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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:

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Thanks, Jennifer Slinden, Secretary

Remember Our Homebound

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

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Ruth Brown, Rice Care Center, 1801 Willmar Ave W, Willmar, MN 56201

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

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



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From the Pastor's Desk

Men's Bible Study

Beginning the 1st Thursday in February (2-2-12) at 7:30 a.m. the Men's Thursday morning Bible study will resume in the "Chat Shack" at Peaceful Thymes new location. If you have not been a part of this group study, this would be a good times to begin.

Confirmation Instruction

Because of the way we now have confirmation instruction structured the students will not be taking a break for the Lenten season. The students who have been meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., will be either meeting on **Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** just during the Lenten season or on Sunday morning.

Lenten Season Services *God's Gift of Forgiveness*

February 22 Ash Wednesday@ Bethlehem

Psalm 6 -"Save Me Because of Your Unfailing Love"
Catechism: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

Readings: Joel 2:12-19; 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 29 Mid-Week 1@ Immanuel

Psalm 32-"Hiding from God or Hiding in God?"
Catechism: What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written?

Readings: Mark 14:1-11

March 07 Mid-Week 2@ Bethlehem

Psalm 38 "Make Haste to Help Me"
Catechism: What do you believe according to these words?

Readings: Mark 14:12-31

March 14 Mid-Week 3@ Immanuel

Psalm 51 "Against You and For Me"
Catechism: What is confession?

Readings: Mark 14:32-52

March 21 Mid-Week 4@ Bethlehem

Psalm 102 "But You, O Lord, Are Enthroned Forever"

Catechism: What sins should we confess?

Readings: Mark 14:53-72

March 28 Mid-Week 5@ Immanuel

Psalm 143 "Teach Me to Do Your Will, For You Are My God"

Catechism: Which [sins] are these?

Readings: Mark 15:1-41

April 05 Maundy Thursday@ Bethlehem

Psalm 116 "Delivered"

Catechism: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

Readings: Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Cor.11:23-32; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 06 Good Friday@ Immanuel

Psalm 130 "Divine Forgetfulness"

Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18-John 19:31-42

Lent is a journey that begins on Ash Wednesday. We journey with our Lord to the cross and deal with the forgiveness of our sins. Each week we will hear a portion of the reading from the Passion story of our Lord. We will also reflect on our Lord's death and what that means for sinners like us.

Lent in the Church has two focuses: First, it is a time of reflection on Christ's Passion and death. Second, it is a time of learning and spiritual renewal through the Word of God. In the Early Church it was during Lent that those preparing for Baptism received their final instructions in the faith before being baptized.

Our guide for the first part of our journey with Jesus in the Word is King David, specifically David's Psalms. We will hear from him several times in the weeks ahead.

Come and join us on our journey together with Jesus. There will be a meal and fellowship before worship during each of the weeks except for Good Friday.

Meal time: 5:30 p.m. - Worship: 7:00 p.m.

"So let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another," Hebrews 10:24-25



February Birthdays

1. Tim Wallace
Micah Peterson
3. Isaiah Renne
4. Sean Buer
Jonathan Slinden
Cheryl Lamecker
Jaden Amdahl
Mina Paquette
Eli Paquette
6. Carol Slinden
Danny Buer
Elijah Slinden
Austin Mueller
7. Brian Roiland
Liane Webb
9. Brenda Knacke
11. Jeana Denton
14. Kathleen Wallace
15. Karen Thompson
16. Cindy Peterson
17. Ruth Brown
Hannah Sauter
Josh Berg
Grady, Grahn
20. Mary Schmidt
21. Ann Peterson
23. Brody Larson
24. Casey Gipaya
Conor Reed
25. Jade Bierwerth
26. Jennifer Amdahl
27. Bev Slinden
Cheryl Miller
28. Marge Rierson

February Anniversaries

15. Eric & DeLisa Grahn
20. Josh & Janine Berg

Volunteers for February

Ushers: Jason & Melissa Denton Family
Sally Belgum-Blad & Family

Altar Care: VaLoris Anderson
Sandy Dorn

Deacon: Jon Erickson

Lectors: February 5 Jon Erickson
February 12 David Johnson
February 19 Sarah Blom
February 26 Stacey Larson

Acolyte: February 5 Logan Anderson
February 12 Morgan Erickson
February 19 Anna Knacke
February 26 Jake Mueller

Offering Counter Helper:

February 5
February 12
February 19
February 26

Coffee Servers:

February 5 Jennifer Slinden
February 12 Linda & Orville
February 19
February 26 Sunday School



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Quilting 9am 6:30 pm Alternate Confirmation Time	2 Men's Bible Study 7:30 am @ Peaceful Thymes	3	4
5 5 th Sunday after Epiphany (Green) 8:30 am Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship w/communion Cub Scouts 6 pm	6	7	8 Quilting 9am 6:30 pm Alternate Confirmation Time 7 pm Committee Mtg. 8pm Council	9 Men's Bible Study 7:30 am @ Peaceful Thymes	10	11
12 6 th Sunday after Epiphany (Green) 8:30 am Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship	13 9:30 am Naomi-Sarah-Rachel Circle Monday Matinee @ 1:30 pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Quilting 9am 6:30 pm Alternate Confirmation Time	16 Men's Bible Study 7:30 am @ Peaceful Thymes	17	18
19 Transfiguration of Our Lord/ (White) 8:30 am Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship Boxing Grab Bags after Worship	20 6:30 pm Alternate Confirmation Time Newsletter Deadline	21	22 Ash Wednesday 5:30 Soup & Sandwich meal @ Bethlehem Service @ 7 pm Quilting 9am	23 Men's Bible Study 7:30 am @ Peaceful Thymes	24	25
26 1 st Sunday of Lent (Purple) 8:30 am Sunday School/Confirmation/Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship w/communion WOB Supper 5:30 pm	27 6:30 pm Alternate Confirmation Time	28	29 Lenten Service @ Immanuel. Meal @ 5:30 Service @ 7 pm Quilting 9am			

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
December 14, 2011

Present: Jerry Ness, Marge Rierson, Pastor Fischer Julie Woltjer, Phil Slinden, Keith Detlefsen, Tim Wallace, Andy Slinden, Janine Berg, Jon Erickson, Ryan Lee, Lori Carnes

Absent: John Cunningham

The meeting was called to order. Pastor led the council in devotions.

A motion was made to accept the agenda. Motion seconded and approved.

Pastor's Report. Pastor reviewed his report with the council.

Secretary's report was approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports were approved as presented and placed on file subject to audit

Deacons. No meeting

Parish Ed. Council members will hand out candy canes at the Sunday School Christmas program.

Worship. Judy Stark will fill in for Shirley Capistrant after Shirley broke her wrist.

Trustees. The problem with the downspouts still needs to be addressed. The shingles on the south entry have slipped down.

Stewardship. No meeting

Endowment. \$1200 was approved for mission support. The committee may contribute funds to the Lipsit project if needed.

Youth. No meeting

Old Business:

Lipsit property. House is torn down, hauled out, and leveled off. Discussion of expenses. Jerry will visit Lorraine Lipsit at Rice Care and thank her for giving the property to the church.

Carpet cleaning. Stanley Steamer will clean the basement and front entry carpets on Monday, December 19 at 7:30 am.

Proposed Financial Plan for Ministry in 2012. The council reviewed the plan. A motion was made to approve the plan. Motion seconded and approved subject to approval by the congregation at the annual meeting.

New Business:

The council will serve coffee after the Sunday School Christmas program on Sunday, December 18. Jerry will pick up the candy canes to be given out after the program.

The annual meeting will be January 22.

There was discussion of the rugs by the north and south entrances of the church. No action was taken.

Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded and approved. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marge Rierson
Council Secretary

Greetings from the Minnesota Wild!

I wanted to invite your church, congregation, families and their friends to the 2nd Annual Lutheran Night with the Minnesota Wild! Tickets are specially discounted for the Lutheran game on Tuesday, February 28th vs Los Angeles. Let me know if any questions or for orders of 10 or more feel free to email or call me directly. Tickets are limited. Please forward this email to others like youth groups, committees, etc, and help spread the word about Lutheran Night.

Thank You and Best Wishes,


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Dear Friends, As we embark on a new year full of hope, it's comforting to know we can count on friends like you. Here at the Salvation Army, we are guided by the belief that if someone comes to us for help— all they need to do is ask—and where possible, help will be provided. Because of your generosity, we can continue to offer the kind of help that means the most to those who need it. May God's blessings be with you and your loved ones, now and throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,
Captain Deborah Jolly
Corps Officer

Annual reports are in the church office. If you have not received one please stop by and pick one up.

Peaceful Thymes has reopened for business!! Stop by and support the expanded store.



Just for KIDS

Mark 12:30-31
Change some of the letters below to find the words in these important verses.

Change:	C's to L	J's to A	K's to O	Z's to H
	Q's to T	P's to R	X's to E	

(The other letters stay the same.)

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 C K V X Q Z X C K P D Y K U P
 G K D W I Q Z J C C Y K U P
 Z X J P Q J N D W I Q Z J C C
 Y K U P S K U C J N D W I Q Z
 J C C Y K U P M I N D J N D
 W I Q Z J C C Y K U P
 S Q P X N G Q Z . . . C K V X
 Y K U P N X I G Z B K P
 A S Y K U P S X C F .
 "

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength ... Love your neighbor as yourself."

Around the Community

Women of Bethlehem, The Lakeland Conference WELCA Green Lake Bible Camp Winter Retreat will be held on February 20th with registration and coffee beginning at 9 am. The speakers will be Bryant Kaden and Carrie Van Epps. There will be a skit with music by Marla Adrian. The cost is \$10 and you should get your registration to Darlene Buer by February 10th.

A special Thank you, Our world has grown so busy that it's becoming rare to find someone who takes the time to show how much they care. Thanks for everything you do, for always being there. Thanks you for the beautiful Poinsettia that I received at Christmas.
Ruth Brown

Atwater Lion's Waffle feed will be held on Sunday February 5th from 9am to 1 pm at the Atwater Community Center. Adults \$6.50 Children under 5 free. Come and enjoy yummy waffles. Proceeds benefit the "Cash for Kids" Scholarship program, which provides scholarships for ACGC preschool students. Your support is appreciated.

Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie, the Block Nurse Program Presents the "Annual President's Day" Pie & Ice Cream event on Monday February 20th from 1-4 pm. At the Atwater Community Center. All proceeds go towards the Atwater Living at Home Block Nurse Program. Everyone is invited.

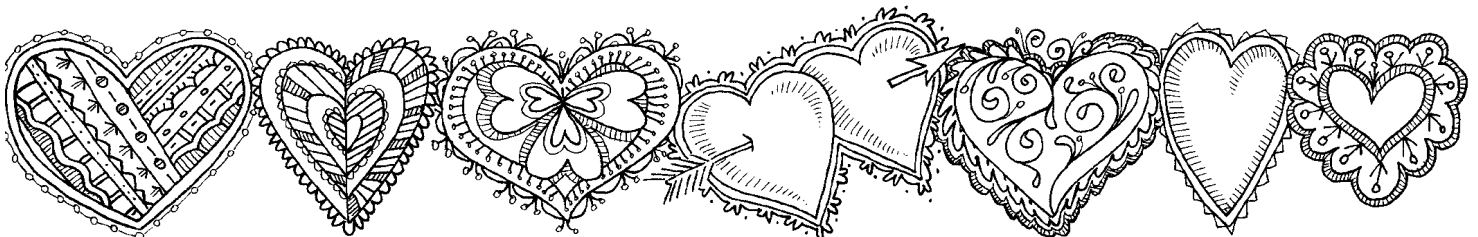
Beer, Wine & Pasta! The Atwater Chamber presents a beer, wine and pasta night at the Atwater Community Center. Come try various wines and enjoy a pasta meal. Saturday, February 18th at 5 pm. Cost is \$20 per person. Tickets can be picked up at Peaceful Thymes or from any Chamber Member.

The February 13th movie presented by the Atwater Living At Home Block Nurse Program starting at 1:30 pm will be **THE HELP**. In 1960, Jackson, Miss., aspiring writer Eugenia Philan crosses taboo racial lines by conversing with Aibileen Clark about her life as a housekeeper, and their ensuing friendship upsets the fragile dynamic between the haves and the have-nots. When other long-silent black servants begin opening up to Eugenia, the disapproving conservative Southern town soon gets swept up in the turbulence of changing times. **THE HELP** is a timeless, universal and triumphant story about the ability to create change. Join us for coffee, treats, comfortable seating and a fun afternoon. Bring your elderly neighbor alone to give them a time of socialization. See you at the movies.

Greif Education and Support Group will be meeting on February 6th—March 12, 2012. (6 consecutive Mondays) At the Home Care/Hospice Conference room, 218 N. Holcombe Ave., Litchfield, at 5 pm. For more information or to pre-register call Judy Loecken, Hospice Social Worker at 320-693-7367. There is no charge to participate in this group.

Atwater area Blood Drive will be held on Thursday February 2nd at the Atwater Community Center. Please stop by and give.

Grab Bag boxing for Uffda Day will be held after the Worship service on February 19th. Please bring all available boxes at any time before then to the Uffda room.



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The
Groundhog
Says...



All Women of Bethlehem Lutheran Church are invited to a supper on February 26th at 5:30 pm. Come get to know the ladies of the church over a meal. If you need a ride to this event please call the church and leave a message. We will make arrangements to pick you up and call you with the details. The two doors closest to the parking lot will be unlocked for you to get into the church. Meal will be in the basement. Please call Jennifer at 295-6195 to R.S.V.P if you will be attending.

Meal and a good time provided !

