



BETHLEHEM NEWS MARCH 2024

401 West Main Street
West Dundee, IL 60118

BETHLEHEM'S MISSION...

"To share the Living Water of Jesus Christ with all who thirst."

WORSHIP

3:30 p.m. Saturday - Traditional

(Please note the new Saturday time through March)

8:00 a.m. Sunday - Traditional

10:30 a.m. Sunday - Contemporary at BCMC

HOLY COMMUNION - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

FELLOWSHIP TIME - 9:10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:15 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 9:30 a.m.

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Lenten worship services continue every Wednesday at 11:00 am through March 20th. Please note that Wednesday Bible Study will start earlier at 9:30 am during Lent.

Also don't forget to push your clocks forward on March 10th as Daylight Saving Time starts.

Please join us for Easter Week services on
Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm;
Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm;
Easter Sunday, March 31 at 7:00 am and 10:30 am at the red church (no contemporary worship). There will be no service on Saturday, March 30.

EASTER BREAKFAST on EASTER

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday, March 31, from 8:15 am-10:00 am for a buffet style breakfast consisting of scrambled eggs, made-to-order omelets, pancakes, potatoes, sausage, bacon, and carved ham.
Sign up sheets are available at both churches.

Please see Karen Lawson if you can help with clean-up at 10:00 am after the breakfast Easter Sunday. We would appreciate as much help as possible with this task. Thank you. We are grateful to Chef Steve Stayner and Gia Winkler for preparing the Easter Breakfast again for us this year.

4 WIRELESS AMPLIFIERS are now available to use during church services. Please ask a deacon for one.

VERSE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.” Job 19:25

TRUSTEES' UPDATE

By Scott Heifetz - Trustee Chairman

Progress continues on remediation of the water damage in the education wing of BLC (the red brick church). ServPro has been our primary vendor and works directly with our insurance company. Through ServPro, a company has been lined up to remove ceiling and floor tiles which were tested and found to contain asbestos. Helping hands assisted in removing all the furniture from the affected rooms, the Youth room on the 2nd floor, the Sunday School room on the first floor and the Choir room in the lower level.

Additionally, 4 security cameras have been installed at BLC and 5 at BCMC (yellow brick church).

The area previously leased by Cherished Place is being marketed; so far there have been no showings. The countertop and sinks in the men's and women's washrooms and shower area in this space are being replaced. During this time without a tenant, the heat has been turned down to save expenses.

Church Council Board Update Schedule

March: Trustees (see above)	April: Elders
May: Financial Secretary	June: Education
July: Deacons	August: Trustees
September: Treasurer	October: Education
November: Financial Secretary	December: Elders

OFFERINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 4	General - \$4,169.69	Other - \$385.56
Feb. 11	General - \$3,694.69	Other - \$605.00
Feb. 18	General - \$3,268.19	Other - \$1,832.00
Feb. 25	General - \$2,638.19	Other - \$1,295.00

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH - Agape House

Agape House began in 1997 when Ben and Pam Patterson felt called to provide a safe, loving environment for children in need. The name comes from the Greek word, AGAPE, which means the unconditional love of God. It is a non-profit ministry based on an outreach program of ministry where Christ heals broken hearts. They offer HOPE and HEALING to the abused or distressed.

Since starting with the home for girls, they now offer the same ministry for boys, housed in a separate facility and a women's transitional living home. Counseling services are provided for these families as well as their community clients providing wraparound care to entire family healing.

Through spiritual, emotional, psychological, and physiological programs for teens and young adults, as well as counseling for families and the greater community, they welcome young women and men from all walks of life who are hurting and seek ways to heal. Their team of trained professionals has witnessed academic improvement, high school graduation, advancement to college, activity in missions, and growth into independent adults who lead healthy, productive lives.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of making a gift today to support the ministry in place at Agape House.

EASTER BASKETS FOR F.I.S.H. FOOD PANTRY 🧺

Wouldn't it be fun to create an Easter Basket for someone you don't know? The "Hearts In Service - H.I.S. Ministry" has an opportunity for you to do just that!

Pick up an Easter basket at either one of the church buildings and fill it with goodies for the children who utilize the services of F.I.S.H. Food Pantry in Carpentersville. You can put in whatever you would like...candy, small toys, etc.— the only requirement is that candy must be individually wrapped.

If you would like to participate but don't want to shop, contact the church office.

The baskets need to be back to Bethlehem by March 17th.

~ H.I.S. "Hearts in Service" Ministry/Missions

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Operation Christmas Child donations

Thanks to everyone for their continuous donations to our Operation Christmas Child Mission. We are grateful to all of you. For the month of March, we are collecting jump ropes, coloring books, and simple picture books (so that students can practice their English) for example: A is for Apple, B is for Banana, or books with simple sentences. These types of books can be found at the dollar store.

Donations can be placed in the bin under the table across from the church office. Thank you.

Your input matters for the work of LCMS Disaster Response

Please check your email from Bethlehem to assist LCMS Disaster Response by taking a short survey by March 15.

Or click on this link to take the survey now:

[LERT Team Survey \(alchemer.com\)](https://www.alchemer.com/surveys/LERT-Team-Survey)

YARN WANTED

Bethlehem's "Sisterhood of Stitchers" is looking for donations of yarn that you would like to re-home for a good cause. It doesn't need to be full skeins—even a little left from a project will work. Any size and almost any kind (please no wool) will be put to use.

Thrivent Choice Dollars DEADLINE

The Thrivent logo is displayed in a white box with a black border. The word "thrivent" is in a lowercase, sans-serif font, with a small red heart symbol above the 'i'.

Dear Thrivent Members,

Through Thrivent Choice, you can contribute to an organization and causes you care about, and influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable funding. If you previously made a donation or directed Thrivent Choice dollars to us, we thank you for all your support! If you haven't yet participated, please consider donating your Choice Dollars to Bethlehem Church or Vida y Fe Church. If you would like to learn more about it, please visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You can also contact your Thrivent financial professional John Drafall at 847-669-3029.

Your Thrivent Choice Dollars 2023 must be designated by March 31, 2024. Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy. It's free money for Bethlehem Church or Vida y Fe Church.

God bless you and thank you for directing Thrivent Dollars to Bethlehem or Vida y Fe Church.

CALLED HOME

Donna M. Kline, June 18, 1934-February 3, 2024
Laid to rest, February 10, 2024

Don Pate, Sr., August 12, 1940-February 11, 2024
Funeral arrangements pending

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 14 - Dan and Lori Lee, 37 years

March 15 - Don and Betty Jo Hoebbel, 28 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - MARCH

2 - Debbie Kois

3 - Jacob Sabella

5 - Nick Rissman

11 - Michael Schaffer

11 - Norm Schilf

17 - Chris Thompson

21 - Dale Ihssen

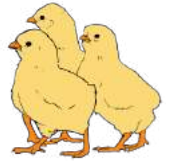
25 - Sandy Tang

31 - Debbie Newman

In celebration of Norm Schilf's birthday, there will be a party with cake before bible class in the fellowship hall on Sunday, March 10th. Cards or notes would be appreciated.

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

All are welcome! Mondays at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



LUTHERAN CHICKS BIBLE STUDY

The Lutheran Chicks Bible Study group will be starting a new series "Women and Identity." This series is focusing on learning about women who embraced God's strength and wisdom to live whole lives. This women's study group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm. The next meeting dates are March 12th, and March 26th. All ladies are welcome.

PILATES "Let's Get Moving"

Classes are offered every Friday at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Please arrive 15 minutes early.) Everyone is welcome! We'll be meeting on March 1, 8, 15, and 22. Will not meet on Good Friday, March 29.

Experience the fun of exercise and good health!

Questions? Linda Bryant 630-338-6515



EASTER FLOWERS

I would like to order the following to beautify the altar area on Easter Sunday, 31.

🌸 Azalea	\$30.00 each	_____
🌺 Hydrangea	\$30.00 each	_____
🌺 Lily	\$18.00 each	_____
🌷 Tulip	\$18.00 each	_____

Name/s: _____

In Memory / In Honor / In Thanksgiving

Please attach payment to this Order Form.
Checks should be made payable to: Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Please write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Please put the form and payment in the offering plate or under the Office door by Sunday, March 17. The plants can be picked up after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday.

