

The Bethlehem Record

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**A family of God sharing Jesus
and serving Him faithfully**

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Our Mission Statement

As members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church who have been granted eternal life through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, we worship Him as our Lord and seek to further His work of salvation through word and sacrament ministry in our community and world toward the goal of creating and strengthening personal faith in Him

The Pastor Page

The family is one of the most important gifts that God has given us. Your mother and your father easily have the most influence on your life. Your siblings are there to support you, and to in turn be supported by you, for nearly your entire life. Your wife or husband are the single most important person in your life aside from Jesus Himself, and your children are your own offspring. Gifts who God has given you, who you in turn will give to the world when you send them out once they've grown up.

Just contemplate the fact that God has chosen to call Himself Father, and Son. These are familial terms. Names that describe relationships. Think about that for a moment. God chose to give us the very same relationship with which he defines Himself.

Yet, right now families are struggling. This is for several reasons. Technology has been advancing so quickly, that by the time we adapt and learn to how to deal with one invention five more have already taken its place. We seem to be busier now than we ever have been before. There always seems to be something vying for your attention, and family time is rarely what takes priority. The family is also under attack by the many and various efforts of the

devil, the world, and our own sinful nature. Families are being broken by divorce, abortion, drugs, etc.

So, to help families get some time to simply be together and be families, we are doing something a little different with our Vacation Bible School this summer. First off, we are calling it Family Bible Vacation. We are also changing many of the things that traditionally go along with VBS. You can read more about those changes in the registration form that is included later in this newsletter.

Our intent with this shift is to give families time that they can come together at church, worship together, eat together, read a bible story together and then play together. The entire family is welcome to come July 9th-13th and join us. That includes toddlers, teenagers, aunts, uncles, grandparents and 3rd cousins twice removed. (The other cousins can come too I guess.)

As we come together this month to spend time with each other, we ask that you pray for us. We hope that this opportunity is useful and beneficial to everyone who participates. May God bless all those involved as we seek to celebrate and strengthen the great gift of family that God has given us. May God bless you all,

Pastor Christopher Craig

Stewardship Newsletter
-The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Gal. 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties: the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what we believe in our daily lives. But freedom and liberty in our age has devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness: a license to do what we want, when we want.

This license is a submission, again, to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires, slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our sinful desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity.

In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the church.

God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents to provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. And God calls children to honor their parents and provide

and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves.

God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God’s servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel as well as repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

The readings and sermons from Sunday Worship Service are available by podcast on the PodBean app. Just search for Bethlehem Lutheran and click on the one that has a picture of the Church building.



2018 LWML Church Watering Schedule
July- August

July 2-July 15Coleen Ancell
July 16-29 ----- Shirley Krueger
July 30-Aug 12-----Justine Dohl

The watering schedule is set for two week intervals, Mondays through Sundays.

Please water all outside bushes and the flower box.

You are welcome to trim and weed as needed.

If unable to work on your assigned weeks, please trade

Please notify the next person on the list after finishing your two week water assignment

BOCL

BOCL met on Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Tyler Gier, Trey Watson, Sara Gier, Dena Sorensen, Kylie Ehrlich, Brock Mueller, Ruth Mueller, Serena McCoy, Lloyd Gier, and Pastor Craig. Pastor opened with a prayer and devotions (Augsburg Confession, article 11)

Minutes were read and approved. Concerning Family Vacation Bible school, the starting time has been moved from 6:00 to 6:30 ending approximately 8:00 p.m. Give or take a few minutes, meal time will be around 7:00. A Thrivent card has been applied for to help purchase the ESV Bibles that the families will be using. Pastor reported that volunteers are in place for helping the program. Another meeting will be set for planning the event.

Chaplain Craig Muehler will be the guest preacher for the Father's Day service on Sunday, June 17. A potluck is planned afterwards. Pins are in from Operation Barnabus, these will be passed out to all veterans.

We've been informed that Pastor Stinnet will be here for a visit on August 5. A meal is being planned for this day.

It was suggested by a few board members that we have a 4th of July celebration. It was decided to make an announcement after church to see how many people are interested in doing this.

Serena McCoy moved to have the peach cobbler stand open three nights at the Lincoln County Fair, July 26, 27, and 28, starting time will be set at next meeting, Tyler seconded, motion passed.

A Labor Day service at the Wilson Lake is in the planning stages again like last year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted Ruth Mueller

Baptismal Birthdays in July

God's blessings to you for all His gifts of grace that you have received, and we pray for many more blessings for Jesus' sake



Marsha Serrien	Peggy Meyer
Sophia Schofield	Shirley Small
Dale Krueger	Erwin Heine
Wyatt Heine	Blake Chegwidden
Susan Kurtz-Sebesta	Connie Meitler
Eli Schultz	Isaac Schultz
Thelma Blase	



LWML Flower Committee 2018
July
Barbara Meitler, Cheryl Gier
August
Coleen Ancell, Euni Thaemert

Acolyte Schedule



July

July 1	Aubrelle Hurlbut, Vance Dohl
July 8*	Jacob Schultz, Rylan Gier
July 15	Kale Sorensen, Eli Schultz
July 22*	Rylan Gier, Isaac Schultz
July 29*	Aubrelle Hurlbut, Kale Sorensen

August

Aug 5`	Eli Schultz, Jacob Schultz
Aug 12	Vance Dohl, Rylan Gier
Aug 19	Isaac Schultz, Kale Sorensen
Aug 26	Eli Schultz, Jacob Schultz

*Communion service

June 6, 2018 LWML Meeting

After LWML members consumed a delicious supper provided by Euni Thaemert and watched the 4th video presentation of "The Full Armor of God" series, Coleen Ancell called the LWML meeting to order June 6, 2018, at 7pm in the Parish Hall of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

We had some interesting answers to the Roll Call question, "How did you meet your husband?" 11 members were present.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given. Because there were only a few posts, June's report will be placed on file with July's treasurer's report.

COMMITTEES

June Flowers - Ramie in charge for early June; Emilie, late June

Mission of love - we will save labels from Best Choice, pop tabs, postage stamps and box tops. Appropriately labelled boxes will be in the lobby and parish hall. We will collect and send BC labels to the school.

Banners - The beautiful district LWML convention banner designed and made by Dena Sorensen and Shelly Keller is in front of the sanctuary.

Campus ministry - Ramie had members sign graduation cards to our 5 graduating seniors. We will have 5 more seniors graduating next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Emily Wacker has placed 3 new tables in the storage closet and Cheryl Gier said that 14 new chairs will arrive by Friday, June 8.

NEW BUSINESS

VBS - We plan to serve meals for two evenings during the VBS week of July 9 - July 13. Pulled pork was one suggestion. For Lutheran World Relief we have considered doing school kits. Ramie has scissors galore for school packets. For each of the packets we will also need 5 pencils, 3 notebooks, pencil sharpeners, 2 1/2 " erasers, 5 ballpoint pens, 16 or 24 crayons for each of the 14"x17" sturdy cloth

drawstring backpack-style bags (with shoulder straps).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We all signed a get well card to LWML member Mrs. Carrie Lynn Brown of Ellsworth.

Under consideration are such projects as having a flower box committee of one or two and Adopting a Missionary.

Meeting adjourned,

Justine Dohl, Secretary

Coleen Ancell, president

A letter received from Lincoln Grocery

Entire letter can be found on the front Bulletin Board.

Join more than 8,000 groups already saving Best Choice labels for cash. Encourage your group members to purchase best Choice products at your local Lincoln Grocery Best Choice labels can be redeemed for \$.03 each in the best Choice Save-A-Label program. Each bundle of 1,000 Best Choice labels is worth \$30.00; *Do we have to send in whole labels? Just cut around the UPC symbol. It's not necessary to send in the whole label.*

The LWML will be collecting these labels and turning them over to the local Sylvan-Lucas Unified 299 School.

Rev Dan Galchutt is the Guest speaker at Bethlehem on July 1

he comes to us from the Kansas District. He is Assistant to the President for Missions and Stewardship. He handles Kansas missions, Guinea/West Africa, mission grant funding, and stewardship. He will be talking to us about Estate Planning during Bible Study starting at 9 a.m. before the Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Planning ahead: August 5, 2018 our guest speaker will be our T.I.M. Missionary **Pastor Eric Stinnett.**

BOCL is also planning a potluck for that day

Obituary Rev. Rolland L. Bentrup

Rev Rolland L. Bentrup, age 90, died June 1, 2018 at Lexington Country Place. Reverend Bentrup was born November 12, 1927 to the late Henry & Margarethe Bentrup in Sylvan Grove, Kansas. After graduating from St. Johns Jr. College in Winfield, Kansas he entered Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO to become a Lutheran Minister. It was during this time that he served in the National Guard. After serving congregations in Indiana and Ohio he came to Lexington, KY in 1960 to become the pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church. Later he served as the Lutheran Campus Minister for both the University of KY in Lexington and Eastern KY University in Richmond. He was also Pastor of churches in Danville, Winchester, Lincoln Co and Paintsville. Since his retirement he has been a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ashland, KY.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of fifty years; Luella, sisters; Hulda, Irene, Paula & Carol, and one brother; Dale. Rolland is survived by his sister; Rosella Zuellner, of Castle Rock, CO., sons; Daniel (Tina) of Knoxville, TN, Stephan of Albuquerque, NM, and daughter; Evon Thornton (Fred) of Chestertown, MD, stepson; Robert Aker (Sylvia) of Lexington, KY., six grandchildren, two great grandchildren and numerous nieces & nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lexington on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. John's Lutheran Church Building Fund



Eureka, KS Tornado Cleanup

LATEST UPDATE

June 28, 2018, 11:30 a.m

Note: Bethlehem Member Gary Frederking, Son lives and teaches in Eureka. Gary reported all was well with G.A. and his wife.

SOFT DEPLOYMENT: (LERT ID highly recommended, but not required)

Kansas LERT teams may respond to Eureka effective 7 a.m., Friday, June 29th. We are working in partnership with Great Plains Emergency Response Teams and the Red Cross. Great Plains is taking the lead for check-in, assessment & work assignments. We will fall under the direction of these 2 groups. Assessments should be completed today and work orders ready Friday morning when you arrive.

Work to be done:

- * Tree removal: chain saws and safety gear (safety gear and IDs are highly recommended but not required)
- * Debris removal: 5 gal. buckets, work gloves, sturdy shoes
- * Tarp houses
- * LERT trailers: If you have one, please bring it.

At last count 170 homes were affected with 12 completely destroyed. There will be ongoing recovery efforts for some time. Watch the LERT Kansas District Facebook page and this page for further developments and information.

Here is a list of household steps toward Disaster Preparedness from Kansas District web site.

What would you do or need in case we were hit by a Tornado?

Individual or Household Steps toward Disaster Preparedness

Keep these items in fireproof and watertight containers:

Personal identification	Copies of these Papers		
Cash and coins	Birth certificate	Passports	Insurance information
Credit cards	Marriage certificate	Wills	Immunization records
Extra set of house and car keys	Driver's license	Deeds	Bank information
Emergency contact list and phone numbers	Social Security cards	Household goods inventory	Stocks and bonds

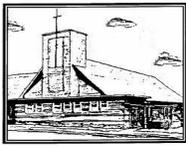
- ➔ Know how to turn off your water, electricity, and gas
- ➔ Know where all major fuse boxes are
- ➔ Have a designated emergency supply kit, containing at least a flashlight, radio, and extra batteries
- ➔ Don't forget to include your pets in your safety plans.

General Needs & Basic Supplies:

Water (at least 1 gallon per person per day for 3-7 days)	Food (non-perishables, food for infants or elderly)	Special items for babies and elderly
First Aid Kit, medicines, prescription drugs	Flashlight, batteries	Radio (Battery operated and NOAA weather radio)
Basic tools (wrench, pliers, etc.)	Non-electric can opener	Cooking tools, fuel
Dishes or disposable plates, utensils, cups	Blankets, pillows, etc.	Towels
Clothing and sturdy shoes	Toiletries and hygiene items	All-purpose knife
Signal flare	Waterproof matches (or matches in waterproof container)	Re-sealable plastic bags
Whistle	Duct tape and scissors	Work gloves

Additional Considerations:

Pet care is also important. Make sure your pet has proper identification; keep a copy of up-to-date immunization records handy; prepare in advance an ample supply of food and water; provide a carrier or cage; list and set aside medications; and keep a muzzle and leash ready.



May 30, 2018

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Dear Parents,

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sylvan Grove invites you and your children to our Family Bible Vacation! What is Family Bible Vacation? Well, it is a new spin on Vacation Bible School. Rather than being child focused, our Family Bible Vacation will be focusing on families. Sadly, parents are beginning to have less time to spend with their children, and we'd like to see if we can help with that problem.

From July 9th-13th we would be overjoyed if your families would join us in the evenings. We will begin with worship at 6:30 P.M. A full meal will follow this at 7 P.M. That way you all don't have to worry about dinner. Following that, we will have a brief Bible Story time, where you (parents) will read our Bible Story for the night to your children. We will provide the Bibles for you, and they are yours to keep. You'll have the opportunity to join with other families during this time as well if you would like to tag team the stories. After that, we will play a game, and then close with prayer somewhere around 8 P.M.

We would love to see your entire families there every night, but we understand that sometimes things need doing. The theme for the week is Family, and we will be looking at the different roles in the family throughout the week. We would highly encourage you to at least be present on the days when we are focusing on your role. These are the themes of the days: Monday – Family, Tuesday – Father, Wednesday – Mother, Thursday – Grandparents, Friday – Siblings.

Again though, let me be very clear, your entire family is invited to join us every day this week. That includes moms, dads, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas, babies, toddlers, and yes even the teenagers. (We'll have some volunteers available to help you in your baby wrangling if you so desire.) On Friday we will be hosting a carnival like we did last year.

We hope that this will provide your families with a time to get away from the normal hustle and bustle of life for just a few evenings and gather around the Word of God. We all know that we need to "Train up a child in the way he should go;" so that, "even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) We wish to support you as you seek to do this, and hope that you would join us for this week.

May God bless you and your families,
 Pastor Christopher Craig and the members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH – FAMILY BIBLE VACATION ENROLLMENT FORM

Family Members Attending: _____

Phone# _____ text? Y / N Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code _____

Emergency contact name and number: _____

List any food allergies or medications that we should be aware of: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coming Events at Bethlehem

Also available online at www.BethlehemSylvanGrove.org

- July 1 Rev Dan Galchutt Guest Preacher
July 9-13 Family FBV
July 25-28 Lincoln County Fair BOCL Peach Cobbler and Ice Cream Stand
Planning ahead
Aug 5 Guest speaker Pastor Stinnett with Potluck
 9 a.m. – Sunday School and BLTeens Bible study (school)
 9 a.m. – Adult Bible study (Parish hall)
 10 a.m. – Worship Service (Holy Communion on 2nd and 4th Sundays and some festivals)
 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday's Midweek Worship service



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