



Bethlehem Star

Bethlehem Mission
Statement

*“To build the
family of God
through relationship
with Jesus Christ”*

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool

Jesus is Alive!

It was a devastating scene. What was once a beautiful new church sanctuary was now a burned out hollow shell after an arson fire. As the members gathered in shock and disbelief... amidst the sound of tears, questions, and painful silence, a little girl began singing... *“Jesus loves me, this I know...”* Soon all the people joined in and lifted their burdened hearts in prayer and song. Then they sang *“I Know that My Redeemer Lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives...”*

Tragic as it was, the fire did not destroy God’s promise of His ever-present love. St. Paul writes (Romans 8:39) *“Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.”*

Easter is the joyous reminder of how God is with us no matter the circumstances, challenges, or troubles we may have. God’s faithful love is always present and abundantly given.

How wonderful it is to gather together as God’s people to celebrate God’s love in Christ. How uplifting it is to sing praises to our merciful God! How satisfying it is to be fed in God’s changeless Word where He reveals His love to us! And how comforting knowing our sins are forgiven as we receive Christ’s body and blood! And how encouraging it is to know we are not alone in this journey of faith.

What a joy to be with you, dear people of Bethlehem, to find mutual encouragement as we learn to love, forgive, and pray for each other.

Come and worship! Celebrate the goodness of our God!
Celebrate His immovable, unconditional love! Jesus is alive and He is living in the hearts of His people!

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter blessings to you!
Pastor Brad

April 2011 Bethlehem STAR

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Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule

Lenten Worship Services

10:30am, followed by soup luncheon
7:00pm, after the 6 o'clock soup supper

Wednesdays

through April 13th

Palm Sunday Communion Worship

8:30am & 11:00am April 17th

Maundy Thursday Worship

10:30am & 7:00pm April 21st

7:00pm worship includes
"Christ in the Passover" (see page 3)



Good Friday Services

Noon and 8:00pm April 22nd

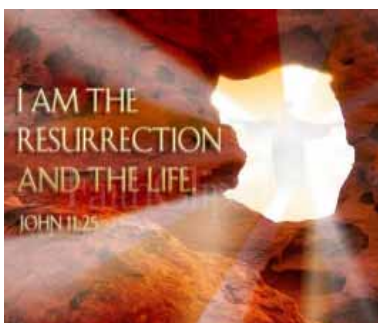
Easter Worship Services

Sunday, April 24th

6:00am ~ Sunrise Service with Communion

8:30am ~ Festival Service with Communion

11:00am ~ Morning Song Communion Worship
in the Community Center



Join us for an Easter Breakfast served in the
Community Center from 7:00am until 10:00am

Christ in the Passover Presentation

at 7:00p.m. Worship on Maundy Thursday



What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Karl deSouza, with Jews for Jesus, will answer that question as he presents "Christ in the Passover" at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Maundy Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 pm. You'll gain wonderful insights on how the pieces of God's plan of salvation fit together, and you'll remember this visual display of the Passover pageantry for years to come. Join us for Christ in the Passover from Egypt to Calvary to what it means for us today.

Karl deSouza is on staff with Jews for Jesus in Montreal, Canada. He was born in Karachi, Pakistan, and his parents moved to Quebec in Canada when he was a child. It was not until his senior year at Concordia University in Montreal that he came to know Jesus as his Messiah. Since that time, both his parents have come to faith. His mother is from the Bene-Israel Jewish community in India. Karl received his master's degree from Heritage Theological Seminary in Cambridge Ontario. He is married to Kristen, a Korean believer. They have three children.



Karl deSouza



You are invited to bring a bunch of spring flowers to adorn the Easter crosses on Easter morning ~ a visual reminder that Christ has overcome the cross and death to bring new and eternal life to all who believe in Him!

BETHLEHEM IS GETTIN' ALL SHINED UP FOR EASTER!!



The annual pre-Easter spring clean-up of the church facilities is scheduled for Saturday, APRIL 16th from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.



Cleaning will include the Sanctuary, widows, raking, trimming, weeding, etc. Please bring your own rags, buckets, ladders, rakes, etc. Come and enjoy some fellowship; have a good time and enjoy the donuts and coffee. For more information, contact any Trustee: Hank Modro, Greg Geist, Gavin Brown, Dave Zimbrick, Roger Lindquist, Mike Turner, Pete Heck, Doug Bernhardt -- you will find their phone numbers in the Bethlehem Directory -- or you can call the Church Office, 503.649.3380.





Mark your summer calendar for Vacation Bible School! July 11-15, 2011

Registration opens on May 2nd.
Forms will be available in the church
office and on BLC's website. questions?
or interested in volunteering...
talk to Kerry at
KerryLena@gmail.com



1, 2, 3 o'clock, 4 o'clock, Rock... We're going to Rock Around the Clock tonight!

This summer our youth will be heading to Camp Lutherwood in Cheshire, Oregon for their summer trips. The Jr. high students will be embracing the adventures awaiting down the Mackenzie rive and on top of climbing walls. The Sr. high students will be learning more about service as they join other youth groups to serve different organizations in the Lane County area.

In order to support their camp fees, we are hosting a youth ministry fundraising dinner on **Saturday, May 21st**. This evening of great food and toe-tapping entertainment will take you back to the 1950s. Mark your calendar now and be sure to invite all your friends and neighbors to *Rock Around the Clock*.

It will be a fantastic evening of great music and fellowship with friends old and new.

Tickets will be sold beginning on April 24th for \$20/person. Childcare will be provided for a suggested donation of \$5 per child (which includes dinner, crafts, games and more!).

This will be an evening you won't want to miss!



RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS

Thanks so much to all of you who helped with our 2nd Annual Rummage Sale last month. Without you we would not have been able to raise \$5,000 to help ministries that are near to our hearts. Here is how our fundraising efforts were distributed:

- \$1,500 went towards our 2011 Mexico Mission Trip. The team of 32 people just returned last weekend after building a house for a young family and filling it with housewarming goods.
- \$600 was designated for Bethlehem's Music Ministry, to purchase equipment including a piano riser that will insure safe movement of our grand piano.
- \$2,900 will go towards our October *Feed My Starving Children Mobile Packing Event*. That amount will feed 12,083 children!!!!

This Rummage Sale served so many purposes:

- 1) You were able to clean out your closets and garages!
- 2) Our neighbors & community bought treasures - very inexpensively!
- 3) We contributed to building a house in Mexico!
- 4) We improved our own music program at Bethlehem!
- 5) We get to feed starving children!
- 6) People bought inexpensive items for their families and are shipping them to Mexico and the Philippians because the prices were so good!
- 7) People in our community came to our church building - some for the first time!
- 8) Two organizations came to collect our left-overs to serve their ministries!
- 9) Love INC collected some furniture to serve people in Beaverton!

I am sure there are more blessings that occurred but these are just to name a few. So thank you for donating, delivering, sorting, pricing, buying, cleaning and spending time serving the family of God.

We will look forward to your help again next year!

Sincerely,

The BLC Rummage Sale Team

Hunger Banquet hosted at Bethlehem

The Youth Advisory Council of the Washington County Commission on Children and Families will hold a "Hunger Banquet" on Friday, April 15 from 6-7:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bethlehem member, Megan Stewart, serves on the Youth Advisory Council and works on the project with other local students.

The Hunger Banquet is an eye-opening event that illustrates the inequalities in access to food around the world. The vast majority of attendees are served only a bowl of rice and a glass of water, which is the diet of many in impoverished nations. A select few will receive a well balanced and nutritious meal (donated by local restaurants). A donation of 2 cans of food per person for the Oregon Food Bank is requested. If you would like to attend, please respond to washington.county.yac@gmail.com.



BETHLEHEM PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

REGISTRATIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2011-12

We are now accepting registrations for our 2011/2012 3-year old and 4-year-old classes. Please see Brenda at the church office for a registration form or go to our web-site at www.bethlehemec.org. Our 4-year-old classes are filling quickly, so don't delay! We also offer child care from 7:30am-5:30pm for children registered in our Preschool program.

Chapel

All of our classes enjoyed coming to Chapel where they had fun singing with Bob and learning about Jesus' gifts of love, forgiveness, and heaven.
Thanks Bob!!!

March Men's Morning

On Saturday, March 13th, 30 of our boys and girls brought their Daddies, Granddaddies and friends to an Open House at the Preschool. What fun everyone had in our Creation Station, playing with shaving cream, painting, drawing and enjoying snacks of "Popcorn," "Pop," and Tootsie Roll "Pops."



Annual Plant Sale

Thank you for supporting the Preschool with your plant orders. Plants may be picked up on **Tuesday, April 19th** ~ just in time for Easter!



Find us on the Internet!

Check out our website at www.bethlehemec.org and find us on Facebook at *Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool-Aloha, OR*

The deadline for the May 2011 Bethlehem STAR Newsletter is April 22nd. Please be sure to submit any articles you wish to have published to the Church Office before this date!
Thanks!



Bethlehem featured on the Lutheran Hour during April.

Bethlehem congregation and our worship services will be



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

People Of Christ With A Message Of Hope

featured as part of the announcements on the Lutheran Hour program each Sunday in April. The Lutheran Hour is broadcast every Sunday morning at 7:00a.m. on radio station KPDQ-FM 93.9.

Preschool News



Mrs. Meier's 4 Year Old Class, Mary Heck, teacher's aide

March was a Rreally great, Super, Terrific, and Unbelievable month! Can you guess what the letters of the month were??? We baked Rocks and watched our colors melt as we crayoned on them! We painted Rainbows using Q-tips! We learned how to be Safe from fire, strangers, earthquakes and dogs we dont know. And we practiced our Telephone numbers! Special visitors stopped by too - Officer Dave from the Humane Society, Dr. King the dentist, 4 firemen who brought their

fire engine, and Police Officer Doreen and her deputy!! We also took a field trip to visit Forest Hills Lutheran School where Sharlayne Buuck and Stephanie Heldt and Curious George showed us what Kindergarten will be like in a BIG school. Did you know that Jesus is our Rock and that He watches our every STEP?? We remember to be THANKFUL for all our many blessings!!

Mrs. Meier's 3 Year Old Class, Teri Robinson, teacher's aide

Do you HEAR what I HEAR?? God made many different SOUNDS when he created His wonderful world - rain that PITTER PATTERS and thunder that BOOMS; cows that MOO and lions that ROAR; hands that CLAP and feet that STOMP; friends who LAUGH and parents who say "I LOVE YOU!" We thank God for giving us EARS that can HEAR all these awesome SOUNDS! Loud sounds, soft sounds, no sound at all! We used our EARS to LISTEN to stories in the Bible about how people like Mary and Martha and the disciples LISTENED to Jesus. Even the wind and the rain LISTENED to Jesus when he said "Quiet - Be Still!" We marched around the room with musical instruments and danced to Irish music with green tambourines that we made ourselves! We even had an Earthquake Drill as we LISTENED to Mrs. Meier when she said "DROP, COVER AND HOLD!!" Our color this month was GREEN. We made GREEN frogs and turtles, kites and shamrocks. We ate GREEN eggs and ham and enjoyed a GREEN BUFFET with green pickles, kiwi, grapes, guacamole, cookies and gummy frogs!

Mrs. Sellke's 4 Year Old Classes, Mary Heck, Teri Robinson, teacher aides

During March, Mrs. Sellkes 4 year old class learned the letters R, S, and T and U. During S week we met Officer Dave who taught us about pet safety. Then the Tualatin Valley Fire Department visited us at school and taught us about fire safety. Our last visitors were from the police department. Mrs. Sellke even sat in the back of the police car! During T week we learned that we can always trust God and to always give thanks. What a terrific lesson! And, U is for umbrella! We marched outside with some colorful and fun umbrellas. It even rained for us!

Mrs. Sellke's 3 Year Old Classes, Teri Robinson, teacher's aide

Mrs. Sellkes three year old class learned about ears, the color green, and the shape diamond. Some of our Bible stories included Mary listening to Jesus and how the wind even listens to Jesus! During art we made silly frogs and painted kites using yellow and blue paint. Of course, they turned green which was very cool. We had our dad, grandpas and uncles visit on Mens morning and enjoyed chapel with Kerry Bauer. What a fabulous month!

STAR Lights . . . Stories to Inspire

from Ruth Dally

LETTERS TO GOD ~ THROUGH A CHILDS EYES

1. Dear God:

I instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why dont you just keep the ones you got now?

Jane

2. Dear God:

I think about you sometimes even when I m not praying.

Elliott

3. Dear God:

I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody

in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.

Nan

4. Dear God:

Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now.

Love, Ginny

5. Dear God:

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

Larry

6. Dear God:

If you watch in church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes.

Mickey D.



7. Dear God:

If you let the dinasor not exstinct we would not have a country. You did the right thing.

Jonathan

8. Dear God:

Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year.

Peter

9. Dear God:

Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy.

Joyce



April Anniversaries

April 3	Ken & Irma Lien	63 years	April 15	Chuck & Kay Hoke	33 years
3	Jerry & Ouida Steindorf	56 years	20	Aaron & Heather Johnson	9 years
7	Dwight & Julie Siewert	27 years	20	Larry & Vivian Saccareccia	48 years
8	Keith & Lil Harn	39 years	23	Jim & Shelly Allen	27 years
11	Ken & Pam Reid	19 years	29	Richard & Tina Amacker	22 years
14	Roger & Marilyn Lindquist	49 years	30	Louis & Edel Sigrist	56 years
14	Ed & Karen Van Scoten	21 years			

April Birthdays

April 1	Deborah Ruiz	April 18	Marisa Reid
3	Michael Cox	19	Lois Bernhardt
4	Allison Stewart	19	Ethan Crisi
4	Chris Wegner	20	Michelle Whitman
5	Tanner Krahel	21	Lisa Krahel
5	Diane Logan	22	Sara Amacker
6	Harvard Isaak	22	Kevin Harding
7	Angela Sanders	23	Teresa Dinger
8	Chris Harrell	23	Tootie Finney
9	Carolyn Meier	23	Loel Haak
11	Brianna Krahel	23	Pat Mackall
11	Lindsay Ruhnke	23	Samantha Perkins
12	Jenny Vosseler	26	Jenny Pierce
13	Cheyenne Estes	26	Alyssa Russert
14	Elli Bauer	26	Tom Wilbur
14	Ruth Dally	27	Carolyn Harding
14	Lila Johnson	27	Daniel Hoffmann, Jr.
14	Brad Loseke	28	Herb Tretzen
14	Emma Verney	29	Julia Gehlen
15	Payton Ottum	29	Katie Hedrick
17	Dena Johnson	29	Karla Ofenstein
17	Chris Roberts, Sr.	30	Christina Henderson
17	Micahel Thomas	30	Andrea Pearson
17	Clarence Twenhafel	30	Taylor Speer
18	Tommy Meier		



Happy
Birthday!!

Parish Nursing Health Update

By Dena Bindewald, Parish nurse

In last month's parish nurse article, I listed sleep apnea as being one of the risk factors for coronary artery disease. It was a fortuitous coincidence then, when our medical director at Heart Centers of America gave me an article about sleep apnea shortly after I had submitted my parish nurse article for the Bethlehem Star. I would like to share the article on sleep apnea with you as it contains concise information regarding the risk factors, diagnosis, and treatment.

This article comes from The Journal of the American Medical Association and was written by Janet M Torpy, M.D.

Sleep Apnea

It is estimated that more than 12 million individuals in the United States have sleep apnea, in which breathing stops for short periods during sleep. Most persons with sleep apnea do not even know they have this serious medical problem. Sleep apnea is more than just snoring, although snoring is one of the signs of sleep apnea. Obstructive sleep apnea is caused by intermittent closure of the airway. Much less commonly, central sleep apnea can happen when abnormal messages sent from the brain make breathing stop inappropriately. If left undetected and untreated, sleep apnea may cause poor quality of sleep, excessive daytime sleepiness, weight gain, hypertension, heart failure, stroke, and death. Hypoxemia (decreased oxygen concentration in the blood) and hypercapnia (increased carbon dioxide concentration on the blood) are common in persons who have sleep apnea. Both hypoxemia and hypercapnia are serious problems and can have many ill effects on the organs of the body.

Risk factors for sleep apnea

- Obesity
- Airway abnormalities, like large tonsils or a thick neck
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Alcohol use
- Sleep medication use
- Certain medical conditions, such as hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid gland)
- Sleeping on one's back



Diagnosis

- Severe snoring with breathing stopped for several seconds during sleep is a primary symptom for the diagnosis of sleep apnea.
- Your doctor may also take a medical history and ask about your medications, falling asleep at inappropriate settings (such as while talking or driving), and health-related issues (such as alcohol use and smoking).
- Sleep studies measure the number of apnea episodes and their length during a night's sleep. Other measures during a sleep study include pulse oximetry (which examines the amount of oxygen in the blood), heart rate and rhythm, and abnormal eye and leg movements.
- Tests to evaluate heart function and lung function may be ordered by your doctor to look for damage already caused by sleep apnea.

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Sleep Apnea Treatment

- The main treatment for sleep apnea is *continuous positive airway pressure* (CPAP). A small machine is hooked to a mask that a person wears at night during sleep. The CPAP mask provides gentle pressure to help keep the airways open and unobstructed.
- Sometimes surgical procedures are recommended to help correct airway anatomy. Tonsillectomy is a common treatment for children who have obstructive sleep apnea.
- If an individual is overweight, weight loss is extremely important in treating sleep apnea. Even a 10% reduction in body weight can be helpful for sleep apnea.
- Oxygen may be prescribed for use at night or round-the-clock use, but it is not the same as CPAP.
- Individuals with sleep apnea should not smoke, drink alcohol, or use sleep medications (without the advice of a physician knowledgeable in sleep disorders).



Blood pressure screening is available between and after worship services on the third Sunday of the month. You'll find this service located at the main church office in a confidential setting.



~ LWML ~

REBEKAH SOCIETY

3.17.11 Minutes

Ladies gathered for a St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Items of business discussed include:

Aprons with LWML logo were recently purchased for use in kitchens. More kitchen towels were donated to new kitchen as they seem to disappear.

Quilters made curtains for the house to be built in Mexico. Four quilts were sent for the family.

It was decided to purchase LWML mugs which will contain information about LWML and our Rebekah Society. They will be given to the ladies joining the church on new member Sundays.

Spring Rally -- takes place at Grace Lutheran Church in Scappoose, Oregon on April 2nd at 9:00a.m. Debbie Vosseler and Laurie Siewert volunteered to help with carpooling.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 14th at 11:30a.m. in the Sonrise Room. Note the date change to one week earlier than the usual schedule in deference to Holy Week.

FOREST HILLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Building the Kingdom of God through Christian Education



Enrollment at Forest Hills Lutheran School

is in full swing. Applications may be submitted online at fhls.org. We are enrolling students in grades K-8th. Schedule a tour of the beautiful campus by calling Sharlayne Buuck at 503-359-4853. Visit our website at www.fhls.org.

The Forest Hills Lutheran School Auction

is April 30th. There are only 150 tickets remaining to be sold and we expect to sell out prior to the event. Tickets are \$30. Go to www.fhls.org for additional details and to order your tickets. New and slightly used goods and services are being accepted. Help make this a successful event.



Fruit of the Spirit Pilgrim Lutheran School Auction

April 30, 2011

Tickets are now on sale at \$50 each for the Annual Pilgrim Lutheran School Auction! Please join us for a tropical night of fellowship including an authentic Hawaiian meal and entertainment. The evening will include multiple rooms of Silent Auction items and a large Oral Auction.

Tickets can be purchased through the school office or talk with Lindsay Ruhnke.

School Phone Number: 503-644-8697, **Email:** school.office@pilgrimbeaverton.com
You can find more information at www.pilgrimbeaverton.com.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY. The Lutheran Laymen's League Oregon District is offering scholarships to qualifying candidates planning on full-time ministry in LCMS churches or schools. The student must enroll in an LCMS university or seminary. Applications and references must be submitted by April 25, 2011. You will find application packets at the **Christian Connections** bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

World Mission News

April 2011
Herb Tretzen

Focus Ministry

Last week the world was shocked by the news of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. While these events seemed to take place on the other side of the world, they don't have much impact on most people's lives here. However, the news was a major impact to Japanese students studying at PSU and other schools. Many of the Japanese students that we knew had lost contact with their families and friends. To complicate matters for some students, in addition to hearing the bad news from Japan, they were also facing the challenges of taking final exams at school. For some students, things could not get worse.

Volunteers from the Focus ministry took time to connect with the Japanese students to offer them prayers and the ministry of presence. Plans were being made to hold prayer vigils and to do anything we could to help out. We wanted to do God's Will in helping these people, the same as Jesus would have done. As students see Christians working together to reach out and help people going through difficult times, they see the body of Christ in action. Jesus and his followers are there sharing the love of God and the love for their neighbors. Actions always speak louder than words.

Continue to Pray for Japan

We received word that all of the LCMS missionaries in Japan and that members of the Japan Lutheran Church (JLC) are safe and thanked everyone for their concern and prayers due to the earthquake and related activities. However, the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC) – not an LCMS-partner church has congregations and preschools in Sendai, the hardest-hit area. Word has come that the pastor is OK, but that is all that is known at this point. Rev. Yutaka Kumei, president of the JLC, is working with church leaders to see how they could help the impacted churches and their congregations as they try to locate people and reconnect families. Although it seems like there is not much that we can do to help, we are being told to "Continue to pray for the people in Japan." God works wonders through prayer. No matter how bad some things get, we can always pray.

Good News from Viet Nam!

Concordia International School Hanoi (CISH) will open its doors in August 2011. Many activities are already underway to ensure that Concordia has a successful first year. To date, CISH has secured a temporary facility in Hanoi for classroom and office space, recruited staff and faculty members and implemented an enrollment process for future students. In the coming months, CISH administrators will be working to secure funding for a permanent school facility and continue dialogue with the Vietnamese government to strengthen their relationship and ensure the potential for future expansion. Thanks to generous gifts from the Fan into Flame campaign, this school will be a blessing to many students and their families in Vietnam. To learn more, visit www.concordiahanoi.org.

Prayers

Please join me and others in praying for the following people serving in Peru. The LCMS Pray for Us Calendar is focusing the first part of April on the work of these people in Peru.

- Rev. Mark and Sandi Eisoid
- Bruce and Sarah Wall
- GEO missionaries Anthony DiLiberto, Jamie Endorf, Katie Lane
- Short-term missionary Scott Skelly



Continue to pray for the people of Japan, China, and other parts of the world who are dealing with natural disasters and living in nations with political unrest. We pray for people to trust God to strengthen and encourage people in times of difficulty.

In the Name of Christ,
Herb Tretzen

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JULIANA'S CZECH-IN MARCH UPDATE



YOUTH RETREAT!

This last weekend I had the opportunity to go to the young adult youth retreat. We went to Pisek where the church owns a cottage in a tranquil wooded area. This weekend we listened to a few presenters, worshiped, shared testimonies, went on a prayer journey with a partner, and played games. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of the youth more!

PRAYER

One particular evening one of the youth asked us what we do when we get down and don't know what to do or where to go. I suggested prayer. She told us that she writes letters to God and challenged us to write a letter/prayer to God too. A wonderful reflection and devotion time with God!

We talked about the power of prayer and shared stories of answered prayer. As mentioned before, we partnered up and went on a prayer journey. There were stations arranged around the cottage where we spent time in prayer with our partner and at the end some of the youth volunteered to wash our feet as Jesus washed his disciples feet. There was also a special room set up for prayer! In this room at least one member of youth group was praying the entire night!

Presenter- LOVE

One of the presenters talked about love. He told us to look at scripture passage that talks about the Good Samaritan and loving our neighbor. Our neighbor is: anyone and everyone. He asked us to break up into groups and talk about what loving our neighbor means. Some thoughts were: we should love ourselves in order to be able to love, and the golden rule: "treat others how you would like to be treated." When loving and wanting to evangelize others suggested to find out the needs of others. For ex: food pantry for homeless. We talked about showing that we are Christians by the love we have for others, because He first loved us. "Preach the gospel always, and if necessary use words."

PRESENTING AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

This month I was invited to present at the public schools. I went with pastor's wife, sarka. We played u.s.a. trivia and invited them to English Camp sponsored by the Lutheran Church here in Silesia. As I was at the one schools for almost the whole week, I met and talked with many of the English teachers.

One particular teacher wondered if I would be able to meet with her sometime for coffee and English conversation. She really would like to improve her English! We exchanged information and I can't wait to go out with her. I do know that she is not a Christian. Please pray for openness as we build a relationship. I know it takes time. Please pray also for the opportunity to share my faith with her.

A YOUTH'S STORY!

I have had the opportunity to get to know a particular youth member the four months i have been here. I will call her alisha. Alisha became a christian a few years ago. she grew up catholic, but her family is only nominally catholic and not practicing. she calls them non-believers.

she became a believer by coming to english camp! She recalls how difficult it was for her parents at first. she is now very active and one of the youth leaders for the jr. high youth group. this summer she applied to be a camp councilor at a christian camp in america! First her mother was against it, but has finally given her daughter consent.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ~

- Patience when learning the language
 - Communication
 - Health & Safety
 - People of Trinec (those mentioned in the newsletter too)
 - Safe travel as I will be coming back to the States for furlough. I will be in MO, IA, WI, OR, and CA.
- Looking forward to seeing you when I present!

April 2011

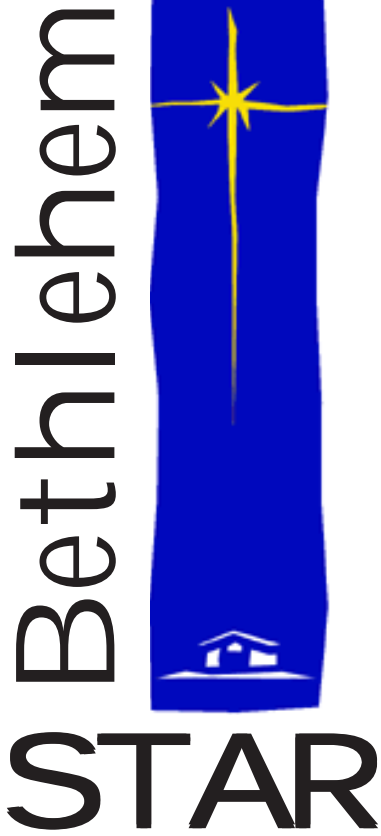
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
3 8:30 AM Worship with Communion 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:00 AM Morning Song 12:00 PM Lutheran Community Services Open House 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Starlight) 4:15 PM Organ/Piano Lesson (Sanc) 5:00 PM Jr. Confirmation Class 5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group	March S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	4 9:30 AM Quilting 6:30 PM TOPS (Manger) 7:00 PM Hidden Hurt Meeting (Sonrise) 7:00 PM Monday Night Small Gr. Bible Study (Inn)	May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	5 12:00 PM Staff Meeting (Inn) 7:00 PM Elders Meeting (Inn) 7:00 PM Trustee Meeting (Angels)	6 9:00 AM Joyful Singers (Sonrise) by Soup Luncheon followed by Soup Luncheon (CC) 6:00 PM Russian School (ECC) 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:20 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Adult Choir	7 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study (Inn) 6:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal	8 Women's Retreat	9 Women's Retreat 8:30 AM Russian School (ECC) 11:00 AM Women's Book Club (Sonrise Room)
10 "Mite Box" Sunday Women's Retreat 8:30 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:00 AM Morning Song w/ Communion 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Starlight) 4:15 PM Organ/Piano Lesson (Sanc) 5:00 PM Jr. Confirmation Class	11 9:30 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Men's Small Group Bible Study (Magi) 6:30 PM TOPS (Manger) 7:00 PM Hidden Hurt Meeting (Sonrise)	12 9:00 AM Pastor's Circuit Meeting (Inn) 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Women's Small Group (Magi) 7:00 PM Administrative Council (Inn) 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry (Inn)	13 9:00 AM Joyful Singers (Sonrise) by Soup Luncheon followed by Soup Luncheon (CC) 11:10 AM Preschool Chapel 6:00 PM Russian School (ECC) 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:20 PM Children's Choir 7:45 PM Adult Choir	14 10:00 AM Aloha Garden Club (Comm. Center) 11:10 AM Preschool Chapel 11:30 AM Rebekeah Guild (Sonrise) 7:00 PM Early Childhood Ministry Board (Inn) 7:00 PM Love, Inc. Meeting (Angels)	15 5:00 PM "Hunger Awareness" Banquet (CC, Kitchen, Foyer)	16 8:30 AM Russian School (ECC) 9:00 AM Spring Clean Up Day 10:00 AM Worship Team Rehearsal		
17 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:00 AM Morning Song 12:00 PM Good Shepherd "Cross Walk" (Sonrise room) 4:15 PM Organ/Piano Lesson (Sanc) 5:00 PM Jr. Confirmation Class 5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group	18 9:30 AM Quilting 6:30 PM TOPS (Manger) 7:00 PM Hidden Hurt Meeting (Sonrise) 7:00 PM Monday Night Small Gr. Bible Study (Inn)	19 12:00 PM Staff Meeting (Inn)	20 9:00 AM Joyful Singers (Sonrise) 6:00 PM Russian School (ECC)	21 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study (Inn) 10:30 AM Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion 6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion "Christ in the Passover"	22 12:00 PM Good Friday Worship 8:00 PM Good Friday Worship	23 8:30 AM Russian School (ECC) 10:00 AM Worship Team Rehearsal		
24 6:00 AM Easter Sunrise w/Communion 7:00 AM Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM Easter Festival w/ Communion 11:00 AM Easter Morning Song w/Communion in Community Center	25 No School - Easter Monday Office Closed 9:30 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Men's Small Group Bible Study (Magi) 6:30 PM TOPS (Manger) 7:00 PM Hidden Hurt Meeting (Sonrise)	26 12:00 PM Staff Meeting (Inn) 6:30 PM Women's Small Group (Magi) 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal	27 10:30 AM Adult Bible Class - "Philippians" (Inn) 6:00 PM Russian School (ECC) 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study "Philippians" (Inn) 6:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sonrise)	28 7:45 PM Worship Team Rehearsal	29 Jr. High Youth Lock-in	30 Jr. High Youth Lock-in 8:30 AM Russian School (ECC) 9:00 AM Washington County Prescription Drug Turn In Day (Parking Lot) 2:00 PM Henderson Graduation Party (FH)		

Service Roster for April 2011

Please call the church office (503-649-3380) in advance if you are unable to serve on your scheduled date. Thanks.

	April 3 rd	April 10 th	Palm Sunday April 17 th	Easter Sunday April 24 th
Altar Flowers	Keith and Lijl Harn	Roger and Marilyn Lindquist		
Elder of the Day	Bryan Luttrell Ron Hoffman	Bob Baker Kipp Martin	Brad Loseke Ivan Weichbrodt	6:00am Dave Dubberke 8:30am Herb Tretzen 11:00am Rick Reifland
Acolytes	Rachel Starts Aaron Crisi, Peter Bernard	Riley Brown, Stephanie Browning Lauren Stewart, Sarah Seilke	Jaymin Bernard	Rachel Starts, Riley Brown
Lay Reader	Jim Cullen Karen Goode	Chuck Hoke Sr. Dale Blasé	Jeff Weiblen Robin Fossum	Jarrett Bernhardt, Jared Beale Jim Cullen Robin Fossum
Ushers	Scott Gray, Darrell Hagen, Roger Lindquist, Greg Starts Hai Pearson, Larry Laws, Dave and Lorna Zimbrick	John Loseke, Brian Pfund, Greg Starts Lonnie Norris, Anthony Norris, Dan and Sandra Seim	Bob Hansen, Roger Lindquist, Brian Pfund, Bill Weber Hai Pearson, Steve Stewart, Rick and JoAnna Reifland	6:00am D. Dubberke, H. Modro 8:30am S. Finney, R. Lindquist, B. & M. Loseke 11:00am B. & R. Hedrick, L. Laws, S. Stewart
Communion Servers	Bob Fossum, Ivan Weichbrodt, Jeff Weiblen, Roy Fletcher, Wayne Moses		Bob Fossum, Jim Cullen, Brad Loseke, Duane Dippon, Herb Tretzen	6:00am B. Fossum, J. Cullen, B. Luttrell, D. Dippon, S. Bindewald 8:30am B. Fossum, J. Cullen, B. Luttrell, D. Dippon, S. Bindewald
Altar Guild	Pam Finney Pam Finney Nancy Furby	JoAnna Reifland, Lijl Harn Susan Sturm	Lisa Siewert Lorna Zimbrick Jan Brown	11:00am B. Fossum, B. Baker, I. Weichbrodt, K. Martin, R. Hoffman All Services Laurie Siewert
Info Counter	9:30-9:45am 10:45-11am			After 11:00am Gloria Vincent
Guest Hosts	Pat Mackall Bill and Karen Goode	Roger and Marilyn Lindquist Dave and Lorna Zimbrick	Dorothy Schmidlin, Sarah Hengel Jeff Weiblen Carolyn Meier	Ruth Dally All Guest Hosts All Guest Hosts
LENT SCHEDULE			Communion Servers	Elder on Duty
Wednesday, April 6, 7:00pm			Ushers Bill Weber, Larry Laws Dave and Lorna Zimbrick	Ivan Weichbrodt
Wednesday, April 13, 7:00pm			Altar Guild Pat Mackall Bill and Karen Goode	Brad Loseke
Maundy Thursday, April 21, 7:00pm	Laurie Siewert	Susan Halvorson, Dave & Lorna Zimbrick		B. Fossum, B. Luttrell, D. Dubberke, H. Tretzen, I Weichbrodt
Good Friday, April 22, 8:00pm		Dave Dubberke, Steve Stewart		Steve Bindewald



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Melissa Shults, Interim Youth Director
Robin Fossum, Parish Administrator
Brenda Shults, Receptionist & Preschool Secretary

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