

Bethlehem Star

Bethlehem Mission
Statement

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool

Roll Up Sleeves On Our Knees

The aftershocks of Kerry Bauer’s resignation are continuing to be felt amongst us. Questions of “Why?” is a normal response to such heart-breaking news. Kerry is a daughter of Bethlehem, loved, esteemed, appreciated, and her departure is, indeed, leaving a huge gap in our work and ministry here. “How are we going to fill that gap?” “What now?” Again, normal and appropriate questions. Inside this newsletter you will find a summation of the short-term plan as well as the assurance of a long-term plan. But for this front page, I want to bring caution to “knee-jerk” responses and urge us all to “roll up our sleeves while on our knees.”

First: caution. Rumors and gossip, which have no place among God’s people, are running wild among us. Satan is taking his victory lap as gossip based on lies takes its hit toward us as leaders. I have one word in response: Stop! Instead of spreading unsubstantiated rumor (based on fears and not fact) refuse to spread it. Instead, get on your knees and pray fervently (“**The prayer of a righteous [person] is powerful and effective.**” James 5:16).

I also caution to avoid the temptation to affix blame. Blaming is divisive, causing factions, discord, dissensions. And is not helpful, in fact, it is destructive. There is no place for such things among God’s people. We are a family. And like all families, there are disagreements, hurdles, and challenges. Like a family, personal growth areas are exposed. That is a good thing! Then needed personal changes come if received with humility for the sake of proclaiming Christ. (“**He [Christ] must become greater, I must become less.**” John 3:30).

Second: Prayer. Not pious platitudes. But fervent “all the time – crying out” prayer. Instead of complaining, talk to God and listen to Him. And keep on praying. (“**Pray without stopping.**” 1 Thess. 5:17).

Third: Roll up your sleeves and get to work. Now is not the time to cut bait and run. Now is the time to step up! “How can I help?” “What would you like me to do?” “You can count on me, I am ready and willing to do whatever I can to keep working toward our vision of connecting people to Christ, to one another and to serve all people.”

It’s time to mature in faith and face difficulty straight on, without blame. But with “Rolled up Sleeves on Our knees”.

“He who began a good work in you (and in this church) will carry it on to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”(Philippians 1:6).

Pastor Brad

June 2011 Bethlehem STAR

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The Short Term Plan for Bethlehem ministries brought on by Kerry's departure is as follows:

W O R S H I P

Planning
Organizing
Worship teams
Choirs

E D U C A T I O N

VBS
Sunday School
Youth Ministry



Pastor Hirsch ←-----> Bob Fossum, Family Minister

Our Congregation President (*Kevin Vincent*), Chairman of the Elders (*Bryan Luttrell*), Bob Fossum and Pastor Hirsch have targeted July 1st as the deadline to have a long term plan in place...to enable us to keep moving forward. We invite you to direct your questions to any one of us.

Thank you to all who have stepped up in this special time of need. God bless you!
- Pastor Hirsch and Bob Fossum

Lutherwood VBS Day Camp is COMING to Bethlehem!!!

Surely the Lord is in this place and I was not aware of it!... How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.

Genesis 28:16-17



Games! Energizers! Singing!
Crafts! OUTDOOR fun!
Friends, and MUCH, MUCH, MORE!!!
Dates: July 5TH - 8TH
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Registration is open today!
Registration Fee: \$12

Contact Kellie Boelter; Laiva Hoffman; Lindsay Ruhnke, Sally Speer or Bob Fossum for more information.



God is Here!

2011 Bethlehem Lutheran VBS Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Grade Completed (as of camp) _____ M F Birthdate _____ Age as of camp _____

Parent /Guardian Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Night _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____ Home Church _____ City _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Night _____ Cell _____

Relationship to camper _____

AUTHORIZED ADULT TO PICK CHILD UP AT VBS

Name of Person(s) picking up the child: _____

Phone Number of Authorized Adult: _____

Relationship to Parent and Child: _____

Check days *Authorized Adult* will picked up child: Tuesday ; Wednesday ; Thursday ; Friday

Parent /Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

ALLERGIES

TYPE OF REACTION: Please mark which apply

Type of Allergy	No Yes (please circle)	Describe/Specify Allergen	Mild	Moderate (Swelling or severe rash)	Severe (Difficulty Breathing)
Food	No Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medication	No Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental (animal, plant, insect, etc.)	No Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	No Yes		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Please complete the reverse side of this form -

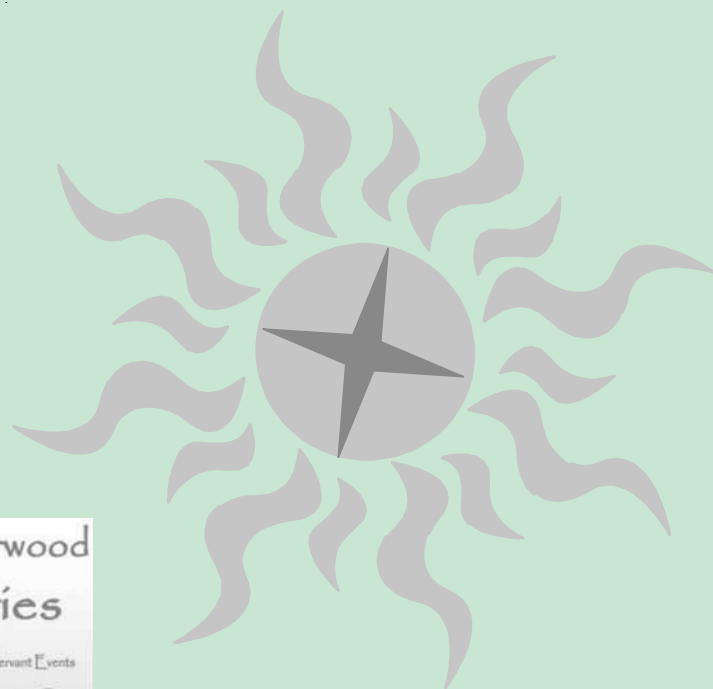
(VBS Registration Form continued)

Does your child have any special needs (behavioral and/or physical) we should know about?

I hereby give informed and expressed consent for my child to take part in all VBS Camp activities under supervision, and agree that the Day Camp, Day Camp personnel nor Bethlehem Lutheran Church will not be held responsible for accidents arising there from. I authorize the Day Camp Healthcare Provider and/or designated Day Camp Staff/Bethlehem Lutheran volunteers to provide appropriate treatment for my child for injuries and/or illness. I understand that the information on this form may be released to the appropriate medical personnel in case of medical emergency. I also understand that the failure to disclose medical or emotional problems in advance may lead to serious consequences while at Vacation Bible School Day Camp. Lastly, I verify that everything contained on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I also consent to the use of any photograph of my child or family in future Lutherwood publications. *A copy of this form will be shared with Camp Lutherwood Ministries at the end of Day Camp week.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE



Please join us on Saturday, June 18th from 5-8 pm in the Bethlehem Community Center to honor Kerry Lena Bauer for her faithful service to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

A pasta potluck and dessert will be served; music and entertainment will be enjoyed. Please sign up on the LIF board to bring a dish to share.

It's not too late! If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact

Joyce Maier at 503.626.4239 or joycemaier@yahoo.com OR Sarah Amberg at 971.235.6401 or samberg80@gmail.com

During the party, we will be holding a "card shower" for Kerry. If you and your family wish to honor Kerry with a gift, you may include things such as cash, gift cards, airline miles or whatever you can dream of to show your appreciation. However, your attendance is a gift in itself!



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June 3, 2011 • Vision Update

update written by Bob Fossum

It's been another busy month for the teams who are hard at work implementing Bethlehem's vision: *Connected to Christ; Connected to One Another; Serving All People*. There are plenty of opportunities for you to become involved in helping us put our vision into action. If you'd like to help out with one of these groups, contact the church office and we'll get you connected to one of these exciting teams (503.649.3380)! Here's a short summary of last meetings:

Service Team

The Service team has put together some great opportunities for all ages of Bethlehem members to get involved in service projects in the upcoming months. You can sign up for the project of your choice on the LIF Group bulletin board.

Faith Cafe

5 to 8 volunteers are needed on Saturdays throughout the summer to serve lunch at Beaver Acres School. The lunches are served from 11:30 to 12:30 and are brought to the site from the licensed kitchen.

This is a good activity for families as kids can easily hand out sack lunches, milk, etc. and play with the other kids (some sports equipment and art supplies will be at each site).

Packed With Love

This year we will be gathering a specific set of school supplies for the *Packed With Love* project. School supplies that are gathered by local churches will be distributed among 800 Beaverton students in early August. Watch the LIF Group bulletin board for more details.

Red Cross Blood Drive

We will need volunteers to help staff this event as well as blood donors. The Red Cross will be at Bethlehem on Wednesday, August 26 from 2 - 8 pm.. The LIF Group bulletin board will be your source of current information for this event.

Clothing Drive/Distribution

On September 10, folks from the community will be coming to Bethlehem's Community Center to pick up free clothing for their family. You can help by saving your clothes for these families in need - and considering volunteering to be a part of the team administering this great project.

Feed My Starving Children

We're forming a partnership with two other local churches to assist us in hosting another Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event at Bethlehem. Our target date is Winter of 2012.

Relationship Team

There are many opportunities for you to make connections with one another through fun and exciting LIF Groups. Here's a few to consider:

Low Impact Aerobics Class

Will meet on Wednesdays and Saturdays in July. Sign up on LIF Group Bulletin Board.

Elder Safe

Join Bethlehem's Stephen Ministry team as they welcome Marcia Langer to Bethlehem on June 28 at 7:00 pm in the Inn at Bethlehem for a special presentation on Washington County's Elder Care program.

Fused Glass

This group will travel to Aquila Glass Studio on Thursday, June 16 to make Fused Glass Pendants. Sign up on LIF Group Bulletin Board.

Church Campout

Camping spaces for the Church Campout are full, but if your interested in joining us for Saturday, August 13, carpools will be available. Sign up on LIF Group Bulletin Board.

Discipleship Team

The Discipleship Team continues to meet to develop a three year plan of Discipleship for our Adult Education program. The Discipleship Team has determined that it's focus is: *To help people become more fully committed and better equipped to follow Christ and share their faith.*

This team is working to develop a matrix of Discipleship opportunities that will become a roadmap for Bethlehem members and other participants in determining their personal path for spiritual growth and faith development. We will keep you informed through this Monthly Update on our progress. We are targeting September, 2011 to launch this Matrix!

~ LWML ~
REBEKAH SOCIETY

May 19, 2011 Minutes

Officers were elected for 2011.
They are:

Chairman, Debbie Vosseler
Vice-Chairman, Ruby Twenhafel
Secretary, Lorna Zimbrick
Treasurer, Laurie Siewert

With all of the flooding and tornadoes in the Midwest, a motion was made, seconded and approved to send a donation to the LCMS Relief Fund.

For Father's Day, a special treat will be purchased and given to father's on June 19th.

Olive Garden Outing -- All ladies are invited to a no-host luncheon at the Olive Garden on Thursday, June 16th. We plan to carpool from Church, leaving at 11:00am.

Our next regular meeting will happen after the summer season -- mark your calendar now for Thursday, September 15th.



A pastor liked to remind his parishioners of the burdened soul who approached Christ's cross in a spirit of sincere repentance. Kneeling, the soul handed the Lord his load of sin and sorrow. So far, so good! Then the soul got up, snatched his burden back, and took it with him as he walked away.

Some sins prove difficult to put down. Guilt's grip is heavy, even at the foot of Christ's cross. We think we don't deserve forgiveness or that others won't forgive us. Sometimes we find we can't even forgive ourselves. Though we feel sincerely repentant and have confessed, we continue to carry sin's burden. God knows the pattern. That's why He graciously assures us of His forgiveness by showing us His own Son paying the price of sin for us. Our feelings about sin evaporate in the light of God's fact about sin—He's taken care of it.

When you approach Christ's cross with a burden, be prepared to lose weight fast. Leave your load with Him and walk away the free, healed, and redeemed child of God you are.

**Lord, thank You for lifting up sin's heavy load
And comforting me by Christ's body
and blood. In His Name I pray.**

Amen

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The next Bethlehem STAR issue will cover both July & August. Be sure to plan ahead and submit any articles or notices to the Church Office no later than June 24th. Thanks!

Preschool News



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

May - our last month of Preschool! Where, oh, where did the school year go??? We celebrated our last month in grand fashion with May Day surprises and gifts for our sweet Mommies; a Bike-a-Thon for St. Jude Hospital; a trip to the Zoo; a day of tastes called "Yum Yuck" day; a final Chapel with Pastor Hirsch; a Graduation Celebration; and an all school picnic!!! We ended the alphabet with the letter Z and learned that Jesus says "I AM THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA" (Revelation 22:13). He has been with us as we began 4-year-old Preschool in September; went to the Pumpkin Patch in October;

had our Thanksgiving "Snack-Luck" with friends and family; celebrated Jesus birthday in December; ate Pizza at the Pizza Parlor in February; climbed into a real Fire Truck in March; rejoiced as Jesus came alive again at Easter; and ended our year with our Graduation Celebration!! Now as we say "Good-Bye" to Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool and our friends and teachers we remember that Jesus also says "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS" (Matthew 28:20). That means that He will be with us as we go off to Kindergarten and each and every day for the rest of our lives! CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS TO OUR GRADUATES AND FAMILIES!

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

A favorite song our 3 year old class likes to sing is "HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY - HAPPY ARE THE PEOPLE WHOSE GOD IS THEIR LORD". We are very HAPPY and proud of our little 3-year-old boys and girls as they have just completed their very first year of school! In a years time they have grown from toddlers into BIG KIDS, able to leave their families and come to school on their own. The shy little children of September now have friends and have become friends. They have learned to share and to ask for a turn; to paint and to glue; to sing and to dance; to listen and to tell a story. But, best of all, they have met Jesus through the stories they have heard from the Bible, the prayers they have

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

During the month of May, Mrs. Sellke's four year-old class learned the last three letters of the alphabet. We were excited to ride our bikes for St. Jude Children's Hospital and even more excited to put our pennies, dimes and nickels in the St. Jude money jar. Then we brought in snacks to taste for Yum/Yuck day. Some were delicious like cupcakes and some were yucky like onions! Z was one of our favorite letters of the year because we went on a field trip to the Zoo!! Finally, we prepared for graduation. How exciting to have our families come and watch us move up to Kindergarten!

I have enjoyed watching your child's faith grow throughout the past year. I am always amazed at how God works through them to show His love to the world. God bless your summer and new beginnings this fall.

Mrs. Sellke.

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

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to share with you a few memories of this last month. During May, Mrs. Sellke's three year-old class celebrated the color blue by wearing blue and bringing a blue toy from home. We made beautiful cards for our moms on Mothers's Day and a special footprint of her to hang on the wall. Our favorite day in May was our trip to the duck pond. We used our eyes to watch them fly and swim, our feet to take us around the pond, and our ears to listen quietly.

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Mrs. Sellke.

Great News!

The Preschool raised another \$2,600 for St. Jude Childrens Hospital this year bringing our grand total over 13 years to almost \$28,000!!!! How exciting to see the love of Jesus at work!

GOD IS GOOD -
ALL THE TIME!!
AND ALL THE
TIME -
GOD IS GOOD!!!!



STAR Lights . . . Stories to Inspire

from Ruth Dally

SHIRLEY & Marcy

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want her to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it.

She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he wouldn't notice her. The neighbor said that since she was up so early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another little girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school? Do you know her?"

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The little girl said, "Well, who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest" Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom and I say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, ' ' cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, "Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life," so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"



MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU, AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU; THE LORD LIFT HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU, AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

June Anniversaries

June 2	Dale & Fleur Blase	55 years	June 22	Paul & Tamara Ottum	9 years
6	Larry & Shirley Hawkins	52 years	24	Mike & Vicki Barless	33 years
8	Harley & Eleanor Olson	53 years	24	Mark & Debbie Vosseler	16 years
10	Jonathan & Jennifer Moss	6 years	25	Mike & Lisa Burton	17 years
11	Kurt & Jennifer Larson	6 years	25	Mike & Patty Hornback	28 years
11	Teddy & Grace Peoples	57 years	26	Gary & Deedee Heyne	41 years
12	Randy & Brneda Shults	35 years	27	Tommy & Cary Meier	13 years
15	Nathan & Ellen Bohlmann	30 years	28	Jeff & Laiva Hoffman	8 years
17	Bill & Karen Goode	33 years	28	Dan & Sandra Seim	9 years
19	Dave & Nan Dubberke	35 years	30	Jim & Chris Cullen	38 years
21	Kipp & Diane Martin	25 years	30	Paul & Cindy Schmick	32 years

June Birthdays

June 1	Darrell Hagen	June 14	Cooper Ottum	June 25	Amanda Long
1	Christin Hoffmann	14	Jan Schlottmann	25	Kari Rekow
4	Tiffany Smith	15	Ellen Bohlmann	25	Julie Siewert
6	Logan Bentson	15	Rick Braem	26	Mike Turner
6	Ken Reid	15	Karen Heldt	27	Randy Shults
7	Ben Lindow	15	JoAnna Refsland	27	Dwight Siewert
7	Alex Rekow	16	Wayne Williams	28	Dena Bindewald
7	Krista Schmick	17	Jerry Steindorf	28	Chuck Shook
7	Brenda Shults	17	Ben Strobel	30	Dan Lindow
7	Nick Shults	18	Allison Harn	30	Edd Trump
7	Isaac Wegner	18	Tamara Ottum		
8	Rhonda Henderson	18	Dylan Weichbrodt		
8	Joan Peterson	19	Charlie Schlottmann		
9	Nolan Cassidy	19	Inga Turner		
9	Roy Fletcher	19	Noah Turner		
9	Bill Goode	20	Janelle Hagen		
9	Rena Nunnenkamp	20	Tim Verney		
9	Kathy Stewart	20	Michael Wittman		
9	Michael Wegner	21	Jim Johnson		
10	Peter Bernard	23	Katrina Isler		
10	Vicki McLaughlin	23	Kristen Refsland		
11	Susan Blair	23	Mike Salzman		
11	Riley Brown	23	Gabe Strobel		
11	Jessica Speer	24	Yvonne Lindow		
13	Alice Nyman	25	Rebekah Feldhaus		
14	Barb Bernard	25	Daniel Hornback		





FOREST HILLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Run For the Hills

176 students circled the track at Forest Hills Lutheran School in support of the arts. The school art program is funded by this popular annual event. Parents, grandparents and friends cheered our runners on as they spent a half hour running and walk-



ing. Uma encouraged runners over the loud speaker and fellow students doused runners with water from spray bottles. The funds generated support our drama, art smart, choirs, and band which all students Kindergarten through 8th grade benefit from.

Enroll Today

Forest Hills Lutheran School currently has 31 new students for the 2011-2012 school year. Classes are filling quickly. Our expected total enrollment in Kindergarten – 8th grade is 180 students. Begin the application process online at fhls.org. If you would like to schedule a tour of the 12 acre campus, observe students, and meet teachers, please call Sharlayne Buuck at 503-359-4853 or email her at buucks@fhls.org.

Falcons Track Stars Soar

Our track team had a great showing at the district track meet. Here are the highlights, including one first place.

- Shot Put – Will Williams 1st pl
- 200M – Ashton Carow 6th pl
- 800M – Jessi Beyer 4th pl
- 4x100M - Bryanna Hanson, Jessi Beyer, Ashton Carow, Petra Flemmer 6th pl
- 4x100M – David Gehlen, Simon Kachmarek, Cole Waibel, Bryce Meltebeke 6th pl
- 100M Hurdles – Jessi Beyer 4th pl
Bryanna Hanson 6th pl
- High Jump – Bryanna Hanson 3rd pl
David Gehlen 3rd pl
- Discus – Cole Waibel 7th pl



Scrip

Thank you to those of you who have supported the school by purchasing scrip. We will take the summer off and resume selling scrip in September. If you have never used scrip consider doing so in the future. It costs you absolutely nothing on top of the dollar value of the scrip you order and the school benefits by earning a percent of your purchase. It is simple! Go to www.fhls for more information.



Parish Nursing Health Update

By Dena Bindewald, Parish Nurse

Summer is almost here (I hope)! Many of us might be thinking about shedding a few pounds before we have to put on our swimming suits again after enduring a long cold, dreary winter and spring.

The following article is a good review of how healthy eating along with physical exercise can help shed those unwanted pounds. The article is taken from "Heart Insight", a periodical published by the American Heart association.

Need to Lose Weight? Should You Eat Less or Work Out More?

Nearly 34 percent of adults in the U.S. are obese-having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or higher-according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and only five percent of American adults engage in physical activity on any given day. What do these statistics have to do with each other? Plenty. Even if you take in the same number of calories day in, day out, year in year out-and really, who among us can honestly say this is the case-you may find your weight creeping up because of age-related changes in body composition that slow metabolism (Over time, the body loses muscle tissue and gains fat tissue). So what's your best bet to get rid of that muffin top-eating fewer muffins or working out to replace fat with muscle?



While it's true you can lose weight by following diets that ban certain foods (bread and pasta, for instance) or emphasize others (eggs, steak and other high-protein foods), they tend to be unenjoyable and eventually unsustainable over the long haul. Eventually and inevitably, you will crave the forbidden fruit or get bored with the limited food choices the diet allows.

OK then, what about eating anything you want, and burning it off at the gym? A meta-analysis of several studies of the effectiveness of losing weight by increasing physical activity levels concludes that this approach doesn't pare pounds but can reduce "visceral fat", sometimes called "hidden fat". Unlike subcutaneous fat that lies just beneath the skin and is noticeable, visceral fat lies beneath the stomach muscles and surrounds the vital organs in the abdominal cavity. Visceral fat is associated with type 2 diabetes and heart disease. The best approach is to eat a well-balanced, nutritious diet every day and reduce the amount of calories you eat while increasing your daily physical activity level.

If pounding out the miles on a treadmill or working up a sweat in a kick boxing class doesn't get the numbers on the scale going in the right direction, many people get discouraged and give up. So what's the answer? Numerous studies show that routine physical activity-at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity on five days of the week-can help you keep your weight at a healthy level and boost your efforts to lose weight if you are dieting.

For instance, one recent study also found that those who diet and exercise lose more weight-*and lose more belly fat too*. Researches at the University of Pittsburg School of Medicine divided 130 severely obese people into one group that ate a caloric and portion controlled diet and began a walking regime, and one group that followed the same diet. The first group, which eventually worked up to 60 minutes of walking five days a week, had lost an average of 18 pounds at the six-month mark, at which point the non-exercisers also began the walking regime. After a year, those who had exercised throughout the study had lost 27 pounds on the average, and the delayed-exercise group had lost 22 pounds, but some had lost nearly 100 pounds. The researchers concluded that a sensible diet-and-exercise program can help even very obese people lose weight.

The bottom line: Losing weight and keeping it off is not an either/or choice between eating less and increasing physical activity. To be successful, you need to do both.



World Mission News

JUNE 2011

FOCUS MINISTRY

In last month's newsletter I share about a divine appointment where I was unable to stop and pray with the prayer team because God had other plans for me. A few weeks ago, I had another divine appointment with another new student. However, this time, the prayer team members showed up at the same time when I was talking with a young man from China. Due to his interest in a conversation with me about the Focus Ministry, I ended up not participating with the prayer team. The Lord told me that He wanted me to take the time to talk with this student. He had heard about Focus and the Christians from his fellow classmates and wanted to check things out himself. He asked me basic questions about focus, the church where we were meeting, and the churches serving the Focus ministry. He seemed amazed how the Christian community was working together to open their lives to international students. I told him what I often tell other students, we open our lives to international students in the same way that Jesus opened his life to others. We follow the examples of Jesus as we open our lives to others, especially strangers and people who might be different from us. As the evening went on, God also encouraged two other Focus volunteers sit down and talk with this young student. He really seemed impressed by the love shown to him and to other students.

To make things even more interesting that evening, I came across three other students that were classmates with the Chinese students. All four of these students were attending one of the local business colleges instead of being Portland State University students. Somehow, they heard about Focus and told each other about it. I knew that this was beyond coincidence and that God was trying to tell me something—to focus my attention on these students. Since that evening, I've been in email contact with the students and enjoying their interest in Christianity and life in the United States. Because these young people are from a different school than PSU, they would only be here for a couple of months and it was important to get to know these young people and continue to introduce them to Jesus. Please pray for me and the other Focus volunteers that we continue to meet with these young people and introduce them to Jesus.

GOOD NEWS FROM PERU

GEO missionary Katie Lane shares the following news from Peru: "As relationships continue to deepen with my students, more and more opportunities have developed to spend time with them outside of class. Earlier this month, a group of my students came over for the second time this year to cook for fellow missionaries Jamie, Anthony and me. They taught us how to cook 'arroz con pollo' (rice with chicken) which is one of the typical dishes in Peru. The neatest thing about their visit was that my students specifically requested to learn from the Bible as the entertainment for the evening! We watched a short film and then talked about Col. 3:21-23. These verses teach us how we were alienated from God, but that through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are reconciled and made holy in His sight. Praise God for these relationships and for using them to communicate the Gospel. Next time we cook together, the North Americans will be making the menu!"

GOOD NEWS FROM POLAND

GEO missionaries Andy and Jamie Koenig recently completed their service in Poland. They write, "As we approached Easter, God provided an opportunity to share about Christ's sacrifice through an invitation from another English teacher. On the last day of classes before the Easter break, this teacher invited Andy to do lessons on Easter in the United States, comparing and contrasting how we celebrate the holiday. Not only was this a great opportunity to learn about what Easter looks like in Poland, but it was also a chance to talk about the importance of Easter. After discussing the holiday in our two countries, Andy was able to share the great news of the Gospel, that because of Jesus' death on the cross, we have new life in Him. And, we can do nothing to earn salvation; it's a free gift! This message is desperately needed in Poland."

PRAYERS

Please join me in praying for the following:

- As the summer term ends, please join me in praying for students who may be going home after completing their studies in the United States, especially that any seeds that were planted will take root and grow.
- Please pray for the continued safety of students and missionaries as they travel in light of recent global and political activities that might present dangers to US citizens and travelers.



In the Name of Christ,
Herb Tretzen



We hope you will join our Confirmation families for this faith milestone celebration at Morning SongWorship.

The Rite of Confirmation will take place at the 11:00am Morning Song Communion Worship Service on Sunday, June 12th. These twenty young women and men will make their public personal declaration of faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord ~

Torri Allen	Jared Beale	Peter Bernard
Jarrett Bernhardt	Jaylynn Bernhardt	Jaymin Bernhardt
Riley Brown	Aaron Crisi	Ethan Crisi
David Gehlen	Emily Heck	Madison Heldt
Kara Hosty	I an I saak	Konrad I saak
Simon Kachmarek	Sarah Sellke	Rachel Starts
Lauren Stewart	Kara Summerall	



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A Story From The Comforts of Home

A woman client came into the loft, nervous and yet excited about the goods on the shelves that she could see. When I started going over her requested items, and helping her to choose the ones she de-



sired, it was plain to see that she could not believe there were so many to pick from. She was suddenly shy and hesitant, not wanting to take "the best ones" in case another family would have need of it. She herself was starting over, after leaving her abusive situation in another state, and had 2 kids in her care. It was hard to see the damage done to her self esteem, making her feel that she was not



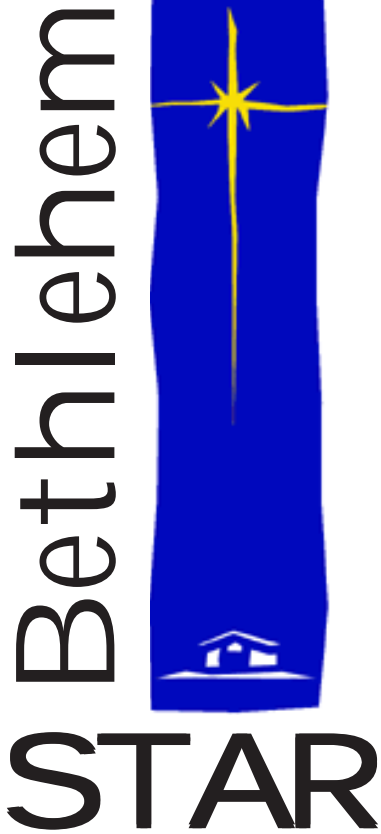
good enough. She didn't feel that she "deserved" to have nice things. After making her choices, we loaded her things into her small, cramped car, that was littered with paper wrappings, etc. It looked like she had been living in it, but now had been able to secure housing. She kept thanking me a saying how wonderful it was that we were doing this, and it felt great to hug her and give her

encouragement. We prayed for her and her family to be safe, healthy and strong, and this new beginning to be a good one. It was a true blessing to me.

June 2011

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																										
5 8:30 AM Communion Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:00 AM Morning Song, Worship 2:30 PM Piano & Organ Recital (Sanctuary) 4:00 PM Youth Choir (Starlight) 5:00 PM Confirmation Practice (Sanctuary)	May <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> 6 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Hidden Hurt Meeting (Sonrise)	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					7 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Elders Meeting (Inn) 7:00 PM Trustee Meeting (Angels)	8 9:00 AM Joyful Singers (Sonrise) 6:00 PM Russian School (ECC) 6:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Discipleship Vision Team (Inn)	9 8:00 AM Job Seekers (Magi) 9:30 AM RSVP Advisory Council (Inn)	10 5:00 PM Spanish Immersion School Recital (CC)	11 8:30 AM Russian School (ECC) 11:00 AM Christian Book Club (Sourise)
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