

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
E19675 State Road 27  
Fall Creek, WI 54742

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**\*\*\*December 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Service is Bethlehem's Children's Christmas Program**

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## KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING

November 5<sup>th</sup> is All Saints Day. A reminder for us that those of our number who have fallen asleep in the Lord are now with the other departed Saints in heaven. We are always to be ready when the Lord of Life calls our number---heaven awaits the faithful.

On Thanksgiving we gather together at Zion this year at 7:30 to say our thanks to God for all He has done for us and especially for sending His Son Jesus to be our one and only Savior from sin, death and the devil. It is also our prayer that God would keep us strong in our faith thru Word and Sacrament so that we do not lose our reward of eternal life.

To this end, we are to be like the 5 wise virgins who had extra oil in their lamps as they waited for the bridegroom to come. This is where the Christian church is right now. We are waiting the return of our Lord Jesus at the end of time when He will take all the faithfully waiting home to heaven.

Problem is-----there are those who think they are Christian but have stopped living the Christian life and therefore are like the 5 foolish virgins who are not faithfully waiting. Their attentions are elsewhere----meaning, church is no longer an important thing in their life. It may have been at one time but no longer. The faith they once professed with others has grown cold. When Jesus comes, they will not be allowed into the wonderful heaven Jesus has for those who love Him and show it.

The message for all of us as we approach the end of the church year is this-----  
**KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING!!!!** A burning lamp indicates a living and active faith in Jesus that all can see. If you are reading this and know that your church attendance is not what it once was and should be---take heart. It is not too late to ask the Good Lord to renew your faith. If you yearn to know for sure that heaven will be your home when you leave this earth, church is the place to be for that assurance.

The Christian must be like a combat soldier who is on guard duty; always alert and wide awake because the enemy(the devil in our case), is always on the attack. To fall asleep on guard duty can be a fatal mistake. Let us not fall asleep in our Christian faith and loose the crown of eternal life God promises to all the faithful.

Jesus says, "I am coming soon and My reward is with Me." Eternal life for the faithfully waiting is the gift God has for you.

Pastor James E. Norton



# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **NOVEMBER 2017 NEWS:**

### **Bethlehem 2017 Fall Fest!**

What a great success! Thank you to each of you for support, donations & hard work. An approximate income following expenses was \$3614.00. Praise God! It is a wonderful time to come together, and enjoyed by many. (FYI prior to expenses \$4500).



**Bethlehem's Choir** – resumes on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Come help us celebrate the Advent Season!  
 Everyone is very welcome.



### **BETHLEHEM LADIES AID:**

Meeting time change – just for November. Our next meeting is at 11:00am on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Several of us enjoyed the Fall Rally at Zion Lutheran Church in Mondovi. The Spring LWML Rally will be at St John's in Durand, on April 17, 2018. We decided to purchase new items for the kitchen. (Not to exceed \$200.)

Linda Pilgrim delivered the 123 Lutheran World Relief quilts and blankets, on October 14<sup>th</sup>.



### **From our Youth Group:**

The next youth group meeting will be the **second Sunday in November**, which is November 12<sup>th</sup>. We would like to personally invite all youth grade 5-12. Please come and strengthen your faith while having fun learning about our wonderful God and being surrounded by fellow believers.



**Sunday Morning Bible Study** - every Sunday @ 9:00am @ Bethlehem. Come join us!

A big thank you to the fellows who removed the trees and helped with clean up. God bless you for all your help!

### **Update to Remodel/Build:**

The building or remodel project for Bethlehem is moving forward with a special voters meeting for October 29<sup>th</sup>, to decide from two options.

Number 1 option is to remodel the narthex area with an addition on north side for new bathrooms.

Option 2 is with remodel of narthex area, addition to north for new bathrooms, and then also adding a carport to the east entrance.

I'd like to thank the committee for their hard work and time to come up with this plan to enhance our church. The council is now looking at the financing of this project.

*Please keep this in your prayers.* All work has been given prayerful consideration, that all will be done to God's glory! Updates will be made and you will be notified in the bulletin. Feel free to contact Dale Noel or Marv Sperber with questions or concerns.

*Marv*



## BETHLEHEM-ZION LUTHERAN Church

### Joint Council Meeting

October 5, 2017

**Pastors Report:** of services, bible studies, confirmation classes, visitations and meetings for the month of September was reviewed.

#### Old Business:

- 1.) Circuit Forum – scheduled October 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at St Peter's in Foster to elect the Circuit Visitor.
- 2.) Facebook Page – had 196 visitors.
- 3.) Pastor Appreciation Month – is October.
- 4.) Reformation Book – still time to sign up for a copy. Order will be placed mid-month.

#### New Business:

- 1.) Board of Director's District Secretary Nomination – deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Marv & Dave will complete and submit the form.
- 2.) Reformation Videos – will be shown on 3 Wednesday nights following the confirmation class. Pastor will determine date and time.
- 3.) Reformation Sunday Service – will be October 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### Adjourn:

- **MOTION** (Steve Davidson/Earl Jaenke) to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

Joan Drehmel, Secretary



## BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Monthly Council Meeting

October 5, 2017

#### Old Business:

- 1.) Pastor's Office Remodel – Marv picked up another bookcase at Shopko on sale. Decision on carpet pending.
- 2.) Pine Tree Removed – Marv Sperber, Mike Pilgrim, Tom Woodford, and Steve Davidson safely took down the tree.
- 3.) Fall Fest – filling positions, set-up Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, more prizes coming in, chicken delivered to Boyd Locker, raffle ticket sales going good.
- 4.) Pastor Appreciation Month – Marv will pick up card & gift certificate to be delivered Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### New Business:

- 1.) Remodel Committee Meeting – scheduled for Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Special Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 12, 2017**

**Call to Order & Roll Call:** 7:00 p.m. There were 12 members present: Marv Sperber, Dennis Anderson, Karon Davidson, Steve Davidson, Dorothy Luedtke, Darleen Noel, Eugene Neumann, Pastor Norton, Sharon Tumm, Sally Weggen, Tom Woodford, Joan Drehmel.

Pastor Norton began the meeting with a prayer.

Marv Sperber explained that the Remodel Committee had 2 proposals to bring to the Council, and would then present to the congregation at a Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

The committee has been working with Wayne Hanson, a contractor from Eau Claire who has experience with church remodeling jobs. The original plan to remodel the narthex would not address the problem of bringing the restrooms up to code.

Option #1: remodel narthex and restroom addition would cost \$95,000-100,000

Option #2: remodel narthex, restroom addition, and carport would cost \$131,000

The carport was designed to be a stand-alone project that could be added at a later date. The prices are an estimate, as the committee will be working with the contractor to iron out possible cost saving measures. Either option would require a test for asbestos of the ceiling tiles. The test would cost \$1,000 – the abatement could cost up to \$10,000. Marv, Eugene, and Dale Noel are working on securing financing through several banks and the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Marv will have a definite answer on the loan before the Special Voters Meeting to know if the project is a go. He will inform the congregation on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> about the options, post a copy of the plans on the divider, and remind everyone to attend the meeting after church on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

- **MOTION** ( Dennis Anderson/Steve Davidson) to present the options to the congregation at a Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, following church services. PASSED, without negative vote.

**Adjourn:**

- **MOTION** (Steve Davidson/Dennis Anderson) to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

Joan Drehmel, Secretary

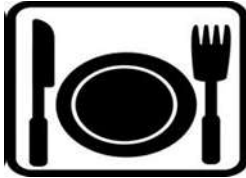
# Zion Lutheran Church



Zion Lutheran Church seeks to preach and teach God's Word to all people of all ages, and to show God's love through our witness, fellowship, and service.

## November 2017 Newsletter

Joint Council Meeting is at Zion, November 2, beginning at 7:00, followed by each congregation's council meetings, and then the Elder's meeting.



*Lunch is served at Zion each Sunday, following the worship service:*

*First Sunday is hosted by the Sunday School. Second Sunday is hosted by the Church Council. Third Sunday is hosted by the Mission Board. Fourth Sunday is hosted by the Ladies Aide and Bible Study. All are invited to join us for good food and fellowship.*



The choir has resumed singing during our worship services. We always welcome anyone who would like to join us.



Our congregation is blessed to have many members who care for our church building and member's needs. These members volunteer their time, talents, and treasures to provide for many things from cleaning, lawn care, and building maintenance, to teaching the children, singing, serving lunches, and counting the offerings, to donating supplies. We are truly grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you.

As we look at the close of the Church Year....we look forward to Advent and the preparations for the celebration of the Christ child. The first Sunday in Advent is November 26.

Be sure to check the Bulletin Board for community events and opportunities.

## Children's Sunday School



WE ARE MISSING THE CHILDREN!!! I am writing out of concern for your children. The reason why we have Sunday school is to give them a good start on the way to heaven. We know you love your children because you feed and clothe them, you give them birthday parties and presents and gifts at Christmas.

However the most important thing you can do for your children is in the spiritual realm; brought to be Baptized and at that time they became a child of God's. All of their sins were forgiven on that day. To maintain this stature as a forgiven child of God one must continue to live as a child of God. This applies to you and your children. If someone gets into a bad rut, meaning Sunday school and church are not a part of your week then it becomes more probable that you may lose the faith God has given you in baptism.

So, your family attendance at church and Sunday school become very important when you consider that your objective is to someday reach your heavenly home.

Every year at Christmas time our Sunday school children tell us the story of the birth of our Savior. Right now, however, we don't seem to have enough children to do that this year. Please consider the importance of Sunday school and church for your family as we approach the end of the church year and the possibility that the Day of Judgment for us all can come at any time. Sunday school and church help to prepare us to meet Jesus and to reach our heavenly home. Your cooperation is essential not only for the Christmas program but also for the saving of souls. How can you know of God's love if you don't attend church and Sunday school? Deb Prill







## **Zion Ladies Aide and Bible Study**

Highlights. We met on October 4. Lunch was followed by a Bible study, based on Colossians 3:1-17, led by Pastor Norton. There were five members in attendance for the meeting. Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The list of duties for the chairperson for funerals was

approved along with the revised call list. We received a donation from John Anderson. We agreed to purchase the resource book, "The Reformation" to be available to any congregation members to read. We will be asking the council to purchase a new candle lighter, before we move on with the new altar cloth.



## **Zion Council Meeting**

### **Highlights October 5, 2017**

President Dave Kiesow called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. There were 7 members in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the September 7, 2017 meeting were read and accepted

**Treasure's Report:** Chris H. presented the treasurer's report. Pre pay was approved to purchase 2000 gal. At \$1.09 per gallon

**Elder's Report:** Average attendance for September was 60 adults, 4 children, and 57 for communion.

**Trustee's Report:** Sweeps for doors have been purchased. We also talked about when the ditches would be dug out. Move parking stoppers for winter. Ladies Aid is making new linens for altar.

**Mission Board:** Meeting at the end of the month. Serving dessert in November at Bethlehem.

**Sunday school Report/Ladies Aid:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Old Business:** Fall Dinner – send Thank You Notes for those who brought in vehicles and tractors. One Voice gave us a Thank You card.

It was mentioned that we would like One Voice to sing more songs when they come to our church. Everyone enjoys listening to them. Maybe come more often. Also mentioned that Sunday school kids need to sing more. This would bring more members into the church.

**New Business:** What should we do with the van? To rent a van \$123.00 a day plus \$17.00 for insurance. Do we sell van or keep it?

**Side Note:** Flowers will be sent from both churches to Pastor for the passing of his Father-In-Law. For Pastor Appreciation, Pastor will receive a bonus check from Zion.

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 8:12 pm

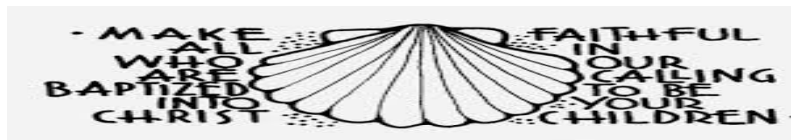
**Happy Anniversary** - "You're a wonderful couple, joined by God above. May your marriage continue in God's love." November 9<sup>th</sup> -Michael & Sally Weggen



**November 2017**

- 11/1 Ryan Hermann, Randy Luedtke, Sylvia Meyer
- 11/3 Dakota Hopkins, Glenda Lyons
- 11/5 Benjamin Stephan
- 11/7 Travis McCann
- 11/8 Vicki Grunewald
- 11/13 Debra Jaenke
- 11/14 Brandon Knuth, Jared Knuth
- 11/15 Dennis Anderson, Patricia Marten
- 11/17 Susan Luedtke
- 11/19 Frank Thill
- 11/21 Darrel Goss, Triston Kiesow
- 11/22 Charles Huth, John Schuknecht
- 11/23 Dale Noel
- 11/24 Elaine Frank, Donna Walmsley
- 11/25 Katie Boyea, Sandra Fye
- 11/26 Hazel Pilgrim
- 11/27 Celeste Glenz, Deborah Peterson, Nathan Pilgrim
- 11/30 Kaitlynn Beighley, Caleb Moss

**BAPTIZED IN NOVEMBER**



- 11/1 Debra Lane, Jacob Pilgrim
- 11/2 Aidan Schmidt
- 11/3 Destiny Glenz, Kendel Noel, John Schuknecht
- 11/5 Daron Weggen
- 11/8 Darlene Noel, Megan Rene, Karen Stensen
- 11/9 Miranda Dekan
- 11/11 Sarah Weltzin
- 11/12 Jane Weggen
- 11/15 Eugene Neumann
- 11/17 Glenda Lyons, Benjamin Stephan
- 11/18 Shawna Streif
- 11/21 Cleo Carpenter
- 11/22 Ryan Hermann

## **From our adopted Seminary Student:**

Friends,

Its finally getting cold here in Missouri! I've been waiting for a while for it to finally feel like fall, but we've had warm weather consistently. It's just in time for our seminary Oktoberfest which is happening this Friday. It's always a good time and a great way to connect with other seminarians and their families.

It also is the end of this first 7 weeks. We now have a "reading week" between the first 7 weeks and the last 7 weeks. This comes with the recent curriculum revision that took place this year. We now have semesters and no longer have quarters. All of the classes have been reworked and retooled. So this reading week has no classes being held. It's meant to allow students to do some projects and reading, but many of the students are going home or other places. I am going to spend a few days here in Saint Louis and finish up some work, and then head back to Wisconsin to visit family. I haven't seen my brothers since last Christmas so I will be taking a stop to visit them, as well as my parents. I am really excited to go back home and to rest for a little bit.

Besides this, I'm in my first preaching class and will be delivering my first sermon not to long from now. We have been doing a little practice delivering portions of our sermons in class and have spent plenty of time preparing sermons.

I've also been getting more involved with my local fieldwork congregation. I will be doing more of the readings on Sunday mornings, and I'm sure I will also be preaching after Christmas as well.

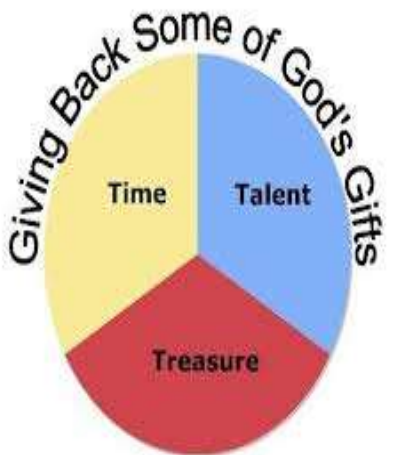
We also have been trying to have fun here as well. We went to several baseball games – before the Cardinals were out. I also have spent a lot of time playing intramurals, soccer, and playing video games with friends on campus.

Other than that, not much has been going on. I hope all is going well with you!

God's blessings!

Kevin Dykstra

...Did you know? You can write (email) our adopted student at: Mr. Kevin J. Dykstra; Campus Post Office Box; 801 Seminary Pl; Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196 or [dykstrak@csl.edu](mailto:dykstrak@csl.edu). These students are required to write to us (letters received are posted on the bulletin board for you to read). In return, Kevin would like to hear from us giving our encouragement with words and prayer. Please consider making this letter (or email) a part of your life. Thank you....



= Stewardship

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**SUNDAY SERVICES:** ZION 9:00, BETHLEHEM 10:30 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** BETHLEHEM 9:00; ZION 10:15

**ELDERS:** BETHLEHEM, Steve Davidson; ZION, Earl Jaenke

**Altar Guild:** Zion -Ted & Pat Biegel; Bethlehem – Steve & Karon Davidson

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|    |  |  | <b>All Saints Day 1</b><br><b>Confirmation 5pm</b><br>Reformation Movie @ Bethlehem @ 6:30pm | <b>Augusta Nursing Home @ 10:30</b><br><b>Council Meetings @ Zion - 7:00p</b>       |  | <b>Daylight Savings 4</b><br><b>Time ends -- turn clocks back 1 hour</b>  |
| <b>All Saints Sunday 5</b><br><b>WORSHIP SERVICES &amp; Sunday School</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>Zion Ladies Aid & Bible Study @ noon                                  | <b>8</b><br><b>Confirmation 5pm</b><br>Reformation Movie @ Bethlehem 6:30pm                  | <b>9</b><br>Bethlehem Ladies Aid @ 11:00  | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>   |
| <b>COMMUNION 12</b><br><b>Armed Forces Sunday</b><br><b>WORSHIP SERVICES &amp; Sunday School</b><br>Dessert Social @ Beth.<br>Youth Group Mtg @6 |  | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b><br><b>Confirmation 5pm</b>   | <b>16</b><br>Bible Study, FC Commons @9:30am<br>Sunday School<br>Teachers Mtg 7:00p | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>   |
| <b>Stewardship Sunday 19</b><br><b>WORSHIP SERVICES &amp; Sunday School</b>  | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b><br><b>Confirmation 5pm</b><br>Thanksgiving Eve @ Zion 7:30pm                       | <b>23</b><br>Thanksgiving Day (no services today)                                   | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br>Web Address:<br><a href="http://www.zion-bethlehem.org">www.zion-bethlehem.org</a>   |
| <b>COMMUNION 26</b><br><b>WORSHIP SERVICES &amp; Sunday School</b><br>Last Sunday of the Church year   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b><br><b>Confirmation 5pm</b>   | <b>30</b>   |   | Parish Email address:<br><a href="mailto:countryc@centurylink.net">countryc@centurylink.net</a><br>Face book address:<br>Zion-Bethlehem Lutheran Church |

