

Bethlehem Star

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Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. [Matthew 19:13-15]

Preparations are underway for Vacation Bible School. We will gather with group leaders from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, our own volunteers, and children! From August 8 through August 12 Bethlehem will ring with laughter, shouts of joy, songs of praise, and fast moving feet! VBS is a highlight of our summer programming.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Christian education and ministries to our young people are important elements of Bethlehem's mission. Our children are full of promise and hope. Their youthful exuberance can lift our spirits and remind us of our own days of awe and wonder. It is our privilege to welcome children to worship and share the Lord's Supper as members of the body of Christ. We have come a long way since the days of "children should be seen and not heard."

The Old Testament prophet Isaiah said, *"The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them."* [Isaiah 11:6] We remember that Jesus entered our sphere as a child, *"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."* [Luke 2:7] And Jesus, when praised by the crowds and criticized by the priests, quoted Scripture saying, *"... 'Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'"* It is an honor for us to offer ministries which engage and support our children.

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Pastor's Message *(continued)*

Our children are important to us. But just who do we count as our children? For Vacation Bible School we count among our children all who come through our doors, regardless of their home congregation. For our international relationships we count as our own all the children worshipping in the congregations of Naberera parish; studying at the Danish Mission High School in Somasi-padi, India; and learning the Bible at St. Mary's, St. Petersburg, Russia.

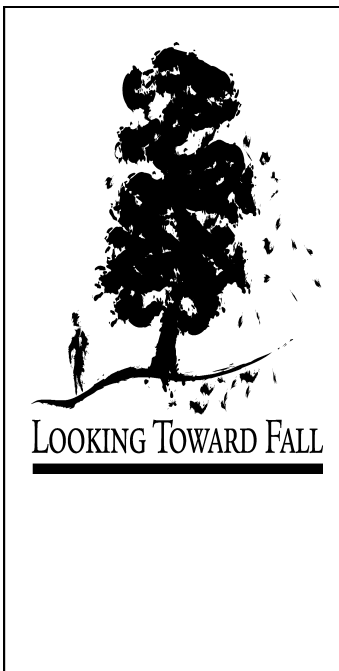
Encourage the children around you to join us for worship and educational opportunities. Pray for our children, those local and those in distant places. Support our children's ministries with your time and your gifts. Welcome children in worship. In these ways we will be following our Lord's example "...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Amani,
Pastor Gary

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — AUGUST 8-12

Attention adults, high school, and junior high students: If you are **interested in helping with VBS**, August 8-12, from 8:30-1:00 p.m., let Mary know. There is also a need to provide and serve snacks to all of the VBS participants. We are also looking for hosts to house two male counselors during that week plus people to serve lunch and dinner to all six counselors staffing our VBS program. Just see Mary!

Saturday Afternoon Movies at Bethlehem



AUGUST Movies

August 13
1:30

"Away From Her" starring Julie Christie, Gordon Pinsent and Olympia Dukakis
2007/Color/110 minutes
(Sometimes you have to let go of what you can't live without.)

August 27
1:30

"Straight from the Heart" starring Teri Polo and Andrew McCarthy
2002/Color/88 minutes

Join the movie crew for two great movies in August. Popcorn and soda pop will be provided. Movies will be shown in air-conditioned Fellowship Hall.



Membership Updates, Concerns and Thanks

 * ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED *
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 * TO THE *
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 * **FALL SALAD SUPPER** *
 * **ON TUESDAY,** *
 * **SEPTEMBER 6,** *
 * **AT 6:30 P.M.** *
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 * Please bring your favorite *
 * salad to share. Dessert, rolls *
 * and coffee will be provided. *
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 * Men are invited to join us for *
 * the program! *
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Dear Bethlehem Church Women,
 "Thank you so much for the card and gift certificate. That was really sweet. It really meant a lot to me to get something from you guys."
 Jake Soto

Dear Bethlehem:
 "Thank you for providing food for the luncheon. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to visit with friends and family and share our memories of Lester Klasing."
 Thanks again."
 The family of Lester Klasing

Bethlehem Church Women,
 "Thank you so much for the gift card to the Cornerstone Bookstore. I will have fun deciding what to spend it on! Thank you most of all for the support throughout the years. Bethlehem is another home for me and you are a big part of that home. God bless,"
 Christine McMillion

Congratulations to Bailey Garcia and Andrey Wade on their First Communion celebrated on July 17.

Congratulations to Bailey Rose Garcia on her baptism July 17. Bailey is the daughter of Earl & Eleanor Garcia.

Sunday Coffees—During the months of July and August the Women's Circles (Eve, Rebecca and Sarah) do not serve the Sunday morning coffees. We need volunteers during this time. The sign-up is one the bulletin board in the hallway. Thanks for helping!

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and friends of June Whitney on her recent death. Funeral services were held on July 11 at the church.

"THANK YOU for sharing the gift of life! The 18 units of blood collected at your last blood drive will help treat patients at local hospitals!" Heartland Blood Center

Thank you to the following people for sharing their musical talents with us in July:
 Cindy, Brian & Sarah Mogensen
 Lucas & Nolan Clay
 Lynn Cook
 Bonnie Anderson

Dear Lutheran Church Women,
 "Thank you so much for the \$20 gift card to Cornerstone. I appreciate everyone's thoughts and blessings as I move forward with my life. Thank you again and God bless all!"
 Katherine Louise Metzler

Dear Church family,
 "Thank you for your love and support of our mom. All the cards you sent were a source of comfort and blessing to her. The luncheon you provided was so delicious and there was such a wonderful variety. We even enjoyed the leftovers! Thank you for all you've done!"
 The Family of June Whitney

August Stewardship Emphasis

August Stewardship Emphasis Riso Duplicator

A duplicator differs from a copy machine in the way it produces copies. Duplicators do not rely on heat to make copies and can therefore run faster with less expense. However, both a copy machine and a duplicator are needed in our office.

The current Risograph Duplicator was purchased in 1997. After producing 1,943,824 copies using 17,499 masters, our Riso broke down and is not repairable. Riso stopped making replacement parts for their 1997 machines in 2006. We were fortunate that the few times we needed repairs there were still parts in the repair shop. But this last time our good fortune ran out – no more parts are available for the duplicator that has served us so well.

Integra Business Systems is currently offering a great incentive on a new duplicator. For \$3,495 plus our old machine we can be back to high speed and inexpensive duplicating. Your help in meeting this need is greatly appreciated!

Here is my gift to get Bethlehem up to speed:

Name: _____

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (First Saturday of each month)

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

(Mark your calendars for September 3.)
8:30—9:30 A.M.

We spend an hour reading Scripture and talking about issues important to faith, life and the issues that face us publicly and personally.

Weekly Men's Breakfast

This group meets Friday mornings just before 8:00 a.m. at the Lincoln Inn in downtown DeKalb.

Come as often
as you can!



Bethlehem Women's Fall Salad Supper

**Tuesday, September 6
6:30 p.m.**

followed by our featured presentation

“Bright Stars of Bethlehem”

Beth Nelson Chase shares the story of her work with the outreach ministries of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem serving the needs of people living in Christ's birthplace. Hear the voices of our Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers who live amid occupation, and learn about the students who strive to be a new generation of peacemakers.

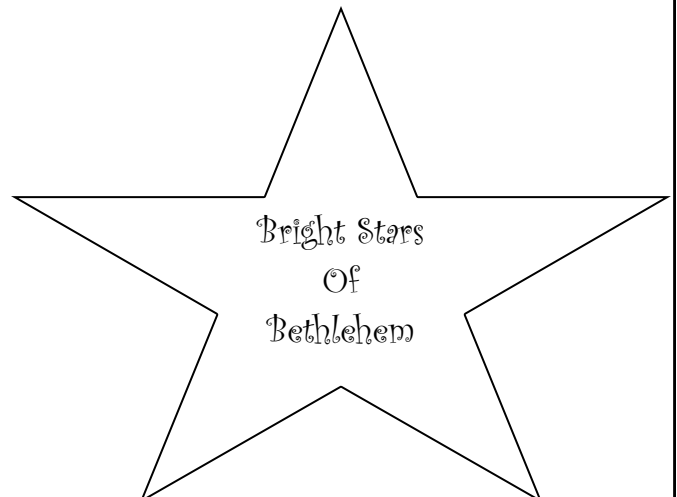
There is no charge for this event.

The meal is a salad potluck and we ask our guests to bring a dish to share (one dish per 3-4 people is plenty).

The supper is a women's event; men are welcome to attend the presentation which will follow at approximately 7:30 p.m.

To help us plan, please let us know by Thursday, September 1.

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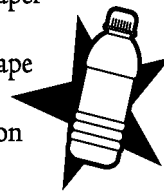
Kid's Fun Page

REFRESHING ★ SUMMER ★ ACTIVITY

Try this activity with your Sunday school. It's a fun way to give people more than just a cold drink. It helps them learn about the Bible and your church.

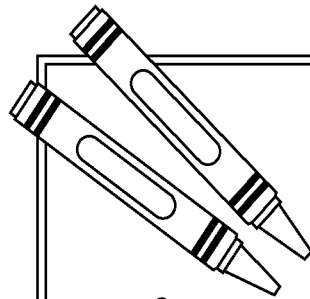
What you need:

- Bottled water
- Tubs or ice chest filled with ice
- Printed labels or cut pieces of paper the same size as the existing water-bottle label
- Permanent markers (if you're not using preprinted labels)
- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape
- Poster board
- Adult supervision



What to do:

1. On labels or pieces of paper, write a verse about the living water Jesus gives us (for example, John 4:13-14; John 6:35; Revelation 22:17). Also include your church's name and contact information, as well as an invitation to worship or to an activity.
2. Either laminate the new labels or cover them in clear contact paper (to keep them from getting soggy).
3. Tape the labels to the back of the bottles.
4. Make a "FREE Water!" poster.
5. Find a park, local festival or corner where people pass by needing a cold drink. Be sure to have adult supervision.



Just for KIDS

The Water of Life

To beat the summer heat, we're often refreshed by a cold drink. Complete the puzzle below for a reminder of what Jesus offers us when we thirst.

KEY:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer: "Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV

Vacation Bible School

“Chosen”

“You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.” John 15:16

VBS 2011

August 8-12—9-12 p.m.



Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Email address _____

Student's Age _____ Grade _____

Emergency contact if parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Name _____

Phone _____ Relationship to student _____

Please list any allergies the staff should be aware of: _____

Person responsible for picking up this student at the end of the day:

Permission for: Photo release - YES ___ NO ___

Web photo release YES ___ NO ___

Signature of parent or guardian:

Please return this form to: Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1915 N First St. DeKalb, IL 60115

Ushers for Sundays in August 8:45 a.m.

August 7	Jerry & Annette Johns Don & Sherry Krehl	August 21	Ed & Edna Schramm Ed & Judy Sisler
August 14	Virginia Luedtke Eldon & Helen Miller Betty Ruby	August 28	Ray Steinbis Dick & Laurel Stokke Joan Vandre



Greeters for Sundays in August 8:45 a.m.

August 7	Mary Kalamatianos Pat Erickson
August 14	LaVern & Louise Burhop
August 21	Wayne & Nancy Coffman
August 28	Don Davidson Lorna Knuuttila

Lectors for August

August 7	Judy Sisler
August 14	Jay Ruby
August 21	Sarah Trostle
August 28	Paul Rowland

Communion Asst.

August 7	Dick & Laurel Stokke
August 14	Harry & Mona Theisen
August 21	Paul & Julie Rowland
August 28	Heather Breuer Jessica Breuer



Ushers for Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

August 7	Jesse & Karen Schramer
August 14	Myron Bond and Pat Erickson
August 21	Tammie Farley and Anna Fischer
August 28	Wayne & Nancy Coffman

Greeters for Sundays in August 11:00 a.m.

August 7	Anna Fischer and Kathleen Hunt
August 14	Don & Sherry Krehl
August 21	Barb & Amanda Luchsinger
August 28	John & Beth Metzler

Lectors for August 11:00 a.m.

August 7	Karen Schramer
August 14	Myron Bond
August 21	Anna Fischer
August 28	Beth Metzler

Wine on the Terrace



Saturday, September 10, 2011

4-7 p.m.

Tickets \$50/person

Ellwood House Museum

www.ellwoodhouse.org

815-756-4609

Ellwood House Association is joining forces with Inboden's of DeKalb, merchants of fine wines and gourmet foods, to produce the third annual "Wine on the Terrace"—a spectacular afternoon of wines, delectable appetizers and music in the incomparable setting of the Ellwood House porches and gardens.

"Wine on the Terrace" is a benefit fundraiser for the not-for-profit Ellwood House Assn. All funds raised will be used to support the free school tours and other free community educational programs of the Ellwood House Museum.

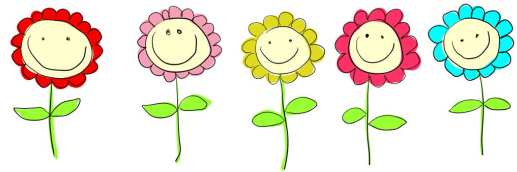
"Wine on the Terrace" will be limited to only 150 ticket holders, so don't miss this unique opportunity to experience fabulous wines, cheeses and mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres while enjoying the beauty of the Ellwood House terrace and gardens.

Contact Jerry Johns if you would like tickets (815) 895-3022.

**BELL CHOIR WILL BEGIN REHEARSALS ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 P.M.**

It's Sunday School Registration Time!

Sunday School Registration



Beginning September 11, 2011

Please return this form to:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1915 N First St. DeKalb, IL 60115

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Ad-
dress _____

Home Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Student's Age _____ Grade _____

Emergency contact if parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Name _____

Phone _____ Relationship to student _____

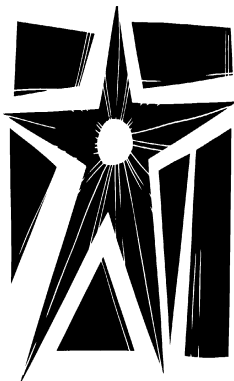
Please list any allergies the staff should be aware of

Person responsible for picking up this student at the end of the hour

Permission for: Photo release - YES ___ NO ___ & Web photo release YES ___ NO ___

Signature of parent or guardian _____

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Birthday List for August 2011

Birthday Greetings to:

2	Butch Burrignt	24	Laurel Trostle
	Beth Metzler	25	Nicholas Olson
3	Paul Gilbert	26	Doris Rauman
4	Maria McMillion		Dorothy Bierman
8	Eldon Miller		Kathleen Shriver
10	Mariann Riippi	28	Allie Wahl
13	Alice Saari	29	Rob McMillion
14	Rhonda Huffman		Julie Stone
	Nathan Ewing	31	Christine Turk
17	Gladys Erickson		
22	Kyle Knuutila		
	Eric Armstrong		



If you don't find your name on the Birthday Lists, please call the church office at 758-3203.