

THE MESSENGER March 2024

The Newsletter of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

From Darkness to Light

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

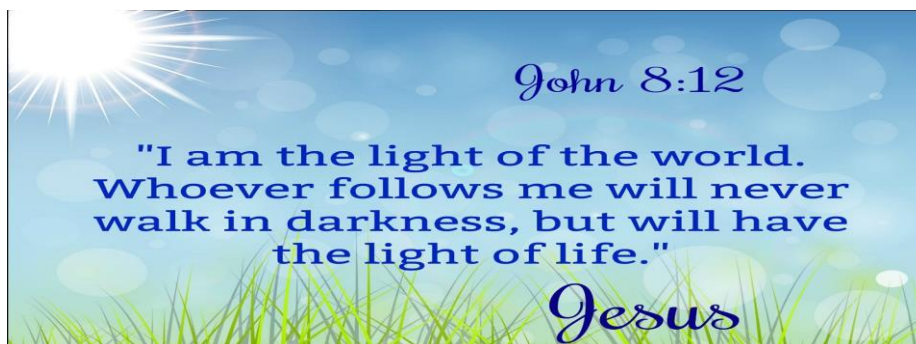
As we find ourselves immersed in the contemplative season of Lent, we are invited to journey through the shadows of introspection and penance, anticipating the radiant dawn of Easter. We spend most of this month continuing this repentant road with Easter waiting for us on its very last day. The path we tread is reminiscent of the profound words of Jesus in John 8:12, where He declares, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Lent, often seen as a period of somber reflection and self-examination, is a time when we intentionally embrace the darkness of our own lives and the brokenness of the world around us. In the shadows of repentance and humility, we confront our shortcomings, acknowledging our need for the redeeming light of Christ to guide us. John 8:12 echoes through the corridors of Lent, reminding us that Jesus is the beacon that pierces through the darkness. His light not only exposes the hidden corners of our hearts but also provides the path toward redemption, renewal and resurrection. In the dark of Lent, we find solace in the promise that by following Christ, we will be led into the brilliance of His life-giving light.

The journey of Lent is one of surrender and transformation. As we willingly enter the shadows, we allow the light of Christ to reveal the areas in our lives that require His healing touch. Through repentance and prayer, we prepare our hearts to fully embrace the significance of the resurrection – the glorious triumph of light over darkness. Easter, the culmination of our Lenten sojourn, is a celebration of the ultimate victory of Christ over sin and death. The resurrection is the sunrise that dispels the night, bringing forth a new day of hope, joy, and eternal life. The dark of Lent gives way to the radiant light of Easter, symbolizing the transformative power of God's grace.

In these remaining weeks of Lent, let us continue our journey with purpose and anticipation. May the darkness we encounter be a reminder that the light of Christ awaits us, ready to illuminate our hearts and lives. As we approach the joyous celebration of Easter, let the resurrection light infuse us with renewed faith, inspiring us to walk confidently in the path of our Savior, who is the Light of the World. May the grace of God guide us through the dark of Lent into the radiant light of Easter, where the resurrection glory of Christ awaits us, giving us a foretaste of the resurrection light waiting for us even in our own deaths.

In His Resurrected Light,
Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer





March 3, 2024 – Third Sunday in Lent
Christ Cleanses the Temple - John 2:13-16
Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Christ's cleansing of the temple was one incident in his fight against evil. His carrying on that fight is good news for us, and guides us as to how we believers are to live in today's world.

March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
Lifted Up - John 3:14-15
Rev. Thomas Eggold

There is not a story or sign in the entire Old Testament that points more directly to the Cross than the serpent on the stake. Here a bronze serpent hangs from a cross, and it was put there by God precisely because of sin. The sign of our sin and the image of the death we deserve is suspended between heaven and earth and between God and man. And there, on the wooden pole, God saved His people.

March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
Greatness In His Glory - Mark 10:45
Rev. Shayne Jonker

Jesus alone was qualified, there is no one on earth who can lift this miserable cup of death to his lips and drink it to the bottom. There is no one on earth who can be baptized into our death and rise up out of it to life. Only Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh can stand in our place and do for all what we can't do for ourselves.

March 24, 2024 – Sunday of the Passion
The Suffering Savior - Mark 15:1-47
Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Jesus took upon Himself the sins of all people for all time. On Calvary's cross He paid for those sins in full. His resurrection on Easter was God the Father's "Well done." He accomplished His task. His victory is complete.

March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday
Boy! Do I Love Him! - Isaiah 25:6-9
Rev. William Mueller

Easter Sunday is so filled with joy! The sudden turn of events in the life of Jesus and His disciples. Even though He had told the disciples about it ahead of time, no one remembered this would be. Death is swallowed up in victory. In the resurrection of Jesus death is undone. The plug is pulled on death. And this brings us great joy!



EDUCATION HOUR

Education hour
10:30am-11:30am
Adults-cafeteria
Kids-Sonshine Club room

Both adults and kids' classes will focus on the readings for that Sunday. The kid's program, ages 3 and up, is called "Whirl" and will include a DVD, lesson, and craft based on the theme.

The goal is to have a consistent time where we can grow in God's word and then have discussion about it that week at home, since we will be studying the same thing.

We hope you can join us for this exciting ministry! Please invite your friends and neighbors!



The Bethlehem Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Holy Saturday, March 30, at 8:30am in the Bethlehem cafeteria. Our focus will be on Mark 16, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please plan to join us for breakfast, prayer, a devotion by Bill Ihssen, and a study of God's Word. *"As [the women] entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.'"* Mark 16:5-6 NIV

Ways to watch WORSHIP ANEW:

Online - <https://worshipanew.org/>

Sunday at 6:30am on (WISE-TV Channel 33)

Sunday at 7:00am on (EPTA channel 21.2)

Sunday at 11:30am on TCT (WINM channel 12)

LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR



The Mental Health Initiative at Bethlehem is under the direction of Joyce Knipstein.
Bethlehem seeks to be a caring community and to provide hope.

March is SELF-HARM AWARENESS Month

What does SELF-HARM mean: self-harm, or self-mutilation, is the act of deliberately infliction pain and damage to one's own body. Self-harm most often refers to cutting, burning, scratching, and other forms of external injury; it can however, also include internal or emotional harm, such as consuming toxic amounts of alcohol or drugs or deliberately participating in unsafe sex.

Why do people hurt themselves?

The roots of self-harming behavior are often found in early childhood trauma, including physical, verbal, or sexual abuse. It may also be an indication of other serious mental health issues that are independent of trauma, such as depression, anxiety, or borderline personality disorder.

Who is most likely to Self-Harm?

Self-Harm occurs most often in teenagers and young adults: recent data found rates ranging from 6% -14% for adolescent boys and 17% - 30% for girls. Adults do engage in self-harm, particularly those with mental health conditions or a history of self-injury.

How can we help?

Responding with compassion-and recognizing that self-harm is an attempt at coping with painful feelings- is the first step. Next encourage to seek help, assist in finding other outlets of feelings, and make yourself available to listen if needed.

Jonah 4:3-4 says; "just kill me now Lord! I'd rather be dead than alive in what I predicted will not happen." The Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry about this?"

God has said you are allowed to feel every emotion. God is never mad about our struggles, but come to God when you feel out of control emotionally so He can help you with your heart. He is like a gardener who pulls weeds in your heart- weeds- that will keep you from growing in faith. Don't be afraid to go to God, He knows your heart better than you do and will perform spiritual heart surgery so your heart can be free to love. We can show God's love in many ways, be there, listen, hug, take to get help, and pray!!!!

We are God's love here on earth!!!! God loves us all!!!

VISITATION MINISTRY

For more information, please call
Ken Knipstein (413-9907)
or Sharon Dietrich (515-2616).

Prayerfully consider this ministry.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you feel you would also benefit from the care of our Stephen Ministry Bereavement program, please call Pastor Ben (989-907-9481), Thresa Lightning (260-417-1450) or Richard Pierce (260-450-2280), our Grief Coordinators.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT - EASTER

Wednesday 6:30pm services

March 6 - Midweek of Lent 3

March 13 - Midweek of Lent 4

March 20 - Midweek of Lent 5

March 28 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30pm

March 29 - Good Friday - 6:30pm

March 30 - Easter Vigil 4:00pm

March 31 - Easter Breakfast 8:30am

March 31 - Easter Sunday service 10:00am

(Midweek offerings will go to neighborhood benevolence)

Bethlehem Mission News

By Jane Miller

Joe Boway began another long trip to Liberia, joined by the team from Illinois, whose visas did not arrive in time to join him last time. Once they arrive in Monrovia, after shopping for sewing supplies, they will travel via Cessna Mission Aviation Fellowship airplane to rural Liberia to conduct sewing workshops in different Lutheran schools, working with teachers and students. Joe and the Illinois team worshiped together before flying home to Chicago. Joe will stay in Monrovia to make arrangements to transport food and school supplies to rural Liberia. We ask for safe travels, thanking God for all that has been done on this trip and that it will bear fruit and bring Him glory. We ask God to bless the work done on this trip for be for His glory, and we thank Him for all the committed prayer and financial partners who make this ministry!

Joe Schlie reports that his wife and fellow missionary, Suzy, will fly with a small team to Italy to participate in the CaraDonna (Dear Woman) project, connecting the hope and love of Jesus with art and photography for 100s of women who will have the opportunity to hear, see and experience the Good News! This will connect with the International Women's Day on March 8.

Michelle and Tim Miller made their long (40 hour!) trip back to Southeast Asia from Florida, and then got on another plane to travel to a conference they are helping to lead in southern Laos, helping believers in that area deal with trauma they have experienced. We also got an update from their daughter Sarah Miller, who teaches English in the Laotian city of Luang Prabang. Sarah shared the a delightful news that that she and her good friend and teammate, Zack Anderson, have become engaged and will be getting married in central Illinois this coming summer! Sarah has spoken at Bethlehem several times, and some of you have been her supporters as she teaches with ELIC. We are so happy for Sarah, as are Tim and Michelle! The only sad thing to report is that Michelle's mother Dini in the Oviedo, FL area, for whom we pray every week at Bethlehem, is dying of advanced liver disease right now; so that made it hard for Michelle to leave the States. but they were very thankful they could be with her and Michelle's dad Don Kovac, for a few weeks before they left. God's timing is always good, as Tim and Michelle were not even planning to come home on a short furlough until March, but decided to return early because of Bob's hospitalization and illness in December! It's hard for missionaries to be so far away when beloved family members become ill. Thank you so much for your prayers!

March 3

Suzy Schlie's CRU Urban Arts and Culture Team in Italy; Joe Boway's Team in Liberia

We pray for Suzy Schlie's CRU team as they travel to Italy this week to participate in the Dear Woman project, to bring the Good News of Jesus through visual arts. We also pray for safe travel for Joe Boway and his Illinois team as they travel in a small plane to rural Liberia to conduct sewing workshops, working with students and teachers.

March 10

Travel Home for the Liberian Team

We pray for safe travels home for the Illinois team on the 10th and Joe Boway on the 13th, also praying for success for Joe in making arrangements to transport food and school supplies to rural Liberia. Pray that God will bless the work on this trip to His glory, and thank God for all the committed prayer and financial partners who make this ministry possible.

March 17

Tim and Michelle Miller's Work in Southeast Asia

We pray for Tim and Michelle as they settle back into their team's work in Southeast Asia, and pray that there will be lasting healing from the conference on healing from trauma for the believers who attended it in the southern part of their country.

March 24

Sarah Miller in Luang Prabang

We give thanks that the Lord has brought Sarah Miller and her teammate, Zack Anderson, together in engagement to be a life-long ministry team, and pray for His guidance as they prepare to be married. We pray for Sarah in her last semester of her school year with her English students and also the students who want to learn more about our Father's love!

March 31

Missionaries around the World

Sharing the Good News of the Resurrection

Pray for all the opportunities missionaries around the world in open or sensitive nations have to share the amazing news that Jesus Christ died, rose again and lives forever more for each of us, no matter who, where, or what we have been!

He is Risen – He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

WOMEN of BETHLEHEM



National: lwml.org
State/Local: lwmlindiana.org

THREE ZONE GATHERING

The Lutheran Women in Mission of Fort Wayne are hosting a gathering for women of all ages at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on April 13, 2024 at 8:30am with a breakfast and fellowship. The theme for our gathering is **"Into All the World"** which is based on Mark 16:15: *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation"*.

The speaker will be Sergui Trifa who will talk about how people are reached through the Romanian Ministry.

To register for this event please speak with your church's LWML representative by Sunday, April 7th. There will be a registration fee of \$7 at the door and our ingathering will be donations for the financial support of the Romanian Ministry.

Come and be a part of this meaningful event. Your presence and contribution will make a tangible difference in spreading faith and love to every corner of the world.



LWML Indiana District Convention, Rooted in Christ June 21-23, 2024

- Where: Hendricks County 4-H Conference Center, Danville, IN
- Keynote Speaker: Jennie Williamson, singer and presenter on Saturday titled **"Overcoming Adversity By Being Rooted in Christ" and "Rooted in Christ for Generations to Come."**

What to know about convention:

Participate in the servant events on Friday from 11:00am - 3:00pm.

Sign up for a special Oktoberfest meal on Friday, 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

Participate in the LWML IN TALENT NIGHT on Saturday, June 22.

Do you have a talent to share? Contact becky.thibodeau@trinityindy.org.

Housing information will appear in the February Good News and on the website.

Register online in February 2024.

Questions?: Contact Emily Rogers at 765-778-7654 or emily12rogers6@gmail.com

The Joyful Corner

Where we go to find joy in any circumstance

From Letters of Paul: 30-Day Bible Study

Read

Philippians 4, Psalm 16

Every romantic comedy has a moment where the guy tells something along these lines: *"I'll be fine as long as I have you."* It's a sweet sentiment, but ask anyone who's married, and they'll tell you: No human can complete you. We're simply not good enough. We fall short. We forget things. We say words we later regret.

But God is good enough. You can look to God and say, *"I'll be fine as long as I have you,"* and it's true. In God's presence, there is fullness of joy.

Psalm 16:11 (*You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*).

That is why Paul could rejoice from a jail cell and be content with a little or a lot because no one and nothing on Earth could separate Paul from his God. Writing from prison to the church at Philippi, Paul is a picture of what Psalm 16:8-9 (*⁸ I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,*) looks like in real life:

In God's presence, we, too, can have fullness of joy. When God is our everything; we can be content in anything. We take heart knowing God is with us and for us.

Joy comes easily in some seasons of life — the lead up to a wedding or the birth of a child. But in Philippians 4, we find that joy is possible in times of suffering as well. God's presence brings peace to any situation. He understands us as no one else can, and He alone can meet our every need.

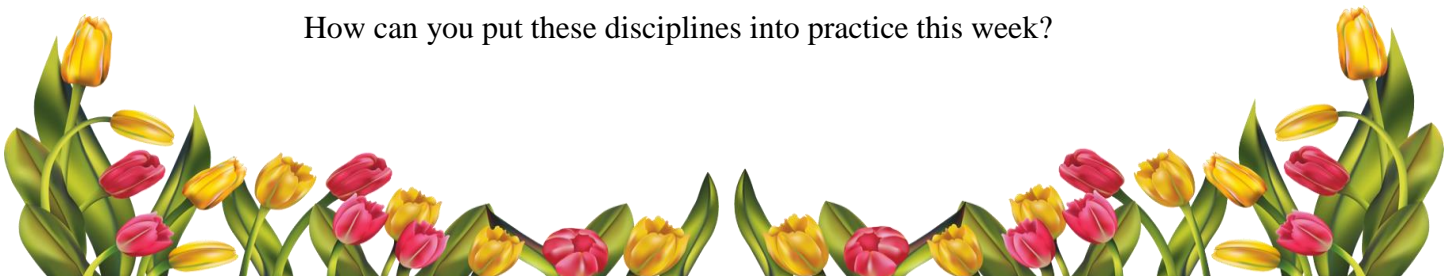
Even when life doesn't follow the path we want, God gives His people the ability to experience joy in every circumstance. All we have to do is turn to Him and start talking. Tell Him what you need. Tell Him what you dream of and what you're thankful for. (*"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"* Philippians 4:7).

Reflect:

- Think about the last time you really felt God's presence, whether it was singing at church on a Sunday or praying through tears in your house. How did His presence make you feel?
- Re-read Philippians 4:4-7.
⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

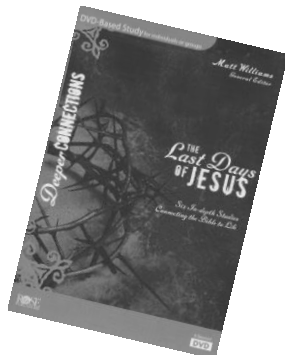
What does Paul encourage us to do when life gets hard?

How can you put these disciplines into practice this week?



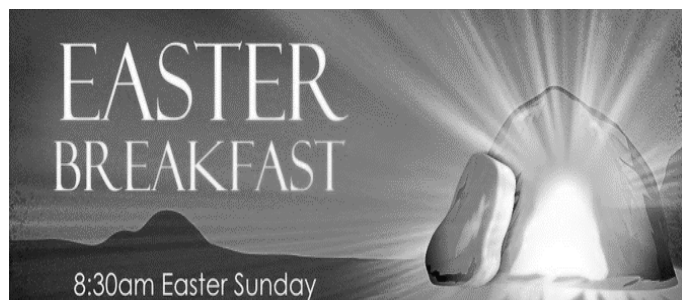


The Book Nook is located next to the Fellowship Hall. Books, Bible studies, movies and CDs are available. No formal check out. Just bring back what was borrowed at your convenience.



Be sure to check out the Lenten study materials available for use this season. We have Bible studies, CDs and reading material that are geared toward both group and individual study.

Join us for Easter Breakfast in the Cafeteria, March 31st.



Sign up to volunteer! Opportunities to serve lunch every 4th Sunday of the month at the Rescue Mission are available. You can find the sign-up sheet and additional information on what to expect on the bulletin board just outside the Book Nook library. We are looking for volunteers for those Sundays, *and with anyone wanting to donate a dessert* to be served along with lunch. Contact either Randy Hapner @ 260-745-7477 or Ruth Bates @260-417-0600 if you have further questions.

Food Bank Report

By Sharon Shediack

January

We provided food to 227 individuals.

They included 98 children under the age of 18, and 38 individuals over the age of 60.

Our congregation provided 517# of food. We went to Community Harvest twice this month to purchase 1336# of food in the amount of \$191.

Our 16 volunteers gave 92 hours of their time.

Thanks to **ALL** of you for all your many volunteer hours, dedication and the financial support you give to help provide this mission at Bethlehem.

We could use broth, & canned fruit.



**Broths
Canned Fruit
Mac & Cheese**



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Regular monthly Meeting
January 9, 2024

Members present: Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer, Brian Bates, Dan Bates, Evans Branigan, Rachele Dance, Caleb Demond, Natalie Reynolds, Greg Shediack and John Stafford

Members absent: none Guests: none

The January, 2024 regular monthly meeting of the Board was opened at 6:31 PM by President Greg Shediack.

Pastor Ahlersmeyer began the meeting with a devotion focused on the importance of being patient when waiting for God's promises to be fulfilled. Many times we are made to wait until we fully understand that our only hope is through faith in the Lord. Pastor concluded the devotion with prayer.

The minutes from the Board's November 14, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved as presented by Secretary Stafford on his motion and a second by Dan Bates. The Board did not meet in December.

Treasurer Brian Bates presented the December, 2023 Financial Report. Monthly income for December was \$40,556 compared with a budgeted amount of \$25,833. Monthly expenses for December totaled \$35,461, compared with monthly budget amount of \$35,134. For the full year, operating income was \$448,126, including transfers of \$38,149 from the Endowment Fund, \$49,541 from the SSMG Scholarship Fund, and \$25,675 in extraordinary income from an insurance claim. Operating expenses for the year totaled \$462,911. The balance in the Endowment Fund at the end of December was \$1,083,633 and the year-end balance in the SSMG Scholarship Fund was \$55,650.

Brian also presented a report illustrating actual expenses compared with budgeted amounts for the major categories of the Operating and Missions Budget. After factoring out extraordinary expenses to be paid from the Endowment, as approved by the Voters Assembly, operating expenses are over budget by \$41,295 for the year. Brian noted that the original budget did not include the partial year full-time salary for the Director of Parish Ministry. That additional expense was approved by the Voters Assembly at the same time they created position in June of 2023. In addition to the \$38,149 withdrawn from the Endowment Fund for operating expenses, an additional \$15,000 was withdrawn during 2024 for special capital projects as individually approved by the Voters Assembly. Brian also informed the Board that the congregation had received a bequeath in the amount of \$25,000 which was designated by the donor to specifically be used for the accessibility project. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously adopted on a motion by Brian Bates and a second by Natalie Reynolds.

The Soul Accounting report from the Board of Elders for the month of November included the baptism of Desirae Lee Williams on November 12, 2023. There were no Soul Accounting changes for the month of December. The reports were accepted as submitted by the Board of Elders.

Pastor Ahlersmeyer provided a review of the Advent and Christmas services. He noted that Ash Wednesday will be on February 14th this year and Easter will be on March 31st. He also noted that the Board of Elders has decided that we will begin offering communion at the Saturday and Sunday services on the fifth weekend of the month as those weekends occur. Pastor concluded his report with an update on his course work in the Doctor of Ministry program. He will be spending a week in mid-January in St. Louis for a portion of the on-site class work. Pastor indicated that two classes he has completed to date have gone well and have been both informative and beneficial.

Natalie provided an update on activities at LSUS. The school is entering the second semester with enrollment holding very steady.

The Board next discussed the progress of the Mission Clarity process. It has gone somewhat slower than originally hoped, due to the additional responsibilities Rev. Eggebrecht has gained with a new position at the LCEF and due to the busy church schedule during December. Rev. Eggebrecht has received our initial draft and has provided his feedback. The Task Force will be reconvening soon to consider further refinement to its work.

The Board next discussed the next steps in the interaction with the Dana Family Foundation regarding potential use of space at Bethlehem as a location for one or more of its programs. The conversation revolved around how best to involve the congregation in these discussions and the need to tie together the work of the Mission Clarity process and the input of the Board of Property Management and Board of Directors in such discussions. It was determined that Pastor, Greg, John and Mark Blessing would meet to develop a more detailed approach for involving the congregation in further consideration of this opportunity.

The Board discussed conversations the Pastor has had with the individual organizing the Summer Clubhouse program for this coming year. There are several changes in sponsorship from the last time the classes were conducted at Bethlehem. The expectations of the host location have also increased. Board members had several questions and Pastor Ben will be seeking further updates and details from the program organizers before the Board is prepared to give final approval for holding the program at Bethlehem.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Evans Branigan moved and Brian Bates seconded a motion for adjournment. After closing with prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted in His service,
John Stafford, Secretary

BETHLEHEM FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commands that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

The above Bible verses are the main focus of the formation of Bethlehem’s Family Life Ministry Team. Who is on this team? The team is comprised of Melissa Ahlersmeyer, Summer DeMond, and Natalie and Doug Reynolds.

Why have the Team? The Team has been created to encourage, challenge, and equip the families of Bethlehem as well as the families in the surrounding neighborhood of the church. Not only Bethlehem’s neighborhood, but neighborhoods where the families of Bethlehem live, work, and play. It’s important for Christ’s light to shine where ever we are.

What will this Team do? Using the above Scripture reading, the plan is to work on scheduling events, Bible studies, and other opportunities that provide ways for the formation of faith to happen across generations. If you are interested in partnering with us in faith formation, please consider joining us!

The newly formed Bethlehem Family Life Ministry Team is excited to share some of our plans for 2024 with you! Our hope is that we can connect with all ages and generations in our Bethlehem church family to create a solid foundation of faith in our homes, whatever each of our homes might look like. We want to create new Bethlehem traditions like our Christmas at Bethlehem Village event for families that we hosted in December. We want to create faith forming moments for all ages to support one another as we engage in and explore Biblical truths together. We are looking forward to having you join us for so many fun events throughout the year! We will be hosting our first all ages, interactive Bible study on Palm Sunday, March 24th in the cafeteria. We are calling these opportunities to gather around God’s word as a family “Generations of Faith”. This is something that we hope to do once a month to help build relationships and connections within our own Bethlehem church family as we gather around the Word. This is an event for ALL of our Bethlehem church family not just for families with young children. At this Generations of Faith event we plan to introduce a series of activities for our youngest generations that will help them understand and engage in Bethlehem’s Holy Week services. On Easter we’ll be putting on the egg hunt for the children immediately following the 10:00AM service. We’re also excited to share that after a long hiatus we are making plans and getting things in order to have Vacation Bible School this summer! Stay tuned for more details on that. We hope to see you at our first Generations of Faith event on Palm Sunday!

- Family Life Ministry Team

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 – Adam Rice	16 – Alexandria Foster Lightning
3 – Marilyn Curl	17 – Corinne Nahrwold
Loan Nguyen	Passion Young
Mary Ann Oberholtzer	18 – Charlotte Stewart
4 – Lina Bernabe	Austin Williams
11 – Rachel Michael	21 – Annie Smith
James Soest	25 – Michelle Bearman
12 – Deb Epperson	Terry Bratton
Kera Roland	26 – Amarah Brown
13 – Deici Flores	Eva Dressler
Ashley Nelson	Ignacio Silva
14 – Seth Ahlersmeyer	28 – Patsy Dressler
Krystana Gordon	Kari Kiger
Roman Nelson	31 – Barb Netterville
Brenda Warren	
15 – Jenny Guenin	
Doris Holmes	



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**IS YOUR
INFO UP
TO DATE?**

If you have had a change in home address, home or cell phone number or email address, please be sure to let us know so that we can update our database.

If your children have moved out on their own please provide the office with their updated information.

We want to stay in touch, so having accurate contact information is important to us.

Please call, mail, or email the church office with any updates or pick up a form by the church exits and turn into an elder or the church office.



Have you ever wanted to sing in a church choir, but couldn't make the full-year commitment? Maybe you haven't sung since high school and would like to try it again on a short-term "trial" period.

Well, the Choir here at Bethlehem is looking for additional choir members to help sing for Easter! The only time commitment needed is attending the 4 Wednesday rehearsals beginning in March, with a start time of 5:30pm. If you want more information, talk to Doug Reynolds soon! We would love to have you!!!



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March Servant Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Head Usher</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Prayer Leader</u>	<u>Power point</u>	<u>Live Stream</u>
2	Linda Stafford Mary Snow	Peter Schlie		Ruby Bonner		Blake Sebring	
3		Peter Schlie	Evans Branigan	Threasa Lightning	Mary Snow	Charlotte Ratliff	Josiah Hapner
9	Natalie Reynolds Allison Cheng	Michael Johnson		Ruby Bonner		Carla Johnson	
10		Greg Shediack	Dan Bates	Donna Melcher Threasa Lightning	Shirley Davis	Allison Cheng	Joshua Hapner
16	Sharon Dietrich Suzie Emley Amber Herndon	Ed Ramos		Ruby Bonner		Charlotte Ratliff	
17		John Bates	Ron Gallmeyer	Donna Volmerding Dave Volmerding	Glenn Emley	Aaron Brown	Dave Volmerding
23	Kim Ellison Sharon Shediack	Terry Bratton		Ruby Bonner		Blake Sebring	
24		Joe Nelson	Evans Branigan	Richard Pierce	Suzie Emley	Josiah Hapner	Randy Hapner
28	Linda Stafford Mary Snow						
29	Natalie Reynolds Allison Cheng						
30	Sharon Dietrich Suzie Emley Amber Herndon	Peter Schlie				Charlotte Ratliff	
31		Peter Schlie	Dan Bates	Peter Schlie		Aaron Brown	Josiah Hapner

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. Isaiah 61:11</i>					1	2 8:30am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm Worship w/Comm
3 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:30am Education Hour 2:00pm King's Community Outreach	4	5 6:30pm Bd. of Elders	6 5:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Worship 7:15 Handbells	7	8	9 8:30am Men's Bible Study 4:00pm Worship w/Comm
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31 Easter 8:30am Easter Breakfast 10:00am Worship w/Comm	<i>He is not here, but has risen.</i> Luke 24:6a					