

# The Bethlehem Visitor

Issue 2

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School -- Sheboygan, Wisconsin

February 2011

## Contend for the Faith!

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the Gospel." Philip-  
pians 1:27

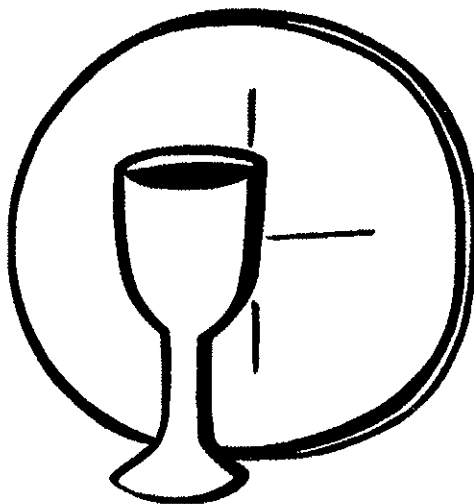
Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is life itself. "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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (St. John 3:16-17)

You and I live every moment of every day in the peace that flows from sins forgiven. Those sins have been washed away in the blood of Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God. We move through life in the confidence that heaven is our eternal

home. We are God's dearly loved children and heirs of all His promises.

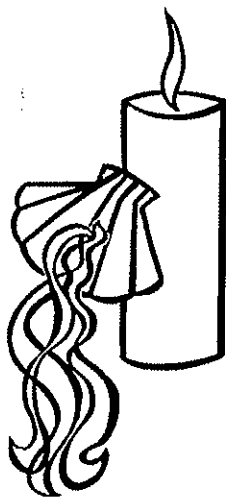
We have been baptized into Christ Jesus and therefore are brothers and sisters in Him. We are -- in a very real sense -- **a family**. We share a family name: "Christian." We share a common confession of faith in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We share the same Meal (the Lord's Supper) at the same Table (the Lord's Altar). We bear each other's burdens and share each other's joys.



The Apostle Paul reminds us that you and I should live like the family we are. We are to conduct our selves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. An unbelieving world should be able to look at our congregation and marvel at the love and forgiveness that we demonstrate to one another. The world around us should be able to look at our congregation and see our commitment to life in the body of Christ.

After all, we have a common purpose. Our Lord reminds us: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to

me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (St. Matthew 28:18-20)



the faith. May He powerfully bless the ministry and mission of our Church and School!

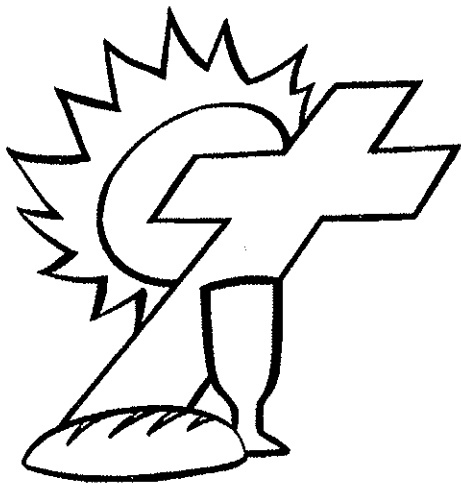
Peace be with you!

*Pastor Alan Kubow*

Pastor Kubow

We live in a world that is becoming increasingly godless. We live in an age where Christianity finds itself more and more under attack. The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are to "contend as one man" for the faith of the Gospel. We need each other. We need to stand together.

Everyone we see in this world is someone for whom Jesus died and rose. His will is that they received the gift of



salvation that He earned for them on Calvary's cross. We have the privilege of sharing the Good News of the Gospel with them.

Through His powerful Word and life-giving Sacraments, the Lord enables us to grow in the faith and to contend for

## OFFICIAL ACTS

### BAPTISMS:

December 21 - Mason Thomas Hinz, son of Robert J. and Karen A. (Bidwell) Hinz



December 21 - Holland Catherine Wolpert, daughter of Todd C. and Jennifer A. (Bidwell) Wolpert

### BIRTHS:

November 28 - Heidi (Thiel) and Brian Estes (Tuscon, Arizona) were blessed with a baby boy, Warren Vincent Estes.



### WEDDINGS:

December 31 - Ryan David Bedroske and Sarah Marie Irish



### FUNERALS:

January 16 - Wayne R. Hulbert; died January 12 at the age of 71.

## MEMORIALS / GIFTS:

\$50.00 - given in memory of Lynda Berg by Denise, Maxey and Elaine Russell and designated for Bethlehem Lutheran Church

\$500.00 - given in memory of William and Lita Fischer and Elaine Fischer by Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Kraus and designated for Bethlehem School Grant-in-Aid

## THANK YOU....

....to everyone who remembered me at Christmas with cards, gifts, cookies, etc. It was truly appreciated.

Dorothy Grasse

## THREE REASONS FOR "SIGNING IN" AT WORSHIP SERVICES

- 1. Your church cares about you and we want to be sure you're being spiritually fed.
- 2. We miss you when you're not present. If there's a problem, maybe we can help.
- 3. You're important to the Lord and to our community of believers.

So, please look for that red Record of Fellowship book and write the names of all family members attending worship, including children. Place a check mark next to the name of anyone who will be receiving a communion wafer and wine.

Help your church stay in touch with you!

## VISITOR DEADLINE

All items for the *Visitor* must be submitted no later than NOON on FEBRUARY 17th. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



## BULLETIN DEADLINE

All items to be included in the weekly bulletin must be submitted no later than noon on Wednesday. Thank you for your cooperation!





# February Birthdays - 2011



These are the February 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.

## February 1

Madelaine Bartz  
Cheyenne Beltran  
Sandra Kasten  
Alita Kramer  
Jacob Malwitz  
Kelly Mannon II  
Brandon Nikisch  
Carson Yinko

## February 2

Kimberly Greger  
Renee Henning  
Kelli Marquez  
Janice Wegner

## February 3

Evayda Graves

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

Ps. 90:12

## February 4

Logan Bermke  
Jeff Crneckiy  
Gary Niemann  
Craig Pautz  
Stacy Wigand

## February 5

Isaiah Cyr  
Judy Knier  
Kim Nack  
Jonathon Ostwald  
Gregory Pouliot  
Joan Wehrmann

## February 6

Sam Ames  
Linda Hartman  
Sherry Hunt  
Kathryn Richardson

## February 7

Sharyn Grider  
Shirley Hoppert  
Jessica Kanz  
Christopher Thomas  
Adam Wilkens

## February 8

Lavon Hatleli  
Don Hicks  
Kim Zeman

## February 9

Dwayne Grunow, Jr.  
John Schicker  
Mao Yang

## February 10

Jeanne Andersen  
Addison Edwards  
Kyra Campbell  
Mark Gibeault  
Dennis Hayon  
Cheryl Hicks

## February 11

Morgan Cummings  
Larry Hansen, Jr.  
Brad Henning  
Jeff Henning

## February 12

Phillip Arnst  
Corbin Siefert  
Wendy Yinko

## February 13

Sally Arnst  
Ashley Winnemuller

## February 14

Scott Chiminatti  
Valeria Krause  
Isaiah Pautz

## February 15

Brandon Bauer  
Ashley Bintzler

## February 16

Linda Akright  
Brittney Brousseau  
Carissa Norling  
Michael Davis II

## February 17

Kristen Johnston  
Robert D. Osthelder  
Sophie Reiss  
Brett Tenpenny  
Janice Trempe  
Darrel Widder

## February 18

Jack Pope-Miller  
Michael Rios  
Matt Rusch  
Sharon Trossen  
Randy Voss  
Ken Winter  
Amanda Zimbal

## February 19

Aaron Baackes  
Doris Gandre  
Alex Heiberger  
Sarah Irish

## February 20

Lisa Bischoff  
Sherrie Bundy  
Ashley Frericks  
Sheila Niemann  
Jeremiah Oostdyke  
Roberta Rotsted  
Richard Zimbal Sr.

## February 21

Karen McDaniel  
Bradley Van Engen  
Zackary Wolf

## February 22

Janet Carpenter  
Nolan Kamp  
Ativia Konz  
Leinyia Strong  
Emily Wegner

## February 23

Helena DeBruin  
Brandon Grunow  
Kirsten Lemus  
Karin McCabe  
Richard Sherman  
Randy Wildman  
Vicki Wildman

## February 24

Sue Braun  
Mark Carlson  
Crystal Horness

## February 25

Christine Grunow  
Austin Haack  
Florence Langhoff  
Nakita Mathes  
Lee Steffen

## February 26

Mason Biederwolf  
Ryan Spannagle  
Frank Yinko, Jr.

## February 27

Michael Ehaney  
Elmira Gehr  
Michael Hoffmann  
Daniel Kiehl  
Bret Nikisch  
Major Mae Teller  
Magdelynn Wayte  
Tom Zimbal

## February 28

Kody Griessmeyer  
Randall Stache

## February 29

Kristine DeBruin





## THRIVENT MEMBERS

As a Thrivent member, you may be eligible to participate in Choice Dollars, which replaced Thrivent's Giving Plus program. Eligible members can designate their "Choice Dollars" to Lutheran institutions, including Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School.

Eligible members would have received notification via mail and a reminder letter will be sent out in January 2011.

This is an opportunity for Bethlehem to receive monies without any additional cost to Thrivent members, other than filing on-line or via telephone.

The deadline for receiving 2010 dollars is March 31, 2011, so please review your status and contact David Lang at 920-458-8920 for assistance or questions. Thank you for your support.

## "PRESSURE POINTS" TO BE LWML TOPIC

What do you think of when the phrase "pressure points" is mentioned? Do you think of places on the body that can be pressed down to stop bleeding? Or do you think about situations in which problems or disagreements are likely to occur? Could there be some pressure points in your life? Then plan to attend the February meeting of the Bethlehem Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).

Led by Audrey Braatz, this topic will be discussed in the light of Scripture. In addition, mite box offerings will be accepted and a special offering earmarked to buy goats for impoverished Africans, will be collected.



LWML supports mission projects at home and abroad. Why not plan to become a part of this important work? Just come to the Century Room on Tuesday, February 1st, at 7:00 p.m. You'll find a friendly group of sisters in Christ waiting for you.

## PLEASE HELP US COLLECT COUPONS!

For many years, the Bethlehem Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) has been collecting "No Expiration Date" coupons to send to Concordia Theological Seminary. The seminarians use these coupons to help pay for groceries at the food co-op as well as the time they volunteer stocking shelves, etc.

If you would like to help out these young men and their families, please donate coupons with no expiration dates or with expiration dates that are far enough in the future to be of use, and place them in the box located on the LWML table in the Century Room.

## ENJOY DINING OUT? LIKE THE THEATER?

If you're reading this before Friday, January 28th, it's not too late to go to the Weill Center ticket office any afternoon to purchase tickets for the hilarious play, *The Church Basement Ladies Sequel*. The ticket price is \$38.00.

We're also planning to have lunch together at Fountain Park Family Restaurant at 11:45 a.m. (order off-the-menu). Please call Audrey Braatz (452-7706) to let her know if you're having lunch, attending the play or both.



## MORNING MEDITATIONS UPDATE

American Luther Association has announced a change in the Morning Meditations broadcast. As of February 25th, Morning Meditations will no longer air on WHBL. It will continue to air on 1420, the Breeze, at its regular time, 4:28 p.m. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



## SOCIAL SENIORS (AND FRIENDS) BOWLING

If bowling is "your thing", why not join us in an afternoon of fun and fellowship at the Lakeshore Lanes on March 3rd. We will enjoy lunch together at noon (ordering off the menu) in the Lakeshore Lounge and Grill, after which we will bowl. The cost for shoe rental and bowling two games is \$5.00. Watch for further announcements in the church bulletin and a sign-up sheet in the Century Room.

## MAKING SUMMER PLANS? DON'T FORGET VBS!

Cooperative Vacation Bible School is a wonderful summertime activity for any child from age 3 (by January 1, 2011) through grade 6 (this school year). It's a fun-filled faith-building experience that shouldn't be overlooked.

Each year a new, original curriculum is being developed and is designed to be presented mostly out-of-doors on the beautiful campus of Lutheran High School. Crafts, songs, snacks and games are all coordinated with the Christian teachings being emphasized. The kids have a great experience.

Mark your calendar. This year's dates are Tuesday, June 14th through Friday, June 17th (9:00 a.m. to noon). Free babysitting before

and after VBS will again be available here at Bethlehem.

Spread the word! This event is too good to miss!

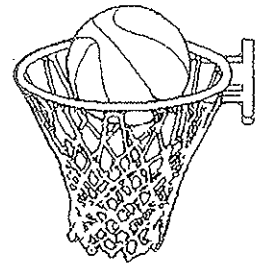
## A.D.'S CORNER

Our 18th annual girls' basketball tournament will take place the weekend of February 25th and 26th.

This year, the committee is looking for donations of your favorite tortes which may be brought to the kitchen any time after 3:30 p.m. on the 25th of February.

Secondly, if you or your employer would like to place an ad in the tournament booklet, please contact Mr. Bajus at 452-4331 or 452-5071.

Hope to see you at the tournament!



VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School

*Education for Today...Education for Eternity!*

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e-mail: schooloffice@ourbethlehem.com

**James L. Hartman**

Pastor

**Alan D. Kubow**

Pastor

**Patrick R. Vanic**

Principal

Dear Families of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School,

We need everyone's help to make our 1st annual Pizza Sale successful. From now until **February 7th** we will be taking orders for homemade pizzas. The pizzas are fresh and can be frozen. These pizzas are 12" in size. They are available in the following types: Cheese, Pepperroni, Sausage, Supreme, Pepperroni/Sausage and Sausage/Mushroom.

This is a preorder sale only. There will not be any pizzas for sale on the day of pickup. People that have had these pizzas have said they are definitely worth the price. Money must be turned in on the day of pickup. They will be made on **Saturday February 19th** with pickup on that day also in the Parish Activity Center/gymnasium. Come and join the fun and fellowship that this event brings to our church and school.

We are having this fundraiser to help replace third source funding that has been lost. We here at Bethlehem need to work together as church and school to help fill a gap of approximately \$70,000 so that our ministry continues to stay strong and vibrant. Please consider selling and/or making these pizzas this year:

As an incentive for our school families, we will be giving out 3 gift certificates for the top 3 sellers.

1st place - \$50.00 Target gift certificate

2nd place - \$25.00 Target gift certificate

3rd place - \$25.00 Target gift certificate

Please drop off completed sale forms at the school or church office. If you have any questions please call Mary or Ann Kress at 458-4554 or email [mkress411@gmail.com](mailto:mkress411@gmail.com)

Thank you ahead of time for helping with this sale. It will certainly help Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School continue to grow.

Pastor James Hartman - Administrative Pastor

Patrick Vanic - School Principal

Ann Kress - Pizza Co-Chairperson

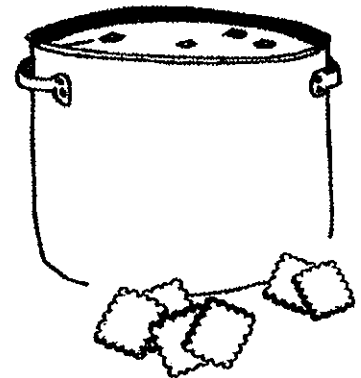
Pastor Alan Kubow - Associate Pastor

Mrs. Mary Kress - Pizza Co-Chairperson Ms.

**MARK YOUR**  
**CALENDAR!!!**

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**after the service**  
**&**  
**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**After the services and until 1:00 p.m.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Chili Event**



**Carry Outs Only**

The **Carry Out Menu** will include your choice of:  
"delicious" chili or  
"mouth watering" chicken soup.  
Included with each container is cheese, crackers and bars.

\$6.00 - for a 32-ounce container  
**Free Delivery to Homebound**  
call

Jackie Hasenstein at 459-8047, Margie Hasenstein at 459-7921 or Lisa Stielow at 458-0198.

All proceeds going to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School.

February 2011  
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

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## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

### FEBRUARY 2011



February 5, 5:30 p.m.  
Dick & Betty DeYoung

February 6, 8:00 a.m.  
Aaron & Mary Smith

February 6, 10:30 a.m.  
Jeff & Lana Holler & Dylan Arens

February 12, 5:30 p.m.  
David Strohschoen & Justin Welsch

February 13, 8:00 a.m.  
Dan Blackburn & Susan Warner

February 13, 10:30 a.m.  
Erin Quam & Dick Suscha

February 19, 8:00 a.m.  
Doris Gandre & Marilyn Pautz

February 20, 8:00 a.m.  
Verdun & Jane Cecil

February 20, 10:30 a.m.  
Randy & Vicki Wildman

February 26, 5:30 p.m.  
Jane Felten & Christine Wagner

February 27, 8:00 a.m.  
Dave & Ginny Littmann

February 27, 10:30 a.m.  
Jan Franzone & Joanne Knaub



### MARCH 2011

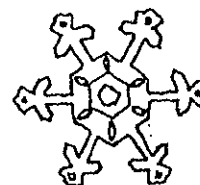
March 5, 5:30 p.m.  
Jim & Phyllis Barts

March 6, 8:00 a.m.  
John & Kathy Baird

March 6, 10:30 a.m.  
Shaun & Cory Brachmann

Thanks to all our greeters for making our members and guests feel welcome. Call me with any schedule conflicts.

Cristel Hodges  
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"Preparing to Serve"

Ephesians 4:11

A Monthly Newsletter

February 2011

## All Hands On Deck: LHS Dinner Auction Ready to Set Sail



In case you have not heard, Lutheran High has a little fundraising gig we embark upon every spring. We call it the Lutheran High Dinner Auction! Over the past 30 years, the Dinner Auction has been Lutheran High's highest grossing fundraiser. In fact, over one million dollars has been raised through this event throughout Lutheran High's three decades of existence.

This success would not have been possible without the grace of God and the contributions of so many people in so many different ways. We rejoice and give thanks to those who:

- ❖ **Provide gift baskets** filled with items designed around a special theme.
- ❖ **Bake specialty desserts** for our dessert auction.
- ❖ **Donate tickets** for the Packers, Brewers, Bucks, or Badgers to be won by the highest bidder.
- ❖ **Purchase an entire table** of 8 or 10 people so that many can enjoy the food, fellowship, and fundraising that takes place.

- ❖ **Invite** and, in some cases, even pay for loved ones or friends to join them in attendance.
- ❖ **Gift a time share** to the school for a trip that might otherwise not be used this year.
- ❖ **Give cash donations** for the "Walk of Stars."
- ❖ **Contribute a handmade gift** or use your expertise to produce something of special delight and interest.
- ❖ **Volunteer** on the Auction Committee or for the night of the Dinner Auction itself.
- ❖ **Host a Gift-Gathering Party** to raise funds or specific items that can be donated to the Auction.
- ❖ **Surprise** the Auction Committee with that once-in-a-lifetime contribution or gift.
- ❖ **Pray** for a God-pleasing and successful Auction night.
- ❖ **Give** what they can when they can to the cause!



There are so many different ways you can support Lutheran High's Dinner Auction this year. Invitations for the Auction will be sent out in mid-February and also available online at [lutheranhigh.com](http://lutheranhigh.com). Of course, Lutheran High wants every Lutheran High supporter, and even those who may not know the Lutheran High family, to join us on this special night.

Perhaps you cannot come to this year's event. You can still help make the Auction a spectacular success. Would you consider hosting a gift-gathering party with family and friends so you can donate a gift basket or special gift? Can you donate some gift cards or desirable bid items to the cause? Contact Lutheran High Association Secretary Kathy VanDeKreeke at the Lutheran High Office or email her at [vandekreeke@lutheranhigh.com](mailto:vandekreeke@lutheranhigh.com) or Auction Chair, Tricia Redeker can be contacted via email at [estatesheboygan@att.net](mailto:estatesheboygan@att.net), if you have any questions or ideas on how you can help. Another successful Dinner Auction helps us as we *Prepare Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time*. May God grant it be so!

In Christ,

Jim Pingel  
Executive Director



**Save the Date!**

# Annual Dinner Auction

**Friday, April 1 - Preview Night**

Complimentary Auction Preview  
featuring cash bar and food - Starting at 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 2 - Auction & Dinner**

Silent Auction to open at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner Buffet opens at 5:30 p.m. Live Auction opens at 8:00 p.m.

## Your Donations Are Needed

**Sincerely Seeking :** Packers, Badgers and Brewers tickets! Please consider donating a pair of your season tickets to be auctioned off. Your donation of other auction items will also be greatly appreciated.

**Desserts:** Please consider donating your best torte, layer cake or special dessert for the "Dessert Auction."

Check out our website at [www.lhsauction.com](http://www.lhsauction.com) to find an expanded wish list and more information about this years "Do Not Miss" event!

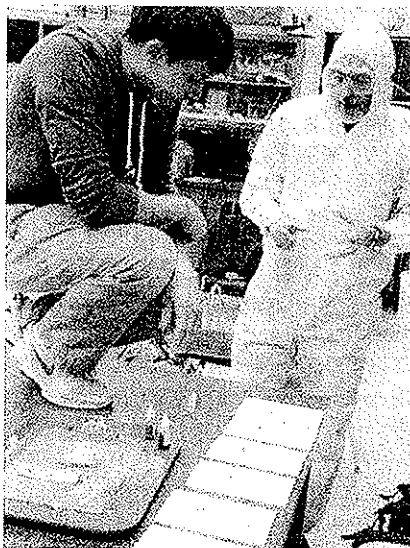
**Lutheran High  
Students of the Month**  
have been chosen based on their  
service, behavior, leadership,  
attitude and academic  
achievements.

**Senior - Zach Webster**  
Trinity Lutheran Church -  
Howards Grove

**Junior - Nicole Holk**  
St. John Lutheran Church -  
Random Lake

**Sophomore - Taylor Olsen**  
Trinity Lutheran Church -  
Sheboygan

**Freshman - Gabriella Schneider**  
First United Lutheran Church -  
Sheboygan



### CSI Lutheran High

CSI Lutheran High was one of the varied class offerings during the Winterim session in January. Students analyzed crime scene data, with specialists in various fields offering their expertise. Featured speakers included Atty. Richard Hahn and Officer Mark Mancl from the Sheboygan Sheriff's Department. Seeking the truth was the ultimate goal in their scientific analysis.

### Upcoming Events:

**Saturday, Feb. 5**

Citrus Sale Pick-Up

**Tuesday, Feb. 8**

Senior Citizens  
Bible Breakfast 8:30 a.m.

Culvers Night for LHS  
5 - 10 p.m.

Sheboygan Locations Only

**Saturday, Feb. 19**

Comedy Sportz at LHS

Tickets \$10 in Advance \$15 at Door

**For more information and  
full sports schedule  
please check our website  
at [www.lutheranhigh.com](http://www.lutheranhigh.com)**