



Bethlehem News



Friends of Bethlehem Lutheran,

It has been sometime since my mother died; it's been about eight years now. Time seems to go by so fast. We live in such a busy world; seemingly growing busier and time moving faster. If we could only go back to the simple time of our youth. A slower pace, enjoying our neighbors and friends. Or is today somewhat familiar from the past.?

Ecclesiastes 3

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every activity under heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot what
has been planted.*

A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build.

A time to cry and a time to laugh; a time of mourning and a time of dancing.

*A time to cast stones and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace and a
time to refrain from embracing.*

*A time to seek and a time to give up as lost; a time to keep and a time to
throw away.*

A time to tear and a time to sew; a time to be silent and a time to speak.

A time to love and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace.

What profit do people have from their toils?

*I observed the task that God has given to the human race to keep them oc-
cupied.*

*He makes everything appropriate in its time. He also places eternity in their
hearts. But still, no one can discover what God is doing from beginning to
end.*

*I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy
themselves during their lives.*

*Also everyone who eats, drinks, and enjoys their toil—that is a gift of God. I
know that everything God does lasts forever. Nothing can be added to it or
taken from it. God has acted, so that they might fear him*

*Whatever is, already has been. What will be has already been. God makes
the same things happen over and over again.*

Give thanks for our Mothers and the time we had with them. Also ask God how can you use what you have learned to help young mothers. Thank God for time.

Blessings

Pastor Karl

News and Updates



The pandemic continues to challenge our ability to return to what we would call "normal." The council shares the frustration that many feel and prays that we will be able return to "normal" sooner than later.

We have resumed in-person worship services, bible study, confirmation and Sunday school. We are maintaining social distancing and refraining from serving refreshments to keep everyone masked. We will continue to monitor the guidelines published by our governmental agencies to keep our congregation safe. We will keep you informed of any new developments.



We are working on The Ten Commandments in Confirmation class. We have a smart TV on the

wall (thanks to Gary Dreischerf), and with a laptop computer I am now able to do video clips and power points. It gives a little variety to class time.

Bible studies are very interesting. Please give one a try.

We are looking forward to the day when we can get the youth group together once again.

As always, yearn to learn!

Sandy Grage



We have been busy this spring. We had all our

a/c units cleaned and checked. One unit had a problem. Thanks to Gary Dreischerf for donating the parts and fixing the unit to save the church money.

While Jeff has been recovering from his surgery, Paul Rugenstein and Doug Grage have keep our grass trimmed. We are planning to trim the palm trees soon.



Thrivent Choice Dollars are available to be donated from the first quarter of the year. Log in to thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836 to donate to Bethlehem Lutheran. The website is more difficult to use, so go to the top right search area and type in choice dollars to bring up the area to donate. Betty Willis 239-240-5972



LWML held its annual luncheon on April 5 at the River Hall Country Club. Marty Jurs hosted the event for the ladies.

The 15 women who attended enjoyed a delicious lunch and the fellowship. This was our last meeting until the fall.

Thanks to all who supported our efforts.

Pam Rugenstein



MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School & Confirmation	3	4	5 10:30 Bible Study	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School & Confirmation	10	11	12 10:30 Bible Study	13	14	15
16 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School & Confirmation	17	18	19 10:30 Bible Study	20	21	22
23 PENTECOST 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School & Confirmation	24	25	26 10:30 Bible Study	27	28	29
30 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School & Confirmation	31 					

MAY ANNIVERSARIES	
4	Sandy & Gary Lohr
12	Joy & Don Kulbacki
22	Linda & Chester Rust
25	Linda & Rober Hedrick

MAY BIRTHDAYS	
2	Linda Prosser
15	Sam Harrison
24	Gary Fernberg
25	Johnieann Smith
31	Sandy Lohr; Emy Lou Mccomb; Don Thornton



**May God Bless Each One of You As
We Celebrate Your Special Day!**

RETURNING MEMBERS

Lillian Taylor and her son Alan have returned to Bethlehem. We welcome them back!

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is a moveable feast which is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:1-31

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Prayer Chain Needs

Do you know that Bethlehem has a prayer chain that prays for the sick, dying and hurting needs of our church family?

Call or email Linda at (239) 693-5026 or jlkirsch3@comcast.net

Your needs will be taken to the Lord!

Sunday Worship

10:30 AM Worship Service

Rev. Karl Glander

pastorkarlglander@gmail.com

239-293-1489

Organist: **Holly Bell**

Church Secretary: **Linda Kirsch**

Ushers Needed

Looking for a great, safe way to connect with members of the Bethlehem congregation? Consider being an usher for our Sunday services. You will greet everyone entering the church, show them where to pick-up a bulletin, their communion kit, and place their offering. At the end of the service you'll collect the attendance cards as they depart.

Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall or call the church office.



We have started an "Air Conditioning Fund" to raise the needed money to replace our aging units in the Sanctuary. Please label your donations as "A/C Fund".

Goal: \$25,000 Raised: \$ 9490



Thank you to all those who have sent in their offerings. In addition to mail, you can give online on the church website

(bethlehemplutheranfortmyers.org) or through your bank's bill pay system.

We need your continued support.

Richard Gerlach, Council President



Helen Roenfeldt was known to many of us at Bethlehem Lutheran as the "Mother Teresa of Haiti". She organized the delivery of the dresses and shorts that our Bethlehem ladies made for children in Mission Haiti orphanages. Helen, along with Pastor Darrell Strueh-
renberg, helped develop, organize and administer Mission Haiti. Her love for and commitment to the Haitian people helped to change the daily lives of the most impoverished children and families. "Her love for the Lord and the people of Haiti was beyond measure".