

APRIL 2011

Lent and Holy Week

Midweek Lenten Service

- April 6: Wednesday night
Soup Supper 5:30 PM
Lenten Vespers 6:15 PM—*That You May Have Life* liturgy with guest speaker Carlos Smith from H.O.P.E. Ministry
- April 13: No service due to 9Health Fair

Holy Week Worship Services

- April 17: Palm Sunday
8:00 AM—Palm Sunday celebration
10:15 AM—Passion Sunday celebration with Light of Christ
- April 21: Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM—Holy Communion and foot washing
- April 22: Good Friday 7:00 PM
- April 23: Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 24

- Easter Sunrise Service 5:30 AM
Resurrection of Our Lord 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM
Easter Breakfast 7:00–10:00 AM

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Fred Fanton, President of our Bethlehem Church Council, recently shared with you the council's decision to hire Jasmine Tesdahl. I am very pleased with that decision. I was the one who originally proposed the idea. I think it is a great fit for Bethlehem and I also know that it certainly helps the Tesdahls, who are very important to Bethlehem. A number of good questions were raised at the council meeting regarding this decision. Let me share those questions and the answers that were presented.

1. **Why Jasmine?** Jasmine is a seminary student at Iliff Seminary in Denver. For the last three years we have called seminary students to be our intern pastors. Bethlehem provides a wonderful teaching parish for training these future pastors. And we have certainly benefitted from the gifts that each of those interns brings with them. Jasmine would be following in that tradition. She is a student and a very gifted one. Jasmine has preached a number of times at Bethlehem and her sermons have been very well received. She has also served in many volunteer capacities at the church and has done a good job in each of those positions and tasks.
2. **But won't she be taking over Dawn Reed's position as Education Coordinator?** Yes she will. As you know, Dawn has decided to pursue her college degree. We are sorry to see her go, but we are excited about her future plans. She was working 20 hours per week as our Education Coordinator. Jasmine will take over that position. She brings her



- professional teaching experience as well as her church experience to the position.
3. **But what about the pastoral needs that the intern filled?** Jasmine will also take on some of the pastoral needs at Bethlehem. To start, we are looking at 10 hours per week. That would include preaching once a month, hospital calls, pastoral calls, worship leadership, some teaching, and pastoral counseling as the need arises. She and I would work out that schedule on a weekly basis.
 4. **How can we go from an intern working 40 hours per week to someone working only 10?** As part of the intern program, the intern was expected to be involved in all areas of the ministry at Bethlehem. That will not be an expectation for Jasmine. Her job will be focused on two specific areas of ministry.
 5. **Will that give the pastor enough help?** I think so. Part of my duties with the intern program is to serve as the intern's supervisor. We meet weekly for supervision, but there are also many other conversations along the way. That time will now be freed up for me. Having someone preaching once a month and covering some of the calling and pastoral needs will be a big help.
 6. **Do we have the money? Wasn't the 2011 budget set back in January?** Jasmine will take over Dawn's salary, which is \$14,700. For her 10 hours of pastoral duties per week she will receive \$10,000. We have budgeted \$21,000 for the intern, so that leaves additional monies. That gives the council some

budget flexibility. If I am gone for my Doctor of Ministry program in June, we will need an ordained pastor to celebrate communion on the four Sundays that I am away. If Jasmine's 10 hours of pastoral duties per week are not enough, we can certainly increase that amount.

7. **When would Jasmine start?** Dawn will work through the end of May. The plan is to have Jasmine work with her during May to better understand those job responsibilities. Pastor Kirsten is here through July 17. Jasmine will preach one of the Sundays in June and then begin the pastoral duties once Pastor Kirsten leaves to go back to seminary.
8. **What about the parsonage?** We have offered the parsonage to the Tesdahls as a part of the package. It is to the church's advantage to have someone living in the parsonage, rather than having it sit empty. We would ask them to pay the utilities and to help maintain it (cutting the grass, watering, snow shoveling, etc.). This also works out well for the Tesdahls. It will give them more space and also allow them to be flexible when it is time for them to pursue their careers.
9. **What are their future plans?** As a part of her seminary training, Jasmine will

need to do a "Lutheran year." Iliff is an excellent Methodist seminary. To complete her seminary education, Jasmine needs to do one year at a Lutheran seminary. She hopes to do that at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. She could be at Bethlehem for up to two years before she heads off to Chicago. She also feels called into the military chaplaincy. While she is working at Bethlehem she may need some time away to begin that training as well. Gene is finishing up his doctoral thesis. Once he successfully defends his thesis he will be pursuing teaching jobs.

10. **Will this count as Jasmine's internship?** No. She will still have to do an intern year as a part of her seminary training. But this will certainly give her valuable experience.
11. **What happens after she leaves?** We can consider returning to the intern program; we have certainly been blessed by it. Or we may be able to call a full-time associate pastor by that time.

I liked how one council member described this as a good "evolution" for Bethlehem. Jasmine is a student, so in a way we are continuing the intern program. She is also a "known quantity." We know the gifts and enthusiasm she brings. I am excited about this next step in our ministry. It feels very Spirit-led to me.

Blessings,
Pastor Peterson



INSIGHTS

The Confirmation Mentor Program has begun! We kicked off our season together with a rock climbing adventure at The Spot in Boulder on March 6. A number of our mentor pairs joined the group outing and had a great time getting connected with each other and other mentor pairs.

The Mentor program is about having authentic, available, and affirming adults investing in our youth. These adults will serve as mentors for our confirmands until Easter. Their charge is to pray for their confirmand daily, contact them weekly, and get together with them two or three times per month. Rock climbing

served as a means to start building that relationship; one that involved the Four Keys—Caring Conversation, Ritual and Tradition, Devotion, and Service. Before leaving The Spot, Deaconess Kristen facilitated a Four Key conversation between each pair. So not only were these mentor pairs having fun climbing, they were also encouraging and supporting one another, getting to know each other, and praying together.

Our mentors this spring are Mark Abromski, Ryan Bloemker, Trudy Boaz, Brian Carlson, Audrey Dillan, Patty Fagler, Tom Hofmann, Jenny Kelley, Kristy Moore, Duane Penny, Carrie Pierick, Chuck Still, Eva Summers, Glenn Summers, and (new members) Laura Hoime, Alex Hoime, and Ryan Kragerud.

Thank you to these Triple A adults for investing in our youth!

Peace,

Pastor Kirsten

WORSHIP

Sing? Play Strings?



Both the Bethlehem Choir and the Bethlehem String Ensemble would welcome new members at any time, but especially for Lent and Easter music. If

interested in singing in the choir, contact John Goodman (jpg1943@aol.com or 303-530-3838). If you would like to participate

in the String Ensemble, contact Diane Penny (dcpenny@msn.com).

Easter Lilies

Please help us beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday and make it inviting and welcoming to our many visitors. We will be taking orders for lilies in the narthex between services on April 3 and 10. If desired, you may designate your lily in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost will be \$8 each.

HOUSEHOLD

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 23 at 9:30 AM! The BLC and LOC youth will be providing a super-fun egg hunt for all preschoolers through fifth graders. Come one, come all, and bring your baskets! We will gather in the BLC Narthex.

God's Global Barnyard—Don't forget to keep filling up that barn! This is a great way to help the ELCA World Hunger appeal

and become aware of the little things we can do that make a big difference.

To facilitate counting, please convert your coins into paper money or a check before turning it in.



Middle School

April 10: Mentor–Mentee trip to House for All Sinners and Saints. Meet at Bethlehem at 3:50 PM, and return by 6:30 PM. We'll drive to Denver for worship at 5:00 PM and some conversation with Pr. Nadia Bolz-Weber afterward. We will need drivers for this event since the church van is not available. Please contact Pastor Kirsten if you can drive! Please RSVP to Pastor Kirsten by April 3.

April 17: Mentor–Mentee cemetery tour, Palm Sunday following the second service. Anyone in the congregation who would like to join us is welcome! We will meet in the BLC fellowship hall for a sack lunch (each mentor is responsible for supplying this for themselves and their confirmand). We'll discuss what we plan to do and proceed to our columbarium and then on to the cemetery. This event takes the entire day. Please RSVP to Pastor Kirsten if you plan on attending.

Senior High

April 16: Network Coffee Drop. Leave Church at 5:45 AM, return to BLC about 1:00 PM. This is our quarterly-ish trip down to Denver to hang out and drink coffee with some of the homeless folks there and to provide them with our latest collection of travel-sized toiletries. Come along and make some new friends while being a part of this important ministry!

April 18: Ice Cream Run at 8:00 PM! Drop your homework! Log off Facebook! Grab

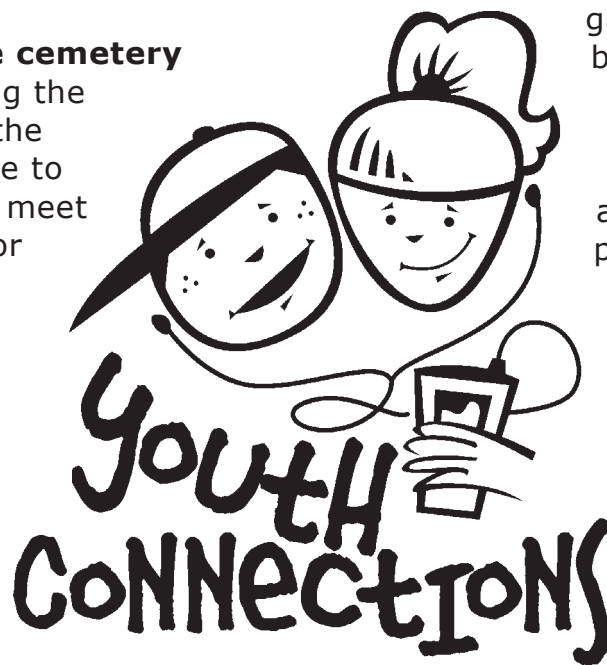
your car keys (or your parents') and meet us at Glacier Ice Cream on north Main Street for some yummy ice cream and fabulous conversation with your BLC friends! Hey, we all need a break once in a while, right?

Middle/Senior High School

Saturday Night April 23: Lock-In! All Middle and High Schoolers—come join us for an entire night of fun, games, worship, and Easter breakfast prep. For those of you who want to earn money in your accounts for future trips, retreats and activities—this is the perfect way to do it! We will do all of our prep and set up in the middle of the night...so come ready to have fun **and** earn some money! *This year we will have a designated, enforced sleeping space for all those who want, need, or are instructed to SLEEP.* Sign up on the bulletin board and let

us know you are going to attend so we can plan appropriately. **Please bring a 9x13 casserole dish to use for the Easter breakfast!**

- 8:00–9:30 PM: OPTIONAL Easter Vigil Worship with Light of Christ
- 9:30–10:00 PM: LOCK IN STARTS. Fun and Games—*Bring gaming systems and games and controllers if you'd like!*
- 10:00 PM–12:30 AM or until we are done: Easter breakfast prep/Communion bread baking/worship planning
- 12:30–5:00 AM: Movies/games/quiet time/sleeping



- 5:00–5:30 AM: Set up worship space
- 5:30 AM: Lead Sunrise worship service/ start cooking for the Easter breakfast (some will help with worship, some will be on kitchen duty)
- 7:00–10:00 AM: Easter breakfast

Camp

Compass Points Backpacking trip for Sr. High is July 31–August 6, and we still have FIVE spots open! Contact Deaconess Kristen if you would like to join the trip and are

not currently registered (cost is \$399). For those of you who are going, we will begin our pre-pack meetings soon. Deaconess Kristen will be coordinating the meetings so

stay tuned to your Facebook, email, and texts for more information. *College students and adults, if you are interested in coming along, please talk to Deaconess Kristen ASAP—there is a place for you!*



EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Learning Hour



World Hunger

Adult Forum:
“Hunger Causes and Hunger Hopes”
Lenten Adult Forums will focus on world hunger.

- **April 3:** “Turning Right Side Up: How Can We Make the World Right?”
- **April 10:** “Learning to Seed: Small Things Can Become Significant”
- **April 17:** We will return to our previous series on World Religions—“A Closer Look at Islam: Controversies and Concerns”
- **April 24:** Easter Sunday—NO adult forum

Preschool–Fifth grade: April Rotations (Located in the classrooms in Peace Fellowship Hall)

- April 3 & 10: Easter Rotation
- April 17: Palm Sunday
- April 24: Easter Sunday—NO Sunday School

Middle School: Continued study of the Old Testament (Youth Room)

High School: Continued study of *Manna and Mercy* (Youth Ministry Office)

Children’s Choir

The children will share their music with us on Palm Sunday, **April 17** at the 10:15 AM service. During this time we will enjoy music from the preschool–third grade choir as well as songs from the fourth & fifth grade choir. The children have been practicing their music and are eager to share this gift with the congregation!

Sky Ranch Lutheran Day Camp 2011

June 20–23, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Mark your calendars now! The dates for Day Camp this year are Monday, June 20 through Thursday, June 23. The Day Camp program that Sky Ranch brings to

our congregation is for children entering first grade through fifth grade. Registration forms will be available the first part of April and will be mailed home as well as available in the front office. Plan to be a part of this wonderful summer program to help children grow in their learning of Jesus!

Summer Day Camp Theme: Journey

"And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age" Matthew 28:20b

We plan, prepare, pack, and hit the trail to experience the journey of faith. God calls and walks beside us regardless of the shape our trail takes! Come and explore the Biblical journey of Abraham and Sarah while engaging in your own journey with God.

We hope that you will join us this summer as we learn of the faith journeys of these people of God. Even though their journeys are individual they are also tied together. Through this sense of community we will gain further understanding of our individual walk with God as well as our journey among a community of believers.

Preschool-age Program

If your child is not old enough to attend Day Camp, we also have a special half-day program planned for your little one. The preschool program is designed for children three years old through kindergarten and will be held the same dates as Day Camp, June 20-23, from 9:00-11:30 AM. We will spend the week playing, singing, doing arts and crafts and having a ton of fun! Through stories of Moses, Daniel, Jonah and the gift of the Spirit, the children will learn how God walks beside them in their daily journey. Join us!

EVANGELISM

Neighborhood Groups

Who are they? what do they do?

Everyone at Bethlehem is a member of one of seven neighborhood groups based upon your geographic location. The purpose of the neighborhood groups is to build community, to provide care and communication, to reach out to visitors, and to encourage evangelism to those who live near us.



Neighborhood Missions

There are three different ways in which each neighborhood group works at this:

1. The fellowship that comes through sharing food has always been a significant part of our church family and you are most likely to be called or emailed by a *Fellowship Shepherd* requesting your help in providing some of this food. The neighborhood groups supply the soups for Lenten soup suppers and the goodies for the summer coffees. If we all are able to provide food occasionally, everyone eats.

2. If someone in your neighborhood group is hospitalized, ill, or in need of other care, the pastor informs your neighborhood *Care Shepherd* and he/she will arrange for meals, rides, visits, etc. This is one of the most important things we do for each other as a church community—we care for each other.

3. When visitors are in church on Sunday, a connection is made by the delivery of a loaf of bread and information about Bethlehem, usually within a week of their visit. This is the task of the *Visitor Shepherd* and there are seven of them at work at the present time. All of us can individually welcome visitors with a smile and an introduction, but these shepherds make a direct connection.

Check the map (on the wall in the hall by the kitchen) or the handbook to learn which neighborhood group you are part of and "Get Connected" with other Bethlehem members through fellowship, caring, and welcoming.

Coffee Makers



Coffee Fellowship

A special thanks goes out to our Sunday morning coffee makers. Shirley Dickson and Evelyn Longseth were responsible for getting the coffee brewed on Sunday mornings for several years.

Come rain or shine, they would faithfully show up at 7:00 AM and get the coffee going for us to enjoy after church. However, it was time to move on and they both "retired" at the end of February.

Since then we have had a sign-up sheet for volunteers to make the coffee. Thanks to Frances Rhoades, Golda Backowies, Doris Slinger, Bonnie Mason, and Alpha and Don Wuertz for taking over those responsibilities for the month of March. We still have a few openings available in April. (The church council has agreed to handle all of May.)

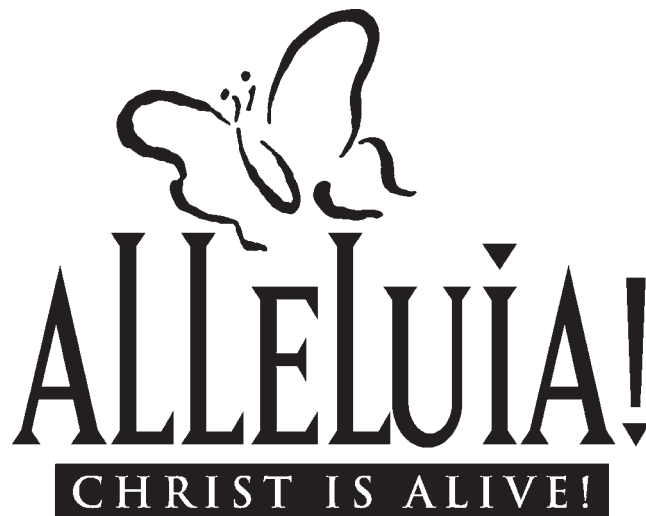
Volunteers can come in early on Sunday mornings or it can be set up the Saturday night before (while Light of Christ is here for worship at 5:00 PM).

Social Media Bootcamp

Recently Pastor Mark and Deaconess Kristen attended a workshop on using social media effectively in the church. They were both convinced of the need and necessity for it. We need to be on YELP. (That has been done.) We need a church Facebook page. (There are currently two group pages.) Our website needs to be reconfigured so it works with Google Chrome. How can we use Twitter? And so it goes. Any suggestions from the congregation regarding this effort are appreciated; please give your suggestions to Pastor Mark or Deaconess Kristen.

Men in Mission National Gathering

To date, we have four men signed up for the upcoming Lutheran Men in Mission gathering. The event will be held July 22-24 in the Denver Tech Center. We will be commuting down each day. There is still plenty of time to be a part of this outstanding men's event. Lutheran men from all over the country will be coming to Denver to hear these inspiring presenters and to be a part of the Spirit-filled worship. Please talk to Pastor Peterson if you are interested or have questions.



Habitat for Humanity Lunch



The Bethlehem Bunko Babes have volunteered to serve this lunch on **April 9**. Laurie Parker and Mary Fjeld are the contact people. Thank you to the Bunko Babes for "getting connected."

Toiletries needed

Now is the time to bring in those travel-sized soaps and shampoos you've been saving for the next Youth Network Coffeehouse Trip. Please place them in the appropriate tub in the Narthex. The Bethlehem Youth will next visit the Network Coffeehouse on Saturday, **April 16**. Interested youth or congregants should contact Gene Tesdahl at 303-845-0844. The van will depart church at 5:30 AM and will return by 1 PM. Thank you for helping us continue to deliver passionate justice with these brothers and sisters in Christ.

Nicaragua Project Matching Funds Drive

From April 10 through May 1 we will be conducting the eighth annual fundraising drive to benefit the Nicaragua project. Funds raised during this drive will help the abject poor in and around Somoto, Nicaragua. One hundred percent of every donation goes towards the projects, as participants pay all of their expenses. Matching funds will be available; details will be in the weekly announcements in April.

This year, we hope to:

- complete the construction of the second building for the children's project, *Niños y Niñas del Futuro*, at a cost of \$8,000 (this project helps our scholarship recipients and

educates, supports, and renews the health of children)

- renew 12 scholarships (\$3,720)
- put 15 latrines in a village (El Higo) that has no sanitation (\$1,125)
- continue the water filter project and install filters in two villages (\$2,750)
- install 5 roofs (\$500)
- build a house for a homeless single mother and her two children, one of whom is developmentally disabled (\$5,000)
- build a second home; or provide additional scholarships, water filters, micro loans, and roofs if funds allow

For more information, contact Cathy Goodman (303-530-3838, cegood47@aol.com).

St. Patrick's Dinner

On March 12, BLC and LOC held our St. Patrick's Dinner to raise funds for the people going on the New Orleans mission trip. What a fun event, what congregational support, and what wonderful volunteers to make it such a success! The eight-person band called "Murphy's Law" had us singing and applauding. Thank you!



Including the band, 180 persons attended the event. The combination of ticket sales and donations yielded a total of \$2,304 before expenses. We also expect to receive matching funds from the Twin Peaks Chapter of Thrivent. Thank you EVERY ONE so much.

Please pray for the safety and success of our mission to New Orleans from April 3 to 9 when 26 of us from three churches—Bethlehem, Light of Christ, and Highlands Lutheran (Pastor Lili's church)—go to help

rebuild homes. This will be the fifth year that some of us have taken this trip. There are still 6,000 families that have not managed to "come home" yet.

Agape Fund

**OUR
GIFTS
AT
WORK**

This past month we helped out a member who has been out of work. Their furnace went out and through the Agape Fund, we were able to get that fixed for them. Needless to say,

they were very appreciative. Thanks to all the Bethlehem members who support this benevolence fund. It does make a difference.

Silent Auction Results

Dear Friends,

At the Missionaries' Pancake Breakfast in February the dining and company were delightful. However it saddened me to see them working hard to raise funds so they could go to the mission field to work even harder and longer in all our names. The feeling persisted that the burden should be shared. A Silent Auction was born.

Thanks to all the good people in both communities who humored me, sacrificed themselves by sharing their talents and gifts to be auctioned, and then bid on those offerings Saturday evening at the St. Patrick's Dinner. You added \$2,000 to the Mission Fund.

Our communities seemed to grow together as we became "missionaries to the missionaries." You warmed my heart.

Thank you,
Mary Pepin (LOC)

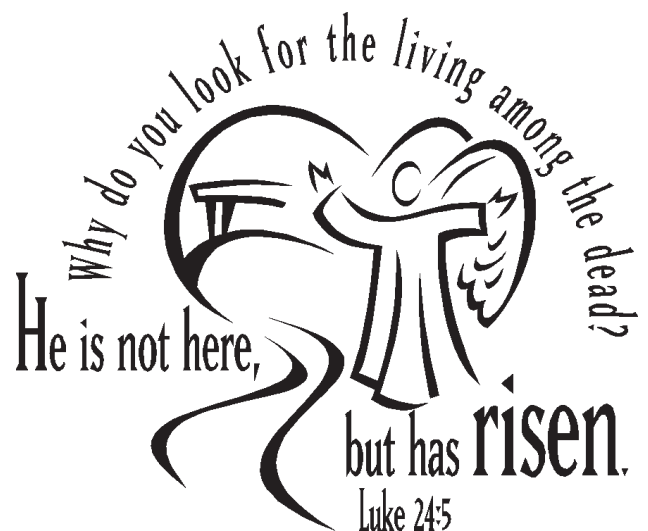
New Card Ministry at Bethlehem

Last month we had our first "card party." Thanks to the initiative and leadership of Wendy Dau, our card ministry is off the ground and running. Wendy shared all her card supplies and expertise with a group of Bethlehem women (including several of our new members!) who gathered on a Saturday morning to learn how to make handmade greeting cards. The cards were then offered for sale to support some of our outreach programs.

The next card-making party is scheduled for Saturday, **April 16, 9:30-11:00 AM**. Wendy feels she can only handle 12 crafters at a time, so please sign up in the church narthex. A big "thank you" goes out to Wendy for all her time and for sharing her gifts with Bethlehem.

Sharefest

Saturday, June 4, 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Bethlehem is hoping for a crew of volunteers to clean at one of the St. Vrain Valley Schools (the location will be determined in the next few weeks). This is the third year Bethlehem has participated in this local service activity. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Smith at 720-333-6977.



Get Connected: A Stewardship Forum

by Gene Tesdahl, Stewardship Co-Chair

Do you feel blessed to be a blessing? I do. A big part of why and where I feel blessed is in my relationship with all of you here at Bethlehem. I have never before known spiritual community like that which flourishes here. As in any relationship we have our ups and downs, our struggles and our losses.

As we enter our Lenten journeys of reflection, spring is upon us. For my household this means digging the rest of the carrots and parsnips we wintered over in our garden, oiling up the mower, and finding new ways to get connected here at Bethlehem. The new card ministry and a fresh crop of confirmation mentors suggests that more and more of you are choosing to become actively involved. Having spoken to several of you, it seems you are getting involved because you want to "get connected," not out of duty, guilt, or other motivations. Thanks be to God! This is encouraging and reminds me of other ways to invest our time at Bethlehem. The community garden will require tilling, planting, and tending. Make a joyful noise in any of our music ministries. Coffee may be a thing of the past at Bethlehem unless one of you chooses to sustain this Lutheran ritual and tradition. Youth continue to need your support—search the Fan Club board for someone participating in sports, dance,

drama, or something else and take church to them by attending an activity. You will be glad you did.

Recently many Bethlehem families have been touched as loved ones have gone on to fulfill their baptismal promises. Other families still live with losses of many years past. In some cases, memorial funds for these loved ones still exist at Bethlehem with funds unused. If this is you or your family, I encourage you to explore ways those funds could be put to use by committing them to the Heritage Endowment Fund or to a BLC ministry or project. Current needs include new carpet in the narthex, an air-conditioning system in disrepair, and development of the BLoC Community Garden. We have less obvious needs as well: new Lutheran



Study Bibles, computer networking expenses, establishing a fund for youth who cannot afford to participate in activities. Larger giving opportunities also exist for programs outside of Bethlehem including the OUR Center, Sky Ranch, our ELCA sister synod in Madagascar, and missions to New Orleans and Nicaragua. Think about supporting these or other needs as a way to celebrate the life your loved ones shared as they lived their faith here at Bethlehem.

PROPERTY

New Narthex Carpet

Plans are being made to install new carpet in the narthex. Thanks to the generosity of members it looks like we won't have to take the expense out of our General Fund. A \$5,000 matching fund gift was received to help offset the costs, and to date, another \$2,300 has come in towards the matching funds.

Property Ministry is in the process of getting bids and selecting carpet. We intend to go with carpet squares, an often-used application in commercial spaces. They are durable and can be replaced if one square wears out or is badly stained.

This project has also prompted a look at the function of the narthex in general. It was originally designed to be a large gathering space for congregants before and after worship. As so often happens in churches, it has gotten very crowded with mailboxes, furniture, collection baskets, quilts, hymn racks, etc. One of the hopes is to return the narthex to its original intent...a gathering space. Some ideas include moving out one of the pews, disassembling the mail boxes and hanging them on the walls, then moving the collection baskets under the repositioned mail boxes, and moving the wicker furniture to another location.

MEMBERS

April Birthdays

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April Anniversaries

- April 4 Bonnie & Ray Hill (52 yrs)
April 5 Ruth & Mark Peterson (36 yrs)
April 7 Jean & Gary Flanagan (32 yrs)
April 7 Kristal & Jeff Hopp (20 yrs)
April 9 Anne & Tracy Lawhon (6 yrs)
April 16 Stella & Justus Horstman (45 yrs)
April 17 Margaret & Marvin Peterson (65 yrs)
April 20 Perrie & Bill Sanders (9 yrs)
April 20 Bonnie & Harold Sorensen (59 yrs)
April 20 Jan & Neal Stoffer (48 yrs)
April 22 Eva & Glenn Summers (33 yrs)
April 24 Mary & Rob Boyer (18 yrs)
April 24 Ruth & Bruce Layton (18 yrs)
April 26 Barb & Troy Payne (26 yrs)
April 27 Marilyn & Dick Zuege (54 yrs)
April 28 Jamie & Tyrel Turner (4 yrs)
April 29 Kristy & Jake Tiff (1 yr)

Thank You!

I would like to thank my Bethlehem family for the awesome box of snacks you sent me for Valentines Day!! It's always a nice surprise, and fills that late night hunger void while studying. I'm still here at CSU, living in an apartment and doing great. Thanks again, and I look forward to being back in church soon.

Tyler Payne

We wish to thank our church family and friends for their prayers and cards on the loss of my sister and Ilene's Aunt. We are so thankful to have such a wonderful church family that can give support to the ones that need it in the time of need. God Bless everyone and may he be with you all.

Irene Hansen and Ilene Ryan

Our family would like to thank everyone at Bethlehem for offering their concern, prayers, support, cards, prayer shawls, etc., etc. for Kate during the critical part of her illness.

Praise God, the prayers have been answered and with a new medical therapy she is finally in remission. It is truly a privilege and blessing to be part of such a caring community.

Jamie and Chris Adams

The *Star* editorial team would like to offer a belated **THANKS!** to Jenny Kelley for her assistance in putting together the March *Star*. We couldn't have done it without you!

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Prayers...

Healing for John Goodman, Phil Hart, Kate Adams, Ryan Wappel, Tristan Steakley, Bev Coody, Ilene Ryan, Dion Borgmann, Doris Cotton, Duane Larsen, Dave Slinger, John Price, Jordan Trujillo Dirkes, Dotty and George Choun, Jeremy Goodman, Doris Stine.

Sympathy for the Frazer family on the death of Ruth Lund, mother of Sandy Frazer; for the Borgman and Eikenberg families on the death of Donald Schmidt, Darlene Borgman's uncle; for the Lahman family on the death of Jane's mother, Helen Foskett.

... & Thanksgiving

We rejoice at the births of several babies this month: **Frankie Annaelise Trujillo** on March 1, daughter of Jennifer Daigle and **Jordan Trujillo Dirkes**, granddaughter of **Mona and Bryan Dirkes**, great-granddaughter of **Marla and John Dirkes** and great-great-granddaughter of **Lauretta and Archie Sykes**; **Jacob William Peterson** on March 8, son of Anne and Aaron Peterson, grandson of **Ruth and Mark Peterson**, and great-grandson of **Peggy and Marv Peterson**.

Bethlehem Book Club

The Bethlehem Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be **April 14 at 6:30 AM** at Ziggi's (400 Main St., Longmont). The book being discussed will be *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert. Everyone is invited to attend and join the discussion. If you have any questions (or would like a book) please contact Colleen Beyer at 303-651-2816.

9Health Fair

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
April 14-15
 7:00 AM-Noon each day

Receive low cost and free screenings such as blood tests, pap smears, skin checks, bone density tests and many more! Participants are asked to bring their own water. Remember to fast for 12 hours prior to any blood draws. Vouchers are available for those in need. Inquire upon arrival.

We are looking for donations of fruit, veggies, baked goods, cheese, and crackers to help sustain the stamina of our 200+ wonderful volunteers. Donations can be dropped off at the church kitchen and labeled 9Health Fair.

Volunteers are asked to arrive promptly each morning and plan to park in the Baptist church parking lot across the street to leave room for participant parking.

Cookbook Questionnaire Results

Thanks to everyone who filled out the cookbook questionnaire to gauge congregational interest in publishing a reprint or a new version of *Cooking in the Rockies*.

There was little interest in reprinting the older cookbook, and some interest in doing a totally new one. After examining the costs, both financial and human, Naomi Circle has decided not to pursue a new cookbook at this time. Compiling a new cookbook is a huge undertaking and the Circle felt that its resources and energy would be better spent in other forms of ministry.

Cornerstone Preschool Registration

Cornerstone Preschool is now enrolling children ages 3-5 for summer 2011 as well as next fall. The summer session is Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, and runs June 7 through July 29. The fall sessions are Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, and begin August 22. Please call Andrea at 303-776-3081 for more information and to make an appointment to visit the preschool.

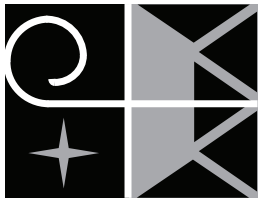
Easter Breakfast:

April 24, 7:00-10:00 AM

Please join us for our annual Easter Breakfast Youth Ministry Fundraiser! All funds raised go toward the youth who are working at the breakfast to financially support their participation in ministry events such as retreats and trips, the ELCA Youth Gathering, Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gatherings, and congregational outings.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids age 2-10, free for kids 2 and under. Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex beginning April 3, and a limited amount will be available at the door.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



April 2011
Sunday Worship Assistants Calendar

We thank all those who offer their gifts in leading worship this month.

Key: E = 8:00 AM; L = 10:15 AM

	April 3 Fourth Sunday in Lent	April 10 Fifth Sunday in Lent	April 17 Palm Sunday	April 24 Easter
Liturgy	ELW3	Bluegrass	ELW6	Now the Feast and Celebration
Assisting Minister	E: Diane Penny L: Diane Penny	E: Joel Buck-Gengler L: Gene Tesdahl	E: Bev Berry L: Todd Bischoff	E: Kay Lynn Baker L: Jasmine Tesdahl
Greeters	E: Bonnie & Harold Sorenson L: Candy & Don Tiff	E: Joyce & Curtis Lindberg L: Jim Torrez, Nancy Tiff	E: Debby & Alan Olson L: Janice & Paul Hopp	E: Mary Fjeld, Thelma Abromski L: Nancy & Bob McLeod
Ushers	E: Ilene Ryan, Frances Rhodes L: Roger Lahman, Jim Torrez, April Vanous	E: Neil Stewart; Colleen Byer L: DeEtte Eikenberg, Darlene Borgmann, Mary Fjeld	E: Eva & Glenn Summers L: Dick Kylo, Neil Stewart, Larry Twito	E: Neil Stewart, Roger Jurgens L: Don and Candy Tiff, Cindy Koenck
Lay Reader	E: Neil Stewart L: Fanton	E: Shelley Kunselman L: Jeanne Phipps	E: Don Wuertz L: Howie Wayne	E: Jenny Kelley L: Lydia Mott
Acolyte	E: JR Baltrum L: Haley Reed	E: Cori Herbst, Madison Reed L:	E: Cameron Taylor, Stephanie Taylor L: Madison Dirkes, Shaylee Pierick	E: Cameron Taylor, Stephanie Taylor L: Maddie Baltrum
Communion Asst.	E: Jan Geiser, Shirley Wayne L: Nancy Koob, Nancy Markham	E: Anne Lawhon, Fred Fanton L: Wanda Schnabel, Dan Kube	E: Betty & Dave Bluhm L: Jeanne Phipps	E: Mary Fjeld, Sharon Wirth, Bonnie Mason L: Patty Fagler, Jeanne Phipps
Musicians	E: L: Bethlehem Choir	E: Bluegrass, Bethlehem Choir L: Bluegrass	E: L: Bethlehem Choir	E: Bethlehem Choir L: Bethlehem Choir
Offering Counters	Phyllis Wright, Brian Burrell	Bob Gardinier, Nancy McLeod	Thelma Abromski, Doris Haave, Carrie Pierick	Audrey Dillan, Mary Fjeld, Nancy Koob

CALENDAR

APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers
3 New Orleans Mission Trip 8:00 AM - ELW 3 Worship 9:10 AM - Learning Hour 10:15 AM - ELW 3 Worship 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 4:00 PM - Sr. High Youth Group 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	4 New Orleans Mission Trip 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS 4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry 6:00 PM - Longmont Chorale 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir practice	5 New Orleans Mission Trip 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study	6 New Orleans Mission Trip 9:30 AM - Worship @ The Peaks Care Center 5:00 PM - 9 Health Fair Mtg. 5:30 PM - Soup Supper 6:00 PM - Lenten Worship 7:00 PM - BLC Choir - Confirmation 8:30 PM - Sr. High Girls Stitch Niche	7 New Orleans Mission Trip 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 4:00 PM - Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Awards & Initiation 6:30 PM - Healing Touch Clinic 7:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop 565 - BOFB Band Practice	8 New Orleans Mission Trip 1:30 PM - Deborah Circle 2:00 PM - WELCA Bible Study	9 New Orleans Mission Trip 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers 8:30 AM - Delta Kappa Gamma 9:00 AM - Bluegrass Reh. 10:30 AM - Habitat Lunch - hosted by Bethlehem Bunco Babes
10 8:00 AM - Bluegrass Worship 9:10 AM - Learning Hour 10:15 AM - Bluegrass Worship 11:15 AM - Intern Committee Meeting 3:50 PM - Mentee trip to House of All Sinners & Saints 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	11 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS 6:00 PM - Longmont Chorale	12 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study 9:30 AM - Naomi Circle 7:00 PM - BLC Council Meeting	13 No Lenten Soup Supper 1:00 PM - 9Health Fair Set up 7:00 PM - BLC Choir - Confirmation	14 6:30 AM - Bethlehem Book Club 7:00 AM - 9Health Fair 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - BOFB Band Practice	15 7:00 AM - 9Health Fair 1:00 PM - 9Health Fair take down	16 5:30 AM - Youth Network Coffee Drop 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers 9:30 AM - Bethlehem Card Ministry
17 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM - ELW 6 Worship 9:10 AM - Learning Hour 10:15 AM - ELW 6 Worship 11:15 AM - Mentee cemetery tour 2:00 PM - Worship at the Vistas - Sandy Burrell Recital 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	18 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS 1:00 PM - BLC Library Committee 4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry 6:00 PM - Longmont Chorale 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir Practice 8:00 PM - Youth Ice Cream Run	19 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 PM - Medication Administration Class 7:00 PM - Evangelism Ministry Meeting	20 7:00 PM - BLC Choir - NO Confirmation 8:30 PM - Sr. High Girls Stitch Niche	21 Maundy Thursday 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - Healing Touch Clinic 7:00 PM - Holy Communion and foot washing - Boy Scout Troop 565 - BOFB Band Practice - Longmont Stamp Club	22 Good Friday 8:00 AM - Northern CO Porcelain Artists 7:00 PM - Good Friday Service	23 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil 9:30 PM - Youth Lock-In
24 Easter 5:30 AM - Sunrise Service 7:00-10:00 AM - Easter Breakfast 8:00 AM - Now the Feast Worship 10:15 AM - Now the Feast Worship 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	25 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS 6:00 PM - Longmont Chorale	26 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study	27 5:30 PM - Soup Supper 7:00 PM - BLC Choir	28 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop 565 - BOFB Band Practice	29	30

For more information about these events, including room assignments, please visit the website: www.bethlehem-lutheran.net and select the Calendar & Events link

Passionate Spirituality

Dave Beyer: Passionate about music

Music at Bethlehem has certainly been a big part of my church life. In 1978, Colleen and I joined Bethlehem and immediately immersed ourselves in the social family of the church. It was Pastor Glenn Isernhagen's wife, Louanne, who was instrumental in getting me involved in many of the music ministries. I sang in different put-together groups, played in the bell choir, participated in talent shows, directed a musical melodrama, sang with the Gospel Singers, sang in the choir off and on, and with my barbershop quartet a few times. I'm presently leading the bluegrass service and the BOFB (more about that later), singing in the choir now and then, participating in the Worship Committee, and bringing my bluegrass band to sing for church once in a while.

I've always loved bluegrass music and especially the sound a banjo added to the mix. Colleen gave me my first banjo for Christmas the year we moved to Colorado. I bought a book on bluegrass banjo picking and practiced on my own every day for about three months. My problem was that I didn't have any outside venues to play, so after the

initial three months it just sat idle for years. Then, about seven years ago, I overheard Pastor Matthew discussing a bluegrass service for Bethlehem. He told me they were getting a friend of theirs to write a bluegrass liturgy and asked if I played a bluegrass instrument. I responded with an emphatic No, but that I had a banjo stored somewhere at home and I'd love to give it a try.

About that same time, I ran into a friend, Jim Bertolin, playing banjo at Borders with his bluegrass band. During a set break, Jim sat down with me and I told him of my banjo-playing opportunities at church. It just so happened he was teaching a group banjo class at Faith Community Lutheran Church and invited me to come. So I found my banjo and

went to the group lessons. I'm proud to say that I was one of four who graduated from the Jim Bertolin Group Banjo class, about the same time the liturgy was finished and ready for the Bethlehem debut.

When we started the bluegrass liturgy, we had some very good local musicians playing and teaching. To this day, I'm still learning from the musicians I play with. It has become a very popular service at Bethlehem, so when



Matthew left for his own church in Denver, I took over the administration of the group. We continue to play every second Sunday of the month. Also, a few times a year, I play at Nadia's emerging church, House for All Sinners and Saints. In my mind, the bluegrass service offers an uplifting, toe-tapping, hand-clapping, sing-along way to praise God.

While taking group banjo lessons, I met Blair and Gary who had started a bluegrass group and needed a banjo player. They asked me to join their group, "by HIS mark," and we've been playing together ever since. Although "by HIS mark" focuses on gospel bluegrass, recently we have expanded to include more secular songs and now have a good mix of both. The group entertains at churches, nursing homes, community centers, festivals, potlucks, parties, picnics, and political rallies.

Prior to becoming a banjo player, if there was any one instrument that I played and was good at, I would have to say it's the trumpet. I kept the fact that I played a secret because after years of being idle, I didn't think I would be able to do it justice if asked to play. Then I got this idea that there are probably many people in church like me, who played an instrument a long time ago, still have the instrument, but haven't seen it in years. I wondered if they would also like to get it out and start playing it again. I asked around at church and got some positive feedback on the idea, so I decided to start up a band, calling it the Bethlehem Old Farts Band (BOFB). My original idea was to just have people who only played a long time ago, but we have since decided to relax that restriction and we now have some younger people involved. We've played for church services twice, and we're now practicing for an Easter performance.

I would like both bluegrass and the BOFB to continue, as I feel they are healthy aspects of Bethlehem. There are always spots open in either for anyone who wants to join us. Personal goals for these music ministries include the following: (1) to create a music-friendly environment for the congregation, (2) to offer other sources of music besides the hymnal that will praise God, (3) to offer familiar hymns during the service that the congregation can and will sing, (4) to give the congregation more of a chance to be a participant during the Prelude, Postlude and Special Music sections of the service as opposed to being just an observer, (5) to offer more opportunities for congregational commitment, and (6) to tap into the wealth of congregational talent.

Connection is a common theme in these goals. Music allows for congregational involvement—get connected with Bethlehem, get involved!

Thank you, Dave, for your 30+ years of music ministry and leadership at Bethlehem. Keep on pickin'!

- Interview by Deanna Hebbert





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