

The Spirit of Bethlehem



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Pastor Randy's Ramblings:

Greetings, Bethlehem Family!

May God's blessings be upon you as we slide into the month of March. For as long as January seemed to me, February seemed to pass in the blink of an eye.

I feel like I'm constantly repeating myself, but again, now that my ordination has passed, I must say "thank you!" Thank you for supporting me and for being by my side as I have journeyed through this process. Thank you for generously and extravagantly celebrating with me. My heart abounds with gratitude and joy. I feel so fortunate to serve God and the people of Bethlehem.

Along with the beginning of March, we usher in a new liturgical season, that being Lent. Lent is that period of our church year where we turn inward, reflecting on ourselves, our faith, and our relationship with our God. For many it's a time of sacrifice. A sacrifice that symbolically acknowledges Christ's ultimate sacrifice on our behalf.

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APRIL SPIRIT DEADLINE:

Sunday, March 16th

@ 5pm

Send to Traci at

trabefamily5@gmail.com



Pastor Randy's Ramblings (continued):

This Lenten season, one of the things I'll be reading is a book by James Moore titled Give Up Something Bad for Lent. It challenges the Christian to move beyond giving up Facebook, wine, or chocolate, and instead focus on harmful attitudes or behaviors such as resentment, jealousy, or apathy. Unfortunately, my copy did not arrive before I had to write this article, so I couldn't include any specific ideas from it. However, I'm writing this article just prior to the 7th Sunday after Epiphany and the passage from Luke 6:27-38 has me thinking about vengeance and revenge. These would be great things to give up for Lent.

Jesus said, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you... But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return... Forgive, and you will be forgiven;

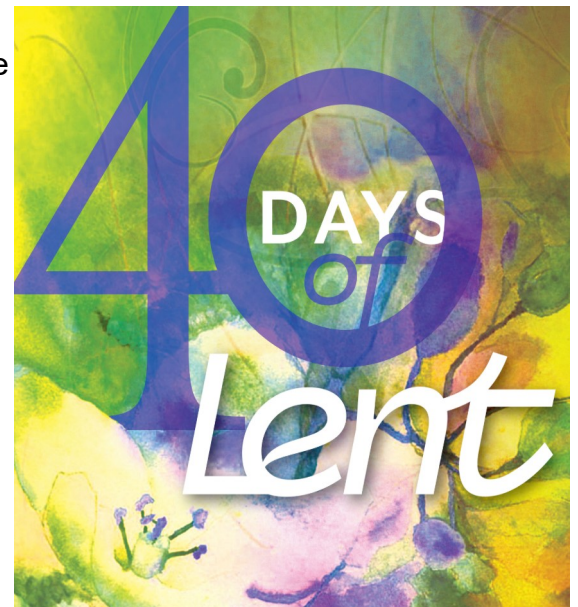
These selected verses from the above passage, all speak to loving and forgiving those we might call our enemies, those who might harass and disparage us. It is one of many passages where Jesus calls his followers to forgiveness rather than vengeance. The desire to "get even" is often our first instinct. When someone hurts or harms us, we wish similar hurt and harm to fall upon that person.

This vindictive desire for retribution and payback also permeates our culture and society right now. And sadly, people we consider our enemies may not have DIRECTLY harmed us in any way. In our toxic climate our enemies might be people who look differently than we do... who speak differently than we do... who believe differently than we do... who vote differently than we do... who love differently than we do... And don't we love it, when they get what they deserve! It feels good to watch them squirm... it feels good to watch them struggle... it feels good to get revenge...! Karma, baby! There's just one problem. Our appetite for retribution, our cries of "take that!" are NOT in the spirit of Christ. They are contrary to Jesus' call to LOVE our enemies, pray and do good for those who hate us, and to FORGIVE those who have done us wrong. Calls for vindictive karma are not Christ-like.

This Lenten season I challenge you to the hard work of changing your attitudes and desire for revenge. We are reminded in both Deuteronomy 32 and Romans 12 that vengeance is not ours to dole out. "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. When we have a more loving, forgiving attitude towards our "enemies," we will be in better relationship with God.

Peace!

Pastor Randy



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- **Sunday School begins at 8:00am. All children 4 years – 6th grade welcome!**
- *Gather in the sanctuary for worship Sunday mornings. Our service begins at 9:30am.*
- Tune your car radio to 101.3FM to listen to the service in the church parking lot at 9:30am.
- View Sunday's service from the comfort of your home through Facebook live stream at 9:30am <http://www.facebook.com/bucckiel/> OR watch the recorded worship service on Bethlehem's website anytime that is convenient for you and your family www.bethlehemkiel.org

2025 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

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If you are not able to join us in person Sunday mornings, please mail your giving envelope/check to:

Bethlehem UCC

c/o Ruthie Rumpff

11608 Lax Chapel Road,

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You can also give electronically! Please contact Ruthie Rumpff for detail

Bethlehem UCC has added a Donate Button on the Church Website
www.bethlehemkiel.org

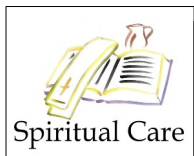


Click on the donate button to make a secure online contribution today!

Your giving will go directly to offset our day-to-day costs of maintaining the church. This option was added in addition to giving at church, mailing your giving to church or giving electronically.

The on-line giving is secure by using your PayPal account, credit or debit card. The church is charged 1.99% plus 49 cents for each transaction. You have the option to add this charge to your donation.

Thank you for all your support!



Pastoral Care: Please keep me informed of hospitalizations and other pastoral care needs. If you know of someone from our church family who is sick or in the hospital, ask if they've let me know. If not, offer to contact me on their behalf. I don't want anyone to feel unsupported in a time of need. - Pastor Randy (920)286-2531 or randynmel5@gmail.com

LOOKING FOR LITURGISTS!

Pastor Randy is looking for persons interested in leading worship services as liturgists. Lead the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession, and Read a portion of the scriptures. A sign-up sheet is on the door to the pastor's office. Let Randy know if you have any questions.





Ash Wednesday Service at Bethlehem March 5th at 6:30pm

Lenten Devotions!!

Kate Bowler: The Hardest Part: Hurt we carry, Hope we find

Meeting at 5:30pm in the Lounge -

Wednesday, March 5

Wednesday, March 12

Wednesday, March 26

Wednesday, April 2

and Tuesday, April 8



If interested in attending, please sign up on the table in the fellowship hall. You can also sign up to receive Kate Bowler's entire collection of Lenten Devotions by email.



Lectionary Readings for MARCH:

Sunday, March 2 – Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-43

Ash Wednesday, March 5 – Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 2Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, March 9 – Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Wednesday, March 12 – Psalm 17 Job 1:1-22 Luke 21:34-22:6

Sunday, March 16 – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35

Wednesday, March 19 – Psalm 105:1-42 2Corinthians 20:1-22 Luke 13:22-31

Sunday, March 23 – Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

Wednesday, March 26 – Psalm 39 Numbers 13:17-27 Luke 13:18-21

Sunday, March 30 – Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-11-32

Bethlehem Annual Meeting Minutes: January 26, 2025

Call to Order – President Steven Voland at 10:00 AM

Members present – 32

Opening prayer by Pastor Randy Koppenhaver and Introduction by Steven Voland

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved by Scott Umland and 2nd by Marie Mueller

Building Maintenance Fund was reported by Jane Umland. (No approval needed)

Building and Grounds – Completed Projects in 2024

- Parsonage Roof replacement
- Water Sensors in church (GOVEE)
- Filled blacktop cracks
- ½ lawn mower purchase

General/Yearly maintenance

- Men’s bathroom – urinal kit
- Stove coil burners
- Defibrillator/battery
- Northwoods Fire

Projects for 2025

- Seal parking lot black top
- Seal parsonage deck – Power wash
- Outside Lighting

WISE Covenant – Jane Umland

The WISE team has been working for the past two years to learn about mental health, and then to educate the congregation. We have kept our family at Bethlehem updated and involved with our journey to become WISE in our library is a section in the bookcase with the book “Blessed are the Crazy” we had 2 book study sessions with members joining in with discussion. · Resource Materials from NAMI National Alliance of Mental Illness in Manitowoc County for you to explore. · Guest Speakers during Worship Sundays, Donna Firman, president of NAMI, National Alliance of Mental Illness in Manitowoc. Maggie Boyd, sharing her story.

The month of May was Mental Health Awareness. The WISE team educated our congregation with events each Sunday and then lead a worship on May 19th. We reviewed the result of an anonymous survey asking for your feelings and struggles of people close to you. As your voice matters with this help for the WISE team to develop a program that targets the issues that matter most to you and our church. The WISE team completed many poster boards with information about Mental Health Illness and education on how to help others going through mental health.

1. What is a WISE Congregation?

To Be Certified WISE: Welcoming/Inclusion/Supportive/Engaged

Our objectives are to promote understanding and compassion, reduce stigma through education and to support connections with local community agencies that advocate for those living with these challenges. We are not doctors and cannot cure these challenges and issues, but we strive to learn ways to provide support and listen to people who need help.

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One thing we have come to learn on our WISE journey is that the people we need to help the most.... are ourselves. All of us have faced challenges at times that often reflect one of the many faces of mental challenges and issues.

We want to continue to grow our WISE ministry and explore how the stigma can be reduced or removed by including teens and other young people from our community and churches; and by making monthly meetings available to anyone interested in hearing how others are dealing with issues and learning with us, in a confidential environment, that those with mental health issues are not alone

Know that this is the beginning of WISE, not the end.

Going forward we'll be looking for more involvement on how we can engage the community in mental health, like community workshops, opening our doors to organizations who might need space for meetings, training, etc. the possibilities are endless.

In your Annual Report, the WISE team has written a COVENANT.

WISE Covenant of Bethlehem United Church of Christ of Kiel, WI

Bethlehem United Church of Christ of Kiel, Wisconsin has embraced the UCC General Synod's call to become a Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged (WISE) congregation for mental health. With Jesus as our model for how to live and love, we strive to provide a warm welcome, promote inclusion, and offer support for all who live with mental health challenges and to those who love and support them. We strive to promote understanding and compassion, reduce stigma through education and support activities, and partner with local community agencies that advocate for those living with these challenges.

At Bethlehem we seek to be a community that cares for the whole person. We recognize that mental wellness is on a continuum and that stressors, loss, and life events can challenge us at any point. Since one in four people is living with a diagnosable mental health condition, it is safe to say that many among us and those we encounter in our lives are dealing with mental health and substance abuse challenges every day. Others may struggle with brain disorders such as dementia, autism, and traumatic brain injury. Our congregation's atmosphere of openness and acceptance makes members, friends, and visitors more likely to feel safe and free from judgment. This acceptance and sense of safety can create a place of belonging where truly everyone, no matter where they are on life's journey towards mental wellness, is welcome.

By voting on this today will allow us to explore the struggles with mental health spiritually. God is still speaking in us and we are willing to learn and help. Isn't this what it's all about.

Motion was made by Louie Bowe to accept the covenant and 2nd by Kaye Radder.

2025 Budget was approved by Shirley Henschel and 2nd by Bob Marklez.

- Small discussion on higher budget – a lot of expenses have gone up
- We have put \$10,000 in CD's

Volunteer Positions – none of the open positions were filled.

- .Volunteers needed for Northeast Association Annual Mtg (April).
- .Wisconsin Conference Annual Mtg. (June)

Consistory Positions – there are open consistory positions – no volunteers

- .Existing consistory will continue for now.
- .Join the consistory for a meeting to see the inner workings of the church

Future Plans and Goals –

- Upgrade Sound System
- Continue mission work

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Other discussion from the floor

- .Average attendance is going up (including online)
- .Thank you for the commitment of our leadership

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Meeting adjourned by Tom Rabe and 2nd by Lee Watson at 10:37
The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held on January 25, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Bowe-Secretary



Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting: 2-11-2025

Present: Steven Volland, Jane Umland, Ross Westphalen, Kathy Bowe, Lee Watson, Traci Rabe, Pastor Randy Koppenhaver, and Ruthie Rumpff

Call to order: 6:37 PM

Opening by Randy: Devotions using I Corinthians 3:6-11

Monthly Reports

Financial Secretary – Ruthie

- Month income \$5,712.00 (\$2,979.00 below YTD collection) \$5,712.00 (\$2,979.00 below YTD requirement)

The report is approved as presented (motion by Janes and 2nd by Ross)

Jingle Change – month of Jan – Missions – \$94.04

Treasurer – Jane

- Giving's received in Jan to date are \$6,163.55 bringing the checkbook balance to \$50,746.77

The report is approved as presented (motion by Lee and 2nd by Ross)

Additional CD will be purchased on 2/14/25 for \$5000.00. Motion was made by Ross and 2nd by Traci.

Building & Grounds Checking and Savings

Checking = \$3,177.38

Saving = \$8,671.13

CD update (Bank First) (\$5000.00 ea.)

1st CD invested (8/12) (\$5000.00)

2nd CD invested (11/15) (\$5000.00)

3rd CD will be purchased on 2/14/25 (\$5000.00)

Secretary – Kathy

- The Secretary's monthly mtg minutes were approved as printed in the Jan Spirit of Bethlehem.
- Corrected minutes were discussed to include discussion at the previous meeting about chili supper profits. \$1000.00 will be used from the profits for Ordination expenses. Approved by Jane and 2nd by Ross.

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting(continued):

Building & Grounds Updates

- Next spring the entire parking lot will need to be sealed and stripping done – we are looking at quotes on average of \$10,000. Anyone wishing to donate for this project can make a check to the maintenance fund and indicate “parking lot project”
- Broken gutter brackets are being looked at.
- Personage dusk to dawn light has been installed – thank you Steve D
- Door and window seals are being looked at by Rick & Tom R

Pastoral Report

Worship -

- 1/26, 2/2, 2/9
- Upcoming “OFF” Sundays: February 16, March 16, March 23, May 11, June 1, June 29
- Ecumenical Good Friday service is in the works

Confirmation/Youth/Sunday School

- Confirmation:
- Four of the five students attended the Jan. retreat. One was sick.
- All students worked at chili supper and are on track to complete their required points.

Mission

- Loads of Love - 2\3 - 4 clients - \$89.50 expended (thanks, Jane!)
- WISE
- Covenant approved
- Created timeline of events and submitted to UCC-MHN (still waiting to hear back)
- Consideration for future - line item in budget for WISE activities
- Food Pantry - Immanuel date is 2/27
- Mission trip - March 16-22 - (Randy, Melissa, Marie) Registration covered by mission funds. Paperwork is in. Pick up food at church on 3/15/25

Pastoral care

- Phone calls and left messages 5x
- Other electronic communication 6x
- Cards 2x
- Visits 1x
- Care Center/Hospital visits 0x

Wider Church/MID process

- Community of Practice: Feb 12
- Ordination set for Sat. Feb 15 @ 1pm
- Steven will “present” me. Anyone want to read scripture? – Steven volunteered

Communication and Other

- Lenten devotional group is being proposed to see if interest exists.

Member Outreach – cards sent on behalf of Bethlehem – 1 Sympathy, 2 Thinking of you

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting(continued):

OLD BUSINESS

- Attendance/Membership Review – Moved to March meeting
- Annual Meeting – Member inquired about CD bank. CD's will remain at current place. Good feedback from meeting.
- Chili Supper – Sold out at 5:35. Great job by all workers. Another successful year.
- Ice Fishing – All is set for 2/23/25 – Bait will be donated. Food will be supplied by Youth Fellowship. Skating area will be available. Hot chocolate and more.
- Binder Up-date – Date/Volunteered. Steven, Jane and Kathy volunteered to meet at a different date to review all positions and any other binder materials.
- Ordination Service – All is set for Ordination on 2/15/25. Offering monies will go to WI Conference NE Association- Scholarships

NEW BUSINESS

- Ash Wednesday Service will be 3/5/25 at 6:30 with communion
- Lenten Service – Devotions will be held on Wednesdays at 5:30 in the lounge--see sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.
- Future Financial ideas – Discussion was held on future projects of Bethlehem. i.e. Blacktop, furnaces, etc. Organization meeting will be held to brainstorm ideas and suggestions for future fund raisers.
- Mission Fest idea – Check with Pathways for possible items of need. Quilts, household items.
- Pamphlet up-date – Pamphlet in church pews will be up-dated. Consistory will bring ideas to next meeting.
- Testimony of faith experiences were discussed. (idea from Confirmation retreat) Members to write and/or speak during worship services of their own faith experiences.
- Request to reserve fellowship hall for bridal shower on 4/5/25 – approved
- Request to reserve fellowship hall for birthday party on 4/12/25 - approved

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- 3/1 – Deliver meal to warming shelter-Mission Committee
- 3/5 - Ash Wednesday 6:30 PM
- 3/16-22 - Mission Trip
- 3/30 – Make Meal for warming shelter – Mission Committee
- 4/13 – Palm Sunday
- 4/17 – Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM – TBA
- 4/18 – Good Friday
- 4/20 - Easter
- 4/27 - Confirmation



Motion to adjourn by Ruthie & 2nd by Ross
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Next meeting – March 11, 2025 6:30 PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Kathy Bowe

Bethlehem Sunday School:



We continue to gather our Leprosy birthday money to finish the month of February. With the help of jingle change, we will be sending \$400.00 to the Leprosy cause.

As we move into March, we continue with biblical lessons.

We continue to collect aluminum cans, that can be placed in the old garage next to the parsonage. Thank you for your support in this collection.

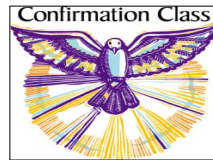
Thank you to all the Sunday School children that helped with the chili supper. They sure do a good job of carrying boxes and running meat to the cooling area. Their help is sure appreciated.

See you on Sunday at 8:00 am.

Confirmation Classes:

Sunday, March 9 – 8am

Sunday, March 23 - 8am



Loads of Love:



Thank you for supporting our Loads of Love ministry. In Jan we served 2 clients and expended \$76.50. In Feb. we served 4 clients and expended \$89.50. Our donations for January were \$17.50.

Once a month, recipients meet Bethlehem's Loads of Love team at the laundry mat and are supplied detergent and dryer sheets to wash and dry their clothing, towels, and bedding. Loads of Love also generously provides the quarters for the washers and dryers. With your help Bethlehem will continue to do God's work through this important mission. Your donations can be placed in the "Laundry Detergent" container located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Thank you for sharing God's love through your generosity!



Bethlehem Ladies:

The Bethlehem Ladies met on Sunday, February 16th with 4 members present. Dues for the year were collected.

President Heidi Konen read the Bethlehem Ladies Guidelines.

Thank you cards were read from the following:

Pastor Randy
Harbor House
St. Vincent de Paul
Ordination Committee



We will contact Pastor Randy and Steven Voland for some suggestions for our annual \$100 scholarship recipient.

On to wash Communion glasses for March are:

Sunday, March 2nd: Jeanette Wriedt

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Ash Wednesday, March 5th: Shirley Henschel

Donna Truttman Retlich (Thanks for volunteering!)

Thank you to all the individuals that have been stepping in to help us wash the communion glasses. We greatly appreciate it! Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall for all upcoming dates. Even if you don't sign up, feel free to stop in the kitchen and join in on the fun!

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 16th at 8:30AM.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Polly Jeanty, Secretary

MERRY CHRISTIAN'S PIZZA PARTY



Who's Invited: All Family and Friends of Bethlehem
When: Sunday, March 9th following worship
What: Pizza with a variety of toppings, Veggie Pizza, Fruit Pizza, and Ice Cream Sundaes



Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall

Bethlehem Scrip:

Thank you to everyone who continues to use the Scrip Program at Bethlehem. Spring is right around the corner, so keep scrip in mind when you are planning your spring needs.

Scrip is sold the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

Linda Rabe

2/03/25 \$3,565.00 \$155.87



CAPS AND EGG CARTONS:

Thank you to all who save egg cartons and caps. The egg cartons are used in a food bank, as eggs are re-packaged. The caps are recycled and used to make plastic park benches.

Please make sure that your caps are washed and free of any food or milk, otherwise they tend to mold and they are not passed along. Thank you!

Get Comfortable!



*Bethlehem has a new "lounge" located in the middle Sunday School room.
Comfortable seating! Coffee! Books and Games!
Feel free to relax or meet for conversation.
Before church - After church – While your kids are at Sunday School or
Confirmation Class!*

**The Sheboygan County Warming Center is a mission of several churches in the city of Sheboygan, including St. John's UCC. This winter the shelter will be operated at St. Luke United Methodist Church. They are seeking donations of clothing, bedding, travel-sized toiletries, and shelf-stable snacks, along with bus passes and Kwik Trip gift cards. See flyer for more info. Bring your donations to Pastor Randy and he will get them to Sheboygan.



On Sunday, March 2, The Mission team has signed up to deliver dinner to the Sheboygan Warming Center. We will prepare our food on March 2 after church and then someone will take it to Sheboygan. THIS Sunday, February 23rd we will meet very briefly following worship to plan our meal and decide who will bring what. Please join us if you're interested in helping.

Chili Supper

Thank you to all who made the 2025 Bethlehem Chili Supper successful. Approximately 60 people contributed time, skills, and talent throughout the planning and operation of this event.

We cooked up and distributed about 1200 servings of Bethlehem chili. During the day, noon lunches were delivered to 249 people. The rest of the servings were done via our drive thru/pick up operation, 64 gallons and 422 individual meal deals. The good news: **we sold out.**

The greatest success of the day was seeing and hearing old friends reuniting with smiling faces and stories. Some new acquaintances were made. The people of Bethlehem truly know how to work together towards a common goal. The measurement of this success cannot be calculated.

One of the successes of the day which we can measure is monetary profit. For 2025 each of our church organizations will receive approximately \$800 to use for their various projects and missions.

We welcome any comments or suggestions on improvements to Bethlehem's annual chili event.

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Mark your Calendar, Save the Date:

February 4, 2026 – Bethlehem Chili Supper

Planning is already under way. We will need:

.Ice Cream Pails with covers

.Small cardboard boxes (Girl Scout Cookie cases are perfect)

If you know someone who works in food service such as a deli or restaurant, consider asking if they get product in covered plastic containers that might be thrown away. Ask if they could be donated to the church.

Please bring any of these to the church kitchen anytime throughout the year.





THANK YOU! No matter how many times I say it, it will never be enough. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the support of the Bethlehem community throughout my discernment journey up to my ordination! It is my pleasure to serve this church and look forward to our future together. Thank for the gift of my clergy robe. Thank you to the choir, youth fellowship, Sunday School, Bethlehem Ladies, Merry Christians and mission Group for the fun "pastor" gifts. This is a great place to be! - Pastor Randy

Summer Looms ahead and some of my favorite memories are the times I spent at church camp, both as a camper and camp counselor. Daycholah Center is a UCC camp on Green Lake that offers many fun activities for people of all ages. There are outdoor adventure camps, Sailing Camp, MADD (Music, Art, Dance, Drama), "Con" Camp (Think Harry Potter, Comics, Star Wars, etc), and "Night Owl" Camp, (designed for teens who like to stay up late and sleep in!) I urge you to check out ucci.com for more information. Scholarships and financial assistance are available. It's a lot of fun! – Pastor Randy



Those in our Thoughts and Prayers



Families who have lost loved ones:

Wayne Stauss

Those struggling with health issues:

Diane Fidlin

Will Mathes

Brad Westphalen

Heidi Konen

Darlene Horneck

Dawson Horneck

Jessica Horneck

Mary Beth Molitor

Marie Rietbrock

Tom Lefeber

Emily (Melissa's cousin)

Molly

Dana



Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin Ninmer

Helen Henning

Other BETHLEHEM IMPORTANT Announcements:



Snow Shoveling Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to shovel the sidewalk and entryway at church. Your commitment is only a few weeks to a month. Please sign up on the sheet located in the fellowship hall.

Save your Aluminum Cans: Sunday School continues to collect aluminum cans. **Place your bags in the old garage next to the cemetery.**



~Can you help? Bethlehem will be assisting at the Immanuel UCC Food Pantry on a Thursday once a month. Times are approximately 8:30 – 11am. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall for March 27th.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS –

(check bulletin boards in Fellowship Hall for more information):

- March 2 - 11a-1pm Chili Dinner @ St James UCC - see flyer for details.
- Saturday, March 8 – InCourage Annual Domestic Chef Charity event – 4pm – 10pm - See flyer for details
- March 14 and 15 – Volunteer for “Feed my Starving Children” MobilePak event – First United Lutheran Church of Sheboygan. To register, see informational flyers on the mission bulletin board.

MARCH Vinnie's Pantry Collection: Box of Pasta, Noodles, Rice or Crackers



MARCH Jingle Change supports OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission)

MARCH BETHLEHEM Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8am SSchool 9:30am Communion Service w/Pastor Randy <i>Bethlehem takes dinner to warming shelter</i>	3 Loads of Love 4pm	4	5 5:30pm Lenten Devo Ash Wednes. worship 6:30pm	6	7	8
9 8am SSchool 8am Confirmation Class 9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy	10	11 6:30pm Consistory mtg	12 5:30pm Lenten Devotions	13	14	15
16 8am SSchool 8:30am B. Ladies mtg. 9:30am Worship 5pm APRIL Spirit articles due to Traci	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 8am SSchool 9:30am Worship	24	25	26 5:30pm Lenten Devotions	27 9am Bethlehem @ Immanuel Food Pantry	28	29
30 8am SSchool 8am Confirmation Class 9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy	31					

We send prayers for safe travel & well wishes to Pastor Randy, Melissa and Marie on their Mission Trip March 16-22.



MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Peyton Koppenhaver Greyson Hoban
2	3	4	5 Jeff & Jennifer Holz	6 Mason Wempner	7 Dylan Jeanty	8
9 	10	11 Steven Voland Scott Umland	12	13	14 Jennifer Deignan	15
16	17	18 Tina Salm	19 Hallie Brockway Brianna Pennell	20 Ross Westphalen Jeremy Aschenbach	21 Kathy Bowe Tom Mueller	22 Riley Radder
23 Randy Koppenhaver	24	25	26 Doreen Schmidt	27	28	29
30 Joe & Doreen Schmidt	31					



