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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

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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)

For many the word "new" isn't always well received. No, we like new cars, new clothes, new ..., but when it comes to new ideas, new schedules, new songs, new...well that's a whole different subject. Yet without the possibility of "new" there can be no "new possibility".

To be honest I'm not a fan of "new" just for the sake of "new". Yet I also understand that in order to be a living and breathing witness to Jesus Christ, it is necessary for us to entertain and accept "new" ideas, schedules, and opportunities on behalf of our mission as Christians. So the following are a few of the new things that are presenting themselves for our consideration:

1) With the "new" 4 day school week for 2010-11, we have an opportunity to reevaluate our confirmation schedule. Will confirmation instruction continue on Wednesdays or should it be moved to another day and time? Will confirmation instruction continue to be a 3 year program or should the program be modified? What "new" opportunities will we find in this discussion?

2) Depending on what is concluded from the above conversation we may need to ask, "Will Sunday worship continue to be held at 10:00 a.m.? What "new" opportunities will be present in what we chose?"

3) If the Sunday worship time changes when will Sunday School classes be held and what about the music for the student? What "new" opportunities will be available to us if things do change?

While any discussion of "new" may be upsetting to some, myself included, I think in the end our discussion is going to have a positive impact on our shared ministry, if we buy into the premise that God continually calls us into a new way of being, into a new way of doing what we are called to do and be, "witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ where we have been planted."

Oh, one other "new" thing, we will begin an Adult Forum the third Sunday in June (**June 20th**) after morning worship. We will begin a study that will lead to the development of positive statements about what we, as a congregation believe about: marriage, family, call to ministry, welcome, etc. This is what we pledged ourselves to do at our annual meeting in January in regards to actions of the ELCA 2009 Churchwide Assembly. The year is half gone and no work has started on this task. This may well be the biggest "new" we do this year, instead of defining what we are against, we will define what we are for in Jesus name.

"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



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
April 14, 2010

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

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

Pastor led devotions using the DVD "I Am the ELCA". 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. VBS registration ongoing.

Worship Committee. No meeting this month and the music is set through May 23.

Trustees. Phil talked to Mark Olson about replacing the vent on the north side of the building. Some of the pews need repair and the sign board light needs a new ballast.

Stewardship. The committee met and they are trying to get more people involved in serving coffee.

Endowment. They met and reviewed the scholarship applications. Approved a request from Bernice Slinden to up the scholarships from \$250 to \$300.

Youth. No meeting. The youth met for a Sunday afternoon movie and pizza party.

Old Business

Funeral Policy. There was some discussion. A motion was made to add recommended guidelines, music will be appropriate, and the list is not an exhaustive list of music or readings but only a guide. Motion seconded and approved.

New Business

There was a discussion of the Internal Controls Best Practices handout. Also, the question of Liability Declaration for people hired for snow removal, etc. was discussed. The church has liability coverage.

With the school system possibly going to a 4-day week, there was discussion of the confirmation meeting date. There would still be no games on Wednesdays if this system is adopted.

Bethlehem will not advertise service times in the West Central Tribune Summer Fun Book. Cost is \$90 to \$150 per ad.

The deacons will work on a Declaration of Intent Policy concerning the decision made by the ELCA regarding gay pastors.

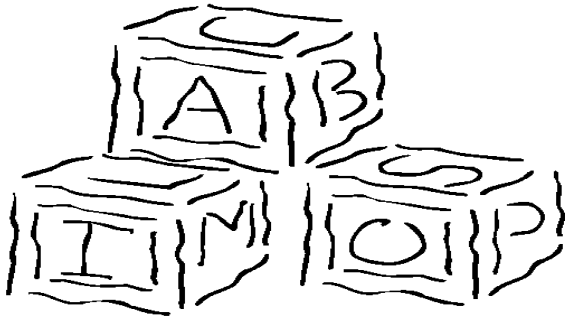
Discussion moved to the Synod Assembly Offering. This offering goes to Mission Partners such as Lutheran Campus Ministry, Lutheran Social Service, Seminary, etc. A motion was made and seconded to send \$100 to the Synod Assembly as an offering from Bethlehem. Motion approved. The service is no longer being taped. Someone needs to be responsible for this job. A three year Lectionary and study guide can be put on the Bethlehem website. There are other study resources available on the website plus a photo gallery.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Rierson
Council Secretary



Play an **A-B-C** Game



*Number of players:
1 to ?*

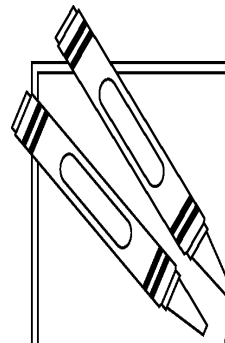
Equipment: none!

As you travel by car or train or bus look out of the window. The object is to find all the letters of the alphabet in order, starting with A.



Find them on signs, license plates, trucks, anywhere! The first player to find them all wins. Or work together just for fun!

Another ABC game to play is to find things that begin with each letter. Find things created by God or made by people through God's guiding hands!



"We Remember Parents"

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verses given for help.

Joash (2 Kings 11:2)	A	-----
Obed (Matthew 1:5)	B	-----
Joseph (Genesis 35:22-24)	C	-----
John-the disciple (Matthew 4:21)	D	-----
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	E	-----
	F	-----
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)	G	-----
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)	H	-----
Esau (Genesis 25:28)	I	-----
David (1 Samuel 16:19)	J	-----
Jacob (Genesis 25:28)	K	-----
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	L	-----
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	M	-----
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	N	-----
Jesse (Matthew 1:5)	O	-----
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	P	-----
	Q	-----
Joseph (Genesis 35:23-24)	R	-----
Isaac (Genesis 21:3)	S	-----
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) ...	T	-----
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)	U	-----
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)	V	-----
	W	-----
	X	-----
Jesus (Matthew 1:18)	Y	-----
James (Matthew 4:21)	Z	-----



June Birthdays

2. Ardell Thompson
Bradley Detlefsen
3. Mitchell Benson
4. Kevin Thompson
Aaron Kinzler
Mickey Peterson
5. John Cunningham
Evie Johnson
Arelene Slinden
7. Deb Blasing
9. Jordyn Copeland
10. Jamie Gort
12. John Larson
Jason Slinden
13. Owen Flemmer
14. Estelle Pickle
Darlene Jacobs
16. Steven Lamecker
Benjemen Lozano
Tyler Berg
17. Marisa Smith
18. Roger Benson
Diana Fischer
19. Jason Denton
Andy Peterson
20. Mary Rungee
21. Mary Larson
Lorna Thorp
Karina Kinzler
22. Ricky Shea
23. Geri Ness
Lois Rouser
Morgan Erickson
24. Darren Amdahl
26. Hazel Nielson
Al Roiland
27. Cole Blasing
28. Mark Pregler
30. Todd Anderson
Melissa Stafford

June Anniversaries

2. John & Lois Rouser
7. Grant & Karen Fischer
Sarah & Travis Weseman
8. John & Joan Larson

June Anniversaries

(continued)

17. Darren & Jennifer Amdahl
18. Dr. Larry & Bev Slinden
19. Keith & Margaret Thompson
21. George & Sue Larson
23. Dallas & Carol Ringler
Donald & Mickey Peterson
24. Leland & Iila Nelson
Martin & Nettie Buer
26. David & Kathy Johnson
Dr. Ken & Deb Blasing
29. Paige & Kevin Danielson
30. Brad & Cindy Peterson

June Volunteers

Ushers: Kevin Christoffers
Jerome Anderson
Danny Buer

Altar Care: Kathy Nelson
Donna Detlefsen

Deacon: Lori Carnes

Lectors: June 6 Terry Miller
June 13 Jennifer Slinden
June 20 John Larson
June 27 Jerry Ness

Acolytes: June 6 Michael Larson
June 13 Jaden Amdahl
June 20 Tori Hayunga
June 27 Emily Kaiser

Greeter: Darlene Buer the whole month

Coffee Servers: June 6 Karen Fischer
June 13 VBS Joint
June 20
June 27

Offering Counter Helper:

June 6 Jerry Ness
June 13 Janine Berg
June 20 Jerry Ness
June 27 Lori Carnes

JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tues.	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme	4	5
6 2nd Sunday after Pen- tecost (Green) 9:00 am Worship w/communion VBS 5:20 pm	7 VBS 5:20 pm	8 VBS 5:20 pm	9 7pm Committee Mtgs. 8 pm Council VBS 5:20 pm	10 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme VBS 5:20 pm Program 7:45 pm	11	12
13 3rd Sunday after Pen- tecost (Green) 9:00 am Worship	14 Flag Day	15	16	17 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme	18	19
20 4th Sunday after Pen- tecost (Green) Father's Day Summer Begins 9:00 am Worship	21 Summer Begins American Legion Meeting 8 am @ Thompson's Bakery	22	23	24 7:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Peaceful Thyme	25	26
27 5th Sunday after Pen- tecost (Green) 9:00 am Worship w/communion	28	29	30 Blood Drive 1-7pm Atwater Community Center			

Around the Community

Atwater Area Blood Drive will be held on June 30th, 2010. Bethlehem Lutheran will be sponsoring this event. Please watch the entry for the sign up sheets. We are in need of many volunteers to work before, during and after the blood drive. Blood Drive will be from 1-7 pm. Any questions please contact Karla Kinzler at 974-3189.

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.

Open House Bridal shower for Morgan Wall bride to be of Mike Litzau will be held on Saturday June 5th, 2010 from 10-12pm. Shower will be at Peace Lutheran Church of Cosmos, 140 Saturn St North, Cosmos. Bring a copy of your favorite recipe to share with Morgan.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Grove City is having an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday June 2, 2010 from 4:30-7 pm. BBQ or Ham Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Pickles, Pie and Ice Cream. Adults \$6 Children, 11 and under \$3, Pie & Ice Cream Only \$3.

Bethlehem Lutheran will host this summer's Vacation Bible School, which starts on Sunday June 6th at 5:20 pm. Sunday night, parents please bring your child to the registration table. Sunday is SNACK ONLY but an evening meal will be served Monday thru Thursday. Vacation Bible School will finish each night at 8:00pm except on Thursday night. Everyone is invited to a **closing program on Thursday, June 10th at 7:45 pm.**

What an awesome God!

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs.

For example: the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days, those of the canary in 14 days, those of the barnyard hen in 21 days, the eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days, those of the mallard in 35 days, the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

The lives of each of you may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if you will entrust Him with your life. If you try to regulate your own life it will only be a mess and a failure. Only the One Who made the brain and the heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end. God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains. Each watermelon has an even number of strips on the rind, each orange has an even number of segments, each ear of corn has an even number of rows, each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains, every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number. The waves of the sea roll in on shore 26 to the minute in all kinds of weather. All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundred fold— all even numbers. Thus the Lord in His wonderful grace can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans and will be fragrant with his presence. Only the God-planned safe life is successful. Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is fulfilled.

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