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Rev. Colin Moon
Associate Pastor

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Principal

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Worship Times

Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday - 6:00pm

Bible Study

Saturday ~ 4:15 to 5:15pm

Sunday Morning ~ 9:15 to 10:15am

Holy Week Worship

See inside for all the worship
opportunities for Lent,
Holy Week and Easter



March

MEMBERSHIP



Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod



Sheboygan Lutheran
High School
Association



Sheboygan Area
Lutheran Schools
Association

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		LWML 7:00pm	Church Bulletin Deadline Noon Public School Confirmation 3:30pm Lent Worship			Bible Class 4:15pm Worship w/HC 5:30pm
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Palm Sunday Worship w/HC 8am & 10:30am Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15am Jr Youth 5pm Sr Youth 6pm	Church Bulletin Deadline Noon Spring Break		NO WORSHIP Spring Break	Maundy Thurs- day Worship w/HC 6:00pm Spring Break	Good Friday Worship w/HC 1:00pm Tennebrae Wor- ship w/HC 7:00pm Spring Break	Easter Vigil Worship w/HC 5:30pm

The Bethlehem Visitor - March 2021

The Passion of the Christ

*“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”
(Philippians 2:5-8)*

As we approach Holy Week, our focus is drawn, all the more steadily, upon the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During Holy Week, we focus upon the immediate hours that approached and accomplished the death of Jesus. It begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem amid the praises of the people while they through palm branches at His feet. We move into Maundy Thursday where Jesus celebrates the Passover for the last time with His disciples, and institutes the Lord's Supper for God's people to receive the forgiveness, life, and faith that He gives. We see Him arrested. We follow to the mock trials where justice is far from served in the case of the pure and perfect Lamb of God. And with every brutal laceration, piercing, and cry of anguish, we are see His death for our sins - the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! We refer to these events as the *Passion* of the Christ.

Passion? Really? I thought that passion was an intense emotion. This is how we often use the word today. We speak of passionate presentations, passionate love, and passionate hate. All of these uses refer to something that carries with it an intense emotion. However, if you do a little searching on the word, you will find that the word used to mean *suffering*. This is where the idea of intensity comes from in our use today. If you feel something passionately, you feel it so much that it causes you to suffer or hurt. If you combine these two ideas, I do not know of a better word to describe the events of Jesus' life during Holy Week than *passion*.

Yes, He literally suffered and died, so we have the old definition explicitly fulfilled. However, it is also a picture of how intense or passionate Jesus' love was for you. His love was filled with such passion that He fulfilled the Father's plan for the salvation of the world... for your salvation. Every laceration, every piercing blow of the hammer on the nails, and every cry of anguish was out of a passionate love for you and the world. Through this Passion born out of passion, you have been forgiven, renewed, and restored from all your sins. I pray that Holy Week is a time when You focus on the passion of Jesus for you!



In Christ,
Pastor Niles

From the Desk of Pastor Moon

Something dawned on me the other day. I still can't put a name with a face for many of the people at Bethlehem. If that happens to include you, please know that it makes me sad and mourn the fact that my ministry began in the middle of a pandemic. Many of you have felt uncomfortable being gathered with people in public which means we have not met in person. The mask mandate means that when I get into the pulpit to preach I see eyes (and haircuts). No smiles, no expressions, no facial hair.

I guess that means I will have to meet everyone again "for real this time" once everything is done and over with. This time I can put names with faces and truly get to know you.

I mention this because I was dwelling on a passage from the Psalms 139 that said:

"You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Even if I cannot put a face with a name, God certainly can. God knew what you looked like before you were born. He knew what you would look like as you grew up and got older. Jesus also told his disciples in Luke 12:6.

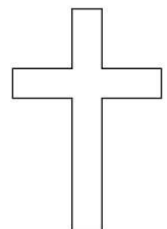
"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows."

The profile God has on you includes everything. He even knows things about you that you do not know about yourself. This can be both a great terror and a great joy. A great terror because God has seen your innermost thoughts, even the ones that are as dirty as the ashes from Ash Wednesday and as dirty as the thickest sludge. It is also a great joy because God loved you in spite of the sin found within.

So even if your face is covered, God knows you. He recognizes you. He formed you inside and out. He redeemed you. He sustains you. He has every hair on your head numbered. You are more valuable than many sparrows.

Peace of the Lord,

Pastor Moon





March News



April Visitor Deadline

If you would like to submit information for the April *Visitor* please have your information to the church office no later than noon Thursday, March 18, 2021. 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 April *Visitor*.

Scrip Credit Statement For Taxes

If your Scrip credit went to Bethlehem Lutheran Church General Fund, Bethlehem Special Appeal or Bethlehem Guardian Angel Program, you can claim any profit on your income taxes. If you would like a copy of your report, please let us know. You can let one of the Scrip sellers know, you can send an email to Bethlehem-Scrip@hotmail.com or you can call Brenda Kanz at 912-3086.

Bethlehem's website

If you are not attending worship at this time please be sure to check out our website at www.ourbethlehem.com for all the updated information, daily devotions, worship services, News and Notes. If you have any questions please contact the church office at 920-452-4331.

Jr & Sr Youth Groups for March




Mark your calendars for March 14 & 28 as these will be the next times that Youth Groups will meet. Jr Youth meets from 5 to 6pm and Sr Youth meets from 6 to 7pm. If you have any questions about Jr Youth contact Pastor Moon at colin.moon@ourbethlehem.com or for Sr Youth contact Miss Rinkinen at jenna.rinkinen@ourbethlehem.com.

Scrip Payouts for 2020

The following is the amount of monies that was distributed for Scrip in 2020: Bethlehem Tuition - \$11,928.22; Lutheran High Tuition - \$5209.47; Concordia University - \$1404.16; Bethlehem Church General Fund - \$2271.75; Guardian Angel Fund - \$261.02; Bethlehem's Commitment to LHS - \$547.80. If you are interested in knowing more about the Scrip program contact Brenda Kanz at 920-912-3086.

Easter Egg Hunt

 Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 27th at 9:00am for an Easter egg hunt at Bethlehem. It should be an egg-cellent time. Watch the News and Notes for more information.

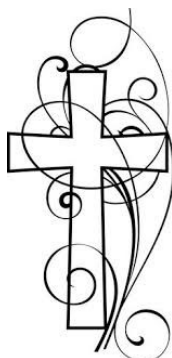
LWML News

Have you ever wondered about Lent? Come and join us on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in the Century Room and explore the history and meaning of Lent and the power of the cross. Masks will be worn and social distancing practiced.

Prayer Service



The Sheboygan area LWML 2021 Prayer Service will be held on Saturday, March 13 at 9:00am at Luther Memorial Church. The theme is "He Prayed With Them" based on Acts 20:36b. All are welcome to attend.



If you would like to donate to the Altar Guild's Church Decoration Fund for Easter please fill out the form below and return to the church office no later than Sunday, March 28, 2021.

CHURCH DECORATION FUND

Please consider donating a monetary gift to the Altar Guild's Church Decoration Fund. All donor names, along with the designation as to whether the gift is being given in memory, in honor or for blessings received, will be published. ***Please designate which category, by circling in memory of or in honor of.***

Make checks payable to **Bethlehem Altar Guild.**

Deadline for submitting donations is March 28, 2021.

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Given by: _____ in memory/honor of _____

Given by: _____ for blessings received

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Welcome to Bethlehem's newest lamb
Benjamin Arthur Wagner, son of Kyle R. Wagner and Stevie Leigh McKenna,
baptized on February 14, 2021.



Our condolences to the family of Carlos Niemann
He passed away on January 23, 2021 at the age of 92.



Holy Week Worship Opportunities



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Thursday

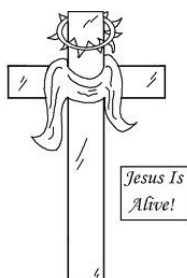
April 1, 2021
7:00 pm Worship
w/Holy Communion

April 2, 2021
1:00pm Worship
w/Holy Communion



April 2, 2021
7:00pm Worship
w/Holy Communion

April 3, 2021
5:30pm Worship
w/Holy Communion



April 4, 2021
6:00am, 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services
All Services w/Holy Communion

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

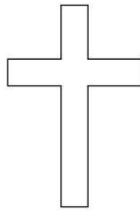
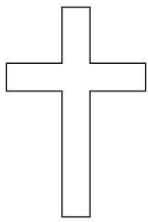
If you have changed your name, address, phone number etc. please notify the church office immediately with your information. You can call the church office at 452-4331 or email jodi.damrau@ourbethlehem.com with your new/current information. Thank you for your help.

Room Reservation Reminder For Heads of Boards

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!

Visit Us Online

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School is on Facebook.com. Look for updates and information by typing Bethlehem Lutheran School. For more school information, please visit us at our website, www.ourbethlehem.com.



VISITOR SPONSORSHIP

To help us defray expenses for producing and mailing our monthly newsletter, we have established a sponsorship program which includes a congregational contributor for a cost of \$50 per year; and a commercial contributor for the cost of \$120 per year. If interested, please drop off your payment or call the church office at 452-4331.

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Feedback Requested:

In an effort to better communicate with our members, we are asking you to fill out a brief survey. The results will be used to determine what type of information you are looking for and the best method(s) of communication. As part of this survey, we are asking for your email and phone information. This information will only be used by the pastors and church office so we can communicate with you in various ways. Please have ***each confirmed*** member of your household fill out this survey. You will find this survey at www.ourbethlehem.com. Navigate to the Church dropdown menu, then Congregational Communication and Communication Survey.

Thank you, the Board of Public Relations

The screenshot displays the website of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for MEDIA, SYCAMORE, DONATE, CONTACT US, and ADMINISTRATION. Below this, the church's logo and name are visible. A dropdown menu for the 'CHURCH' link is open, showing options such as 'About Our Church', 'Worship', 'Giving For Mission And Ministry', 'How To Get Involved', 'Congregational Communication', and 'Events'. The 'Congregational Communication' option is highlighted, and a sub-menu is visible with links to 'Visitor Newsletter', 'Choir Schedule', 'Lay Readers', 'Greeters', 'Communion Assistants/Ushers', 'Coffee Hour', and 'Communication Survey'. The 'Communication Survey' link is highlighted in yellow. Below the dropdown menu, the 'Congregational Communication' survey form is displayed. It includes a heading, a brief description of the survey's purpose, and a form with fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', and 'Preferred telephone number'. A dropdown menu for 'When receiving information from Bethlehem, which format would you prefer?' is also present. A yellow banner at the top of the form states '* Denotes required field.' A small button labeled 'Go to the Communication Survey page' is located near the bottom right of the form. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'http://www.ourbethlehem.com/communication-survey/' and the system clock indicates 11:44 AM on 2/9/2021.

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BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOME / CHURCH / CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATION / COMMUNICATION SURVEY

In an effort to find the best way to communicate to our members, we are asking you to fill out a brief survey. This information will be used to determine the best course of communication with our congregation. Included in this survey we are asking for your email and phone information so we can communicate with you in various ways. Please have ***each confirmed*** member of your household fill out this survey.

Congregational Communication

* Denotes required field.

First Name

Last Name

Preferred telephone number

When receiving information from Bethlehem, which format would you prefer?*

Go to the Communication Survey page

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