



Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Bethlehem News



Grace Peace and Mercy from God our Father and Christ our risen Lord,
1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This letter Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth starts by giving thanks to Christ Jesus for those Christ has sanctified and those who call upon the Lord always. Christ has supplied all that we need for salvation and continues to be faithful to those called into fellowship with Christ the Son of God.

And then you see the tone change. The Church in Corinth was having division and Paul was addressing that division. Paul's point is and was that we should only boast in the Lord.

We, like the Corinthians, are being sanctified. That sanctification started when you were baptized, not a baptism of water alone but of the Holy Spirit.

Paul was called by God. Paul a man who was an enemy of God. Paul who hunted and killed Christians. Paul a man who thought the Words about Jesus were folly. We can also fall in the same way.

You were called into Christ, and you are being sanctified. Remember your Baptism daily, making the sign of the cross, In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen.

We all worry about many things in our lives, but Christ provides everything we need. For our spiritual care he provides His Word calling us to himself, His Word at times correcting us, reminding us who we are and who we belong to. Holy Communion, a gift where Christ is giving us His body and blood to sustain us in the faith.

Ephesians 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, **"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."**

... 30 And because of him[e] you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Blessings

Rev Karl P Glander



News and Updates



Our 1st LWM meeting this fall will be Monday September 29th at 1 p.m. We will be discussing our plans and projects for the 25/26 season. All ladies are welcome to come and we would love your input. A light snack will be served. If you have been to a meeting before, we welcome you back. If you have never joined us before, come see what we are doing and help us make some plans and decisions for the upcoming year. We hope to see you there! **Sandy Grage**



I would like to once again thank the ladies and youth (Ben

Smith) who came out last week to help in assembling hats and visors for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. (See pictures on Page 4). It is always great to see members of the congregation come together to get projects done that will benefit those who will be introduced to Jesus in the near future.

Mickie Naumann



We need to start collecting money to ship OCC boxes in November. Last year we had over 100 boxes and we expect to do at least that many, but probably more. \$10.00 is needed to ship each box. This also includes Christian education material. Money can be donated to Mickey, Terry, Mary or myself at any time. **Betty Willis**

Elders Monthly Devotion

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Did you ask yourself how many laws we have on the books?
Or better yet how many books of law we have...insane.
But yet so easy
all we need to know are ten.
You shall have no other Gods before Me.
You shall not make unto you graven image.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house, wife or anything that is your neighbor's.

Exodus 20:2-17

*When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai,
he gave him the two tablets of the covenant law,
the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.*

Exodus 31:18 NIV

Lord, would you bless and keep us,
Lord, please make your face
shine upon us.
Amen

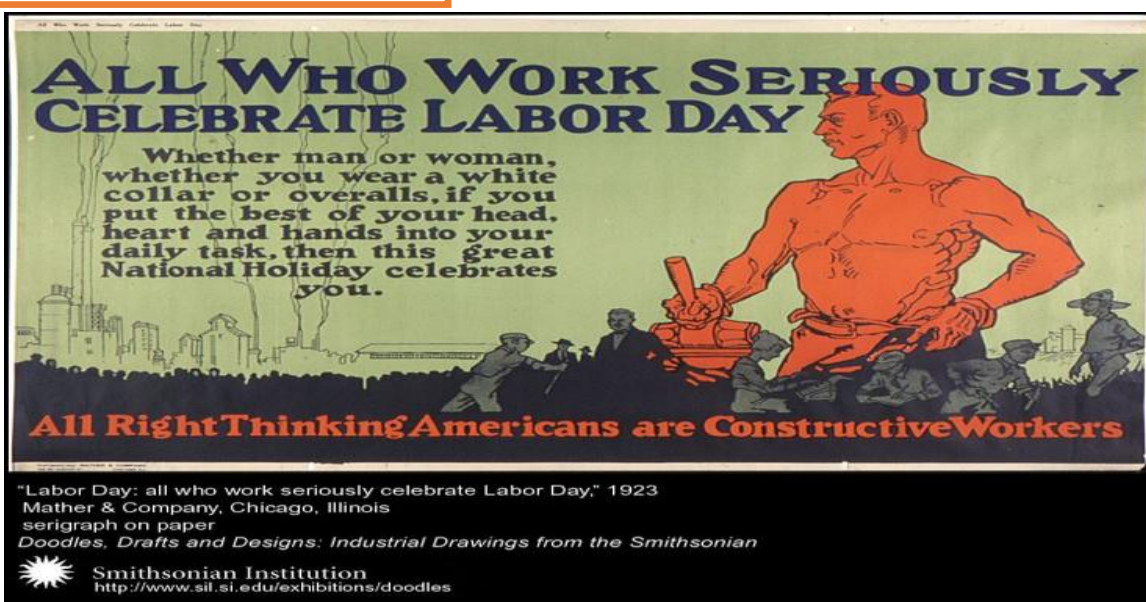
Klaus Naumann



So far this year, through the Thrivent Choice program, Bethlehem Lutheran has received \$1,638.

Keep up the great work directing Choice Dollars on a quarterly basis.

Betty Willis





SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <div>Labor Day</div>	2	3	4	5	6
7 <div>10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; & Sunday School</div>	8	9	10 <div>10:30 Bible Study</div>	11	12	13
14 <div>10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; & Sunday School</div>	15	16	17 <div>10:30 Bible Study</div>	18	19	20
21 <div>10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; & Sunday School</div>	22	23	24 <div>10:30 Bible Study</div>	25	26	27
28 <div>10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; & Sunday School</div>	29	30				

	SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
15	Carrie & Brad Stecklein

	SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS
2	Klaus Naumann
11	Gary Wilkie
12	Joyce Kelnosky
15	Pat Duckwitz
20	Sharon Goers

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

An Atheists View on Life

I will live my life according to these beliefs

God does not exist

It is just foolish to think

that there is a God with a cosmic plan

That an all-powerful God brings redemption and healing to the world

is a comforting thought,

however it

is only wishful thinking

People can do as they please without eternal consequences

The idea that

I am deserving of Hell

Because of sin

Is a lie meant to have me enslaved to those in power

"The more you have, the happier you will be"

Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose

In a world with no God

there is freedom to live

Without God,

It is ridiculous to think

I am lost and in need of saving

A Christian's View on Life

(Now read from bottom to top)

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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

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Organist: Holly Bell

Church Secretary: Linda Kirsch



Kurt Laser brought this cake to share to celebrate Betty's, Richard's, and his birthday

The Bethlehem Chapeau Team are pictured below assembling hats and visors for Operation Christmas Child

