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

Sunday, June 12
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship in Re-Creation Center with Choir & Vocal Works and Holy Communion
8:00 - noon Open House
It is hard to believe that our year is coming to a close. Our students have grown so much over the last year. The remainder of April and May will be filled with activities and field trips that will be hands-on and fun. We went to Kessler’s, where we were able to tour the bakery, the produce section and even touch the lobsters. We learned about plants at Parkview Nursery, will be climbing on machinery at RDO, and exploring and having fun at Storybook Land.

We are also busy preparing for our end of the year celebration. The Pre-K graduation program will be on **Wednesday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** Our theme is based on Dr. Seuss' book "Oh the Place You'll Go."

I'm excited and sad as I say good-bye to 33 wonderful kiddos that have truly touched my heart.

**Are you still searching for a fun, loving and educational environment for your 4 or 5 year old for next year?**

Well, search no more! We still have Pre-K openings in our morning and afternoon sessions. Please, pick up a packet at the front office or give me a call if you would like to tour the classroom and the new facilities that we will be using next year. The beautiful new Re-Creation Center and amazing playground will give the students at Bethlehem even greater opportunities than before. I would love to meet with you and answer any questions that you may have regarding our program.

~Michelle Simmons, Pre-K Director/Teacher
prek@bethlehemaberdeen.org
Welcome to our new
Director of Children’s Ministries

At the recommendation of the Search Team, we welcome Melissa Zastrow as our new Director of Children's Ministries. Melissa is a respected educator having last worked as a classroom teacher at Holgate Middle School here in Aberdeen. She has an incredible mix of teaching skills and a deep faith in God's grace. Longtime Bethlehem members, she and her husband, Austin, and three children, are also rooted in our community with ties to the Redfield area. Her installation will be April 30, May 1, and May 4. Please keep Melissa and her family in your prayers during this transition.

Search Team: Erica Atkins, Dr. Jason Uttermark, Pastor Kevin Bergeson and Janis Heier, Director of Administration

Vacation Bible School
June 6-10
8:45 a.m. - 12 Noon
VBS is open to all children who were 3 years old by September 1, 2015 through 5th grade. This VBS promises to be an over-the-top, underground adventure! Plus, kids walk away understanding what it means to follow Jesus and shine his light. Registration is filling up fast so be sure to sign up today at www.bethlehemaberdeen.org

Come be a part of the Summer Musical
July 31-August 4
Open to kids going in to grades 2-12! Contact Sanessa at 216-8514 with questions or to sign up.
The performance will be the evening of August 4.
High School Road Trip!

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. Will need money for
food at park and trip to Dave and Busters! More information coming
soon! Contact Sanessa or Denny with questions.

Valleyfair

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Congratulations
2016
High School and College Graduates

Start Father’s Day weekend with a trip to see the

MINNESOTA TWINS VS NEW YORK YANKEES

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

Watch for open times in the Youth Center and Re-Creation Center this summer!
**Wednesday evening trip to NeSoDak**

Join in a BLC road trip to camp for the evening. We will stop at the Purple Cow for a little ice cream before venturing to NeSoDak to witness the Christ Hike. The Christ Hike is a powerful experience that brings to life the moments leading up to the crucifixion. More information and dates will be coming soon! Contact Sanessa with any questions.

**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.

**Looping is now active in the Chapel**

If you would like to learn more or help with the funding of this project, contact Pastor Jeff Whillock, Kevin Foss or Jim Kuch.
May Study & Share

Study and Share Bible study will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. The study is entitled “Mary and Elizabeth: Sisters Across the Generations.” There will be copies of the study available, if needed. Bring your Bible and a friend. All women are welcome!

A reminder that Study and Share is not held during the months of June, July or August and will resume in September.

Can you help the Bethlehem Piecemakers (Quilters)

Bethlehem Piecemakers are looking for someone going to Minneapolis to take quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Please contact Luanne Swanson at 225-9435 if you are able to help.

As you are spring cleaning and preparing for rummage sales, please remember the Piecemakers are always looking for:

- Sheets
- Blankets
- Lightweight cotton t-shirts (sizes 6 - 24 months)
- Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet - (sizes 6 - 24 months)
- Receiving blankets
- Cloth diapers
- Baby jackets with a hood (sizes 6 - 24 months)
- Baby socks
- Hand towels
- Diaper Pins

World's Largest One-Day Leadership Conference to be Simulcast in Aberdeen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Friday, May 6 from 8:00 - 3:30

The theme of this year's conference is, "Architects of Tomorrow," focusing on visionary leaders who imagine and build a future that is rich in innovation, collaboration and full of hope. A future where problems are solved, questions are answered, and confusion gives way to clarity. Contact the Chamber at 225-2860 to register today. Registration fees are: Chamber Members: $50; Non-Chamber Members: $60; Leadership Aberdeen Program Alumni: $45; Chamber Member Group of 10: $400

Bethlehem Lutheran Social Concerns recently donated $250 to Relay for Life.
“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 keynote 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.

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.

Honor a special “mother” in your life by giving a special gift.

Vacation Bible School Sponsorship $__________
These gifts will help pay for the curriculum and supplies for a child to attend Vacation Bible School.

Landscaping $__________
These gifts will help pay for landscaping around the Bethlehem campus, which could include rocks/fill, flowers, plants, etc.

Given by: __________________________________________
In Honor of: __________________________________________
In Memory of: __________________________________________

Please turn this in to the church office.
Gifts received by May 4 will be printed in the Mother's Day bulletin on May 8, 2016.
MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Adeline Cassels by: Maxine Dinger, Patsy Weigel
Given in memory of Karen (Mrs. Jack) Lout by: Linda & Larry Kirnan
Given in memory of Tom Casanova by: Patsy Weigel
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Wayne & Judy Koester, Audrey Anderson
Given in memory of Esther Smith by: Audrey Anderson
Given in memory of Jerry Keeley by: Linda Kirnan
Given in memory of Laurie Lingor by: Patsy Weigel

GENERAL FUND MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Ellina Barth by: Sandra Maier, Christine Williams & family
Given in memory of Tom Casanova by: Lonny & Dianne Helfinstine, Richard & Corinne Holland
Given in memory of Adeline Cassels by: Elizabeth Korzan
Given in memory of Howard Nelson by: Marlene Hoines
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Corepoint Health, Jeff Zinger, Joan Ernst, Richard & Corinne Holland, Doris Allbee, Jerome & Joyce Pfeiffer, John & Kathleen Currie, Joe & Char Akkerman, Elaine Brinkman, Beverly Fry, Paul & Karen Larson,
Given in memory of Peggy Wegehaupt by: Brenda & Lonny Bahr, Nancy Stange, Rob & Jackie Keil
Given in memory of Virgil Eisenbeisz by: LeRoy Adam, Geoff & Cathy Durst, Bill & Linda Roth, Harold & Mavis Kempf, Irene Feickert, New York Life Insurance Company Sioux Falls Office, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kretchman, Terry & Shirley Ochsner, Kenneth Goetz, Lonny & Dianne Helfinstine
Given in memory of Carol Kringstad by: Lonny & Dianne Helfinstine

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Ellina Barth by: John & Cindy Koerner, Brenda Glasford, Marlys Sutton, Beth Kopecky
Given in memory of Earl Fjelstad by: Pamela Flagtwet, Delores Deibert, Lonny & Judy Anderson
Given in memory of Jerry Kleinknecht by: Lonnie & Judy Anderson
Given in memory of Bill Charles by: Lonnie & Judy Anderson, Roger & Karen Youngman
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Harriet Heupel
Given in memory of Laurie Lingor by: Robert & Nancy Janssen

Given in memory of Virgil Eisenbeisz by: Connie Walker, Lonnie & Judy Anderson, Christo & Charlene de Villiers

MILESTONE MINISTRY MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Peggy Wegehaupt by: Char Akkerman
Given in memory of Laurie Lingor by: Patrick & Lynn Aman & family
Given in memory of Carol Kringstad by: Pamela Flagtwet

GARDEN/FLOWER MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Tom Casanova by: Jerry & Susan Brick

HEARING AID LOOPING MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Tom Casanova by: Hazel Swenson

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Tom Casanova by: Al & Carol Reuer
Given in memory of Earl Fjelstad by: Linda & Bill Roth, LaRheta Fulker
Given in memory of Peggy Wegehaupt by: Brian & Teri Johnson, ML & M Kusler, Dave & Linda Richards
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Irene Bower, Bill & Linda Roth
Given in memory of Virgil Eisenbeisz by: Joyce Mertz
Given in memory of Bill Charles by: Ron & Jean Johnson, Carol & Al Reuer, Patsy Weigel

RE-CREATION CENTER BASKETBALL HOOP FUND MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Tom Casanova by: Ben Benson, Linda Siefkes, Brenda Glasford, Gloriane Yost, Kenneth & Sharon Hardina, Staff Partners of Bethlehem, Marlys Sutton, Brenda & Lonny Bahr

UNRESTRICTED MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Virginia Woken by: Patsy Weigel
Given in memory of Harlan Mertz by: Maxine Holmes
Given in memory of Virgil Eisenbeisz by: Joe & Darlene Atkinson, Don & Linda Fischer, Jerome & Joyce Pfeiffer

PIECEMAKERS MEMORIALS
Given in memory of Esther Hoeft Smith by: Connie Walker
# Memorials and Honorariums

**Education Fund Memorials**
- Given in memory of **Esther Smith** by: Delores Deibert, Linda & Larry Kirnan, Vernon & Marcella Bunsness
- Given in memory of **Jerry Kleinnecht** by: Delores Deibert
- Given in memory of **Esther Smith** by: Maxine Dinger
- Given in memory of **Laurie Lingor** by: Joe & Darlene Atkinson
- Given in memory of **Carol Kringsstad** by: Delores Deibert
- Given in memory of **Virgil Eisenbeisz** by: Irene Bower, Pamela Flagtwet, Dallas & Joan Solberg

**Youth Ministry Memorials**
- Given in memory of **Esther Smith** by: Pamela Flagtwet
- Given in memory of **Harlan Mertz** by: Jonathan & Katherine Mertz

**Pre-K Scholarship Fund Memorials**
- Given in memory of **Esther Smith** by: Myron & Beth Walth
- Given in memory of **Laurie Lingor** by: Irene Bower

**Wednesday Supper Memorials**
- Given in memory of **Harlan Mertz** by: Delores Deibert
- Given in memory of **Earl Fjelstad** by: Ron & Jean Johnson
- Given in memory of **Virgil Eisenbeisz** by: Sandra Maier, Delores Deibert

**Preschool Program Memorials**
- Given in memory of **Laurie Lingor** by: Marlys Sutten
- Given in memory of **Peggy Wegehaupt** by: Shawnee Jakober

**Kitchen Fund Memorials**
- Given in memory of **Harlan Mertz** by: Pamela Flagtwet

**Piecemakers (Quilters) Honorarium**
- Given in memory of **Lola Mydland** for 25 years of service for the Piecemakers by: Linda & Larry Kirnan
- Given in memory of **Vera Lilly’s 90th Birthday** by: Linda Kirnan

**Broadcast Sponsorship Memorials**
- Given in memory of **Earl Fjelstad** by: Family & Friends

**New Altar Candles for Chapel**
- Given in memory of **Jean Siegle** by: Ray Siegle

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# Easter Gifts

**Gifts for Vacation Bible School given in memory of…**
- Uncle Steven Schwab by Carstyn & Adyson Vetter, Jace, Anna & Ally Schwab
- Tony & Betty DeZeeuw by Rochelle & Matthew Deilke
- Marvin Schlepp by Terry, Cindy & Rich Banker and Dan, Chris, Kayla, Brooklyn and Aspen Bosma
- Bill & Edna Banker by Terry, Cindy & Rich Banker and Dan, Chris, Kayla, Brooklyn and Aspen Bosma
- Heath Tople by Penny & Jack Tople
- Esther Smith by Sonnie & Diane Beaman
- Carrie Schipke by LaFay & Sharon Schipke
- James A. and Christine J. Johnson by Colleen Schlepp
- My deceased family members by Florence Barton
- Uncle Allen Youngman by Roger & Karen Youngman
- Ryan Sutton by Marlys Sutton
- Ralph & Verna Elliott by Kent & Karen Elliott
- Neil Elliott by Kent & Karen Elliott
- Thelmer & Marie Vig by Kent & Karen Elliott

**Gifts for Vacation Bible School given in honor of…**
- Paige & Mikala Bertsch by Nettie Bertsch
- All the kids attending VBS by Barbara & Jim Hundstad
- Cooper & Bennett Eisenbeisz by Jacob & Joshua Pickthorn

**Gifts for Vacation Bible School given by…**
- Kim & Darian Browning

**Gifts for Home Cooked Meals (Wednesday Night Supper) given in memory of…**
- Wanda Deal by Dawn Deal Dahle
- The life of Bill Charles by a friend of Bethlehem

**Gifts for Prayer Shawl Ministry given in memory of…**
- Our Loved Ones by Joe & Darlene Atkinson
- John E. Kolb by Paulette Kolb
- Milton & Thelma Howell by Paulette Kolb
- Howard & Ina Peterson by Marlys Sutton

**Gifts for Prayer Shawl Ministry given in honor of…**
- My Grandchildren by Paulette Kolb
- Ruth Casanova by Elaine Roth
Joint Commission Meeting Highlights
April 19, 2016

Membership Changes:
MEMBERS ADDED
- New Member: Betty Huettl 4/5/2016

MEMBERS REMOVED
- Transfers: Rustin Deibert transferred to First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, SD 3/31/2016

Creating Room at the Table Construction Update: Current progress estimated at 90-95%. Much finish work is yet to be done in the Re-Creation Center and areas on the west side, as well as exterior. Two significant timeline targets are the Leadercast which will be at Bethlehem May 6 and VBS/Dedication in June. Allocations of the Creating Room beyond Bethlehem commitment were made: $2500 for Safe Harbor, $2500 for Habitat for Humanity, and $2500 Woyatan and $2500 to Cameroon.

All Team Meeting: The All Team Meeting will be Monday, April 25 at 5:15 p.m. This will bring together elected and staff leaders for worship, encouragement, and continued dreaming about the ministries in our new spaces.

Collaborating: Reports of the work of teams were shared

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. Transportation may be coordinated among 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.
## Staffing Update

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church community wishes to extend our gratitude to Kay Vikander and Danielle Stugelmeyer, who resigned from their cooking positions in March. We are grateful for the many home cooked Wednesday Night Suppers that they prepared. Kay began cooking the Wednesday Night Suppers in September 1999 and Danielle joined the cooking team in December 2009. The people of Bethlehem are grateful for their skill and expertise. The Serving Ministry and Human Resource Teams are working with the transition and researching how to best staff these vacancies for the future.

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### Financial Summary March 2016

#### GENERAL FUND

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**Summary of Assets & Liabilities**

| Cash & Cash Equivalents                | $255,054|
| Payables due within 15 days            | $(19,029)|
| Due to Restricted Funds                | $(2,738)|
| Reserved for Others/Designated accounts| $(53,985)|
| Due to Construction Fund               | $(124,556)|
| **Total Available Unrestricted Cash**  | **$54,746**|

#### CONSTRUCTION FUND

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**Summary of Assets & Liabilities**

| Cash & Cash Equivalents                | $284,681|
| Construction Loan Payable             | $1,445,822|

#### SPECIAL DESIGNATED FUNDS

| Future Maintenance Account            | $79,598|
| Restricted Accounts (Social Concerns, WELCA & Memorials) | $67,747|
| Endowment Fund                        | $447,958|
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 May 9 and June 13.

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.

Unstoppable. Won't give up. Driven.

We all know and can name people who are dedicated to their family, work, church or a cause. Starting on Mother’s Day, we remember a love so dedicated that it could not be held by the cross and grave. As we prepare for the dedication of our new ministry space in mid June, let the stories of Jesus and the early church free you to receive this good news: God is dedicated to you. God is dedicated to the outsider. God is dedicated to the broken. New space, new opportunities; same dedicated, gracious and unstoppable God.