You are cordially invited...

People of Bethlehem have been dreaming about expanding the facility for over a decade and those dreams are coming to reality. Thanks to the prayers, generosity and hard work of many, the Creating Room at the Table expansion is nearly complete.

We’ll be marking this milestone with Dedication in June and you are cordially invited to share in the celebration. Please plan to participate in one or more of these events. Numerous former pastors and staff will be returning to share in the festivities.

If you are unable to share in these Dedication events, feel free to stop by and explore the facility or contact a staff member for an informal tour.

Thanks for your prayerful and generous partnership!

Kevin Foss, Jim Kuch & Pr. Jeff Whillock
Executive Building Committee

Celebrate these Milestone Moments in the life of Bethlehem as we dedicate the Creating Room at the Table building expansion!

**Wednesday, June 8**
4:00 - 6:30 and 7:30 - 8:30 Open House
5:00 - 6:15 Supper
6:30 p.m. Worship with VBS Students Singing

**Saturday, June 11**
5:15 p.m. Worship in Chapel
Potluck Pie and Coffee Reception to follow

**Sunday, June 12**
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship in Re-Creation Center with Choir & Vocal Works and Holy Communion (VBS students sing at 10:00)
8:00 - noon Open House
The Bethlehem Pre-K Team is excited to announce our new day care option! Students enrolled in Pre-K will now have the option for before and after care from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We are also adjusting our Pre-K class size to a maximum of 12 students per class.

The Bethlehem Pre-K is open to students ages 4-5 by September 1, 2016. Here are our new Pre-K options:

**Pre-K Only: Monday - Thursday Morning Session from 8:00 - 11:00 am**
- Tuition is a monthly rate of $195

**Pre-K Only: Monday - Thursday Afternoon Session from 12:30 - 3:30 pm**
- Tuition is a monthly rate of $195

**Pre-K with Daycare: Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**
- Tuition including daycare is a monthly rate of $525 with lunch included daily
- This will include 4 days of Pre-K classes (either morning or afternoon) and full time daycare available Mon - Fri
- Daycare is only open to those attending Pre-K and will follow the school schedule regarding holidays

There is a $100 non-refundable registration fee for all Pre-K options.

In addition to these changes, we will also now be offering Kindermusik once a week for both Pre-K classes! With this smaller class size and new day care option, Pre-K students will be prepared well for kindergarten and have affordable, convenient, all day care!

Contact the church office at 225-9740 for more information on our program or stop by to register your child.
If you are in the building the week of June 6-10, be prepared to see all of the excitement that is Cave Quest, the theme for this year’s Vacation Bible School. We are excited to have around 300 children here learning how Jesus is the Light of the World! **VBS participants will be singing some of their songs at the 6:30 worship service on June 8th and at the 10:00 worship service on June 12th.** They will be easy to spot in their bright green VBS shirts and will be full of enthusiasm from the week of VBS! Be sure to give them a word of encouragement, a smile, or a friendly high five!

**SEEKING PRE-K DAY CARE ASSISTANTS**

Do you have an interest in nurturing young children and helping them grow in their faith? Bethlehem’s Pre-K Daycare is seeking 2 loving, experienced, creative, fun and energetic part-time Day Care Assistants for students enrolled in our Pre-K ministry with out of school time care. The Day Care Assistants would be responsible for interacting with children in a positive, loving and patient manner, as well as planning activities throughout the day. You will also be entrusted with helping and supervising children in social and developmental activities, along with ensuring that they are provided with a comforting and nurturing environment that is conducive to learning.

This position will require 25-30 hours per week for each of the Assistants during the school year. The hours for our morning shift are 7:30 - 12:30 and our afternoon shift will be 12:30 - 5:30 Monday - Thursday, with both assistants working together Fridays from 7:30-5:30.

To apply, please complete an application which can be obtained from Bethlehem’s website at [www.bethlehemabberdeen.org](http://www.bethlehemabberdeen.org) or from our front office at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1620 Milwaukee Ave. NE, Aberdeen, SD. If you would like to speak with someone about this position, please contact Michelle Simmons at 225-9740 x 25 or prek@bethlehemabberdeen.org.

Thank you to all who made the 2015-2016 Christian Education year a success! We had over 250 students in Wednesday School and almost 190 students in Sunday School. We truly could not help these children learn about the love of Jesus without the help of all those involved!

With that said, we have started **registration for the 2016-2017 school year**. You can register online or with forms found in the office. It is exciting to see the forms come in and know that families are excited to partner with the church in raising their children.
Start Father’s Day weekend with a trip to see the

Minnesota Twins VS New York Yankees

Saturday, June 18, 2016
1:10 PM
COST $65
(includes ticket & charter bus ride)
Only 56 spots so reserve your ticket early!
Reservation forms in the “stuff rack” outside Denny’s office.

New Youth Center
Summer Hours
Every Wednesday beginning June 15
5:30-6:30 Middle School
7:30-8:30 High School

Valleyfair
HIGH SCHOOL ROAD TRIP TO VALLEYFAIR!
JULY 23-24 - COST $65
Trip is open to those who have completed 8th grade through High School. Only 18 spots available, need 15 minimum. Cost covers ticket to Valley Fair and transportation. We will be staying at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove. Will need money for food at park and trip to Dave and Busters! More information coming soon! Contact Sanessa or Denny with questions or to register. Registration deadline is July 1.

Re-Creation Center
Open Gym Times
July 14 & 21, August 11 & 18
4:00-6:00 Middle & High School
6:00-8:00 Families

Talk to Denny In Person 225-9740 DSMook@bethlehemaberdeen.org

Facebook
Instagram
Twitter
Family Camp
Monday, June 27
6:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Come enjoy an evening of camp style activities both inside and outside the walls of Bethlehem. Partake in group games, family centered Bible study, and campfire style worship led by NeSoDak alumni. Sign up in the Church Office.

Meet Your Summer Interns
Breanna Hauge (Northern State, returning intern), Chance Torrance (Moorhead State, returning intern) and Mara Neitzel (South Dakota State have been selected to serve this summer through a variety of ministries. They will help us open the new youth center throughout the summer and provide programming for young people. Bethlehem will invest staff time, prayer and, of course, food. Please welcome and thank Mara, Chance and Breanna!
Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm welcome to the new members who were received May 7, 8 or 11.

Carol Althoff
Jim & Nancy Crouch
Dick Haas

Tom & Tara Peterson
Earl & Shirley Schultz
Ross, Amanda & Baylin* Taylor

Joel & Diane Torigian
Vernon & Verna Walth

Not pictured: Jason, Jamie & Kennedy* Forrest; Blake & Beth Geary; Marty, Tyler, & Tobi Peterson; Josh Shilman & Christine Lloyd; Maggie Zenker

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Can you lend a hand?

The Property Resource Team is seeking volunteers to help with a few projects as a result of Bethlehem’s construction progress. We would like to create a list of people who may be available to help as projects come up. Projects could include spreading wood chips in the new playground after equipment installation, cleaning up the old playground area, or addressing old landscaping around the building.

If you are interested in being contacted to help as projects arise, please contact Steve Casanova, Director of Facilities at 225-9740 or scasanova@bethlehemaberdeen.org.

“Spirituality and Well-being in the Second half of Life”

This year’s conference is scheduled for July 26th at Augustana University in Sioux Falls. Sr. Joan Chittister will be the key note speaker. If there is enough interest, we will take the van. Please sign up at the front office. More information at: www.augie.edu/events/aging-faithfully-conference or Facebook.com/agingconference Contact Pastor Rhia with questions.

A group from Bethlehem will be going to see Dave Ramsey and Rachel Cruze when they come to the Kansas City area this fall with their powerful Smart MONEY Tour Event and you’re invited to join us! This fun event takes place on Thursday, October 20th, 2016 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. At Smart MONEY Tour, you’ll hear the financial plan that has changed millions of lives and can alter the financial direction of your family tree forever! It’s time to live more and worry less. Sign up today with our promo code and save $16 on all available seating classes ($10 off and waived $5.99 fee). Don’t wait – ticket prices will go up as the event gets closer and an early sellout is expected. Contact Amy Hinker for more information at: 228-8529 or Amymattke@yahoo.com. To Buy Tickets: Enter promo code BETHLEHEMABERDEEN when registering at http://www.daveramsey.com/events/sml-kansas-city-20161020
2016 South Dakota Synod Assembly
June 3-4, 2016
Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown

Guest musician and worship leader will be Jonathan Rundman. Voting members participate as church members - not political delegates - and are entrusted with voting as they discern the Spirit’s leading based on prayer, study, conversations and convictions.

Registration fee, including assembly meals, is paid by Bethlehem and lodging is to be arranged and paid by participants. If you are interested in learning more about participating in the Synod Assembly, please contact one of the pastors. Nomination forms are available in the Church Office.

Friends and Fellowship

SD Synodical ELCA Women’s 29th Annual Convention
Daughters of the King
June 24-25, 2016 at First Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD.

Registration at 8:00 a.m. on Friday. Registration fee is $40 and will be paid by Bethlehem. We are looking for a delegate (voting member) to represent our BLC group. Remember if you are a woman and a member of BLC you are a member of the Women of the ELCA. Contact Susan Brick at 229-1306 or Joan Foss at 507-640-2205 if you are interested.

We will have cars going.

On June 30th we will be traveling to Abbey of the Hills (former Blue Cloud Abbey). We will have lunch (prepared by Abbey staff) followed by a presentation and tour of the Abbey that will end in the chapel. We will then visit their gift shop where we can purchase “Abbey bread,” which is made from the recipe the monks used for years. We will leave from Bethlehem’s east parking lot at 10:15 a.m. As the Abbey staff will prepare lunch according to the number of reservations, RSVP is a must by June 22 to Connie Walker along with $10 to cover the cost of the lunch. Tour should end around 3:30 p.m. so for those that want to we will have plenty of time to stop at Marcy Lucy’s in Webster on the way back to Aberdeen. For more information or to RSVP contact Connie Walker at 226-8372.

Who: All adults are invited!
What: 2016 Adult Mission Trip
When: August 6-11
Where: Pine Ridge, SD
Why: We don’t need to travel far to see extreme poverty. Come be God’s hands and feet as we help with projects and care for local children.

Interested in learning more about Adult Mission Trips? You are invited to an informational meeting along with question and answer time on June 15 at either 5:15 or 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Jodi Schwan at 225-9740 or jschwan@bethlehemaberdeen.org with any questions.
MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

UNRESTRICTED MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Bill Charles by: Sheila Tom

MILESTONE MINISTRY MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Carol Kringstad by: Lonnie & Judy Anderson

SENIOR CHOIR MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Virgil Eisenbeisz by: Barbara & Tom Paepke

BRIDGES MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Mary Anne Krause by: Connie Walker

GENERAL FUND MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Virgil Eisenbeisz by: Sherrie Gray, Gloriane Yost
Given in memory of Earl Fjelstad by: Sonnie & Diane Beaman, Carol Randol
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Gloriane Yost, Joe & Char Akkerman
Given in memory of Phyllis Hieb by: Don & Carolyn Lang
Given in memory of Jerry Kleinknecht by: Sandy Kleinknecht

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Don Daly by: Audrey Anderson
Given in memory of Mary Anne Krause by: Mary Walker
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Patsy Weigel, Tuesday Men’s Group

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Mary Anne Krause by: Delores Deibert

RE-CREATION CENTER MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Bill Charles by: JoAnn Eisenbeisz

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Al Schaunaman by: Friends and Family, Lyle Schaunaman, Mr. & Mrs. Don Schaunaman
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Lola Mydland

WEDNESDAY SUPPER MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Marie Schnell by: Robert & Wilma Luce, Eileen Owens
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Delores Deibert
Given in memory of Jerry Kleinknecht by: Sandy Kleinknecht

PEW BIBLE MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Dick & Darlys Jensen

EDUCATION MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Roger & Karen Youngman
Given in memory of Jerry Kleinknecht by: Sandy Kleinknecht
Given in memory of Carol Kringstad by: Susan Brick

HEARING LOOPING MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Nancy Stange

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Florence Barton
Given in memory of Jerry Kleinknecht by: JoAnn Eisenbeisz

SPORTS EQUIPMENT MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Virgil Eisenbeisz by: Don & Carolyn Lang

LANDSCAPING MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Jerry Kleinknecht by: Sandy Kleinknecht

Block Party
July 28 from 5:30-6:30
Come enjoy this free picnic complete with hot dogs and yard games.
Bring your family and friends!
Visioning – Pr. Jeff Whillock led Devotions focusing on: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23). This describes the culture that God is seeking to grow in Bethlehem, and these are what we expect of one another.

Vital actions & updates - Approval of Membership Changes:

Members Added:

- **New Members** (received on 5/7, 5/8 & 5/11):
  - Carol Althoff; Jim & Nancy Crouch; Jason, Jamie & Kennedy* Forrest; Blake & Beth Geary; Dick Haas; Tom, Marty, Tyler, Tobi & Tara Peterson; Earl & Shirley Schultz; Josh Shilman & Christine Lloyd; Ross, Amanda & Baylin* Taylor; Joel & Diane Torigan; Vernon & Verna Walth; Maggie Zenker
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Baptized Members Confirmed (5/1/2016): Jacob Gunnar Aesoph, Preston Stewart Barr, Gamiellia Grace Becker, Mariah Labree Carroll, Robert Eugene Conn, Landon Anthon Danielson, Carver John Dockter, Hannah Alexis Ellenson, Christopher John Else, Katherine Anne Erickson, Eddie Robert Falcon, JR, Kolby John Hansen, Eryn Noel Heinert, Jacob Henry Kuch, McKaden Alex Kyburz, Austin Jacob Maunu, Riley Robert Meister, Madison Ann Metzger, Preston Jay Morgart, Taylor Danielle Nack, Blake & Beth Geary, Dick Haas; Tom, Marty, Tyler, Tobi & Tara Peterson; Earl & Shirley Schultz; Josh Shilman & Christine Lloyd; Ross, Amanda & Baylin* Taylor; Joel & Diane Torigan; Vernon & Verna Walth; Maggie Zenker


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Summer Schedule

**Wednesday Evenings:**
Supper at 5:00 - 6:15  
Worship at 6:30

**Saturday Evenings:**
Worship at 5:30  
(changes to 5:15 on May 28)

**Sunday Morning:**
Worship at 8:30  
Worship at 10:45  
(late service changes to 10:00 on May 29)

Beginning May 29 transportation is available for the 8:30 Sunday service, as well as for supper and worship on Wednesday evenings.

**Office Hours**
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Bethlehem Offices will be closed on Monday, June 13.

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Summer Road Trip

Summers often include road trips. This summer in worship we hit the road visiting our interesting and quirky relatives in the stories of the Old Testament. Some relatives are more familiar than others (like Abraham, Sarah and Noah), but you can't escape one fact: we are very much like them. This journey through stories of the Old Testament not only shows us more of what God is like, but also how God offers grace, mercy and forgiveness as the “home base” of our faith as followers of Jesus. Our Summer Road Trip map looks like this:

- 5:15 Saturday Worship meets in the chapel;
- 8:30 Sunday Worship gathers in the sanctuary all summer;
- 10:00 Sunday Worship will “road trip” to the Re-Creation Center June 19, 26, July 3, and then return back to the sanctuary for the rest of the summer;
- 6:30 Wednesday Worship will travel to the Re-Creation Center starting with June 22, 29, and July 6.

Pack up the vehicle with summer sun and snacks as we journey together to meet our extended faith family! *Summer Road Trip begins June 18*th.

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Moved On or Away?

Have you or a family member or friend moved from the area or moved on from Bethlehem? If so, please contact the office so that our records are accurate. Thank you for helping Bethlehem’s membership roster be as up-to-date as possible.