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**Bethlehem's
Mission Statement**

Our Mission is to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ in faith, unity, maturity, and knowledge.

**Men's Bible
Study**

The men of this community meet regularly each Thursday morning for fellowship, Bible study and prayer at 7:30 am at Peaceful Thymes.

Articles for the newsletter or bulletins can be sent to:

blc312@gmail.com

Thanks, Jennifer Slinden, Secretary

**Worship Service
Broadcast Time**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church's Sunday morning service is broadcast on local Channel 8 on Mondays at 8 p.m.

Remember Our Homebound

Brian Robert Detlefsen, OID #223829, MCF Oak Park Heights, 5329 Osgood Ave North, Stillwater MN 55082-1117

Harriett Johnson, Bethesda Pleasant View-Room D3, 901 Willmar Ave. SE, Willmar MN 56201

Bernice Slinden, Bethesda Heritage – Room 227, 1012 East 3rd Street, Willmar, MN 56201

Martin Buer, Pleasant View Room E-9, 901 Willmar Ave SE, Willmar MN 56201

Nettie Buer, Pleasant View Room A6, 901 Willmar Ave SE, Willmar MN 56201

Hazel Nielson, Copper Leaf Senior Living Memory Care Unit Room 124, 1550 1st St N, Willmar, MN 56201

Julene & Evelyn Johnson, Copper Leaf Senior Living, 1550 1st St N, Willmar MN 56201

Areline Slinden, 122 West 4th St Apt 217, Litchfield MN 55355

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Grace Matters

A radio ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Sundays, 11:30 a.m. on KDUZ, 1260 AM

Sundays, 10:30 p.m. on WCCO, 830 AM

From the Pastor's Desk

What follows is a recommendation, possible suggested course of action, one of several possible actions that we can pursue in response to the lengthened day of the 4 day school week in regards to confirmation instruction and the student's ability to learn.

At the July 11 Church Council meeting a resolution about the time of worship service, Sunday School, and confirmation was passed. The resolution reads as follows:

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The council would like any comments or suggestions, preferably in writing, about this schedule to be made to members of the council, Board of Education, worship committee, or the youth committee.

We would like your comments and suggestions before the next council meeting scheduled for August, 11. Your comments and suggestions are necessary for us to make the best decision possible for everyone in the congregation.

*Thanks for your input,
Members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council*

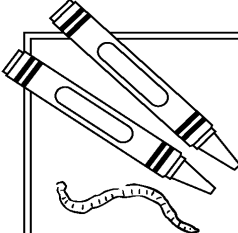
The above resolution is by no means the only way that confirmation instruction can be offered. But after a rather lengthy July Church Council discussion it was determined that the above resolution offers the follow options:

1) Both Sunday School and Confirmation will have sufficient class time. At the present some teachers have to truncate their lessons to accommodate late coming students, music time and worship. Plus the new confirmation materials lesson plans suggests a class timeline of 65 minutes. 2) Parents will be able to be more involved both in Sunday School and Confirmation instruction.

3) The Youth Group will be able to gather a larger number of youth for both activities and meetings because the youth will already be at the church and parents will be more able to help with group activities and events. 4) Everyone shares in the change.

To be sure there are inconveniences with this change and we are aware of some of them but not everyone that is why the Church Council is asking for your suggestions and ideas. This is also why the Church Council has suggested that we try this option until the first of the year to see how it is working. If we find the suggested change isn't working then we can look at other options or make the necessary adjustments to make it work.

We are always smarter together than we are by ourselves.




Just for KIDS

Bugs in the Bible

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6 _____	Exodus 16:20 _____
Psalms 78:45 _____	1 Sam. 24:14 _____
Matt. 23:24 _____	Isaiah 50:9 _____
Judges 14:8 _____	Isaiah 59:5 _____
Acts 12:23 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____	Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____	Deuteronomy 7:20 _____



M	O	T	H	S	G	N	A	T	B	H
A	N	T	A	L	L	C	H	P	E	O
G	R	A	S	S	H	O	P	P	E	R
G	F	C	R	I	C	K	E	T	S	N
O	L	S	P	I	D	E	R	S	B	E
T	E	C	L	O	C	U	S	T	D	T
S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
June 9, 2010

Present: Janine Berg, Ryan Lee, Lori Carnes, Darren Amdahl, Grant Fischer, Marge Rier-son, Julie Woltjer, Keith Detlefsem, John Lar-son, Terry Miller, Phil Slinden

Absent: Jerry Ness, Dr. Larry Slinden

The meeting was called to order. A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion sec-onded and approved.

Pastor led devotions. He referred the council to the Pastor's Report.

The Secretary's report was approved as pre-sented. The Treasurer's and Financial Secre-tary's reports were approved as presented and placed on file subject to audit. A special line is needed in the budget for snow removal so that it is separated from the church maintenance line.

Deacons. No meeting.

Parish Ed. No meeting. They will meet after VBS is over to discuss the impact of the 4 day school week on scheduling.

Worship Committee. The committee met and discussed Marilyn Koeberl's resignation as church organist and a recognition for her 18 years of service to Bethlehem. A recognition will be held on Sunday, June 13. Julie will take care of getting a plant and a gift for Marilyn.

Trustees: There was a discussion of the bids received for repair of the pews by the trustees. Barker Electric fixed the light in the elevator and one in the front of the church.

Stewardship: No meeting. People are needed to help serve the breakfast for Festival days. Serving will be from 7:30 to 9:00 am. The pro-ceeds from the breakfast will go to the ACGC Preschool program. Bethlehem will act as the responsible party for finances.

Old Business.

Festival Days Breakfast. All supplies are or-dered. The committee is planning for 200 peo-ple. Anything not opened may be returned to

Vern's.

Sunday school room for quilting storage. It was decided that taking out a wall in the quilt storage area was not a good idea. The quilters can use a Sunday school room for storage.

New Business.

Pew repair. Some money will be needed up-front for either contractor to repair the pews. The trustees will check into getting more de-tailed bids. A congregational meeting will be upcoming.

Marilyn Koeberl's resignation as church organ-ist. Shirley Capistrant has agreed to be the church organist. Elizabeth Shelrud is also in-terested in playing piano for the services. We need to encourage some of the young members of the congregation to take part in the worship service also with their musical abilities.

ACGC Hope Project. The Stewardship commit-tee will work out the details of participating in the program.

4 Day School Week. There was a discussion of confirmation program possibilities, etc.

Financial Secretary software. There are weekly problems with this program and print-ing of reports is very slow. Ryan can work with Julie to develop a new program. A motion was made to have Ryan and Julie do whatever is necessary to develop a new program. Motion seconded and approved.

Darren received a letter from Rand Roeske asking if the church was interested in an insur-ance quote. It was decided that Darren would keep Rand's card on file for future reference when the church's insurance is due for re-newal.

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion sec-onded and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Rier-son
Council Secretary

Congregational Meeting
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
July 11, 2010

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The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the repair and restoration of the pews. The meeting was called to order by President Darren Amdahl. He reported to the congregation that some of the pews are in need of repair as they have cracked backs. Darren turned the meeting over to Pastor Fischer because he had obtained bids from 2 parties for repair of the pews. He explained that the trustees felt it would be better to repair the pews than to replace them.

The first bid was from Ken Johnson owner of River Country Antiques of New London. The single pew support in the middle of the pews needs to be extended to the top. He will replace the back of the pew, add 2 legs under the pew and refinish for a cost of \$600 per pew. Also, he will add 2 legs and refinish for a cost of \$350 per pew. 14 pews need backs and 2 legs for a cost of \$8400. 10 pews need 2 legs for a cost of \$3500. Total bid \$11,900. He will pick up the pews and return them after refinishing.

The second bid was from Brad Heida owner of Heida Woodworks of Raymond. His bid to replace the backs, add new legs, and finish was \$9579. The pews would need to be transported to and from Raymond by members of the congregation.

Darren asked for a motion to move forward with the project and to use the \$10,000 memorial money from the Marv Otto estate to pay for the project. A motion was made to accept the bid from Heida Woodworking of Raymond and to use the Marv Otto memorial money to pay for it. Motion seconded. There was much discussion. A motion was made to amend the motion on the floor. The amendment said that the final decision on which contractor is chosen for the repair of the pews should be made by the church council. Amendment seconded. Amendment passed.

A second motion to amend the first motion was made. The amendment stated that memorial money from Marv Otto should not be used for the repair of the pews but a pew fund should be set up to cover the pew repair. Amendment seconded. Discussion. A hand vote was taken. Amendment failed. By a show of hands of the congregation, it was decided that the Marv Otto memorial money would be used for the repair of pews.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Rierson
Council Secretary

August Birthdays

1. Alexandra Olson
4. Bailey Erickson
Grant Fischer
5. LaVern Pickle
Nicole Hentges
Andrew Carlson
6. Lois Anderson
Jeffery Slinden
7. Desi Thorp
8. Barry Carnes
9. Taylor Meyer
12. Travis Hanson
Kelly Detlefsen
13. JoAnne Nelson-Larson
15. Iila Nelson
Kaitlyn Lee
16. Rhonda Christoffers
Atlanta Hanson
17. Donald Peterson
David Knacke
18. Sue Larson
20. Joshua Christoffers
Angela Slinden
24. Darlene Buer
Laura Cunningham
Tina Gums
Abigail Slinden
Jake Mueller
26. Liberty Slinden
Dorothy Johnson
Tiffanie Buer
27. Emily Larson
28. Jason Rosenquist
Kyle Rosa
29. Carol Ringler
Brock Denton
Ethan Revier
30. David Slinden
31. Luke Johnson
Shelli Erickson
Karen Fischer

August Volunteers

Ushers: Tyler Slinden
Al Roiland

Altar Care: Kathy Wallace
Tammy Kaiser

Deacon: Jerry Ness

Lectors: August 1 Ryan Lee
August 8 Jason Denton
August 15 Elizabeth Cunningham
August 22 Linda Johnson
August 29 Darren Amdahl

Acolytes: August 1 Michael Larson
August 8 Jaden Amdahl
August 15 Tori Hayunga
August 22 Emily Kaiser
August 29

Greeter: Coffee Servers:
August 1 Oradell Fischer
August 8
August 15
August 22
August 29

Offering Counter Helper:
Terry Miller for the whole month

August Anniversaries

16. Roger & Mary Benson
Richard & Marge Rierson
22. Terry & Cheryl Miller
23. Orion & Lynette Hanson
28. Paul & Amy Schmidt

Sunday	August 2010	Monday	Tues.	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
10 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:00 am Worship w/communion	1	2	3	4	5 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme Pr. Dan	6	7
11 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:00 am Worship Adult Forum after Worship	8	9	10	11 7 pm Committee Mtgs. 8 pm Council	12 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme Pr. Grant	13	14
12 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:00 am Worship Adult Forum after Worship	15	16 Legion Meeting 8 am @ Thompson's Bakery	17	18	19 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme Pr. Joe	20	21
13 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:00 am Worship w/communion Adult Forum after Worship	22	23 Newsletter Dead- line	24	25	26 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme Pr. Dan	27	28
14 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:00 am Worship Adult Forum after Worship	29	30	31				

Around the Community

Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation to our preschool scholarship fund. We greatly appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely, Marj Maurer ACGC CE Director

Bethlehem Quilters,

Thank you for the quilt! I Love it and will use it a lot.

Samantha Cunningham

To the Congregation, Pastor Grant, & Council of Bethlehem Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the peace plant. I admire it every day, and it will be in my home for many years. Also thanks you for the Gift Certificate. I will use it for more music. Thank you, too for the friendship we have had in the 19 years that I have played your wonderful organ.

God be with you.

Sincerely Marilyn Koeberl

Atwater Historical Society in now open.

Come on in and take a look around and learn about Atwater's history. Hours are Tuesday thru Friday noon to 4pm.

Walking & Exercise Program

Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. At the Atwater Community Center.

8 am—8:40 am Walking

8:40 am—9:30 am Exercise

Everyone Welcome

Hope Lutheran Church of Sunburg invites everybody to their Ice Cream Social and Supper on August 15th. Supper will be served 5-6:30 pm. Supper will consist of BBQ's, beans, chips, and a variety of homemade pies to choose from with Ice Cream. The Cross Creek Bluegrass Band will be entertaining in the Sanctuary at 6:45 pm.



Uffda Day update. I applied for an advertising grant from KWLM and West Central Sanitation. I am pleased to report that we received \$1700.00 worth of advertising from them. Uffda Day will be the Community Spotlight during the month of October on 106.5 "The Train".

Our theme this year is the "Snowman". The white snow stands for the purity of souls filled with God's grace. The circular snowballs represent God's everlasting love. The pieces of coal used to make the eyes, mouth and buttons symbolize God's almighty power. The carrot nose reminds us that God gives us everything we need to live and grow. The scarf suggests the warmth of God's tender care. The top hat reminds us always to keep faith our top priority. The twig arms outstretched to us, as God's always are. Also if you have any projects done and want to place them in the Uffda room, please do so. Thanks to all who help make this day a success.

Jennifer Slinden

The Youth, Parish Ed, and the Worship Committees will be meeting on Sunday August 1st after the worship service. To discuss time of worship and time of Sunday school and Confirmation.

August

*Stop and consider
God's wonders.*

Job 37:14

