

CHIMES Newsletter

OCTOBER 2021 VOLUME 83, ISSUE 10

OUR CHURCH

PR. JAIME'S FIRST SUNDAY



Join us to welcome Pr. Jaime Benson on Sunday, October 10th. During this 9 am service she will be installed by a representative of the Synod. We will gather for a welcome reception after worship.

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting food for the Wycocena Food Pantry during the month of October. They are especially in need of the following items:

General Items:

- Jelly/jam*
- Soups* – pantry has tomato – need chicken noodle, chicken rice or vegetable beef
- Canned baked beans
- Canned Spaghettios
- Canned mini raviolis
- Instant oatmeal
- Syrup
- Tuna
- Instant rice
- Condiments – BBQ sauce, ketchup & mayo
- Liquid hand soap
- Tissues

*items really needed



Thanksgiving Meal Items:

- Turkey stuffing mix
- Turkey gravy
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Canned pumpkin
- Durkee onions (French fried dry onions in a can for green bean casserole)
- *Pantry already has green beans and cream of mushroom soup*



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 1

Coat & Food Drives Begin

OCTOBER 5

5 pm Finance Meeting

OCTOBER 10

Pr. Jaime's Installation & Welcome Reception 9 am
Sunday Schoolers sign during worship

OCTOBER 12

Life Line Screening

OCTOBER 14

Women's Group 9 am

OCTOBER 17

Coat Drive Ends
9am Worship - 4th Grade Bibles

OCTOBER 21

Council Meeting 6:30 pm

OCTOBER 23

Mission Kits & Quilts Drop Off

OCTOBER 31

Confirmation of 9th Graders
Last day of Food Drive

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, ELCA

W8267 Hwy 33 East, Portage, WI
53901 608-742-8502

Email: bethluch15@gmail.com
www.bethlehemLCportage.org

ARTS & CRAFT MARKET, BRAT & BAKE SALE

A big thank you to all who helped set up and take down, to those who worked our church table, to the vendors, to the customers, all who donated baked goods, and last but certainly not least to God for beautiful weather that day. We took in \$2,088 with \$682 going to the youth for their mission trip to the Dominican Republic in 2022. The winner of the quilt was Jane Zehmke.

MISSION KIT UPDATE

Thanks to all who have donated so far for the Overseas Mission Kits. We have assembled 31 Personal Care Kits and 26 School Kits. These will be taken with the quilts on October 23. We have used most of our supplies and need more!! While we need almost everything, we DO NOT need pencils. We have compiled a list of bulk items available on Amazon and a Walmart shopping list. It doesn't need to be these exact items, but this is just a sample of cost-effective supplies. If you are interested in purchasing a bulk order of something, let us know at church office. This will help us from having an overabundance of any one item! Pick up a list



School Kits



Personal Care Kits

at church.

We are also looking for volunteers to assemble the kits. So far, we have used youth who are looking for volunteer hours. We are instructing interested people, so that volunteers can do on their own time. If you are interested in being an assembly volunteer, let us know. Thanks for your Support!!

ALTAR FLOWERS



Would you like to remember a loved one or honor a special occasion by donating towards the altar flowers? There are several spots open starting with October 17th and going forward. You can sign up in the narthex. We are asking that payment be made at the time of sign up as the greenhouse is now billing the church directly. The cost is \$40 for two arrangements. Thank you!

WOMEN'S GROUP

Bethlehem's Women's Group will be getting together at church at 9 am Thursday, October 14th.



COAT DRIVE

THE SALVATION ARMY
We are collecting gently used & clean or new winter coats and winter boots of all sizes. Drop off in narthex.
COAT DRIVE
October 1st - 17th

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

We are looking for someone to help organize our annual highway cleanup in October. Please contact the office if you'd like to lead this community service project.

WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS

The Local & Global Committee will help working with River Haven on a new campaign called "We Rise by Lifting Others.". This is a community-wide campaign that promotes helping our members and others in need which, in return, will help River Haven. During this campaign, Bethlehem volunteers will help others with small projects, yard work, etc. and encourage that person to make a financial donation to River Haven in return for the work. This will be in lieu of "God's Work, Our Hands" this year. Watch for more information to come. If you are in need of some help around your home with a project, please let us know.

GIFTS OF BETHLEHEM



We are looking for talent for our annual Gifts of Bethlehem event in 2021! Because the guidelines with COVID-19 may change, we are planning to livestream this event over YouTube if we are not able to gather in person. Because of this, we

will need to make sure that our performers choose songs that are in the public domain. Public domain music is music that is not under copyright. Examples of this are Away in a Manger, The First Noel, Go Tell it on the Mountain, Joy to the World, Silent Night, and numerous others. Please contact the office or Tania Anderson at 608-697-5999 if you would like to perform in the concert this year and need assistance selecting a song. Additional information about the event will be coming soon!

FAITH FORMATION

TRIVIA NIGHT THANK YOU

A good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the youth by playing trivia and/or donated towards the basket raffle. We were able to raise \$3,797 towards the mission trip.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



We are excited to welcome some new families and grateful for those returning. Thank you to all who have signed up for Sunday school. You can still sign your child(ren) up if you have not done so

yet. See the sign-up sheet on the Sunday School bulletin board. On October 10th, the children will be singing during the service. This will also be Pr. Jaime's installation service.

The 4th graders will receive their Bibles during the church service on October 17th.

The lessons we are studying in October are Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:4-25), A Rich Man's Questions (Mark 10:17-31), James and John (Mark 10:35-45), Bartimaeus Sees (Mark 10:46-52), A Message from God (Deuteronomy 6:1-9).

We are collecting coats, boots, hats, scarves, mittens and snow pants October 1-17. There is a box in the Narthex or they can be dropped off at the Fire Station in Portage. We also continue to collect pop tops for the Ronald McDonald house and food for the food pantry. Please feel free to talk to any Sunday school staff if you have any questions or you can call Jeanette at 608-617-5228.

CONFIRMATION

Attention 9th Graders: There will be a work day for the 9th graders Sunday, October 10th after church to work on your service project. Watch your emails for more details.



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

LEARN HOW TO RUN WORSHIP LIVESTREAM



We are looking for more people who would like to be trained on how to run the video equipment to live stream Sunday worship. This position helps us reach our members who are not able to join us in person. ***It is a***

blessing that we are able to offer this service with the volunteers we have. We would like to be able to continue, but we really do need more help. A huge thank you to all who have been helping already. If you are interested, please contact the office.

TEXT MESSAGE OPT-IN

We have a great feature in our church database that allows us to send out text messages to our members. These messages would be for the following: meeting reminders, special announcements, event reminders, Christian education updates, inclement weather closings. Contact the church office with your cell number to sign up.



A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

LIFE LINE SCREENING



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

LAWN MOWERS FOR SALE



We are selling our old riding lawn mower. Please contact Del Molden if interested or if you have any questions at 608-695-0272. Here are the details:

Snapper NXT riding lawn mower with a 4' mower deck. 27 horse power Professional Briggs & Stratton engine. 517 hours. Electric start. Burns no oil. Power lift/lower deck. Comes with extra set of mower blades. Asking \$300. We also have a Torro push mower available for sale.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Profit and Loss Comparison September 1-21, 2021

	TOTAL				
	SEP 1-21, 2021	SEP 1-21, 2020 (PY)	AUG 1-21, 2021 (PP)	JAN 1 - SEP 21, 2021 (YTD)	JAN 1 - SEP 21, 2020 (PY YTD)
▼ Income					
▶ Income	13,154.84	16,330.79	18,519.30	184,593.52	197,118.27
▶ Other Income	1,375.00	230.00	11,660.00	20,734.48	8,387.68
Total Income	\$14,529.84	\$16,560.79	\$30,179.30	\$205,328.00	\$205,505.95
GROSS PROFIT	\$14,529.84	\$16,560.79	\$30,179.30	\$205,328.00	\$205,505.95
▼ Expenses					
▶ Operating Expenses	10,731.28	10,838.16	14,770.99	166,464.56	171,073.07
▶ Other Expense	10.00		1,027.80	5,828.17	3,285.76
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Exp...					0.00
Total Expenses	\$10,741.28	\$10,838.16	\$15,798.79	\$172,292.73	\$174,358.83
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$3,788.56	\$5,722.63	\$14,380.51	\$33,035.27	\$31,147.12
▶ Other Income	\$2,045.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,311.03	\$20,889.19	\$9,004.88
▶ Other Expenses	\$1,933.55	\$1,448.00	\$2,201.50	\$19,999.55	\$8,612.22
NET OTHER INCOME	\$111.45	\$52.00	\$109.53	\$889.64	\$392.66
NET INCOME	\$3,900.01	\$5,774.63	\$14,490.04	\$33,924.91	\$31,539.78







October 2021 WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Date	Usher	Reader	Video Production	Music	Coffee Hour
Sun 10/3 9am				Carla	
Altar Flowers:	Dan Kucksdorf in honor of Marie's birthday				
Wed 10/6 5:30 pm	Geoff Gilbert			Ronna	
Sun 10/10 9am			Justice Oh	Carla	
Altar Flowers:	Lucile Gauger in honor of her twin sister's birthday				
Wed 10/13 5:30 pm	Geoff Gilbert			Ronna	
Sun 10/17 9am				Ronna	
Altar Flowers:					
Wed 10/20 5:30 pm				Samantha	
Sun 10/24 9am				Samantha	
Altar Flowers:					
Wed 10/27 5:30 pm				Samantha	
Sun 10/31 9am				Carla	
Altar Flowers:	Tina Thomas in honor of Don & Bonnie Bender's anniversary				

Looking for volunteers! Contact the Church office to volunteer or sign up directly on our website.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Coat & Food Drive Begin 10:30 am Tai Chi COAT DRIVE 	2
3 9:00 am Worship Online & In Person 10:15 am Sunday School 	4 10:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Card Club	5 9:00 am Quilters 5:00 pm Finance	6 10:30 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Confirmation	7	8 10:30 am Tai Chi	9
10 9:00 am Pr. Jaime Installation & Welcome Recep 10:15 am Sunday School	11 10:30 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm SREA meeting 6:30 pm Card Club	12 Lifeline Screening 	13 10:30 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Confirmation	14 9:00 am Women's Group 	15 10:30 am Tai Chi	16
17 Coat Drive Ends 9:00 am Worship Online & In Person 9am 4th Grade Bible 10:15 am Sunday 	18 10:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Card Club 6:30 pm SRA	19 9:00 am Quilters	20 10:30 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Confirmation	21 6:30 pm Council Meeting	22 Chimes Articles Due 10:30 am Tai Chi	23 Quilt Mission Kit Drop Off
24 9:00 am Worship Online & In Person 10:15 am Sunday School	10:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Card Club	26 9:00 am Quilters	27 10:30 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Confirmation	28	29 10:30 am Tai Chi	30
31 9:00 am Worship - Confirmation Sunday 10:15 am Sunday School Food Drive Ends 