

The Bethlehem Visitor

Issue 4

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School

April 2011

The Great and Holy Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Palm Sunday / the Sunday of the Passion, April 17th, marks the beginning of the Church's celebration of the greatest week! As you and I share together in all of the services of Holy Week, we are renewed in our appreciation of everything that our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ has done and is doing for us and for our salvation.

By His death on the cross, Jesus has earned for us the forgiveness of every last one of our sins. By His death, He has destroyed death. And by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life.

May the Lord's richest blessings be with us as **together** we celebrate the Great and Holy Week!

Peace be with you!


Rev. Alan Kubow

✧ The Great and Holy Week ✧

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

April 16th & 17th

Blessing and Distribution of the Palms
Responsive Reading of the Passion
Holy Communion

Wednesday in Holy Week

April 20th -- 6:00 p.m.

Readings focus on the tragic figure of Judas Iscariot

Maundy Thursday

April 21st -- 6:00 p.m.

Stripping of the Altar
Holy Communion

Good Friday

April 22nd

Solemn Holy Communion 1:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service of Darkness

Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

April 23rd

Easter Vigil

Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord -- April 24th

Sunrise Holy Communion 6:00 a.m.

Festival Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.

Festival Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.



Easter Breakfast

Served in the Parish Activity Center

7:00 a.m. -- 10:30 a.m.



CHURCH DECORATION FUND

Please consider donating a monetary gift to the Altar Guild's Church Decoration Fund. All donor names, along with the designation as to whether the gift is being given in memory, in honor or for blessings received, will be published. Please designate which category (in memory of, in honor of, etc.) by underlining and make checks payable to **Bethlehem Altar Guild**. Deadline for submitting donations is April 15, 2011.

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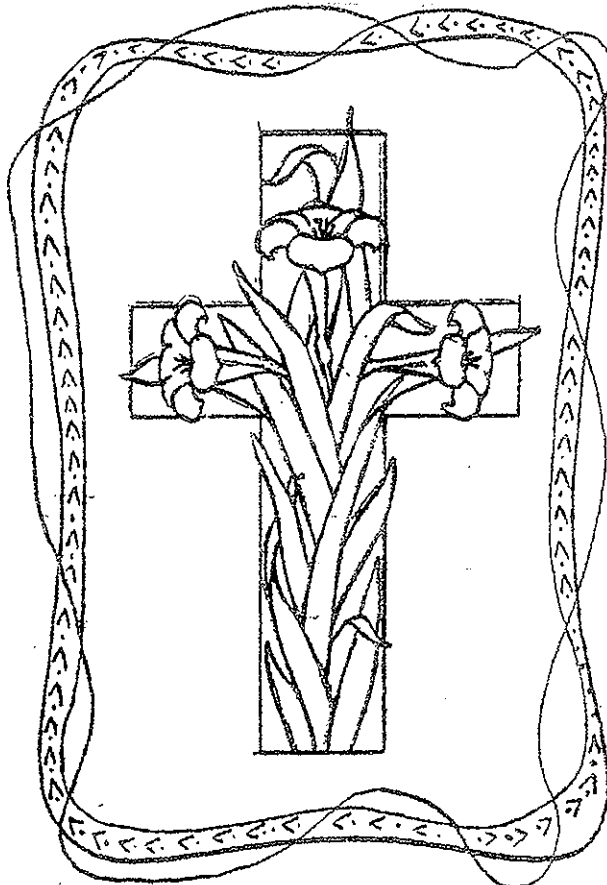
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OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISMS:

February 27 - Kaiden Michael Lesicko, son of Ryan M. Lesicko and Ashley M. Reineking

March 12 - Logan Jacob Neumeyer, son of Jacob M. and Amanda J. (Achsel) Neumeyer

MEMORIALS / GIFTS:

\$10.00 - given in memory of Reverend Dr. Richard Reinemann

\$10.00 - given in memory of Mrs. Pearl Irish

\$100.00 - given in memory of Mrs. Pearl Irish and designated for the Endowment Fund (Grant-in-Aid)

\$200.00 - given in memory of Carol Henning by her family

EARLY VISITOR DEADLINE

All items for the *Visitor* must be submitted no later than noon on Monday, APRIL 18th. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

All items to be included in the weekly bulletin for the week of April 23rd, 24th and 27th must be submitted no later than noon on MONDAY, APRIL 18th. Thank you for your cooperation!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Another women's Bible study is on its way! This seven-week study begins Sunday, April 3rd and continues through May 22nd. (There will be no class on Easter Sunday.) We will meet from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the 6th grade classroom. The topic will be "Divine Design:

Forty Days of Spiritual Makeover" which was published by Concordia Publishing House.

This study will lead you to a different kind of transformation, an alteration of attitude. Come when you can! Child care will be provided in the junior kindergarten room.

NEW DEVOTIONS ADVANCE OUR WALK WITH CHRIST AND EACH OTHER

The Light Shines in the Darkness, a Lenten devotion offered by Lutheran Hour Ministries and authored by Reverend Wayne Palmer, offers thoughtful meditation on Christ's life and passion as presented in the Gospel of John. Written in a fresh, but familiar style, the booklet is a captivating portrait of Jesus' battle against the darkness of unbelief and prejudice along with blind, murderous hatred cast against Him as He took our place all the way to the cross and back from the empty tomb.

The Journey Continues, authored by pastors Dion Garrett and Ryan Peterson, continues the account of Jordan's sister Kate and his skeptical best friend Jack, through a video blog (vlog).

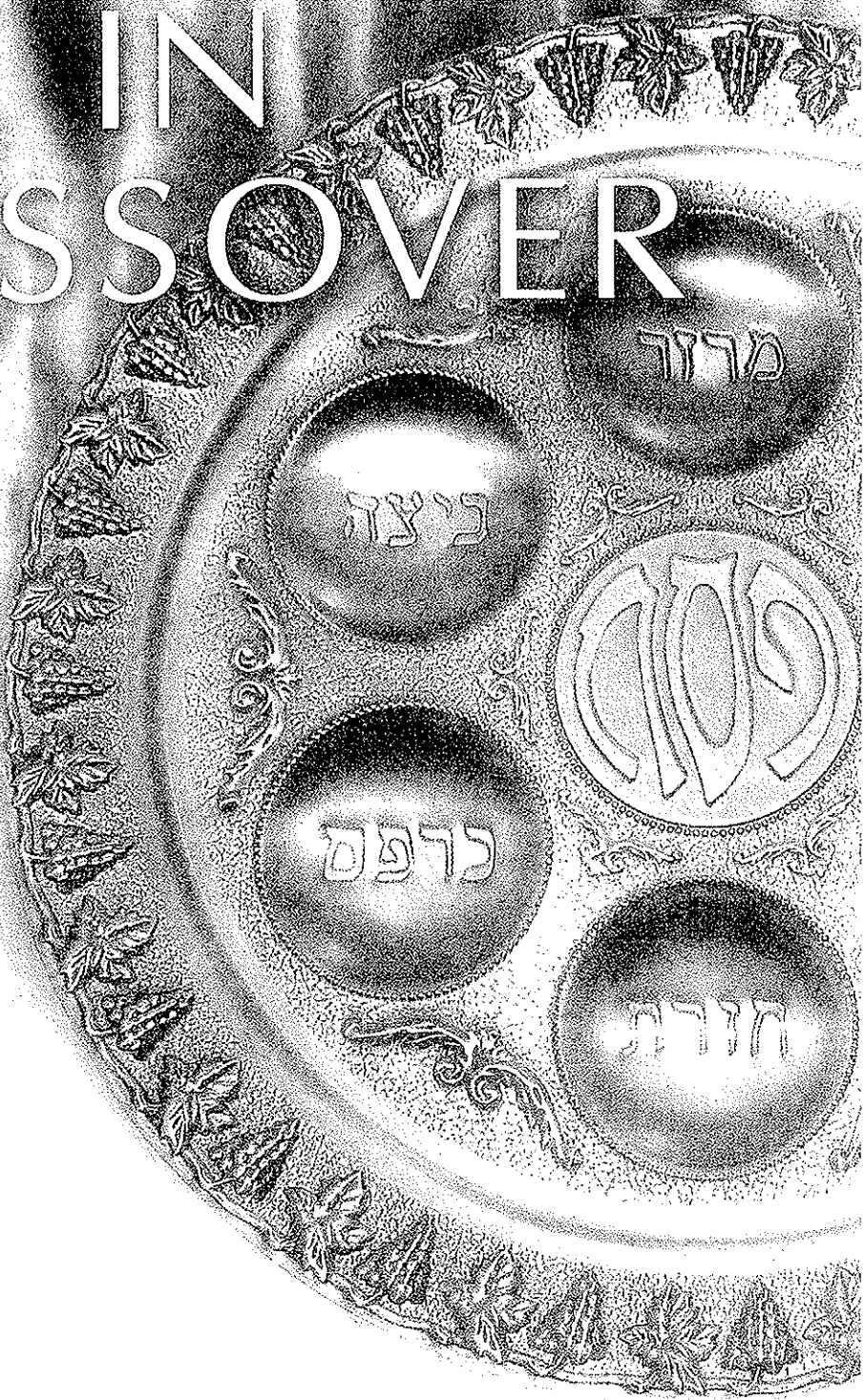
You can find both of these devotionals at www.lentendevotions.net, where both can be read, printed, downloaded and customized.

EXTENDED CARE REQUEST

Tired of looking at your old refrigerator magnets? Have you thrown out those pesky advertising magnets that come in the mail? STOP! Extended Care can use them. We will turn them into projects and great works of art. One is not too few and thirty is not too many, so please toss them in the giant box on the stair landing going down to the cave (Extended Care). Help make our snowman smile!

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

This sermonic demonstration is visual, so the all attending will actually see a table set with traditional Passover items. The missionary uses *Scripture* as well as the *visual items* to walk through a Jewish Passover seder, weaving the story of the Exodus together with the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The words He spoke in the upper room come alive as each Hebraic item is carefully explained. This is an evening you will not soon forget!



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Saturday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM
1121 Georgia Ave
Sheboygan, WI
(920) 452-4331

Changes in itinerary may occur.
Please call ahead for any schedule changes.

Presented by JEW^S F^{OR} JESUS[™]

“WHISPERS OF THE PASSION” TO BE LWML THEME



The April meeting of the Bethlehem Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will focus on four symbols of Lent: a purple robe, a chalice, the gates of Jerusalem and the cross. Short dramatic readings will be enhanced by the singing of beloved Lenten songs and hymns. In addition, mite box offerings will be collected and plans for future activities made.

LWML is a vibrant organization which deserves your support. Why not attend the meeting on Tuesday, April 5th, in the Century Room, at 7:00 p.m. It will be time well-spent.

“SOCIAL SENIORS” (AND FRIENDS) TO ATTEND RCS PLAY

Twenty-five free tickets to the RCS (Rehabilitation Center of Sheboygan) spring musical, The Sound of Music, have been obtained for the 9:30 a.m. performance on Tuesday, April 12th. Check the display in the Century Room to see if tickets are still available. To reserve yours, sign up on the sheet provided. Please place each name on a separate line.

Elaine Ebert will give your tickets to you as you arrive for the performance.

Those who would like to, will go to lunch at Rupp's after the play. If you need more information, please call Audrey Braatz (452-7706).



ANNUAL FAMILY FUN FAIR COMING SOON

The Family Fun Fair will be held on Saturday, April 16th, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., in the school gymnasium. The games are available for children through the fourth grade.

This year, again, we welcome back Plum the Clown and her amazing balloon sculptures as well as Thrivent's Cesar and Kirsten Lemus with their fun tattoos.

Be sure to join us for games, prizes, food and fun! If you have any questions, please contact Deb Hansen (452-7028) or Michelle Pingel (452-1180).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN FAIR

Please consider volunteering to help with the Fun Fair on Saturday, April 16th. Parents, grandparents and students in grades five through twelve who volunteer, would need to arrive by 11:30 a.m. so that we are able to get situated prior to the event.

This is such a fun event for the children, please consider helping. Contact Deb Hansen (452-7028) or Michelle Pingel (452-1180).



ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST



The annual Easter breakfast will again be sponsored by the Bethlehem junior and senior youth groups. The menu will include scrambled eggs, cheesy potatoes, ham, fruit, coffee cakes, milk, juice and coffee.

Serving will begin immediately following the Easter sunrise service which is at 6:00 a.m. and continue until 10:00 a.m. The cost of the breakfast will be a freewill offering, of which 50% will go towards Bethlehem debt retirement.

Members who wish to make cash donations toward any of the items, may do so by calling Aaron Marver (452-1308), Jackie Hasenstein (459-8047) or Florence Langhoff (918-3464).

We encourage you to join us for this special fellowship gathering!

VBS PUTS OUT A "HELP WANTED" SIGN

Volunteering at Vacation Bible School is a lot of fun. Just ask someone who has already done it. There are many and varied opportunities for service before VBS and during VBS (Tuesday, June 14th through Friday, June 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon). Jobs abound for anyone who is in 7th grade (this school year) through senior citizens and none of them require teaching skills.

All "leaders" will receive advance training and all "helpers" will attend a training meeting on the first day of VBS. Orchid-colored volunteer forms are available on a table in the Century Room. Just fill one out and place it in the volunteer box nearby. Indicate all the tasks you would be willing to do. You'll be called regarding your assignment.



VBS IS NOT JUST FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN



Parents, grandparents, family members: Please make time in your child's summer schedule for Vacation Bible School. This year we offer another creative, original curriculum centered around environmental issues. The title is "Keeping God's Kingdom".

Important concepts are reinforced through hands-on activities, projects, songs, games and snacks.

Save Tuesday, June 14th, through Friday, June 17th (9:00 a.m. to noon) for VBS. Free early-morning and all-afternoon child care at Bethlehem will again be available (together with bussing to and from VBS).

Watch for registration information which will be forthcoming in April.

ATTENTION: SCRP CUSTOMERS

When you purchase SCRP, please pay with a check or with the exact amount of cash needed for the transaction. We do not have cash on hand to make change. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



April Birthdays



These are the April birth dates of Bethlehem family members. It is hoped that this listing will **strengthen the bonds of fellowship** within our membership. There may be those who wish to give a special "**thank offering**" to the Lord for blessings received. You may do so by using one of the "**designated gift offering**" envelopes found in your book of envelopes. Gifts toward our Change For the Future would be particularly helpful and greatly appreciated.

April 1

Earl Constien
Marissa Menzer
Joshua Zastrow

April 2

Sherry Baalke
Kristian Heiberger
Virginia Littmann
Kendra Nennig
Alfred Zeinemann

April 3

Kelsi Engelhardt
Hannah Fischer
Matthew Oetzel
Karl Wiehr
Gordon Zastrow II

Teach us to number our days
aright, that we may gain a
heart of wisdom.
Ps. 90:12

April 4

Pat Barnes
Erin Bintzler
Joey Crneckiy
Brandon Grasse
Andrea Norling
Julie Thomas
Chizek Verhulst

April 5

Megan Boerger
Dawn Hemschemeyer
Virginia Henning
Bradley Savon
Amy Wayte

April 6

Shaun Brachmann
Tim Ertel
Ryan Wehrmann
Kevin Weisfeld

April 7

Hildegard Goric
April Justus
Christina Michalski
Pam Steffen
Jenny Terschner
Christine Wagner

April 8

Antonio Cerda
Douglas Damrau
Bernice Goldmann
Jacob Kanz
Joshua Pingel
Alanna Saxon
Jason Udovich

April 9

David Lahner
Zachary Manthei
Joyce Zeinemann

April 10

Michelle Cassabaum
Benjamin Koll
William Lang
Kathryn Mittelstadt
Bonnie Norenberg
Lynn Rusch
Andrew Rusch

April 11

Christian De Young
Laverne Federer
Olivia Herber
Jacob Holmer
Jason Klee
Mary Kress
Ryan Rusch
Adrianna Saxon
Susan Schmidt
Lisa Stielow
Judy Zimmermann

April 12

Corey Bogenschuetz
April Gurley
April Holler
Gladys Kroening
Chelsey Orvis

April 13

Angela Sauter
Michelle Wilke

April 14

Ian Halverson
Bridgette Karpinski
Raymond Stock

April 15

Zachary Ellersick
Rev. James Gast
Allen Holzheimer
Marion Pilgrim

April 16

Lilyanne Benson
Reilly Carlson
Shane Feustal
Sandie Ramos
Jeremy Ubbelohde
Jessica Walford
Kevin Wilkens

April 17

Tanner Brusse

April 18

Darlene Nardi
Vincent Sackett
Zachary Verhelst

April 19

Peggy Gustafson
Claire Hammann
Donald Krause
Katie Kress
Tom Lewandoske
Tiffany Shanno
Jack Starich

April 20

Brent Felsinger
Fred Fibiger
Kaytlin Lampe
Sara Schumacher
Gina Steinhardt

April 21

David Hartmann
Kiley Hopf
David Reuter
Renee Richardson
Alecia Stolpa

April 22

Christine D'Angelo
Jacob Fredricks
Lori Jacobchick
Marissa Jensen
William Lahti
Tyler Norling
Robert Stielow
Mike Warner

April 23

Kathlyn Baird
Rachel Davis
Karen Gamez

April 24 - Easter

Madelyn Ehlert
Joan Osthelder

April 25

De Anne Dean
Noah Oostdyke
Brenda Thiel
Rev. Mark Wilkens
Keagan Wyckoff

April 26

Don Adams
Jean Haese
Michael Timm
Ariane Wartke
Nathan Wartke
Seth Wiesfeld
Emma Wigand

April 27

Benjamin Blacklock
Gerald Fischer
Brian Gottowski
Adam Guehna
Kelsey Haack
Jade Oostdyke

April 28

Angela Gill
Carol Pantel
Ruth Price

April 29

Alexis Allison
Kayla Engelhardt

April 30

Lorella Bidwell
Wyatt Cullinan
Diana Flagstad
Benjamin Hartmann
Donna Hoffman
Shae Holzheimer
Karen Klunck
Barbara Nitsch
Aaron Smith

A TRULY "SOUPER" WEEKEND!!!



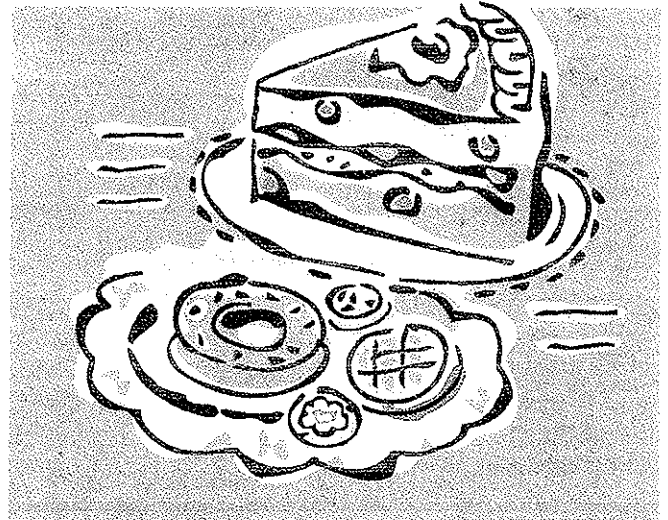
The members of the Chili/Chicken Soup Committee wish to thank the Congregation and their family and friends for their overwhelming and generous support of this year's event. About 800 servings were sold and another 3 Nescos were used for a sit-down lunch for families attending The Fine Arts Day to start off Lutheran Schools Week.

Many thanks to over 70 volunteers who contributed their talents to this fund raiser. There were cheese and bar cutting, frying, cooking, packaging, calling to sell tickets, delivering tickets, collecting money, delivering soup/chili, typing programs and the list goes on. You name it they did it and many without a college education ☺

Special thanks to Dave "Big Cheese" Kanz for donating the use of his refrigerated trucks. Thanks also to Dave & Wendy "Mr. & Mrs. Chicken" Ames for again preparing the delicious soup, to our "Chili Maids" Jackie & Margie Hasenstein, Sue Kubow, Cheryl Senkbeil and Lisa Stielow, and to the "Muscles" of the operation, Brian & Doug Hasenstein, David Senkbeil and Scott Stielow, who also kept everything running efficiently throughout the day.

Generous donations were received from Tom & Terri Behrens, Dave & Brenda Kanz, Annie Kress, Peter & Jenny Nikisch and Scott Prescher. Thanks to Jane DeBlaey for typing the programs this year and many thanks to those who baked over 80 pans of delicious goods and to all who loaned their Nescos.

Finally "thanks" to the many, many helpers which included: Jacob Ames, Phil Arnst, Chad & Suzy Bauer, Dan Blackburn, Ruth Bueter, Jeff Crneckiy, Elaine Ebert, Sandy & Karen Eckert, Andy, Debbie & Kelsi Engelhardt, Bev Fischer, Rob & Trish Fischer, Kelsey Haack, Nate Hasenstein, Mark Herman, Amanda Hoffman, Karen, Kinsey & Kiley Hopf, Erin Koenig, Verona & Kevin Lampe, Adam Laurich, Tessa Marquez, Aaron & Chris Marver, Shawn, Monica & Ali Mathes, Tyler Maxon, Jeff & Kim Nack, Barb Nikisch, Brett Nikisch, Gertie Opgenorth, Dan & Mary Pawasarat, Greg Richardson, Doris Roskosch, Dustin Stielow, Sharon Trossen, Danielle Visser, Jessica Walford, Justin Welsch, Sophia Yang, Ruth & Rhoda Zeinemann and Gordy Zastrow.



Special Thanks to Earl Zastrow who without his spirit and persisting efforts this event would not be the success it is!!

As a result of the efforts of the above congregation support, a net profit of \$3,500.00 was realized, which a large portion of the funds will go to Bethlehems Debt Retirement.

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

APRIL 2011



April 2, 5:30 p.m.
Ben & Gwen Engelhardt

April 3, 8:00 a.m.
Bob & Kathy Fricke

April 3, 10:30 a.m.
Angeline & Martha Bartz

April 9, 5:30 p.m.
Jim & Lois Bermke

April 10, 8:00 a.m.
Steve & Gina Steinhardt

April 10, 10:30 a.m.
Linda Hartman & Doris Nack

April 16, 5:30 p.m.
Greg & Renee Richardson

April 17, 8:00 a.m.
Chad & Suzanne Bauer

April 17, 10:30 a.m.
Savannah Walford & Dick Suscha

April 24, Easter Sunrise, 6:00 a.m.
Bob & Kathy Fricke

April 24, Easter, 10:30 a.m.
Gladys Kroening & Erin Quam

April 23, 5:30 p.m.
Gordon & Arlene Zastrow

April 24, Easter, 8:00 a.m.
Jennifer & Breanna Love

April 30, 5:30 p.m.
Christine Wagner & Justin Welsch

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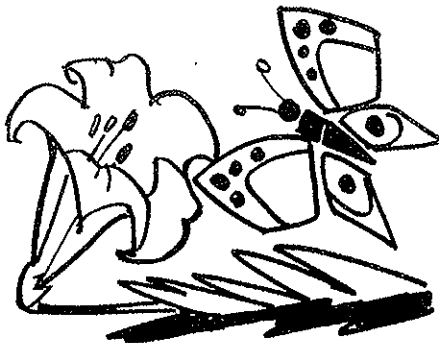
May 1, 8:00 a.m.
Mike & Shelley Scheele

May 1, 10:30 a.m.
Jan Franzone & Jackie Stenson

Happy spring, Greeters:

Please remember to check the Bethlehem greeters page to verify if you are scheduled. Perhaps our greeters would also like to extend a handshake at the close of services, as well. A blessed Easter to all!

Cristel Hodges
458-3670



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"Preparing to Serve"

Ephesians 4:11

A Monthly Newsletter

April 2011

What are You Living for?

Did you know that people who purchase an annuity, a contract that pays off a set amount of income each year but only as long as you stay alive, live longer than those who do not? And it is not because people who buy annuities are healthier people to start with. The research suggests that an annuity's steady payout provides a little extra incentive for people to keep living.

You might also know that religion helps people live longer on this earth too. A study of more than 2,800 elderly Christians and Jews found that they were more likely to die in the thirty days after their respective major holidays than in the thirty days previous to the holiday season. People seem to live longer when they have an incentive or reason to do so (Levitt & Dubner, 2009).

So the message here is simple: Take out an annuity and name your church and Lutheran High as beneficiaries, and then rest easy. ☺

Actually, when I read research like the information that was shared previously, it makes me smile knowing how ingenious and intentional God was in creating the human race. God hard-wired us to live purposeful lives in ways that bring Him joy and glory and use the gifts He has given us to the fullest. After all, God made us in His image, and He delights in us!

Of course, our sinful nature and flesh corrupt and condemn us. We sin and refuse to live in harmony with God. We live for ourselves rather than for Christ.

Which is why we all can celebrate the grace and mercy that God has demonstrated to each of us. God sent His son to atone for our sins. Jesus lived and died on earth for us! Let me say that again: Jesus lived and died on earth for you and me. He lived with a grace-filled mission and purpose.

I am forever thankful for God's intentionality and purposeful ways. He sent Jesus to us when we needed a Savior. In response to this unconditional love, God inspires us to live a life of purpose, one which glorifies Him and shares the Good News with others.

So what's your incentive for living a long and healthy life? Just what are you living for?

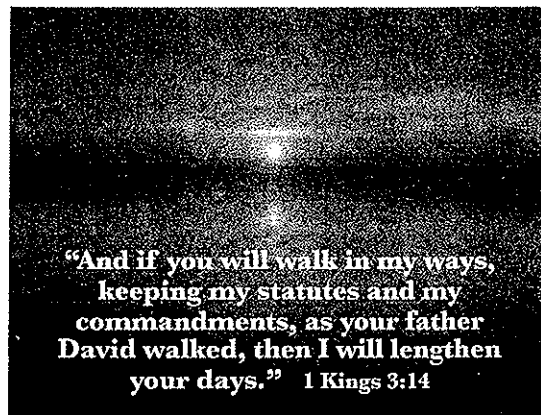
As we *Prepare Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time* at Lutheran High, I pray that God continues to help us reach and teach our young people that life is more than getting into the prestigious college, earning a big paycheck, or enjoying a

high quality of life. Our reason for waking up each morning is to share Christ. Our incentive to live long and prosper is to gain many different audiences for the Gospel and Word of God.

I thank God for giving each of us a joyous and purposeful reason to live!

In Christ,
Jim Pingel

Executive Director



Lutheran High Students of the Month

have been chosen based on their service, behavior, leadership, attitude and academic achievements.

Senior - Sarah Schlichting

St John Lutheran Church - Plymouth

Sophomore - Shane Otten

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

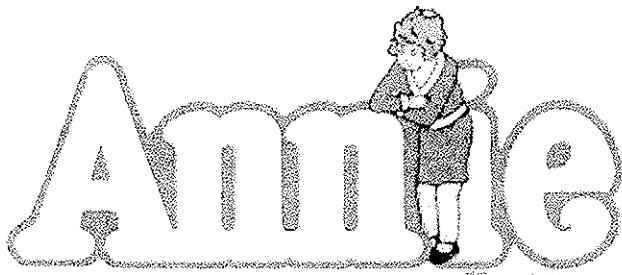
Junior - Bethany Berg

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

Freshman - Joe Jentsch

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Lutheran High Presents



April 15-17

Special Senior Citizen Matinee

12:30 p.m. Thursday April 14

(Freewill offering)

Friday Night 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Night 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Matinee 2:30 p.m.

Tickets Available at the LHS Office

\$11 Adults \$6 Seniors & Students

\$16 Preferred Seating

Summer Crusader Camps



Are you looking for something fun and educational for your kids this summer?

Lutheran High offers classes for many age groups in the following areas:

Art

Baseball

Girls Basketball

Vacation Bible School

Youth Football

Boys Basketball

Volleyball

All Registrations Include a Crusader Camp T-Shirt

The full catalog of offerings is available at the Lutheran High office or on our website www.lutheranhigh.com



25th Anniversary Lutheran High Golf Tournament

Saturday June 11

Tee Times Start at 8:00 a.m.

More Information on our Website www.lutheranhigh.com

