



Bethlehem Lutheran Church



## Bethlehem News

June



Grace, Peace and Mercy from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be unto you, In the Church we hear about Grace every Sunday. That is, after all, how I begin my sermon message. For as long as I can remember I heard my father also say those words before he delivered his sermon message. 124 times you will find the word grace in the bible. 10 times in the Old Testament and 114 times in the New Testament.

### Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

### Romans 1:7

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: **Grace** and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Romans 3:24

and all are justified freely by his **grace** through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

### Romans 5:17

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of **grace** and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

### Romans 5:20

The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, **grace** increased all the more,

Martin Luther put it this way. "What is Grace? What now follows belongs, I hold, to the gifts of the Spirit which follow the remission of sins. For Paul teaches a difference between grace, on the one hand, and gifts, on the other. Grace signifies that favor with which God receives us, forgiving our sins and justifying us freely through Christ. Do not consider it a quality of man."

We know we cannot earn God's Favor, and we thank Him daily for His Grace and Mercy. And as Paul says very well no we don't go on sinning that Grace may abound. Romans 6:2-3 "We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"

So remember daily your baptism, the old Adam has died and you are a new creation in Christ.

May His Grace be upon you always.

Pastor Karl



News and Updates



In 1861, a Christian minister named Reverend M.R. Watkinson of Ridley Town-

ship, Pennsylvania, penned a letter to Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase petitioning for "the recognition of the Almighty God in some form on our coins." Chase found sense in the reverend's words, and he put out an order for the U.S Mint to begin producing coins with a religious reference on them. "In God we trust", our nation's motto began appearing on Union coin currency in 1864. It wasn't until President Eisenhower gained the presidency in the 1950s that the motto was also added to our paper currency. As we roll up to the celebration of our 250th anniversary next month, I thought this worthy of our reflection "In God We Trust" indeed.

.Mickie Naumann



Enjoy your summer. See you in the fall.

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Elders Monthly Devotion

GOD MY EVERYTHING

The matchless worth of GOD's law and its rich value for life.

"They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey from a honeycomb.

By them your servant is warned; in keeping them is great reward".

Psalm 19:10-11 NIV

Today think of how GOD's law will enrich your life and discover how to create and practice a life-giving, sustainable regularity.

The LORD is your fountain of life!

Lord, would you bless and keep us,

Lord, please make your face shine upon us.

Amen

Klaus Naumann



VBS 2026

TROPICAL TREK

JESUS COMES TO SEEK AND SAVE

JUNE 8-12 FROM 6PM -8:30PM



Now is the time to purchase Operation Christmas Child items.

Collect them when the price is reduced, or \$1.00 items are available. Betty Willis

Pastor with some of our veterans commemorating Memorial Day



# JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10:30 Bible Study	4	5	6
7 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School	8 VBS 6-8:30 PM	9 VBS 6-8:30 PM	10 VBS 6-8:30 PM	11 VBS 6-8:30 PM	12 VBS 6-8:30 PM	13
14 10:30 Worship 11:30 VBS Picnic 	15	16	17 10:30 Bible Study	18	19	20
21 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School Father's Day	22	23	24 10:30 Bible Study	25	26	27
28 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School	29	30				

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES	
8	Sue & Dennis Hartman
12	Joann & Darrell Erdman
18	Pat & Rollin Duckwitz
29	Tammy and Michael Sheridan

JUNE BIRTHDAYS	
3	Cheryl Nelson
4	Karen Johnson
17	Terri Gerlach
22	Gwen Nicholson
27	Emmy Larson
29	Matthew Glander

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



Last month's results:

Offering: \$5,665

Expenses: \$1,869





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**Sunday Worship**

**10:30 AM** Worship Service

**Rev. Karl Glander**

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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](mailto:jlkirsch3@comcast.net)

Your needs will be taken to the Lord!



Remember what stewardship is: The responsible use of the gifts God has graciously given each of us. We usually include **time, talents and treasure.**

As many of our Brothers and Sisters have returned north for the summer season, our challenge to meet all our needs becomes more critical.

Take a look at the sign-up sheets and think about where you can use your talents to the glory of God. Maybe you have a special talent in music.....play in instrument? Maybe a special vocal talent? We can use you to enhance our services. Talk to Pastor Karl or your Elder if you feel moved to share that talent. Music isn't your thing? Can you read? Then sign up to read our lessons on Sundays. How about Ushering...if you can walk up and down the aisles...you're in! Maybe you can provide snacks for after service some Sunday {s}. Help set up the coffee and drinks....help in the kitchen to serve those drinks.

There's something most everyone can do to serve their Lord and brothers and sisters. So remember that all we have comes from our God.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms....." - 1 Peter 4:10*

Your brother, in Christ, Tm Tobeck



Nancy Rybak and Ginny Glander displaying their decorative work and the resulting VBS stage

