



Bethlehem Star

Bethlehem Mission
Statement

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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Bethlehem Youth Ministry

Weekly Update

UPcoming Calendar

Authentic Relationships Bible Study **6:00 pm Sundays at Bethlehem**



We're continuing our great study of Authentic Relationships at 6:00pm on select Sundays in the Youth Room (sign up for the weekly email update at blc.aloha@frontier.com). Here's a couple of things to remember for our Bible Study:

- 1) Bring your Bible!
- 2) Bring your Notebook
- 3) Bring a friend!
- 4) Come ready for a great time together!



December 11 **Youth Christmas Parties** **at Fossum's House**

2275 SW 188th Court, Aloha

(we're about 3 blocks north of church)

Middle School Youth: 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Sr. High Youth: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Fossum's will provide Sloppy Joe's. Youth are asked to bring a salad, side dish, drinks or dessert. Contact Bob to let him know you're coming and what you'll bring: 503.475.2827

We're having a White Elephant gift exchange. Youth are invited to bring a wrapped White Elephant gift (if you choose to buy something, it's a \$5 limit). Be creative...and come ready for a very fun gift exchange. We'll do a couple of games and maybe even a few favorite Christmas Carols. Be sure to sign up **THIS SUNDAY** - or you can reply to this EMAIL to let us know that you're coming.



MORE Bethlehem Youth Ministry



December 18

Medical Team International **Real Life**. Exhibit. We'll leave from church at 12:30 pm. Cost: Free. Be sure to bring a lunch with you - or eat lunch before you arrive at church. This exhibit will be an eye-opening experience for youth and

adults. Medical Team International have taken teams to places all around the world to offer mercy and hope for those who have been devastated by natural disasters. This exhibit will help us in this season of excess to realize how blessed we are.

I will need 6 or more drivers to help out with this event. Parents, if you are willing to provide transportation and go through the exhibit with our youth, please give Bob a call or reply to this EMail. The Exhibit is in Tigard - so not too far of a drive.

Our tour begins at 1:30 pm. We have a room reserved at the Exhibit to debrief our experience (and the plan is for someone from Medical Teams International to lead us through that process). We should be back at Bethlehem at 3:30.



January 6 - 8 / January 20 - 22

We have space at the Mt. Hood Kiwani's Camp Reserved for our Middle School and Sr. High Winter Retreats. We'll determine which group will go on which weekend this Sunday. Cost: \$75 per participant. Sign ups

begin this Sunday - check out LIF Group Bulletin Board to sign up...there will be sign up sheets for youth and drivers. Again, if you're willing to drive AND serve as chaperones for the weekend, please reply to this EMail or call Bob at 503.475.2827. Thanks!!



A Glimpse of Stewardship From the Stewardship Committee



Read: Hebrews 7:1-10

In the one case, the tenth is collected by people who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. (Hebrews 7:8 NIV)

Paul is speaking of some pretty heavy duty theology about Christ's superior priesthood. But this verse is eye-catching regarding stewardship.

Whenever we give, whatever we give, we give to the Living God. When we vacuum and dust the church it's not "for" Bethlehem Lutheran Church. It's not merely to serve or impress ourselves or others – who will ultimately die. But to serve the One who never dies. Therefore, the offering itself never dies. It's truly "the gift that keeps on giving". If our people at Bethlehem Lutheran can vision this, the "culture" of giving will take on a fresh new meaning to all of us.

Someone has said, "people who are grateful and generous are unstoppable!". How much more so for an entire church?

Something to think about.



~ LWML ~

Rebekah Mission Society

THANK YOU

The Rebekah Mission Society (LWML) wishes to thank everyone who supported our Holiday Bazaar with donations and purchases. It was the most successful sale we have ever had and we will be receiving a \$1,000 matching grant from Thrivent. Most of the monies will be used for mission inreach and outreach.

This year the quilts were very popular and we sold the most ever - 45!!! Just a reminder that we do have quilts available all year long, so if you wish to purchase one, talk to us or come on Monday mornings while we are quilting. We can make one for you using the colors of your choice. We are always in need of more people to sew quilt tops at home, or come and help tie.

November Notes

Rebekah ladies gathered for a potluck and our monthly meeting. Here's what we covered:

- Final preparations were made for the Bake and Craft Bazaar.
- Battery-operated candles will be purchased for use in the narthex during Christmas.
- We will be purchasing gift certificates for the Christmas food boxes, which are provided by the church to needy families in partnership with Love INC. of Beaverton.
- We will decorate the Fellowship Hall and narthex for Christmas on Monday, December 5th at 10:00am. This will also serve as our December meeting. A soup luncheon with bread and cookies will be served.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12th at 11:30am in the Sunrise Room. Bring a salad or dessert and join us!

IT'S TIME FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES!



HANDS ARE NEEDED TO
ASSEMBLE AND DELIVER
CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES
ON DECEMBER 17TH (Saturday) and 18th (Sunday).

THIS IS SUCH A WELL-ORGANIZED SERVICE MINISTRY ~
YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH EVERYTHING NECESSARY.
ALL YOU NEED TO OFFER IS AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME
AND A VEHICLE TO TRANSPORT THE BOXES TO YOUR
ASSIGNED FAMILY (or FAMILIES, if you wish to serve more
than one).

PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE MAIER, (joycemaier@yahoo.com) WITH THE DATE YOU CAN HELP.



FOOD DONATIONS???

PLEASE DROP OFF ANY FOOD
DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH
NO LATER THAN
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS!



BETHLEHEM PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

During November, the Preschool raised \$560 through our candle sale and \$270 by eating pizza. Many thanks to all who helped out!!

Boys and girls from all of our classes sang at church in November. Didn't we look like a rainbow with all of our colors??

Someone's Coming!
Someone's Coming!
Do you know just who?
Jesus is Coming!
Jesus is Coming!
Born for me and you!

"And you shall name Him Jesus for He will save His people." Matthew 2:21

Merry Christmas greetings from the Preschool!!! We are VERY excited as we wait for Christmas Day and the birth of our friend and Savior, Jesus! As Christmas approaches we are hearing the wonderful story of Jesus' coming and we are very busy getting ready for that most special day. We are learning that Christmas is a LOT more than just getting toys. It is all about GIVING. God gave us the best gift ever when He gave us His Son, Jesus. THANK YOU, GOD!! We will be sharing this love with our friends and families with gifts that we give and by telling others the Good News. We will celebrate at Chapel and with a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!!



Preschool News



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

Proverbs 17:17 says that "A FRIEND loves at all times". What a FRIEND we have in Jesus! He is our very best FRIEND! He LOVES each of us and He tells and shows us how we can love each other in the same way. When His friends were sick He made them better (story of the 10 Lepers). We pray for our friends when they are sick and we help take care of Mommy and Daddy when they aren't feeling well. When Jesus' friends were hungry He fed them (Feeding of the 5000). We helped feed hungry people too, by bringing in cans and packages of food and taking them to Chapel. We also learned the story of the first Thanksgiving and

about how the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims and became their friends. And just as they had a feast of Thanks-Giving where everyone brought something to eat, we had our own version called a SNACK-LUCK. We dressed up in costumes that we make and invited our families to join us. THANK YOU JESUS FOR BEING OUR FRIEND!!

Mrs. Meier's 3 Year Old Class, Mary Heck, teacher's aide

During our first months of Preschool our 3 year olds have been learning how God created everything wonderful - even ME!! And He LOVES me!! How do we know? Because the Bible tells me so!!! One way that He shows how much he loves us is by making food for us to eat. And He made us with a mouth so we can eat all the yummy food He created. He wants us to grow big and strong so that we can then take care of each other and everything that He has made! Our room was full of pretend food, grocery carts and cash registers. We had fun "shopping" and getting ready for Thanksgiving dinner. We celebrated God's gifts by having a "SNACKS-GIVING" tasting test. And we had lots of fun projects with food this month, too. We painted with chocolate pudding and then turned our paintings into turkeys! We made a gingerbread man who ran away!! And we covered pinecones with peanut butter and birdseed to feed our bird and squirrel friends. And on Chapel day we took cans and boxes of real food to the church to give to people who are hungry, just like Jesus did! THANK YOU GOD FOR YUMMY FOOD TO EAT AND FOR MAKING ME, ME!

Mrs. Selke's 4 Year Old Classes, Teri Robinson, teacher aides

November was a festive month for our three year old class! We heard many stories about how the pilgrims came to a new land to worship God and how they made new friends. These native Americans taught them how to hunt and grow gardens and helped them through a difficult winter. The pilgrims were so thankful to God that they had a great feast with their new friends! And like the pilgrims and Native Americans we too gave thanks to God and enjoyed a feast with our family and friends! There was popcorn, vegetables, grapes, yogurt, milk, cookies and a special "turkey" dessert made of Oreos, frosting, and candy corn. God is great, God is good, and we thank Him for...Everything.



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

F is for Friends! G is for God's Goodness! And H is for a Happy Home! November has been an exciting month for our four year old class. As we learned about the Pilgrims and Native Americans we also learned about how much God loves us. He gives us friends to play with, yummy food to eat and a family who loves us. We enjoyed all of God's goodness when we celebrated "Snacksgiving". It was a time to share food, and laughter with our friends and family. Thank you God for all you give us!

STAR Lights . . . Stories to Inspire

from Irma Lien

WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT?

As you well know, we are getting closer to my birthday. Every year there is a celebration in my honor and I think that this year the celebration will be repeated. During this time there are many people shopping for gifts, there are many radio announcements, TV commercials, and in every part of the world everyone is talking that my birthday is getting closer and closer.

It is really very nice to know, that at least once a year, some people think of me. As you know, the celebration of my birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful of all that I did for them, but in these times, no one seems to know the reason for the celebration. Family and friends get together and have a lot of fun, but they don't know the meaning of the celebration.

I remember that last year there was a great feast in my honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, many beautifully wrapped gifts. But, do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honor and they didn't remember to send me an invitation. The party was for me, but when that great day came, I was left outside, they closed the door in my face.... and I wanted to be with them and share their table. In truth, that didn't surprise me because in the last few years many people close their doors to me.

Since I was not invited, I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were having a great time. To top it all, this big man all dressed in red wearing a long white beard entered the room yelling Ho-Ho-Ho! He sat on the sofa and all the children ran to him, saying : "Santa Claus, Santa Claus"... as if the party were in his honor!

At midnight, all the people began to hug each other. I extended my arms waiting for someone to hug me and, do you know, no one hugged me. Suddenly they all began to share gifts. They opened them one by one with great expectation. When all had been opened, I looked to see if, maybe, there was one for me. What would you feel if on your birthday everybody shared gifts and you didn't get one ? I then understood that I was unwanted at that party and quietly left.

Every year it gets worse. People only remember to eat and drink, the gifts, the parties and nobody remembers me. I would like this Christmas if you allow me to enter into your life. I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, I only desire that you believe this with all you heart.

I want to share something with you. I will have my own celebration, a grandiose party that no one has ever imagined, a spectacular party. I'm still making the final arrangements. Today I am sending out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend and I will make a reservation for you and write your name with golden letters in my great guest book. Only those on the guest list will be invited to the party. Be prepare because when all is ready, you will be part of my great party.

See you soon. I love you!

Jesus



December Anniversaries

Dec. 1 Steve & Susan Sturm 27 years
6 Mike & Shannon Turner 8 years
17 Paul & Joyce Maier 34 years
17 Steve & Kathy Stewart 23 years
18 Gavin & Candi Brown 17 years

Dec. 18 Joel & Amy Hoffman 7 years
22 Ed & Judy Bateman 27 years
23 Larry & Erline Binkerd 44 years
30 Tom & Carolyn Meier 39 years

December Birthdays

Dec. 1 Shannon Turner
2 Candi Brown
4 Harvey Kempema
6 Zach Hoffman
6 Harley Olson
10 Sharon Luttrell
12 Zoe Godsey
13 Michael Sturm
17 Lee Overholser
19 Terry Beale
19 David Cook
20 Kathy Cook
21 Stan Sylvester



Parish Nursing Health Update

By Dena Bindewald, Parish Nurse

Part 2 on Shining Some Sunlight on Vitamin D

Optimum Vitamin D Levels

The current gold standard for assessing one's vitamin D status is a test called 25-hydroxyvitamin D level. This is commonly reported as nanograms/milliliter (ng/mL). The prevailing cut off point for vitamin D deficiency is 25-hydroxyvitamin D <20ng/mL. But some experts recommend the optimal level of 25-hydroxyvitamin D should be >30ng/mL and even up to 70ng/mL. Awe evidence to support higher levels, pre-modern humans living in sun-rich environments spent all their time outdoors and had "natural" 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels between 40-70ng/mL.

For Oregonians, meeting this standard would label most of us "vitamin D insufficient" for some or all of the year. A study from Great Britain (latitude 50-60 degrees compared to Oregon's latitude 42-46 degrees) found the average 25-hydroxyvitamin D was 16.4ng/mL in winter/spring and 24.1ng/mL in summer/fall. In addition, 87% of the cohort of 45 year olds had 25-hydroxyvitamin D <30ng/mL! Let's face it: this past summer's beautiful weather notwithstanding, parts of Oregon (you know where!) are not what we euphemistically call "high UV ray risk". Although vitamin D is fat-soluble and can supply the body for months, seasonal variation in vitamin D levels results in lower levels in the winter and spring.

Current Dietary Recommendations

The current recommended intake of vitamin D per the Institute of Medicine, is 200IU*/day from birth to age 50 (including pregnant women), 400IU/day for adults aged 50-70, and 600IU/day for those older than 70. Note that these levels are inadequate in the setting of establishes osteomalacia (softening of the bones) or rickets, which require much higher doses to replenish vitamin D stores. The Institute of Medicine is currently completing a 24-month long review of the vitamin D dietary reference intake, and is supposed to release updated recommendations this fall. Others have advocated that adults should consume 800-1000IU/day.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently upwardly revised the minimum daily intake of vitamin D to 400IU for all infants and children, including adolescents. Breastfed and partially breastfed infants should be supplemented with 400IU/day of vitamin D. Other children should receive vitamin D supplements unless they take sufficient vitamin D through fortified formula, milk, or other foods. All formulas contain > 400IU/liter of vitamin D, and vitamin D-fortified milk and orange juice contains 100IU/8 ounces.

Vitamin D supplements are D2 and D3, but D2 is only 30% as effective as D3 so would require three times the dose. As a supplement to maintain higher 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels, experts recommend 1000IU of vitamin D3 per day or 3000IU of vitamin D2 per day. Before we all rush out to buy vitamin D supplements, however, there is a scientific consensus that not enough is known about the safety of *long-term* exposures to aggressive vitamin D supplementation.

Bottom Line

More than 150 clinical trials of vitamin D are in the process to answer vitamin D's role in multiple health conditions. Physicians slow to recommend vitamin D may be missing out on the next medical breakthrough. On the other hand, the history of medicine is filled with products that initially generated great enthusiasm only to fall by the wayside as further research became available (a few examples include vitamin E, beta carotene, hormone replacement therapy, Redux, Vioxx, Avandia). Physicians who demand more evidence to support vitamin D supplementation may be rewarded.

For more information see CDC Grand Rounds session on "The Importance of Monitoring Vitamin D Status in the U.S." www.cdc.gov/about/grand-rounds/archives/2010/08-August.htm

World Mission News

Herb Tretzen

Focus Ministry

This has been an interesting Fall working with the International students. I continue to be blessed by getting to know more students and finding ways to make their stay in the United States easier. I thank God for connecting me with students who have similar interests in the things that I do either voluntarily or professionally. I continue to meet with two Chinese students who are interested in Marketing and software Engineering; we share discussions about my job and how I can help them with their chosen careers. I recently met a Korean student who wanted help editing her papers for class—she is pursuing a career in social work (this is an area where I can share my experiences working in missions and as a Stephen's minister). I can share my experiences in ministry and missions to the student as she considers her future work in helping people with various needs.

The biggest challenge is finding the time to do everything. This is true for most of the Focus volunteers. We look for God's guidance for the best use of our time in the area of working with the students, our jobs, our church responsibilities, and our families. We're actually looking forward to some of the holidays to get a break from some of these activities—but we still want to focus our attention **to those areas where God leads us.**

Good News from Guinea

Jack and Cathy Carlos share the following good news from Guinea: . “During the past month, we have had several very conservative Muslim visitors. One woman came, covered in black, from head to toe, including the face cover. She had high blood pressure and showed the classic signs of beriberi, a sickness caused by a lack of Thiamine in one's diet. We talked to her about things she could do to change her diet that could help bring her blood pressure down. We also gave her Thiamine tablets and prayed for her. After a week or so, she returned to have her blood pressure rechecked and it was indeed better and the adverse symptoms she had been experiencing from the beriberi were going away. She returned again last week and she was obviously very happy and was quick to embrace Cathy — not the usual way a conservative Muslim woman would say thanks! She was so thankful and sited our prayers in the name of Jesus as one of the sources of her healing.”

Good News from Nigeria

Rev. David and Joyce Erber serving as missionaries in Nigeria share the following news: “From Sept. 5-11, the Lutheran Church of Nigeria (LCN), an LCMS sister/partner church, celebrated its 75th anniversary. In 1936, the first Lutheran missionaries came to Nigeria at the request of the Ibesikpo people. Over the years, many LCMS missionaries served in Nigeria. Some missionaries who came to this land, once known as ‘the white man's grave,’ are buried at the church's headquarters in Obot Idim. We praise God who sent His Son that whoever believes in Him is not lost but celebrates new life for today and all eternity! May God grant that many more join the celebration!”

Good News from Hungary

Sarah Cusson serving as a GEO missionary in Hungary shares the following news: “At our first meeting of the year, two students attended the weekly Bible study that I'm leading. One was a girl who has attended Bible study before, and the other, a girl who is an exchange student from Germany. We talked about how Jesus is the only way to heaven and that there is a higher truth than what we as humans can come up with ourselves. We also discussed the difference between believing something is the truth and something really being the truth. I was thankful for this time with them and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in them. I've also had many other students ask about this Bible study, so I hope that more will attend and come to know Jesus as their Savior.”

Prayers

Please join me in praying for the following:

- That many people will come to know Jesus Christ through the holiday season and through the outreach efforts of our missionaries throughout the world.
- For safe travel of friends and family over the holiday season.
- That Jesus will be revealed to the hearts of people who are searching for Him.

A photograph of a shepherd in a dark jacket and hat walking away from the camera down a dirt path in a forest. The path is lined with tall, thin trees, and the ground is covered in green grass. A large flock of sheep, including many lambs, is gathered around the path, following the shepherd. The scene is captured in a soft, natural light, possibly during dawn or dusk.

**I am the Good Shepherd
I know My sheep
My sheep know Me**

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

December 2011

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>8:30 AM Communion Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:00 AM Morning Song Worship 3:45 PM Stewert Organ Lesson (Sanctuary) 4:00 PM Jr. Confirmation Class (Inn) 6:00 PM Jr. & Sr High Youth Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Rebekah Guild Decorating & Luncheon 6:30 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM Hidden Hurt Meeting (Sonrise)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Children's & Youth Call Comm. (Youth Rm) 7:00 PM Elders Meeting (Inn) 7:00 PM Trustee Meeting (Sonrise)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Joyful Singers Rehearsal (Sonrise) 10:30 AM Advent Worship Service 7:00 PM Advent Worship Service 7:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM RSVP Advisory Council (Inn) 10:00 AM Aloha Garden Club (Comm. Center) 7:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 PM Arco Iris Holiday Party (CC)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 AM BLC Christian Readers Book Club (Sonrise) 2:00 PM Martinez Baptism Celebration (CC)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>"Mile Box" Sunday 8:30 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:00 AM Morning Song Communion Worship 3:45 PM Stewert Organ Lesson (Sanctuary) 4:00 PM Jr. Confirmation Class (Inn) 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Christmas Party (Fossoms) 6:30 PM Senior Youth Christmas Party (Fossoms)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Men's Small Group Bible Study (Inn) 6:30 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM Hidden Hurt Meeting (Sonrise)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Early Childhood Ministry Board (Inn) 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal (Same)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM RSVP (Inn) 10:00 AM Joyful Singers Rehearsal (Sonrise) 10:30 AM Advent Worship Service 7:00 PM Advent Worship Service 7:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>8:30 AM Christmas Communion Worship 9:45 AM Bethlehem Family Christmas Fellowship 11:00 AM Christmas Morning Song Communion Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Office Closed 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Hidden Hurt Meeting (Sonrise)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p>

January 12

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November 11

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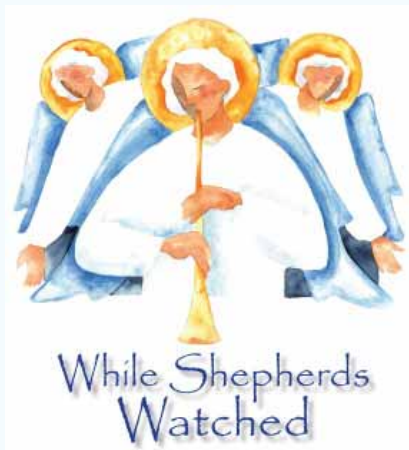
Please call the church office (503-649-3380) in advance if you are unable to serve on your scheduled date. Thanks.

	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25
Altar Flowers		Herman & Karen Fierro	Bob & Vicki McLaughlin	CHRISTMAS DAY POINSETTIAS
Elder of the Day	Brad Loseke Bob Baker	Bryan Luttrell Harvard Isaak	Brad Loseke Rick Refsland	Herb Tretzen Harvard Isaak
Acolytes				
Lay Reader	Jim Cullen Karen Goode	Jeff Weiblen Robin Fossum	Jim Cullen Jim Cullen	Chuck Hoke, Sr. Dena Bindewald
Ushers	Brad & Mary Loseke, John Loseke, Brian Plund	Dave Dubberke, Steve Finney Darrell Hagen, Steve Sturm	Susan Halvorson, Hank Modro, Greg Starts, Bill Weber	Steve Finney, Hank Modro, Brian Pfund, Bill Weber
Communion Servers	Larry & Vivian Saccareccia Dave & Lorna Zimbrick	Charles Finster, Steve Stewart Rick & JoAnna Refsland	Lonnie Norris, Anthony Norris, Larry & Vivian Saccareccia	Dave Dubberke, Steve Stewart, Dan and Sandra Seim
Altar Guild	Bob Fossum, Brad Loseke, Bryan Luttrell, Herb Tretzen, Kipp Martin		Jim Cullen, Bryan Luttrell, Kipp Martin, Steve Bindewald, Wayne Moses	
Info Counter	Ivan Weichbrodt, Ron Hoffman, Roy Fletcher, Steve Bindewald	Bob Fossum, Bob Baker, Ivan Weichbrodt, Roy Fletcher, Steve Bindewald		Bryan Luttrell, Ivan Weichbrodt, Jeff Weiblen, Roy Fletcher, Wayne Moses
Guest Hosts	Sally Jo Weber Sally Jo Weber	Pam Finney Susan Konopski	Susan Halvorson Susan Sturm	Lisa Siewert Lil Ham
Organist	Nancy Furby	Nancy Furby	Jan Brown Dorothy Schmidlin	Sarah Hengel Ruth Dally
ADVENT	Organist Dwight Siewert/WT	Ushers Dave & Nan Dubberke, Dan & Sandra Seim	Communion Servers	Elder on Duty Roy Fletcher
Nov. 30	Set up Clean up	Dave & Nan Dubberke, Dan & Sandra Seim		
Dec. 7	9:30-9:45am 10:45-11:00am	Dave & Nan Dubberke, Rich Gohl, Larry Laws		Ivan Weichbrodt
Dec. 14	Early Late	Dave & Nan Dubberke, Roger Lindquist, Greg Starts		Keith Ham
Dec. 21		Dave & Nan Dubberke, Susan Halvorson, Roger Lindquist		
Dec. 24		Dave Dubberke, Hank Modro, Steve Sturm, Bill Weber		
5pm	Phyllis Murken	Rick & JoAnna Refsland, Dan & Sandra Seim		Bob Baker
7pm	Worship Team	Susan Halvorson, Larry Laws, Lonnie Norris, Anthony Norris		Ron Hoffman
11pm	Phyllis Murken	Lisa Siewert Lil Ham	B. Loseke, K. Ham, J. Weiblen, R. Gohl, R. Fletcher	Bryan Luttrell

Advent & Christmas at Bethlehem

"While Shepherds Watched"

Here's the schedule at a glance. Why not share it with your friends and neighbors?



Wednesday, November 30th

Advent Worship Service ~ 10:30 a.m.

Soup Luncheon ~ 11:30am

Holden Village Advent Worship ~ 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 7th

Advent Worship Service ~ 10:30 a.m.

Soup Luncheon ~ 11:30am

Holden Village Advent Worship ~ 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 14th

Advent Worship Service ~ 10:30 a.m.

Soup Luncheon ~ 11:30am

Holden Village Advent Worship ~ 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 21st

Advent Worship Service ~ 10:30 a.m.

Soup Luncheon ~ 11:30am

Holden Village Advent Worship ~ 7:00pm

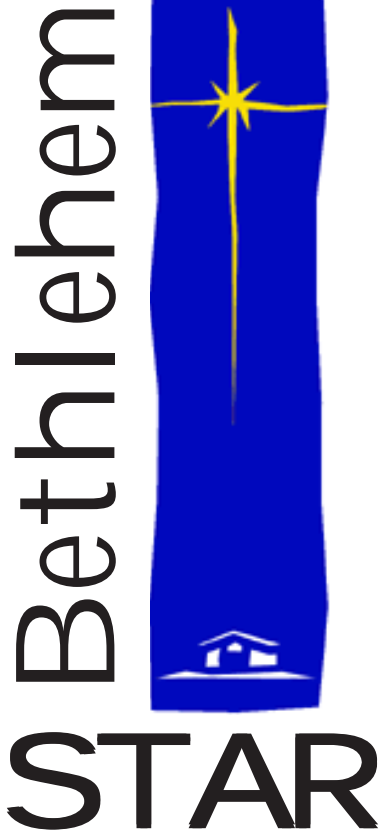
Christmas Eve

5:00 and 7:00 p.m. ~ Pageantry and Candlelight

11:00 p.m. ~ Candlelight and Communion

Christmas Day

8:30a.m. and 11:00 a.m. ~ Festival Worship with Communion



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David Reinke, Interim Pastor
Bob Fossum, Minister of Family Life
Carolyn Meier, Preschool Director
Robin Fossum, Parish Administrator
Brenda Shults, Receptionist & Preschool Secretary

Worship Services: 8:30, 11:00am
Sunday School & Adult Discipleship :
9:45am

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