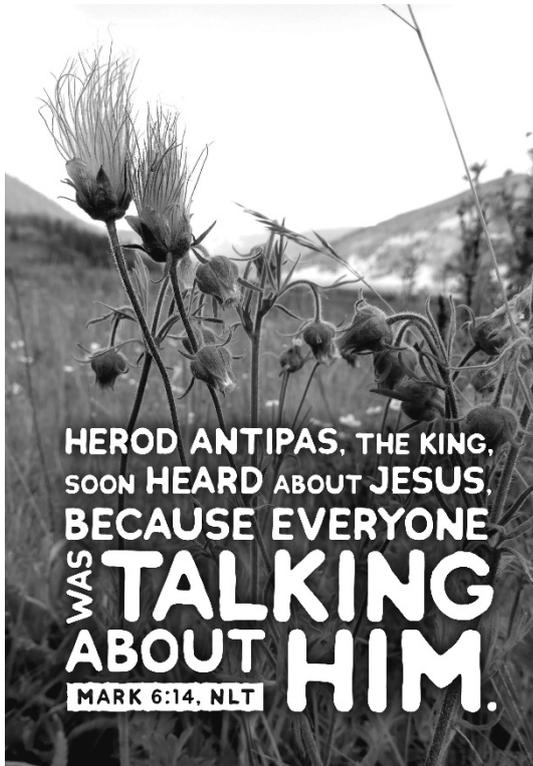


Bethlehem United Church of Christ



Sunday, July 15, 2018

Worship Leader:

Rev. Rebecca A Johnston

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Polly Jeanty

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

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

Worship time is 9:30 a.m.

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

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2018 Consistory:

Elder /President: Bob Radder

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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.

Eighth 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 - "Sanctuary" Will & Lora Mathes and Ross & Lisa Westphalen

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**P: for God has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in God's holy place?

P: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves to worship our God.

*INVOCATION

Strong and mighty God, we seek your presence here among us. Gather us in, center our thoughts and empower us with your Word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #5 "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

When they came to the threshing-floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook it.

It was told King David, 'The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God

from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

ANTHEM " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
Will & Lora Mathes and Ross & Lisa Westphalen

SERMON

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #370 "Seek Ye First"

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 Bethlehem Ladies "Christmas in July)

++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

Move us, O God, beyond the building of monuments to our faith to participation in mission, beyond the giving of our money to the giving of ourselves. Help us to discern your revelation and to share it. Guide us as we seek to follow Christ among those who know us best and in the company of strangers, that our very being maybe our finest offering. Amen.

*HYMN #501

"In Christ There is No East or West"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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:



Rural Church Fellowship
Summer Volleyball Schedule

All games begin at 6:30pm

July 15, 2018
St. Marks/St. James @ Bethlehem
Saron @ Immanuel/Bethel

July 22, 2018
St. Marks/St. James @ Saron
Bethlehem @ Immanuel/Bethel

Sign up sheets for work times are available at the church. Times are flexible. Every half hour can make a difference in sharing the workload.

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)

- **JOHNSBURG PARISH FESTIVAL,**
TODAY!! Outdoor Polka Mass at 10:30a.m., Blanck's chicken and dressing and Jim and Linda's beef tips dinner 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 5-10. Bob Kuether Band 10:30am-4:00pm, The Ricohettes 5:00-8:30 p.m. Raffles, crafts, golf putting contest, kids inflatables and play center, games for kids of all ages. Bean Bag tournament at 1PM.

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

Bethlehem's Annual Garage Sale & Bake Sale

Volunteers needed:

Set Up: Wednesday, August 8th starting at 4 pm.
Sell: Fri. August 10th starting at 8 am through 4 pm
Sell: Sat. August 11th starting at 8 am through noon
Clean Up: Saturday, August 11th starting at noon.

This year's garage sale will be at the Brickbauer home as it has been in the past.

Donate - If you have household items, clothing, toys, seasonal decorations, etc which you can no longer use, consider donating these for the garage sale. Items can be dropped off at the Brickbauer's during the week. If you do not a place to store such items until August, please contact a member of the Merry Christians so that we can make arrangements.

Bake – Plan to bake some items for the bake sale table that weekend.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 7/15: 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; 6:30pm Youth Volleyball @ Home; *Happy Birthday Joey Friend, Ty Ninmer, and Dan Wempner! Happy Anniversary Chad and Sara Jeanty!*

Monday 7/16:

Tuesday 7/17: *Happy Birthday Rogie Ventura!*

Wednesday 7/18: *Happy Birthday Ben Behnke, Elizabeth Behnke and Helen Henning! Happy Anniversary Davin & Jessica Horneck!*

Thursday 7/19: *Happy Birthday Carol Meiselwitz!*

Friday 7/20: *Happy Anniversary Eric & Dawn Muehlbauer and John & Suzanne Meunier!*

Saturday 7/21:

Sunday 7/22: 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; 6:30pm Youth Volleyball @ Immanuel/Bethel; *Happy Birthday Lynette Steinhardt!*

Pantry item: School Supplies