

# The Bethlehem Visitor May, 2011

"Mayday, Mayday, Mayday!"

My Dear Christian Friends,

The above words really have nothing to do with the month of May except for using "May" as a part of the words. They come from a French phrase which means "come and help us!" and have become an international code asking for help for airplanes and ships in trouble and danger. "Come and help us" may be what many of us are thinking and saying in light of today's gloomy economic conditions. Sadly, too many people are losing their jobs and homes and others are pulling back on their spending and giving because of what is happening financially.

"Why would God allow this?" is a question on the hearts and minds of many people, including faithful Christians. First of all, God did not cause this present condition. It is rather the result of some unwise behavior by many people in the business, financial and political realms. Perhaps we need to frame the question more like this: "What might God be trying to tell and teach us during such economic times as these?"

One thing that He may be trying to teach us is to distinguish more carefully and thoughtfully on the difference between our wants and needs. More often than not we have what we need but don't have everything that we want. The desire to have everything is what gets us into financial difficulty.

Another thing that God may be teaching us is to concentrate more on what is really most important. The truth is that God has already come to answer our "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday!" call by

sending His only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Romans 8:32 offers us the assurance of God's care and concern for us: "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?" (NIV) Jesus, in His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:25-34), encourages us not to be overly concerned with material things because our Heavenly Father knows what we need when it comes to food, clothes, shelter and such things. Will God fulfill all our wants? Probably not, but He will take care of our needs. Because of this assurance Jesus instructs us to "seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to us as well." (Matthew 6:33 NIV).

So, in troubling times like today's economy, we can live with the blessed assurance that God loves us and will take care of us so that we can live as His faithful stewards and continue to support generously the work of His church. Nothing done or given for the support of God's work is ever done or given in vain! Or, to put it another way, "God's work done in God's way will never lack for God's supply!"

I remain your servant in Christ,



Rev. James L. Hartman

## OFFICIAL ACTS

### BAPTISMS:

March 26 - Mason Erhard Louis Burnard, son of Josh L. and Rachel L. (Pautz) Burnard

April 3 - Alex Joshua Ehaney, son of Anthony D. and Kelly L. (Buesing) Ehaney

April 10 - Katelynn Mae Weyker, daughter of Jeremy L. Weyker and Cheryl N. Lahner

## VISITOR DEADLINE

All items for the *Visitor* must be submitted no later than noon on May 19th. 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!

## FAMILY FUN FAIR NOTES

Bethlehem kids HAD to be tired after the Family Fun Fair and our volunteers were even more tired. In a two-hour span, 2,972 games were played -- amazing! The games that made the top five this year were:

- 244 -- Basketball
- 242 -- Pick-a-Duck
- 212 -- Pick-a-Nose
- 196 -- Sponge Toss
- 195 -- Frog Launch



We thank everyone who volunteered by helping with the games, concessions, ticket sales, ticket redemption, prize table and clean-up. Also, we extend our thanks to Andrew and Deb Engelhardt for bringing some of their games for us to use, Jerry Anger for building our Frog Launcher, Cesar and Kirsten Lemus for providing the tattoos through Thrivent, Johnsonville/Tom Splittgerber for the donation of brats, Plum the Clown (a.k.a.

Donna Hoffman, the Bethlehem teachers (and their kids) who stayed Friday after school to help with set-up, the Fischers and the PTL Fun Fair Committee (Chris and Aaron Marver, Michelle Pingel and Deb Hansen). We are looking forward to next year and we hope you are, too!

## LWML TO FEATURE SPECIAL DVD



You've seen posters advertising the Sheboygan Area Lutheran Institutional Chaplaincy. Perhaps you've even supported a fundraiser for this important work, but how much do you really know about this much-needed ministry for nursing home residents? To find out more, just come to the May meeting of the Bethlehem LWML. A DVD entitled, *When I Was in Need, You Came to Me*, will be shown. You might be surprised at the scope of this compassionate work.

In addition, as mite box offerings are collected, an update on LWML-supported mission work will be given.

On Saturday, June 4th, LWML will have lunch at a local Sheboygan restaurant. Watch May church bulletins for more information and please plan to attend.

LWML is an enjoyable and vibrant organization. Why not come to the next meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 7:00 p.m., in the Century Room.

## CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY FOR HEALTH CARE CENTERS

...newsletter and events can be read at [www.wheniwasinneed.org](http://www.wheniwasinneed.org). Check us out! God's blessings in our risen Savior's name.



## **SOCIAL SENIORS (AND FRIENDS) BOWLING -- BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

Our last bowling "adventure" in March was so much fun that we have decided to plan another afternoon of fun and fellowship at Lakeshore Lanes on Thursday, May 19th.

We will enjoy lunch together at noon (ordering off the menu) in the Lakeshore Lounge and Grill and follow that with bowling. No sign-up is necessary, no specific skill-level necessary; just come and have a good time.

The cost for shoe rental and bowling two games is \$5.00. If you have any questions, please call Sheri Constien (452-9144).

Audrey Braatz (452-7706). You will be called regarding your assignment and training will be provided.

## **VBS LAUNCHES DONATIONS DRIVE**

Donations of items really help VBS keep our registration fee low.

Here's what we need this year: canisters of Wet Wipes, chocolate or vanilla sandwich cookies, Cocoa Puffs cereal, mini or large marshmallows, graham crackers, white frosting, M & M's, animal or goldfish crackers, Gummi gears, pretzel sticks (not rods) and creamy peanut butter.

Non-food items needed include: bags of potting soil, pine cones (3 inches or larger), plastic soda bottles - any size, with cap (rinsed out and labels removed) and Bingo prizes suitable for nursing home residents.

Please place these items in the large VBS donations box in the Century Room. VBS thanks you!

## **VBS CHILD CARE SEEKS THE FOLLOWING:**

paper toweling, masking tape or duct tape (any color), Scotch tape, cinnamon-flavored graham crackers, pretzels, cereal bars (no nuts), baked chips, pudding cups, applesauce, mild salsa, canned fruit (no syrup or light syrup), apple juice, lemonade, Sunny D (not individuals).

Please place these items in the large VBS donations box in the Century Room. Thanks for helping stretch our budget.



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SIGN-UP BEGINS MAY 7TH**

Look for a table in the Century Room before or after worship services, beginning Saturday, May 7th, to register your children or grandchildren for VBS.

Look for a full-page poster in this *Visitor* for more information.

## **VOLUNTEER NOW TO HELP VBS IN JUNE**

Does Vacation Bible School seem to be happening in the distant future? June 14th through June 17th might seem far away, but VBS needs to assemble its staff now.

Please help us by filling out an orchid volunteer form located on a Century Room table and place the form in the box nearby.

Volunteer positions abound for anyone who is in 7th grade this school year through senior citizen age. If you have questions, please call



## **CALLING ALL WOMEN OF FAITH!!**

Escape from the everyday at a Women of Faith weekend and be refreshed, encouraged and inspired. Last year Bethlehem had a group of 18 women from all age ranges attend Women of Faith and it was such a fantastic time that, this year, we want to double that number and bring more of our friends and family with us. We had a great group of women who share the common bond of faith, come together to enjoy laughter, tears, music, food, fun and much needed time away.

Join us and thousands of other women on September 30th and October 1st at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee, for the Women of Faith "Imagine Tour" because the God who loves you can do far more than you can ever "Imagine."

Watch the church bulletin for details or contact Kelli Grasse (980-1107) or [chadnkelli@att.net](mailto:chadnkelli@att.net). Invite your friends.

## **CALLING ALL MEN!**

Have you started thinking about what to get your wife, mother, daughter or friend for Mother's Day? If not, consider this: a gift certificate to the Women of Faith "Imagine Tour" in Milwaukee. What woman could not use a little time away to be refreshed, encouraged and inspired in her faith walk with Christ? Just contact Kelli Grasse (980-1107) or [chadnkelli@att.net](mailto:chadnkelli@att.net) for details.

## **VERY STRANGE....**

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row in church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for church 2 to 3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

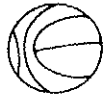
Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in emails and they are forwarded right away, but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

## A.D.'S CORNER

The students have begun their preparations for the annual track and field day, praying for a few days of warm, dry weather.

Once again this year, we had four basketball teams:



### 5th / 6th Grade Girls....

....were inexperienced, with a majority of them never having played organized ball before this season. The girls worked hard and their skills continued to improve. Team members included Denise Crouse, April Holler, Erin Koenig, Karrah Wyckoff, Lindsey Anderson, Alexia Dutton and Josie Pingel. They were coached by Ms. Jessica Kanz and Mr. Dave Kanz.

### 5th / 6th Grade Boys....

....team included Dylan Dean, Jacob Glewen, Casey Hansen, Jack Portenier, Ethan Strong, Jason Anger, Jarrod Love, Jacob Verhelst and Logan Zabel. The boys also progressed nicely as the season went along. They were coached by Mr. Aaron Anger and Mr. Aaron Harmelink.

### Girls "A" Team....

....members were Gabi Fischer, JoAngela Klima, Breanna Love, Tessa Marquez, Matti McWherter, Julia Splittgerber, Savannah Jane Walford, Tori Zunter and Emily Glewen. They took 1st Place Consolation at the Sherman Center Tournament in January. The girls were coached by Mr. Robert Weeden.

### Boys "A" Team....

....consisted of Michael Chorowicz, Allen Holzheimer, Josh Pingel, Craig Roth, Tyler Tuttle, Josh Splittgerber, Jacob Glewen, Casey Hansen, Alex Tittle and Bret Nikisch. The boys, though short in stature, worked hard in both practices and games.

Highlights of their season included 1st Place Consolation in the Immanuel Tournament and 2nd Place Consolation in the East-Central Tournament. The team was coached by Mr. Bajus.

### Cheerleading

This year's cheerleading squad included Savannah Jane Walford, Madelynn Pfister, Tessa Marquez, Amanda Hoffman, Kelsey Haack and Kelsi Engelhardt. The girls worked hard and improved as the season progressed. They were coached by Mrs. Stacy Tuttle who was assisted by Mrs. Jessica Walford.



### Hot Shots

This year Matti McWherter, Julia Splittgerber, Josh Pingel and Josh Splittgerber represented Bethlehem on Bethlehem Night at LHS in January.

Matti McWherter and Josh Splittgerber won the preliminary competition and moved on to the finals in February. Matti and Josh were crowned SALSA Hot Shot Champions that evening. Congratulations!

### Free Throw Competition

Two days after the SALSA Hot Shot competition was the free throw competition during our annual girls basketball tournament. Each of the participating schools were represented by two shooters.

At the end of the competition, Matti McWherter was crowned the individual champion, making 9 of 10 free throws. Matti and Julia Splittgerber were crowned the team champions, making 15 of 20 free throws. Congratulations, girls!

### Bethlehem Free Throw Contest

Just before spring break, the annual BLS Free Throw contest was held. Winners included:

#### 5th / 6th Grade Girls:

1st Place: Karrah Wyckoff

#### 5th / 6th Grade Boys:

1st Place: Josh Splittgerber

2nd Place: Jason Anger

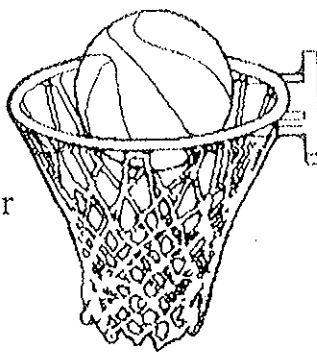
3rd Place: Jacob Glewen

#### 7th / 8th Grade Girls:

1st Place: Mattison McWherter  
(23 of 25)

2nd Place: Julia Splittgerber

3rd Place: Gabi Fischer



#### 7th / 8th Grade Boys:

1st Place: Josh Pingel

2nd Place: Allen Holzheimer

3rd Place: Craig Roth

### THANK YOU....

...to everyone who helped in any way during our basketball season and the tournament.

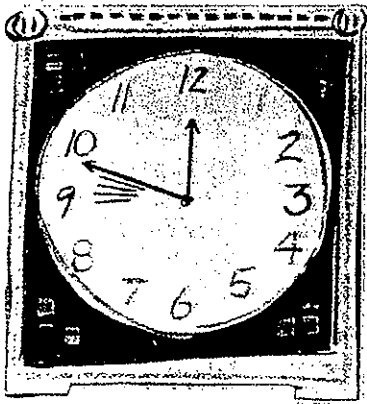
We extend a special "thank you" to the Engelhardt family for organizing and running the concession stand. Your help is appreciated!

Many thanks to all of the coaches for the time and effort spent with their teams. May the Lord continue to bless you for your efforts and for sharing your talents and time.



### ANNUAL SALSA TRACK MEET

...will be Friday, May 20th, 8:30 a.m., at Howards Grove. (Rain date: Monday, May 25th)



The clock is ticking!  
It's time to sign up for  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Tuesday - Friday, June 14-17  
from 9 a.m. to noon at  
Lutheran High School.

1. Register by Sunday, June 5.
2. Fill out a form for **EACH** participant (age 3 by 1/1/11) through present grade 6.
3. (If applicable) Pay an "early bird" \$5 registration fee for each child. (If this is a hardship, we can help. Talk to a pastor.)
4. Receive a newly-designed VBS T-shirt for each child.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE



The "early bird" registration fee of \$5.00 ends June 5. **June 6 is too late!**

There will be no registration from June 6 through June 13.

Late registration will take place at Lutheran High School on Tuesday, June 14. **The fee will be \$10 per child.**

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## 10 Reasons to Send Your Sunday School/Day School Child to Vacation Bible School Tuesday June 14 - Friday June 17 (9am-noon)

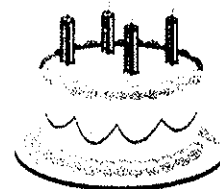
1. VBS is different from regular school. VBS is held outside and feels more camp-like. We're also offering free childcare before VBS (starting at 7:30 a.m.) and after (until 5:30 p.m.).
2. VBS presents religious content in unique ways like first-person dramatic accounts or a puppet show.
3. Songs, crafts, and games are closely tied to central teachings.
4. Snacks are served everyday. What's not to like?
5. There's little chance of boredom. VBS activities change every day.
6. VBS is fast-paced. No activity lasts longer than 30 minutes.
7. VBS offers a quality staff. All leaders and helpers have been through a training session.
8. VBS has a specially-designed, age-appropriate program for 3 and 4 year-olds.
9. Joining together with so many other boys and girls gives each child a wonderful feeling of Christian community.

*And last, but not least . . . .*

10. Your child will have fun at VBS!



# May Birthdays - 2011



These are the May 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.

## May 1

Michelle Bohlman  
Niko Coronado  
Todd Gmach  
Kayla Knier  
Natalie Mullens  
Sarah Regis-Anderson  
Barry Siech  
Bruce Steiner  
Richard Zimbal, Jr.

## May 2

Calli Ames  
David Ames  
Helen Kuitert  
Mark Schmidt  
Keith Wyckoff

## May 3

Steve Bub  
Lorraine Schmidt  
Courtney Steinhardt  
Audrey Van Dixhorn  
Margaret Zimmermann

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

*Ps. 90:12*

## May 4

Daniel Constein  
Jane Felten  
Victor Pautz  
Scott Thomas  
Brian Verhelst  
Kyle Verhelst

## May 5

James Ostwald  
T.J. Stenson  
Tracy Zabel

## May 6

Rev. James Hartman  
Jeffrey Miller  
Jennifer Reisinger  
Diane Schumacher

## May 7

Tyler Maxey  
Kimberly Ramos  
Gary Weber

## May 8

Kevin Back  
Patricia Balde  
Jerome Crneckiy  
Vicki Messner  
Kirsten Pope  
Mary Winter

## May 9

Deneen Bufton  
Lt. JG David Halverson  
Lana Holler  
Ann Miller  
Michelle Pingel

## May 10

John Baird  
Henry Hoppert  
Susan Kubow  
Christian Mittelstadt  
Linda Schulz  
Lori Ann Voigt

## May 11

Anthony Cyr  
Harvey Gloede  
Christal Garcia-Berg  
Rylee Lazo

## May 12

Cindy Bogenschuetz  
Amber Brousseau  
Michael Herm  
Shelley Scheele

## May 13

Grace Hartman  
Mattison McWherter  
Mary Beth Puksich  
Paul Steffen  
Shirley Strohschoen  
Pat Vanic  
Glenn Zeinemann

## May 14

Beverly Fischer  
Denise Maxey  
Gwendolyn Seitz  
Clarence Witzel

## May 15

Nancy Back  
Marlin Bartel  
Donna Rusch  
Clifford Schlegel  
Nicholas Schmidt  
Dustin Stielow  
Jessica Udovich

## May 15 continued

Laverne VanTatenhove

## May 16

Allan Feld  
Marjorie Hasenstein  
Wilma Kasten

## May 17

Nicole Graf  
Kelly Grunow  
Tracy Luecke

## May 18

Katie Gamez  
Christopher Johnston  
Joanne Kramer  
David Langhoff  
David Sohn

## May 19

John Engelhardt  
Christopher Gottowski  
Logan Grasse  
Michael Klee  
Samantha Schmidt  
Karen Steiner  
Crystal Thomas  
Stephanie Ubbelohde

## May 20

Jacob Bartz  
Sarah Bartz  
Barbara Grunow  
Nikki Kraemer  
Linda Zimbal

## May 21

Mason Burnard  
Daniel Goldmann  
Krisa Kamp  
Ryan Yinko

## May 22

Bonnie Greupink  
Andrew Haack  
Keegin Nachtwey  
Russell Rowland  
Cheryl Senkbeil

## May 23

Nathaniel Forward  
Heinz Korth  
Justin Larsen  
Robert C. Osthelder  
Jennifer Steinhaus  
Valerie Zimbal  
Terry Zimmermann

## May 24

Vicki Almgren  
Connor Barts  
Hazel Goetsch  
Conner Kamp  
Cleo Russell  
Ryan Sines  
John Wartke

## May 25

Julie Bueter  
Kolton Fettig  
Amber Halkin  
Darlene Kurtinitis  
Jon Schrank  
Mark Wilke  
Sara Wolf  
Sophia Yang

## May 26

John Bischoff  
Nicholas Gamez  
Billy Grider  
Jason Hasenstein  
Julie Lang  
Jarrod Love  
Tyler Maxon  
Dawn Roelse  
Seth Stolpa

## May 27

Brett Borstad  
Nicole Dragan  
Crystal Gries  
Kyle Heilberger  
Tessa Marquez  
Carla Wiehr

## May 28

Erin Koenig  
Mary Senkbeil

## May 29

Terri Beltran  
Edward Kalmerton  
Carol Longrie  
Zachary Zimbal

## May 30

Melpdy DeBroux  
Katherine Timm

## May 31

Lois Bermke  
Keith Dean

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

By Earl Zastrow

### FELLOWSHIP CLUB FINALE FEATURES CLASS ENTERTAINMENT

Over 75 members, guests and participants joined hearts and voices for an evening of Christian fellowship and entertainment in Bethlehem's lower fellowship hall on March 13.

Featured entertainment included the Gieschen family, Tim, Denise, Kayla, Elyse, and twins, Abi and Lauren. With dad at the piano and mom and the four girls blending their voices beautifully, they warmed the hearts of the audience with a medley of Christian songs. "Give Thanks", "God is My Strength" and "Rejoice in the Lord Always" were just a few of the songs enjoyed by the audience.



Following the sing-a-long, a number of our Bethlehem School students under the direction of Mr. Arthur Koth took center stage. Sarah Steffen, Jana Koren, Katie Kress and Tiffany Prescher showed definite signs of being well on the road to stardom with their musical presentations on flute, sax and clarinet. Selections played included "Two Pals", "Two Imps" and "Dona Nobis Pacem". That goes equally as well for Holly Hasenstein, who still being in her rookie year on the piano, performed like a veteran in her rendition of "Looby Doo" and "Amos the Cat".



Allie Senderhauf had the audience chuckling over her recitation of the poem "Sick", while sister, Corey, displayed lots of vocal ability in her singing of "Tomorrow".

An absolute crowd pleasing performance that left the audience in stitches was put on by Ken and Jeri Gundlach as they portrayed Henry and Liza in Harry Belafonte's song classic, "Hole in the Bucket".

A skit entitled "The Waiting Room" portrayed four caged frogs in a biology lab. The plot was based on the parable of the rich fool found in Luke 12:16-21. Cast members were Amy Gamez, Crystal Dilbeck, Megan Lorfeld and Crystal Lorfeld, all members of Bethlehem's Youth Group. This same group of young people were responsible for the beautiful banner and decorations that graced the entertainment area. Thank you so much!



In the final performance of the evening, veteran Community Players actor, Roger Fischer, accompanied by Audrey Braatz at the piano, left the group spellbound with a series of dramatic poems. His selections were "This Morning as I Rose from Bed", "Daddy's Little Boy", "Mothers", "The Lord Hath Need of You" and the ever popular, "Casey at the Bat".



The closing devotion was led by Reverend James Gast whose remarks were based on Philippians 4:7. He emphasized that "the Lord is there for us, to keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus throughout our entire earthly pilgrimage".

To conclude the evening the assembly joined in the singing of "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again".



Door prizes donated by Bev Fischer were won by Ruth Wilke, David Kanz, Frances Strowig, Jackie Hasenstein and Rev. James Gast.

Guests in attendance were Fred and Joan Hense, Don Stenske, Gwen Senderhauf and children, Corey and Allie, Cathy Kowalski, Brian and Jackie Hasenstein and children, Holly, Zachary and Casey, Steve Kress and daughter, Katie, Scott and Sandy Prescher and children, Tiffany and Tristan, Frank and Ruth Part.

## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

### MAY 2011



April 30, 5:30 p.m.

Christine Wagner & Justin Welsch

May 1, 8:00 a.m.

Mike & Shelley Scheele

May 1, 10:30 a.m.

Jan Franzone & Jackie Stenson

May 7, 5:30 p.m.

Lorraine Hermann & Wilma Kasten

May 8, 8:00 a.m.

Jeff, Peggy, Marissa & Mallory Jensen

May 8, 10:30 a.m.

Jeff & Lana Holler & Dylan Arens

May 14, 5:30 p.m.

Don & Roxy Mueller

May 15, 8:00 a.m.

Vicky Almgren & Darlene Nardi

May 15, 10:30 a.m.

Steve & Gina Steinhardt

May 21, 5:30 p.m.

Jim & Phyllis Barts

May 22, 8:00 a.m.

Dave & Ginny Littmann

May 22, 10:30 a.m.

Shaun & Cory Brachmann

May 28, 5:30 p.m.

Gordon & Arlene Zastrow

May 29, 8:00 a.m.

John & Kathy Baird

May 29, 10:30 a.m.

Randy & Vicki Wildman

### JUNE 2011



June 4, 5:30 p.m.

Mary Jo Cyr & Bev Fischer

June 5, 8:00 a.m.

Dan Blackburn & Larry Harmelink

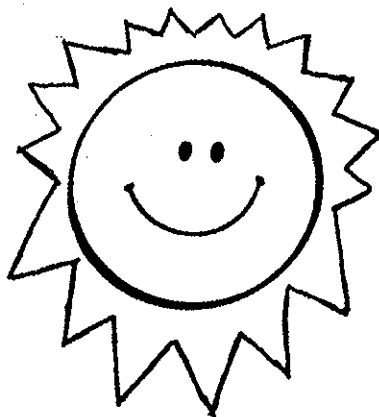
June 5, 10:30 a.m.

Angeline & Martha Bartz

Hello Greeters:

Many thanks for all you do! Be sure to call me if you cannot greet and I will do my best to find a substitute for you.

Cristel Hodges  
458-3670



# May 2011

## Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																		
<b>1</b> 8:00 AM Communion  9:15 AM New Member Class  9:15 AM Sun Schl & Adult Bible Class  10:30 AM Worship	<b>2</b> Hartman Rest Day  3:30 PM -4:30 PM Market Day Pick-Up  6:00 PM Bd Ch Prop  6:30 PM Bible Class  6:45 PM Bell Choir	<b>3</b> <u>National Teachers' Day</u>  7:00 PM LWML	<b>4</b> 7:00 AM Prayer Breakfast  8:30 AM Chapel  1:00 PM BLS Musical (5K-3)  3:00 PM Confirmation  7:00 PM New Member Class	<b>5</b> 6:50 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> Kubow Rest Day  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">                         3:00 PM -5:00 PM Plant Sale Pick-Up                     </div> 6:00 PM BLS Musical (5K-3)	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Confirmation Photos  9:00 AM -3:00 PM LWML MMV  5:30 PM Communion																																																																																																		
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# HighLites

"Preparing to Serve"

Ephesians 4:11

A Monthly Newsletter

May 2011

## The Landscape of a Christian Leader

One of the challenges of our mission, *Preparing Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time*, is getting our young people to understand that their maturation and growth as a Christian leader, by God's grace, will be ongoing and continuous throughout their lifetime. Teenagers normally do not take the time to self-reflect or ponder a Christian leadership journey that is yet to come.

Using a visioning template provided by John Maxwell (1993), I have often found it helpful to provide a narrative alongside a painting to best articulate the anticipated life that our young people will need to navigate in the future. I like to call it the Landscape of a Christian Leader.

Take a look at the Thomas Kinkade painting on this page. You cannot directly see the sun in the picture, but you can see the sunlight or sunshine (Thomas Kinkade is known as the Painter of Light). The sun makes nature go and brings life. A Christian leader knows that God's Son, Jesus Christ, has given him, and all of us, everlasting life. Light generally represents optimism and hope. Christ is the light of the world and our Savior. Jesus' death and resurrection inspires us to live for Him!



Now take a look at the beautiful horizon off in the distance and background of the painting. The horizon represents the possibilities of what lies beyond. A young teen may not know where life will take her or the plans that God has for her when she arrives in a strange, new land. The point is, however, that God will be with a Christian leader wherever she goes and whatever she does. Moreover, the horizon foretells the reality that a Christian leader will be blessed with mountaintop experiences, but also endure avalanches and hazardous terrain. Through it all, a Christian leader reminds herself that Jesus will never leave her side.

Speaking of mountains, every life has steep, daunting challenges. God never promised that being a Christian leader would be easy. Jesus, after all, was crucified on a mini-mountain. Moreover, mountains—challenges or temptations—do not move away on their own. The closer you get to these

mountains, the more daunting they become and look. Intimidated, we want to turn around and go back. A Christian leader knows that he cannot scale the mountain by himself. Christ, however, provides the lifeline. Jesus is the one who carries each one of us over the mountain and on to the next, lush valley of faith-filled service.

The trees, flowers, and animals in the painting are beautiful creations of God. They remind us of His majesty, omnipotence, and love for life. Sometimes a Christian leader gets so wrapped up into himself or his own doings that he forgets to take rest stops and smell the flowers, observe the

splendid colors of the leaves, or note that God has ordered everything beautifully and precisely. God is in control. A Christian leader is refreshed in God's Word and creation. He is comforted to know that just as God cares for the sparrow and lilies in the field, He also knows the number of hairs on our head. How great Thou art!

The path from the house to the bubbling brook, as well as the brook itself, remind us how God provides direction in our lives. A Christian leader follows Christ. She may not always know where she is going, but she sure knows Who she is following.

Where are you in this picture? I would paint myself right on that front porch! The point is, God has plans, a vision if you will, for all of His children, all of His Christian leaders. A Christian leader always asks himself, how and where does God want me to serve Him? He will ask God this question for his entire life.

May all our budding Christian leaders here at Lutheran High get the picture. One thing is for sure: The landscape of a Christian leader is always hope-filled, thanks be to Jesus.

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 - Alex Kazmierski**

St. John Lutheran Church - Sherman Center

**Sophomore - Ben Leibham**

Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

**Junior - Vanessa Gudex**

St. John Lutheran Church - Plymouth

**Freshman - Kinsey Hopf**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

### Join Us for These End of School Year Activities!



#### Spring Concert

May 18 at 7 p.m.

#### Honors Night and Art Show

May 11 at 6 p.m.

#### Graduation

May 20 at 7 p.m.



## 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

Volleyball

Youth Football

Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

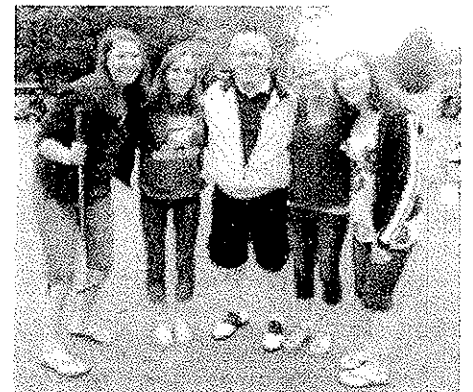
Vacation Bible School

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](http://www.lutheranhigh.com)



### 25th Anniversary of the Lutheran High School Golf Tournament June 11, 2011



Includes 18 Holes of Golf,  
Cart, Lunch  
and 19th Hole Reception  
Call LHS Office (452-3323)  
for reservations

Town & Country Golf Course  
W1943 County Trunk J  
Sheboygan WI

You are cordially invited to an Open House in recognition of Chuck Benedum and his years of service to Sheboygan Lutheran High. Open House from 2:00 - 6:00 PM at Town & Country (lower level following the golf tournament). Refreshments will be served. For more information and to RSVP, contact Kathy at Lutheran High, 452-3323.

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**9:15 to 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School/Bible Study**

**Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.**