing our ABC's. We are having a blast this Summer!

Pre-K News

Miss Andrea, Miss Alina

The Pre-K and Summer Camp have had a busy summer so far! We went to Doc's Shake Shoppe and had our favorite flavors of ice cream. We've splashed in the sprinklers on Splash Days and made our own American flags. We continued our "My Devotions" journals and learned about Joseph's Colorful Coat, and even made our own. We will cram as much fun into the next few weeks before everyone moves on to elementary school. Here's to an exciting August!

God's Word on the Go / at Home

Listen and Learn: Issues, Etc.

You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Worship – For the Homebound:

Sundays 11:30 AM; WRLM-TV 47 [TCT]

- ♦ Time Warner: 12, 67, 194
- ♦ Direct TV: 67, 377
- ♦ Dish: 47
- ♦ Cox: 12



August Physical Birthdays

- 1 Sara Green
Michael Tischler
- 7 Linda Carlson
Helga Haller
- 9 Mike Kaderle
- 14 Jim Cannonie
Ingrid Kitzler
- 17 Eleanor Kuhles
- 22 Justin Liddy
- 24 Gerri Ventura
- 25 Nancy Burton
Stacey Jasulevich
- 26 Hannah Zeleznikar
- 27 Lynne Sala
- 28 Hedwig Giesz
Harry Zwingelberg
- 30 Carole Gellings



August Baptismal / Spiritual Birthdays

- 4 Violet Maharidge
- 6 Sofia May
- 7 Jim Kovach
- 11 Bronson Flora
- 15 Harry Zwingelberg
- 16 Wilhelm Mild Jr.
- 17 Lindsey Cheatham
Maci Green
Kevin Liddy
Reggie Nellis
- 18 Sandra Hegedus
- 20 Bart Pendley
- 21 Linda Carlson
- 26 Samuel Prochaska



August Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Jeff & Lindsey Cheatham (7th)
Terry & Lynda Tomasch (36th)
- 10 Bart & Donna Pendley (32nd)

- 19 Eric & Erin Nellis (13th)
- 21 Alan & Linda Carlson (41st)

Those Serving in August

Altar Guild:	Tricia Wise
Candles:	Lynda Tomasch
Financial Team:	Natalia Ford, Paul Martens (8-7), Dee Kaderbek (8-14) Jerry Huttner (8-21) Janet Chilton (8-28)

8:00 Service

Ushers:	Jim Cannonie Ray Klesch
Lord's Supper:	Tim Chilton
Prayer Partner:	Dee Kaderbek (8-6 , 27) Alan Carlson (8-13) Millie Sluka (8-20)

9:10 Refreshments

Miriam Engleman, Doris Chmielewski

10:45 Service

Ushers:	Terry Tomasch Brian Zeleznikar Matt Fischler
Nursery:	Self-service (8-6) Sara Green (8-13) Hannah H. (8-20) Angie Zeleznikar (8-27)
Lord's Supper:	Jerry Huttner
Prayer Partner:	Matt Hlavacek (8-6) Ray Dmytriw (8-13) Jerry Huttner (8-20) Brian Zeleznikar (8-27)

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

- ⇒ **Sunday, August 20:** For
September
- ⇒ **Sunday, September 17:** For
October