

The Bethlehem Star

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Quilters Complete Another Year!

Lost Nations Community Quilters completed another successful year. Approximately 15 to 20 volunteers from the community helped with the project 231 quilts were completed.

This year we had several new volunteers. We were especially delighted when Johan and Henry Ihns joined in. They are Boy Scouts so they had no trouble tying a "must do" square knot. We would like to thank Roger, Enos, Jerry and Joe for helping in the kitchen and delivering "Meals on Wheels" each week. Special thanks to Roger and Joe for treating us to pizza on our last day. Stella Frank and friend from Cuba city WI joined us for pizza.

This past week, a few women from Bethlehem met and prepared the quilts for delivery to the following organizations: The king House, and Hightower in Clinton, Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Open Heartland, and Inside Out in Iowa city, Lutheran Services of Iowa in Davenport, Union Presbyterian Church, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Bethlehem Lutheran of Lost Nation and Lutheran World Relief. Several quilt items will be sent to camp EWALU in Strawberry point for their annual quilt auction. Circle the date Saturday, September 20.

Three "Quilts of Valor" were made and will be gifted on Veterans Day at the Lost Nation Legion's annual soup supper.

One quilt was made, especially for the "Golden American Saddlebred, Horse Association, Wichita, Kansas. Amy Egan House beautifully machine quilted this quilt for us.

We enjoyed an abundance of food, fun and fellowship and are ready for the rest! We continue to accept quilting, materials and sheets for liners. See you all in 2026! Enjoy your summer!

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*Bethlehem Church Women are pleased
to invite you to our Senior/Senior Coffee
to be held on Sunday, May 4
following 9:00 a.m.*

worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

*The congregation would like to show their
appreciation for our senior (80+)
members for their contributions
to the church as well as honoring
our graduating senior for her
accomplishments and reaching this special
milestone.*

*A special fellowship will follow the
worship service.*

*There is an elevator for those who find it
difficult to use the stairs. Enter through
the south basement entrance.*

*High School Senior
We will have a table set
up in the back of the basement to
display pictures, memorabilia, etc.*

Save The Date

LN Vacation Bible School will be
Monday -Wednesday June 23-25
from 5:30—7:30 PM.

Helpers Needed contact Meagan Berhle or
Haley Sullivan. Details to follow.

Shepherding Thoughts,

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
(John 10:19)

Peace is fragile and sometimes hard to find in our world. Peace seems to hide from violence. In the reading from John, Jesus appears to his disciples after his violent death, showing them that peace had won the battle over violence. Violence did not have the last word. Jesus rose to show us that peace is possible.

"The peace of Christ be with you always." We hear those words every week in worship and the response is "and also with you." Has this become just another part of worship, or do we really think about how powerful these words are for us and for all who yearn for peace in their lives? This gift of peace can give us hope for the days ahead.

Originally, sharing the peace was exchanged only between close family members in the privacy of their homes. When it expanded to the church, it was considered scandalous until it was decided that it was important to expand the love of close family members to include our siblings in Christ.

Sharing the peace in worship is always done before collecting the offering and coming to the table for Holy Communion. It was thought that before you give to the Lord and receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ you should resolve any problems you have with those around you. You are to resolve conflict and come to the Lord with a clean heart. This is done by shaking the hands of those you disagree with and offer them peace.

Although we may not have conflicts with those around us, it is still important to offer them a sign of peace. Whether it be a handshake, a nod of the head, or another sign, I hope we do it with sincerity and remember Jesus words, "peace be with you." It is the peace of Jesus Christ that we all need to share. May that peace comfort you and get you through the days when peace seems so far away.

See you in worship!
Pastor Roberta

May Worship Assistants

Usher: Al Schroeder
Communion Assistant:
Kelly Doll
Lectors:
6- Jone Paarmann
13- Elsa Sullivan
20- Tim Thiede
27- Brent Ihns



Acolytes:

6- McKenna Brown
13- Henry Ihns
20- Johann Ihns
27- Elsa Sullivan

Bread Maker: Jone Paarmann

Altar Care: Deb Christiansen, Diana Ihns

Teller: Jone Paarmann

Coffee Makers :

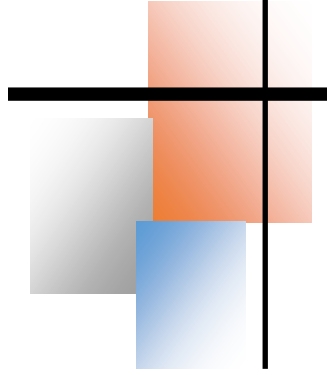
6- Senior~Senior Coffee
13- Rochelle Busch
20- Marlene Hicks
27- Diana Ihns

BWELCA HILITES

Joint Circle Sat. May 10 at 9 a.m. H/L: Marlene Hicks
Senior/Senior Coffee is May 4 Bethlehem Circle to host. Our graduating senior is McKenna Brown.
BWELCA Board Meeting Tues. May 6 at 6 PM.
Bethlehem Circle is next in line to serve.

Birthday - Anniversary Corner

30 Kayla and AJ Schroeder
30 Allan and Mary Smith
2 Barb Labath
6 Scott Doll
7 Jason Sullivan
8 JC Watson
13 Joan Von Sprecken
19 Marlene Hicks
20 Marlene Feuss
21 Kayla Schroeder
24 Connie Kleppe
24 Tucker Moore
24 Gale Kleppe



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Jone Paarmann Fellowship 9:45 AM Senior/Senior Coffee	5	6 BWELCA Bd. Meeting 6 PM	7 Confirmation 2 PM	8	9	10 Joint Circle 9 AM H/L: Marlene Hicks
11 Worship 9 AM Lector: Elsa Sullivan Fellowship 9:45 AM Happy Mother's Day	12 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE June	13	14 Confirmation 2 PM	15	16	17
18 Council 8 AM Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Tim Thiede Fellowship 9:45 AM	19	20	21 Confirmation 4 PM	22	23	24
25 Worship 9 AM Lector: Brent Ihns Fellowship 9:45 AM	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Sunday Schedule

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Secretary Hours:

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

If you need to enter the church and do not
have a key, always call ahead to be certain
someone is there.