



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

## June 2022 Newsletter

Bethlehem Family and Friends,

Take a deep breath with me...in and out! We have finally almost made it to summer! Hopefully, this can be a time where our schedules look different, we can get outside into God's creation, and we can breathe and be in a different way than the rest of our busy lives.

Here at Bethlehem we are gearing up for the our Congregational Cook-Out next Sunday, June 5th, as well as kicking off a new opportunity for any of you who relate with youth during the summer! If you have kids or grandkids, we are creating "take-out church" for you, a whole kit of fun ways you can keep faith formation happening this summer. With everything from activities with bubbles, to getting out in nature, to prayers for wherever your summer might find you, there really is something for all ages. **We hope you will join us on June 5 and take a "take-out church" kit home with you!** That day is also Pentecost in Sunday worship, so we believe that, just as the spirit was present with the disciples that first Pentecost, so too is the Holy Spirit moving in our midst and going with us wherever our summers take us!

I hope you find a balance this summer, friends, of time to breathe and time to be busy...time to take a break and time to gather. One of my favorite authors says this about summer:

*Blessed are you, summer,  
you call us into playfulness,  
encouraging us to pause from work.  
You renew our spirits.*

That is my prayer for each of you and for all of us on staff this summer as well. I pray you and your family can find time to play, to pause, and to refresh. Thank you for all you do. Thank you for being a part of the Bethlehem family. Thank you for the privilege of walking with you through the changing seasons.

Your partner on the journey,

*Pastor Amy*

# Youth NEWS AND EVENTS

Join us on Sunday, June 5, at 2 pm, to go fishing at **Prairie Lakes!** You can bring your own fishing gear, or we have extra poles and bait available! Come and fish with us in the afternoon, and then join us for a free cook-out at church at 5 pm, too! Grab a friend, grab a pole, and come join the fun!



**Let's go fishing!**



Save the date! On **Saturday, August 27, 11:00 am-2:00 pm**, we are having another **Bounce Back to Bethlehem!** Grab your friends to come join you for a bouncy house obstacle course, dunk tank, balloon creations, face painting, games for all ages, shaved ice, and lunch from a food truck, too! Hope to see you there!

Hey Confirmation Bible Campers! **Make sure you are registered to head with us to Lutheran Lakeside July 17-22.** Have your parents go online and get you registered and pay the deposit, and then let Pastor Amy know you plan to join us! It's gonna be a week filled with fun! Come and join us!



We know that this summer brings lots of fun things for you and your family. Whether you are headed to the campground, the lake, or on a trip to see family and friends, we want you to know that church goes with you! **Starting Sunday, June 5, you can pick up this summer's "Take-Out Church,"** a box filled with fun things for you and your family to do to keep faith building wherever you go this summer! Don't forget to pick yours up! There is something for everyone!



## Ways to get involved at Bethlehem in the next few weeks...

### E-Eat Together

Join us on **June 5th** for an **all church cook-out** after a fun day of fishing! More info coming soon!



Pastor Amy is holding **Tea Talk** again this year, on **Wednesdays** from **11 am-1 pm** at the River Place Plaza (next to Urban Pie). If she isn't outside, you can find her right across the street in the Tea Cellar. Come join her for tea and conversation!



Father's Day is Sunday, June 19th. To honor the important men in our lives (fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or brothers), we invite you to submit pictures of these individuals for a slideshow to be shared during worship. **Please submit your pictures to Pastor Amy at [pastoramy@bethlehemcf.net](mailto:pastoramy@bethlehemcf.net) by Monday, June 13th, at noon.**

**Come and join us for a fun all-ages service project morning on Sunday, June 12!**



Wear your work clothes to church, and then we will have projects for some folks to work on at Bethlehem (**building new picnic tables for Bethlehem** and some cleaning projects), as well as projects to send folks out to into the community! Want more information? Call the church office today!



**S-Serve in love**



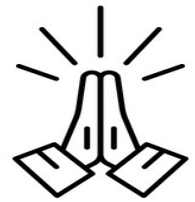
On **June 5**, we are going fishing as a part of Iowa's free fishing weekend! After fishing, we will have a church-wide cookout. We hope you will join us for fishing, the cookout, or both fun events!



Consider praying for the following this month:

### B-Begin with Prayer

- \*For victims of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, and for their loved ones...
- \*For all people, families, and communities affected by gun violence...
- \*For local, state, and federal lawmakers, that justice, peace, and safety may prevail...
- \*For students and graduates at the end of this school year (especially from local institutions)...
- \*For families searching for infant formula to feed their children, and for affordable access to safe, healthy nourishment for all people...
- \*For families and friends remembering loved ones who died while serving in the United States armed forces ...
- \*For peace between nations and an end to war across the globe...



A prayer for summer:

*Come summer with us, Lord; summer deep down in our soul; restore our faith in summer's time, in rest, in joy, in play, in you...*

*Summer in our hearts Lord, and dwell there as if time would never end, as if all time were children's time, eternal time when school is always out and joy is ever in...*

*And let others summer in our shade, Lord, and share whatever summer's peace is ours to give, whatever summer's light is ours to shed, whatever summer's warmth is ours to share...*

*Good God of every season and every day this week, come summer with us, Lord, and let the children of our hearts spend this summer in your love. Amen.*

-Adapted from a prayer written by Father Austin Fleming

### L-Listen to others



Dear Pastor Amy and Friends,

Thank you very much for your generous contributions for our Finals Week Breakfasts, which happened from Monday, May 9, to Friday, May 13. The fruit, juice boxes, goldfish crackers and candy were appreciated both here in our building and on our forays to campus on the "Treat Trike." Thank you! Thank you!

To a student, they appreciated we were there to feed and care for them during this stressful week. We met quite a few new students, many of whom returned each morning and brought more friends with them! Your support makes it possible for us to be here to care for today's students and staff at the University of Northern Iowa.

We deeply appreciate your generosity and support.

With heartfelt thanks, David Glenn-Burns, Director ThreeHouse Campus Ministry





## Wine Women & the Word

### S-Share your story



Do you like getting to know other people from Bethlehem? Then come and join us each summer month, the fourth Thursday of the month, at Pastor Amy's house for Wine, Women, and the Word!

This is a chance to share your story, dig into God's story, and hear the story of others, too! All members and friends of Bethlehem ages 21+ are welcome! This month, we will meet on June 23 at 7:00 pm!

### Worship and Education Opportunity-June 19, 2022

Join us for worship at 9 am with a special emphasis on Juneteenth. Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of enslaved people in the United States at the end of the Civil War. For more than 150 years, African American communities across the country have observed this holiday, and it became a federal holiday in 2021. In reality, this is a celebration for all people of our nation, as we celebrate the freedoms that we have, and how all people have a right to be free.

After worshipping together, we will gather at 10 am for our final Beloved Community discussion, brainstorming ways that we can put all of our discussion and new understanding into an action plan for our community. Come and learn; come and share your ideas.

Everyone's voice needs to be heard!



Joyful Times is hitting the road and heading to the Floyd County Museum in Charles City on June 16!

Lunch will be at "Pub on the River."

Cost: \$5 for the museum.

We will meet at Bethlehem at 9:00 am that morning. Carpooling is available.

Sign-up on the welcome table at church.

Questions? Contact Jerry Mohling.



## All Team Meeting Night!

**Tuesday, June 14th, 7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary**

**YOUTH**-Last year's Camp Bethlehem event was a huge success! Come and help us plan the next overnight campout on the Bethlehem fields in July as well as work through some final details of VBS. If you are interested in any of these happenings, then **YOUTH** is the breakout for you!

**CONGREGATIONAL HOME/PROPERTY**-Do you like to help with projects around the church? Would you like to learn how you could be more involved in the behind-the-scenes happenings? Do you have time to volunteer to help set up and take down events when needed? Then **CONGREGATIONAL HOME/PROPERTY** is the breakout for you!

**FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES**-This group is the place to meet with Heather and talk about fellowship activities for this coming summer and fall. Some ideas this group is brainstorming include: Bounce Back to Bethlehem, monthly service projects, and Live Nativity this December. Want to know more? Then this **FELLOWSHIP** breakout is for you!

**Not yet been a part of All Team? No problem! Come and join us on June 14th at 7 pm in the sanctuary, and we will help you find a place to share your gifts!**



Pastor Amy and the people of Bethlehem,

Thank you for sharing your love and generosity with our neighbors in Ukraine. You are bringing love and hope in the form of cash assistance, food, medical supplies and quilt kits. Please look for email updates from me and I look forward to continuing our partnership into God's promised future.

Grace & Peace,

Tim Krick

How are YOU living into  
our theme for 2022: B.L.E.S.S.?

- B** **Begin** with prayer
- L** **Listen** with care
- E** **Eat** together
- S** **Serve** in love
- S** **Share** your story

Not able to join us for worship in person on  
Sundays? No problem! All of our worship services  
can be found online on our church website at:

<http://www.bethlehemcf.org/online-worship.html>



Mark your calendar for  
community worship on  
July 3 at 9:30 am! We  
will be joining together  
with the folks from

St. John's for worship at  
Overman Park in downtown Cedar Falls! All  
are welcome! Grab a lawn chair and come  
worship God out in God's beautiful creation!

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#### GIVING MADE EASY!

Scan the QR code with  
your smart phone to  
share your offering with  
Bethlehem.



Join us for **“Kids Can Change the World: Vacation Bible School”**

**June 26-28, 5:00-7:00 pm,**

Meal served 5:00-5:30, Education 5:30-7.

Registration for ages 3 year old and up  
can be found on the church website or at:

<https://forms.gle/S84jzfVFADSTyeGM6>

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