

# The Bethlehem STAR September 2017

## Together

The headline on the Twitter feed caught my attention: “Why Loneliness Is More Dangerous than Obesity.” At a recent American Psychological Association conference, a study was presented claiming that loneliness played a significant role in ill health and even premature death. People who had greater social connections had a 50% reduced risk of dying early, the study said. “It is not good for the man to be alone,” the Lord said as he created a companion for him. Despite the increased connectivity our technology offers, it often seems that we are as lonely as ever before, and long for community. One of the gifts the people of God can offer the world is our friendship, and we are forming and reforming a number of small groups this fall for you to engage, make friends, learn, be loved, and grow in your faith in Christ. You are welcome to any of these summarized below, or the many other groups, fellowship opportunities, choirs, and musical ensembles that call Bethlehem home. To sign up for the groups below, or if you have questions, see our website: [BLCMankato.org](http://BLCMankato.org), or contact the church at [blchurch@hickorytech.net](mailto:blchurch@hickorytech.net) or 388-2925. ~ Pr. Jay



## BLC Together

*BLC Together* is simple! You sign up to be in groups of six. Then you commit to meet three times between Labor Day to New Year's Eve, and three times between New Year's Day to Memorial Day. These meetings can be at home, at a restaurant with space for semi-private conversation, or at the church. Each gathering begins with a meal arranged by the host(s). After a table prayer and meal, you will share highs and lows, visit about the topic of the month provided for you in

advance, and close with prayer and a plan for the next meeting. Each group will stay together for the six meetings and members will take turns hosting.

## Financial Peace University

What if you could be debt-free with an emergency fund of 3–6 months of expenses saved, all while investing for retirement and planning for your family's future? Sound impossible? It's not! With Dave Ramsey's class, Financial Peace University (FPU), you CAN take control of your money. **FPU is a nine-week class meeting each Sunday night from 6-7:30 p.m. starting September 24.** The \$99 enrollment fee is waived for Bethlehem members who complete the class, and child care is complimentary. Come and join us!

## Life in the Spirit

*Life in the Spirit* is a small group of Bethlehem members committed to growing closer to God by learning and doing spiritual practices together. **We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room every second Monday night.** For this year, our text is by James Bryan Smith, *The Good and Beautiful Life*. The book is accessible, with a good small group discussion guide and new soul training practices. The cost of the book is \$13.

## Book of Faith—John

As we study the Book of Faith, we open Scripture and join in conversation. Each week we look at a text historically, literarily, devotionally, and from a Lutheran perspective, listening for the voice of God in the Word we read and share. This fall, we study the Gospel of John, the appointed Gospel for the 2017-2018 Narrative Lectionary. **We meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 a.m. starting September 13.** Each book costs \$12.



**Wednesday Night Suppers will begin in the dining room on September 13! Meals are served from 4:45-6:00 p.m.** We welcome anyone who wishes to dine with us. There is no charge for the meals, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

## Menus for September

**September 13**—Chef's choice

**September 20** — Chicken alfredo, California blend, and a breadstick

**September 27**—Chicken kiev, wild rice blend, mixed vegetables, and a dinner roll

*Lettuce salad will be served weekly.*



## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

**97<sup>th</sup> Annual Nordic Bazaar — November 1, 2017**

**Donations needed!!**

Are you doing some downsizing, or just doing a good house cleaning? Don't forget the bazaar is coming in November! We are always in need of knick-knacks, jewelry, scarves, books, and anything that you might like to give that is in good shape. And all you crafters...we are expanding that area, so we really need new and different items! Christmas crafts are always in high demand! With your help and donations, we are looking forward to making this the best bazaar ever! Your donations may be brought to the parking lot entrance — please leave them by the coat racks in the narthex. If you have jewelry or scarves, please take them in the church office. **Please do not leave any items outside the church doors or in the church entryway.** If you have any questions, please feel free to call the executive board or Ginger Erlandson at 278-3007.

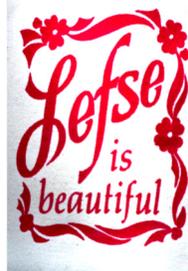
# Fellowship News



## Celebrate with Our Former Pastors!

As part of the Bethlehem 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the planning committee has invited former pastors to join us to preach and celebrate this milestone in our history. We are pleased to report that the following pastors have accepted our invitation for the following dates:

**October 15** Pr. Duane Salness  
**November 12** Prs. Steve & Debbie Ohrtman  
**November 19** Pr. Paul Meierding



## HELP!!!! WE NEED MIXERS, ROLLERS, AND BAKERS (FOR LEFSE, OF COURSE!)

It's time to sign up for making lefse on four Mondays and Tuesdays in October. We will be mixing lefse and setting up on Mondays. Four people are needed, but if you wish to learn that part of the procedure, please come and join us at 9:00 a.m.!

We start rolling and baking on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the kitchen. We try to have 10 stations going, so that means 20 people. We are always ready to train any new people! If you can't work them all, that's okay! It's fun — and if you are new to the church, it's a great way to meet people. Remember — mistakes on baking day are available for eating!

There will be a sign-up sheet by the office door starting on **Sunday, September 3**. If you have any questions, contact Ginger Erlandson or Randy Wood.  
**PLEASE COME AND HELP US!**



## Anniversary Historical Book Available

A special 35-page anniversary history of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is available to members interested in learning more about and celebrating our 150 years as a congregation. Spearheaded by anniversary committee member Bryce Stenzel and volunteer Martha Lindberg, vital information and pictures from our past and present were gathered and organized to tell our story. Books are available in the office for a suggested donation of \$5.

## Nordic Bazaar Committee Meeting September 18, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. in Grounds for Joy

This is the final meeting prior to the bazaar on November 1. All chairpersons are requested to attend, as we do have new information to share. Any interested persons are also invited. If you can't come and have information to share please call Ginger Erlandson, Diana Olson, Randy Wood, Karla Van Lith, Jean Lorentz, Lynor Blom, or Bonnie Torgerson.



## Anniversary Intergenerational Service Project:

**School Kit Assembly  
Rally Sunday  
September 10**

**9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
in the Dining Room**

**Please sign up outside the church office  
so enough supplies are available.**



What happened to summer? Praise the Lord that fall is also a beautiful season in Minnesota! Enjoy the season with freshly brewed coffee or tea, and maybe creamy chocolate from Fair Trade! Fair Trade is not just coffee, tea, and chocolates, but other items as well. **Here is a list compiled by MAFTTI of 15 different places that stock Fair Trade products:** Cub West, Cub East, Hilltop Hy-Vee, Downtown Hy-Vee, Target, IndiGo Organic, Aldi, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, CVS (all locations), Sam's Club, Mary Lue's Yarn & Ewe, Walgreens (all locations), Coffee Hag, and JoAnn's. A complete listing of the stores and the products they have for sale is available in the church office in the Fair Trade corner, or the second Sunday of each month when coffee and chocolates are available for sale in the narthex. Some stores have several items for sale; some might have just one brand or item. Bethlehem is one of several churches in Mankato that offer Fair Trade products for sale.

The Bethlehem Fair Trade Committee will be making plans for fall activities, which will include ordering new products. If you have a special coffee, tea, or chocolate that you enjoy, please let us know so we can include it in our next order. We are always looking for new committee members to help with Sunday sales and additional input. Watch for our new "rolling display" on the second Sunday of each month in the narthex.



## Adult Forum Schedule

**Adult Forums** 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room

**September 10** — Rally Sunday school kit assembly  
**in the dining room** (see article above)

**September 17** — Connections Ministry rotating shelter

**September 24** — Toma mi Mano

**October 1** — The history of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

# Family Faith Formation Ministry

Anna Wencl, Family Faith Formation Ministry Director ~ [annawencl@hickorytech.net](mailto:annawencl@hickorytech.net)

## Family Faith Formation Ministries: Summer Highlights

Because of the support of so many people in our congregation, we had three incredible faith formation experiences with our children, youth, and families! Check out a photo highlight from the Chicago Mission Trip, Vacation Bible School, and our CSI: Youth-led service half-week.



## Confirmation & Catechism Club Orientation: September 6

One of our new faith formation offerings is a 5th & 6th grade Catechism Club (held solely on Wednesdays) and a separate Confirmation class for our 9th graders. We'll have a separate orientation for each of these programs at 6 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 6**. Parents and youth, please join us!

## Rally Day Sunday & Wednesday: September 10 & 13

Join us on Sunday (9:30 a.m. in the dining room) and/or Wednesday (6:45 p.m. in the dining room) as we kick off the year with an intergenerational service project. Parents, please attend with your child. In addition to the service project, we'll get familiar with our new opening and closing space for LIGHT and NightLIGHT downstairs, take a picture of each student, and get pumped for a wonderful year ahead!

## Family Faith Formation Guide: Coming Soon!

Keep your eyes peeled for a copy of our new program guide for the fall. Copies should have been mailed and e-mailed to your family by now. If you haven't yet seen a copy in your mailbox and/or inbox, connect with Anna to update your contact info.

### ENDOWMENT SHARES STUDENT APPRECIATION -- 2017

The Endowment Board was very happy to be able to supply 26 scholarships, each in the amount of \$400. Our college students are back in school, but they have taken time to express their gratitude. Here are a few excerpts from notes we have received.

—"Thank you for the generous scholarship award! It is a great addition to my needed funds for tuition. The church has done so much for me over the years and I truly appreciate it."

—"I am very thankful for the scholarship from the Endowment Board to help me as I continue my education. I am excited to attend Winona State to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse."

—"I'd like to express my sincere gratitude for the scholarship you awarded me. You have helped lighten my financial burden so I can focus more on my studies. Through your generous support these 4 years, it is possible for me to achieve my career goals. In 2018, I will graduate with a degree in Health Science and will be a registered radiologic technologist."

—"Thank you so much for your gift to me. It will be used well to advance my education and my talents to serve God. I am thankful for it, and am glad to have such a generous church."

—"I am so thankful for the scholarship and am especially honored as I hold my membership and involvement at Bethlehem in such high regard. I've found such a special community and I'm definitely using all I have learned at Bethlehem at college. I'll be praying for the board's ministry and again am so thankful."

We can't print them all or in full, but you can see how our students appreciate this scholarship and their church family. Let us all keep them in our prayers. And the Board members would like to thank all who have donated to this fund that makes it possible. It will continue, as none of the principal is spent; only the yearly profits of investments.



**2017 Mankato Walk to End Alzheimer's**

**Saturday,  
September 9,  
at Sibley Park**

8:45 a.m.—Registration

10 a.m.—Opening  
Ceremony

10:20 a.m.—Walk

[alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk)

## *Pastor Collette Broady Grund, Associate Pastor*

### **Making Space for Family: Introducing the Bethlehem Manger Scene**

Last fall, when our household was preparing for Ceci's birth, we had to clear out the guest bedroom that would become her nursery. No one was fond of the old warped mattress that resided there, nor the mismatched side tables and lamps. But after those were donated, the space for a short time became my sewing room. A long table became the platform for my grandmother's Janome 6600, and I finished her last quilt, my first independently pieced quilt, and a darling baby quilt for my niece. To make room for Ceci in our house, I gave up that cherished space, packing the machine, fabric, batting, and boxes of thread back into the closet. Making space for something new always comes with a loss of something old.

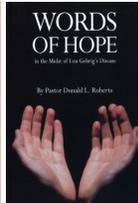
This fall, Bethlehem will make space for a new creation in our worship space, the Bethlehem Manger Scene. Two pews will come out in front of the baptismal font (the front flat divider will stay) and the empty space will be carpeted and filled with small tables and chairs, art supplies, and quiet toys. Starting September 10, that space will be open for families with children under 5 during all worship services.

Parents will now have the option of sitting in the remaining third pew while their children play in the space in front of them. Children will be able to see up close what is happening during worship and will no longer need to be wrestled in a seat on the pew next to their parents. These spaces are becoming popular in churches all over the U.S., and parents who use them say they get more out of worship while their kids play nearby. They also report that their children ask more questions about what goes on in worship as they are able to see and hear more.

We hope that this space will be welcomed by all of Bethlehem's members as an experiment in making space for families in worship. The Children's Board will provide opportunities for feedback in November about the space and will make decisions about its permanence after that. We hope this will prove to be one more way we communicate to families that parents and their children are valued and welcomed in worship.

### ***Pastor Don's Devotion***

***Pastor Don Roberts served as pastor at Bethlehem from 1989-1996. He was diagnosed with ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease in 1995 and continues to be an inspiration of life and faith to our congregation.***



***The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ~ 2 Timothy 4:18***

The Lord rescues us from evil attacks. Some evil attacks can kill us. A disease can kill us, or leave us incapacitated. An accident could kill us. Christians in the Middle East are being eliminated. You get the idea. So — why then does Paul say, “The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack?” Because Jesus is with us. As Christ stated in Matthew 10:28, “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” On the cross, Jesus bore all our evil attacks. In fact, the cross is an embrace of us during all our evil attacks. We cannot know, for the number of evil attacks we have all experienced in our lives, how many Jesus has prevented from harming us. When we have a day full of peace and without fear, thank God. When we have a day full of fear and without peace, thank God — not for the circumstances themselves, but that in those circumstances, our eyes are opened to reveal to us his presence with us. “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me.....” (Psalm 23:4)

Jesus saves us for his heavenly kingdom. We all die sometime; some, too early. Why does Jesus save us for his heavenly kingdom? Because he loves us and rose for us. No matter what happens in this life, Christians all have a bright future with Christ. “To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

We can all agree that Bethlehem is a welcoming congregation. Again as we did last year, Bethlehem will be showing our welcome for ALL when we participate in the **2017 South Central Minnesota Pride Festival on Saturday, September 9**. A group of Bethlehem members will march in the parade that day carrying a Bethlehem parade banner and rainbow flags. We'll also have a booth at Pridefest (joining several other local congregations) and will be a welcoming church presence sharing info about BLC worship times and activities.

You are invited to be part of the Bethlehem parade marchers. The parade begins at 11:30 [with line-up at 10:30] from the empty lot by the library at Riverfront and Plum and routes along Riverfront Drive the seven blocks to Riverside Park. Please join in the parade festivities and be a marcher with us. If you can't or prefer not to march, please be part of the watchers along the parade route. The festival itself is from noon – 5 p.m. If you've not been to a Pridefest, consider making this your first. Pridefest in Mankato is an all-ages festival featuring music, food, drinks, vendors, and lots of pride! If you plan to be a BLC participant, have questions, or want more information, please check with Jim and Marcia Nagel or one of the pastors.

## September Serving Group    Chair: Sue Thul (381-7179)    Co-Chair: Mary Beth Royer

Burton & Dodie Anderson  
John & Bobbi Bastian  
Bob & Susan Brown  
Jason & Angela Bruns  
Mike & Stefanie Buesing  
Steve & Kari Csizmadia  
Jim & Robin Freyberg

Steve & Lynette Freyberg  
Tom & Peggy Greeley  
Don & Ardis Grotta  
David & Liz Hageman  
Jack Halvorson  
John & Ila Hansen  
Gerald & Jane Johnson

Dennis & Cindy Loken  
Gary & Jodi Pericak  
Howard & Jan Prouse  
Bob & Marsha Qualset  
Dan & Amy Rademacher

## September Monthly Mission Project: Connections Ministry

With Bethlehem preparing to host Connections Shelter during the first week of November, this month is a time to learn more about Connections Ministry in general and its plans for the shelter specifically. We will be collecting pillows, blankets, and quilts for shelter guests as part of our monthly focus, as well as a few queen size air mattresses and portable cribs. See the display in the narthex for how many of each item we need.

We also will be focusing on volunteer roles available through Connections Ministry, both at Holy Grounds as a Community Connector and various roles for the shelter. Pastor Collette will host the September 17 adult

forum to give an overview of Connections Ministry and plans for shelter. Carrol Meyers-Dobler, Lori Ruthenbeck, and Derek Brown have agreed to be coordinators for our shelter weeks, so you can talk to them about volunteer roles and slots as well.

We know this is a new level of engagement for our congregation with people experiencing homelessness, and some fear and trembling are normal and reasonable. However, we also trust that we have a solid plan in place and that this ministry to which God is calling us will be supported and protected by the Spirit. If you have questions or concerns, please talk to Pastor Collette directly.

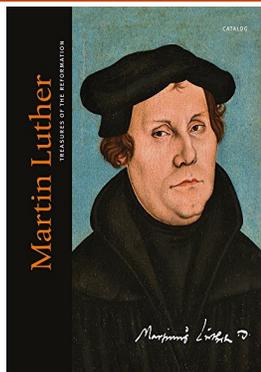
## Financial Report

The deficit situation improved slightly in the month of July to \$33,395. While this is \$5,000 better than the previous month, obviously there is a long way to go to catch up by the end of the year. The 2018 budgeting process will begin in September. Difficult decisions will have to be made if the deficit situation does not improve. Please remember that Bethlehem offers several options for electronic giving. It's the easiest way to stay current on your giving. You can sign up in the church office, on our website, or download the GIVE+ app to your smart phone. Any questions regarding your contribution report or electronic giving should be directed to Elizabeth in the church office or her e-mail at [elizruiz@hickorytech.net](mailto:elizruiz@hickorytech.net).

## June Mission Update

This year, our members have, in many ways, been leading up to the June mission focus of aiding Global Health Ministries (GHM) in their mission to the world. Following the Nordic Bazaar, the Bethlehem Women of the ELCA distributed \$1,500 from the bazaar proceeds towards supplies included in newborn kits assembled by Bethlehem members. The drop box in the narthex was used by many. Yevonne Flatgard knitted many caps, and loving hearts gave monetary donations to GHM. 477 kits were assembled and delivered to GHM in Fridley, MN, on August 2, along with a large assortment of medical supplies and equipment. Many thanks to everyone and also to those who contributed a day of service at GHM warehouse in Fridley. **GHM motto:** "Helping the Hands that Heal." Love, joy, and peace to you all.

~ Community & Global Missions Board



## From the Library

*Martin Luther and the Reformation*, the richly detailed 2-volume set of books detailing the recent exhibit of Luther artifacts and Reformation history, is available for check out in the Bethlehem Library. It provides an excellent resource for those wishing to prepare for the upcoming 500th anniversary celebration (October 29) of Luther's great act of defiance in protesting the corrupt religious practices he witnessed as an Augustinian monk. Luther believed that an individual's trust and faith in God alone was the means to salvation, not doing good works or buying God's favor. While it was not his intention to start a new denomination of Christianity, Luther's defense of his arguments launched the birth of the "Lutheran" church, named for him.

# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Date	Time	Reader	Usher	Communion Assistants			Greeters	Comm. Set-up	Coffee
9/3	9:45	Laurie Rossow	3	Gordy Larson	Holly Meyer		Roger & Dee Saman	Sally Burdick & Bonnie Torgerson	Gary & Amanda Pipes
9/10	8:15	Bryce Stenzel	4	Lorraine Carpenter	Lowell Carpenter		Sharon Finucane	Bob Singelstad & Carl Schoenstedt	Tim & Amy Heiser
9/10	10:45	Al Girtz	5				Cathy Young & Lori Ruthenbeck		
9/17	8:15	Sandy Kuper	6	Brad Groth	Betty Groth	Jeremy Carter	Julie Drewitz & Kathryn Hanson	Tom & Betty Sanger	Gail Christensen & Chris Deike
9/17	10:45	Jack Halvorson	7	Confirm. student	Jens Nielsen	Anna Wencil	Lisa Kohn & Jeremy Carter		
9/24	8:15	Holly Meyer	8	Julie Drewitz	Jill Evenson		Sally Burdick & Shirley Ruby	Brad & Betty Groth	Tom & Betty Sanger
9/24	10:45	Kathryn Hanson	2				Carrol Meyers-Dobler & Christa Judkins		



Hello! This is your new handbell choir director, Dr. Al Wortman. I am very excited about your bell program here at Bethlehem, and I hope I can continue the excellence which you already have and hope to build on that. I am already preparing for this fall and am finding some exciting musical possibilities. I sincerely hope that all of you who have been ringers in the past will join us again this year. Also, I would like to hear from any of you who are interested in bells and would like to consider joining us. If you have some musical background and have played an instrument or piano and have some music reading experience, you can certainly learn handbells. Please let me know if you are interested! In the meantime, we are starting rehearsals for Gospbells on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the bell room in the lower floor of the church. Please attend if you are interested, or particularly if you played before in the group. We will get started right away. See you then!

## SOUND TECHNICIANS

<u>September 3</u>	9:45—Gary Pipes	
<u>September 10</u>	8:15—Brad Butler	10:45—Brad Butler
<u>September 17</u>	8:15—Jeannie Phillips	10:45—Gary Pipes
<u>September 24</u>	8:15—Brad Butler	10:45—Brad Butler

Notes of **THANKS**

Many, many thanks to everyone who donated a pie, served, or helped in any way at the ice cream social following my organ/piano recital on August 15. The music was the “prelude” to the heavenly desserts (I believe I gained a pound or two just looking at the vast assortment of pies!). Also, thank you to all who attended the recital. What a fun day for me!!! ~ *Christine Schulz*



## Choir Rehearsals Resume

**Mark your calendars!!**

***Junior Gospbells, Bethlehem Gospbells, and VIP Choir rehearsals start on Wednesday, September 6!!!***



# September 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Office closes at noon	2
		7 am-Bible Study 8:30 am-Quilters				
3 9 am-coffee in GFJ 9:45 am-Worship	4 Office Closed	5 1 pm-Comm. at Old Main; Library Comm. 3:30-C & G Missions 5 pm-Stewardship 7 pm-Evangelism, Facilities	6 1 pm-Staff mtg. 5 pm-Adult Ed. <b>See Wed. Evening Schedule below for activities tonight</b>	7	8 <b>Office closes at noon</b>	9 4:30 pm-Sons of Norway in the dining room
10 <b>Rally Sunday</b> 8:15 & 10:45-Worship 9:30-Service project in dining room Noon-picnic in the parking lot	11 6:30 pm-Life in the Spirit; Bethlehem Brass	12 7 am-Bible Study 10 am-PUSH in GFJ 10:15-Comm. at Path. 1 pm-Library Comm. 7 pm-Personnel	13 10:30-Bk of Faith 1 pm-Staff mtg. 4 pm-Women's Bk group 4 pm-Tanzania mtg. <b>Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)</b>	14	15 <b>Office closes at noon</b> 5:30-wedding rehearsal	16 9 am-Deborah Circle 4 pm-Wedding
17 8:15 & 10:45-Worship 9:30-Education Hour, coffee in GFJ	18 9:30 am-Bazaar mtg 6:30-Bethlehem Brass; Lincoln Park Association	19 7 am-Bible Study 8:30 am-Quilters 1 pm-Library Comm. 7 pm-Council, Nurses' Support Panel	20 10:30 am-Bk of Faith 1 pm-Staff mtg. <b>Wed. Evening Activities</b>	21 9:30 am-Martha Circle 3 pm-Book Club 6 pm-Eve Circle in the dining room	22 <b>Office closes at noon</b>	23
24 8:15 & 10:45-Worship 9:30-Education Hour, coffee in GFJ 6 pm-Financial Peace University	25 6:30 pm-Bethlehem Brass	26 7 am-Bible Study 1 pm-Library Comm. 7 pm-Connections Ministry Board	27 10:30 am-Bk of Faith 1 pm-Staff mtg. 4 pm-Women's Bk group <b>Wed. Evening Activities</b>	28	29	30

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

- 4:45-6:00 Supper served in the dining room (*begins on September 13*)
- 5:00-8:00 Child care available in the nursery (*begins on September 6*)
- 5:15-6:00 Junior Gospbells rehearsal in the basement (*begins on September 6*)
- 6:00-6:45** **Worship service in the sanctuary (*begins on September 13*)**
- 6:45-7:45 Confirmation (*begins on September 13*)
- 6:45-7:45 BY (Bethlehem Youth) Today in the youth room (*begins on September 13*)
- 6:45-7:30 NightLIGHT for 3-year-olds through 4th grade in basement classrooms (*begins on September 13*)
- 6:45-7:30 Catechism Club for 5th and 6th graders (*begins on September 13*)
- 6:30-7:30 Bethlehem Gospbells rehearsal in the basement (*begins on September 6*)
- 6:45-7:45 Voices in Praise choir rehearsal in the choir room (*begins on September 6*)



Thank you to the following people for sharing their musical gifts during worship in August: **Ryan & Amy Magnus, Ben Geer, Brent Sandhurst, Jared Smithback, Joyce Jorgenson** and special summer Gather Choir, **Lance & Donna Quick, Laurie Bentsdahl, Jack Halvorson, Holly Nevills, and Jolene Beckel.**



### Sunday, September 10

- Services at 8:15 and 10:45
- 9:30 a.m. — congregational service project in the dining room
- Noon — picnic in the parking lot

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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**Sunday Worship:** 9:45 a.m. on September 3;  
8:15 & 10:45 beginning on September 10  
Wednesday evening services begin on September 13 at 6 p.m.  
*The 9:45 (or 8:15) a.m. Sunday service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.  
on KTOE 1420 AM / KTOE 102.7 FM.*

Visit our website or Facebook page  
and listen to Sunday services online!

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Bethlehem is an inviting community that is growing in Christ,  
loving our neighbors, and serving God's world.*