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Staff Updates

There have been a number of ministry staff changes recently. Let's review them once again, to make sure everyone is aware of who is doing what.

Education Ministry Director—Dawn Reed recently resigned this position to pursue her college education. She worked 20 hours per week.

Intern Pastor—Kirsten Sauey, our third intern pastor, completed her year of service on July 17. This was a full time position. BLC has elected not to call a new intern pastor.

Pastoral Assistant—Jasmine Tesdahl will take this new job title. In this position she will be combining the roles of Education Director and Intern Pastor, coordinating the Education Ministry and helping Pastor Mark with some of the pastoral needs of Bethlehem including preaching once a month, weekly hospital calls, and leading some of the adult Bible studies. In this hybrid position, Jasmine will be working 30 hours per week in total.

Youth and Household Ministry Director—Deaconess Kristen Baltrum remains in this position currently working 25 hours per week. Her hours may be increased due to additional confirmation and mentoring responsibilities.

So we are fully staffed, and blessed with gifted folks.

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Here are some quotes from the class I took with Dr. David Lose while I was back at Luther Seminary.

“There is now more biblical illiteracy than there has been in the last 1,000 years. People no longer know the biblical story. They don’t know the ‘big story.’ They don’t know the small stories. Scripture used to have the capacity to form us and to shape our identity. Now, our identities are being shaped by movies, books, TV, marketing. Most people, when they are having a problem, don’t think of turning to the Bible for help. They can’t even come up with a Bible story that might speak to their concern. They don’t see the Bible as helping them make sense out of their everyday lives. Everything on Sunday then is based on a story that no one knows. So for many church members, church makes no sense. So much of what is being talked about in the sermon, they are not connecting to.”

That was hard to hear. But I know there is truth in those observations and findings.

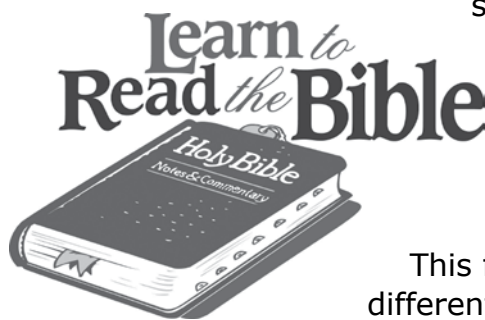
So the obvious conclusion is that people need to relearn the Bible. We need to make church members biblically literate again. We need to teach the “big story,” We need to preach the small stories. We need more Bible studies.

But that raises another issue. It’s called the imposter syndrome. Adults have a deep desire to be competent. When they feel insecure about their competency, they develop the imposter syndrome. “Everybody else here is smarter than me. What am I doing here? If I speak, they will know that I am an imposter.” And that’s why when we offer Bible studies, a few people—the same people—tend to show up. Others may have

that desire to know the Bible better, but fear they will look foolish or say something dumb. They don’t feel competent when it comes to the Bible, but they are afraid to make the effort to become competent.

So what do we do? We keep trying.

I truly believe that the Bible can be transformative in the lives of people. I know that it can speak to their joys and their sorrows. I know it can draw people into a deeper relationship with their God. I know that it can give our lives meaning and purpose and depth. I know its words can bring us peace. But I also know that it can be intimidating.



This fall we are planning a number of different ways to get Bethlehem members into the Bible. We’ll be offering the new Lutheran Study Bible to adults. It is an excellent resource. We’ll be once again giving our kids Bibles on Bible Sunday and encouraging parents and grandparents to help their beloved children enter into this blessed book. We’ll be offering an excellent adult forum on “How Lutherans Interpret the Bible.” We’ll be offering a new series from the Book of Faith Initiative, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. It is a 16-week course that will look at the four gospels.

And...we will do it with Dr. Lose whispering in our ear. You don’t have to feel like an imposter if you would like to be a part of these opportunities. You don’t have to be biblically literate or competent to come. All you need is a desire to open your heart and mind to God’s transforming word.

Think about it. Pray about it. Let the Spirit lead you.

Blessings,
Pastor Peterson

WORSHIP

Summer Outdoor Worship

Sunday, August 7—Join us for our next outdoor worship. The 8:00 AM service will be in the sanctuary and the 10:15 AM service will be outside under the Stable, on the north end of the parking lot. God's wonderful creation becomes part of our worship experience.

Memorials

A lovely memorial gift was given to Bethlehem by the family of Marian Adler. The two candlesticks, on either side of the Peace Lutheran altar, represent Marian's baptism and her Christian journey as a faithful member

of Bethlehem for 68 years. Floyd and Marian were married at Peace Lutheran June 7, 1941, and after their marriage, Marian took instruction to join the church. Her decision to be baptized soon followed, and she became an active member at Bethlehem when the churches merged. We praise God for His faithful servant, Marian.



HOUSEHOLD

Mentoring Ministry

"I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong, that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." *Romans 1:11-12*

"There is a living partnership between the home and the congregation." This is one of the principles of faith formation that we embrace as we seek to be a congregation that passes on faith to the next generation. Additionally, we know that each young person needs three to five adults, other than their parents, to mentor them in faith. It is because of these two factors that we have our Confirmation Mentoring Ministry.

This year, we are enhancing this ministry based on evaluations from the past three years and the desire to foster in-depth cross-generational relationships among our

congregation's members. The mentoring program will begin in September, with four months of "secret pal" contact through letters from mentors to confirmands. In December at our Winter Fest, the mentors will be revealed to their students. For the remainder of the school year, mentors and students will gather once a month for BLC planned activities, as well as remain in touch outside of programmed time. The program will culminate in May with an end-of-the-year party.

If you are interested in becoming a confirmation mentor and walking alongside a young person through the coming year, please contact Deaconess Kristen. You will need to fill out an application in accordance with BLC's newly-adopted Safe Haven Policy, and participate in a Safe Haven training in the fall. Your participation is vital not only to the ministry program, but as we continue to fulfill the promises we made at our

children's baptisms to support them in their faith. Besides, it's a heck of a lot of fun!

Safe Haven Policy

In accordance with the 2009 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly's adopted resolution that all congregations in the RMS adopt a Safe Haven Policy, and in order to remain faithful and accountable in our work with children and youth, the Bethlehem Lutheran Church council adopted a Safe Haven Policy at the council retreat in February 2011. The purpose of a Safe Haven Policy is to assure the emotional

and physical safety of children and youth while in the care of representatives of Bethlehem Lutheran. It clearly defines the behaviors and practices that help create a safe environment for children and youth as well as for the people who minister to them.

The policy is in final formatting stages and will be posted online soon. Additionally, all adults who work with children under 18 years age will be brought under the new process which includes filing an application to work with children and youth, and which may require a background check depending on the level of direct involvement of the position with children and youth. If you are interested in receiving a hard copy of the policy, you can pick one up from the church office.

YOUTH

Middle School Youth

Water World!

Wednesday, August 10: Meet at 8:30 AM at BLC to travel together to the park. We will meet up with a couple of other congregations and head in for a day of wet fun. We will depart the park at 5:30 PM, and be back to BLC by 6:30 PM. Cost per ticket is \$25 if you want to bring your own lunch, or \$33 for entrance and a meal. Sign up by **August**



7 by emailing Kristen; be sure to indicate if you want just the entrance ticket or both the entrance and meal tickets.

Back To School Regressive Dinner

It's back! It's backward! It's our annual Back-to-school Regressive Dinner on **August 14!** We will meet at BLC at 4:00

PM and travel to a home for dessert, then another home for the main course, then another home for soup and salad, then another home for appetizers, then return to the church building by 7:00 PM. Along the way we will laugh, play some games, and talk about what kinds of things you want to do together in the coming year. Please contact Kristen if you want to either come, or host one of the stops, or both!

Camp

Confirmation Intensive

We saw Jesus! What an amazing time we had at Sky Ranch! Twelve Confirmation students, one high schooler, and Deaconess Kristen joined five other congregations for a week of encountering Jesus through the story of his passion. We acted out the story in creative and engaging ways, with students playing the parts of the fishermen/disciples, the women, Pharisees, zealots, followers of John the Baptist, and the Samaritans and other non-Jews. Living the story from the different perspectives allowed students to enter the story with



questions and challenge each other's assumptions, culminating in a new personal and deeper understanding of what it meant for God to enter the world in the person of Jesus.

We also challenged ourselves on the high ropes course, enjoyed the beautiful mountains on hikes, did crafts, played games and sang, sang, sang and sang some more! To top it off, Bob Cotton, BLC's ever faithful handyman, joined us on Thursday for service projects at the camp. Our group painted and cleaned the

inside of the Backpack center. Everyone did a great job and the place looks great!

Working, playing, learning, and engaging nature together are foundational ways that we pass on faith and live the story of God's presence in our lives. Thank you for your support of our youth and of outdoor ministry!

Compass Points Backpacking

Please keep four of our members in your prayers this first week of August: Lindsey Loberg, Dave Loberg, Clay Mills, and Kristen Baltrum. They are headed out to the Sangre de Cristo mountains along with Pastor Matthew Bolz-Weber and five youth from his congregation, Holy Love in Aurora. They will be under the competent leadership of staff from Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, and will spend one day rock climbing, three days backpacking, then one day rafting. Pray for safety, for fun, and most of all faith-forming conversation and holy moments!

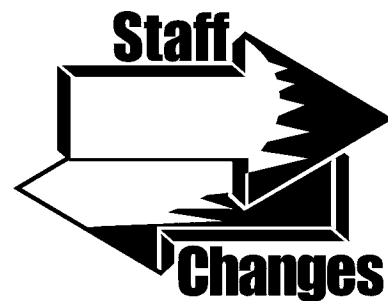
EDUCATION

Greetings, Bethlehem!

As many of you know, I have taken over the Education Director responsibilities from Dawn Reed. I will also, as the summer comes to an end, be putting on another hat from time to time to complement my seminary studies, which we're calling the "Pastoral Assistant" hat. So some days I will be the Education Director, some days I will be the Pastoral Assistant, some days, probably both. Please don't worry about what to call me—Jasmine works just fine.

My first two months as the Education Director have gone well. Vacation Bible School Day Camp was a HUGE success. We had 23 preschool and kindergarten-aged children, and another 40 elementary-aged kids here the week of June 20. From Monday through Thursday, we learned how to "Live the

Journey" with God, through song, Bible study, crafts, snacks, and fun activities. It was a great week! And of course, on Wednesday and Thursday, the different groups enjoyed the all-important Water Day, which, on a hot June afternoon, is always fun!



Thank you so much to all the groups and congregation members that helped make Day Camp a success this year! It was a unique week at Bethlehem, with a couple of funerals thrown in for good measure. I am extremely grateful for everyone who helped, volunteered, and rearranged their schedules so that our youth could experience God's love

in the fun and unique environment that only camp can offer.

With August here, we are gearing up for Rally Day and the first day of Sunday school and Adult Forum on Sunday, September 11. It's right around the corner, so be ready for another fun-filled year of learning about God's love for us! More details will follow in the next *Star* as we get closer to September.

And finally, for those of you who have been wondering, Gene, Aspen, and I will probably be moving into the parsonage at the end of August or beginning of September. We are

so grateful for this opportunity to move into a bigger space, and enjoy one of the best commute times in Longmont. Aspen is saying that she can't wait to walk to church.

Grace + Peace
Jasmine

Rally Day

This year's Rally Day will be Sunday, September 11. We'll begin another year of Sunday School and Adult Forums. Following the service, we'll have a potluck picnic in the outside fellowship area.

That Sunday will also mark the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attack. We will remember that event in our worship that morning.

EVANGELISM

Caffeine Update



Thank you to the Gold, Orange, Purple, and Green neighborhood groups for providing us with treats and coffee during July. A special thanks to the fellowship shepherds for those groups: Laurie Parker (Gold), Wanda Schnabel (Orange), Janice Hopp and

Diane Frank (Purple), and Jane Lahman and Marilyn Voorhis (Green), as well as to everyone who brought goodies or made coffee.

The August schedule is below:

- August 7 Red
- August 14 Pink
- August 21 Gold
- August 28 Orange

This is a wonderful opportunity to respond with an enthusiastic 'yes' when your fellowship

shepherd contacts you, and maybe try out a new recipe! Then plan on spending the time between services eating, drinking, and chatting whenever you are in town.

Important August Dates

Faith Day at the Rockies

The Rockies will be playing the Los Angeles Dodgers on **August 21**, 1:10 PM, with a concert by Casting Crowns to follow the game. Casting Crowns is a very popular group of seven musicians who have been together for six years. To learn about them and listen to some music, check out <http://castingcrowns.com/content/about-us>.



Tickets are \$12, and may still be available. Check the Sunday Weekly Announcements page for specifics. The seats will be in the upper section. We are up higher, but the tickets are less expensive than in previous years.

Pictorial Directory

Photography dates and times:

- **August 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12**, 1:00–8:00 PM
- **August 6 and 13** (Saturdays), 10:00 AM –5:00 PM

The new 2011 pictorial directory photographs will be taken on these seven days in August. Having your photograph taken will ensure that you are included in the publication with the rest of the Bethlehem family, and you will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait. Please remember your appointment time and if you have not yet signed up, please call Nancy at the church or sign up online. (If none of the August dates/times work for your family you will be able to submit another photo, or contact Wanda Schnabel at 303-485-9584 for other suggestions.)

Follow the steps below to sign up online:

1. Go to the church's web site: <http://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net>
2. Locate Parish Life on the left side
3. Click on the Pictorial Directory link which will take you to a LifeTouch screen
4. Follow the directions to sign in and select a time slot to be photographed
5. You will receive an email confirmation, which includes a discount coupon for any additional photographs you may wish to purchase.



Any photographs that you purchase should be mailed to you within one month of our dates, and the directories should be in your hands by the middle of November.

So take advantage of this opportunity to update Bethlehem's pictorial directory and to have at least one professional photograph taken at no cost to you.

SAY A PRAYER

**GODLY
HUMOR**

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer,' said his mother. 'I don't need to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house,' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'

Past Events/Thank You's to:

- Manna Bible Study for providing 20 dinners for H.O.P.E.
- The Manna member who went out "on the streets" to hand out food and supplies for H.O.P.E.
- All members who donated items for the OUR Center food pantry.
- The following people who built and erected walls for the Lino family at the Habitat Build Day on June 25: Bob Cotton, Ken Bushaw (Ken Wright's friend), Carolyn Creamer, Jeff Ditillo, Dave Hooley, Jenny and Mike Kelley, Debby and Alan Olson, Chuck Still, and Ken Wright.
- The 18 people who travelled to Nicaragua for the Somoto Mission Trip June 14-24, including Cathy, John, and Racheal Goodman, and Margo Hoffmeyer from Bethlehem, and Carol Kobel from Light of Christ.
- The Church Council, who served the Habitat Lunch on July 23.

Upcoming Events:



- **OUR Center Lunches:** August 14 and November 13.
- **Habitat Build Day:** The second Thrivent Habitat build day led by Bob Cotton will be on September 17.
- A quilt is being made for Miss Conchita, the woman whose home we worked on in New Orleans.

Opportunities:

- Chairpersons are still needed in 2011 for:
- **OUR Center Lunches—August 14 and November 13**

- **Habitat Lunch—October 15**
- **Fair Trade Fair**

Nicaragua Thank You

We wish to express our deep gratitude to the members and visitors to Bethlehem who donated \$11,005 during our spring matching funds drive. We also want to express our gratitude for the donation of an additional \$1,200 from Thrivent Choice funds. Because of these donations, many more projects could be completed as part of our most recent mission:



- \$8,800 built homes for two homeless families
- \$4,200 provided scholarships for 15 children and youth
- \$650 put roofs over five shacks
- \$6,000 completed the basic construction of the Frank Young Vocational Center at the children's project
- \$860 provided medication at the clinics
- \$600 provided micro-loans to two sewing co-ops
- \$250 provided food and medicine for a teenager who was electrocuted and a blind, non-ambulatory elderly woman
- \$220 supplied plates, cups, and kitchen items for the children's project
- \$3,635 provided tile for the floor and porch of the first children's project building for health and safety reasons
- \$4,300 supplied three villages with a total of 85 water filters as part of the Ken Harris memorial water filter program
- \$155 provided toys and books for the children's program

Because of **you** these projects were accomplished! Our mission activities run all year, so look for updates. If you feel moved to donate, be assured your donation will help at any time.

Cathy Goodman

For a full summary of the activities of the recent Nicaragua missionary trip in June, please visit the BLC website at www.bethlehem-lutheran.net and click on the Nicaragua News link under Parish Life.

2011 Thrivent/Habitat Longmont Home

Thank you to the congregation for supporting this project by approving \$2,000 for the build in the 2011 budget. Thank you to the volunteers who came on Saturday, June 25, to help on the build. Twenty people were there (the majority from Bethlehem) including future home owners of the triplex condo under construction and some "regulars."

Please mark your calendar to come and help us on Saturday, September 17 for our next build date.

Thank you, Bob Cotton

Agape Fund Update

To date we have given out over \$4,000 this year through the Agape Fund. This fund helps church members and community people who have financial and personal needs. It is totally funded by donations from Bethlehem members. Currently there is \$300 in the fund. We continue to help folks with requests for gasoline assistance. The high price of fuel can bite into a family's budget.

Thank you again for your generosity.



FINANCE

Financial Update



FINANCE REPORT

As we come to the halfway point in the year, we thank you for your good giving. You are helping to keep the ministry here at Bethlehem strong.

- Envelope giving is right on track: \$194,000 was bud-

geted at this point and that is almost exactly what has been given. Thank you!

- We added a \$26,000 Faith Challenge to this year's budget. However, to date, no funds have come in for the Faith Challenge.
- As a result, we are \$5,000 in the red. We have tried to watch our spending, but expenses have exceeded receipts by \$5,000.

We ask for your continued stewardship in this second half of the year.

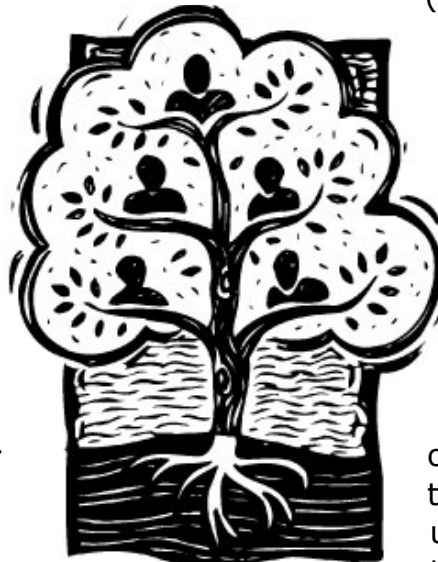
Get Connected

A Stewardship Forum, by Gene Tesdahl, Co-Chair for Stewardship

We are blessed to be blessings. Life is good. This summer marks the passing and addition of great gifts to the congregation. It is bittersweet but with thankful hearts that we send Pastor Kirsten and Tom Hofmann off on their next leg of life's journey. Their gifts will enrich this congregation for years to come. We still rejoice in the commitment of Dawn Reed to education at Bethlehem and champion her furthering her education in college. Pastor Mark has returned to us from his first stint at Luther Seminary with a challenged mind, a reinvigorated spirit, and a full book bag. We celebrate the gifts of our property at Bethlehem and welcome improvements in the BLoC Community Garden, the outdoor worship space, and the narthex. Thanks to all of you who contributed to these efforts with your time, vision, and finances. We are a reform-minded congregation and are happy that all of us can embrace these changes with an open mind and a cheerful heart. Thank you.

Life—as always—is on God's time, not our time. We are reminded of this constantly as we face challenges as well as unexpected blessings every day. Thanks to all of you who have gotten more connected here at BLC as of late. New volunteers in worship, social action, and congregation life help our community flourish. Dining for Eight is another way to get connected. This stellar outreach program brings eight members

together for a potluck dinner once a month for four months. This is not just a couples thing—ALL are welcome. People bring a different course to contribute. Caring conversation, prayer, and dinner ensue. This is a great way for members—new and old—to connect or reconnect with our brothers and sisters right around us. Audrey Dillan (303-776-5334, gadillan@yahoo.com) has more information as she prepares new groups for the fall.



Give generously. As you have seen, Neil Stewart and I have been encouraging giving this year of time and talents more than treasure, and yet BLC does depend upon financial gifts to function. We still face our faith challenge and remember that one does not need to wait until fall to help meet it. We want to make it effortless for you to support BLC. One simple way to

do that is through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). EFT has already been available at BLC for several years and can be easily set up with Nancy in the office. Rather than guarding your envelopes in your entryway you can simply direct your checking account to send your tithe or gift to Bethlehem weekly, monthly, or at whatever interval you choose. This saves paper and time, and if you are like me, it saves you having to fumble for that envelope right after an engrossing sermon.

As always, please give these things prayerful consideration as you walk your path.

August Birthdays

Removed for privacy purposes

August Anniversaries

- August 1 Cathy & John Goodman (41 yrs)
August 4 Candy & Don Tiff (27 yrs)
August 7 Rhonda & Doug Adler (35 yrs)
August 7 Kathleen & William Wiser (7 yrs)
August 8 Wanda & Gene Schnabel (41 yrs)
August 13 Ann & Russ Russell (57 yrs)
August 14 Jill & Adam Luere (2 yrs)
August 15 Patsy & Bruce Bowman (52 yrs)
August 16 Jan & Bud Tornow (53 yrs)
August 17 Bev & Verne Berry (15 yrs)
August 17 Betty & Dave Bluhm (48 yrs)
August 17 JoAnn & Gary Hafner (38 yrs)
August 20 Janie & Chris Wagner (23 yrs)
August 21 Lynn & Thomas Dettloff (46 yrs)
August 21 Charmaine & Michael Kasperbauer (12 yrs)
August 23 Jeanne & Jerry Phipps (46 yrs)
August 23 Carol & Darwin Wissink (31 yrs)
August 27 Carol & Dennis Bloemker (44 yrs)
August 30 Audrey & George Dillan (59 yrs)
August 30 Lu & Wayne Kluck (58 yrs)
August 30 Raechel & Brian Koob (3 yrs)
August 30 Arlyus & Roger Vanatta (53 yrs)
August 31 Marion & Mitch Bjeldanes (54 yrs)
August 31 Diane & Terry Wade (37 yrs)

Prayers...

Healing for Paul Hopp, Dan Kube, Kate Adams, Ann Thompson, Ethan Ritzen, Nancy Koob, Bud Tornow, Marv Peterson, Dion Borgmann, Chris Downing, Doris Cotton, Dottie and George Choun, Jeremy Goodman, Ryan Wappel, Jordan Trujillo Dirkes, Jim Boyd, Lucille Morris, and Lu Kluck.

Sympathy for Shirley Marine and Tim Adams on the death of Shirley's sister, Elaine Pfeif of Commerce City, and Shirley's brother-in-law, John Jackman of Loveland.



... & Thanksgiving

We celebrate the marriages of Pastor **Kirsten Sauey** and **Tom Hofmann** at Bethlehem on July 4, and **Carrie Pierick** and **Chris Watson** on July 23. May God bless their unions!

We rejoice at the births of two babies in July: **Alexander Achilles Still**, son of Sarah and Adam Still and grandson of **Janice and Chuck Still**, on July 2; and **Grace Helen Peterson**, daughter of Emily and Nate Peterson and granddaughter of **Pr. Mark and Ruth Peterson**, on July 18.

Thank You!

To my Bethlehem Family,

Thank you for all the get-well cards, telephone calls, and for all of your prayers during my recent hospitalization.

Thank you to Pr. Kirsten for all her telephone calls and prayers and to Pr. Mark for bringing me communion and for your calls and prayers.

It gives you a very comforting feeling to have the support of your church family.

Thank you, Paul D. Hopp

Dear Family of Bethlehem,

Words cannot adequately express my sincere gratitude for my farewell party. The cards that were given were full of encouragement, appreciation, and well wishes. Thank you for the contribution towards my education as well. The money is definitely needed and will be put to good use.

My time at Bethlehem as the Education Director has been such an invaluable experience for me. Thank you to each and every one of you who has supported and guided me in different ways throughout this journey, and to those who continue to support and guide me as I move forward. I look forward to seeing how God will use this next phase of my life for his glory.

Blessings, Dawn Reed

Office Helpers: Betty Bluhm, Nancy and Bob McLeod, Ann Russell, LaVerna Pickett, Doris Slinger, Mary Schlagel

July Star Helpers: Patty Fagler, Ann Thompson, Peggy and Marvin Peterson

Congratulations to Pastor Kirsten & Tom!

Pastor Kirsten and Tom Hofmann were united in marriage on July 4th!

Now that they are married, Tom has moved into the parsonage with his new wife!
But they are soon moving out. Pastor Kirsten and Tom will be packing up and leaving the first week of August.

We thank both of you for sharing a wonderful year as part of our Bethlehem family. We wish you all the best in your new life together!

Bethlehem Book Club

The Bethlehem Book Club will meet at Colleen Beyer's home, 484 Golden Lane, for a breakfast meeting on **August 11** at 6:30 AM. Book discussion will be on *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan. A Book-in-a-Bag copy of the above book can be obtained at Jan Geiser's computer desk in the work room of the church office. Please sign out by book number on the sheet on the desk.

In addition to the book discussion, we will be organizing the entire year by having everyone choose two books and sign up for the next year beginning in September 2011.

Romanian Festival

August 20, 5:00-8:00 PM

Our former intern Pastor Lili would like to invite members of Bethlehem to a Romanian Festival at her church, Highlands Lutheran in Denver. The festival will feature various

food booths, a bouncy castle for kids, a popcorn machine, and Romanian dancing offered by a group of dancers from Boulder (Hora Romaneasca) who will demonstrate some dances and then teach participants some of the easier dances.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids. For more information or if you are interested in attending, contact Highlands Lutheran to reserve your spot (303-477-2031 or office@lbtdsl.com).

Fall Registration - Cornerstone Preschool

Cornerstone Preschool is now enrolling children ages 3 to 5 for the 2011 fall session. The fall sessions are on Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Classes begin August 22/23 and run through the month of May 2012. Please call Andrea at 303-776-3081 for more information and to make an appointment to visit the preschool.



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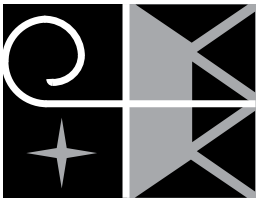
New Narthex Carpet

The new narthex carpet has been installed and it is a great improvement! Thanks to all those who contributed to make this project happen; the generous members who funded it, the painters who spruced up the walls, the planning committee who put all the pieces together. It is a job well done.

The hope is now to let the space be a narthex. The narthex was designed to be a large space for welcoming and hospitality. Over the years, it collected more and more items and there was less and less space for its original

purpose. We are experimenting this summer to see how we can better use that space. Is there another place to put the member mailboxes? Do we even need the mailboxes? Is there a better place for sign-ups? Is there a better way to display the quilts? Is there a better way to put out the devotional guides, copies of The Lutheran, etc.? You get the point. Your input and ideas are appreciated.

There were sufficient donations to allow us to also re-carpet some of the office space. (It is in even worse condition than the narthex was.) Again, your generosity helps to make that happen.



August 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

	August 7 Pentecost 8	August 14 Pentecost 9	August 21 Pentecost 10	August 28 Pentecost 11
Liturgy	ELW3	Bluegrass	ELW6	Now the Feast and Celebration
Assisting Minister	E: Diane Penny L: Diane Penny	E: Cindy Tayler L: Cindy Tayler	E: Kristen Baltrum L: Todd Bischoff	E: Joel Buck-Gengler L: Sharon Kirby Cole
Greeters	E: Carolyn & Ken Creamer L: Jim Torrez, DeEtte Eikenberg	E: Debby & Alan Olson L: Janice Still, Sandy Woodruff	E: Carolyn & Ken Creamer L: Carolyn & Ken Creamer	E: Nancy & Will Tritthardt L: Audrey & George Dillan
Ushers	E: Roger Lehman, Mike Anderson L: George Dillan, Bob McLeod Jim Torrez	E: Jan & Neal Stoffer L: Darlene Borgmann, DeEtte Eikenberg, Mary Fjeld	E: Ken Wright, Curtis Lindberg L: Dick Kylo, Neil Stewart, April Vanous	E: Ilene Ryan, Dave Bluhm L: Candy & Don Tiff, Cindy Koenck
Lay Reader	E: Anne Lawhon L: Nancy Markham	E: Sharon Wirth L: Linda Baker	E: Deanna Hebbert L: Howie Wayne	E: Korrie Bruce L: Darlene Borgman
Acolyte	E: Maddie Baltrum L:	E: L:	E: JR Baltrum L:	E: Maddie Baltrum L:
Communion Asst.	E: Cindy & Pete Schlagel L: Outdoor Worship	E: Diana Bruckner, Wayne Bruckner L: Patty Fagler, Nancy Koob	E: Shelley Kunselman, Luke Kunselman L: Nancy Markham, Tonja Twito	E: Nancy Koob, Frances Rhoades L: Jeanne Phipps
Offering Counters	Audrey Dillan, Mary Fjeld, Nancy Koob	Ann Thompson, Nancy Mcleod	Phyllis Wright, Brian Burrell	Bob Gardinier, Nancy McLeod

CALENDAR

AUGUST 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Sr. High Backpacking Trip 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS 4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry	2 Sr. High Backpacking Trip 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study	3 Sr. High Backpacking Trip 9:30 AM - Worship @ The Peaks Care Center 8:30 PM - Sr. High Girls Stitch Niche	4 Sr. High Backpacking Trip 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 1:00 PM - Directory Photos 6:30 PM - Healing Touch Clinic 7:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop 565	5 Sr. High Backpacking Trip 1:00 PM - Directory Photos	6 Sr. High Backpacking Trip 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers 10:00 AM - Directory Photos
7 8:00 AM - ELW 3 Worship 9:15 AM - Summer Coffee - Red Group 10:15 AM - ELW 3 Worship 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	8 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS	9 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study 6:00 PM - Medication Administration Classes 7:00 PM - BLC Council Meeting	10 8:30 AM - Youth Water World Fun 1:00 PM - Directory Photos	11 6:30 AM - Book Club 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 1:00 PM - Directory Photos 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts	12 1:00 PM - Directory Photos	13 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers 9:00 AM - Bluegrass Rehearsal 10:00 AM - Directory Photos
14 8:00 AM - Bluegrass Worship 9:15 AM - Summer Coffee - Pink Group 10:00 AM - OUR Center Lunch 10:15 AM - Bluegrass Worship 4:00 PM - Youth Regressive Dinner 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	15 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS 1:00 PM - BLC Library 4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry	16 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study 8:00 AM - Northern CO Porcelain Artists 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 PM - Evangelism Ministry Meeting	17 8:00 AM - Northern CO Porcelain Artists 8:30 PM - Sr. High Girls Stitch Niche	18 8:00 AM - Northern CO Porcelain Artists 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Longmont Stamp Club	19 8:00 AM - Northern CO Porcelain Artists	20 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers
21 8:00 AM - ELW 6 Worship 9:15 AM - Inquirer's Class - Summer Coffee, Gold Group 10:15 AM - ELW 6 Worship 11:30 AM - Faith Day at the Rockies 2:00 PM - Worship at the Vistas 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	22 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS	23 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study	24 9:30 AM - Worship @ The Peaks Care Center 7:00 PM - Men's Choir Rehearsal	25 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop 565	26 8:00 AM - Northern CO Porcelain Artists	27 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers
28 8:00 AM - Now the Feast Worship 9:15 AM - Inquirer's Class - Summer Coffee, Orange Grp. 10:15 AM - Now the Feast Worship 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	29 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	30 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study	31 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal			

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 - Cathy Goodman

You all know her, the energetic woman who stands up nearly every Sunday to talk to us about one of her deepest passions, the people of Nicaragua, especially those in and near the village of Somoto. She's Cathy Goodman, and she is a woman on a mission, literally. She lives out her passionate spirituality by putting herself in front of us and then by going with a group of equally passionate people on a ten-day trip to Nicaragua each June.

Cathy has become the face of the Nicaragua project, but it was actually her husband John who first became involved back in 2000. Cathy went on her first trip in 2004, got hooked, and has been actively championing this cause ever since.

During their trips, even as they are working so hard to accomplish so many things, Cathy keeps in daily touch via email relating what they have done on that day and what they have planned for the next. Each of those emails is full of such excitement for what they've been able to do, for the people who've been helped and who are so grateful, and of love for God who sustains the group and is brought to the villagers through the missionaries' endeavors. These emails are posted on the BLC website, so you can easily follow their progress as well.

Space does not allow a full recap of all the activities carried out—you'll have to read her daily emails next year to get that! But here, briefly, are some of the exciting things that

have greatly improved the lives of so many people in and around Somoto:

- **Improving infrastructure.** The Mother House was built for mothers to safely give birth in, and new homes, roofs, floors, water filtration projects, and latrines have been constructed over the years.

- **Health care.** In addition to the facilities of The Mother House, the group annually brings medical specialists to conduct medical clinics and to fit glasses. Several of these clinics are held in remote, hard-to-reach locations.

- **Education and Financial Support.**

The children's project, *Niños y Niñas del Futuro*, brings education, health, and Christian love to over 50 young children and their families. Many children

are able to attend school because of the scholarships you have provided and adults have been helped towards self-sufficiency with microloans to start small businesses.

- **Worship.** VBS is an important activity that goes on the entire time.

The Nicaragua project does not only happen in June; it takes a lot of work all year to get these missionaries there and to supply the materials and funding for all these projects.

Cathy is one very passionate woman who openly exhibits passionate spirituality every time we see her. She truly embodies the ELCA slogan "God's Work, Our Hands."





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