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Last month I wrote in this article about reaching out to help people in the community. At the last several council meetings we have discussed ways of reaching out. One of the ideas we have decided to try is hosting a free meal. So on Sunday February 26th Bethlehem Lutheran Church will hold a GAP (Gathering of All People) evening from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The Council, will be serving a free meal, soup, to all people who attend. The purpose of the GAP evening is to provide a meal and fellowship for any in the community who wish to attend, this means everyone. The cost of the evening will be covered by Bethlehem from the local mission account. It is our hope to continue this event on a regular basis through the support of caring people within the community. That support can come in helping with the serving and preparing of the meal or in the purchase of the food items. It will take the support of the community to continue the GAP evenings.

I also want to give you an update on the workshop I am currently at as I write this article. I am learning how to tell Bible stories. When I write this it almost seems like a joke, and I might just be off having fun in California instead of being at a workshop. But the truth is I am learning a lot about how to prepare to tell a story and orally lead a Bible study. I am also learning how to guide others in learning this process of sharing Bible stories and their truths. My hope is still to have multiple groups studying the Bible but it might take a little longer to get going than what I had initially hoped. I still would like to know who is interested in attending the Bible studies. If you have not already let me know you are interested please sign up by dropping off a note in the office, e-mailing, texting, or you just tell me. I am excited about the possibilities for this form of Bible study.

Your Brother in Christ,
Perry Aalgaard

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, led by Jesus Christ, welcomes all to share and
grow in God's grace as a caring community of Faith, Hope and Love.

Services by Perry Aalgaard

Secretary – Shelly Hamson

Church Council Members:

Amy Walk, **President**

Mike Embrock, **Vice President**

Denny Meinders, **Treasurer**

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Kim Thompson, Teresa Cooper, **Education**

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LYO:

Perry Aalgaard

Landscaping Committee:

Roderick Hansen, Chair

Tom Holland

Lorie Bierle

Bruce Myers

Harlan Melz

BLCW NEWS

February 2012

BLCW—No Meeting

Circle Day: Wednesday,

Ruth Circle—9:30 a.m.

Hope Circle—2:00 p.m.

LWR Sewing Days: Tuesday, February 7th—9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 21st—9:00 a.m.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$100.00 given to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. We appreciate your partnership in our mission. We are truly blessed to have wonderful supporters like you! Your generous gift this Christmas season will help so much in providing the life changing love of Jesus to thousands of people.

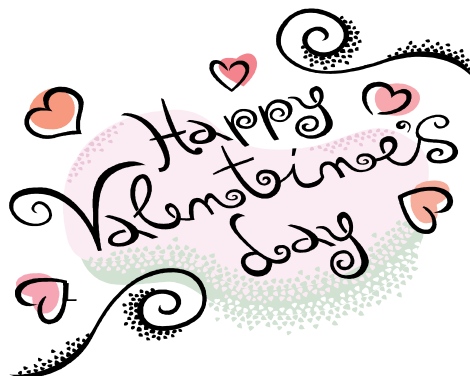
Sincerely,

Jane Drodofsky

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to personally thank you for your support of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, the ELCA certified onsite chaplaincy ministry at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach



RESPONSIBILITIES

Counters

Feb. 5th Mike Embrock, Dawn Jensvold

Feb. 12th Willie Wubben, Teresa Cooper

Feb. 19th Teresa Cooper, Willie Wubben

Feb. 26th Denny Meinders, Willie Wubben

Ushers

*Dennis Meinders

Chris Berggren

Tom Holland

Tim Martinson

Kelly Sabin

Greeters

*Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Coxson

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kakacek

Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Hagen

Door Openers

Jan. 30-Feb. 5

Feb. 6-12

Feb. 13-19

Feb. 27-March 4

Todd Corporon

Randy Goetz

Travis Hassebroek

Willie Wubben

Communion

Feb. 5th—Mike Embrock

Feb. 26th—Dawn Jensvold

In Our Prayers...

Immediate Prayer Concerns: Abbey Almeliën, Don Berhow, Jeanne Bladt (Dee Murra's mother), Ferne Coxson, Alvin Winter.

Prayer Requests for those in long term need: Nancy Jensvold, Artis Olsen, Corinne Miller, and all whom we name in our hearts. Let us also remember in our prayers Joe Houser, grandson of Alvin and Jean Hofbauer, and all of our military men and women in the Middle East and around the world.

Prayer Requests for members of Bethlehem currently in care centers: Ruth Edwards, Gala Murra, Edith Teig.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Church Council meeting-
Dec. 14th, 2012

Meeting called to order by
Amy Walk. Members present:
Willy Wubben, Denny Meinders,
Kevin Johnson, Mike Embrock,
Dawn Jensvold, Teresa Cooper
and Perry Aalgaard.

Opening Devotions by Perry.

Motion by Willy to accept
Nov. minutes, seconded by
Mike.

Motion by Kevin to accept
Treasurer report, seconded
by Denny.

Pastor Reports: Perry said one
of his classes was about
churches getting involved
with things outside the
church or Missions, not
things just in their congrega-
tions. He also stated it is im-
portant for congregations to
have mission activities to help
provide life to the congrega-
tion.

Committee Reports:

Education- Working on
Sunday school program. A
Kids Christmas program
on Sat. Dec. 17th, The LYO
went caroling at T.M.N.H.

Evangelism- We will send
Christmas cards out to sol-
diers and people from our
congregation.

Worship- We thought eve-
rything well really well for
the hanging of the greens.

Property and Manage-
ment- We need to order
moldings for doors. The
pews upstairs need to be
fastened down, and front
pews need to be checked.
Mike made a motion to ac-
cept the bid on the doors
from Eddy's Glass, Willie
Seconded, the motion car-
ried. Eddy's Glass will be
putting weather stripping
on the doors.

Old business:

New Business: Discussed
people to help with draw-
ing and painting a mural on
the hall wall from Perry's
office to the social hall.
Talked about Shelly doing
power point, and how
many more hours she
would need. Discussion was
held on local Missions..
Teresa is working on setting
up a care team for Winne-
bago county. Mike made a
motion to match the minis-
terial Associations donations
of \$75 per time. \$400.00
should be set aside for this
to be handled by Perry.
Willy seconded. Motion
carried.

Motion to adjourn was
made by Teresa and Kevin
seconded.

Closing- Perry led us in the
Lords Prayer.

Next Council meeting will
be Jan. 11th.

Memorials

In memory of Martin Andersen—\$230.00



Lenten Worship Schedule for February

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd—Lenten Service 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 29th—Soup Supper 6 p.m.
Lenten Worship—7 p.m.



Thank you!

Thank you to Tom and Ed Holland for doing
the remodeling work in the narthex. We ap-
preciate your time and talents.

Bethlehem Church Council



Feb. 4th— Cereal
Feb. 12th—Pork 'n beans
Feb. 19th—Toilet Tissue
Feb. 26th—Peas

February Birthdays

Feb. 23—Haley Williams
Feb. 28—Tabetha Cooper

