

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Pastor's Message:*

**Consecration Sunday Is Coming**

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship Team has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our regular attendees and active members to make their financial commitments to our church's outreach, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

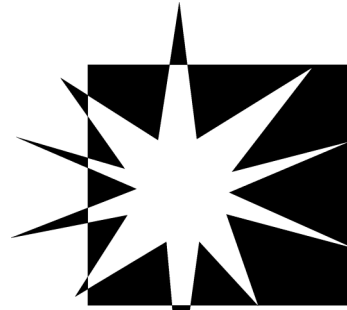
Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily while attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We encourage even those people who feel strongly opposed to completing such a card to attend worship and the meal which follows on that day. The procedure is done in such a way that no one will feel personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to make a written commitment.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday Team and Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

God's peace, *Pastor John*



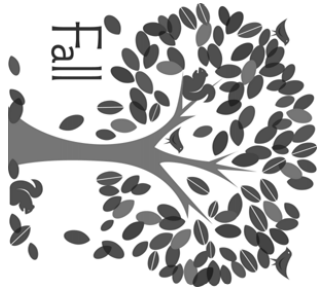
# The Star

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## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION BARBEQUE

Saturday, October 22, 2011

11:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Buffet menu:** pork barbeque, beef brisket, smoked chicken, chicken livers, salt-n-pepper catfish, and all the fixings (baked beans, slaw, fried okra, corn and other vegetables)

**Cost:** Buffet - \$10.00 for ages 11 and above; \$5.00 for ages 5-10; and free for ages 4 and under. BBQ also available for takeout at \$8.00 lb. Tickets are now available from the Lutheran Men.

## Outdoor Family Movie Night

Saturday, October 8, 2011

7:00 p.m. - Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Movie: "Soul Surfer"

This is a wonderful movie for all ages, so bring your friends and family out and enjoy a movie under the stars! (or inside if the weather fails us)

Refreshments will be available for purchase from the Ripples Youth Group



Blood Drive  
October 4, 2011  
3 - 7:00 p.m.  
Church Fellowship Hall  
of Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church, Hickory, NC

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Starts Thursday, Oct. 2nd at  
10:00 a.m. downstairs in the  
fellowship building.

Study: "Slightly Bad Girls of  
the Bible"

## Prayer Concerns

### We pray for all who are shut-in, especially:

Frances Berry  
Millie LaMothe  
Betty Lafone

Hazel Barger  
Gladys Herman  
Edith Wilson

Malcolm & Sally Lynn  
Sue Winebarger  
Arlee Helton

### We pray for all those sick or in need, especially:

Peggy Hedrick  
Ruth Edwards  
Vickie Hull  
Kristee Huffman

Betty Canupp  
Raymond Townsend  
Buddy Abernathy  
Kristen Terry

Janet Weaver  
Rose Dietz  
Ruth Lail

### We pray for other concerns:

For Bethlehem Lutheran Church

For the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

For peace among nations

For all our troops at home and abroad

For our pastor and for all leaders in the church

For our congregation as we worship, learn, serve, and reach out together



## Many Thanks. . .

- To all that have donated food items for the CCM Food Bank
- To our Living Waters Mission Team - Patrick Jenkins, Melanie Jenkins, Jimmy Propst, Larcie Jackson and Cindy Duncan - for sharing God's love in Honduras through the gift of clean water and Bible School
- To all that are attending Wednesday Night Alive
- To our choir members for their beautiful music each week
- To all those involved in serving in various capacities of our worship services each week





2012 ELCA Youth Gathering  
citizens with the saints  
Ephesians 2:14-20

## 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

*citizens with the saints*

July 18-22, 2012

New Orleans, Louisiana

Every three years youth gather from across the country and around the world at an event whose mission is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ, to create a safe place for youth to experience community and to be encouraged to respond to God's call to service in the world. Bethlehem's Senior High Youth are started making plans to attend the Youth Gathering! All youth going into 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade or having just graduated from high school at the time of the gathering are eligible to attend. All those that are planning to attend need to turn in their registration forms as soon as possible!!!

## Operation Christmas Child



All members of Bethlehem Lutheran are asked to prayerfully consider packing a shoe box of items to minister to needy children throughout the world.

Instructional pamphlets and shoe boxes will be available in the narthex starting October 16th. The project will run October 16 - November 13. Please return your packed shoe boxes to the box in the narthex by November 13. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's Love. This program provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ. Along with the shoe box gifts, millions of children are given Gospel booklets in their own languages.

Our church will also have two opportunities to volunteer at the Charlotte processing center. The two dates are: Friday, November 25 from 5 - 9 p.m. and Wednesday, November 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex!

## Upward Basketball

The Outreach Team is getting excited about the rapidly approaching kick-off of **Upward Basketball!** We hope that you are too! A generous member donated almost all of the cost of new adjustable goals, brochures are being distributed and our formal organization is filling out nicely! We even have an electronic billboard advertisement (corner of LR Blvd and Hwy 70) set for October when we are accepting applications. Catawba County Schools, Chick-fil-A and Dick's Sporting Goods have all agreed to distribute flyers. If you have a contact inside the Hickory City School system who could expedite their approval...please contact Justin Weidner ASAP.

If you haven't volunteered yet don't worry...we will soon find you! There is an Upward task for every disciple of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. From prayer team...to referees...to concessions...to coaches...we need you! Again, see Justin Weidner or Pastor John.

Skill assessments, games, practices and a closing program will fill our gym for many of the days and evenings from late October through early February (except for the two weeks school is out from Christmas through New Year). Of course, no Upward events will be scheduled on Wednesday evenings or Sundays. We will not know the full extent of the schedule until everyone is signed up. If you need the upstairs gym area during this period, please coordinate through Justin or Nancy. We may experience some inconvenience in scheduling...but God **WILL** work everything out for God's will! Please be patient and understanding with us as we start this powerful community outreach program! And won't it be GREAT to see our gym in busy use again for the kingdom of God! That is no doubt why He inspired us to build it in the first place!

## Clothing and Shoe Drive

The InnKeepers Sunday School will be asking for donations of fall and winter clothing and shoes to be taken to Boone for distribution for those in need in that area. So "clean out those closets" as your donations are greatly appreciated! Please place your items in the bin located in the church fellowship hall.

## Baby Shower

The congregation is invited to a baby shower in honor of Katie Weaver Hartzog on Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Katie is registered at Babies-r-Us and Target. *(Its twins - a boy and a girl!)*

## Wear Red for Reformation

Show your Lutheran enthusiasm and plan to wear something red to worship on Sunday, October 30th !!!

## Leadership Banquet

All folks in church leadership positions (see list below) and their spouses (or significant other) are invited to dinner and an inspiring message from our Consecration Sunday Leader, the Rev. Robert Sain. This great and fun event will be held in the church gym on Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Nancy in the church office with your choice for a steak or chicken entrée as soon as possible. Babysitting will be provided by our Waves group. Please note that we tried to include every congregational leader (council, Sunday School teacher, committee chair, etc.) we could think of...but if we inadvertently left your name off the list please give Pastor John a call.

List: Pastor John, Wilma Austin, John Barger, Adam Coffey, Sarah Coffey, Nelson Jenkins, Larcie Jackson, Jimmy Propst, David Smith, Les Stewart, Janet Weaver, Justin Weidner, Jan Wright, Dave Hefner, Margie Holder, Janet Jenkins, Patrick & Melanie Jenkins, Cindy Kilby, Martha Martin, Evelyn McNeely, Ethel Peeler, Patty Shell, Rosemary Skoog, Melanie Starr, April Townsend, Kim Weaver, Rita White, Darla Peeler, Eve Hollar, Rose Dietz, Jessica Pitts, Tricia Haas, Elizabeth Rollins, Morgan Lane and Nancy Bruce.

## Ripples Youth Group

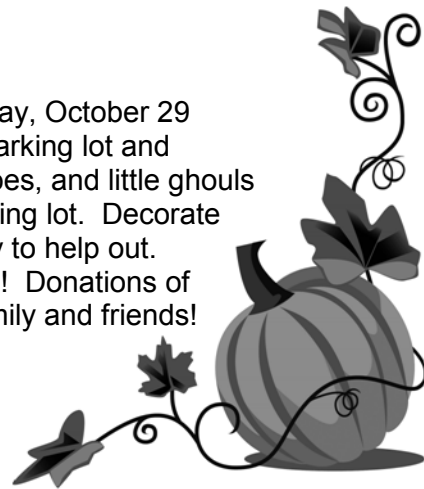
The Ripples will meet Sunday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sunday School open area to make Halloween cards for the shut-ins and plan upcoming events. YouthQuake for grades 3-5 will be held Saturday, October 22 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church in Hickory. This is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with other Lutheran kids from all over North Carolina. There will be crafts, music, inflatables, pizza, and more. Please email Patrick and Melanie at pljenkins15@yahoo.com if your child would like to attend.

## WELCA Silent Auction and Bake Sale

The Women of the ELCA will be holding a Silent Auction and Bake Sale in conjunction with the Lutheran Men's BBQ on Saturday, October 22. All silent auctions items can be brought to the church fellowship hall or office the week before the BBQ - October 17-21.

## FALL FESTIVAL

Make plans to join us for a fun-filled evening on Saturday, October 29 starting at 5:30 p.m. in Bethlehem Lutheran's church parking lot and fellowship hall. Join all our little princesses, super heroes, and little ghouls as they go goblin' up Halloween treats around the parking lot. Decorate your car trunk, bring your lawn chair and bags of candy to help out. Inside the fellowship hall, we will have games and food! Donations of candy and small prizes are appreciated! Invite your family and friends! We hope to see YOU there!



## From the Pastoral Musician:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to take the opportunity for this month's article to properly thank you for all you have done to make my first year here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church a success. As you may recall, my work with you all began officially on October 24 of last year and since then, there hasn't been a dull moment! From being snowed out for our Service of Lessons and Carols to our very meaningful worship experiences throughout the Church year, I thank you! I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed my time with you all as much as I have. I can honestly say I've never had a more enjoyable experience with a church in my entire career as a church musician. You support your musicians, and for that you will be blessed with good music for many years to come.

Over the last several months, my newsletter articles have been about Music in the Early Church and about singing in the Bible. I am interested about what *you* would like to read about! Email me or call me with suggestions (email and phone located in the Church Directory). I keep saying this to the choir, but I'd like to publish a list of my Top 10 Hymns so below, you'll find it! (note that many of them are German-Lutheran Chorales!) And by the way, Happy 494<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation!

### Top 10 Hymn Tunes:

Wachet Auf (*Wake, awake, for night is flying*)

Wie schön leuchtet (*How lovely shines the Morningstar*)

Ein Feste Burg (*A Mighty Fortress*)

Cwm Rhondda (*God of Grace, and God of Glory*)

Lobe den Herren (*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*)

Schmüke dich (*Soul, adorn yourself with gladness*)

Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland (*Savior of the Nations, Come*)

Es ist ein ros entsprungen (*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*)

Herzlich tut mich verlangen (*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*)

Christe sanctorum (*Father, Most Holy*)

In Christ,  
*Morgan*



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Edith Wilson  
Kim Heckler
- 5 Betty Cutler
- 8 Frankie Bumgarner  
Thomas Peeler  
David Shook
- 10 Beth Fisher  
Henry Stewart
- 11 Revonda Deitz
- 16 Keegan Jenkins
- 23 Rusty Barger
- 24 Benjamin Prince
- 25 Sue Winebarger
- 27 Charles Gabe

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Rusty & Kelly Barger
- 8 Carl & Stephanie Estep
- 21 Malcolm & Sally Lynn

*(Please call the church office with additions or corrections to this list. Thanks!)*

**Waves Yard Sale**

Date: Saturday, October 22  
 Time: 7:00 a.m. - until  
 Where: Bethlehem Lutheran - field beside the scout hut

Sellers:  
 Cost: \$20.00 donation per space with the option to donate your profits  
 Set up: Starts at 6:00 a.m.

After the yard sale, please remove all pieces not sold. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex starting Sunday, October 2nd.

**Thank you for your support of our youth !!!**

**LEADERSHIP**

- The Rev. Dr. Mark Hanson ELCA Presiding Bishop
- The Rev. Dr. Leonard Bolick NC Synod Bishop
- The Rev. John Duncan Pastor
- Nancy Bruce Administrative Assistant
- Morgan Lane Pastoral Musician
- David Smith Council President
- Jimmy Propst Council Vice-President
- Jan Wright Council Secretary
- Les Stewart Council Treasurer
- Nancy Bruce Bookkeeper
- Bobby Wright Financial Secretary
- Chuck Heil Sexton

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**MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS**

- Education Min. Team Janet Jenkins
- Finance Team Melanie Starr
- Mutual Ministry Team Les Stewart
- Outreach Ministry Team Dave Hefner
- Property Ministry Team Justin Weidner
- Social Ministry Team Gilda Barger & Larcie Jackson
- Worship Ministry Team Wilma Austin
- Youth & Family Min. Team Melanie Starr
- Stewardship Team Les Stewart

**Shut-Ins**

**Mrs. Hazel Barger**  
 Lutheran Home-Hky West  
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**Mrs. Frances Berry**  
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**Miss Kayla Huffman**  
*(UNC-Asheville)*



**October Servants**

**Assisting Minister:** David Smith (2, 23); Nicole Coffey (9, 16, 30)

**Communion Assistant:** Beth Fisher (30)

**Lector/Reader:** Sara Hollar (16)

**Acolyte:** Keegan Jenkins (2, 9, 16); Hannah Jenkins (23, 30)

**Children's Message:** Pastor John (2); Kim Weaver (9); Jan Wright (16); Larcie Jackson (23); Sarah Coffey (30)

**Communion Care:** Eve Hollar, Elizabeth Rollins, Caron Weidner

**Tellers:** Jimmy Propst, Les Stewart, Jan Weaver

**Greeters:** Janie Detter, Larcie Jackson

**Children's Church:** Melanie Starr, Sara Hollar (2); Larcie Jackson, Cindy Duncan (9); Melanie Starr, April Townsend (16); Alyssa Stewart, Darla Peeler (23); Melanie Starr, Matthew Hefner (30)

**Nursery During Worship:** Beth Fisher, Majerle Bishop (2) Melanie Jenkins, Sara Hollar (9) Jessica Pitts, Megan Jenkins (16) Rosemary Skoog, Lauren Skoog (23) Alyssa Stewart, Erika Hoyle (30)

**Altar Flowers:** Lanny & Evelyn McNeely (2) Jeroline Barger (9) Cindy Kilby (16) Revonda Deitz (23) Patty Shell (30)



OCTOBER

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00 a.m. Church Property Workday
2 <i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Men & Women's Reunion Prayer Groups 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 4:30 p.m. Mary Circle 6:30 p.m. Rachel Circle	3 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Team 6:30 p.m. Leadership Banquet 6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle	4 3:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive	5 <i>Wednesday Night Alive!</i> 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:15 p.m. Activities 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	6 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study	7	8 10:00 a.m. Baby Shower for Katie Weaver Hartzog 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Family Movie Night
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