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WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Worship Times

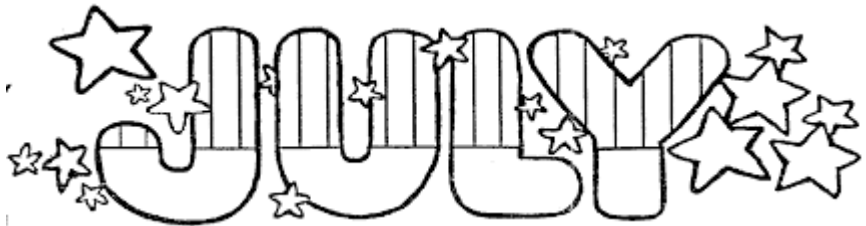
Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am

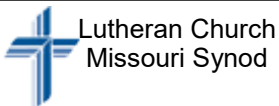
Wednesday - 6:00pm

Bible Study

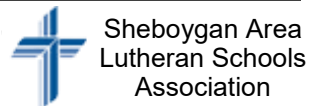
Bible Classes are suspended until further notice



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The Bethlehem Visitor - July 2020

A Life Hidden With Christ

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:1-4).

Who are you?

It seems like a rather simple question. It will almost immediately prompt the answer of a name, a family, a nationality, or an occupation. Maybe the more important question asks, "In the list of ways to identify yourself, at what point do you identify yourself as a Christian?" Is it number four in your list? Is it number three? This exercise is not to make you feel guilty. It is to bring to light how much the thinking of the world has infiltrated our thinking. There are so many items, identities, and thoughts that enter our mind before the thoughts and words of our Creator.



Paul pulls no punches when addressing the body of Christ at Colossae. In Scripture, God is very clear about where our identity lies. We are no longer of the world but we have been seated with Christ above. Paul states that we have died, and now our life is hidden in Christ. When Christ returns, our true identity will be seen because our sinful nature will be completely defeated. The identity that is given to us in Baptism cleanses us of our sins before our Creator. God calls us His children, first and foremost. This identity, however, is not just a trump card that we play at death or the end times. It is a way of life that affects everything else in our lives.

Numerous times throughout Scripture, we are urged to set our minds on things that are other-worldly. Paul gives us a brief list off them later in Colossians

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:12-17).

These are the fruits of the identity that we have in Christ. We should look different than the world because we are not of the world any longer. We have been bought with a price by the blood of Christ. His death is our death, and His life is our life.

Who are we?

We are Christians. We have many other vocations, but we are Christians first.

In Christ,

Pastor Niles

Welcome Pastor Moon and Emily

Grace, mercy, and peace be yours from God the Father in Heaven and our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. For those of you who have not yet met me, hello my name is Colin Moon. I was called to be the new Associate Pastor here at Bethlehem. I am a graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis as of May 2020. I am excited to meet everyone, and it is my prayer that the circumstances that have hindered our gathering and fellowship will soon go back to normal. As normal as could be after a global pandemic anyway. I just wanted to share a bit about myself. I grew up in Clintonville Wisconsin which is west of Green Bay between Shawano and New London. I went to St. Martin Lutheran School until 8th grade and then Clintonville High School where I graduated in 2011. I got my undergraduate degree from Concordia University Wisconsin in Actuarial Science in December 2014 and walked in May of 2015. I then went to Seminary where I took entrance level classes and biblical languages for the first year before beginning the Seminary curriculum. I was a part of the last class that was allowed to take five years to complete Seminary training. As I mentioned before I graduated from Seminary this past May.

I met my wife, Emily, my senior year at Concordia Wisconsin. We dated long distance while she continued at CUW and I did my first three years at the Seminary. She got her degree in Lutheran elementary education and is licensed 1st - 8th grade. We got married in July of 2018 and moved right into the parsonage at Pilgrim Lutheran in Green Bay for my vicarage. Living a few blocks from Lambeau Field was a cool experience for us being die-hard Packer fans. Emily and I both enjoy sports. I played football and ran track in middle school, high school, and one year of college. Emily played middle and high school basketball and softball. Although Emily is more on the shy side, she has a cannon for an arm. Don't let her fool you! She also enjoys arts and crafts, mostly sticking to canvas painting, knitting patterns, and coloring pages. (When you see her sometime ask her about the stuffed animals she makes. They're adorable.) I also enjoy music. I played saxophone in band and sang bass in choir. One of my favorite expressions of Christian fellowship is singing Christmas music. My family makes it a tradition to sing Christmas hymns from the LSB (Lutheran Service Book) in 4 part harmony every year when we get together in December.

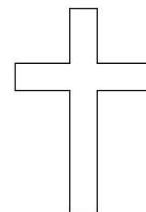
Some of my other hobbies include but are not limited to: reading, board games, Sheepshead, learning new skills, and anything that involves strategy.

Some of Emily's hobbies include: hiking, swimming, cooking (she loves experimentation), family time, and architecture.

It probably goes without saying that Emily and I love studying scripture together and talking theology. We have grown so much in our relationship with the Lord throughout our marriage and pray that we would be encouraging to you and encouraged by you as we serve here in Sheboygan. We also do have exciting news if you have not yet heard. We are expecting our first child in early October. We are very excited and look forward to that day with eager anticipation.

I also want to let everyone know that I have an open invitation. Anyone who ever wants to sit down with me and talk, please reach out! I love meeting people, hearing their story, and learning about their lives. I prefer being face to face, but I understand that the pandemic has limited people who might be at risk. You can call the church office Tuesday through Friday. Seek me out after one of the services. Send me an email at colin.moon@ourbethlehem.com find me on Facebook if you dabble in social media. Pull me aside at the supermarket or hardware store. I'm a coffee drinker and there is always a warm cup at the office for you if you choose to take it. I look forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you!

Peace of the Lord,
Pastor Colin Moon





July News



Next Visitor Deadline

If you would like to submit information for the August *Visitor* please have your information to the church office no later than noon Thursday, July 16, 2020. You can email it to jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com or drop it off in the church office with a note attached that it is for the August *Visitor*.

Summer scrip sales

Only Scrip-On-The-Go will be accepted during the summer months. Scrip-On-The-Go has returned. All orders and payment must be in by 8:00am on Monday mornings. You can either order online using Presto Pay or drop off your order form in the Scrip drop box. Filled orders may be picked up in the school office on Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00am until noon. Because of a decrease in sales, we will not be able to order from our supplier every week. With that being said, we will only be filling orders from our inventory on hand. There will be no weekend sales until further notice.

No Coffee Hour

There will be no Coffee Hour until further notice so we can safely stay within the guidelines of the CDC.

Summer Easter Egg Hunt

Since we weren't able to have an Easter Egg Hunt in April we are going to have a summer one – so join us on Saturday July 11th at 9:00am.

Congratulations to the following Bethlehem and Public School students who have completed their Confirmation instruction

Hunter Adams
Josephina Albertine
Sienna Boerger
Lucy Brown
Isaiah Cyr
Lindsay Fischer
Nathan Fischer

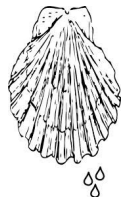
Logan Grasse
Annalise Hasler
Jack Karpinski
Elliott Leibham
Brookelyn Nachtwey
Caden Roth
Raymond Scholz

Cheyenne Stirdivant
Benjamin TenPas
Kara Thimmig
Winter Tinkle
Bradley Van Engen
David Vanic
Karson Wyckoff

Baptisms, Deaths

Baptisms:

Elizabeth Anne Bjorn, daughter of Kyle A. and Sarah J. (Steffen) Bjorn, baptized May 6.
Jagger Jay Verbeten, son of Joshua and Tristan (Prescher) Verbeten, baptized June 7.
Faith Everly Payne, daughter of Ryan and Crystal (Lorfeld) Payne, baptized June 13.



Deaths:

Leona Winkler, age 91, passed away on March 7, 2020
Roger H. Fischer, Sr., age 87, passed away on March 26, 2020
Deloris K. Thiele, age 94, passed away on April 2, 2020
Ruth Price, age 92, passed away on April 7, 2020
Henry Schaefer, age 86, passed away on April 26, 2020
Lorraine H. Hermann, age 87, passed away on May 7, 2020
Ronald Griessmeyer, age 76, passed away on May 8, 2020



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Pastoral Care

When you are hospitalized, please notify the church office (or have a family member or friend notify us). Due to privacy laws the hospitals no longer contact the church.

Personal Information Changes

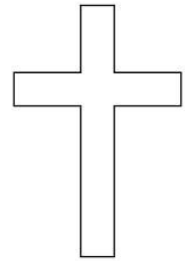
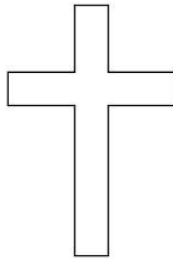
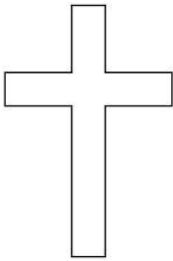
If you have changed your name, address, phone number etc. please notify the church office immediately with your information. You can call the church office at 452-4331 or email jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

Room Reservation Reminder

Just a reminder to make sure that you let the church office know ASAP if and when you need to reserve a room so we can be sure that there are no conflicts. Thank you!

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