



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

October 2021 Newsletter

Bethlehem Family and Friends,

Autumn is often a season where we can reflect on the changing seasons, as well as the changes in our own lives. I pray you are finding time to get out among God's creation, and appreciate the beauty of leaves on the trees, the brisk air, and the apples and pumpkins and all that comes with this season of harvest.

As the nights get cooler, and the daylight gets shorter, we can learn from the changing of the seasons of our own need to rest and reflect and renew. We can learn as the trees drop their leaves in a way of "letting go" from summer and the busy growing season, that we too need to let go and let God guide our steps. For some of us, the leaves dropping make us sad, not feeling ready for another winter. For others of us, the leaves falling remind us that just like the trees, we need to let go of the old so that new growth and new life can come.

I pray that, at some point during this autumn season, you can find time to rest and reflect... that you can find the pieces that you need to let go of so that new growth can come... and that you can come and be with your brothers and sisters at Bethlehem in this vulnerable season of change and loss. I pray that you can be reminded of the hope that comes when one lets go and lets God work his plan in us. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says this: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" In this season of change, may you find hope in the idea that you are being made new each day by our God who loves you more than you can possibly imagine. May God continue to make us each new in Him. May He guide our steps and our lives throughout this and every season.

*Your partner on the journey,
Pastor Amy*

P.S. I will be having surgery in October on my foot, which will take me out of commission for a bit. As I rest and recover from surgery, know that you will be in my prayers. If you have specific prayer requests you would like me to lift up for you, please email them to me, or fill out one of the prayer request cards that will be available in worship and in the office beginning October 1.

Thank you to those who donated items for the garage sale. Due to the cancellation of the garage sale, your items were donated to: House of Hope, Eye of the Needle, Trinkets & Togs, Ascension Lutheran (bedding), Grace Fellowship (kitchen items) and Good Will.

Thank you again for your donations!

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for donating

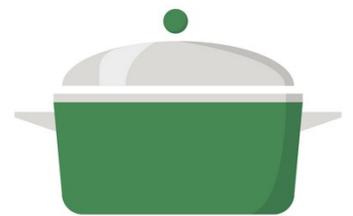


Thank you so much for everyone who helped in any way with the Bounce Back to Bethlehem event on August 28. Everyone had a wonderful time and that would not have been possible without all of your help!

The Funeral Lunch Committee is looking for new members; our current list is short and we hope not to “burn out” those who are helping so much. If you would like to be added to our list to:

1) prepare and serve food 2) wash dishes 3) bake a cake

please contact Judy Hill at jmhill@cfu.net or 319-266-0855. A special thanks to those who have been helping so regularly. You are such a positive and hard working group! And we have a good time, too! -Kathy, Judy, and Nancy



FUNERAL LUNCH
COMMITTEE

**You've
Got
Mail**

Dear friends,

Thank you so much, for providing ALL of the chips for the ThreeHouse Block Party! The personalized stickers on the chip bags were so great! Thanks especially to Pastor Amy, Kathy, Jill and everyone who handed out the chips from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, for providing such a warm welcome to the students. We estimate that about 150 people attended the Block Party over the course of the evening. We are looking forward to growing our student community this Fall with a variety of programs, including a First Year Survival Guide, Bible studies, Wednesday Worship, and Coffee House on Thursday evenings. We'll also continue to take the Treat Trike onto campus. Sharing God's love and acceptance with all continues! We deeply appreciate your generosity and support.

With heartfelt thanks, David Glenn-Burns, Director and Campus Minister

Pastor Amy and Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

We are so grateful for your partnership as we serve our community in need. Today we prayed for you and for your church. May God continue to bless you as you share His love and grace!
Many blessings! Love INC of the Cedar Valley

All Team Meeting Project Night!

Tuesday, Oct 12, 7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary



We invite you to join us for our October All Team Meeting! **Whether or not you served on a team previously, we invite you to come to All Team if you are interested in any of the following this month:**

CONGREGATIONAL HOME/PROPERTY-Do you like to help with projects around the church? Do you want a say in the property insurance that we carry? 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/OUTREACH -This group is the place to meet with Heather and talk about activities that are coming soon. Activities this group are currently working on include: Trunk-or-Treat., Men of Faith Dinner, Live Nativity, and Snow Day! Want to know more? Then this **FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH** breakout is for you!

Still confused about how all of this All Team stuff works? No problem! Come and join us on October 12th at 7 pm in the sanctuary and we will figure it out together!

QUARTERLY MEETINGS
= YEAR-LONG
SUCCESS

Our next congregational quarterly meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 7 following worship (also daylight savings)! Come and join us as we dream about our next year together!



LOVE
WITHOUT
LIMITS
Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions
Jacqueline A. Bussie
Author of Outlaw Christian

Join us this October for a **book read and discussion group** about the book "Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions," by Jacqueline Bussie. We will gather on Thursdays beginning in October to discuss this challenging and helpful book. Want to order a book? Let the church office know! Want more information or have questions? Talk to Pastor Amy.

Pastor's Office Hours in the Community: Pastor Amy will once again be holding office hours out in the community. This month, she will be at Panera from 9-11 on Oct 7 and Oct 28. Let her know if you would like to meet her there!



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



Bags of candy donations are needed for Trunk-or-Treat and Threehouse's Treat Trike, where candy will be given to UNI students. Candy donations can be brought to the church office until October 28.

Joyful Times will be headed to Cedar Rock Park on October 15 for a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright House. After the tour they will be having lunch in Quasqueton at Wolfey's Wapsi Outback.

On November 4, the crew will be headed out for an Amish lunch in Hazelton at Plainview Country Store.

For more information, talk to Jerry Mohling, or email him at:

jerrymohling@cfu.net



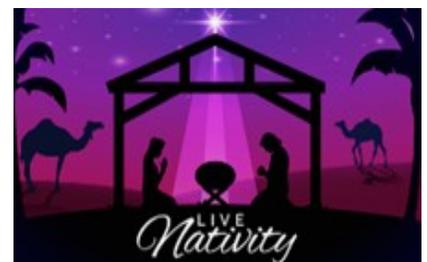
We are looking for volunteers for the following things this month:

Visitation Team-Bethlehem is forming a new team of folks to go out and visit some of our nursing home residents and home bound members. Whether you love to visit or are willing to be trained on how to

keep some of our shut-ins connected to Bethlehem, we need you! Talk to Pastor Amy for more information, or email her at pastoramy@bethlehemcf.net

Trunks for Trunk or Treat-Trunk or Treat will be held on October 30 at 2-4pm. We are in need of volunteers to decorate their cars for this event. **The theme this year is "books of the Bible."** If you would like to be a part of this fun event, please contact Heather at heather@bethlehemcf.net.

Bethlehem will be having a Live Nativity on December 5 from 4:30-6pm. We are in need of many of volunteers to help with the cast, kitchen help, and parking lot crew. Another way you can help is to "adopt a prop." In the next few weeks, there will be a list of props we will need and you can purchase that prop for the event. Thanks for all your support!



Youth NEWS AND EVENTS



We had a blast at Bounce Back to Bethlehem, and at all the Camp Bethlehem events this summer, we are already making plans for next summer!

It's time for our 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat!

Put on your costumes and join us at Bethlehem on October 30 from 2-4 pm. Invite all the kids you know! We are also looking for more folks to host a trunk! Call the church office or watch our Facebook page for more info!



Blessing of the Pets is Sunday, October 3 at noon! Bring your furry, finned, fanged or feathered friend for a blessing and picture!

2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

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GOD BEYOND MEASURE

Youth Gathering Info Meeting for Parents & Students (grades 8-12)

Sunday, October 10, at 10:30 am

Church Library

Hope to see you there!



Remember next Confirmation Gathering for 7-10 Graders is **October 10**. Come and join us at worship, and then stay after for lunch & learning!



We had a blast at Bounce Back to Bethlehem! Thanks to all those who helped make it happen, and to all those who came and joined us!



Today's Flavors:
Bethlehem Blueberry
Cheery Cherry
Outstanding Orange
God Loves You Grape





Educational Opportunities for All Ages

Sunday, October 3, Following Worship-Come and join us for Tables of Six, Family Style! We will study the day's text together both from the NRSV and from the Spark Children's Bible, we will have guided conversation where our kids can learn from our adults, and our adults can learn from our kids! Come and dig into the word together!



New Adult Bible study starting Sunday mornings at 8am, beginning October 3. We will discuss topic options at the first meeting. Come when you can! Any questions, contact David or Joan Easton: eastondj@cfu.net

Calling all 7-10 Graders! We are doing something new with Confirmation, and pretty pumped about it! Confirmands will gather one Sunday a month instead of Wednesday nights. We will worship with our families at 9 am, and then gather for class, lunch, and a bunch of fun too! **Our next get together is October 10.** Want to join the fun? Talk to Pastor Amy today!



Events coming to Bethlehem this Fall/Winter:



Nov 13, 5 pm: Men of Faith Dinner with a speaker & delicious meal...more info coming soon!

Dec 12, Following Worship: Danish Brunch & Dance Around the Tree!

For more info, or to help with these events, please email Heather: heather@bethlehemcf.net

Worship

WITH US ONLINE

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

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



To add yourself to the prayer chain team:

Email Cayla
office@bethlehemcf.net

or call Cayla at the church office (319-266-3541) and let her know that you would like to receive prayer chain emails.

To add a loved one to the prayer list:

Email Pastor Amy pastoramy@bethlehemcf.net
or call Pastor Amy at the church office.



Are you still not comfortable coming to worship in person? Are you unable to join us, but still wishing you could have communion?

Call the church office and Pastor Amy will be glad to bring communion to you! Call the office at 319-266-3541 and we will have communion brought to your residence. May God bless you and keep you in these days apart.



GIVING MADE EASY!

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

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2021-2022

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YouTube

Live streaming

Did you know you can now worship with us live??
When you aren't able to join us in person, we hope you will join us on **Sunday mornings at 9 am** on our YouTube page at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BethlehemLutheranCF>



Sunday, October 3 at Noon

Bring your furry, finned, fanged or feathered friends for a blessing and a picture! All animals and people are welcome to attend!

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Trunk-or-Treat

October 30

2-4 pm

All are welcome!

