

Bethlehem Star

Pentecost

July 2006

Summer At Bethlehem

Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church

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Missouri Synod

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Sunday Worship	8AM & 11AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Bible Study	9:30 AM Sunday
	7:00 PM Wednesday
Thursday Worship	7:00 PM

Bethlehem Christian Day School

Mrs. Alice J. Moore, Principal

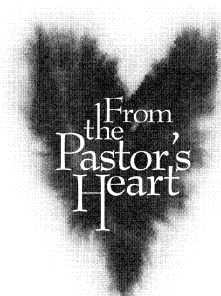
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A pastor had just begun his new ministry in Houston, TX. He took the bus downtown one day, and when he paid his fare, he noticed after sitting down that the driver gave him a quarter too much in change. What should he do about it?

It was only 25¢. Maybe he should just keep it; but the right thing to do would be to return the quarter. If he did, it would be a lot of trouble to go back to the front of the bus, and it probably wouldn't mean that much to the driver anyways, and the transit authority certainly would never miss it!

With all the sacrifices he had made in life, it was nice to receive something extra. Maybe he should keep quiet and accept this gift of God.

As he was pondering this, he noticed his bus had arrived at his destination. He went to get off of the bus, paused by the door for a moment, and then handed the driver the extra quarter, saying, "Here, you gave me too much in change when I got on."

The driver with a smile replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town? I have been thinking lately about going to worship somewhere. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday."

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter!"

Do the little things we do and say matter? Perhaps not, sometimes. Other times they really do!

People are watching you - at times and in ways you do not realize. The little things you do and say (or don't do or say) may hurt your witness for Christ! They may be looking for evidence that Jesus means something to you. They may be looking to see what Jesus must be like through the lives of His people.

Always leave the best impression you can. You can do this since Jesus has removed your sin on the cross and sent into your life the Holy Spirit.

He works in you "to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13, NIV).

Building up others in Christ is the greatest work we can do!

Be aware of the little things.

Be aware of the big things, too. You also have opportunity to build up others in Christ through assisting with some of our outreach projects such as Vacation Bible School, Basketball nights and movie nights. Let's look outward to the many who need Christ. How can we help them?

Pastor Jim

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please pull out your Church Directory and make the following changes:

Bob & Kathy Berkheimer
37047 Pintail Drive
Selbyville DE 19975
1-302-436-5071

Scott T. Miller
47 Hyacinth Road
Parkville, MD 21234
410-663-4664

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to . . .

July 2	Sandy Laughlin Maya Williams
July 4	Tyrik Burgess Herman Kruelle, Jr.
July 8	David Decker
July 10	Tyler Birkmaier
July 12	Karen Lindemann
July 13	Christopher Rhodes
July 15	Austin Heggins Eric Laughlin
July 16	Pastor Roy Maack
July 17	Matthias Ameer Devin Biggers Sue Clements Matt McLenithan Megan McLenithan
July 18	Arlene Christopher Theresa Myers Nicholas Rogers Pastor Walt Schoenfuhs
July 19	Beth Hood Shirley Samaniego
July 20	Margaret Brocato
July 21	Patti Birkmaier
July 22	Storm Sheckells
July 23	Nicholas Charlsen
July 24	Anita Dargan

Birthdays continued . . .

July 25	Sarah Ford
July 26	Randy Myers
July 27	Christoph Henderson
	Kyle Knauer
	Tim Rein
July 28	Ryan Fuller
	Hinako Soderhamn
July 30	Kirk Cunningham
	Kelley Finck
July 31	Evelyn Rook
	Tim Williams



Cameron Redding ***Mar 28***
 Parents are Chris & Kris Redding

Sophia Samaniego ***Apr 17***
 Parents are John & Shirley Samaniego.

Katerina Kaminaris ***May 21***
 Parents are Manny & Leslie Kaminaris.

May our Lord bless and keep you little ones and your family as you grow in years, and in your love of Christ!

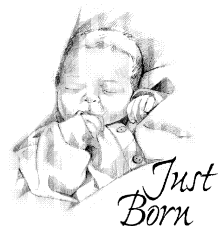
Happy Anniversary to . . .

July 1	Bob & Sue Ward
July 2	Andronike & Anita Dargan
July 7	Scott & Lynee Edwards
July 20	Shane & Katie Stufft
July 29	Eric & Sandy Laughlin

Gracious Father, we thank you for another year of blessings upon our loved ones.

Happy Baptismal Birthday to . . .

March 26, 2006	Katie Webster Ben Webster
April 16, 2006	Lamyra Woah-tee Lingbay Woah-tee Allakatee Woah-tee
April 23, 2006	Cameron Redding
April 30, 2006	Addison Svec
May 14, 2006	Joseph Barron
May 21, 2006	Madison Nue
June 11, 2006	Cameron Dinisio



Cameron Dinisio ***Feb 23***
 Parents are Tim Dinisio and Nicole Caskey

Vincent Stewart ***Mar 10***
 Parents are John Chatterton and Donna Stewart

PRAYER REQUESTS

May God's Love Surround

Ryan Anders	Pastor Don Bendewald
Rick Berney	Linda Blackwell
Bob Carter	"Casey"
"Daniel"	Dargan Family
Dennis Holbrook	Max Kaminkow
Brandon Koontz	Mary Kozlowski
Midge Matteo	Eva Nawrocki
Donald & Evanette Olsen	
Mary Lou Parron	Carmen Redding
Raina Rhodes	Paul Scelsi
Bill Scherer	Edie Schwarz
Nancy Seymour	Dytoine Stinson
Juanita Zielezinski	

The victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and floods, and those rendering aid in the devastation.

The families and friends who have lost loved ones in the war in Iraq.

The men and women of our Armed Forces stationed at home and abroad.

*Prayers continued. . .***Our Homebound Members**

Behles Family	Erma Cunningham
Emmie Fouse	Alice Frick
Anna Friess	Ted Hunter
Grace Kruelle	Ruth Kruelle
Elma Morse	Erma Pfaff
Mary Jane Turner	

We offer our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the following loved ones who have been called to their eternal homes

<i>Ruth Brown</i>	<i>December 15, 2005</i>
<i>Ruth McGinnis</i>	<i>March 9, 2006</i>
<i>Margaret Kirby</i>	<i>April 19, 2006</i>
<i>Ruth Detamore</i>	<i>April 26, 2006</i>
<i>Anna Trageser</i>	<i>May 7, 2006</i>
<i>Bessie Scherer</i>	<i>May 23, 2006</i>
<i>Billie Auer</i>	<i>May 29, 2006</i>
<i>Frank Lamm</i>	<i>June 5, 2006</i>

BUSY BETHLEHEM



You are invited to participate in a new worship opportunity:

We are offering a **7 pm** worship service *every Thursday evening*.

Pastor Jim will share the Word; Mr. Stan Belle will lead the music. Might you have a musical talent to share?

Come on over to Bethlehem on Thursdays and worship the Lord with us!

To God Be The Glory! We Are Almost Half Way There!

Bethlehem Christian Day School Annual Fund Drive!

Check our Progress on the Bulletin Board as we strive to raise \$15,00 for our School's Annual Drive. Please prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal this year.

Thrivent News

Bethlehem Receives \$1,300.00

Sharon Schwarz-Roncace has announced we will receive the following:

\$400 for Vacation Bible School;

\$400 for Christian Fright Night;

\$200 matching funds for Friendship Circle

Bake Sale in September;

\$300 matching funds for Friendship Circle

Candy Sale in November.

All this is possible by Thrivent Members volunteer hours in support of these events.

Thanks for your support of Bethlehem!

L W M L Mite Offerings

June offerings were \$15.82 bringing our total for 2006 to **\$124.29!** Thank you for supporting the many outreaches of Lutheran Women in Mission.

SHARE THE TREASURE!
Sunday, July 16 – Thursday, 20.
Treasure Cove
Discover the Riches of Christ!

Vacation Bible School 2006.

Our doors will open at 5:30 pm, and the children and staff will enjoy a delicious light supper. The opening worship will begin at 6:10 pm, after which the classes will go to lesson time, craft time, or activities and games. A time of learning, sharing and having fun is planned for all.

Invite your God children, Your Grandchildren, Your family, and even Your Neighbors from ages 3 - teens.

For more info, to register your child/children or to help, please call Mike Ellsworth @ 410.488.4445 or 443.224.8771.

BASKETBALL NIGHTS AT BETHLEHEM

These warm Summer nights are just the time to invite our neighborhood youth to come and play at Bethlehem! All the fun starts at **8:00 pm**.

In July we'll welcome our neighbors on **Thursday, July 13, and Thursday, July 27.**

In August we'll step up the pace, and try to have some fun on:

- Tuesday August 8**
- Thursday August 10**
- Tuesday August 15**
- Thursday August 17**
- Tuesday August 22**
- Thursday August 24**

Hope to see you here to smile, talk, or shoot some hoops with us!

SIDEWALK SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Looking for a FUN way to tell others about the Lord?

Mike Ellsworth is getting a team of "actors" together to tell the stories of Jonah, Daniel, Joseph and others on the streets around Bethlehem!

The skits are ready - all we need is YOUR voice and maybe a "gesture" or two!

After the 11 am worship, we'll grab a quick bite to eat, and then we'll hit the streets. We look forward to YOU joining us!

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE ANNUAL CRAB FEAST

The date for this "tasty" event has been set for Sunday, August 27, following our 11 AM worship – *about 12:30 pm.*

Mike and Debbie Lusco will be ordering the crabs, and there will be other goodies to eat! Keep the date open, and watch our Weekly Announcement Sheet for further details!

CONVERSATIONS OF GRACE Richmond VA August 4-6

This workshop, offered by Southeastern District, will help us relate to others in a way that will *open the door* for us to invited others to church with us as we celebrate Christ's love for us each Sunday! This session is different from the previous ones, in that a special workshop will also be offered to our youth. So, the whole family can attend!

Interested? Please speak to Lee Jones or David Pfaff , or visit the District's web site www.se.lcms.org.

Help Us Get CASH for Your Trash!! Helps Benefit B C D S

The next time you change an ink cartridge in your printer, upgrade your cell phone, get a new laptop, or a new Palm Pilot and you are not sure what to do with the old one – bring it to Bethlehem! We recycle all these items for CASH! Please ask your family, friends, employers, *everyone* to save them for you.



*Memorial
Giving*

The following
people have made
gifts to our
Operating Fund...

In memory of Ruth Brown

by Sarah McLean

In memory of Donald Klaesius, Iris Stuecklen, Robert M. Klaesius and Warren A. Klaesius

by Geraldine Sieglein

In memory of Ruth Detamore

by Donald & Dawn Irwin, Jr.

by Frank & Margaret Greller

by Burt & Karlyn Richwien

by Dottie Zink

In memory of her loved ones

by Anna Trageser

In memory of Margaret Kirby

by Burt & Karlyn Richwien

In memory of Anna Trageser

by Dottie Zink

In memory of Betty Scherer

by June Kautsch

In honor of Ted & Ginny Rein's 40th Wedding Anniversary

by Frank & Margaret Greller

A Gift Has Been Received for Bethlehem Christian Day School

In memory of Ruth Hoffman

by Frank & Margaret Greller

BETHLEHEM OUTREACH

Your generous giving has made the following donations possible:

Lutheran Mission Society	\$517.30
LCMS World Relief	\$597.00
Raven Rock Lutheran Camp	\$2,583.68
Concordia College, NY	\$583.53