

Sharing Christ's Love

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Worship Services

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Evening Service of Meditation, Prayer and Peace— Second and fourth Sundays a month at 5:30 PM



Thanksgiving Eve

We will celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday with our sisters and brothers from St. Luke Episcopal with a special Eucharist

**Thanksgiving Eve,
Wednesday, November 23,
7:00 PM
at
Bethlehem.**

Father Dan Williamson will preside.
Pastor Bryon will preach.
A reception will follow!

The Herald *Pastor's Page*



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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

November is a time for feasting and celebration. It seems that this month is filled with a succession of feasts and holidays.

It begins with the celebration of All Saints Sunday on November 6. Here we remember before God and each other the beloved saints of God from our congregation who died since All Saints Day last year. In addition, we remember and give thanks for all deceased loved ones in prayer, as well as all with whom we minister and pray. On All Saints we celebrate the presence of God in the "seen and the unseen" - both the living and the dead who form the mystical body of Christ.

This is also the month for the American Thanksgiving holiday. I appreciate how Thanksgiving is so unencumbered by the trappings of consumerism. This har-

vest festival finds us gathering with friends, family and neighbors around tables of plenty. In recent years, I've been moved by the witness of many who make it a point to invite lonely and forgotten ones to their Thanksgiving meals. We will also continue our recent practice of gathering for worship with our friends from St. Luke's Episcopal Church on the night before Thanksgiving Day.

November is also the month when we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, the last official Sunday in the liturgical year. Appropriately, we conclude the church year by celebrating the reign of Christ, whose rule is made known in mercy and service to the least among us. (See Matthew 25:31-46, the Gospel reading for Christ the King) It is a great segue to the season of Advent, a

time of waiting and preparation in which we pray that this very reign of Christ will fill our lives and transform us. Advent begins before November ends!

All of this November feasting might serve as a model for Christian life and community. As the temperature grows cold and autumn gives way to winter, we continue to give thanks for the one whose death and resurrection transcends and transforms both death and life. Indeed, Christ is at the center of our feasting and such feasting shapes us into a particular kind of people: a community marked by love, abundance, gratitude and generosity. This is our way of life together and our witness to the world.

It is November. Let the feasting begin!

Peace,

Pastor Bryon

A Note from Bryan Whiteside



Recently our community experienced a deep tragedy. A young man who has joined us on summer trips and went with us last year to Mexico has been in an awful car accident where three deaths occurred. For the sake of the families I will not go into detail too much, but it has devastating to our community and devastating to me personally.

It is in these moments that we find ourselves wrestling with the deeper questions of life. Why didn't God stop this? Why would God let this happen? Why was there a tree in that spot? And the list goes on and on. I have found myself asking these questions and driving myself crazy because I will never, in this life anyways, know what the answers to these questions are. I am sure that I am not the only one who has wondered

these questions in the midst of tragedy.

However I am not sure if the answers to my deep questions are that important anyway. Even if I do know why this happened, there is nothing that I could do about it. It is not bad to ask questions like these, in fact it is normal, but maybe the "why questions" should be replaced by "what now?" I must trust that God is good and God is in charge rather than drive myself crazy. The more important question to ask is "what God might be doing and how can I get involved." It is easy, and maybe even natural, to become bitter, angry, and cynical but it is not helpful. Throughout history deep pain has been the impetus for great creativity. So I am busy asking myself, "What is God doing right now in the pain of my heart and the pain of this community and how can I get involved?"

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE/GAME NIGHT

Thursday (There is no school the next morning) **November 10** all Jr. high and high school youth are invited to a pizza party and game night from **6:00 -9:00 p.m.** Admission is a can of food or an article of clothing for those who are less fortunate. Bring your friends!!!



UPDATE ON SAFETY AND EMERGENCY

MINISTRY

Health Ministry Updates

The procedure for emergency fire and community disaster protocol is being reviewed and approved by the members of the Ministry Team. When this is finished, I will be coming to small classes and groups throughout the church family to talk about the procedures. Please watch the bulletins and newsletters for more info. Maps for evacuating the church building have been posted in most all rooms of the church. Take note of the instructions please.

UPDATE ON BLOOD DRIVE

We are up to fifteen people who have volunteered to give blood in January. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested so our date will be confirmed by the blood source team. We need at least ten more to reserve the date in January. Thanks!

UPDATE ON VISITATION MINISTRY

We are still in need of additional souls to visit church family members either in facilities or homes. It is a very rewarding and worthwhile ministry. See Randi or Pastor if you feel the Spirit moving you in this direction.



Art Notes



Be sure to view, "Changing Seasons," our current art show in the sanctuary, and give a thought to entering the exhibit, "Bountiful Harvest" which begins November 15th. We always have an "Open" theme in each show, so in case you've produced that masterpiece of art that doesn't fit the theme, you can enter anyway! We have had many great entries over the past 3+ years, which have enhanced our sanctuary and worship experience and allowed us to get to know a new dimension of some of our

friends! The next exhibit gives us the opportunity to rejoice in remembering the bounty our Lord has "showered" on us! Entries are due by November 13th in the church office. Late entries will be saved for a future exhibit. Old work should also be taken home November 13th. Call Kathy Ryan at (530) 885-4515 with questions.



Good News Girls

We continue our Bible study, "To Follow and to Serve" by Patricia Lull from the book of Mark. We will be meeting on Thursday November 17th, in the fellowship hall at 10:30. This is a week early because of Thanksgiving. The study is on "Power and Authority" from Mark 3, the theme verse is Mark:40. Marge Johnson is study leader and Carol Lundberg is Hostess.

School Kit Update

Thank You for your generosity we were able to send 58 school kits to Lutheran World Relief.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND BAKERS!

Because December is such a busy time for everyone, our annual Holiday Bake Sale is being planned for November 12th and 13th, and we're excited to announce that this year we would also like to include hand crafted items for sale along with all of the usual baked goodies and candy. So we're inviting all of you excellent cooks and talented crafters to start planning what tempting treats and unique crafts you can bring in to sell on the weekend of Nov. 12th and 13th. We will also need help decorating the tables, packaging and pricing on that Saturday morning, Nov. 12th. Be sure and put this date on your calendar. We're hoping for lots of items to sell as this is our biggest fund raiser of the year. All proceeds are sent to the various charities that we, the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women, support.



Women's Ministry

THANK OFFERING SUNDAY

Sunday November 20th is Thankoffering Sunday. Please remember to be generous as this enables women who are less fortunate than we to start a new life with the "seed money" that our national women's group, "WELCA" gives to women in our nation and around the world.

LEFSE MAKING on November 7th, Monday and November 8th, in the morning in the fellowship hall. See Randi Olsen for the recipe. This will be sold at our craft and bake sale on November 12 and 13th. We also will be having crafts from Rwanda.

What do we do with our monies? Mostly give it away. Thank you again for your generous support in all of our past endeavors.

Quilting Plus

"Quilting Plus" continues to meet on the first and third Tuesday. In November that is first and the fifteenth, from nine 'till noon, in the fellowship hall. If you can cut and tie knots you are qualified. This is a good way to meet some of your fellow members, women, at Bethlehem. Please join us for a morning of service and fellowship. WE are the best little support group in Auburn!

Wholistic Health For the Soul



"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."
~Ecclesiastes 3:1

Why Is Change So Frustrating?

Each day we experience something in our lives that is not the same as the moment, day, week, or year before. We attempt to make a doctor appointment and the doctor is no longer working in that office, but check online...or the telephone number you have used for years to renew your paper subscription is no longer in service. The grandchild who once was so happy to see you and greet you with a hug is now a teen that gives you a nice smile and shies away from your kiss on the cheek. The laws concerning your deductions used in figuring your income tax have changed by notices that are not understandable without

meeting with a tax attorney. The new car you just purchased has a lock that doesn't work with the ignition key, or the map you have used for the last five years to find where you are going, is not showing the street you have been given to find.

Ecclesiastes teacher reminds us that everything in life has a time and a place. Vanity in pleasures and wisdom is grasping at the wind. But what about down to earth change? Does this mean that once something is in order, it will keep that order? Does it mean that relationships will always remain good and wholesome? No, it seems that each positive has a negative, or each event has a consequence. Things can be good one minute and bad the next. The old ying/ yang idea. This gives us reason to believe that there is not much

that will become stagnant or stay constant. If our earthly lives are full of uncertainties, what good is learning and obtaining information? All things can change in the blink of an eye. We want to believe that we learn not only through studying, but also through experiencing. But when even our past experiences do not allow us to find the information we need, we become frustrated.

Buried in frustration is deep seated fear. Fear can be paralyzing to one who needs stability in life. Most of us are comfortable when we can anticipate our needs and have a good handle on how to meet those needs. We enjoy pleasures and wisdom that are applicable to living wholesome lives. But change those pleasures into excessive, or the wisdom into untruths, and we get in trouble and don't know how to prevent them from interrupting our morals or beliefs. Fear overpowers us, to the point of not making that doctor appointment

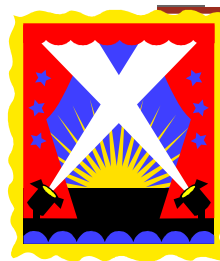
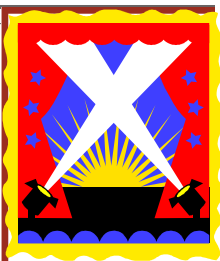
or talking with that teen about feelings.

Be reassured that God is the answer. In Ecclesiastes 3:14 we read, "I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing can be taken from it." "When put into situations of the uncertain outcomes, God asks us to turn to God...pray that we get the wisdom from God to make decisions and handle our fears and frustration. To believe in God's ability to guide us through these uncertain times it to truly know God.

Randi, Faith Community Nurse

Kid's Corner

Spotlight on You!



Each month I will be featuring a couple of our kids.
This month meet:

Name: **Danielle Anderson**

Age/Grade: **10 yrs/ 5th grade**

When I grow up, I want to be a **scientist**.

If I could be any animal for a day, I would be a **dove**, because **they're beautiful and can fly and are white**.

My favorite book of all time is **The Tale of the Three Brothers**.

Some things I like about Bethlehem are **it is where Jesus was born and it's quite beautiful. I love the church in his name**.

Name: **Dylan deValk**

Age/Grade: **8 years/ 3rd grade**

When I grow up, I want to **work with computers**.

If I could be any animal for a day, I would be a **fish**, because **I would explore the ocean**.

My favorite book of all time is **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**.

Some things I like about Bethlehem are **being an acolyte**.



Kids Night Out!
Saturday, November 19
6:30 – 8:30 pm



Who: All kids preschool – 5th grade
BRING A FRIEND!

Where: Bethlehem Lutheran Church

What: Pizza, movies & games with MrsKathyeHamm

How Much: \$5 to cover the cost of dinner

Questions or want to sign up? Talk to or e-mail MrsKathyeHamm at

kids@bethlehemlutharanauburn.org

or call the church at 530-885-4515

RSVP by Wednesday, November 16!



Pennies for Kibungo Parish

Bethlehem's kids would like to challenge you to collect pennies (or nickels or dimes or quarters) to help Kibungo parish build a church!



Starting on November 6th, jars decorated by the K.O.W. class will be available after church and on Wednesday nights. Bring your pennies and fill the jars and help our sisters and brothers in Rwanda to have a new place to worship.

Here is the 3rd quarter financial picture for Bethlehem. We are still operating in a deficit,. Our ministry teams are doing a great job this year keeping expenses down. Please support their efforts by prayerfully considering an additional tithing in the next few months. Thank you, Diane Allison, Treasurer

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Auburn
Treasurer's Summary Report
September 2011

	Actual	Budget	Year to Date Over/(under) Budget
Support & Revenue			
Budget Offerings	270,830.00	291,750.75	(20,920.75)
Earned Revenue	1,688.91	2,475.00	(786.09)
Budgeted Support	272,518.91	294,225.75	(21,706.84)
Expenses			
Administration	41,403.27	33,750.00	7,653.27
Care Ministry	3,414.69	1,500.00	1,914.69
Christian Fellowship	678.69	1,575.00	(896.31)
Diverse Worship	4,918.42	4,800.00	118.42
Facilities	14,343.24	13,500.00	843.24
Faith Formation - Adult	625.53	750.00	(124.47)
Faith Formation - Children	2,600.23	2,250.00	350.23
Faith Formation - Youth	8,254.25	8,025.00	229.25
Local & Global Charities	29,420.90	30,633.83	(1,212.93)
Personnel	190,561.75	191,291.50	(729.75)
Thanksgiving	485.55	375.00	110.55
Welcoming Newcomers	-	75.00	(75.00)
Capital Equipment Purchases/Debt	-	-	-
Budgeted Expense	296,706.52	288,525.33	8,181.19
Budgeted Surplus (Deficit)	(24,187.61)	5,700.42	(29,888.03)





All Saints Sunday

On this day we celebrate all the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As in past years, we will name those from our church community who have died since All Saints Day last year. You will also have opportunity to pray in remembrance and thanksgiving for all departed loved ones. The following is a prayer that may be used at home or at the gravesite of a loved one, on or near All Saints or at any time:

O God, we give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. [Here names may be spoken] As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Midweek Worship in Advent

In addition to Sunday morning, we will have an opportunity to worship on Wednesday evenings. Come to sing

Holden Evening Prayer

7:00 PM

Wednesday nights during Advent beginning

November 30th,

Coffee Reception Immediately follows.

From the Worship Coordinator



Soon the holidays will be here and all of us will begin that busy season. My job becomes very busy during the holidays, so I want to ask you for some help this year. Please begin thinking about what services you will attend during the holidays and how you can help during those services. We will need the usual ushers, greeters, assistants, etc. for each of the services. If you know when you will worship and how you would like to serve, you can always call the office or email me to let me know. I will be making many phone calls to try and find people to fill in the schedules so volunteering will help. Thank you for serving.

We still are in need of Assisting Ministers at 8:30 and Communion Assistants at the 11:00 service. Please contact me by phone or email to let me know if you would like to serve in either of these capacities.

One more thing, If you would like to have a copy of the *Bread for the Day 2012 Lectionary Devotional*, please let me know. We will be ordering them soon and would like to get them at the better price. They go for \$8.95 per single copy, but we are trying to get a better price by ordering more of them. These books include the Daily Lectionary readings and orders for Daily Prayer.



All Church Advent Celebration

Who: Everyone at BLC!

When: Sunday, November 27 from 9:45 – 10:45

Where: The BLC Fellowship Hall

What: Devotions, treats and a chance to make an Advent Calendar for your family

Why: To join together as a church family and celebrate the beginning of Advent

One Hundred Sixty Six Socks

One of the best feelings I know is slipping on a clean, fresh pair of socks on a cool winter evening when I get home from work. They are cozy, warm and just make you feel comfy all over. Our friends who utilize the services of the Gathering Inn don't get to experience this feeling because many don't even own more than a couple pair of socks and sometimes don't even have a warm place to hang out. So, help BLC reach the goal of providing 166 pairs of socks to the Gathering Inn—that's actually only a couple pairs for each person. The next time you are in Target or CVS or Macy's or Big 5, and see a bag of socks for sale, buy one for the GI folks and put it in the bin in the Hall. Let's help our brothers and sisters feel the warmth of love from us. Please contact Patricia Slaven-Irvin with any questions at devoptalent@gmail.com.



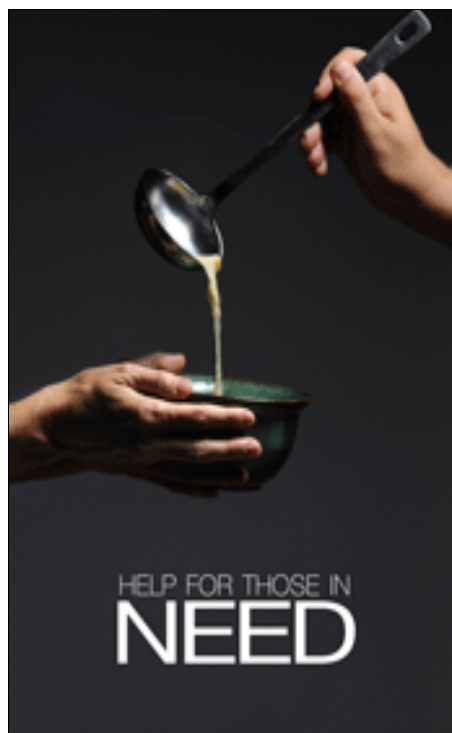
Daily Lectionary for November

Tu Psalm 5 Lamentations 2:13-17 Acts 13:1-12	W Psalm 5 Proverbs 16:21-33 Matthew 15:1-9	Th Psalm 70 Amos 1:1-2:5 Revelation 8:6-9:12	F Psalm 70 Amos 3:1-12 Revelation 9:13-21	Sa Psalm 70 Amos 4:6-13 Matthew 24:1-14	Sunday November 6 Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	M Psalm 63 Amos 8:7-14 1 Corinthians 14:20-25	Tu Psalm 63 Joel 1:1-14	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	W Psalm 63 Joel 3:9-21 Matthew 24:29-35	Th Psalm 90:1-12 Ezekiel 6:1-14 Revelation 16:1-7	F Psalm 90:1-12 Ezekiel 7:1-9 Revelation 16:8-21	Sa Psalm 90:1-12 Ezekiel 7:10-27 Matthew 12:43-45	Sunday November 13 Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	M Psalm 9:1-14 Zechariah 1:7-17 Romans 2:1-11	Tu Psalm 9:1-14 Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18	W Psalm 9:1-14 Job 16:1-21 Matthew 24:45-51	Th Psalm 95:1-7a 1 Kings 22:13-23 Revelation 14:1-11	F Psalm 95:1-7a 1 Chronicles 17:1-15 Revelation 22:1-9	Sa Psalm 95:1-7a Isaiah 44:21-28 Matthew 12:46-50	Sunday November 20 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	M Psalm 7 Esther 2:1-18 2 Timothy 2:8-13	Tu Psalm 7 Esther 8:3-17 Revelation 19:1-9	W Psalm 7 Ezekiel 33:7-20 John 5:19-40	Th Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Zechariah 13:1-9 Revelation 14:6-13	F Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Zechariah 14:1-9 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	Sa Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Micah 2:1-13 Matthew 24:15-31	Sunday November 27 Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	M Psalm 79 Micah 4:1-5 Revelation 15:1-8	Tu Psalm 79 Micah 4:6-13 Revelation 18:1-10	W Psalm 79 Micah 5:1-5a Luke 21:34-38
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AUBURN FOOD CLOSET

The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet is gathering items for 300 personal care bags for next year. Our church is on the list for **COMBS**. On the internet there is a web site called "Buy by the Case", or you can purchase them at the dollar store or other places. We need these combs by the first week in November. A group will be putting the bags together on November 16th. Please leave the combs at church to be picked up.

The food closet is also in desperate needs of funds to help with food for the hungry in our community. If you would like to sponsor a family please pick up a "Sponsor a Family" brochure located on top of the Food closet collection area.



November Birthday's

Peggy Dunievitz



Linda Greenlee

Sharon Bropwer

Nancy Bender

Sarah Anderberg

Moe Stevens

Anne Marie Holt

Donnetta Barnhart

Kylie Bowman

Mary Kay Gregersen

Karen Stein

Reinhard Riedel

Jack Baird

Marie-Claire Desplancke

Kathy Ryan

Britt Olson

Dave Erickson

Bruce Lundberg

Jason Lee

Collin Houston

Edith Jensen

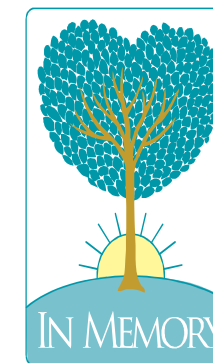
Russ Stein

Terry Mornin

Juliane Houston

Jan Riedel

Tim Twietmeyer



Commended to God's everlasting care.....

October 2011

Lorraine Rowe