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The Greatest Story Ever Told: Jesus

We will be offering a new Bible study opportunity starting on **Thursday night, October 6.**

This course is for anyone who wants to encounter the Jesus of the four gospels and see how his story connects to our stories. Pastor Peterson has been leading this study at the Friday Men's Bible study and it has been very well received. The discussions have been very engaging and challenging. It does take the conversation off the page and into our lives.

It is a 16-week course. We will do the first eight weeks on Thursday nights in October and November. We'll start with an overview of the four gospels asking that question, "Who is this Jesus?" We will journey through his baptism and birth, and his brilliant ministry. We will do the next eight units in January and February.

We want to make it family friendly. We will offer a light meal from 6:00 PM–6:30 PM. The class will run 6:30 PM–7:30 PM with babysitting provided. The cost for the participant book is \$12.

This story has the power to transform lives. It is the greatest story ever told. If Bible studies intimidate you...if you have never been to a Bible study...if you have been to many Bible studies, this one will have the potential to reach you. Please plan to be a part of this journey.

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I have always told my kids that when they got married, I wanted to be "dad" and not "pastor." That decision was made when I was on my internship down in Littleton many years ago. My supervisor's daughter was getting married. I watched him walk her down the aisle, then run into the sacristy to put his robes on to officiate the wedding, then run into the sacristy again to get his guitar and sing a solo, then run into the sacristy again to take his robes off and walk out with his wife. I watched that circus and said, "That's nuts! If and when my kids ever get married, I just want to be their dad."

I was once again reminded that was a good decision at the recent wedding of my daughter, Jesse, up in Steamboat Springs over the Labor Day weekend. She and Jon were married at the top of Mt. Werner. (It was the first gondola ride for many of those from the Midwest and East Coast.) It was a glorious setting looking out over the now green ski slopes. And that long walk that Jesse and I took from the ski lodge, over the grass, through the guests was magnificent. I was beaming and she was radiant. So many memories of my precious little girl flooded over me as I walked arm and arm with my bride-to-be.

And I was also blessed with holding my new granddaughter, Grace, for the first time. She is gorgeous. My other two grandsons were there as well. We call Hayden, the two year old, "Turbo," because he is so full of energy. He wears his Pepere out. Jacob is just the opposite, so calm and relaxed. We call him "the banker," because he has such a serious face most of the time. And it was a delight to be around all my kids and their spouses and girlfriends. We really connected with Jon's big family, probably because his family is just as crazy as ours.

I love being a pastor. I also love being a husband and a father and a grandfather. They are

all "callings." I see them as God-given responsibilities and gifts. Church is like a family for me. I care about you as I know you care about me. I want what is best for you and will try my best to do my part to make that happen. I want all of us to be connected to each other and to our God. And I feel the same way about my family. I can be pastor and dad separately, but the goal is the same.

I know you have your "callings" too; family, work, church, clubs, neighborhoods, etc. They are all opportunities to live out and witness to our faith. The Holy Spirit doesn't only operate at church. I pray that we have the eyes of faith to see the Spirit's presence in all the areas of our life.

I know I had a "mountain top" experience in Steamboat. I felt so thankful and so blessed. God is so good.

Blessings,
Pastor Peterson

**Mile
High**



**November 13, 2011
8:00 AM & 10:15 AM**

*with special guest singer, Wende Harston
of the Queen City Jazz Band*

WORSHIP

What's Coming Up in October

October 2—Bible Sunday

- Setting Three in the ELW—Traditional worship
- Adult choir at 10:15 AM
- Presentation of Bibles to those youth moving up a class in Sunday school

October 9—Choir Recognition Sunday and "Blessed To Be A Blessing" Sharing

- Bluegrass worship
- Adult choir at 8:00 AM

October 16

- Setting Six in the ELW—Gospel singers
- Adult choir at 10:15 AM

October 23—"Blessed To Be A Blessing" Sharing

- Now the Feast liturgy
- Adult choir at 8:00 AM; Revelation choir at 10:15 AM

October 30—Reformation Sunday

- Setting Ten (hymn setting) in the ELW
- Brass ensemble and adult choir will be leading worship at both services
- Communion Milestone recognizing the youth who completed the communion class

A Bluegrass Road Trip

Our bluegrass group went on the road recently. Bruce Hoelter occasionally plays guitar with the group and is a member at Mt. Calvary Lutheran in Boulder. At his invitation, the group led worship at their Sunday services, one of them an outdoor service. Dave Beyer, the group's leader and banjo player, said it went very well and that they were very well received.

Jazz Service in November

In past years, we have held our Dixieland Jazz service on Pentecost and All Saints Sundays. That spirit-filled music works well on those two Sundays. However, we hope to add something new this year to the fall event and to do that we need to move the service back one week. Therefore, the fall Jazz service will be on **November 13** (and not on All Saints Sunday, which is November 6). So mark your calendars. This is a great event to invite friends and family to join you in worship at Bethlehem.



HOUSEHOLD

Remembering 9/11

A Day of Family Service

A huge thank you to Greg and Zander Schumann; Luke, Emily, Owen and Mia Kunselman; Shelley Kunselman and Sam Cox; Alex, Laura and Thomas Hoime; Pastor Sarah Anderson; and Deaconess Kristen Baltrum for all of their help delivering meals to six Longmont fire stations and the police

department on September 11. Meals were donated by 12 different Longmont restaurants, coordinated by Lisa Bulow, a neighbor of Deaconess Kristen. Lisa and her friend Charity began this outreach to firefighters and police officers ten years ago, but have always done it on their own. This year they were excited to have help!

Firefighters and police officers work through the day and night to ensure our safety, and

greatly appreciated our recognition and support on this special day of remembrance.

BLC Fan Club

Be a fan! Many of our congregation's young people are involved in sports, fine arts, and academic activities. **YOU** can support them by cheering them on! Simply take a schedule from Deaconess Kristen's office door and attend an event when you can! In some cases the activity is during our regular Sunday morning worship

time. NO PROBLEM! How about taking the family a worship bulletin for that day, and go to the activity with them? It's a great way to **BE THE CHURCH** on the sidelines or in the audience!

STUDENTS: If you'd like some fans to show up while you show off, email your schedule to Deaconess Kristen and we'll get it incorporated into the complete schedule.

Communion Class

A special class geared for second graders (and any youth who is interested) and their families. Please see the Education section for more information.



Middle School Youth

October 9—Eighth graders: See below under High School.

October 16, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM—Nicaragua Basket Fundraiser: Students, this is your service project for October! Please come prepared to set up, clean up, and run around and collect money from bidders! No, you don't get to keep the money, but your time here WILL count toward Community Service Hours for school (if you need them) and is one of the ways you can **"live your faith!"** Please let DK know by **October 14** if you are planning on attending.

October 23, 3:45 PM–6:00 PM—Jumpstreet! Meet at the church building at 3:45 PM, waivers in hand, for a 4:00 PM departure to Jumpstreet in Thornton. We'll jump from 4:30–5:30 PM and return to the church building by 6:00 PM. Cost is \$12. Waivers are available on the Jumpstreet website (www.gotjump.com), and BLC permission slips are on the BLC website (www.bethlehem-lutheran.net) or Deaconess Kristen's office door.

SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 21!

High School Youth

October 9, 11:30 AM—2012 ELCA Youth Gathering Registration Party! It's here—the official opening of registration for this AWESOME event is at NOON! We will gather in the Youth Room at 11:30 AM after worship for a registration pizza party. We will have some caring conversation, dream about the event, and even watch some cool videos of Gatherings of the past (including one from 1988!) Parental units and adult supporters are invited to join us! Please RSVP to Deaconess Kristen with the number



attending this party no later than **October 8!** **This year's eighth graders are eligible to go to the 2012 Youth Gathering, so you are invited to this event as well!**

by 9:30 PM. Cost is \$20 and BLC Permission slips required. SIGN UP BY **October 14!**

October 16, 6:30 PM–9:30 PM—Terror in the Corn! We will meet at the church building at 6:30 PM to drive to Anderson Farms for Terror in the Corn and other activities there. And yes, you can expect some faith conversation on the way home as there ARE connections to God and life even in the freaky shadows. We will return to the church building

Camp

Many thanks to the crew of folks from Bethlehem that headed up to Sky Ranch September 23–24 and helped out with the Thrivent Work Day! It was great to be together, enjoy the scenery, and have some awesome fellowship! Sky Ranch appreciates your heart and hands.

EDUCATION

Greetings Bethlehem!

October is an exciting month for learning at Bethlehem!

Sunday, October 3, is BIBLE SUNDAY! You should have received a letter in the mail about this if your child has just entered preschool, kindergarten, second, fourth, or sixth grade. I hope you have been attending the Adult Forums with Pastor Mark and Deaconess



Kristen about how to read their new Bible with your children. For these students, we will be honoring the promise that we made at their baptism to “place in their hands the Holy Scriptures.” If there is a child in your life (grandchild, neighbor, friend), that you would like to share this Bible ministry with, please contact me (Jasmine Tesdahl) and I would be happy to assist you.

October is also when we will offer the Communion Class for second graders (and anyone else who is interested)! While we have an open table for all ages here at Bethlehem, second graders and their parents are particularly invited to take part in this class to learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please contact me for more information about this two-week course which will begin on **October 9**.

Also, CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS! Mark your calendars: **October 30** is BYOA day at Sunday School, so don’t forget to “Bring-Your-Own-Adult” for some fun, faith formation, and fellowship!

Grace+Peace,
Jasmine

Adult Forums

Sunday mornings, 9:15–10:10 AM

How Lutherans Interpret the Bible: October and November

This will be a seven-week study led by Dr. Mark Allan Powell. Dr. Powell is a Lutheran pastor and a professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. This is an excellent video series looking at topics such as:

- What Lutherans Say About the Bible
- Interpreting the Bible in Context
- Determining Right From Wrong
- The Many Meanings of the Bible

To be a part of this class you don’t need to be a Bible scholar, you don’t need to know the exact order of the books of the Bible, you just need a willingness to learn some new Bible-reading skills.

Sunday Morning Coffee



We are returning to a regular schedule for the fall and that means (if you enjoy coffee between services on Sunday), we need your help.

Volunteers can sign up on the poster by the coffee pot for dates in October and November. The coffee can be made on Sunday mornings

or prepared in advance on Saturday afternoons (the church is open 4:00 PM–6:00 PM, arrange to have the ushers or pastor plug it in on Sunday morning).

Naomi Circle members covered the month of September; thanks to this group for its help. If your ministry, circle, or group would be willing to take a month, just indicate this on the sign-up poster.

SOCIAL ACTION

Back to School...Back to Spangler

How many volunteers from Bethlehem does it take to help children at Spangler who need a little something extra? Fred Fanton created a whirlwind of activity when he discovered that our neighborhood school, Spangler Elementary, needed a helping hand. Now, over forty volunteers each year are caught up in his enthusiasm. But what actually happens over there? How do you know how to help with math and reading? What do these kids need? Here are just a few "Spangler stories."

- As a volunteer, Jane Lahman, a former teacher with a math background, knows how to be that additional support for her fifth graders as they get ready for the move to Middle School. Jane loves to see the "AH HA" moment when a fifth grader realizes that numbers do add up, are exciting, and they GET IT!
- John Goodman realized that he didn't know how to do "new" math. He worried about how he would fit in. He learned his special bilingual gifts and his welcoming smile were just as valuable as math skills and now "My relationship with the students is NUMBER ONE" according to John.

- Dave Bluhm with his business experience brings a realistic, practical approach to math tutoring.
- Verne Berry, with a background in geological science, also brings a strong understanding of math to his students.
- Betty Bluhm divides her time between the library and the English-only third grade. She found that the quiet of the library, the questions of the children, and her love of reading help make the library a special place. She loves to watch a child get that wondrous look when they find a very special book.
- Bev Berry also focuses on reading and watched her kids stumble, learn, and grasp the words that make a book. Skye Berry (a Scottish terrier) got permission to come to school with Bev and listen as well.

Each of these volunteers shared THEIR gifts in their own ways. Each classroom has a special feel and specific needs. Whether it is a small group or one-on-one, the volunteer is there to help. Teachers and volunteers interact and strengthen the classroom. It doesn't take long before the hour is up, the half-day is gone. Many have decided to spend not just the one hour a week, but to go in for a second day, stretching the time, becoming increasingly involved throughout the year.

The hugs, the recognition and response from the kids are full payment for this commitment. John sees the unconditional love of God in the faces of the children at Spangler. Verne still has his Valentines that each of his fourth graders made. Bev has saved her booklet "The Important Thing About Grandma Bev." Dave and Betty had a wonderful time last year working on science projects with the second grade. Each of the volunteers has a Spangler story. Each of the volunteers gives freely of their time and talent while maintaining very busy, active lives.

School has started and is already in full swing. Volunteers are still needed and welcomed. The expense is some of your time, but the payoff is enormous. Watching the students grow and attain self-confidence is the best reward. One hour, one day a week and you, too will have Spangler stories to share.

So, what do the children at Spangler really need? Someone who cares, gives a hug and a friendly smile, someone who listens. Maybe someone like you.

Extreme Couponing at BLC

Do you get the *Sunday Longmont Times-Call* or *Denver Post*? Do you buy products that participate in either the Campbell's Labels for Education or Box Tops For Education programs? If you answered yes, then do I have an offer you can't refuse! Just collect and drop them off when you come to church. No cutting, no clipping—just save and let me do the rest! Starting immediately, I will be coordinating the collection of all Sunday paper coupons, Box Tops For Education and Campbell's Labels for Education. These labels and coupons are an easy way to obtain many needed items for our BLC youth groups and Cornerstone preschool, as well as help start a BLC pantry of non-perishable goods. A collection location has yet to be determined,

so in the meantime please put any and all coupons in my mailbox. Call (303-678-8825) or email me (bcoody@comcast.net) if you have questions.

Thanks! Bev Coody

Quilt Display

It's October and soon the quilts will be displayed on the backs of the pews in the sanctuary. After the display period they will be sent to Lutheran World Relief in Minneapolis for processing, then packed and shipped to wherever they are needed most in the world.

We want to thank everyone who contributed fabric for these special quilts. But, in particular, we want to thank all of the quilters who give so generously of their time at the Thursday morning quilting sessions and for the advance preparation work they do (cutting fabric and sewing blocks) at home.

Thank You to:

- To Manna Bible Study for providing 20 dinners for H.O.P.E.
- To the following people who helped serve the OUR Center Lunch on August 14: Mark Abromski, Colleen Beyer (leader), Jim Ferguson, Jan Geiser, Carolyn and Marv Greeb, Marcy and Dennis Smith, Neil Stewart, Larry Twito, Dean Wilder, and Sharon and Howard Wirth.
- To April Vanous from Bethlehem and all of the Light of Christ members who participated in a mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation August 27–September 2. They skirted a trailer home, built outhouses, cleaned up land to be used for future development, and built and delivered bunk beds.
- To the following people who helped with construction of a new house for the Lino family at the Habitat Build Day on September 17: Bob Cotton, Ken Bushaw (Ken Wright's friend), Jeff Ditillo, Alan Olson, Debby Olson, Nancy Smilnich, Melissa Smith, Dan Woodruff, Jim Woodruff, and Ken Wright.

Blessed to be a Blessing: A Stewardship Forum

by Gene Tesdahl, Co-Chair for Stewardship

This year, Neil Stewart and I have encouraged all of you to reflect on how you have become more connected to BLC and to a closer relationship with God, your family, community, and world. Whether volunteering at Spangler Elementary or the OUR Center, supporting the Bethlehem Heritage Endowment Fund, or taking a greater interest in the Lutheran Church in the world, we hope you are CONNECTED.

This fall we want you to think about the way you invest your time, talents, and financial support in Bethlehem Lutheran as you are *Blessed to be a Blessing*. This notion comes to us from Genesis 12: 1-3. Just as God spoke to Abraham, he speaks to us. We are special. We are blessed. We have a lot of work to do for the Lord.

You will soon be seeing a series of announcements each week in the bulletin about how Bethlehem uses its financial blessings to do much more than renovate our narthex and outdoor space. We support Malaria research and prevention in Africa. We donate time and resources to the OUR

Center. We support Lutheran colleges and campus ministries, and so much more. Also, in a series of temple talks some of your fellow congregants will share how they have been *Blessed to be a Blessing*. These are ways—often outside of our church building—in which people feel drawn by God to give love, compassion, and service to others.



These notices should remind us that our annual stewardship drive is upon us. We have the Lord's work to do. We entered to 2011 with a \$50,000 deficit. We still have much of it, and must either resolve it or limit our ministries as we end 2011. Prayerfully consider this. You will soon be receiving letters and pledge cards to estimate your confidential pledge of monetary support for BLC in 2012. As you do this, consider your investments of time and talents for 2012 as well. These pledges help Bethlehem carefully shepherd your investments and they represent a conversation between you and God about what you have done and what you will continue to do. It is the commitment, not the amount that truly matters. Thanks for all your support.

Our Mission Partnership with House for all Sinners and Saints

Bethlehem is a mission partner with several church-related groups. One of them is the congregation House for All Sinners and Saints. "House" is an emergent mission church that meets in urban Denver. Nadia Bolz-Weber is the pastor there. (Her husband Matthew was our associate pastor for six years and we supported Nadia in her seminary education.) As a mission partner, we help to support the ministry financially. Pastor Nadia recently shared this update with us:

"A lot is happening at House for All Sinners and Saints! We have experienced a lot of growth in the last year...and have gone from averaging 45 in worship to now averaging over 80!

We are doubly blessed by the ways in which growth is also growing us. One newcomer recently shared his story with us. He spoke of how, after a 'year from hell' in which he nearly lost everything (including his life) he came to Denver looking for a new start. From the depths of despair and depression, he felt a strong sense that God needed to be a part of his way forward. He ended up at House, where he instantly felt wooed by the joy of a *cappella* hymn singing. He wasn't sure he could believe in the God of the church that had wounded him growing up. But one Sunday, after weeks of praying, he felt compelled to come forward and receive the Eucharist. As he returned the cup with trembling hands, he shared with us

that he felt a deep sense of joy, of peace, of acceptance, as if God were reaching up from within his heart to embrace him.

On Pentecost we welcomed our first vicar, who will serve as a pastoral intern for one year... Once a month we offer a Rainbow Alley, a shelter for GLBTQ youth...We delight in sharing our love for hymn singing out on the town through Beer and Hymns.

We thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for this important ministry that is touching the lives of so many."

Agape Fund Update

The Agape fund tries to help church members and people in the community with their financial needs. It is totally funded by donations from Bethlehem members. We recently helped a church member cover their rent payment that was overdue. Thank you to those who give to this fund. It does make a difference. We again ask for your generosity as the fund is again depleted.

FINANCE

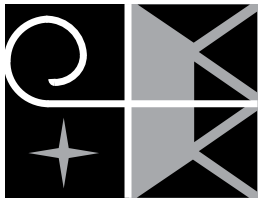
As we leave summer behind and jump into the fall 2011 schedule of ministry activities, here is where our budget stands:



FINANCE REPORT

- Actual envelope (pledged) giving had been on track with the budgeted amount, but took a dip in August (down by \$6,000).
- That affected our bottom line. As of the end of August we had spent \$13,000 more than we had taken in.
- Ministries have been carefully watching their expenditures and most of them are well under budget. They have been able to do this while keeping their ministries strong.
- We set a deficit budget for 2011 that included a Faith Challenge of over \$50,000. Thank you to those who have now donated over \$1,000 towards that challenge.

So...thank you for your good stewardship through this past winter, spring and summer. Please continue to support the ministry here at Bethlehem and help us catch up on our pledges. Lastly, please consider giving to the Faith Challenge so we can finish the year strong.



October 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

	October 2 Pentecost 16	October 9 Pentecost 17	October 16 Pentecost 18	October 23 Pentecost 19	October 30 Pentecost 20/Reformation
Liturgy	ELW3	Bluegrass	ELW6	Now the Feast and Celebration	ELW10
Assisting Minister	E: Sharon Kirby Cole L: Diane Penny	E: Cindy Taylor L: Gene Tesdahl	E: Todd Bischoff L: Kristen Baltrum	E: Jasmine Tesdahl L: Shaylee Pierick	E: Joel Buck-Gengler L: Kay Lynn Baker
Greeters	E: Frances Rhodes, Jan Geiser L: Nancy & Bob McLeod	E: Phyllis & Ken Wright L: Barbara Price, Karol Poetsch	E: Lucille & Harold Wollman L: DeEtte Eikenberg, Nancy Tiff	E: Irene Marconnet, Judy Johnson L: Paul & Janice Hopp	E: Eva & Glenn Summers L: Laura & Tim Steakley
Ushers	E: Neil Stewart; Frances Rhodes L: Roger Lahman, Larry Twito, April Vanous	E: Ilene Ryan, Colleen Beyer L: Darlene Borgmann, DeEtte Eikenberg, Mary Fjeld	E: Glenn & Eva Summers L: Tim & Laura Steakley Gerry Cole	E: Neil Stewart, Roger Jurgens L: Don & Candy Tiff, Cindy Koenck	E: Mark Abromski, Dwayne Larson L: George Dillan, Bob McLeod, April Vanous
Lay Reader	E: Shelley Kunselman L: Jeanne Phipps	E: Don Wuertz L: Lydia Mott	E: Doris Slinger L: Mary Boyer	E: Neil Stewart L: Nancy Markham	E: Sally Fanton L: Robert Cotton
Acolyte	E: L:	E: L: Cori Herbst	E: L:	E: L: Cori Herbst	E: L:
Communion Asst.	E: Frances Rhoades, Shirley Wayne L: Nancy Koob, Patty Fagler	E: Anne Lawhon, Sharon Wirth L: Nancy Markham, Patti Ritzen	E: Jeanne Robinson, Randy Robinson L: Tonja Twito, Jeanne Phipps	E: Dawn Reed, Zane Reed L: Wanda Schnabel, Audrey Dillan	E: Alpha Wuertz, Don Wuertz L: Jenny Kelley, Fred Fanton
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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers
2 8:00 AM - ELW 3 Worship - Bible Sunday 9:15 AM - Learning Hour 10:15 AM - ELW 3 Worship - Bible Sunday 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 5:00 PM - AAA Webinar Training for YM 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	3 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS 4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir practice	4 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study	5 9:30 AM - Worship @ The Peaks Care Center 7:00 PM - BLC Choir Rehearsal - Confirmation 8:30 PM - Sr. High Girls Stitch Niche	6 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - Bethlehem Bible Study 6:30 PM - Healing Touch Clinic 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts	7 5:00 PM - Andrew Gordon & Barbara Rousseau Wedding Rehearsal	8 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers 9:00 AM - Bluegrass Rehearsal 1:00 PM - Byrne 50th Anniversary Open House
9 8:00 AM - Bluegrass Worship 9:15 AM - Learning Hour 10:15 AM - Bluegrass Worship 1:00 PM - Communion Milestone Class 5:00 PM - Andrew Gordon & Barbara Rousseau Wedding 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	10 Columbus Day 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS	11 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study 9:30 AM - Naomi Circle 6:00 PM - Medication Administration Class 7:00 PM - BLC Council Meeting	12 7:00 PM - BLC Choir Rehearsal - Confirmation	13 6:30 AM - Book Club 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 4:00 PM - Delta Kappa Gamma 6:00 PM - Bethlehem Bible Study 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Longmont Stamp Club	14	15 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers 10:30 AM - Habitat Lunch
16 8:00 AM - ELW 6 Worship 9:15 AM - Learning Hour 10:15 AM - ELW 6 Worship 1:00 PM - AAA Webinar Training for YM 2:00 PM - Worship at the Vistas 3:30 PM - Girl Scouts 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	17 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS 1:00 PM - BLC Library 4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry	18 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 PM - Evangelism Ministry Meeting	19 7:00 PM - BLC Choir Rehearsal - Confirmation 8:30 PM - Sr. High Girls Stitch Niche	20 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - Bethlehem Bible Study 6:30 PM - Healing Touch Clinic 7:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop 565 - Longmont Stamp Club	21 1:30 PM - Deborah Circle 2:00 PM - WELCA Bible Study	22 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers
23 8:00 AM - Now the Feast Worship 9:15 AM - Learning Hour 10:15 AM - Now the Feast Worship 1:00 PM - Communion Milestone Class 4:00 PM - MSYG - TBA 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	24 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS 7:00 PM - Handbell Choir	25 7:00 AM - Daily Discipleship Bible Study	26 9:30 AM - Worship @ The Peaks Care Center 7:00 PM - BLC Choir Rehearsal - NO Confirmation	27 9:00 AM - Quilters 10:00 AM - BLC Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - Bethlehem Bible Study 7:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop 565	28 8:00 AM - Northern CO Porcelain Artists	29 8:00 AM - Promise Keepers
30 9:15 AM - Learning Hour 11:30 AM - Parish Response Group 6:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous	31 Halloween 9:30 AM - Manna Bible Study Noon - TOPS					

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

October Birthdays

Birthdays removed
for security reasons.

October 3 Virginia & Darrell Linder (19 yrs)
October 6 Claudia & Ed Byrne (50 yrs)
October 6 Guynna & Pat Manley (28 yrs)
October 11 Linda & Jim Ferguson (42 yrs)
October 12 Diane & Ken Forsberg (26 yrs)
October 19 Jessica & Mitchell Cooper (8 yrs)
October 21 Kristen & Robert Baltrum (16 yrs)
October 24 Lisa & Kelly Thornburg (24 yrs)
October 28 Carolyn & Ken Creamer (50 yrs)

Prayers...

Healing for Ruth Tilson, Gisela Garret, Reita Kyлло, Paul Hopp, Mildred Hart, Jim Boyd, Lucille Morris, Bud Tornow, Kate Adams, Chris Downing, Doris Cotton, Agnes Ronneberg, Joyce Gallagher, Doris Cotton, Dotty and George Choun, Michael Kasperbauer, Ryan Wappel, Jordan Trujillo Dirkes.

Sympathy for the DePew family on the death of Evelyn; the Robinson family on the death of Randy's father, Loyal Robinson.

... & Thanksgiving

We rejoice at the the birth of **Bradley Marcus Luere**, son of Jill and Adam Luere and grandson of **Shirley Kasperbauer**, on August 22.

Congratulations to **Jesse Peterson and Jon Aanested** who were married on September 4. Jesse is the daughter of **Ruth and Pastor Mark Peterson** and the granddaughter of **Peggy and Marv Peterson**.

Please welcome our new members: Chris and Sara Corner and their children, Colten and Lilah; Joyce Gallager; Bobbie Goodman; Bonnie Schumann; Greg Schumann; Mike and Nancy Smilinich; and Dru and Jaime Updegraff and their children, Jill, Jackson, and Hayden.

October Anniversaries

October 3 Diana & Dick Grieve (47 yrs)
October 3 Kim & Mark Herbst (19 yrs)

Good News!

Congratulations to **Brent Buck-Gengler**, violist, who successfully auditioned for the Longmont Youth Symphony's String Ensemble. Concert dates will be posted in the "Fan Club" folder (see Household Ministry).

Don't forget: If you have exciting good news (graduations, winning sports tournaments or other competitions, scholarships, a Nobel Prize, etc.), please do let us know so that we can share it with the rest of the congregation! This is for members of all ages, not just kids. We want to know about and share your milestones. There haven't been any submissions of this type lately so we hope people haven't forgotten that we want to share these things.

Thank You!

We would like to thank Pastor Mark and each of the congregation who offered assistance when Archie had a problem during church services. There was some problem with some medications he was taking. Each and every one of you were very helpful. Thank you again. We really appreciate it. You were wonderful.

Archie and Laretta Sykes

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers during my illness. Also, thanks to everyone who sent cards and flowers for my 96th birthday on September 1. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Mildred Hart

Thank you so much to all of you for your thoughts and prayers when we lost Mike's mom, Shirley. Your thoughtfulness is so much appreciated. A special thank you to Pastor Mark for being there when we needed him.

Mike and Diane Frank

Office Helpers: Betty Bluhm, Dennis Smith, Nancy and Bob McLeod, Laverna Pickett, Ann Russell, Doris Slinger

Star Helpers: Alpha and Don Wuertz, Sally and Fred Fanton, Patty Fagler, Lucille Wollman, Peggy Peterson, Ann Thompson

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Narthex Update

Work is also resuming on our narthex remodel. Thanks to Fred Fanton for painting the door jams to match the new paint on the walls. We have allocated more bulletin board space for our partners in ministry, Light of Christ. New lights have been ordered and will soon be installed. The new storage system for all of our collections (OUR Center,

H.O.P.E. Ministries, etc.) has also been contracted out. Funding for this project is coming through several of our memorial gifts. This will be a lasting improvement to our facility. The task force will now look at an artistic way to display our beautiful quilts and also a new system for the church mailboxes. Thank you for your patience as these pieces start to come together. We have received many compliments on how much better the narthex looks now that it is less cluttered.

The Blessing of New Toilets!

Thanks to the generous donation of a church member we have new toilets in the hallway bathrooms. Several of the old ones were continuously running and leaking, and needed replacement. We didn't have the money for that until this "angel" appeared. The new toilets will cut down significantly on water usage.

They also have a ministry connection to them. These are the bathrooms that the preschoolers from Cornerstone use. Andrea Becker, our preschool director, said the old toilets scared the little ones. They made funny noises, or as Andrea said, they

"growled" at the kids. These new toilets are so quiet that the kids feel much more comfortable. For this age group that is a big deal. Andrea was so thankful for this upgrade. It has made her job much easier.

Outdoor Center Update

Work has finally started on the new outdoor recreation/worship area. Thanks to the Ropte memorial fund we are able to improve upon the outdoor gathering space we have at the north end of the parking lot. The excavation work has begun for the new concrete pad and landscaping. The new outdoor structure has been ordered and should be here soon. Make a point to drive by to see the progress. It should be fully functional for next summer's activities. Thanks to Ryan Bloemker for his leadership in this project.



P.S.

This is one of the sermons given on Camp Sunday in August by Sarah Loberg and Madison Reed. Sarah's experience as a camp counselor was shared last month on this page. This month we feature Madison's thoughts about being a camper at Sky Ranch.

So this year Sarah and Deaconess Kristen asked me to share about my experience at Sky Ranch. I had Sarah as my counselor this year and she is the best counselor yet. Sarah woke us up each morning by giving us candy and read us Bible stories at night. She is awesome.

My last four summers at Sky Ranch have impacted my faith journey in many ways. It's brought me closer to my Christian friends who come up the mountain with me, and helped me meet new Christian friends. My sister and I talk about camp often and sing the songs that we learned there. Every time I go down the mountain my faith feels a little stronger because the time spent up at Sky Ranch worshipping God makes me feel sure that God is real, and that

he created the world. It makes me feel that this is where and what I should put my faith in.

Sky Ranch has impacted me through its creation (setting). I feel I am in my own holy bubble, away from the worries of life. It's a different atmosphere where everyone believes in Christ. It's a good "different" though.

The biggest way camp has impacted me so far was this summer Kristen told me we were going to act out the death of Jesus. When we did it, it was a whole lot different than what I expected. We went through the whole journey of finding a Messiah. We found Jesus. Then we tested him, and watched him get arrested. Then came the crucifixion. Even though it wasn't really Jesus, it was terrifying how sad it was. When I think about how he made such an enormous sacrifice for me, the very least I can do is worship and believe in him. He gave his life for me. I should be able to give him my heart and let him live in me no matter where I am, up the mountain or down.

October



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