



sharing the bread of life with the hungry world

bethlehem lutheran church *newsletter*

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God's work. Our hands.

Many people say that we are a “welcoming church”. By that, they seem to mean that when they have come to worship with us – whether it is on a Sunday, a wedding, or a funeral – they have been received with warmth, respect, and with an appropriate amount of attention. People say hello and offer their names to those who visit, but don’t shine so strong a spotlight on them that they become self-conscious. Of course, these are the ones who may return or who offer thanks for the warm welcome. There may be some who slip through the cracks of our hospitality and never let us know that they felt lost and alone, but it seems that there aren’t too many of those.

I am glad that we are a welcoming church for people. Now, I am going to ask us to become an “inviting church”. This means that we don’t just welcome people who have had the courage and motivation to stop by and present themselves to us. It means that we discover people who are not part of a worshipping community and invite them to visit us for worship or a fellowship event or an educational event. It is going to the next level of “going into all the world” as Jesus calls us to do.

It means that we are the ones who exhibit courage and motivation to invite others. It means that we are the ones to present ourselves to others as Christians from a warm, hospitable faith community, rather than waiting for a new person or family to present themselves to us. It means that we, on the inside of this congregation, have to do some of the scary stuff instead of relying on those who may not know us to do all of the scary stuff of going into a new situation where they may not be sure they will be well received.

One of the nice things, though, is that we can have the confidence that they will be coming into a congregation that has been practicing being a welcoming church. Now let’s see if we will become a more inviting church. One that reaches out in love following the lead of our Lord Jesus.

Pastor Lay

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June, July & August

8:30am Traditional & 10:30am Contemporary
(Coffee fellowship hour begins at 9:30am.)

SUMMER BLC OFFICE HOURS

June, July & August

Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-3:00pm
Closed Friday

ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, July 10, 11:30am

Join us for burgers, brats, hot dogs,
potato salad, beans, chips,
cookies and drinks.

Everyone is invited!

Everything is provided!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SUPPLIES

As you are seeing good sales this Summer, please consider buying supplies for Lutheran World Relief Kits. The full list is on the Welcome Table. If you have any questions or would like to donate money for kits, contact Barb Davison, 277-6602 or sbdavison@cfu.net.

School Kits

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper; no loose-leaf paper
 - ^30-centimeter ruler
 - Pencil sharpener
 - ^Blunt scissors
 - 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
 - 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel)
 - Box of 16 or 24 crayons
 - 1/2" eraser
- ^Can be gently used - no stains or tears.

BETHLEHEM'S MONTHLY POTLUCK

will be Sunday, July 3,
following 10:30am worship.

All are welcome.

Ovens are available at 10:00am.



2016-17 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Stephen Becker - President

Mark Halvorsen - Vice President

Courtney Lubs - Secretary

Andrew Beckering - Treasurer

Melissa Fields, Rich Fisher, Adam Froyum Roise,

Karris Golden, Kirsten Moore, Rita Tewolde,

BLC QUARTERLY MEETING

Sunday, July 24, 9:45am, in the Fellowship Hall

**Due to staff vacations during the month of July, the
August newsletter deadline will be July 5th.**

BLC GARAGE SALE - Thank you to everyone who contributed, helped with set up, worked the sale, and shopped. \$1800 was raised and will go to LOVE Inc., Jesse Cosby, and TRY PIE. Don't forget to start saving items for next year. - *Council on Service*

Many thanks to all who helped residents get to and from the Good Shepherd Chapel at NewAldaya on Sundays during the month of May. Special thanks to Jack, June, and Marilyn for helping a good part of the month. On the 5th Sunday, we were blessed with helpers--Glenn, Lisa, Lily, Jeff, Lexi, Lakin, Kenedie, ElJean, Jeremiah, Chayse, and Bert. Volunteers really enhance the resident's worship experience, especially when we have many helpers.—Marie Gregersen

QUILT 'N CRAFT

Thursday, July 28, 7:00pm, at the home of Donna Hansen, 3110 Alameda, Cedar Falls, 290-4486. Bring your own craft or learn a new one. All are welcome!



JULY'S FEATURED MISSION COUNCIL: NURTURE

*One of our goals for 2016 is to "increase awareness of and participation in mission council ministries."
Our mission councils create and direct many of the acts of ministry that the congregation does within our community of faith and throughout the Cedar Valley and the world.*

The Nurture Council forms faith among the people of Bethlehem Lutheran Church by providing opportunities for the congregation and community to meet with one another in Christian fellowship. They seek to provide what Martin Luther called the "conversation and consolation of the saints" by hosting game nights, movie nights, bowling, and a great picnic. The Nurture Council organizes the annual Aebleskiver Dinner in April and hosts a special coffee hour and flowers for the reception of new members.

Council on Nurture members: Vicki Newgard, Kirsten Moore, Connie Johnson, Diane Kestner, Jerry Mohling, and Don Tomanka.



**Coffee Fellowship:
Congregational Home**

JULY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 8:30am-Traditional Worship 9:30am-Coffee Fellowship 10:30am-Contemporary Worship 11:30am-Potluck	4 FOURTH OF JULY BLC OFFICES CLOSED	5 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:30am-BLC Staff Mtg. 6:00pm-F & L 7:00pm-Cong. Home 7:00pm-Pints of Grace @Pepper's	6 5:30pm-Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 8:30pm-Worship@LSC	7 9:30am-Bethlehem Fellowship@NewAlaya	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9
10 8:30am-Traditional Worship 9:30am-Coffee Fellowship 10:30am-Contemporary Worship 11:30am-Church Picnic 1:00pm-Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Finance	11 6:00pm-Softball 7:00pm-Cong. Council 7:00pm-Softball	12 8:30am-BLC Staff Mtg. 9:00pm-Do Day	13 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30pm-7:45pm 5:30pm-Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 6:00pm-Altar Guild 8:30pm-Worship@the LSC	14	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16
17 8:30am-Traditional Worship 9:30am-Coffee Fellowship 10:00am-Self Help International 10:30am-Contemporary Worship	18 8:30am-Keepsake Q's	19 8:30am-BLC Staff Mtg.	20 9:30 Joyful Times	21	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23
	6:00pm-Y & F 6:00pm-Softball 6:30pm-Service	7:00pm-Spiritual Renewal 7:00pm-Pints of Grace @Pepper's	5:30pm-Contemporary Worship Rehearsal		Current calendar may be found at bethlehemcf.org/#/calendar.	
24 RETIREMENT MILESTONE 8:30am-Traditional Worship 9:30am-Coffee Fellowship 9:45am-Quarterly Meeting 10:30am-Contemporary Worship	25	26 NEWSLETTER MAILED OUT 8:30am-BLC Staff Mtg.	27 5:30pm-Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 8:30pm-Worship@LSC	28 7:00 Quilt 'n Craft	29	30
31 8:30am-Traditional Worship 9:30am-Coffee Fellowship 10:30am-Contemporary Worship	7:00pm-Nurture 7:00pm-Softball	7:00pm-Pints of Grace @Pepper's				



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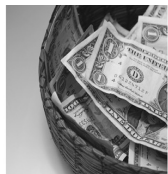
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CONTACT INFORMATION If you are moving, or if you have changed your phone number or email address, please contact the church, 266-3541 or office@bethlehemcf.net, so we can stay in touch with you.

WHEN HOSPITALIZED Please call the church office, 266-3541, if you or a loved one is in the hospital. Due to changes in privacy policies, most hospitals no longer contact a church when a member is hospitalized.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, consider giving them a prayer shawl. The prayer shawls are lovingly knitted by several members of the congregation. If you would like to give a prayer shawl to someone, contact Heather Schneider, heatherheather@bethlehemcf.net or 266-3541.



UNIFIED GIVING THROUGH MAY 31

Income: \$150,782.76

Mission Plan: \$151,540.00

(\$757.24)



DONATE NOW

Use your smartphone to scan the QR code or go to bethlehemcf.org and click on "Give Online" underneath the Worship tab.

Keep in prayer

BLC members:

Chuck Assink
Linda Assink
June Blanford
Mary Grosse
Mildred Gutknecht
Dew Hansen
Isabel Johnson
LaVena Mohling
Virginia Moothart

Jane Nelson
Lorraine Nelson
Allan Nielsen
Beverly Sands
Betty Schmidt
Eldora Sturm
Adolph Wald
Florence Wald

Friends and family of our members:

Craig Arnold
Robin Arnold
Jerry Backer
Norb Borcharding
Mike Christensen
Denise Cooper
Drew Cranston
Ginny Davis
Deloris Doebrmann
Anne Dotzler
Rhys Fletcher
Charles Funderburk
Steve Godwin
Mary Griffin
Richard Gutknecht
Naomi Hagen
Jim Heiselman
Betty Hood
Robert Johnson
Anna Jorgensen
John Jurris
Anne Marcie

Finegan O'Keefe
Jill Pechacek
Hilda Pennington
Bob Schmitt
Barb Schroeder
Lawrence Seery
Liz Smith Warriner
Corby Stinnett
Marlene Stricker
Marvilyn Thomas
Robin Vasquez
Minnie Ward
Jeff Webb
Alise Williams
Cheryl
Krissy
Janeen
Kelly
Michael
Christine

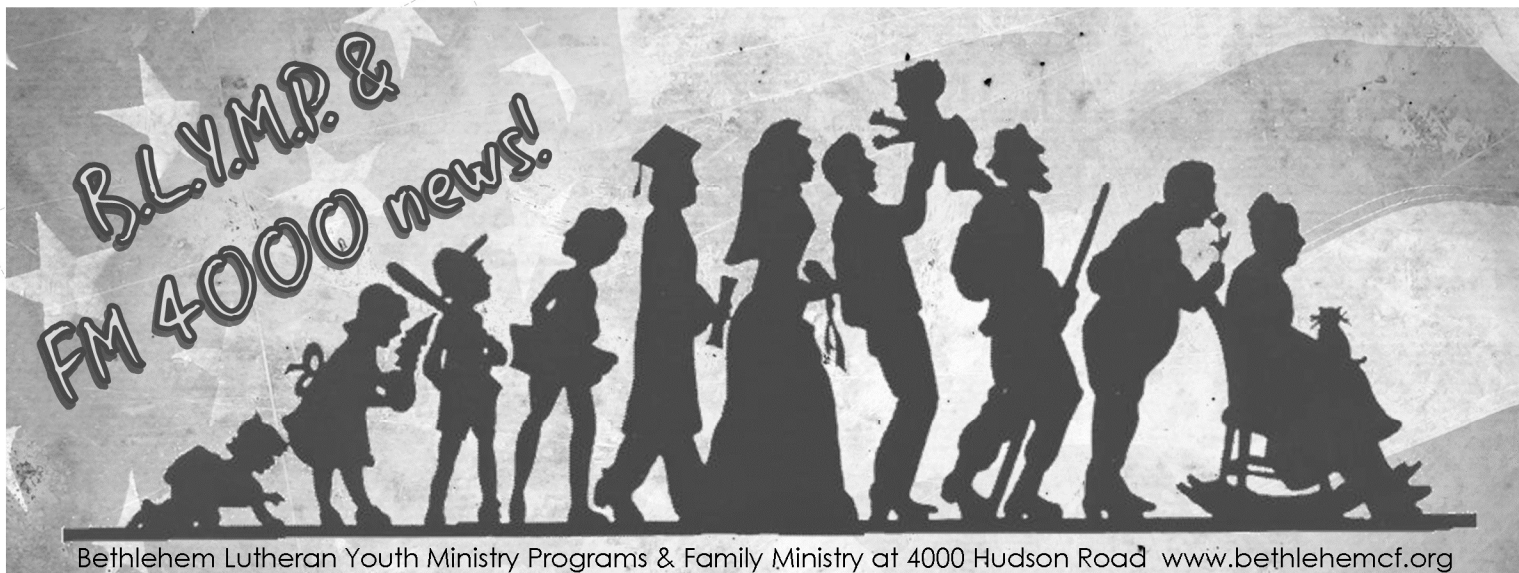
Those serving in the armed forces:

Kyle Dierks
Forrest Maxson
Sherry Mohling

Dan O'Connell
Tyler Seehusen
Bailey Smith



If you would like to add or remove someone from the church's prayer chain, please contact Heather Schneider, heather@bethlehemcf.net or 266-3541.



Need some fun faith formation ideas for summer? There are a variety of simple resources for adults, children and families on a table in the church lobby. It might be fun to try something new for the summer. Some are ready for "on-the-go" faith time. Want a faith formation idea, but can't get to the church? Contact Robin, robin@bethlehemcf.net for more information and ideas.

Mark your calendar!

The Annual Potluck and Swimming Event will be at the Timberledge Neighborhood Pool on Thursday, August 4, 5:30pm.



We rejoice with A.J. Houseman, Lutheran Student Center Campus Minister, as she journeys to Gettysburg Seminary to begin studies for ordained ministry. We give God thanks for her leadership and ministry at the LSC.

A.J.'s successor is Jon Frey. We look forward to his leadership and continued partnership in ministry.



Bethlehem has a ministry of Blessings and Milestones that helps us mark life transitions, important parts of our daily lives, and recognize the presence of God in our lives.

Sunday, July 24 during worship we will recognize those in our Bethlehem family who have recently retired. We give thanks for the work they have done in their career and bless them as they enter into a new vocation.



Jr. and Sr. High youth planted flower pots for the Catholic Worker House, Hospitality House and Lutheran Student Center.

May God bless these flowers and the people who enjoy them. Amen.

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Upcoming Events

Youth & Family	July 18
Retirement Blessing	July 24
Softball	Monday, July 11, 18, 25
Pints of Grace for Young Adults 7pm	Tuesdays
LSC Worship 8:30pm	Wednesdays
Potluck and Swimming	Aug. 4

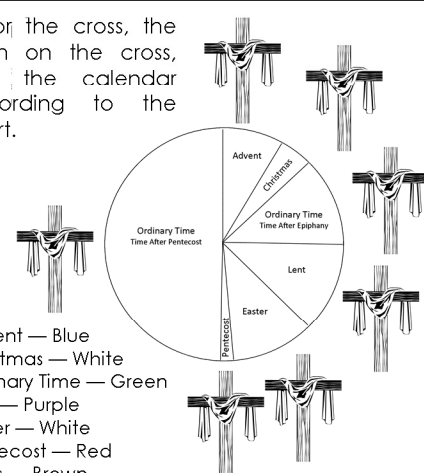
There is still time to register for church camp. BLC members receive 1/2 off the registration fee (up to \$300).

??? Contact Robin, robin@bethlehemcf.net.



We are in the season after Pentecost known as Ordinary time. The liturgical color for the season is green. Be sure to place a green ribbon on your cross at home. Notice the color green at home and outside. Pray for growth and new life in Christ.

Color the cross, the cloth on the cross, and the calendar according to the chart.



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Elementary (Kindergarten-5th grade)

August 4, 5: 30pm
Swimming and Potluck Event

Junior High (6th-8th grade)

August 4, 5: 30pm
Swimming and Potluck Event

Senior High (9th-12th grade)

August 4, 5: 30pm
Swimming and Potluck Event

Young Adult/Campus Ministry

Tuesdays, 7:00pm
Pints of Grace @ Peppers, 620 E 18th St.

Wednesdays, 8:30pm
Worship @ the Lutheran Student Center

FM 4000

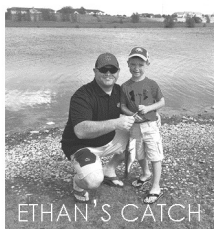
[Family Ministry at 4000 Hudson Road]

Sunday, July 24
Retirement Milestone

Monday, July 11, 18, 25
Church Softball League

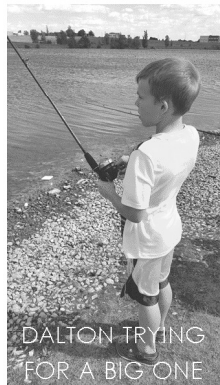
August 4, 5: 30pm
Swimming and Potluck Event

BETHLEHEM FAMILY FISHING EVENT



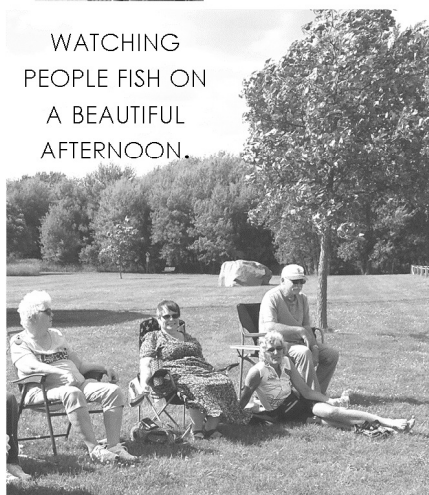
ETHAN'S CATCH

GRAHAM
& CHLOE
TAKE A
BREAK



DALTON TRYING
FOR A BIG ONE

WATCHING
PEOPLE FISH ON
A BEAUTIFUL
AFTERNOON.



DENNY SHOWING
THEM HOW IT'S
DONE.



KELLY'S CATCH



"NON" BONFIRE SUPPER AT THE CHURCH

TOO
WINDY!



HANGING
OUT
WITH
CHURCH
FRIENDS



GRILLED
HOTDOGS
COLD
S'MORES



Softball s c h e d u l e

Monday Night Church Softball League

Birdsall Softball Complex
off of West 12th St.

June 27	9:00
July 11	6:00
	7:00
July 18	6:00
July 25	7:00

**Come cheer
for our team!**

The schedule also may be
found on the BLC website,
Youth & Family Ministry
Bulletin Board or Sunday
bulletin announcements.

??? Call Butch Naber,
235.9896.

Pints of Grace

Tuesdays, 7:00pm
Pepper's, 620 East 18th
Cedar Falls



Worship at the LSC

Wednesdays 8:30pm
2616 College St.
near campus

Pints of Grace is a ministry
with young adults, 18-30
years old, for fellowship
and conversations of faith.
Come relax, enjoy a beer
or soda and gather
together as brothers and
sisters in Christ.

The LSC is an ELCA partner
in ministry with Bethlehem
and St. John Lutheran
churches.

For more information,
contact LSC staff,
lscuni@uni.edu or visit
www.lutheranstudentcenter.org.

Faith & Learning Mission Council



JULY 2016



Surf's up! for 2016 VBS

Sunday July 10: 1:00 - 2:45
(After the church picnic)
Monday - Thursday 11-14 5:30 dinner, 6:00 - 7:45

Have you registered for VBS yet? How about your grand kids or neighbor kids? If they are age 4 to 4th grade, it's not too late to register. Go to www.bethlehemmcf.org, click on the link and register today!

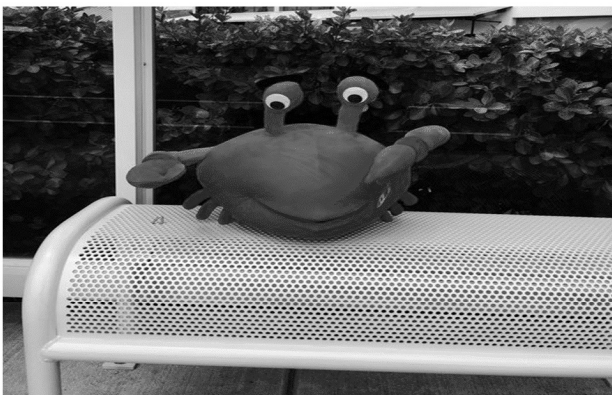
It's not too late to sign up to help with VBS. Life guards (group leaders) are still needed to guide our kids through this epic ride.

Do you happen to have some of the items listed below to be used for decorating to make Bethlehem a little more "beachy?"

Beach Towels, beach balls, pool rings, surf boards, boogie boards, snorkels, beach toys, kites, pool noodles, fishing nets, beach chairs, beach umbrellas, Life rings, mini lights, or rope lights

??? Contact Ellen Hermanson, 753-0719 or ellenhermanson@cfu.net.

Snappy is on his way to join us for an epic ride. Check out his exciting travels on the Bethlehem website.



BIBLE STUDIES AND SMALL GROUPS

FRIENDS IN FAITH will meet Sunday, August 21, at 6:00pm, at Pepper's for dinner. ??? Contact Linda Hedding, 464-7279.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST WILL RETURN IN THE FALL



Mark Your Calendars

Rally Day; September 11th
Cherub and Celestial Choirs; September 14th
Kids Klub; September 14th

CRADLE ROLL



Bethlehem Cradle Roll uses "Splash!," faith formation resources for families with children, newborn through Sunday School age. To get started on the Cradle Roll, contact Carol Sorenson, carolasorenson@mchsi.com.

Keep watch for a new online resource for families to get their little ones off on the right foot. For more information contact Ellen Hermanson, ellenhermanson@cfu.net



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Use the acolyte list if your child needs to switch dates or services. Contact the BLC office, 266-3541, with corrections for the bulletin by 9:00am Thursday.

Sunday worship with Holy Communion
8:30am & 10:30am
Nursery available 8:15am-11:45am
Pastor: Rev. Gary Hedding
Church office phone: 319-266-3541
Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-3:00pm
Closed Friday
Email: office@bethlehemcf.net
Website: www.bethlehemcf.org
****Newsletter deadline: July 5****
Bulletin deadline: 9:00am Thursdays

JULY USHERS

8:30 Worship

3rd	John & Karen Eastland, Wayne & ElJean Bartelt
10th	John & Karen Eastland, Steve & Kathy Fuller
17th	Karl & Nancy Schwaab, Lily & Megan Hermanson
24th	John & Karen Eastland, Karl & Nancy Schwaab
31st	Steve & Kathy Fuller, Sam Lubs, Kathy Timmer

10:30 Worship

3rd	TBA
10th	TBA
17th	TBA
24th	TBA
31st	TBA

JULY ACOLYTES

8:30 Worship

3rd	Kaelyn Walker
10th	Zoe Lenton
17th	Emma Halvorsen
24th	Turner Kaufman
31st	Kai Kuemple

10:30 Worship

Talisa Rodriguez
Zoey Golden Neesen
Kaleb Larson
Mallory Grund
Nathan Standing

JULY LECTORS

8:30 Worship

3rd	Glen Nelson
10th	Mary Bro
17th	Bert Schou
24th	Kallista Moothart
31st	Sally Morrow

10:30 Worship

Calvin Quattlebaum
Janet O'Connell
Dennis Juel
Linda Hedding
Karen Dowell

