



BETHLEHEM  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

## BETHLEHEM NEWS JUNE 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

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Traditional

*(Please note the new Summer Schedule)*

9:00 a.m. Sunday - Worship

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

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** - 10:15 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - resumes in Sept.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - 10:15 a.m.

**VACANCY PASTOR** - Reverend Bob Pudell

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### NEW SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Bethlehem will be implementing a summer schedule starting Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. We are looking forward to worshipping together over the summer and provide some variety in our services to showcase the traditional and contemporary styles of worship. We will still have the Saturday evening service at the normal time of 5:00 pm. There will be **one** Sunday morning service at **9:00 am** with a short coffee/bible study after the service. **On June 16th and 30th, the 9:00 am service will be at BCMC.**

### VOTERS' MEETING - JUNE 9th at 10:00 AM

We will be having our voters' meeting to elect our Church Council and open board positions on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark it down on your calendar. We are looking for volunteers that would like to be considered for the open positions:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Finance Committee

Member at Large (1 position open)

Board of Education (5 positions open)

Board of Elders (8 positions open)

Board of Trustees (6 positions open)

Board of Deacons (renewing Slate of Deacons that are already serving, however, always looking for more)

Synodical Representative (1 position)

This year we are looking to fill all positions on every board, if possible. I know that we have a lot of talented members that would do well with serving on one of these committees.

Please reach out to me directly at 847-715-8150 if you are interested in any of these positions. Matthew Schmidt

## **“ORDINARY” TIME**

Summer is nearly upon us. Many times in churches, summer is a down time.

The liturgical color for most Sundays will be green. Many of our Gospel lessons follow more-or-less in order from Mark. The green reminds us that this is a time of reflecting on our growth in Christian discipleship. After celebrating the great story of our salvation through the birth, earthly ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we consider what those events mean for us in our lives.

Many of us will travel. If you travel, I encourage you to find a congregation to worship with on Sunday, and to bring back bulletins and any reflections and ideas you might gain. You can find LCMS churches at:

[https://locator.lcms.org/church?\\_gl=1\\*ysffc\\*\\_ga\\*MTM5NTkwMzMxNS4xNzE2NTcxNDY3\\*\\_ga\\_Z0184DBP2L\\*MTcxNzA5NDc0OC4yLjAuMTcxNzA5NDc0OC4wLjAuMA](https://locator.lcms.org/church?_gl=1*ysffc*_ga*MTM5NTkwMzMxNS4xNzE2NTcxNDY3*_ga_Z0184DBP2L*MTcxNzA5NDc0OC4yLjAuMTcxNzA5NDc0OC4wLjAuMA)

Local churches can also be discovered by internet searches (be sure that they have updated their website for any summer schedule changes, especially days and times).

In some traditions these Sundays are called “ordinary time,” although the word doesn’t mean what most people think it means (it refers to the ordinal numerals by which the Sundays are designated.) Most of our lives are not spent in the dramatic activities of Christmas, Lent, and Easter, but in the “ordinary” and sometimes, boring daily routines. These green Sundays help us sanctify the ordinary.

Certainly, this summer needs to be a time of special prayer for our congregation, our call committee, and the pastor God has chosen to serve us in the next chapter of our mission. That alone is sufficient reason why our Sunday worship gatherings need to remain a priority for all of us.

So it is good that during this “ordinary” time things become a bit slower and simpler. That gives us time to pause and reflect on God’s love and his purpose for our lives. Just so we need to make the most of these summer days to prepare for all that lies ahead for each of us and for this congregation.

Also, A blessed Father's Day to all who celebrate this month! God is good, and he has brought us together through the Holy Spirit to grow every day closer to our Lord.

May these green Sundays, ordinary though they may seem, be a time of rich growth and renewal for all of us.

I remain grateful for all of you, and for your prayers and support.

In His grace and peace!

Pastor Bob

## **VERSE OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE**

**(Romans 15:13):**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

## **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Call Committee is working hard to prepare for the upcoming interview process. We are patiently waiting for the District to provide potential candidates to be our next Pastor. As a reminder, we have 5 key characteristics that we are focusing on:

1. Inspirational Leadership
2. Outreach
3. Preaching and Teaching
4. Versatility
5. Relational

Bethlehem Call Committee

## THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Debbie Newman

The Financial Committee is so grateful to all of our members here at Bethlehem for financially supporting us with your tithes, providing for our bills and maintenance and missions at both of our churches.

Losing Cherished Place rent, \$6,500.00, from BCMC has seriously impacted our budget. We are still prayerfully hoping we will have new renters soon. Example: April, 2024 our total offerings were \$14,159; and April, 2023 \$22,706. As you can see our offerings have reduced a lot from last year. Our weekly attendance has dropped 20 people per month, compared to last year.

## THE ALTAR GUILD UPDATE

By Debbie Newman

The Altar Guild wants to thank all of you who purchased flowers to glorify our altar during the holidays. The altar looked so beautiful with the different flowers of Christmas poinsettias, Thanksgiving mums, and Easter Spring flowers.

The altar will be dressed in green throughout the summer into the Advent season. The color green represents the season of Pentecost, Ordinary Time, which represents hope, life and growth.

I do try to include the banners with the theme of the weekend. The banners can be a reminder to you as to what is going on in our life.

We have four teams on the Altar Guild. If anybody would like to be a part of our team, please let me know. Call Debbie Newman 847-254-5426.

## OFFERINGS FOR MAY

Date	General	Other	Total
5/5/2024	\$4,527.19	\$462.56	\$4,989.75
5/12/2024	\$2,637.19	\$162.40	\$2,799.59
5/19/2024	\$3,464.19	\$18,252.59	\$21,716.78
5/26/2024	\$3,805.00	\$394.04	\$4,199.04

## CHURCH COUNCIL BOARD UPDATE SCHEDULE

July: Deacons

August: Trustees

September: Treasurer

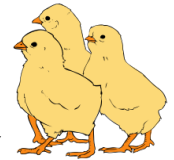
October: Education

November: Financial Secretary

December: Elders

## LWML PICNIC AND BINGO

All women are cordially invited to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League picnic with bingo on June 13th at noon. Bring a white elephant prize for the bingo.



## LUTHERAN CHICKS BIBLE STUDY

Lutheran Chicks, a women's Bible study group, will meet on June 11th and June 25th. We are studying "Women & Identity." The Bible study is from 1 pm to 2 pm. We meet in the library on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

All ladies are welcome.

## WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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

## **PILATES** “Let’s Get Moving”

Classes are offered every Friday at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please arrive 15 minutes early and bring water. We’ll be meeting on: June 7, 14, 21, 28, and July 5, 12, 19, 26  
Everyone is welcome! Experience the fun of exercise and good health! Questions? Linda Bryant 630-338-6515

## **THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

By Karen Lawson

The Board of Education oversees Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth and Adult Education. We currently have 9 Sunday School children, 5 confirmation students awaiting to be confirmed and 3 youth students. We are blessed to have Denise Korosec, Debbie Smith, Becky Korosec, Karen Lawson and Gail Solovay who teach our young children and Lynn Petersen and Debbie Hopp who teach our Confirmation students.

We are currently looking at partnering with Immanuel Lutheran Church to support our youth students. Each Sunday our main focus, of course, is to teach our children how much Jesus loves them, and that they can always turn to him in prayer when asking for forgiveness and guidance in their lives. We also teach them the Lord’s Prayer, The Ten Commandments and use Concordia’s Enduring Faith curriculum for teaching all of the wonderful stories in the Bible.

We thank everyone at Bethlehem for your continued support with our Operation Christmas Child program. The children love building the shoeboxes each November and look forward to hearing about the many far away places their boxes reach. We ask that you continue to pray for our children and our Sunday School program.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to Karen Lawson.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES**

For the month of June, we will continue to collect children’s underwear and socks (ankle or calf) for boys and girls (all sizes ages 3-6 years old, 8-10 years old, and 12-16 years old). We will also collect small flashlights with batteries. These flashlights can be found at the dollar store. Thank you for your continued support.





## JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH

WALCAMP is a year-round outdoor ministry offering great opportunities and programs for individuals, families, churches, and other groups. It is located in Kingston—about 25 miles west on Rt. 72—and is open to the public.

WALCAMP is a special place where youth and adults can step away from their routines and go into the outdoors for a time of refreshment, relaxation, and personal growth. Their mission is to provide an outdoor ministry where Creation is Explored, Christ is Exalted, and Christians are Equipped for service back home and beyond.

WALCAMP is a great place to experience fun camp activities, build new friendships, grow stronger in faith, and go into the outdoors! You might have gone as a child; but it is not the same old camp and it is not just for kids.

Check out their website ([walcamp.org](http://walcamp.org)). It is filled with loads of information and there might be something that piques your interest! ~ H.I.S. “Hearts in Service” Ministry/Missions

## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY - June* 🎂

6/1	Glenn Plauck	6/18	David Lawson
6/1	Terri DeNicolo	6/21	Joanne Corcoran
6/2	Matt Winkler	6/21	Dariusz Stusowski
6/6	Peter Schaffer	6/22	Cathie Filar
6/8	Pat Sylvester	6/22	Jason Kraus
6/8	Scott Heifetz	6/25	Pat Dobler
6/11	Paul Bryant	6/26	Alexis Stolpe
6/11	Gerry DeDina	6/26	Ava Skibley
6/15	Nick Sabella	6/29	Austin Sabella
6/18	Tracy Albach	6/30	Ryan Skibley

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP

Our sister church, Faith Lutheran Church in Carpentersville, has recently converted their parsonage into a Hospitality House to be used for temporary housing for families in crisis. With the help of Lutheran Church Charities, the house has been refurbished and construction work is now complete. The home now has to be thoroughly cleaned and furniture moved in in order to get ready for its first occupants to move in by next Saturday, June 8. Please see your email for specific details. Can anyone at Bethlehem donate some time this Saturday, June 1 to help get this Hospitality House ready for the family? Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. Work will start at 9 am, but any time you can arrive would be helpful and stay as little or as long as you can. Thank you!

Work days: SATURDAY, June 1, STARTING TIME 9 AM AND MONDAY, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM. The Hospitality House sits on the property of our sister church, Faith Lutheran at 2501 Helm Road in Carpentersville.

On Sunday, Karen Lawson, will be collecting a Free Will Offering to help buy items to furnish the main floor and upstairs bathrooms of the hospitality house. Any amount given will be greatly appreciated. Anyone want to help shop, or have questions, please contact Karen Lawson at 847-975-1913. Thank you for your support.

## ♥ *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY* ♥

6/8/1985	Tim & Denise Johnson	39 years
6/10/2006	Eric & Melody Rissman	18 years
6/17/1961	Jim & Sue Wilbrandt	63 years
6/17/2000	Jim & Michelle Kesler	24 years
6/18/2006	Mike & Jean Hahn	18 years
6/20/1964	Jeff & Sharon Daley	60 years
6/26/2021	Jacob & Mikayla Sabella	3 years