

Bethlehem News



Dear Friends in Christ,

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

As we enter the middle of summer, I encourage each one of you with this passage. Saint Paul tells us those who are strong should bear with the failings of the weak and not to please oneself. Build your neighbor up, please your neighbor for their good. It is hard when others insult and ridicule, especially those that we come in contact outside the church. But we have the hope in Christ Jesus that passes all understanding. We have the promise that Jesus is our Lord, and we believe with all our heart and mind and soul.

Let your light shine in the darkness of our world. Others will see the love of Christ by our example as followers of Christ. It is not that we are without sin but that we know that God loved us so much He sent His Son Jesus into the world to be our Savior.

As we continue to trust in Jesus continue to build each other up and not point out each other's failings but encourage them. Don't give up on doing good but continue doing good works in service to others.

In 1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

We are to share the love of Christ to others. This passage in Corinthians is a result of faith in Christ. The love described flows out of us as a result of what God has done for us in Christ. Jesus' suffering, ridiculed, dying on the cross for our sin.

Be filled with joy and peace from God our Father, sharing the love of Christ with others as you live within God's creation.

Blessings
Pastor Karl

News and Updates



We are following the CDC guideline that states that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or socially distance within the church. People who are not vaccinated can choose to wear a mask and socially distance if they are concerned about their safety.



Confirmation classes are completed for the first year. We will be resuming next fall with the goal of confirmation on Palm Sunday next year. Keep the boys in your prayers for a safe, fun-filled summer break.

Bible study is continuing on Sunday and Wednesday morning. I encourage you to make time in your busy schedule to attend one or both of these interesting groups.

As always, yearn to learn,

Sandy Grage



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



Remember to sign up on the flower calendar to provide flowers in celebration of special occasions. Place \$40.00 in an envelope for the collection plate and mark it as a flower donation.

Pam Rugenstein



Amazon Smile

You can earn money for Bethlehem Lutheran anytime you order from Amazon. Instead of logging into amazon.com, go to amazonmile.com, register for Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Myers and 0.5% of each purchase will be donated to our church. There is no cost to you, and free money for the church. Use amazonmile to log in with each purchase you make. Questions, see Ralph Willis or call 239-848-5588.

Betty Willis



JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4  10:30 Worship	5	6	7 10:30 Bible Study	8	9	10
11 10:30 Worship	12	13	14 10:30 Bible Study	15	16	17
18 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study	19	20	21 10:30 Bible Study	22	23	24
25 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study	26	27	28 10:30 Bible Study	29	30	31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES	
4	Sandy & Doug Grage
15	Judy & Jack Young
19	Nancy & James Nelson
25	Ruthann & Don Thornton
26	Betty & Ralph Willis

JULY BIRTHDAYS	
5	William Adams
7	Nancy Nelson
8	Geoff Glander
9	Lori Jensen
16	Joanne Holt



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

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Sunday Worship

10:30 AM Worship Service

Rev. Karl Glander

pastorkarlglander@gmail.com

239-293-1489

Organist: **Holly Bell**

Church Secretary: **Linda Kirsch**

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!



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".

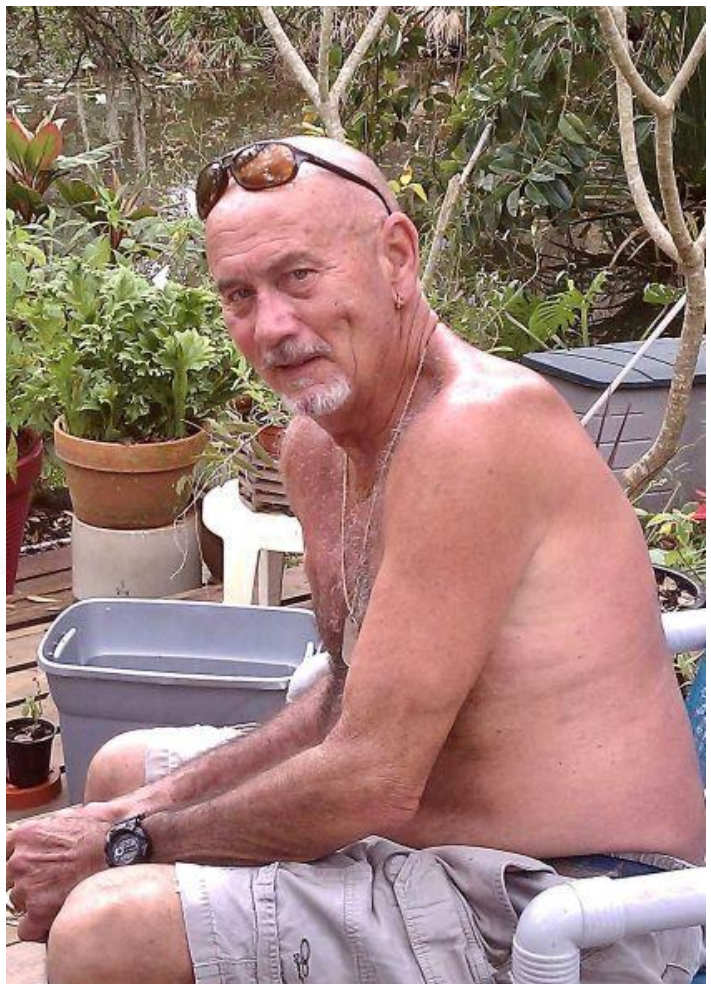
Goal: \$25,000 Raised: \$ 11,710



IN MEMORIAM

JAN LARSON

JUNE 17, 2021



*A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
FOR THE LIFE OF*

Joyce Taft Kimbrell

June 23rd, 1932 — May 25th, 2021

JUNE 27, 2021 2:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church-Fort Myers, FL

Gary Mason Bell

August 5, 1947 – May 25, 2021

Memorial Service June 6, 2021

Bethlehem Lutheran Church