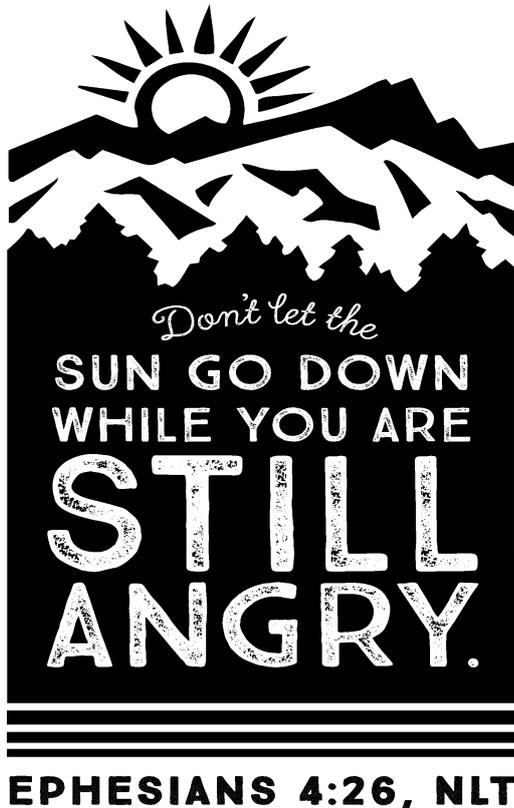


Bethlehem United Church of Christ



Sunday, August 12, 2018

Worship Leader:

Rev. Rebecca A. Johnston

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Kathy Bowe

We hope that you find a warm welcome at Bethlehem United Church of Christ and will worship with us again soon.

Mission Statement

We are a caring community of Christians living our faith through worship, study and service to others!

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

11608 Lax Chapel Road - Kiel, WI 53042

Phone: 920-894-3332

www.bethlehemkiel.org

Sunday School - 8:00 a.m. (Sept. – May)

Worship time is 9:30 a.m.

Office hours Tuesdays 9a-12p, Wednesdays 9a-3p

Rev. Rebecca A. Johnston, Pastor

(920-918-3654 - revbecky1124@gmail.com)

Randy Koppenhaver, Licensed Lay Minister

(920-286-2531 - randynmel5@gmail.com)

2018 Consistory:

Elder /President: Bob Radder

Elder: Traci Rabe

Elder : Amy Wempner

Deacon : Ross Westphalen

Deacon/Secretary : Natasha Verhulst

Financial Secretary : Ruthie Rumpff

Treasurer : Rick Rabe

Please use the email address below to submit information, photos, etc. for the church website:

bethlehemucckiel@gmail.com

Welcome to Bethlehem United Church of Christ! We trust that you will know God's presence here in worship. If you are visiting for the first time, please sign our guest registry outside the sanctuary doors.

A special note to families with young children:

We have a long tradition at Bethlehem of including children in worship, but we know sometimes their attention spans are not as long as ours. Children under about 6 years old are welcome to borrow a "Bethlehem Bag" from the main doors of the sanctuary, along with books or soft toys from the library, to help occupy them. If necessary, please feel free to accompany your child to the library during the service – you will be able to hear and observe the service from there.

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

*PLEASE STAND if you are able, where noted by an asterisk.

Please sign and pass the pew pads during worship. This will help us recognize those who might be visiting. There is one for each row. No need to pass across the aisles.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CHORAL TO WORSHIP #549 “As We Gather”

**AS WE GATHER MAY YOUR SPIRIT WORK WITHIN US
AS WE GATHER MAY WE GLORIFY YOUR NAME
KNOWING WELL THAT AS OUR HEARTS BEGIN TO WORSHIP
WE’LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME, WE’LL BE BLEST BECAUSE WE CAME**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 130 and John 6:35*)

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
 and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
 and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you O God, my soul waits, for you.

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
 and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God,
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning:

**Many: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus,
 and we thirst for you, O God.**

*INVOCATION

God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us for our journey to find our way, that we may be one with you. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #22 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Kings 19:4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

SERMON

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #349 "Take My Life and Let it Be"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE

"Masithi"

**Amen, we praise your name O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.
Amen, amen, amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name or God.**

OFFERTORY (Jingle Change goes to Our Church's Wider Mission)

++If using a pew envelope, please put your name on it so we can include it on your statement for tax purposes.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282 "Give Thanks"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of love, we give thanks and ask for blessings on all our gifts.
May they be pleasing in your sight. Amen**

*HYMN #436 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Info. for next Sunday's bulletin is due to Randy/Melissa Koppenhaver by Tuesday night. randynmel5@gmail.com or 286-2531.)

- Beginning Tuesday, 8/14, Pastor Johnston will be out of the country through the end of the month. Please contact Randy with any pastoral needs.
- Mission Fest will be Sunday, Sept 9th. (please see last page of bulletin) After worship and lunch, we will be participating in several mission projects, either at church or out in the community. Please see the sign up sheets in the fellowship and put you name on the mission you want to join!
- If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please make sure to contact Rev. Johnston or Randy. We cannot always rely upon the hospitals to contact us. Thanks.

The Bethlehem Blurb email comes out each Thursday. If you signed up and you are not receiving it, please check your "junk" mail or "spam" folder.
If you'd like to receive it, you may sign up on our webpage:
www.bethlehemkiel.org

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 8/12: 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; *Happy Anniversary Chad & Tammy Westphalen!*

Monday 8/13: *Happy Birthday Polly Jeanty and Linda Rabe!*

Tuesday 8/14: 6:30pm Consistory

Wednesday 8/15:

Thursday 8/16:

Friday 8/17: *Happy Birthday Cooper Tesch!*

Saturday 8/18:

Sunday 8/19: 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; *Happy Birthday Ian Schmidt!*

Pantry item: Jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly

Community Announcements:

(Please check the bulletin board for more details. Community events are published in our bulletin as space and time permits. For best results, email or call the bulletin secretary)