

CHIMES Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JAIME

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The new hope and new life of Easter morning has officially come! Jesus Christ has conquered death and brought about new life for the whole world. We proclaim Christ crucified and resurrected loudly and joyously this Easter season. Now that we are here, resting in these new and hope-filled promises, what do we do now? How do we embody our identity as Easter people?

Some days it may be easier than others to be the Easter people that we are. One of the beautifully powerful things about the time after the resurrection and the risen Lord is the scars of Holy Week do not disappear. The evidence of the pain and suffering in the world is not completely gone but rather, out of those scars comes new hope, new creation, and new faith in the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Following the resurrection, the disciples find themselves in a world swirling with fear, questions, chaos, and wondering what comes next. During all of this, the resurrected Christ appears to them behind locked doors and grants them peace. This peace does not remove the realities of the world around them, but rather gives them something to hold onto, to anchor them, while the fear, questions, and chaos swirl around them. This same peace is offered to us all as we go out into the world proclaiming our faith and witnessing the resurrection again and again. The peace of Christ offers us strength and comfort in the face of pain, suffering, and confusion and helps us seek out the Holy Spirit who is working amid all of this to bring new creation to this very time and place. May the peace of Christ give us strength and help us to embody the hope and truth that Easter brings because we are an Easter people after all.

In resurrection hope,
Pastor Jaime Benson

The great
GIFT
of
Easter
is
Hope

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 1

Volunteer Appreciation Day
10 am Hand Chime Practice
10:15 am New Member Class

MAY 2

6:30 pm All Committee Night

MAY 3

5:30 pm Finance Meeting

MAY 10

6:30 pm Stewardship Meeting

MAY 11

Food Pantry Helpers

MAY 15

10 am Hand Chime Practice, School
Year End Potluck & Game Day, Plant
Sale

MAY 19

6:30 pm Council Meeting

MAY 20

Chimes Articles Due to Office
High School Lock -In (until May 21)

MAY 22

9 am Youth Led Worship & High
School Senior Recognition

MAY 30

Office Closed for Memorial Day

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OUR CHURCH

NEW MEMBER CLASS



Are you interested in becoming a member of Bethlehem or know someone who is? A New Member class will be held on May 1st after worship. Contact Pr. Jaime if you are interested in attending.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY



On Sunday, May 1st we will be recognizing all of our wonderful volunteers that do so much for our church. All

volunteers, please be sure to join us as we will have a special gift to handout as a thank you.

ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT



All Committee Members please join us for the next meeting May 2nd at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 12th at 9 am. All women of the church are welcome to attend.



REQUEST FROM QUILTERS



The Quilters are looking for sheets to back quilts - clean/no stains and cotton material for the fronts. Items can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you!

THANK YOU FROM THE MARKET

Kerry Melby delivering our donated food to the Portage High School Market.



OPEN DOORS FOR REFUGEES – THANK YOU

The Local & Global Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to the Open Doors for Refugees project. Everything was delivered in April and is being put to good use.



COMMUNION UPDATE



We are still looking for a total of 8 people to sign up to be on a rotation for Altar Guild on Sundays. Having 8 people on the schedule

means the time commitment is only once every other month. Altar Guild sets up communion and cleans up after worship and changes the paraments when the liturgical seasons change. If we don't have anyone sign up for Altar Guild we will only be able to offer the prefilled elements. Let the office know if you can help on a regular basis on Sundays.

SPRING PLANT SALE



Sunday, May 15th As spring arrives and you head out to the garden, if you have perennials you'd like to split, you can donate them to the church for our plant sale. Please label them with the plant identification, planting instructions & a picture of when it is full grown or blooming.

MISSION KITS ARE BACK!!

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) reaches people in poverty around the world to help them adapt to challenges that threaten their livelihood and well-being, with the goal of becoming self-reliant. One way they do this is through their Quilt and Kit Ministry. BLC will collect items for:

School Kits: a backpack filled with basic school Supplies to educate a child.
Personal Care Kits: a light towel wrapped with basic hygiene items.



Personal Care Kits

We will be collecting the items at church and in the narthex. A complete list of the items is attached to the Chimes. No items with religious, patriotic, American Flag or military symbols can be used.

Here are links to buying bulk items:

Most items on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2N4VW2BMYTMC?ref=wl_share

Best site for towels:

<https://directtextilestore.com/Prison-Towels-10s-Colored>

If you have questions, you can call Janice or Jeanette.

DECORATING THANK YOU



A special Thank You to our Easter decorating crew: Judy Traut, Kimberly & Olivia Bue, and Ann Ciske!
Sincerely, Margaret Molden

FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION



The last day of class will be May 11th. We will end the year with a family celebration combined with Sunday School on

May 15th with games and a potluck.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The lessons we will be learning in May are Saul to Paul, Acts 9:1-20 and Peter and Tabitha Acts 9:36-43. On **Sunday, May 15th** the children will be singing during the service. We will also have a **Congregational Potluck and Game Day** following the service. We will provide BBQ, Mac and Cheese, Lemonade, and water. You can bring whatever you would like. We will have some games and you are welcome to bring a game of your own. Hopefully the weather permits so we can have inside and outside games. If not, we will be inside. Each Sunday School family will have a gift to take home with activities they can do. We look forward to seeing everyone and having a fun day.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE

The high school youth group is participating in a 30 hour famine on May 19th as a way to learn about global hunger. In doing so they will be raising money that will go directly to people around the world struggling to feed their families. This is all possible through an organization called World Vision. Just \$40 will feed and care for a child for an entire month!! To donate for global hunger use this QR code.



YOUTH LED WORSHIP MAY 22

All High School Youth are welcome and encouraged to help lead the next Youth Led Worship on May 22nd. Contact Megan Jahoda if you'd like to participate. We will be recognizing our high school seniors during this service.



CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



CLASS OF
2022

You are invited to a special worship service in your honor to celebrate your accomplishments and receive a special blessing during the 9 am worship service on May 22nd. Congratulations to our seniors:

Adeline Biehl

Emily Brees

Ally Brenner

Sydney Bue

Jack Callen

Gretchen Georgeson

Jacob Goldthorpe

Macy Goldthorpe

Madelyn Johnson

Olivia Jones

Abigail Kaiser

Sydni Kratz

Lauren Macomber

Marianna Neitzel

Carol Oh

Avali Swenson

Vaughn Tofson

Alexander Wagner

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

BETTY RING'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

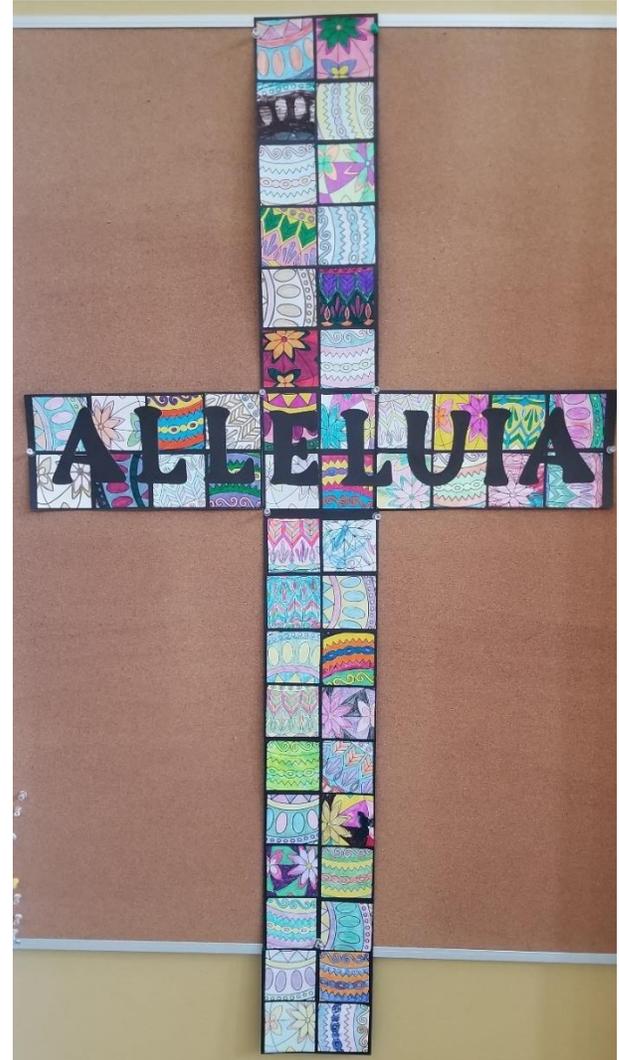
The family of Betty Ring invites you to share in the celebration of her 90th birthday on Sunday May 29, 2022 at an open house from 12-4 pm. at the Portage Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, 2701 County Rd. CX, Portage, WI 53901. Please join us for lunch, and/or cake and coffee. The birthday girl asks that you bring only your Betty stories, smiles, hugs and good wishes!



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EASTER EGG COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT

I'd like to thank everyone who colored the Easter egg coloring sheets. You're beautiful coloring made it possible to create this art piece for Easter which hangs in the narthex on the office door. *Julie Saalsaa*



WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING CONF.

Spring Gathering Event - open

to all Women of the ELCA

Good Shepherd Lutheran

Church, 5701 Raymond

Rd., Madison, WI

Saturday, May 14th, 8:30 –

9:00 am registration

Program: "Addressing the Crisis of Human Trafficking"



We will have updates from the synodical board. A salad luncheon will be held at noon. Please bring a salad to pass. **RSVP to Polly Carter at pfcart48@gmail.com**

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISH ASSOCIATE



We'd like to give a warm welcome to our newest staff member, Tania Anderson. Tania will be taking on the position of Parish Associate starting in June, although you may see her occasionally in her new role throughout the month of May. We are excited to add Tania's talents, enthusiasm and love for Bethlehem to the office. She will be the point person for all things education, be it for the youth or adults.

EASTER HYDRANGEAS

For those of you who ordered the hydrangeas from Easter, here is some information if you want to plant them outside. We ordered these from Link's Greenhouse and one of our members asked him about them and this was his reply: They could be planted outside on the East side of the house. They are hardy but if they bud and there is a frost, they will freeze off and not blossom, so one would have to be watchful of budding and frosts and be ready to cover them.. He also said they would do well in a pot, but one would need room for that big of a plant.



NATIVITIES

We have had several nativity sets generously donated to the church over the years. The Decorating Committee has looked through the decorating closet and found that we have more than we can actually use. We are still looking for the original owner of this set. If you donated this set to the church and would like it back, please let us know. Otherwise they will be put in our rummage sale this year.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Profit and Loss Comparison

April 1-19, 2022

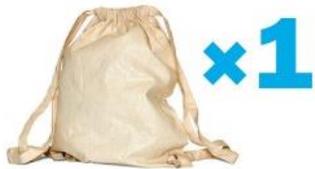
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	APR 1-19, 2022	APR 1-19, 2021 (PY)	MAR 1-19, 2022 (PP)	JAN 1 - APR 19, 2022 (YTD)	JAN 1 - APR 19, 2021 (PY YTD)
Income					
Income	20,052.54	16,541.00	16,597.65	87,365.12	70,188.92
Other Income	415.40	2,963.00	922.00	5,864.47	4,533.00
Total Income	\$20,467.94	\$19,504.00	\$17,519.65	\$93,229.59	\$74,721.92
GROSS PROFIT	\$20,467.94	\$19,504.00	\$17,519.65	\$93,229.59	\$74,721.92
Expenses					
Operating Expenses	15,168.44	12,326.40	17,868.96	79,677.33	70,050.10
Other Expense			800.00	2,845.30	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$15,168.44	\$12,326.40	\$18,668.96	\$82,522.63	\$71,050.10
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$5,299.50	\$7,177.60	\$ -1,149.31	\$10,706.96	\$3,671.82
Other Income	\$800.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,500.00	\$10,199.64	\$6,231.42
Other Expenses	\$789.25	\$0.00	\$2,451.00	\$9,037.22	\$5,891.50
NET OTHER INCOME	\$10.75	\$2,250.00	\$ -951.00	\$1,162.42	\$339.92
NET INCOME	\$5,310.25	\$9,427.60	\$ -2,100.31	\$11,869.38	\$4,011.74

Cash basis Tuesday, April 19, 2022 10:51 AM GMT-05:00

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Mission Kit Needed Supplies

SCHOOL KIT ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Include the following items in each School Kit:



x1

One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17", with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)



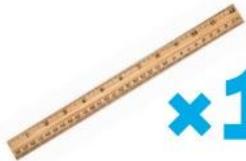
x4

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½"; no loose-leaf paper



x1

One box of 16 or 24 crayons



x1

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other



x1

One pencil sharpener



x1

One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)



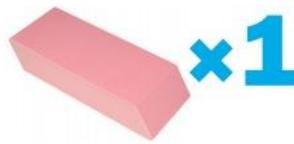
x5

Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band



x5

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band



x1

One 2½" eraser

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



x1

One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended



x2

Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping



x1

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*



x1

One sturdy comb, remove packaging



x1

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

Bring supplies and completed kits to the Church Narthex

May 2022

Become a steward of gratitude this month!

- Volunteer Appreciation May 1st!
- Learn about a local non-profit during worship every Sunday
- Sunday School Teacher Appreciation May 15th
- Celebrate our graduates during our youth service May 22nd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 BLC Volunteer Appreciation Day! 	Reflection: Who in your life are you grateful for?	3 Send a thank you card to a friend	4 Read a book about gratitude	5 Help an elderly neighbor with a chore	6 Reflection: What moment this week are you most grateful for?	7 Visit someone you haven't seen in a while
8 Tell the boss or supervisor of a store employee that he/she did a good job	9 Leave a thank you note or small gift for your mail/package delivery person	10 Reflection: What recent challenge are you grateful for?	11 Hug someone	12 Send a thank you card to a coworker	13 Give an extra tip at your salon, restaurant, etc.	14 Reflection: What talent or skill are you grateful for?
15 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation 	16 Reflection: What in nature are you grateful for?	17 Send flowers to someone out of appreciation	18 Start a gratitude journal	19 Take a walk in nature and reflect upon its beauty	20 Take a treat to a neighbor or friend	21 Send thank you and thinking of you cards to our troops
22 Celebrate our graduates! 	23 Take a coffee or tea to someone that helped you recently	24 Leave a small gift of appreciation for someone to find	25 Reflection: What part of the day are you grateful for?	26 Send a thank you card to someone that has done something important for you	27 Reflection: What new places have you seen and loved?	28 Leave a positive review online for a business/organization you frequent
29 Count your blessings and help someone else in need	30 Attend a Memorial Day parade or event to honor those who have contributed to our 	31 Reflection: How does showing gratitude change you?				

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

May 2022

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1 Volunteer Recognition 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Hand Chimes Practice, Sunday School 10:15 am New Member Class 	2 10:30 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Card Club 6:30 pm All Committee Meeting  6:30 pm WCL Class	3 9:00 am Quilters 5:00 pm Finance	4 10:30 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm HS Bible Study Group	5	6 10:30 am Tai Chi	7
8 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 	9 10:30 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Card Club 6:00 pm SREA meeting	10 9:00 am Quilters 5:45 pm Stewardship Meeting 	11 Food Pantry Helpers 10:30 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Confirmation 	12 9:00 am Women's Group 	13 10:30 am Tai Chi	14
15 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Hand Chime Practice, School Year End Picnic, Plant Sale 	16 10:30 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Card Club 6:30 pm SRA Pr. Jaime out of office	17 9:00 am Quilters Pr. Jaime out of office	18 10:30 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Worship 7:00 pm HS Bible Study Group Pr. Jaime out of office	19 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting Pr. Jaime out of office 	20 Chimes Articles Due 10:30 am Tai Chi HS Lock-In Pr. Jaime out of office	21 HS Lock-In 
22 High School Senior Rec 9:00 am Worship - Youth Led 	23 10:30 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Card Club	24 9:00 am Quilters	25 10:30 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Worship	26	27 10:30 am Tai Chi	28
29 9:00 am Worship	30 Office closed for Memorial Day 10:30 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Card Club 	31 9:00 am Quilters				

