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## WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### Worship Times

Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday - 6:00pm

### Bible Studies

Saturday ~ 4:15 to 5:15pm

Sunday Morning ~ 9:15 to 10:15am

# June 2021

## MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church  
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High School  
Association

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Association

# June 2021

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Worship 6:00pm	<b>3</b> 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony LHS	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bible Class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
<b>6</b> Worship w/HC 8:00am Graduates in church (8th grade & high school) Bible Class 9:15am Worship 10:30am AK Mission Trip prayer send-off	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Worship w/HC 6:00pm	<b>10</b> Alaska Mission Trip! Safe travels & God's Blessings!	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Bible Class 4:15pm Worship 5:30pm
<b>13</b> Worship 8:00am Bible Class 9:15am Worship w/HC 10:30am	<b>14</b> Report cards are ready for pick up in the school office	<b>15</b> Quilters 9:00am	<b>16</b> Worship 6:00pm Parish Planning Council 7:00pm	<b>17</b> July Visitor Deadline (noon)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bible Class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
<b>20</b> Worship w/HC 8:00am Bible Class 9:15am Worship 10:30am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Worship w/HC 6:00pm Voter's Meeting 7:00pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> LHS Golf Outing	<b>26</b> Bible Class 4:15pm Worship 5:30pm
<b>27</b> Worship 8:00am Bible Class 9:15am Worship w/HC 10:30am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Quilters 9:00am	<b>30</b> Worship 6:00pm			

## **FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR NILES**

### **Many But One**

*“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.” (Ephesians 4:1-7)*

One of the beautiful qualities of the church is that it is made up of different people. Each and every one of us is unique. We are unique in appearance, age, skills, abilities, and demographics. Like each part of the body has a distinct function and design, each of the members of the church is a unique asset to the congregation and the church-at-large. Each of us, as we utilize our talents and abilities for the glory of God, make the church and the proclamation of the Gospel stronger.

However, this admirable quality of the church can also lead to its biggest downfall when proper perspective is not maintained. Proper perspective is the substance of Ephesians 4. In the first few verses of chapter 4, Paul gives a strong and compassionate appeal to the Christian church to remember that the uniqueness of individuals does not mean that each individual is an island to himself. He calls Christians back to the fact that their identity is rooted in the same place. While we are different, we are unified through our Lord, through our faith, and through our baptism. We are unified in our hope and in our callings. This perspective reminds us that we are responsible for one another, and we are responsible to one another. Grace was given to each of us in the gifts of Christ for us to use to benefit each other and the world.

Our faith and the church are both corporate in their nature. We are called to be concerned for one another. We are called to be active in the lives of others. We want to know when people are hurt, angry, sad, joyful, happy, and every emotion on the scale. The hand needs the arm. The eye needs the head. Your neighbor needs you. You need your neighbor. You are not alone. It is your baptismal identity to not be alone. So as the church, we need to start acting in a way that reflects the perspective that flows from being part of something bigger than ourselves. We are part of the body of Christ in the world.

We want to know when one of us is in the hospital. We want to know when one of us is struggling. We want to know when something incredible has happened in the life of a member of the body. This raises our eyes off of our own immediate context, and allows us to see the world around us as the mission field. There is one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one church. You are part of it!

In Christ,  
Pastor Niles

## **From the Desk of Pastor Moon**

### **What is it Really Worth?**

When I was probably 7 years old, I started getting into collecting trading cards. There was an explosion of trading card games right about that time and of course I was just like all my friends. I got sucked into it. Opening packs was a thrill. Trading cards with my friends and classmates on the playground made me feel like I was the General Manager of a professional sports team. "I can trade you my Rookie Ray Allen card for your Brett Favre and Pikachu." So much of these trades and excitement from opening new packs was about perceived value. In other words, how much money is this piece of card stock with a picture printed on it really worth? More importantly how much do my friends and classmates THINK it's worth. If I somehow come into possession of this particular Warrick Dunn card from his days with the Falcons, I know my buddy Jake will give me anything for that.

As I've aged, I see this idea play out in the rest of life too. People make decisions based on what they think something is worth. Not even just monetary. Think of how we use our time. Sometimes we make decisions because something will be time consuming. Think of relationships. I will put forward effort in this relationship because it makes me happy and fulfilled.

Now I want to dwell on this idea in light of a short parable Jesus told.  
Matthew 13:44-46

#### **The Parable of the Hidden Treasure**

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

#### **The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value**

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Ok so it's two parables, but essentially they are the same. Three short verses that really say a lot. Not in terms of words, but in terms of perspective. The character in both of these parables is God. Upon finding his beloved creation he sells everything to have it. That creation is you. You are worth selling everything in order to obtain.

I find this truth to be so baffling. When I was younger, I would dream of finding some rare shiny card that would make all my classmates jealous, but I wouldn't give up everything I owned for it. At a certain point even my little kid brain knew better than to do something so foolish.

That's the beauty of God's love for us in Christ. Jesus was everything to the Father and yet He gave His son to death willingly, and Jesus was just as willing to pay the price and to be that price. On days where you might feel like you are worthless, remember the price that was paid in exchange for you.

Peace of the Lord,  
- Pastor Moon

# June News

## **Communion Schedule Change Starting July 3rd**

After discussion and study, the Board of Elders in consultation with the pastors, have approved a change to our communion schedule at Bethlehem. In an effort to make the Lord's Supper available and accessible for the most amount of members each weekend, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper at ALL of our regular services each week (Saturday @ 5:30pm, Sundays @ 8:00am and 10:30am, Wednesday @ 6:00pm). This will simplify our communion schedule and will best serve the body of Christ with the nourishment of His good gifts.

## **Alaska Mission Trip**

The Mission Trip to Alaska is right around the corner! Please keep the senior youth group members and chaperones in your prayers as they travel from June 10th—20th. The trip will take this group to both Fairbanks and the village of Nenana. The team will host a Vacation Bible School and will also participate in local service projects.

## **"It's Time To Sign Up For VBS!"**

Registration is open for children **going into** 4K—5th Grade for the 2021—2022 school year. VBS will take place at Bethlehem, Monday, August 2nd — Thursday, August 5th, from 8:30—11:45am. The theme is Rainforest Explorers—Jesus Leads the Way! Volunteers from high school age through adult are needed. Contact Katie Schallock with questions (414-708-1112 or [katie.schallock@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:katie.schallock@ourbethlehem.com)). Please use the following link: <https://vbsmate.com/events/bethlehemvbs/20347#contact>

## **Bethlehem's Daily Devotions**

Spend some time online with Pastor Niles or Pastor Moon! Check out our Facebook page, daily at 2:30pm!

## **Pastor-Led Bible Classes Can Be Real "Eye-Openers"**

Here are the summertime offerings; take your pick!

**Saturday:** "Scripture Search" continues from 4:15—5:15pm in the Century Room. This study provides an explanation of upcoming scripture readings by one of the pastors.

**Sunday:** Pastor Niles continues a study of the Book of Revelation. This study is held in the Sanctuary from 9:15--10:15am.

**Sunday:** Return to "A Lutheran Deep Dive", which is an in-depth follow-up to "What Lutherans Believe". This study is led by Pastor Moon and is held in the Century Room from 9:15—10:15am. A different topic will be discussed each week.

## **"History Of Bethlehem" Video now on the Church Website**

Our church has a long and colorful history. Please consider taking the time to view the "History of Bethlehem" 16-minute video, which was prepared by members of the Board of Assimilation and Pastor Hartman. You'll be sure to discover some surprising facts about our 130-year history. The following is an easy guide to locating the video on the Bethlehem Church Website ([www.ourbethlehem.com](http://www.ourbethlehem.com)): Hover over the tab labeled "Church". When the drop-down menu appears, hover over "About Our Church", then select "Mission/Church History". Scroll down to the video and click on the triangle play button. Then, sit back and enjoy!

## **Bethlehem Silent Book Club**

During the summer months starting at the beginning of June, Bethlehem will be offering everyone the chance to participate in a new faith study called Silent Book Club. To participate, check out one of the books located on the shelves near the Century Room elevator, marked with the Silent Book Club sticker. Read the book and leave your thoughts, questions or doodles in the margins. There will be no regularly scheduled meetings to fit busy summer schedules. If you have any questions, please reach out to Martha Becker at [martha.becker.96@gmail.com](mailto:martha.becker.96@gmail.com)

## **Do you know someone in the hospital or nursing home?**

As institutions and our society begin to open up after COVID, we are trying to update our shut-in list so our pastors can provide comfort, support and the Lord's Supper to those who are not physically able to come to worship services. If you know of someone that is shut-in at home, please let the church office know so that we can update our list and make sure that we are caring for all of the body of Christ. This also pertains to those who might be entering the hospital. If you or someone you know is going into the hospital, please let the pastors and/or the church office know. Thank you for your assistance in these efforts!

# More June News

## **Congratulations to the 2021 Confirmands**

On Sunday, May 16th, Bethlehem confirmed 14 young individuals. We pray for God's continued blessings and guidance in their lives. Aleithea Adams Kaitlyn Barts Erika Bohlman Lucas Ehaney Kaleb Faucher Gabriella Fredericks Andrew Krueger Ezrabella Kubow Maxwell Lemus Sophia Lieffring Quinn Littmann Brandon Nikisch Chloe Walford Dalton Zeman

## **8th Grade Graduation Recognition and Awards**

Recognition and awards for our 8th grade graduation class will take place on Sunday, June 6th during the 8:00am worship service.

## **Upcoming Retirement — Julie Reseburg (LHS)**

Lutheran High School is planning a "Wishing you well on your Retirement" Party for Julie Reseburg on Thursday, June 17th. This will be an Open House from 4-8 pm at LHS. Mark your calendars!

## **Sunday School is on summer break!**

Sunday School will resume in September. Please watch the August Visitor for information and updates.

## **Bethlehem's Family Picnic**

Mark your calendar for August 22nd! The picnic will be held at the Kiwanis Park Field House. We will need volunteers to make this event successful. Please consider helping with set-up, serving and clean-up. Also, if you have ideas for activities and can help coordinate, please let us know. Check the weekly church bulletin for updates. Please contact Laura Lienau at [ljlienau@hotmail.com](mailto:ljlienau@hotmail.com).

## **4th of July Parade**

Bethlehem will once again be participating in Sheboygan's 4th of July Parade. Please note that the parade, along with all of Sheboygan's festivities, will be held on **July 3rd**. Similar to 2019, we will be walking the parade route with the Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School banner. Please save the date and plan to join us this year! Watch the church bulletin and email communications for more information regarding parade placement and timing. A bin has been placed in the Century Room for parade candy donations.

## **Summer Office Hours—School**

Beginning Tuesday, June 1st—Wednesday August 25th, the school office will be open Monday—Thursday from 7:00am—3:00pm and Friday's from 7:00am—noon.

## **July Visitor Deadline**

If you would like to submit information for the July Visitor, please have your information to the church office no later than noon on Thursday, June 17, 2021. Please feel free to email [amy.mullens@ourbethlehem.com](mailto:amy.mullens@ourbethlehem.com) or drop it off in the church office with a note attached that it is for the July Visitor.

## **Summer Scrip Sales**

"Scrip on the Go" orders will be accepted during the summer months. All special orders need to be in by 8:00am Monday morning. If requested, you will be contacted when your order has been filled and is ready for pick up (please provide a phone number). Filled orders can be picked up in the school office Tues/Wed/Thurs from 7:30am—2:00pm or Fri from 7:30am—11:00am. Weekend sales will take place after Saturday evening worship and also from 9:00am—10:15am on Sundays, in the church office.

## **Bethany Lutheran Church Organ Recital**

Nathan Steele, former Lutheran High and Concordia graduate will be giving an organ recital on Sunday, June 6th at 3:00pm, at Bethany Lutheran Church. This will include music from Nathan's upcoming graduate organ recital. The recital will feature the recent upgrades of Bethany's pipe organ.

**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF

**APRIL 30, 2021**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	
Cash	\$ 75,238	\$ 186,687	
Endowment Funds—Principal Only	\$ 323,827	\$ 323,827	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,250,744</b>	<b>\$6,309,623</b>	Includes building & land
 <b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
General Accounts Payable	\$ 7,351	\$ 30,730	
SYNOD	\$ 666	\$ 1,333	
Lutheran High School	\$ (995)	\$ 3,772	Monthly Pmt \$2,500
 <b><u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$ 8,555	\$ 42,553	Heating Air Conditioning
Mortgage Thrivent	\$1,741,639	\$1,757,717	Monthly Pmt \$12,789
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,763,909</b>	<b>\$1,836,988</b>	
 <b><u>REVENUE</u> (selected accounts)</b>			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 71,523	\$ 86,207	
Tuition	\$ 22,204	\$ 21,454	
School Choice Program	\$ 0	\$ 140,062	
Total Monthly Income	\$ 113,578	\$ 256,848	
Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 187,223	\$ 141,603	
 Total Monthly NET INCOME	 \$ (73,644)	 \$ 115,244	
<b><u>TOTAL REVENUE 2021</u></b>	<b>\$ 606,558</b>	<b>\$ 361,421</b>	
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES 2021</u></b>	<b>\$ 614,436</b>	<b>\$ 292,886</b>	
<b><u>NET INCOME 2021</u></b>	<b>\$ (7,877)</b>	<b>\$ 68,535</b>	

Our cash position is good at \$75,328. Adult envelopes met our monthly budget. Our accounts payable for April sank to \$7,351. The last vouch check (State of Wisconsin tuition check) should be arriving shortly for \$140,062, that will boost our cash position nicely. But, with summer fast approaching and when school lets out, we go into the summer slump. This year, let's keep God first and continue to support Bethlehem with your time, talents and treasures. **Thank God for all of you and all that you do for Bethlehem!**

# **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

## **Personal Information Changes**

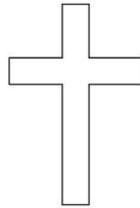
If you have changed your name, address or phone number please notify the church office with your information. You can call the church office at 452-4331 or email amy.mullens@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

## **Room Reservation Reminder For Heads of Boards**

Just a reminder to make sure that you let the church office know if and when you need to reserve a room so we can be sure that there are no conflicts. Thank you!

## **Visit Us Online**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School is on Facebook. Look for updates and information by typing Bethlehem Lutheran School. For more school information, please visit us at our website, [www.ourbethlehem.com](http://www.ourbethlehem.com)



# **VISITOR SPONSORSHIP**

To help us defray expenses for producing and mailing our monthly newsletter, we have established a sponsorship program which includes a congregational contributor for a cost of \$50 per year; and a commercial contributor for the cost of \$120 per year. If interested, please drop off your payment or call the church office at 452-4331.

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