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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.

**Worship Service  
Broadcast Time**

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

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**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](mailto:blc312@gmail.com)**

Thanks, Jennifer Slinden, Secretary

**Remember Our Homebound**

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

**Bernice Slinden**, Bethesda Heritage – Room 227, 1012 East 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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Sundays, 11:30 a.m. on KDUZ, 1260 AM

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

## From the Pastor's Desk

*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Summer time is usually a time of relaxation, leaner schedules and less stress. Well it is for some folk. This summer is going to be an exception. As a congregation, we will be addressing a number of current issues: 1) a special congregational meeting on July 11 to consider the repair and restoration of the pews; 2) a possible scheduling change for confirmation instruction and worship; 3) a possible reworking of the Sunday School and the confirmation program; 4) and an experiment with multi-media worship.

Now if you are reading this and are among those who take a vacation from worship during the summer, well let's just say things may look a little or a lot different by this fall. The discussion of, and the implementation of any of these possible changes will go much more smoothly if more voices and ideas are involved. There will be an ongoing Adult Forum after worship all summer long to consider these and other issues. See you there!

### Thank You!

For those who weren't at worship June 13, we said, "Good Bye" to our organist, of nineteen year, Marilyn Koeberl. Marilyn has accepted a full time position at St. Paul's Lutheran in Hector, her home congregation. We are grateful for Marilyn's gift of ministry and service to us. We wish her well in her new place of ministry and service.

### Welcome!

Shirley Capistrant is not a stranger to us. She has played part time for worship, funerals, Sunday School programs and wedding for several years. She will become our new organist and music person. Please welcome and encourage her in her new position of ministry and service.

## Music Talent Development

Music is an important part of our worship time. Each of us likes to hear the children and adult choirs sing. It is the hope of the Worship Committee to develop more of the musical talent that we have in the congregation. This includes singing and instrumental talent. I know it is difficult for many in the congregation to volunteer for anything but if you do have any type of musical talent or gift, please consider making these gifts and talents available and known. The use of your gifts and talents will be both a blessing to you and to the congregation.

## A Word Concerning Financial Stewardship

At the end of each summer the finances of the congregation get rather lean. There are two reasons for this and it's not because the members of Bethlehem are not generous givers. The first reason is lower attendance numbers. Many have come to believe that just because they are not in worship during the summer the congregation doesn't need funds to operate. Certainly, we don't need as many dollars, but bills still come due and dollars are still needed in preparation for the new program year. The second reason centers on the first. Some have come to believe that their financial gifts on Sunday morning act like a "cover charge" for attendance at worship rather than being a gift of gratitude for God's many blessings. In your monthly offering envelop mailing there is a mail-in envelop provided for your financial gift if you are unable to attend Sunday morning. Many members of the congregation use this mail-in envelop during the month.

*"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*

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
May 12, 2010

Present: Janine Berg, Ryan Lee, Dr. Larry Slinden, Lori Carnes, Darren Amdahl, Grant Fischer, Jerome Ness, Marge Rierson, Julie Woltjer, Keith Detlefsem, John Larson  
Absent: Terry Miller, Phil Slinden

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

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

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

Deacons. No meeting.

Parish Ed. No meeting. VBS registration ends May 16.

Worship Committee. No meeting.

Trustees. Lights were fixed. Bryan Hovey fixed the vent on the north bathroom. Many of the pews are in a state of disrepair. Many ideas about repair have been talked about. Trustees will look for someone to repair them. Jerry will call the person who sprayed for bugs in the church basement last year to do it again this year.

Stewardship. No meeting. The last Sunday of May needs to be covered for coffee serving.

Endowment. No meeting.

Youth. No meeting.

Old Business.

No old business.

New Business

Atwater Festival Days Committee has requested the community churches to serve a breakfast on Saturday morning, June 19, of Festival Days from 7:30 to 9:00 am before the car show starts downtown. The Stewardship committee will arrange for workers etc. contingent on if the other churches in the community decide to participate in this project.

There was a discussion of how to do the Confirmation program with the new 4 day school schedule that will be starting this fall. It was decided that Parish Ed., the confirmation parents, etc. need to meet and discuss different options.

There was a request from the quilting ladies to use an empty Sunday School room for storage. This matter needs to be discussed with Parish Ed. This matter was tabled to the next meeting.

There will be a joint worship service with Immanuel at Bethlehem on Sunday, June 13 at the end of VBS.

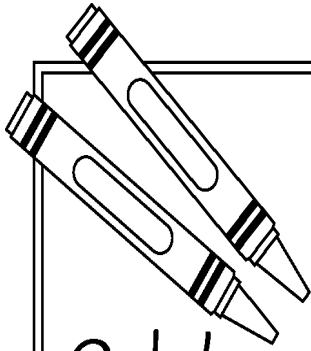
Sunday services will be held at 9:00 am starting June 6.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Rierson  
Council Secretary





# Just for **KIDS**

## Celebrate Your Citizenship!

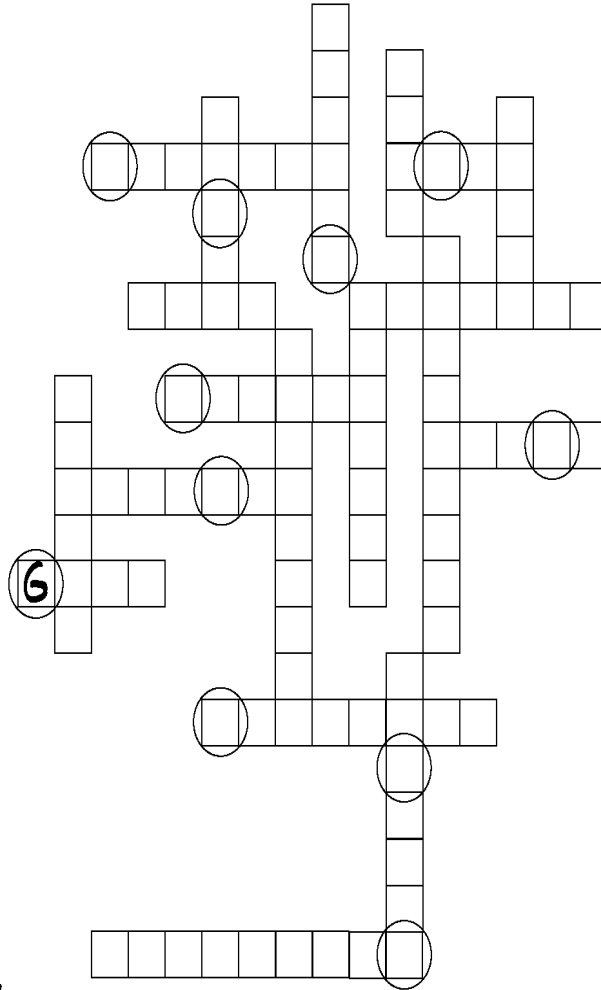
When we look at a globe or map, we see many different cities and countries. We are citizens of the place where we live. But we also hold another citizenship! Where?

Fit the names of these Bible-time places in the puzzle.

Write the circled letters on the lines below, in the order found.

Read the words!

- Tyre
- Canan
- Rome
- Gaza
- Sidon
- Berea
- Lycia
- Athens
- Kedesh
- Sychar
- Galilee
- Ephraim
- Ephesus
- Corinth
- Iconium
- Damascus
- Bethlehem
- Phillippi
- Jerusalem



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## Make Egyptian Paper Beads

The people of Egypt have been making beads for 5,000 years!

### You will need:

- Brightly colored magazine pages
- Yarn
- Metal washers, buttons or macaroni (optional)
- Paintbrush handle
- Glue
- Scissors

### How to make:

1. Cut magazine pages into 1" strips.
2. Spread glue on each strip. Lay the paintbrush handle at the end of the strip. Roll it up around the handle.
3. Pull the brush handle out. Let beads dry.
4. When dry, string beads on yarn. Add metal washers, buttons or macaroni if you'd like.





# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## July Birthdays

1. Julene Johnson
2. Sandy Dorn
4. Travis Johnson  
Alice Houck  
Payton Kinzler
6. Zachary Cunningham
7. Julie Power  
Keith Detlefsen
8. Christine Oldakowski-Schmid
9. Craig Hanson  
ReNae Olson  
Kim Lee
10. Landon Blom  
Amy Schmidt
13. Taylor Hoekstra
16. Charles Cunningham
19. Ashley Slinden
22. Kenlie Blom
24. Rose Houck
25. Megan Daun
27. Sandy Amdahl
29. Phyllis Anderson  
Jerry Ness
30. Scott Nelson
31. Becky Carlson

## July Anniversaries

1. Barry & Sandy Evans
18. Charles & Jackie Cunningham
29. Sandi & Gary Hentges

## July Volunteers

**Ushers:** Dr. Larry Slinden  
Philip Slinden  
Donald Amdahl

**Altar Care:** Carol Slinden  
Bev Slinden

**Deacon:** Larry Slinden

**Lectors:** July 4 Julie Woltjer  
July 11 Kim Lee  
July 18 Elizabeth Cunningham  
July 25 John Larson

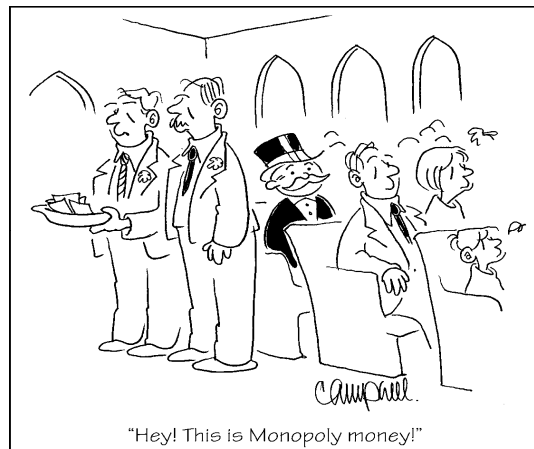
**Acolytes:** July 4  
July 11 Brody Larson  
July 18 Bailey Erickson  
July 25 David Kinzler

**Greeter:** Julie Woltjer for the whole month

**Coffee Servers:** July 4 Philip & Jennifer  
July 11  
July 18  
July 25

**Offering Counter Helper:**  
Philip Slinden the whole month

As of June 20th, 2010 we had total offerings of \$55,997.24 and have budgeted \$63,093.75.



# JULY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tue.	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
Walking @ Comm. Center 8am M, W, Th, F Yoga & Pilates @ Comm. Center 8:40 am M, W, Th., F. Let's play cards @ Thompsons Bakery 1:30 M. & W.				7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme Pr. Grant		
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Independence Day 9:00 am Worship w/communion Adult Forum after Worship				7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme Pr. Joe		
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:00 am Worship <b>Special Congregational Mtg. following Worship</b>	Movie Matinee "Snowball Express" 1:30 @ Bethlehem		7pm Committee Mtgs. 8 pm Council	7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme Pr. Dan		
8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:00 am Worship Adult Forum after Worship	Legion Meeting 8 am @ Thompson's Bakery		Newsletter Dead-line	7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme Pr. Grant		
9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship w/communion Adult Forum after Worship				7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme Pr. Joe	Wedding @ Peaceful Thymes	

## Around the Community

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**26th Annual Quilt Auction** at Green Lake Bible Camp. Saturday July 24, 2010. Quilt Auction begins at 11:30 am. Also a crafts & country store, silent auction, Hog roast on Saturday from 10:45-1pm, BBQ supper on Friday, Antique boat show, homemade lefse on Friday. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event call Jackie Grothe at 320-796-2181.

### 2010 Atwater Area Living at Home Block Nurse Program Charity Golf Event

Monday, July 12, 2010 at Island Pine Golf Course in Atwater. 4 person scramble: 18 holes of golf, golf cart, dinner and prizes. 12-12:45 registration, 1 pm start. Island Pines will put teams together— so come with a friend, or come alone! All ages welcome. Come golf with us and have a good time.

**Fresh Flowers** are always nice to have for the altar. If you have flowers in your garden you are willing to share please call Barb 974-3077 or Jackie 974-3356 and someone will pick them up and arrange them.



# 4<sup>th</sup> of July

## Garage & Bake Sale for Humanity

*Fundraiser to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota.*

*Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> & Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am-2pm*

*At the Habitat for Humanity office  
4078 N Hwy 71 Willmar, MN*

*If you have questions, call 320-231-2704*

Habitat for Humanity is in need of all those items in your closets, basement, and garage that you no longer need or want.

Donations of "**HIGH QUALITY!**" items to sell at the sale are needed. Drop off of items at the office building.

**We are interested in the following** items in clean, excellent, and reusable condition:

- Sporting goods
- Antiques
- Power and/or hand tools
- Fishing equipment
- Lawn & Garden tools and equipment
- Cameras
- Arts & Crafts items
- Books, Toys, Games, baby items (no car seats)
- Furniture: desks, mirrors, beds, chairs, tables, sofas, dining sets, etc
- Household: small appliances, dishes, pans, etc, Fridges, Freezers, Dishwashers, Stoves, etc (less than 10 years old)
- Washers & Dryers (less than 10 years old)
- Bicycles
- New building supplies (no odds and ends)
- Green Treated or New Lumber
- Plumbing and Electrical supplies
- Clothing, Linens, home décor, etc

\*\*Please be advised we reserve the right to refuse any items.

**If you don't have items to donate, you may still help by considering the following:**

- Pray for the success of this ministry
- Come to the sale and buy items
- Make cash donations to HFHWCM
- Volunteer to help with a Habitat project

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The people walking  
in darkness have  
seen a great light ....

Isaiah 9:2