

The Bethlehem Visitor

March, 2011

Dear Fellow Redeemed,

As always, time marches on at a rapid clip. The month of March ushers in the season of Lent.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

Because Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, we skip over Sundays when we calculate the length of Lent. Therefore, in the Western Church, Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter.

Once again, Bethlehem will be exchanging pulpits with area Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod congregations. For their sermon preparation, the area pastors are focusing on the several miracles and miraculous signs performed by God during the Passion of Jesus Christ. The important and significant miracles and miraculous signs that God the Father performed to set apart His Son's death from absolutely all others, were performed to help spread the Good News, which is centered in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the face of opposition.

Our Lenten worship services take place on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (unless listed otherwise below).

Soup Suppers (freewill offering) are offered each Wednesday, beginning March 16th, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., in the cafeteria in the Bethlehem Activity Center.

Ash Wednesday, March 9: Rev. James Hartman of Bethlehem
The Miraculous Darkness - "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour." (Matthew 27:45)

Wednesday, March 16: Rev. Robert Steele of Bethany, Kohler
The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks (Matthew 27:51c)

Wednesday, March 23: Rev. Alan Kubow of Bethlehem
The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death (Matthew 27:52,53)

Wednesday, March 30: Rev. Christian Gugel of Good Shepherd
The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers (Matthew 27:54)

Wednesday, April 6: Rev. Alan Kretschmar of St. Paul, Sheboygan
The Miraculous Tearing of the Temple Curtain -
“And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.”
(Matthew 27:51a)

Wednesday, April 13: Rev. Adam Scheblein of Immanuel
The Miraculous Earthquake “And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.”
(Matthew 27:51b)

Maundy Thursday, April 21: 6:00 p.m.
The Miraculous in Holy Communion (1 Cor. 11:23–26)

Good Friday, April 22: 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. The Miracle of Good Friday (1 Peter 3:18)

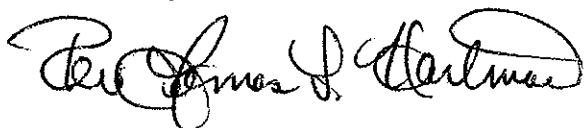
Easter Vigil, April 23: 5:30 p.m.
The Miracle of Christ’s Descent Into Hell (1 Peter 3:18, 19)

Easter Sunday, April 24: 6:00, 8:00, and 10:30 a.m.
The Miracle of Easter (Matthew 28:1–10)

Easter Breakfast will be served by the Bethlehem Youth (freewill offering) from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m., in the Bethlehem Parish Activity Center.

May the Lord of the church continue to bless us as we serve Him to the best of our abilities.

I remain your servant in Christ,



Rev. James L. Hartman
Administrative Pastor
Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School

OFFICIAL ACTS

WEDDINGS:

February 19 - Eric George Visel and Melissa Gail Goldmann



VISITOR DEADLINE

All items for the *Visitor* must be submitted no later than noon on MARCH 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!

HAVE YOU HEARD?

There are at least three reasons for signing in at worship services. They are:

- ✓ 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 the 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 of anyone who will be receiving a communion wafer and wine.

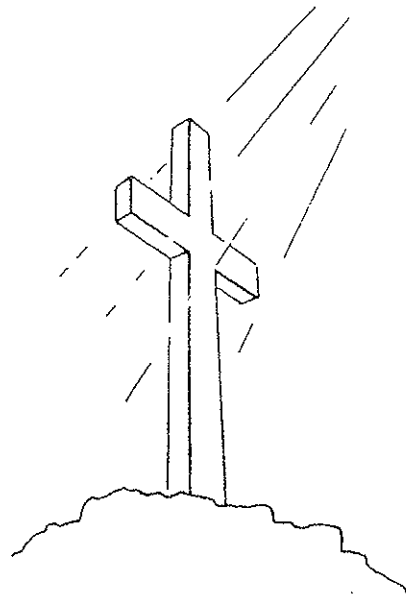
Help your church stay in touch with you!

NEW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN....

....will start soon. By now, everyone has probably noticed the extra line on their offering envelope which says, "Family of Believers". This is the name of our new capital campaign which will include:

- 1) providing new blacktop for the southwest parking lot and a fence
- 2) resealing brick on the church
- 3) debt retirement
- 4) installing air conditioning in school classrooms

The above are a few of the items that need immediate attention. We also have other needs that we can work on when we complete the aforementioned tasks. Please watch for more information about the capital campaign.





HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT "LEFTOVERS"?

LWML hopes you enjoy them because the topic at the March meeting will be leftover from last month. The February meeting was canceled due to the impending blizzard of 2011. The topic to be discussed will be "Pressure Points".

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 March 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.

Please join us Tuesday, March 1st, at 7:00 p.m., in the Century Room. You'll find a friendly group of sisters in Christ waiting for you.

CHAPLAINCY NIGHT AT CULVER'S IN PLYMOUTH

...will be held on Friday, March 11th, when the annual Chaplaincy Ministry fundraiser fish fry takes place at the Plymouth Culver's Restaurant (2318 Eastern Avenue (HWY C), from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Ten percent of all sales will be given to the Chaplaincy Ministry in support of the mission providing spiritual care for our nursing home residents. Drive through and phoned in takeout orders count as well.

Come and join Pastor Tom and the Chaplaincy volunteers for some great food and fellowship.

SOCIAL SENIORS GALLERY / GLASS BLOWING EVENT

WHEN? Tuesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Abler Art Glass Gallery
16205 Little Elkhart Lake Road
Kiel, Wisconsin 53062
(3 miles east of Kiel, off HWY 57)

We will meet at Bethlehem at 9:30 a.m. sharp to arrange carpooling for those interested who need transportation. It is a half hour to 45 minute drive on HWY 23 to 57, north to Kiel.

There will be a glass blowing demonstration and a gallery tour which should take an hour to an hour and a half, depending on the size of the group.

Following the tour, we will have lunch at Millhome around 12:00 noon. The lunch/dinner will be the only cost for the event. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, plan ahead, as we need to give Abler's and Millhome a "heads up"!



SOCIAL SENIORS (AND FRIENDS) TO ATTEND RCS SPRING MUSICAL

Mark your calendars! On Tuesday, April 12th, Social Seniors (and friends) will have the opportunity to attend the 9:30 a.m. performance of The Sound of Music at the Rehabilitation Center of Sheboygan. (RCS). Twenty-five free tickets have been provided. Watch future bulletins for sign-up information.



INCLUDE VBS IN YOUR SUMMER PLANS!

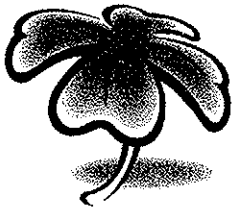
Are you arranging the family schedule for the summer months? Don't forget to set aside time for Vacation Bible School.

VBS is scheduled to run from Tuesday, June 14th through Friday, June 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The age range for participants is 3½ years old through grade 6 (this school year). The age range for volunteers is grade 7 (this school year) through senior citizens. Plan now to participate. You'll be glad you did!

WHY DOES VBS RUN TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY?

If you've ever wondered why Cooperative Vacation Bible School starts on Tuesday, June 14th rather than Monday, June 13th, the answer can be given in two words -- winter weather. That Monday is reserved for a snow make-up day in the event that Sheboygan public schools need to use it as a "student day". VBS wants all children, whether they attend parochial, private or public schools, to be able to enjoy all four VBS days.





March Birthdays

By: Earl Zastrow



These are the March 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.

March 1

Nancy Bearns
Emily Beuchel
Elwood Buttke
Karen Eckert
Tiffany Forward
Randy Holler
Maxwell Strojinc

March 2

Tony Ehaney

March 3

Abigail Barrington
Melanie Cyr
Pauline Dottai
Ronald Griessmeyer
Brittney Kuehlmann
Holly Phalin
Lana Sieracki
Audrey Zimbal

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

Ps. 90:12

March 4

No birthdays.

March 5

David Littmann
Tiffany Prescher

March 6

Nicole Arnhoelter
Krisi Mondloch
Jessica Schlegel

March 7

Mark Bajus
Lisa Gmach
Devin Puksich
Beverly Steffen
Richard Yinko III

March 8

Christopher Aschenbach
Sydney Barrington
Mark Brestrich
Debra Ehaney
Elijah Justus
Stephanie Zill

March 9

Sandra Fischer
Anna Schumacher

March 10

Tristan Bermke
Mary Lesicko
Nathan Richardson
Sonia Ten Pas

March 11

Renee Heimerman
Andrew Jacobchick
Julia Richardson
Hailey Seitz

March 12

Philip Hansen
Michelle Holzheimer
Ruth Steffen
Darlene Stielow
Ellen Vanic
Deanna Wiehr

March 13

Dale Back
Sandra Hlavka
Todd Klueger
Kristen Konz
Jet Kubow
Steven Lang
Rhoda Zeinemann
Ruth Zeinemann

March 14

Ken Aldag
Rolene Bahrs
Kelly Dicker
Roger Grimmer

March 15

Robert Davis II
Harvey Gross Sr.
Hilda Schneider
Lisa Strohschoen
Robert Weeden
Dalton Zeman

March 16

Gabriel Gandre
Elva Klein
Dylan Markelz
Rachel Pouliot

March 17 ♣

John Halverson
Connor Konz
Jocelyn Pingel
Jeffrey Sirvio Jr.
Mark Steffen
Patti Toston
Tyler Tuttle
Jennifer Trempe

March 18

Sean Hasenstein
Lisa Herber
Lloyd Larson
Halia Lueck
Craig Roth, Jr.
Savannah Walford
Kathy Wesener

March 19

Branden Berry
Jeff Lampe
Grant Portenier
Grace Portenier
Jean Sertich

March 20

Chris Cyr
Don Gerber
John Levezow
Jonathan Manthei
Madalyn Miller
Matt Wilke

March 21

Ruth Bueter
Ian DeBauche
Tanya Hernandez
Richard Hlavka
Maxwell Lemus
Preston (Kurtinitis) Miller
Jody Planinscheck
Anna Reseburg

March 22

Shae Beltran
MaKenna Lindsay
Judy Reinemann
Brian Schicker

March 23

Danielle Graf
Tricia Gross
Tanya Kittelson
Susan Smith
Haley Zastrow

March 24

Peter Brachmann
Shirley Dumann
Dorothy Grasse
LaVerne Helmer
Noemi Nelson
Joshua Ninneman
Hudson Yinko

March 25

Christian Mueller
Aaron Reseburg
Tammy Rueger
Peggy Truttschel

March 26

Ryan Abraham
Cynthia Becker
David Goldman
Elysia Sandman
Wendy Snider

March 27

Wilbert Adams
Levi Boy
Breanna Love
Andrew Wilsing

March 28

McCormick Behrens
Elijah Berg
Peggy Jensen
Greg Mittelstadt
Brennan Strauch
Daniel Wayne
Ruth Wilke
Justin Wine

March 29

Linda Allwardt
Chris Grunow
Caden Roth

March 30

Richard Becker
Edvin Hatleli Sr.
David Teller

March 31

Dennis Beams
Debra Engelhardt
Beau Sandman
David Vanic
Aaron Zabel

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

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

March 12, 5:30 p.m.
Don & Roxy Mueller

March 13, 8:00 a.m.
Lynell Einspahr & Yolanda Graf

March 13, 10:30 a.m.
Kiley & Kinsey Hopf

March 19, 5:30 a.m.
Bev Fischer & Lorraine Hermann

March 20, 8:00 a.m.
Jane Halverson & Earl Zastrow

March 20, 10:30 a.m.
Steve & Gina Steinhardt

March 26, 5:30 p.m.
Mary Jo Cyr & Tyler Tuttle

March 27, 8:00 a.m.
Alice Brown & Nick Gottowski

March 27, 10:30 a.m.
Gladys Kroening & Tessa Marquez



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

Hello Greeters:

Thanks for your willingness to offer a smile and a handshake to our members and guests. New greeters are always needed; just give me a call.

Cristel Hodges
458-3670



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Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

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"Preparing to Serve"

Ephesians 4:11

A Monthly Newsletter

March 2011

Beastly or Beautiful: The Choice is Yours

Lutheran High students often say things better than I ever could. I recently read an essay written by Lutheran High senior, Erika Herrmann. Her personal story touched me and offers a terrific perspective on what it means to be a Christian Leader. She dealt with a setback and adversity in a very humble and uplifting way. We all can learn a lot from her. Her words are printed verbatim below.

I didn't usually get angry like this. What was wrong with me? Why was I getting so worked up? I had always been in the chorus. So why should I expect anything to change just because I was an upperclassman? I was doomed to yet another year of obscurity as just another face in the crowd, overworked and under appreciated.

*I had just seen the casting sheet for my school's spring musical, **Beauty and the Beast**. For the third year in a row, I was just another chorus member. I had one of the better voices in the school, and I was expecting a larger role than the one line I had the previous year. After a few moments of irrational anger, I calmed down and decided to just swallow my pride and make the best of it.*

I went through the rehearsal process as I usually did, helping my peers learn dance steps and harmonies in between homework and scenes and, later, getting to rehearsal an hour early to help others with costumes, hair and makeup.

One evening, I overheard a girl with one of the main roles talking with my director, saying how she had to leave practice for a voice lesson. Since we took lessons from the same teacher, I volunteered to switch voice times with her because my time did not conflict with musical practice. I was just a chorus member, and she was an important lead, so I figured it would be a no brainer for our director. To my surprise, the director turned to me and, looking torn, said that he would rather that I not leave either, because I was an anchor for the chorus and he needed me to lead the chorus in the right direction. I was shocked. My hard work was appreciated after all,

Lutheran High teaches more than math and theology: The people here teach us to be better Christians with better attitudes toward life, and they give us the tools to deal with almost anything that comes our way. You don't always get what you want in life. You have two options after disappointment: You can either choose to stay bitter and be miserable through the experience, or you can choose to swallow your pride, put your best foot forward, and give it your all. I decided to do the latter. The Bible says, in 1 Corinthians 10:31b, "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." To volunteer for something, or even to be assigned to something, and not to give it your best shot is a recipe for misery and failure.

*I love to act, and I had a blast being a chorus member in **Beauty and the Beast** because I followed God's advice and did not let my disappointment sour my attitude. I try to apply God's Word to everything I do in life, from choir to gym class, to volunteering at Lutheran High's thrift store—Neat Repeats. I think it has made me a better Christian leader, and I hope my positive outlook might lead others to the same discovery: that no matter what the situation, following God's instructions can make the difference between a horrible experience and an amazing one. God knows best because He knows everything. Following His advice is the best way to deal with anything the world throws at you.*

Your congregation's support makes it possible for students like Erika to continue growing in the nurture and admonition of the Lord here at Lutheran High. For your faithful support, please accept our deepest thanks and gratitude.

In Christ,

Jim Pingel, Executive Director



Be sure to see Erika Herrmann, in a major role, with the rest of her peers in this year's spring musical, "Annie". Erika will play Grace Ferrell, Oliver Warbucks' personal secretary.



Save the Date!

Annual Dinner Auction

Friday, April 1 - Preview Night

Complimentary Auction Preview
featuring cash bar and food - 5:00 - 9:00 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.

Early Reservations are \$60 per person

After March 15 Reservations are \$75

Online Auction Begins March 1

Check out our website at www.lhsauction.com to find the online auction, an expanded wish list and more information about this years "Do Not Miss" event!



Your Donations Are Still Needed

Do you have a TimeShare or Condo that you can donate for a week? Packers, Badgers or Brewers Tickets are great donations! Artwork, sporting goods, gift baskets and gift certificates would also be appreciated. Can you bake a special cake or torte for our dessert auction?

If you have any questions or would like to donate,
please call the Lutheran High Office at 920-452-3323.

Lutheran High Students of the Month

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

Senior - Dani Radloff

St. John Lutheran Church - Plymouth

Sophomore - Haleigh Kaiser

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

Junior - Katie Herrmann

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

Freshman - Joseph Meador

St. John Lutheran Church - Plymouth