

# The Spirit of Bethlehem



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## Pastor Randy's Ramblings:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
God's peace be with you as we enter the month of November. If the speed of the last two months is any indication, Christmas will be over before we know it.

During the month of October, did you find yourself feeling reflective, contemplative, even motivated? If so, you are not alone. There's been a movement on social media that's being dubbed "October Theory." The idea behind it is, that because of the changing seasons and the possible anticipation of the holiday season, we too, are prone to begin thinking about change, transformation and renewal.

There isn't any real science or data behind this theory; it's just a concept. And there's more to it than just setting resolutions or goals. As the seasons transition, there's still three months left of the year to make changes. We reflect not just setting new goals, but on evaluating what we've BEEN doing. Are there areas of our lives where a "fresh start" might be beneficial? It's just about looking towards the future, but also about evaluating the past.

Scripture, especially the apostle Paul, has a lot to say about transformation and new beginnings.

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. - Romans 12:2*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17*

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## **DECEMBER SPIRIT DEADLINE:**

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 5pm**

**Send to Traci at**

**trabefamily5@gmail.com**

## Pastor Randy's Ramblings (continued):

And from Psalm 51:10-12..

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

I could cite many more, but I hope you recognize not just the theme of renewal in these passages, but also the role of God. If we invite God into our desire to change and be transformed, the changes go well beyond diet, exercise, and avoiding procrastination. With God's presence, the changes also include spiritual benefits!

God wants us to be the best people we can be, but God also wants to play a part in our transformation. If you're feeling reflective this fall, "Go with it!" But make sure that you invite God into the transformation process.

May God bless you this November!  
Pastor Randy



**Pastoral Care:** *Please keep me informed of hospitalizations and other pastoral care needs. If you know of someone from our church family who is sick or in the hospital, ask if they've let me know. If not, offer to contact me on their behalf. I don't want anyone to feel unsupported in a time of need. That's part of my job! Recently I learned about a serious issue a week after it happened. The person said, "I though someone from church would let you know." PLEASE... let me know!*

*- Pastor Randy (920)286-2531 or randynme15@gmail.com*



# Bethlehem United Church of Christ

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## Our Spiritual Leader:

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- **Sunday School begins September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.**  
**All children 4 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade welcome!**
- *Gather in the sanctuary for worship Sunday mornings.*  
*Our service begins at 9:30am.*
- Tune your car radio to 101.3FM to listen to the service in the church parking lot at 9:30am.
- View Sunday's service from the comfort of your home through Facebook live stream at 9:30am <http://www.facebook.com/bucckiel/> OR watch the recorded worship service on Bethlehem's website anytime that is convenient for you and your family [www.bethlehemkiel.org](http://www.bethlehemkiel.org)

## 2023 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

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Treasurer - Jane Umland (920)286-2175 or [jm59umland@gmail.com](mailto:jm59umland@gmail.com)

If you are not able to join us in person Sunday mornings, please mail your giving envelope/check to:

**Bethlehem UCC**

**c/o Ruthie Rumpff**

**11608 Lax Chapel Road,**

**Kiel, WI 53042**



You can also give electronically! Please contact Ruthie Rumpff for details

Bethlehem UCC has added a Donate Button on the Church Website

[www.bethlehemkiel.org](http://www.bethlehemkiel.org)



*Click on the donate button to make a secure online contribution today!*

Your giving will go directly to offset our day-to-day costs of maintaining the church. This option was added in addition to giving at church, mailing your giving to church or giving electronically.

The on-line giving is secure by using your PayPal account, credit or debit card. The church is charged 1.99% plus 49 cents for each transaction. You have the option to add this charge to your donation.

*Thank you for all your support!*

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## **LOOKING FOR LITURGISTS!**

*Pastor Randy is looking for persons interested in leading worship services as liturgists. Lead the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession, and Read a portion of the scriptures. A sign-up sheet is on the door to the pastor's office. Let Randy know if you have any questions.*





## Lectionary Readings for NOVEMBER:

<i>Sun., November 3, 2024</i>	<i>Ruth 1:1-18</i> <i>Psalm 146</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 6:1-19</i> <i>Psalm 119:1-8</i>	<i>Hebrews 9:11-14</i>	<i>Mark 12:28-34</i>
<i>Sun., November 10, 2024</i>	<i>Ruth 3:1-5;</i> <i>4:13-17</i> <i>Psalm 127</i>	<i>1Kings 17:8-16</i> <i>Psalm 146</i>	<i>Hebrews 9:24-28</i>	<i>Mark 12:38-44</i>
<i>Sun., November 17, 2024</i>	<i>1Samuel 1:4-20</i> <i>1Samuel 2:1-10</i>	<i>Daniel 12:1-3</i> <i>Psalm 16</i>	<i>Hebrews 10:11-14</i>	<i>Mark 13:1-8</i>
<i>Sun., November 24, 2024</i>	<i>2Samuel 23:1-7</i> <i>Psalm 132:1-18</i>	<i>Daniel 7:9-14</i> <i>Psalm 93</i>	<i>Revelation 1:4-8</i>	<i>John 18:33-37</i>



## **Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting: 10-8-2024**

Present: Steven Volland, Jane Umland, Ruthie Rumpff, Ross Westphalen, Kathy Bowe, Lee Watson, Traci Rabe, Pastor Randy Koppenhaver

Call to order: 6:30 PM

Opening by Randy: Prayer

### **Monthly Reports**



#### **Financial Secretary – Ruthie**

- Month income \$8,938.00 (\$754.00 above YTD collection) \$66,212.00 (\$7,444.00 below YTD requirement)

The report is approved as presented (motion by Ross and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane)

Jingle Change – month of Sept – CROP – \$206.77

#### **Treasurer – Jane**

- Giving's received in Sept to date are \$9,294.77 bringing the checkbook balance to \$52,776.39

The report is approved as presented (motion by Ruthie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee)

### **Building & Grounds checking and Savings**

Checking = \$1,556.38

Saving = \$8668.97

#### **• Secretary – Kathy**

- The Secretary's monthly mtg minutes were approved as printed in the Sept Spirit of Bethlehem.
- Approved by Ross and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane

### **Building & Grounds Updates**

- North side of parsonage will need to be power washed
- Next spring the entire parking lot will need to be sealed and stripping done – we are looking at quotes on average of \$10,000. Anyone wishing to donate for this project can make a check to the maintenance fund and indicate "parking lot project"
- Outside of church has been sprayed for bugs
- West side of church down spout dug up and re-connected
- Christmas lights refund to building fund - \$80.99

### **Pastoral Report**

#### **Worship -**

- 9/22, 9/27, 10/6
- Upcoming "OFF" Sundays: Oct 20, Nov. 24, Dec. 15, Dec 29
- I have incorporated children's messages on the weeks I lead worship.
- Because we are traveling to MN for the Thanksgiving holiday, I am not available to lead worship on Thanksgiving Eve. There has been no discussion about an ecumenical service.



## Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):

### Confirmation/Youth/Sunday School

- Confirmation:
- First class/parent-mentor meeting on Sept. 18. All students and parents attended. Three of four mentors attended. First class on Sunday, 9/27
- Lakeland event is Thursday, Oct 10 @ 7pm. I was originally given the wrong date. I CANNOT attend
- Retreat with St. Peters and others tentatively scheduled for Jan. 17-18 at Daycholah. \$105/person. Ideas for reducing family costs?
- Met with Pastor's Nathan & Nicole on 9/24 to begin planning. Theme will be "prayer."

### Mission

- Loads of Love - Sept 9 - 3 clients- \$43.50 expended - \$51 collected in Sept. ;
- October 9 - 5 clients - \$71.25
- Crop Walk in Kiel on Oct. 6. Four out of five confirmation students participated. Bethlehem raised about \$322.
- Mission and Service Sunday: 284 sandwiches, 31 dz cookies, 7 clean-up buckets, 6 participated in highway cleanup
- Jane took food items to the Guest House on 9/22
- Randy is delivering the buckets on 10/9 - **PAPERWORK!!**
- WISE
- Jane attended the Suicide Prevention seminar
- Next step is covenant. Hope to be able to vote at the annual meeting in Jan.
- Meeting on 10/13
- Four persons assisted at Immanuel's Food Pantry on 9/26. In November, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will be assisting on the third Thursday (11/21) instead of the fourth. In December, we will not go to Immanuel at all.
- Bethlehem is conducting a special Thanksgiving Food Drive for the pantry during the month of October.
- Mission trip meeting 10/9

### Pastoral care

- Phone calls and left messages 4x
- Other electronic communication 6x
- Cards 2x
- Visits 3x
- Care Center/Hospital visits 4x

### Wider Church/MID process

- -My completed matrix, learning covenant, and ordination paper has been submitted to the committee on placement and transition.
- I will meet with placement and transition at their November meeting.
- -Taking Constructive Theology course at Eden Theological Seminary. Thursdays 6pm
- -Enrolled in my Community of Practice - \$250
- -On 9/28, I attended Mark Schmitt's Ecclesiastical council at Grace UCC in Two Rivers.

# **Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting (continued):**

## **Communication and Other**

- Hemauer baptisms (2) scheduled for 10/13
- I delivered closing remarks and prayer again at the Calumet County Harbor House vigil on Oct. 1
- Signed up for Boundary Training Oct 16-17.
- I am registered for the NE Association Clergy retreat on 10/30 at Daycholah
- Chaplain Darren is having surgery on Nov. 20. I will be covering for him at the hospital for approximately 6 weeks. (not full time, BUCC comes first)
- 10/24 Men & Women Banquet – Randy receiving scholarship
- UCC camps are looking for donations

Member Outreach – cards sent on behalf of Bethlehem = 1 thank you 3 get well

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mission Fest projects went well. Hi-way cleanup, guest house sandwiches, cookie making and clean-up kits. Thank you was sent to Roeck's Bakery for supplying the bread for the sandwiches.
- Confirmation and Sunday School – number of students are going up.
- Still looking for help for Sunday School teachers.
- We are monitoring the CD – next CD purchased will be 11/14/24 for \$5000.00
- Pastoral Review – Working with Marie Mueller to set a date.
- Attendance/Membership Review – Moved to November meeting
- Thank you to Tom Brickbauer for his service in the military – We enjoyed hearing his honor flight stories.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 160th Anniversary coming up in 2025
- Committee/Volunteer list will be reviewed by Kathy
- Renter's rent – Motion was made (Ruthie) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Traci) to raise the renter's rent by \$75 starting January 2025. Kathy and Jane will contact the renter.

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

- 11/2 – Set your clocks back 1 hour
- 11/3 – All Saints Day
- 11/17 – HHT Acapella group (with member Ross Westphalen)
- 11/24 – Decorate Christmas Tree – all welcome
- 12/1 – Advent begins
- 12/8 – Community Christmas Choir – Several Bethlehem members will be in the choir
- 12/15 – Children's Christmas Program
- 12/19 – Blue Christmas Service – 6:30 pm
- 12/24 – Christmas Eve Candle & Carols Service – 6:30 pm
- 12/25 – Christmas Day Service with Communion – 9:30 am

Motion to adjourn by Lee & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruthie

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Next meeting – November 12, 2024 6:30 PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Kathy Bowe



## Bethlehem Sunday School:



We hope you are enjoying the colorful leaves and scenery as you travel to and from church, school and events. What a beautiful display God has painted.

Thank you to all the kids that made cards for our members with health issues. We are hearing the “thanks you’s” from the shut-ins. They sure appreciate your colorful pictures and stickers.

It is so wonderful to see the children come forward during the church service for a time with Pastor Randy. And also to help with the jingle change collection.

Up-coming events for kids. The children will again be presenting their Christmas Program in December (12/15). Watch for a letter from the Sunday School for participation and practice times.

We are looking for more help in teaching Sunday School. This is not a full-time job. Teachers share weeks and set their own schedule. Lessons and supplies are provided. Feel free to sit in on any class and help with activities or just be a helper.

See you in class.

Keep collecting those cans!

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## Confirmation Classes:

Sunday, November 3 Confirmation class at 8am

Sunday, November 17 Confirmation class at 8am



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## Loads of Love:



Once a month, recipients meet Bethlehem’s Loads of Love team at the laundry mat and are supplied detergent and dryer sheets to wash and dry their clothing, towels, and bedding.

Loads of Love also generously provides the quarters for the washers and dryers. With your help Bethlehem will continue to do God’s work through this important mission. Your donations can be placed in the “Laundry Detergent” container located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

***Thank you for sharing God’s love through your generosity!***

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## Bethlehem Merry Christians:

**Please Save Your Kiel Piggly Wiggly Receipts:** The Merry Christians have been collecting cash register receipts from the Kiel Piggly Wiggly store. No other area store receipts are of any use to us. We receive a monetary rebate for every dollar that is spent on groceries. Please help us help others by placing your used store receipts in the box under the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. Thank you!



## Bethlehem Scrip:

The Christmas Season is fast approaching! Please keep the scrip program in mind when gift cards are needed or when Christmas shopping.

Stop at the scrip table for retailers which I carry on a regular basis. With some planning ahead, I can also order scrip cards from retailers that we may not carry.. Please let me know if you have any questions.

*I will be selling scrip every Sunday starting in November to accommodate the holiday season.*

Please remember the scrip program sets aside 10% of our profits for families in need. If you know of someone in need this holiday season, please let Pastor Randy know.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



<u>SCRIP STATS:</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Profit</u>
08/19/24	\$ 905.00	\$ 36.50
09/01/24	\$3,995.00	\$173.56
09/15/24	\$1,305.00	\$ 64.87
09/29/24	\$1,525.00	\$ 53.51
10/06/24	\$2,425.00	\$ 67.40

~Linda Rabe

## CAPS AND EGG CARTONS:

Thank you to all who save egg cartons and caps. The egg cartons are used in a food bank, as eggs are re-packaged. The caps are recycled and used to make plastic park benches.

*Please make sure that your caps are washed and free of any food or milk, otherwise they tend to mold and they are not passed along.*

Thank you!



## **Bethlehem Ladies:**



The Bethlehem Ladies met on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Six members answered to roll call.

A thank you card from the Doris Mae Ninmer family was read.

The Bethlehem Ladies are playing Bingo with the residents at Field of Dreams on Saturday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am. Polly will take of getting the prizes.

On to wash Communion glasses for November are:

Sunday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>: Heidi Konen  
VOLUNTEER NEEDED!!!

The Bethlehem Ladies would like to thank all that have volunteered to help wash the Communion Glasses. We are still looking for help through the remainder of the year. This is a very easy job and is a fun time of fellowship. There will be one Bethlehem Ladies member scheduled for each washing and we are looking for 1 or 2 more from the congregation to help. A signup sheet with all the dates for the upcoming year is in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping us out. Thank you!!

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 17th at 8:30AM – ALL ladies are welcome to join us!  
We will be collecting our Thank Offerings for the Christmas Cheer at the November and December meetings.

Polly Jeanty  
Secretary

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## **Get Comfortable!**

Bethlehem has a new “lounge” located in the middle Sunday School room.

Comfortable seating! Coffee! Books and Games!

*Feel free to relax or meet for conversation.*

*Before church - After church – While your kids are at Sunday School or Confirmation Class!*



## From the Historical Records of Bethlehem U.C.C.



Do you remember when Bethlehem UCC hosted a Pork Roast Supper? For seven years, from 2006 to 2012, the fellowship hall of Bethlehem UCC was the site of a scrumptious meal.

The kitchen was bustling with activity as the menu included a Roast Pork Sandwich, Sauerkraut, Applesauce, Baked Beans, Relishes, Potato Chips, Refrigerator Pickles, Pickles Beets, Barbeque Sauce and Horseradish. Ice Cream Sundaes with Strawberry, Chocolate or Caramel Topping for dessert. All this for only \$7.50. The second year, Parsley Potatoes and a cheese wedge were added to the meal.

“ The Pork Supper Committee chose a slogan of “Bethlehem’s going Hog Wild”. Last year’s supper was a new event, but with the help of many volunteers it was deemed a huge success and plans for this year’s event began immediately. The “Hog Wild” theme is being carried out in the advertising Big Pig signs located throughout the community. When this group starts planning, the wild ideas start flowing.

When planning for a new building, the building committee knew that the plans had to include the space to carry on the tradition of serving a great “church” meal. With the completion of the new building, the members of Bethlehem are discovering creative new ways to use the building in carrying out the mission of the church.

This special event allows the church to open its doors, invite the public to share the warm welcoming atmosphere. The event also allows the church to raise some funds to pay for the building and provide seed funds for the Bethlehem Mission Group. This group plans and organizes various hands on projects within the community and beyond.”

### Results gleaned from the records:

Year	Number served	Profit	Notes
2006	486	3606.00	Special T shirts
2007	793	5479.50	Tortes on menu for noon lunch
2008	907	6295.00	Special Pig Aprons made by member
2009	817	3369.69	Ladies also had bake sale
2010	968	4012.36	502 noon lunches served
2011	843	4033.59	56 noon lunches to Lakeland College
2012	946	5428.09	Profits for Mission Committee & Building Fund



Kaye Radder, Historian





## Merry Christians:

Merry Christians thank all those who helped make the Brat Fry at Rick's Piggly Wiggly in May a huge success. We had some great help. We will again host a Brat Fry in 2025.

Donations have been made to: United Church Men & Women Scholarship program \$500; Mission & Service Sunday fill a bucket \$84.19

This year's Rummage Sale showed income of over \$550. Special thank you to the families who donate items and work the event, and then shop.

Heifer Project fund raising will be during the month of November. We will again send a letter and put an article in the Spirit asking for donations. This year each \$10 donation will be an opportunity to have your name in a drawing for a prize basket. Deadline will be December 10<sup>th</sup>.

With proceeds from the brat fry and rummage sale, the Merry Christians are making donations to the Kiel Food Pantry and the Immanuel Food Pantry.

*Election of officers resulted in:*

*President – Kathy Bowe*

*Vice President – Rick Rabe*

*Secretary – Linda Rabe*

*Treasurer – Kaye Radder*

Future meetings will be held as a lunch time event at various local establishments.

Kaye E Radder, Secretary



## Heifer Project 2024



The goal of every Heifer project is to help families achieve self-reliance. This is done by providing families the tools they need to sustain themselves, and it's thanks to the generosity of donors like you. The "teach a man to fish" philosophy is what drove Dan West to found Heifer International over 70 years ago. That philosophy still inspires the work to end world hunger and poverty throughout the world.

We encourage you to set your charity budget and carefully consider the impact your contribution can have. It takes \$500 to supply a Heifer; \$120 for a goat; \$30 for honeybees, to a family that will make a difference the rest of their lives.

This year, the Merry Christians are offering an opportunity to win a "Wisconsin" themed gift basket for every \$10 donated. A \$10 donation gives you one chance, a \$50 donation gives you five chances, a \$100 donation gives you ten chances and so on.

In order to make a donation in 2024, the Merry Christians are again asking you to make a monetary gift by Sunday, December 8. Utilizing the enclosed, addressed envelope you can

- mail your donation
- drop off in person at any worship service

After receiving your donations, the Merry Christians will complete your entry form(s) for the drawing. The Merry Christians will add to the gift total so people who depend on us will be helped.

*Checks can be made payable to: Bethlehem Merry Christians*

*And mailed to: Bethlehem UCC, 11608 Lax Chapel Rd, Kiel, WI 53042.*

Thanks in advance for your generosity to help those in need.

~Bethlehem Merry Christians

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Thank you for all the cards, prayers, visits & phone calls.  
I sure appreciate all your well wishes during my recovery.

-Louie Bowe



## The United Church Men & Women

For 87 years, The United Church Men & Women with the tagline “Supporting Ministry Professionals Since 1937” have been presenting scholarships and grants to various recipients.

On Thursday, October 24, 2024 the Annual Scholarship Presentation Banquet was held at St John’s UCC in Sheboygan. The mission of this group is to provide scholarships to pre-seminary, seminary, and post-seminary students.

Keynote speaker for the event was Rev Franz Rigert, Wisconsin Conference Minister of the United Church of Christ. He reminded us while savoring memories of an idealic era is comforting, we are called to be hopeful, relevant and necessary for the future of the church. We need to be visionary, nimble, courageous, and compassionate as we work to grow the church.

Over \$9,000 had been donated from various UCC churches, their organizations, and individuals for the 2024 fund. On behalf of all of Bethlehem UCC, the Bethlehem Merry Christians recently made a donation to this important mission.

### **Recipients for 2024 are:**

***The David Heckmann Memorial Pastoral Care Grant was presented to Rev Julie Mavity Maddalena.***

***The Donald Lorfeld Seminary Scholarship was awarded to Randall Koppenhaver.***

***The Donald Lorfeld Seminary Scholarship was awarded to Elliot Luedke.***



**Rev Nicole Herda presents Scholarship to Pastor Randall Koppenhaver**



Don't miss worship on Sunday, Nov 17 when we will welcome back the barbershop group HHT for special music!  
Our very own Ross Westphalen is part of this talented group.  
*Coffee hour after worship!*

## Bethlehem W.I.S.E. PAGE

The WISE Team met on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Bethlehem UCC.

We would like to **thank you** for responding with your thoughts replying to the anonymous survey we sent out to the congregation. This required you to think about your feelings and the struggles of people close to you. Your voice matters and with this help the WISE team can develop a program that targets the issues that matter most to you and our church.

Please know that we are together, that you are not alone.

### **We are providing a summary of the survey results:**

Throughout your life you have learned many ways to cope with challenges. The top five that you have relied upon to help you through times of difficulty, pain, and stress:

- Prayer / meditation
- Walking/physical exercise
- Talking to a trusted friend/Pastor/family member
- Helping Others
- Music

What are feelings that come on a regular basis, that you wish you had community support for managing?

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Stress/Feeling Overwhelmed
- Insecurity/Low Self-Esteem

What programs and ways of being present, can you imagine our faith community offering that could help with the challenges you and our community experience?

- Parent Support, such as group support for struggling parents, information sharing
- Grief
- Big Issue Anxiety Support
- Women's Support
- Connecting Spirituality to our Mental Health Struggles

In the same way, what Activities and Education would you like to see Bethlehem develop to address the mental health issues you identify?

- Support Groups
- Speakers on Mental Health Topics
- Intentional Friendship Get Togethers (lunch/movies/walks)
- Meditation
- Laughter Yoga
- Library of referral and reference materials

Looking at our surrounding community of Bethlehem UCC, what do you see as current mental health issues and how do you envision Bethlehem UCC reaching out and impacting the need?

- Student support for the nearby schools (peer pressure, stress)
- Gaming and Media Addiction
- Increase in racial, homophobic and other division/hate mongering tensions



## Bethlehem W.I.S.E. PAGE (Continued)

Here at Bethlehem UCC the WISE Team with the support of our congregation seek to enter into an engaged, supportive, active ministry with those who struggle with mental health issues. We seek to embrace our faith partners and our neighbors in community and love. To be successful we must have many of us participating in a heart-felt giving of time and talent.

- Be a mentor, a support person to someone struggle with a mental health issue
- Collect and organize mental health resources
- Help to organize events / seminars for mental health awareness

From the survey, we have more resources and ideas to move forward in our journey to become WISE designated church (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged).

The WISE Team,

Pastor Randy and Melissa, Traci Rabe, Nancy Zimmerman, Marie Mueller, Sarah Schisel, Scott and Jane Umland

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*There will be an ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at Gloria Dei Lutheran at 6pm. Pie and fellowship afterward. Due to out of state travel, Pastor Randy will not be participating. If YOU would like to participate (reading scripture, etc.), please let Pastor Randy know asap.*

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All are welcome to stay after church on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> to help decorate the Christmas tree and church for the holiday season.

# Those in our Thoughts and Prayers



## ***Families who have lost loved ones:***

*The family of Doris Mae Ninmer*

*The family of Butch Waack*

## ***Those struggling with health issues:***

*Louie Bowe*

*Darlean Rumpff*

*Gary Rabe*

*Will Mathes*

*Jim Markelz*

*Brad Westphalen*

*Nancy Zimmermann*

*Heidi Konen*

*Darlene Horneck*

*Dawson Horneck*

*Jessica Horneck*

*Mason Kannel*

*Mary Beth Molitor*

*Marie Rietbrock*

*Gary Steinhardt*

*Tom Lefeber*

*Shari*



## **Those unable to worship with us:**

*Merlin Ninmer*

*Helen Henning*



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Check church bulletin board for flyers

**Drive-thru Soup to Go** – Tues. Oct. 29 – 4p-6p – St. Paul's Christian Church - Cty. J - Elkhart Lake

**Craft and Vendor Fair** – Sat. Nov. 2 – 8:30am-3pm – Salem UCC, Plymouth

**Drive-Thru Brat Fry** – Sunday, Nov. 3 – 11:30a-2:30pm at St. John's UCC (Church St, New Holstein) Please pre-order by Oct 24 (920-313-0531) See Flyer

**Fall Fare** – Sat, Nov. 9 – 9:00am-2:00pm. First Congregational in Plymouth – Craft Sale – Silent Auction – Soup to Go – Baked Goods

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Concert** – Grace UCC – Kohler – Sunday, November 10 at 1pm. Refreshments following. See Flyer

### ***Save your Aluminum Cans:***



Sunday School continues to collect aluminum cans.

**Place your bags in the old garage next to the cemetery.**

**~Can you help? Bethlehem will be assisting at the Immanuel UCC Food Pantry on a Thursday once a month. Times are approximately 8:30 – 11am. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall for Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.**







**NOVEMBER Vinnie's Pantry Collection: Box of Cake or Frosting**

**NOVEMBER Jingle Change supports Bethlehem Sunday School's various charitable missions**



**NOVEMBER Events**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>3</b> 8am Sunday School 8am Confirmation class 9:30am Communion & Toten Fest Service w/Pastor Randy	<b>4</b> Loads of Love 4pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6pm Consistory mtg.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8am Sunday School 8:30am WISE mtg. 9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:30am Bethlehem leads worship at Field of Dreams	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8am Sunday School 8am Confirmation class 8:30am Bethlehem Ladies 9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy & Special Music by HHT – Coffee Hour to follow 5pm November Spirit articles due to Traci	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9am Bethlehem @ Immanuel Food Pantry	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8am Sunday School <b>8am Confirmation Class</b> 9:30am Worship Christmas Decorating after church – all are welcome!	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at Gloria Dei Lutheran	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> Mark Riesterer	<b>2</b> Carolyn Riesterer
<b>3</b> Beau Hemaer	<b>4</b> Steve & Jennifer Deignan (2017)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Ryan Arnold	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Arlyn & Donna Truttmann Retlich (2006)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Julie Mueller	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Darlean Rumpff	<b>18</b> Pat & Bonnie Hoban (1983)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Heidi Konen	<b>22</b> Keith Bowe Bruce Jeanty Asher Rodreguez	<b>23</b> Ellie Holz
<b>24</b> Tom & Traci Rabe (1990)	<b>25</b> Joe Molitor	<b>26</b> Logan Shaver Kerry & Barb Henning (1983)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Rev. Roy Rogers	<b>29</b> Joe Schmidt Mark Wirtz	<b>30</b> Leah Henning





