



The Bethlehem Star

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October Circle Meeting

Money, Stewardship and Generosity
Rev. Christa von Zychlin

Session two: Stewardship –
How do we tend our treasure?

God madly, beautifully, entrusts human beings with the care of all creation, including time, talent and material wealth. Moses needs help with his time management. The practice of tithing could be considered a class in Material Management 101. Jesus confronts his disciples with disturbing words about God's high expectations for tending treasure.

Saturday, October 11 at 9:00 a.m.
Hostess/Leader: Connie Kleppe

All are Welcome

Coats and Coverall for Homeless Veterans

BWELCA & Social Concerns will again help with the purchase of men's winter coats & insulated bibs for homeless veterans. The cost per set is \$100. Please contact Jone Paarmann @ 563-579-5930 (cell) if you are interested in purchasing a set or contributing towards a set. Gifts of any amount are appreciated. DVIP in Iowa City sees to the distribution of these items.



We will also gladly accept gently used men's winter coats, insulated bibs and coveralls.



Reformation
Sunday

Sunday, October 26
Joint/Confirmation
and Communion

October Worship Assistants

Ushers:

Al Schroeder

Lectors:

5- Elsa Sullivan
12- Tim Thiede
19- Brent Ihns
26- Connie Kleppe

Acolytes:

5- *volunteer*
12- Henry Ihns
19- Johann Ihns
26- Elsa Sullivan



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Communion Assistant:

Jone Paarmann

Bread Maker:

Connie Kleppe

Altar Care:

Kelly Doll, Becky Petersen



Tellers: Brent Ihns

Coffee Makers:

5- Connie Kleppe
12- Joan Kleppe
19- Jone Paarmann
26- Ellen Pithan

BWELCA HILITES

A big thank you to all the ladies who provided cookie for the DVIP and the Sweets for Safety – Police officers! We had 31 ½ dozen sent!!

At the September Circle meeting Diana Ihns was reelected secretary for 2 yrs. and Kelly Schroeder was reelected Mission Growth/Stewardship for 2 yrs.

School Kits will be packed On Sunday, September 28 and Sunday October 5.

Circle Meeting is October 11 with H/L: Connie Kleppe.

There are quilt kits in the entrance for those wishing to help the quilters by sewing them together.

LWR Pick Up is October 18.

Eve Circle next in line to serve

Shepherding Thoughts,

I have been with you as your interim pastor for six months. I will begin by thanking you for your warm welcome and continued support. I look forward to more time with you as the call committee begins its search for a called pastor.

In these six months, I have started confirmation classes and participated in Vacation Bible School. As you know, children are very special to me, and I enjoy my time interacting with them. I love the children's message each week during worship. It is the highlight of the service for me. I am always eager to find more ways to help the children learn about God.

I am visiting shut-ins, and I enjoy hearing the stories of their time at church and in the community. I'm not sure if I am seeing everyone who should be visited. If you know of someone who should be on my list, please let me know.

Are there other ways I could serve you? Is there any interest in adult education opportunities? I am willing to make myself available if there is a desire for such classes. Maybe you can think of ways we could work together to make our presence in the community stronger. I am open to any suggestions you may have. Let's talk about it and make a plan.

Now that confirmation has begun, my office hours will be on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m., with confirmation beginning at 6 p.m. Please let me know if you would like to stop by for a visit. I would enjoy hearing from you. I am also available at other times if you call to make an appointment. I can be reached at 406-478-9518, so text or call anytime.

We are here together to serve God and to serve our siblings in Christ. I can't do it alone, I need you. Together we can make a difference.

See you in worship!
Pastor Roberta



Joint Worship Details

The joint worship service for Oct. 12, Deacon Jodi Schuman will be our guest preacher and the councils and call committee will be meeting with her following the service to begin the call process.

Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26, we will be celebrating jointly and also the Confirmation of Colt Doll and Sean Christiansen with communion. A reception will follow worship.



October Birthdays

7 Madge White
14 Allen Behrle
20 Mary Smith
26 Sue Zeller

October Anniversaries

1 Meagan and Kyle Berhle
5 Leta and Cornell Dunt
14 Kelly and Scott Doll
26 Aaron and Katie Lubitz

Council News:

Bethlehem Congregation Council met for its regular meeting on July 27. In business they:

- Property updates on water valve in parsonage and church cleaning;
- Audit committee update;
- Sidewalk replacement done;
- Farm Lease, offered to Dexters for 3 yr lease;
- Purchase new computer for office manager;
- Joint worship to be Aug. 24 with Joint Council and Fellowship to follow worship.

Heard the following Treasurer's report:

Balance 8/01/25	20,408.55
Income	7,250.22
Expenses`	<u>10,367.38</u>
Balance 1/31/16	\$17,291.39

INCOME

Offering	\$ 6,234.70
Benevolence	27.50
Loose	47.00
SMLC Reimbursement	
	<u>941.02</u>
Total	\$ 7,250.22

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pastors Office Hrs 4-6 PM Confirmation 6 PM	2	3	4
5 Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Elsa Sullivan Fellowship 9:45 AM	6	7	8 Pastors Office Hrs 4-6 PM Confirmation 6 PM	9	10	11 Bethlehem 9 AM H/L: Connie Kleppe
12 JOINT Worship 9:30 AM Lector: Tim Thiede Fellowship 9:45 AM	13 Newsletter Items Due	14	15 Pastors Office Hrs 4-6 PM Confirmation 6 PM	16	17	18
19 Holy Communion 9 AM Lector: Brent Ihns Fellowship 9:45 AM	20	21	22 Pastors Office Hrs 4-6 PM Confirmation 6 PM	23	24	25
26 Reformation JOINT Worship/ Holy Communion 9:30 AM Lector: Connie Kleppe Fellowship 9:45 AM	27	28	29 Pastors Office Hrs 4-6 PM Confirmation 6 PM	30	31 	

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Sunday Schedule

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Pastor Roberta

Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

*She can be reached by a call or
text to her cell phone.*

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.