



BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

BETHLEHEM NEWS OCTOBER 2024

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BETHLEHEM'S MISSION...

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

WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Traditional
8:00 a.m. Sunday - Traditional
10:30 a.m. Sunday - Contemporary at BCMC

HOLY COMMUNION - 1st & 3rd Sundays

FELLOWSHIP TIME - 9:10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:15 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 9:30 a.m.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE - October, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our heavenly Father and His son Jesus Christ.

Luke the Evangelist writes the following in the book of Acts chapter 2:

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

In the early church we hear the Lord working through people to accomplish His mission of saving people and connecting them to a dynamic community. The early church taught, shared their lives, celebrated the Lord's Supper, and prayed. Through these activities, the Lord added to His church daily.

The early church lived as a model for us today. Christ's mission is our mission, saving people by bringing the Gospel to them. The Gospel of Jesus Christ. His life, death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The wonders and signs we experience is the gift of faith given to them by the Holy Spirit. It is a miracle!

As we labor in the vineyard of the Lord, may we continue to be devoted to activities of the early church praying to the Lord to expand His kingdom right here at Bethlehem.

God's Blessing to You,

Pastor Joe Glombicki

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VERSE OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

Hebrews 10: 23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be an informational congregation meeting on October 27th at 9:30.

We would like to give some updates on the recent improvements to the education wing, and updates about a few unexpected expenses that have arisen at the church. (i.e. Organ motor, A/C in the Sanctuary) The call committee will also give an update on the search process for our new Sheppard. All are encouraged to attend.

OKTOBERFEST - A FELLOWSHIP EVENT

A German Dinner at Bethlehem Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 pm

This scrumptious dinner is being prepared by our very own Chef Steve Stayner. Sign up sheets are now available at both churches. Please sign up early so that Chef Steve knows how much food to prepare. Adults are welcome to bring wine or beer in the spirit of the time of Oktoberfest.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

By Karen Lawson

There is only 1 more month before we ship off our Operation Christmas Child boxes! If you would prefer to pick something up while shopping, we are still in need of Barbie type dolls, small flashlights with batteries, and plastic fillable water bottles. The Sunday School appreciates everything the congregation has done to support the OCC program this year. We are truly blessed. Thank you.

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

By Karen Lawson

Sunday School

We LOVE our Sunday School children and are blessed to have 9 children return back to class this year. We have varied age groups, 1-4 year olds, 2-7 year olds, 1-8 year olds, 3-9 year olds, 1-10 year olds and 1-11 year olds..... so this year we decided to try a "One-room classroom" way of teaching. We do our lessons together as a group and then break off to do separate activities and crafts that are more age appropriate. So far, the children are engaged and working well together, and they are all learning from each other which is great to see. 😊 We also have been enjoying weekly visits from Pastor Joe. The kids love when he stops in to say Hi and he also shares a short message pertaining to the day's lesson with them. We appreciate Pastor Joe's visits as they are giving the children an opportunity to get to know him and build a relationship with him. 😊 Thank you Pastor Joe!

Thank you again for everyone's support of our Operation Christmas Child program. We will begin building our shoe boxes towards the end of October, and then they will be shipped and delivered to children in underprivileged countries in time for Christmas. Look for pictures in the December newsletter.

I want to send a special thank you to our returning Sunday School teachers: Denise Korosec, Debbie Smith, Gail Solovay, Becky Smith, and Kris Sakowicz. Our Sunday School program would not exist without their weekly commitment and dedication. I also want to thank you, our church family, for your continued prayers for our teachers, children and Sunday School program. Whenever our Sunday School is in need, you are always right

there willing to help us and for that we are very grateful. 😊
Thank you. God's Blessings, Karen Lawson

🎵CHOIR - SINGERS WANTED🎵

The Senior Choir is looking for singers. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Mary Pieper or Nancy Petersen.

Choir will be practicing each Thursday in October at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

HELPING HAND MINISTRY

Helping Hand Ministry at Bethlehem is accepting donations of used medical equipment in good shape for our new lending closet.

We are looking for wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and other mobility aids. We will also accept other medical supplies.

This lending closet will serve our area and offer people free rentals of the medical equipment they need. This is a great community outreach for Bethlehem.

Please contact the church office if you have any donations or want more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - October 🎂

10/3	Greg Kraus	10/20	Jeff Daley
10/4	Jeanette Rhoades	10/20	Tom Newman
10/6	DeLoris Doederlein	10/20	Ken Scholer
10/6	Lonnie Smith	10/21	Tricia Skibley
10/7	Gerry Wille	10/21	Jerry Tang
10/13	Barbara Harwood	10/22	Chance Kesler
10/13	Michael Lehman	10/24	Heidi Heifetz
10/14	Karen Lawson	10/30	Jim Kesler

OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Date	General	Other	Total
9/1/2024	\$2,917.38	\$ 110.00	\$3,027.38
9/8/2024	\$4,084.50	\$ 330.00	\$4,414.50
9/15/2024	\$2,486.19	\$ 545.00	\$3,031.19
9/22/2024	\$3,286.19	\$ 638.42	\$3,924.61 *
9/29/2024	\$9,217.19	\$1,245.00	\$10,462.19

* \$17,255.53 was received into our cash account as a reimbursement for 2023 music expenses, from our Thrivent Investment account. This has NOT been reflected in the above amounts.

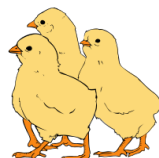
CHURCH COUNCIL BOARD UPDATE SCHEDULE

November: Financial Secretary

December: Elders

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

All are welcome! Mondays at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.



LUTHERAN CHICKS BIBLE STUDY

The Lutheran Chicks Bible study group will be finishing the series "Women and Identity" on October 8th. We will be starting the series "Spiritual Gifts" on Tuesday, October 29th. This study will be discussing spiritual gifts and how to use them. This women's study group usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please note we are meeting on the 5th Tuesday this month. The meeting dates for October are the 8th and 29th. The meetings start at 1:00 pm and finish at 2:00 pm. We meet in the library. All ladies are welcome.

PILATES "Let's Get Moving"

Classes are offered every Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please arrive 15 minutes early and bring water. We'll be meeting on October 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Everyone is welcome! Experience the fun of exercise and good health! Questions? Linda Bryant 630-338-6515

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/04/2003	Bob & Donna Kaup	21 years
10/10/1998	Paul & Linda Bryant	26 years
10/18/1975	Dewaine & Carol Nelson	49 years
10/20/2012	Daniel & Nadia Wilbrandt	12 years
10/22/1960	Hermann & Dorothy Pigors	64 years
10/22/2011	Matthew & Kim Schmidt	13 years
10/25/1959	Frank & Norma Hewitt	65 years
10/28/1978	Lynn & Nancy Petersen	46 years
10/28/2017	Erich & Becky Korosec	7 years
10/30/2021	Nick & Alex Connolly	3 years

BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Only two more months to work on projects before our church bazaar, bake sale and luncheon which is held on the first Saturday in December during the city wide Dickens In Dundee event. We have already heard from several people about the various projects they are working on which gives us hope that this will be the best bazaar ever with a wide variety of items for sale as well as delicious creations in our bake sale and a luncheon that is enjoyed by everyone. All proceeds from the bazaar will go to the Women's Guild for the many missions they support both at home and away. The bake sale and luncheon proceeds go to the FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville. Also the Dundee Historical Society will again be having their Christmas sale here which is always looked forward to. So

mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7th, a church event that should not be missed. If any questions arise, let us know by contacting by phone or text Dorothy Pigors at 224-489-3000, Denise Korosec 847-828-0391 or Cindy Weinert 847-217-5674.

CALLED HOME

Dawn Fekete - June 7, 1964 - September 9, 2024
Laid to rest September 14, 2024

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

THE SALVATION ARMY



The Salvation Army and Nicor Gas partner to provide emergency assistance and homelessness prevention through Shield of Caring, a new program that offers individuals and families assistance to pay their natural gas utility bills and meet other basic needs. They distribute the financial assistance through its corps community centers and service extension units in 37 counties in Nicor Gas' Illinois service territory. It's an annual tradition that gets bigger each year. For one week every December, The Salvation Army Metropolitan Headquarters in Elk Grove Village transforms into a giant holiday food box packing assembly line manned by dozens of volunteers who want to ensure that all their neighbors can enjoy a festive holiday meal. Volunteers normally work four-hour shifts to fill the food boxes with all the ingredients to prepare a holiday meal for a family of four – including cranberry sauce, biscuits, gravy, stuffing, and dessert. Each box gets a whole turkey or chicken. Then they are distributed to those in need through The Salvation Army's 28 corps community centers. Last year they filled 16,000 food boxes, which is 1,000 more than the previous year and 6,000 more than the year before that!
~ H.I.S. "Hearts in Service" Ministry/Missions

SAVE THE DATE!

Those lucky folks 65 or older are cordially invited to a Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 16 at 4:00 pm. Mark your calendars. Invitations will be mailed soon!

TRUNK OR TREAT - Vida y Fe

We would like to use this event to promote Reformation Day and our churches in the community. We encourage volunteers to decorate their cars with friendly and comic fun decorations. Congregation members can also donate candies for the event. There will be flyers with information about Vida y Fe Church and Bethlehem.

Date: Saturday October 26th
Trunk Host Set Up: 10:30 AM.
Time Of Event: 11: AM to 2:00 PM
Location: Bethlehem Parking Lot

Please contact Deac. Karina Mazariegos at vidayfe.elgin@gmail.com and let her know if you would like to participate.

God bless you. **Deac. Karina Mazariegos**

THANK YOU FROM VIDA Y FE

Dear Brothers and sisters of Bethlehem,

On behalf of Vida y Fe Church, I would like to thank you for your donations to the Vida y Fe garage Sale. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Working together to share God's love, joy and peace.
In Christ, *Vida y Fe Church*