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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Meet Nolan Cessna. Nolan's father grew up in this congregation and Nolan's father and mother were married here. They don't live in town anymore, but one of Nolan's sets of grandparents live here, and his parents have a lot of friends living here as well. In fact, Nolan was back a few weeks ago when his parents were baptismal sponsors for a little girl named Brynley. Nolan's parents know Brynley's parents very well, and they were a good choice for being godparents.

So, Nolan came with his parents to the baptism and I noticed that he was carrying around a well-used white "blanket." It was a little gray rather than white and there were a few strings hanging out. These are the marks of a well-loved "blanket" that brings comfort and security to a small child. Parents, in general, appreciate these kinds of comforting objects as much (or sometimes even more) than children do. His parents let me know that

this was the baptismal prayer shawl that Nolan had received when he was baptized a couple of years ago here at Bethlehem. It was a companion for him and, as you can see from the picture, he takes great delight in it.

It is wonderful that this gift will always be identified by parents and grandparents for him as his baptismal prayer shawl. It is great to have him associate this gift with the gift of the Holy Spirit and God's call to him to be God's beloved child. It will help him figure out that baptism is a really good thing.

Our congregation's theme this year has been "Home is Church, too." By that, we mean that God and church are not restricted to the congregation. Our homes are places where God works mightily to form our faith and bring us grace and truth. I am so pleased that Nolan's folks didn't store the baptismal shawl away. I'm glad that they offered him this symbol of God's presence in his life as his every-day blanket. In ways that Nolan can receive it, they have let him live in God's promises of baptism. They have affirmed that their home is church, too.

Pastor Gary

Coming Sunday, September 11th . . .

Rally Day

Join us for root beer floats
starting at 9:45am

as we kick off the 2016-2017 Sunday School year.

God's work. Our hands.

Sunday, September 11, members of Bethlehem, Nazareth and St. John Lutheran Churches will gather for an afternoon of outdoor tree planting for the city at Bethlehem at 1:30pm. Youth Groups will meet at Noon for lunch and service project. "God's work. Our hands" Sunday has become a meaningful ELCA ministry. ??? Contact Pastor Gary.

BLC GOLF OUTING & SUPPER

Whether you are a golf pro or play for fun, join us for a BLC Golf Outing Sunday, September 25.

If you would like to play 18 holes, meet at Gates Park in Waterloo at **1:00 pm**. The cost to play 18 holes is \$20 for adults (26-61), \$17 for young adults (18-24), \$10 for juniors (17 and younger) and \$19 for seniors (62 and older).

If you would like to play 9 holes, meet at Gates Park at **3:00 pm**. The cost for 9 holes is \$15. Carts will be available at the course.

Please pay at the course the day of the outing.

Gates Park will also have a family course available.

There is no specific format for the outing. You may play your own ball or play a best shot within your group.

Afterward, at 6:00 pm, we will get together at Gates Park Golf Course for burgers, fellowship and prizes. (Whether you golf or not, everyone is welcome to join us for supper!)

If you are interested, please sign up on the Welcome Table by September 21 so we know how many tee times we need and how many to expect for supper. ??? Contact Dave Rogers, 239-9014.

QUILT 'N CRAFT

Thursday, September 8 & 22, 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!

BACKPACK SUPPLIES

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies and money to purchase school supplies for Lincoln School (Cedar Falls). - Council on Service.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(Starting September 4th)

8:30am Traditional & 11:00am Contemporary
(Coffee fellowship hour begins at 9:30am.)

BLC OFFICE HOURS

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

**THE BLC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH**



BETHLEHEM'S MONTHLY POTLUCK

will be Sunday, September 4,
following 11:00am worship.
All are welcome.
Ovens are available at 10:00am.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SUPPLIES

When hitting those Back-to-School sales this time of year, 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MENU

SEPTEMBER 14 - WALKING TACOS

SEPTEMBER 21- TBA

SEPTEMBER 28 - SLOPPY JOES

OCTOBER 5 - TBA

OCTOBER 12 - WALKING TACOS

SEPTEMBER FEATURED MISSION COUNCIL: Council for Ministry Partnership

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 Council for Ministry Partnership is the group of people that provides support and encouragement for the staff of Bethlehem, and holds the staff accountable for their part in the ministry of the congregation. They establish personnel policies and job descriptions for non-ordained staff. They hear concerns of the staff when needed. They evaluate the ministry of the pastor and encourage that ministry. Periodically, they take the lead in strategic planning.

Members on this council are Stephen Becker (Chair), Tara Estep, Kurt Leistikow, John Liljegren, and Pastor Gary Hedding.

**Coffee Fellowship:
Service**

September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4 8:30am-Traditional Worship 9:30am-Coffee Fellowship 11:00am-Contemporary Worship 12:00pm-Potluck	5 OFFICE CLOSED  HAPPY LABOR DAY	6 8:30am-BLC Staff Mtg. 6:00pm-Faith & Learning 7:00pm-Congregational Home 7:00pm-Pints of Grace @Pepper's	7 5:15pm-Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 7:00pm-Chancel Choir 8:00pm-Worship Council 8:30pm-Worship@theLSC	8 9:30am-Bethlehem Fellowship@NewAldaya 6:30pm-GS Leaders 7:00pm-Quilt 'n Craft	9	10
11 "GWOH" SUNDAY RALLY DAY w/ROOT BEER FLOATS 8:30am-Traditional Worship 9:30am-Coffee Fellowship 9:45am-Sunday School Kickoff 10:00am-Acolyte Training 10:00am-Adult Education 11:00am-Contemporary Worship 12:00pm-All Youth Groups 1:30pm-"GWOH" Event 7:00pm-Finance	12 6:30pm-Service Council	13 8:30am-BLC Staff Mtg. 9:00am-Do Day 7:00pm-LaLeche 7:00pm-Pints of Grace @Pepper's	14 5:15-Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 6:00pm-Altar Guild *Wednesday Night Activities	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16	17 <div>Current calendar may be found at bethlehemcf.org/#/calendar.</div>
18 BIBLE MILESTONE 8:30am-Traditional Worship 9:30am-Coffee Fellowship 9:45am-Sunday School 10:00am-Adult Education 11:00am-Contemporary Worship 6:30m-Friends in Faith	19 8:30am-Keepsake Quilters 6:00pm-Y & F 7:00pm-Congregational Council	20 8:30am-BLC Staff Mtg. 7:00pm-Spiritual Renewal 7:00pm-Pints of Grace @Pepper's	21 9:30am-Joyful Times 5:15pm-Contemporary Worship Rehearsal *Wednesday Night Activities	22 7:00pm-Quilt 'n Craft	23	24 7:30am-Men's Bible Study
25 8:30am-Traditional Worship 9:30am-Coffee Fellowship 9:45am-Sunday School 10:00am-Adult Education 11:00am-Contemporary Worship 1:00pm-Golf Outing @ Gates Park 3:00pm-Golf Outing @ Gates Park 6:00pm-Supper @ Gates Park	26 7:00pm Nurture	27 NEWSLETTER MAILED OUT 8:30am-BLC Staff Mtg. 7:00pm-Adult Bible Study 7:00pm-Pints of Grace @Pepper's	28 5:15pm-Contemporary Worship Rehearsal *Wednesday Night Activities	29	30	*Wednesday Night Activities 5:45pm-Supper 6:15pm-Celestial Choir 6:30pm-Cherub Choir 6:30pm-Confirmation 6:45pm-WOW 7pm-Chancel Choir 8:30pm-Worship@LSC



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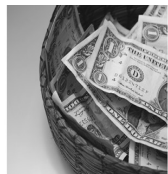
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CONTACT INFORMATION If you are moving, or if you have changed your phone number or email address, please contact the church, 266-3541 or office@bethlehemcf.net, so we can stay in touch with you.

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 JULY 31

Income: \$206,302.64

Mission Plan: \$212,156.00

(\$5,853.36)



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
Stan Brown
Mary Grosse
Mildred Gutknecht
Dew Hansen
Reed Hunemuller
Isabel Johnson

Jane Nelson
Allan Nielsen
Beverly Sands
Betty Schmidt
Eldora Sturm

Friends and family of our members:

Craig Arnold
Robin Arnold
Norb Borcharding
Denise Cooper
Drew Cranston
Ginny Davis
Deloris Doehrmann
Anne Dotzler
Rhys Fletcher
Charles Funderburk
Steve Godwin
Mary Griffin
Richard Gutknecht
Naomi Hagen
Danny Paul Harris
Sally Hartley
Jim Heiselman
Robert Johnson
Anna Jorgensen
John Jurris
Betty Kestner
Jason Luck
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Jill Pechacek
Hilda Pennington
Bob Schmitt
Barb Schroeder
Sara Seavey
Lawrence Seery
Liz Smith Warriner
Corby Stinnett
Marlene Stricker
Marvilyn Thomas
Robin Vasquez
Minnie Ward
Jeff Webb
Alise Williams
Cheryl
Christine
Janeen
Kelly
Krissy
Lindsay
Michael

Those serving in the armed forces:

Kyle Dierks
Forrest Maxson

Dan O'Connell
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.

THANK YOU The Council on Service would like to thank everyone who helped with Community Meals on August 16th. The next Community Meals will be on October 18th.

B.L.Y.M.P. &
FM 4000 news!



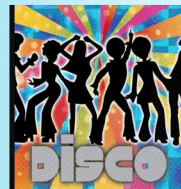
Bethlehem Lutheran Youth Ministry Programs & Family Ministry at 4000 Hudson Road www.bethlehemcf.org



Throwback Congregational Event Sunday, August 28, 11:30am



A throwback to times of the past. A walk down memory lane. A day to celebrate the nostalgic events and thingamajigs of previous decades. The entire Bethlehem family is invited. **All ages!** Lunch is provided. Games, activities, music and stories from the different decades will fill the afternoon.



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Upcoming Events

Throwback Event	Aug. 28
Shell Sunday	Aug. 28
LSC Luau & Worship	Aug. 31
"God's Work. Our Hands." Events	Sept. 11
Bible Sunday	Sept. 18
Y&F meeting	Sept. 19
Pints of Grace for Young Adults 7pm	Tuesdays
LSC Worship 8:30pm	Wednesdays

Send us new college addresses. We want to keep in touch.



God's work. Sunday, September 11, Noon-2:00pm Our hands. Lunch and Service Project



Meet in the Fellowship Hall.
???Contact Robin, 266.3541 or robin@bethlehemcf.net



Thanks to the BLC fans for cheering on the BLC Softball Team to a season victory! 2016 Church League Champions. As Coach Jerry says, "God bless you all!"

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Elementary (Kindergarten-5th grade)

Sunday, August 28, 11:30am
Throwback Event

Sunday, September 11, Noon-2:00pm
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Junior High (6th-8th grade)

Sunday, August 28, 11:30am
Throwback Event

Sunday, September 11, Noon-2:00pm
God's work. Our hands. Service Project

Sunday, September 25

Lock-in registration and payment due

Senior High (9th-12th grade)

Sunday, August 28, 11:30am
Throwback Event

Sunday, September 11, Noon-2:00pm
God's work. Our hands. Service Project

Young Adult/Campus Ministry

Wednesday, August 31, 7:00pm

Luau Kick-off and Worship @ the LSC

Tuesdays, 7:00pm

Pints of Grace @ Pepper's, 620 E. 18th St.

Wednesdays, 8:30pm Worship @ the LSC

FM 4000

[Family Ministry at 4000 Hudson Road]

Sunday, August 28

Shell Sunday Milestone

Sunday, August 28, 11:30am
Throwback Event

Sunday, September 18

Bible Milestone Sunday



Sunday, August 28 we celebrate with our 3-year-olds who receive their baptismal shell as a symbol of moving from our church cradle roll to beginning Sunday School this fall.



Lutheran Student Center Luau

August 31, 7:00pm

2616 College Street, near campus.

College students and young adults are invited to the LSC's beginning-of-the-year Luau BBQ. We will have great food, a hula contest, yard games and campfire worship.

??? Contact Jon Fry, 266.1653 or lscuni@uni.edu.



Loving Our Neighbors

17th Annual LSC

Middle School Lock-in

October 14-15

8:00pm-6:30am

Young adults from the Lutheran Student Center (LSC) will host middle school youth at the UNI Wellness Center for a night of fun, worship, service, games and more.

The focus this year is loving your neighbor and how we serve those around us. Youth are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to support the UNI Student Food Pantry.

The cost for BLC youth is \$15. Youth may invite up to one friend with a \$35 registration fee. **The Registration deadline for BLC participants is Sunday, September 25.**

We are seeking adults willing to accompany BLC youth. For more information and registration forms, contact Sue Jorgensen, sjorgensen@cfu.net, Robin Souhrada, robin@bethlehemcf.net or visit the LSC website, lutheranstudentcenter.org.

Milestone Ministry Bible Sunday

A time for remembering our Baptismal covenant by passing on the faith through the stories of the Bible. September 18, both worship services, we will give Bibles to our 3-year-old, 3rd and 8th grade students. Not only will they get one for themselves, but also one to give away as a way to connect the word of God with the world of God.



***Oct. 8, 9:00am** all youth groups and congregation members are invited to assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits and tie quilts in addition to blessing them at the end of our project.

***Oct. 23** after 11:00am worship Jr. and Sr. High Youth will help pack LWR kits and quilts to be shipped. Lunch is provided.

***Oct. 30** Reformation and Confirmation Sunday.

***Sign up** for UNI Football ticket in October for our November 19 BLC UNI Football Tailgater.



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



SEPTEMBER 2016

ADULT EDUCATION/SMALL GROUPS

Now that the kids are back in school, what are mom and dad going to do? Why not check out one of the Bible studies or small groups being offered this Sunday School year at Bethlehem?

FRIENDS IN FAITH is a book club, small group, that meets at Bethlehem on the third Sunday of the month at 6:30pm. For fall the group is reading the book *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. The group members will read the first 3rd of the book and will then discuss what they have read on **Sunday, September 18th**. All are welcome! Bring a snack to share and your own drink. For more information, contact Linda Hedding, 464-7279 or paddlelinda@cfu.net.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. This group will meet on **Tuesday, September 27** and will start a study called *Nooma* by Pastor Rob Bell. It is discussion based and takes up basic aspects of the Christian faith and life. For more information, contact Pastor Gary, 266-3541 or pastorgary@bethlehemcf.net.

W.O.W. (Wired On Wednesdays) is a new high school, young adult, and adult study that will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm. This will be a stress-free, casual Bible study that will focus on current events and how, as Christians, we deal with those issues. For more information, contact Paulette Standing, 266-3541 or paulette@bethlehemcf.net.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST meets on the fourth Saturday of the month bright and early at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. **Saturday September 24th** will be the next date the guys will get together. For more information contact Scott Davison at 486-6914.

ADULT FORUM meets on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour in the library. Starting on **Rally Day, September 11th** they will be studying the book of Isaiah.

REWIND will meet during the Sunday School hour in the Heritage Room. This will be a stress-free, casual Bible study that will focus on current events and how, as Christians, we deal with those issues. For more information, contact Paulette Standing, 266-3541 or paulette@bethlehemcf.net.

All are welcome to join any one of these study groups. We hope that you find some time to connect with God and others as you grow deeper in your faith.

RALLY SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 11th
9:45am-10:45am

Come enjoy a root beer float, meet your Sunday school teachers and catch up with friends!



KIDS KLUB

Due to lack of interest and lack of leadership, we regret to announce that there will be no Kids Klub this year.

There will be child care available on Wednesday nights from 6:00pm - 8pm.

Wednesday Night Activities resume September 14th

Supper 5:45pm-6:45pm
Celestial Choir (4th-7th grade) 6:15pm-7:00pm
Cherub Choir (K-3rd grade) 6:30pm-7:00pm
Confirmation Class 6:30pm-7:30pm
W.O.W. (Wired On Wednesday) 6:45pm-7:30pm
Chancel Choir (adult) 7:00pm-8:00pm
Worship @the LSC 8:30pm

CRADLE ROLL



Bethlehem Cradle Roll is now using Frolic faith formation online resources for families with children, newborn through Sunday School age. To get started on the Cradle Roll, contact Ellen Hermanson at 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.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

September 11th 10:00am in the sanctuary. All incoming 4th graders and anyone who has not gone thru training or just needs a refresher course are encouraged to attend.

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
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm
Email: office@bethlehemcfc.org
Website: www.bethlehemcfc.org
****Newsletter deadline: September 15****
Bulletin deadline: 9:00am Thursdays

SEPTEMBER USHERS

8:30 Worship

4th	Wayne & ElJean Bartelt, Megan & Lily Hermanson
11th	Rich & Suzette Fisher, Megan & Lily Hermanson
18th	Wayne & ElJean Bartelt, Megan & Lily Hermanson
25th	Rich & Suzette Fuller, Megan & Lily Hermanson

11:00 Worship

4th	TBA
11th	TBA
18th	TBA
25th	TBA

SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

8:30 Worship

4th	Kelly Kestner
11th	Jackson Leistikow
18th	Alex Schmidt
25th	Sam Lubs

10:30 Worship

Sam Smith
Jackson Barth
Chayse Avino-Smith
Isaak Dengler

SEPTEMBER LECTORS

8:30 Worship

4th	Ron Bro
11th	Barb Becker
18th	Doug Johnson
25th	Dorothy Heine

11:00 Worship

Jerry Mohling
Becky Ruehle
Marty O'Connell
Sherri Larsen

