



Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Bethlehem News



Dear Friends in Christ,

This past Sunday, the last Sunday of July, I preached on Romans 8 which included verse 28. *"And we know that, for the ones loving God, all things work together toward good, [that is,] for the benefit of the ones who are called according to [his] purpose."*

All things work together for our benefit. All things cast a wide net and should and is encouraging to us living as we do in a world that is becoming more and more hostile to Christians. With this in mind, look to Jesus when things go wrong or when you fail. Sometimes that's easier said than done, but remember all things work together for your benefit because you were called according to His purpose.

If along your path you have offended or wronged someone, seek forgiveness and reconciliation. Remember when you were young and you skinned your knee? The scab is often stronger than the skin. And the scar left is stronger than the surrounding skin. The same when we offend or are offended or wronged, reconciliation heals and strengthens the relationship. Those little words, "I am sorry," go along way in healing our soul.

Remember, we were created in the image of Jesus. Romans 8:29 *"Because the one s w relationally beforehand, he also appointed beforehand [to have] the same form as the image of his Son, that he might be firstborn among many brothers. 30 And the ones whom he appointed beforehand, these he also called. And the ones whom he called, these he also declared righteous. And the ones whom he declared righte- ous, these he also glorified."*

He has called us; He has declared us righteous and we are and will be glorified. We have nothing to fear because we were created for His purpose.

Now if we feel guilty about something we have done....ask for forgiveness. God made things very easy for us. He made us social creatures who need each other. Don't let little things get in the way...even if it is big seek reconciliation. Daily remember your Baptism in that you are a new creation in Christ but also remember the devil is still prowling, looking for someone to devour. Ps 145:15-16

"The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you are giving to them their food in due time.
You are opening your hand,
and you are satisfying the desire of every living thing."

This message is for Us who Love God. Keep it in your hearts and remember it when times are difficult.

Blessings

Pastor Karl



News and Updates



The election for the Officer and board Positions for 2027 will be held at the October Voters' meeting to be held on October 25th. The council appointed Klaus Naumann, Pastor Glander, Greg Murray, Linda Kirsch and Richard Gerlach as the nomination committee to seek out candidates willing and able to fill the roles (identified below). If you are interested in becoming a member of the council, please contact any of the committee members.

Church Council Officers:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Member at Large

Church Council Boards:

Altar
Christian Education
Elders
Evangelism
Lutheran Women in Mission
Stewardship
Trustees
Thrivent



We recently started a Monday morning group to pray, meet, chat, exercise, craft etc. We meet from 10AM-Noon and encourage any and all to join us. Bring your family, friends, neighbors! Encouraging fellowship with all. Do you have an idea of what we could do as a group? Please feel free to pass it along. We hope to see you there!

Mickie

Elders Monthly Devotion

LAMB OF GOD

*To follow JESUS as our shepherd
He will lead us to enjoy
"goodness"
for all our life.
And make our life flourish.*

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,*

*He refreshes my soul. He guides me along
the right paths for his name sake.*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and staff, they comfort me.*

Psalm 23:1-4 NIV

*Today let the Shepherd
lead you in ways that cause you
to be secure and prosperous.*

*The prosperity of
the LORD's servant
brings honor to the LORD's name.*

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

Amen

Klaus Naumann



Summer is moving along quickly and I am sure everyone is trying to stay indoors to avoid the heat. Thank you to the kitchen helpers for always pitching in when needed. If you can help even a Sunday or two, let one of the ladies know. I am sure they would appreciate it.

Also a big thank you to the ladies taking care of the altar and flowers. All of these tasks keep things running smoothly. God's blessings. Sandy



AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School	3 10:00 Gathering	4	5 10:30 Bible Study	6	7	8
9 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School	10 10:00 Gathering	11	12 10:30 Bible Study	13	14	15
16 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School	17 10:00 Gathering	18	19 10:30 Bible Study	20	21	22
23 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School	24 10:00 Gathering	25	26 10:30 Bible Study	27	28	29
30 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bible Study; Sunday School	31 10:00 Gathering					

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES		AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
10	Laurie and Noel Schroskey	6	Judy Hinrichs
21	Ginny and Pastor Karl Glander	10	Carrie Stecklein
21	Judy & John Wittenberg	12	Debbie Jackow

LCMS Core Values

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

- We value the truth that all people matter to God and therefore to us. 1 John 2:1-2; Acts 1:8
- We value the gathered fellowship of believers. Acts 2:42-47; Colossians 3:11-17
- We value life-long nurturing of the faith (Christian Education). Ephesians 4:14-16; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:11-6:3; Colossians 3:11-17
- We value the gifts of God’s people as they offer them in service, both individually and corporately, to the Church and the world. Ephesians 4:7-13; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12
- We value servant leadership. Mark 10:35-45; Acts 28:3a; Mark 9:33-37; Philippians 2:1-11; Isaiah 61:1-3; John 13:14-17; Isaiah 42:1-4
- We value integrity. Genesis 39:9; James 1:22-25; Psalm 78:70-72; Ephesians 4:1-2, 14-16; Ezekiel 11:16-20; Jeremiah 31
- We value a trust in God and His people which frees us for responsible risk-taking. Matthew 15:21-28; Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 16:21; Acts 4:8-13

Therefore we are committed to carry on this God-given, Spirit-driven ministry of Word and Sacrament through which He shares His love for us and empowers us to share His love with others.



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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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239-293-1489

Organist: **Holly Bell**

Church Secretary: **Linda Kirsch**



Last Month:

Offering: \$6,727

Expenses: \$11.104



Stewardship of Testimony

Stewardship has many forms. Time, talents, treasures.....let's not forget testimony.

The Lord is constantly working in our lives, for our good. Because of this, we are not to keep quiet about what the Lord has done for us. We are to share the good news. Yes, He provides everything we need for our lives on earth. He provides a job, family, food, clothes, home, healthcare and more. The greatest gift is His sacrifice of His only Son to take on our guilt, die for our sins and resurrect Himself so that we too can have the confidence of eternal life with Him when He returns and brings His children home to heaven to live in perfect happiness with no pain, no needs....He provides all.

If somebody gave you a \$million, how happy would you be? Wouldn't you be telling all your friends and family...maybe even strangers you meet. What a great gift

How much greater is forgiveness of sins, eternal life with God and all believers. Never needing anything. Being perfectly happy in the greatest gift ever given.

So, go and tell all your friends the good news. Share the word, show your "fruits" so others might see your love for and trust in God. There's plenty of room in heaven. Invite everyone to join you

"Come and hear all you who fear the Lord. Let me tell you what He has done for me." Psalm 66: 16

Yours In Christ, your stewardship team