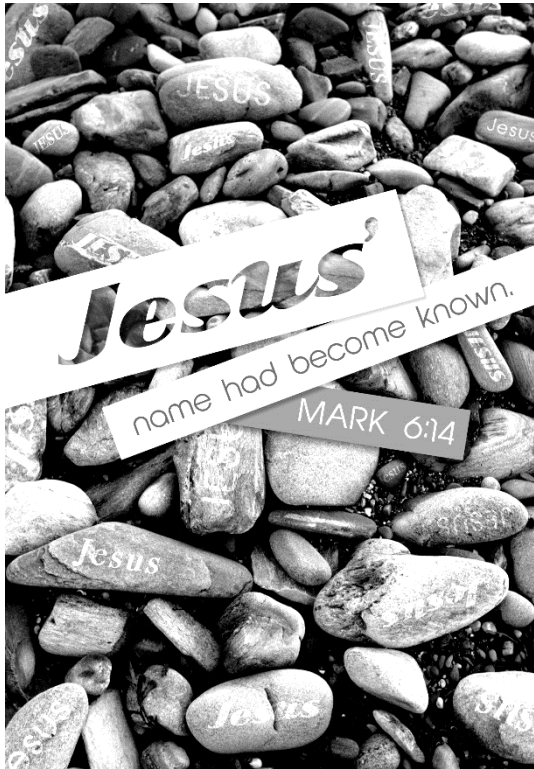


Bethlehem United Church of Christ



Sunday, July 8, 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

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2018 Consistory:

Elder /President: Bob Radder

Elder: Traci Rabe

Elder : Amy Wempner

Deacon : Ross Westphalen

Deacon/Secretary : Natasha Verhulst

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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.

Seventh 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

ONE: Jesus was rejected

**ALL: by his friends,
by his family,
by his hometown.**

ONE: But Jesus created trust

**ALL: for his disciples,
for his community,
for the world.**

ONE: In the midst of rejection, let us build acceptance:

**ALL: for all children,
for all communities,
for all the world.**

*INVOCATION

Come. Sit amongst us today, Spirit and friend. Open our hearts and minds to be open to hearing your word and being influenced by your teaching. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #542 *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ Whether they hear or refuse to hear

(for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honor, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

SERMON

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #317 *"The Summons"*

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.



YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Rural Church Fellowship
Summer Volleyball Schedule

All games begin at 6:30pm

July 8, 2018
Immanuel/Bethel @ St. Marks/St.
James
Bethlehem @ Saron

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

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

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282

"Give Thanks"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, with your guidance in word and through spirit, we seek to become wise in how we live in this world. We seek to have an impact for the sake of goodness and justice and to deliver the message that all are loved and embraced by you. Be with us in this calling. Amen.

*HYMN #578 *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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.

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.

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:

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)

- ICE CREAM SOCIAL and Supper – Wednesday, 7/11 – 4pm-7pm @ Ebenezer UCC, Chilton
- BRAT FRY!! - Friday, 7/13 – 9a-2pm @ Miesfeld's Sheboygan- Proceeds benefit St. John's Schwartzwald and their mission of sending medical supplies to Bolivia. See bulletin board for details.
- **JOHNSBURG PARISH FESTIVAL**, Sunday, July 15. 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. Refreshments-brats-hamburgers are available all day. N9288 County Road W, Malone (Johnsburg). Information: 920-795-4021 or 920-286-2184
- TODAY!!!! The ordination of Lucas Williams will take place at 3pm at Saron UCC.
W3830 County Road J
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085-2023

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 7/8: 8:15 Adult Study; 9:30am Worship; 6:30pm Youth Volleyball @ Saron

Monday 7/9:

Tuesday 7/10: 6:30pm Consistory

Wednesday 7/11: *Happy Birthday Brad Hoban!*

Thursday 7/12:

Friday 7/13: *Happy Anniversary Dario & Pam Talerico!*

Saturday 7/14:

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!*

Pantry item: School Supplies