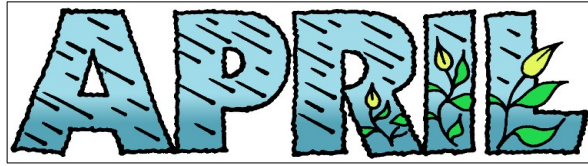


The Spirit of Bethlehem



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Reverend Randy's Ramblings:

Grace and peace to you, good people of Bethlehem!

During the season of Lent, I have focused my sermons and articles on the "sacrifices" of Lent. My challenge to us has been to give up something difficult, like an attitude or long-engrained behavior, rather than a material sacrifice like chocolate or alcohol. In the long run, this exploration of our "soul" will bring us closer to God than simply abstaining from caffeine or sweets. Yes, Lent is half-over, but we can still look inward and "take out the trash."

'Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, "Let me take the speck out of your eye", while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. – Matthew 7: 1-5



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MAY SPIRIT DEADLINE:

Wednesday, April 16th

@ 5pm

Send to Traci at

trabefamily5@gmail.com

Reverend Randy's Ramblings (continued):

In this passage from the sermon on the Mount, the "judgment" that Jesus is talking about is condemnation. We hear gossip and rumors about people, and we immediately believe them and form opinions and negative ideas about the person. Even worse, sometimes we even perpetuate and spread the rumors and gossip. This can be really hurtful to others, and sometimes people are even driven to harm themselves due to the rumors.

Even IF the stories are true, what right have we to condemn and judge others? These words from Matthew answer that question: WE DON'T! Jesus reminds us that we all fall short in many ways. Jesus calls our bad choices and behaviors "logs" in our eyes. We all have them. We have no business calling out the sins of others when we have our own mistakes and shortcomings.

My challenge to us all for the remainder of Lent: abandon gossip... abandon rumors... abandon judgment... abandon the desire to condemn others. Let's clean out our own woodsheds and stay out of our neighbors'.

In Christ's Love,

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

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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.



Lenten Devotions!!

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

Meeting at 5:30pm in the Lounge -

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 APRIL:

Sunday, April 6 – Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 13 – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40

Thursday, April 17 – Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-2,12-19 1Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17

Friday, April 18 – Isaiah 52:13-53 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19

Saturday, April 19 – Job 14:1-14 Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 1Peter 4:1-8 Matthew 27:57-66

Easter Sunday, April 20 – Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 27 – Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelations 1:4-8 John 20:19-31



- **April 18 – Ecumenical Good Friday**
Worship here at Bethlehem UCC 5:30pm
gather socially worship at 6pm
- **April 19 - Easter Vigil 6pm at St. John's UCC, New Holstein**
- **April 20 – Easter Sunday Worship with Communion here at Bethlehem 9:30am**

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting: 3-11-2025

Present: Steven Volland, Jane Umland, Ross Westphalen, Kathy Bowe, Lee Watson, Rev Randy Koppenhaver, and Ruthie Rumpff – Visitor Tim Keenen

Call to order: 6:35 PM

Opening by Randy: Lenten Devotions by Kate Bowler-Lead Me based on Matthew 16:24

Visitor Tim Keenen talked about the restructuring of the Conference/Association. Tim and Kim Henning are visiting area churches to thank them for their support. More information to follow.

Monthly Reports

Financial Secretary – Ruthie

o Month income \$8,313.00 (\$378.00 below YTD collection) \$14,025.00 (\$3,357.00 below YTD requirement)

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

Jingle Change – month of Feb – Leprosy – \$267.10

Treasurer – Jane

o Giving's received in Feb to date are \$9,644.10 bringing the checkbook balance to \$48,040.39

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

Building & Grounds Checking and Savings

- Checking = \$3,118.60

- 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)

Interest from CD's will be paid forward to the Sheboygan Warming Shelter. Motion made by Ross and 2nd by Ruthie.

Secretary – Kathy

- The Secretary's monthly mtg minutes were approved as printed in the Feb Spirit of Bethlehem.

- Approved by Ross and 2nd by Ruthie.

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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 now fixed
- Door and window seals are being looked at by Rick & Tom R
- Landscaping maintenance will be looked at in spring (back door)
- Louie will get an estimate from a company that sprays roofs.
- Merry Christians are getting quotes to update landscaping in front of church

Pastoral Report

Worship

- 2/23, 3/2, 3/9
- Upcoming “OFF” Sundays: March 16, March 23, May 11, June 1, June 29
- Field of Dreams 3/13
- Ecumenical Good Friday will be at Bethlehem (met with clergy today at 5:30pm)
- Easter Vigil Saturday 6PM at St John’s in New Holstein
- Ash Wednesday canceled – due to weather



Confirmation/Youth/Sunday School

- Confirmation: Three classes left before Confirmation Sunday.
- I have reminded students to tie up loose ends like mentor meetings and missing assignments.
- Confirmation Sunday is April 27 - 1 being confirmed - There WILL be communion!!
- Do we want a communion class for 4th grade and up- yes

Mission

- Loads of Love - 3/3 - 1 client (\$26.25)

WISE

- Covenant approved by congregation
- Created timeline of events and submitted to UCC-MHN
- There’s a snag and we’re working on it.
- Wise team met on 3/2 to begin discussing future projects/activities
- We delivered 60 sandwiches, 3 batches chili, and assorted desserts to the Sheboygan Warming shelter on March 2. (55 people were served BETHLEHEM CHILI) We are scheduled to serve supper on March 30. 5:30-6:00 volunteers welcome



Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):

Food Pantry - Immanuel date is 3/27

Mission trip - March 16-22 - (Randy, Melissa, Marie)

Pastoral care

- Phone calls and left messages 2x
- Other electronic communication 7x
- Cards 1x
- Visits 0x
- Care Center/Hospital visits 1x

Wider Church

- Community of Practice: Feb 12, Next on 3/25
- Ordination Sat. Feb 15 - Thank you, thank you!
- NE Assoc. Virtual meeting on restructuring 3/13

Communication and Other

- Three signed up for Lenten devotions - first meeting canceled
- Phone interview with conference staff on 3/6 for article
- Pension Boards -Promoting Mental Health Awareness Webinar Mar 31, 2:00 PM
- Deignan Baptism 3/30

Member Outreach – cards sent on behalf of Bethlehem – 1 Get well

OLD BUSINESS

- Attendance/Membership Review – Moved to April meeting
- Ice Fishing – Went very well 10 kids and 10 adults. Thank you Lee for organizing. Thank you Umlands for a place to warm up and drink hot chocolate. Thank you Youth Fellowship for donating the food.
- 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 – Offering monies will go to WI Conference NE Association- Scholarships
- \$294.00 will be rounded-up to \$300.00 Motion made by Ruthie and 2nd by Ross.
- Pew brochures are being reviewed by Jane and Kathy.
- Motion made by Ross and 2nd by Ruthie to donate \$70.00 to the Kiel Fire Department for training materials.

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion on Year Book-Jane is handling the up-dates
- Lee brought some binders to be used for position jobs
- Rev Randy will be holding a teaching class for younger children to receive communion on 5/4
- RCF dues will again be paid (\$150.00)
- 84 items were collected for the Sheboygan Warming Shelter – thank you everyone

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- 3/30 – Serve Meal for warming shelter – Mission Committee 5:30-6:00
- 3/30 – Deignan Baptism
- 4/13 – Palm Sunday
- 4/17 – Maundy Thursday NO SERVICE AT BETHLEHEM
- 4/18 – Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Bethlehem 6:00PM Fellowship before 5:30 PM
- 4/19 – Easter Vigil – St. Johns – New Holstein 6:00PM
- 4/20 – Easter 9:30 w/communion
- 4/27 – Confirmation w/communion
- 5/4 – Younger children communion class before church



Motion to adjourn by Lee & 2nd by Jane

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next meeting – April 8, 2025 6:30 PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Kathy Bowe



Bethlehem Sunday School:



As we move into April, we continue with biblical lessons. We will be learning about Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. The first week after Easter (4/27) we will be celebrating Confirmation Sunday.

Thank you, Thank you for your support.

Our 2025 Leprosy birthday money collection was very successful. The Sunday School children are challenged with bringing .25 per their age. The jingle change (\$267.10) and Sunday School collections (\$86.25) came to \$353.35 for the month of February. The cost of curing one person is now at \$400.00. With some of our other fund raising monies, we were able to send a check to Leprosy Mission for \$400.00.

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.

Looking for some fun this summer. Check out a summer camp at Daycholah Center. See Rev Randy if you are interested in attending a camp. Camps are for children, families and adults.

See you on Sunday at 8:00 am.

Confirmation Classes:

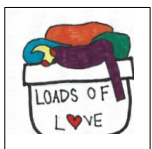
Sunday, April 6 at 8:00am

Sunday, April 13 at 8:00am

Sunday, April 27 – 9:30am Confirmation Sunday with communion



Loads of Love:



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, March 16th at 8:30 am. Five members were present. Secretary and Treasurer Reports were read.

We received a check of \$867.00 which was our portion of the chili supper profits.

Bonnie Ziegler is a possible recipient of our \$100 scholarship. Steven Voland will check to see if she is attending any religion classes at this time. If she is not, the scholarship will go to The United Church Men & Women.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$300.00 to the Maintenance Fund for the Black Top Project and also donate \$300.00 to the New Sound System Fund.

This year's Easter Lily will go to Diane Fidlin.

Bingo at Field of Dreams will be in June. Polly will call to see what date will work with them.

Possible Guest Night Speaker is Randy Olm of the Kiel Food Pantry. Heidi will contact him to see if this is something he would like to do and if September 16th works for him.

No meeting in April. We will have our annual Ladies Outing on Tuesday, May 20th. Meet at Riverview at 5:00 pm for a short meeting and dinner. All Ladies of the church are invited to join us!

On to wash Communion Glasses in April:

Sunday, April 6th – Heidi Konen

Easter Sunday, April 20th – Barb Henning

Confirmation Sunday, April 27th – Ginny Schultz

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Polly Jeanty, Secretary

Bethlehem Ladies – Easter Flowers! We will be purchasing our flowers from Millhome Nursery. All orders are due Sunday, March 23rd. Flowers will be delivered to church on April 11th.

Easter Lily and Mums - \$13.00

Hydrangea (colors vary) \$34.00

Azalea (colors vary) \$25.00

Reiger Begonia (colors vary) \$19.00



Please place your orders on the signup sheet by Sunday, March 23rd. Make your check out to Bethlehem Ladies and place in Ginny Schultz's mailbox.

From the Church Historian:

Confirmation at Bethlehem

Throughout the history of Bethlehem 697 people have been confirmed. Many will recall studying and memorizing the Heidelberg Catechism; some in German and some in English. Sometimes the pastor led Saturday morning catechism classes. Other times lay people have held the teacher role with evening classes.

Last year, Tyson and Aliyah Arnold confirmed their faith, while representing the fifth generation of their family to be confirmed at Bethlehem.

This year, 2025, Courtney Riesterer has even deeper confirmation ties with Bethlehem. She (as her sister Carolyn before her from confirmation class of 2021) can count as both 5th and double as 6th generation.

4th - Father: Mark Riesterer 1990

3rd - Grandmother: Lindy (Balz) Riesterer 1973

2nd - Great Grandmother: Carol (Schreiber) Balz 1948

1st - Great Great Grandmother: Elfrieda (Reichwaldt) Schreiber 1913

Also:

5th – Father: Mark Riesterer 1990

4th – Grandmother: Lindy (Balz) Riesterer 1973

3rd – Great Grandfather: Jerome Balz 1944

2nd – Great Great Grandmother: Laura (Dedering) Balz 1919

1st – Great Great Great Grandmother: Caroline (Radder) Dedering 1884

5th – Father: Mark Riesterer 1990

4th – Grandmother: Lindy (Balz) Riesterer 1973

3rd – Great Grandfather: Jerome Balz 1944

2nd – Great Great Grandfather: William Balz 1913

1st – Great Great Great Grandfather: John Balz 1884

Confirmation has been an important part of the life of the congregation. It is treasured as the celebration of each person's personal acceptance of the promises of the baptismal vows offered by his or her parents. It's at this time that each person becomes a full member of the congregation. He/she then has privilege of voice and vote at congregational meetings, the ability to serve on the Consistory, and for a large part of our history the moment when the person would be invited for the first time to the table of Jesus Christ.

~Submitted by Kaye Radder

Bethlehem Merry Christians:

The Bethlehem Merry Christians have signed up for the **"PIG ROUND UP PROGRAM"**. This will take place in the month of May.

This program is through Tietz's Piggly Wiggly in Kiel. The cashier will ask you upon check out if you would like to round up your total to the next dollar amount. At the end of the month the Merry Christians will receive a check on the amount that was rounded up for the month of May.

Please support this program which benefits the Merry Christians and the mission projects which we contribute to. Thank you!



FMSC's mission

Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

The approach

Our process is simple. Donations given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved!

A food pack event was recently held at First United Lutheran in Sheboygan. Several members from Bethlehem UCC participated in the Saturday morning food pack event.

In just two hours, 142 volunteers packed 156 boxes of 36 bagged meals. Totals for the packing event had 35,000 meals which will feed 98 children for a year.

To be able to host this event, First United Lutheran must raise funds to pay for the food packaged. They've partnered with Texas Roadhouse of Sheboygan for some of their fund raising. Every Sunday from 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your bill to the church. You must have one of the flyers to present to your server. Flyers for this are available in the Fellowship Hall at Bethlehem.



Bethlehem Scrip:

Spring is upon us! Remember to keep scrip in mind when planning your spring needs. I currently have Fleet Farm, Lowes, Menards and Walmart. I have cash and carry available the first and third Sunday of the month. I have several gas cards and grocery store cards available for you to purchase and use for your weekly shopping.

Thank you for your continued support!

~Linda Rabe

MONTHLY SCRIP STATS:

		<u>PROFIT</u>
3/02/25	\$ 3,635.00	\$ 110.03
3/16/25	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 56.50



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.





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

We will be collecting donations for a Daycholah Center project that involves removing a window, installing a patio door, and building a deck on one of the cabins. The Rural Church Fellowship will match up to \$500, all donations collected from its member churches. There will be a basket for this free will offering on March 16, 23, and 30. Daycholah is also looking for volunteers for a work and clean-up day. See Steven Voland for details.

Spring House Cleaning ? think trash to treasures

Remember if you are doing some spring housecleaning or downsizing; your trash may be someone else’s treasure.

There are plans underway for a church rummage sale in August. If you have items that other households might find useful, please save them for the sale. If you don’t have room to store until summer, please contact Merry Christians members who can arrange storage.



WISE PAGE

The WISE Team met on March 2, 2024

At the Bethlehem UCC Annual Meeting in January, the WISE Covenant was approved by the congregation. We submitted the approved covenant to the UCC Mental Health Networks, along with an outline of the work the WISE team did during the process. This covenant indicates how we will continue to relate with each other as a sign of God's presence. We are currently waiting for the UCC's reply.

We decided to continue our journey and had much discussion on what we would like to do moving forward.

Some of the work we would like to do:

- Movie Night
- Reaching out to NAMI- National Alliance on Mental Illness, Manitowoc County; Mental Health America, Lakeshore;
 - Events they are having in 2025; like support groups, WALK fundraiser
 - support groups, engaged presentations, and programs that could come to our area to speak on suicide prevention, mental health in the workplace, Self-care practices.
 - involve our rural churches and involve people in our community including adults & youth

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 30, after Sunday Worship



Easter morning Worship & Communion
with Rev. Randy
at 9:30am on April 20th

Those in our Thoughts and Prayers



Families who have lost loved ones:

*Wayne Stauss
Don Mogenson
Elaine Waack*

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
Jason*



Those unable to worship with us:

*Merlin Ninmer
Helen Henning*



Other BETHLEHEM IMPORTANT Announcements:



Communion Class

On Sunday, May 4, Pastor Randy will be holding a “Communion class” during Sunday School. The start time for this class will be based on when it’s convenient for the SS teachers. It shouldn’t be more than 30 min, depending on student questions. Then they can return to their regular class. If you are interested in your child learning about the meaning behind the Lord’s Supper, please sign your child up in the Fellowship Hall.



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 Thursday, April 24th .

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS –

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




- First Lutheran Church, located at 521 N. Eighth St. in Manitowoc, will once again host the Annual Spring Chili Warm-up & Bake Sale on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Manitowoc County Habitat for Humanity. Please see the flyer for more information.
- 15th Annual Divine Savior School Fundraising Auction
Saturday, March 29th. 5:00 PM at Millhome Supper Club - Admission is \$10
*There will be a 'Live' Auction, 'Silent' Auction, 'Virtual' Auction, Raffles, games, delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and an evening of socializing and fun.

APRIL Vinnie's Pantry items: A bottle of Hand Soap, Dish Soap or Shampoo



APRIL Jingle Change supports One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

APRIL BETHLEHEM Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30pm Lenten Devotions	3	4	5
6 8am SSchool 8am Confirmation Class 9:30am Communion Service w/Rev. Randy	7 Loads of Love 4pm	8 6:30pm Consistory mtg	9 5:30pm Lenten Devotions	10	11	12
13 8am SSchool 8am Confirmation Class 9:30am Worship w/ Rev. Randy 	14	15	16 5pm MAY Spirit articles due to Traci	17	18 Ecumenical Good Friday worship here @ Bethlehem UCC 6pm	19 Easter Vigil 6pm @ St. John's UCC, New Holstein
20 8am SSchool 9:30am Easter Worship & Communion w/Rev. Randy 	21	22	23	24 9am Bethlehem @ Immanuel Food Pantry	25	26
27 8am SSchool 9:30am Confirmation Sunday & Communion w/Rev. Randy 	28	29	30			



APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Nicole Watson Ann Moore Tyler Hanson Sheri Wilhams	4 Greg Schultz	5
6 Lily Watson	7 Marie Mueller	8 Will Mathes	9 Sandy Tesch	10	11	12
13	14 Kerry Rumpff Brandon Schmitt Ryan Schmitt Jacob Riesterer Trevor Muehlbauer Noah Biwan	15 Dawson Horneck David Moore <i>Gary & Doris Rabe (1989)</i>	16 Blake Holz Easton Rumpff <i>Bill & Karen Schlegel (1966)</i>	17 Emerson Witkowski	18	19 Dominick Sheets
20	21	22 Amy Wempner	23 Kaye Radder	24	25	26
27 Ryan Rabe Mia Watson	28	29 Louis Bowe	30			

