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From the Pastor's Desk

I just received an email from a friend advising me "Beware the Ides of March." This is March 15, the date Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 BC and made more infamous by Wm. Shakespeare, as quoted in the email I received. It is not so concerning to me that ill may befall on this day as it is surprising that it is already the middle of March in 2017. If I may lapse into that dead language (Latin) that unlike Caesar is still often revived, *Tempus fugit*. "Time flies."

Dr. Lynn Banderob will complete her internship with us at the end of April. It seems impossible that her year-long (albeit half-time) internship is drawing to a close. She has endeared herself to many and enriched us with her gifts and abilities for ministry. She will be a very fine candidate for call to the ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament in some ELCA congregation. Thank you to those who on short notice pledged support for the internship program, Bill Martin and the Internship Committee, and all who participated in the intern-led Bible study, visioning, and other activities.

Some have asked about hosting another intern. It is worthy of discussion but a difficult course to pursue because of the relatively few students in seminary and the costs involved for a congregation. Both interns we have hosted had special situations of being geographically restricted and half-time that made it more feasible for us. That we were invited by synod and seminaries for both internships, shows that Bethlehem is viewed as a good place for experience. I hope Intern Lynn will affirm this.

Intern Lynn is scheduled to preach three Sundays in April--the 2nd, 16th (Easter), and 30th. Please note that the last day of April falls on Sunday, so there is no possibility for her of preaching, say, on a 28th of April and skating

out a couple of days early. She will complete here full sentence here! We are grateful and will miss her and Rollin, whose contributions of photography have also enriched us. We pray the Holy Spirit to guide both Dr. Lynn and the church in the days ahead and to bless Dr. Lynn and her family abundantly.

~Pastor Urlaub

A thought from Intern Lynn:

Who wants to help with the church potato garden?

We want to partner with Feed Iowa First and plant potatoes where "Inn 1" used to stand. The harvest of potatoes will support the Benton Area Food Bank and area organizations.

What we have:

- * God's vision and our passion
- * Good space that should be more than grass and mowed all summer.
- * A real need in the community for fresh produce.
- * We have a volunteer to rototill with his tractor
- * We have a volunteer willing to put \$250.00 towards the cost of garden prep costs

What we need:

- * Person to have a soil test done through ISU
- * 2 people to coordinate the garden prep, several volunteers to help with the prep work.
- * Lots of hands to help plant potatoes
- * Volunteers to weed and hoe through the summer (potatoes take little tending)
- * Lots of hands to harvest, wash and distribute potatoes

Where can you help?

Let Intern Lynn know your desires to volunteer and help. There will be a sign up sheet in Augustana Hall.

~Pastoral Intern Lynn Banderob

**“A Moment with
Martin Luther”**



**The Lord’s Prayer
2nd & 3rd Petitions**



The Second Petition.
Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? - Answer.

The kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, and on its own; but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How is this done? - Answer.

When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life here in time and hereafter in eternity.

The Third Petition.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? - Answer.

The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done to us also.

How is this done? - Answer.

When God breaks and hinders every evil scheme and will which would not let us hallow the name of God nor let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh; but strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith until the end of our lives. This is His gracious and good will.

Youth Ministry



SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY ACTIVITY was March 19th. We had about several families bowl together at Berry’s Lanes. It was a lot of fun!!



The kids did a great job on SERVICE SUNDAY, March 19th. The kids decorated a pig that will be used to promote ELCA World Hunger. As we decorated, we learned about some of the countries that the ELCA helps.



The MS students attended the middle school play (Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone) together on March 24th. A few of our MS youth were in the play and it was fun to go and support them!!

LIGHTS (PreK – 4th grade) will meet on April 5th from 5:30-6:30 in the preschool room at church. There is also a Lenten supper that night, so plan on attending and eating!! Worship is at 7:00.

Please support the LYO by attending the Easter breakfast on April 16th. This will be held from 7-9 (between sunrise service and 9:00 service).

A freewill donation will be taken to go towards the LYO service trip this summer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY EVENT for April is the spring carnival. It will be April 26th from 5:30-7:30. This is always a ton of fun and there may be a new twist this year – please attend and bring a friend!!! Admission will still be 25¢ and will be donated to ELCA World Hunger.

Also, we will have a sign-up for food on the table in the Narthex. Please look for that!!! LYO and MS youth will also be helping with the event.

Middle school families – watch your email for information on a M/S event in April.

We have 10 kids currently registered for CHURCH CAMP this summer. Seven plan on going to Riverside and three will go to EWALU. The kids and their families have planned a fundraiser to help pay for the camps. Details on how you can help will be coming.

We also have several LYO youth planning a weekend service trip to Minneapolis this summer. More details about who they will be serving and what they will be doing are coming. They will also be joining the campers with their fundraisers.

Food for Thought Small Group

Food for Thought Small Group meets monthly, on the third Thursday evening of the month. The members may carpool from the church or meet at the assigned restaurant. Fellowship and informal book discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues during the meal. This activity is open to anyone wishing to join the fun.



Our schedule for the upcoming months:

April 20: Risen by Angela Hunt; Chrome Horse/ Cedar Rapids

May 18: Where the Wind Leads by Vinh Chung
Cedar Ridge Winery/Swisher

June 15: Never the Bride by Cheryl McKay & Rene Gutteridge
Location to be determined.

We would love to have new members join us. If you have questions call Linda Wallace (472-5638).

Prayers:

for health & healing: Ray Lough, Jackie Behounek, Douglas Eden (Dennis Eden's brother).

Sympathy and Condolences:

Jertson family on the death of Tenny's father, Hubert Jertson.

Jertson family on the death of Deb's father, David McColley.

Redlinger family on the death of Kristen's father, Larry Jensen.

Urlaub family on the death of Ellie's uncle, Mike Blome.

Corbett family on the death of Dr. O.R. Corbett.

Ecumenical Services during Holy Week will be at 7:00 a.m. at each church as follows: Monday – Bethlehem, Tuesday – 1st Christian Church, Wednesday – St. Mary's Church, Maundy Thursday – Presbyterian Church, Good Friday – Wesleyan United Methodist.

Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity is coming to Benton County. They want to invest in a dozen properties. You can be involved in the following ways:

- Apply for improvements on your home
- Volunteer as an individual or group
- Financial Support for the projects
- Make meals or other goods and services
- Spread the word

Services offered:

- Exterior Painting
- Light Carpentry/Repair
- Landscaping/Planting
- Yard Clean-Up

Learn more about this great opportunity on Thursday, April 6, 4 – 8 p.m. at HACAP's 4th Street Diner (202 E 4th St) or contact Jeff Capps at jeffcapps@cvhabitat.org or 319-366-4485 or Mike Timmermans.

Flyers and applications are located in Augstana Hall or email office@bethlehemvinton.org for electronic copies.

Flowers in January: Please remember to stop by and sign up for flowers for Sunday service. The flower chart is located next to the bathrooms.

<i>Bethlehem Lutheran Church</i>					
<i>Consolidated Fund Activity Report for February 2017</i>					
Account Name	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/ Journal Entries	Ending Balance
Building Fund	50,555.74	1,296.50	0.00	0.00	51,852.24
Equip Replace Fd	3,344.99	0.00	0.00	100.00	3,444.99
General Fund B	3,203.71	2,202.00	0.00	(5,408.35)	(2.64)
General Fund A	9,361.78	17,352.71	19,739.69	4,366.35	11,341.15
LYO Fund	3,377.60	0.00	27.52	0.00	3,350.08
Memorial Fund	12,187.17	45.00	664.18	0.00	11,567.99
Property Fund	26,608.42	0.00	400.00	400.00	26,608.42
Sun. School Fund	4,719.77	225.00	228.24	0.00	4,716.53

From the Treasurer.....

After the first 2 months of the year, 2017 continues to remain positive for giving and the General Fund at Bethlehem.

As of February, the General Fund ended with a positive balance of \$11,341-gaining \$1,979 from the end of January.

Total giving (funds A & B) totaled \$19,555 with expenses of \$19,740. Please remain aware and proactive to keep the General Fund in the positive as we continue into 2017!

Thank you to all that continue to give towards the mission and ministry we have at Bethlehem.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions!

~Ryan McClintock, Treasurer

Counters:

- 9 – Marta Bauer, Ron Bland
- 16 – Ron Bland, Ryan or Kelli McClintock
- 23 – Ryan or Kelli McClintock, Tim Jorgensen
- 30 – Tim Jorgensen, Deb Jertson

- Altar Guild: Sheila Stickels, Brenda Sutton
- Ushers: Sheila Stickels, Jim Dahl, Doug & Brenda Sutton
- Lector: Tenny Jertson
- Communion Server: Lisa Vermedahl
- Greeters: Ryan & Sally Jacobs
- Acolytes: Dalton Hill, Clinton Hill
- Tape Ministry: Mona Hanson
- Lock up: Jon Clingman