

The Spirit of Bethlehem



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Reverend Randy's Ramblings:

O God, my soul is weary. How can I prevail? - Proverbs 30:1

Recently as I was doing my daily Bible readings, the above verse "popped" off the page at me. "Yes!" my soul said. This is exactly how I feel!

I don't know about you, but my soul IS tired. I am overwhelmed by the ugliness that seems to permeate in our society and the disregard and lack of compassion that is directed at people among us. We seem to have lost any sense of empathy. Hyperbole, name-calling, and disinformation have replaced common sense, civility, and truth. As a person who follows Jesus and is charged with being a faith leader, I am often conflicted, (actually **TORMENTED**), by how to respond. Do I address attitudes and events that seem exceptionally contradictory to Christ's instructions, or do I stay silent to avoid conflict? As a person who desires personal faithfulness to God and his word, it's a "damned if you do, damned if you don't" scenario. It's exhausting. *O God, my soul is weary. How can I prevail?*

Here's something I found really interesting...I came across this verse using my Harper-Collins Study bible, which uses the NRS translation. Later in the day, I wanted to read the verse again, so I decided to look up the verse online. In almost every translation I read online, the words were different, but most were similar to this: *my soul is weary, but I can prevail*. It's a subtle difference in wording that completely changes the meaning. It goes from a question about perseverance to a statement of confidence: **I can prevail.** *Continued on page 2*



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APRIL DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th

@ 5pm

Send to Traci at

trabefamily5@gmail.com



Reverend Randy's Ramblings (continued):

Often we seek "signs" from God. Was God sending me a message when I decided to look at the verse a second time? I can't say for sure, but the lesson is there! My first inclinations were focused on defeat, deflation, and even hopelessness. But a deeper dive into the verse reminds me that "I can prevail." I can endure.

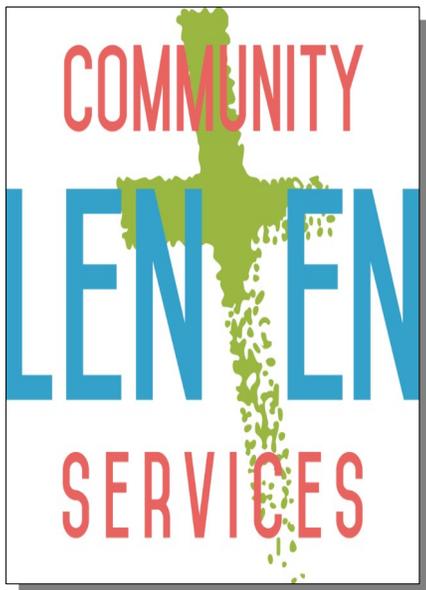
Friends, that message is for all of us. No matter what life throws at us, no matter how hopeless things can seem at times, with a faith and trust in God, we can prevail, we can overcome and persevere. In the words of the famous spiritual hymn:

*Oh, deep in my heart,
I do believe
We shall overcome, some day.*

In the meantime, I trust God to guide to guide me. You should too. Keep the faith and have a blessed March!

In Christ, Pastor Randy

Mid-week Lenten Worship: *There will be no mid-week Lenten worship services held at Bethlehem. Members are invited to attend services at St. Peters UCC in Kiel or the "rotating" Lenten services at Rural Church Fellowship churches. Services at all locations begin at 6pm.*



Wednesday 2/25 St. John's (Orchard Rd)

Wednesday 3/4 Immanuel

Wednesday 3/11 Bethel

Wednesday 3/18 Our Shepherd

Wednesday 3/25 St. John's

Maundy Thursday 4/2 Immanuel

**Ecumenical Good Friday worship at Bethlehem 6pm
fellowship at 5:30 (food & coffee)**

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Our Spiritual Leader: Reverend Randall Koppenhaver

Phone: 920.286.2531 or email: randynmel5@gmail.com



- **Sunday School every Sunday September – May at 8am.**
- *Gather in the sanctuary for our worship Sunday mornings 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

2026 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

Reverend Randall Koppenhaver (920)286-2531 or randynmel5@gmail.com

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Elder - Traci Rabe (920)894-7903 or trabefamily5@gmail.com

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Financial Secretary - Ruthie Rumpff (920)946-5849 or srumpff@tm.net

Treasurer - Jane Umland (920)286-2175 or 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



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!



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. - Reverend Randy (920)286-2531 or randynmel5@gmail.com*

LOOKING FOR LITURGISTS!

Reverend 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 MARCH:

Sunday, March 1st~Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5; 13-17 John 3:1-17/Matthew 17:1-9

Wednesday, March 4th~Psalm 128 Ezekiel 36:22-32 John 7:53-8:11

Sunday, March 8th ~ Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

Wednesday, March 11th ~ Psalm 81 Jeremiah 2:4-13 John 7:14-31, 37-39

Sunday, March 15th ~ 1Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Wednesday, March 18th ~ Psalm 146 Isaiah 60:17-22 Matthew 9:27-34

Sunday, March 22nd ~ Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

Wednesday, March 25th ~ Psalm 143 Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 Matthew 22:23-33

Sunday, March 29th ~ Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Matthew 21:1-11



Bethlehem Annual Meeting: January 25, 2026

Call to Order – President Steven Voland at 10:25 AM

Members present – 28

Introduction by Steven Voland and Opening prayer by Pastor Randy Koppenhaver

2025 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved by Jane Umland and 2nd by Marie Mueller

Building Maintenance Fund was reported by Jane Umland. (No approval needed)

Building and Grounds – Completed Projects in 2025

Church

- Furnace/AC repair
- Kitchen stove – 3 burners replaced
- Landscape (west side) Merry Christians
- Down Spouts (west side)
- Added water sensors thru-out church bldg. – (insurance suggestion)
- Repaired rubber boots around stacks on church roof
- Graded gravel parking lot
- Repaired snow plowing lawn around church
- Parking lot cracks and blacktop sealed

Parsonage

- Repaired seals around windows and patio door
- Repaired kitchen faucet leak
- Replaced stove Stanley Schmitz
- Cleared basement plumbing lines Harper Plumbing
- Furnace filters changed
- Replaced roof Wisconsin Roofing
- Power washed on the north side of house

General/Yearly maintenance

Bethlehem Ladies

Bethlehem Ladies have disbanded

Continued services

- Purchasing cards – Barb Henning
- Flowers – Sunday School
- Bingo – Melissa Koppenhaver
- Saving card fronts – Put in Heidi Konen's mailbox

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- Donation to Men and Women's scholarship – Merry Christians already does this
- Guest Speaker - WISE

Projects for 2026

- Outside church lighting
- Power wash parsonage deck
- Tree removal – Parsonage – South side
- Canister Lights – bulbs purchased

2026 Budget was approved by Tom Rabe and 2nd by Steve Deignan

Budget amended.

Changes were made to Rev. Randy's Pay Package

\$42,525 to \$43,801 (Salary & Housing Allowance) (3% increase)

The increased value was added to the Housing Allowance part, which affected the SS payroll Tax, Annuity, and Life & Disability pay

The total amount added to the Budget was \$1568.27 = \$107,809.27 for the amended 2026 Budget Amount

Volunteer Positions – none of the open positions were filled.

- Wisconsin Conference Annual Mtg. (April)
- Consistory Positions – there are open consistory positions – no volunteers
 - Existing consistory will continue for now.
 - Join the consistory for a meeting to see the inner workings of the church

Technology Up-dates

- Working with Brian Bartels

Future Plans and Goals

- Continue Mission work
- Research funding raising ideas
- Continue new ideas for worship services

Other discussion from the floor

- Scheduled meeting on 2/15/26 after service to discuss chili supper profits

Meeting adjourned by Tom Rabe and 2nd by Tom Mueller at 10:57

The 2027 Annual Meeting will be held on January 24, 2027.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Bowe-Secretary

Bethlehem Consistory Monthly Meeting: 2-10-2026

Present: Steven Voland, Jane Umland, Ross Westphalen, Kathy Bowe, Lee Watson, Ruthie Rumpff, Traci Rabe and Rev. Randy Koppenhaver

Call to order: 6:35 PM

Opening by Randy: Devotion from Anastasia Somerville-Wong on Victim of Violence, Justice and Peace

Monthly Reports

Financial Secretary – Ruthie

- Month income \$5,991.00 (\$2,980.00 below YTD collection) 5,991.00 (\$2,980.00) below YTD requirement)

The report is approved as presented (motion by Jane and 2nd by Traci)

Jingle Change month of Jan – Missions = \$118.02

Treasurer – Jane

- Giving's received in Jan to date are \$6,350.38 bringing the checkbook balance to \$29,718.66

The report is approved as presented (motion by Ross and 2nd by Ruthie)

Building & Grounds Checking and Savings

- Checking = \$2,125.69

- Saving = \$8,679.81

CD update (Bank First) (\$5000.00 ea.)

Invested \$20,000 in four separate 7-month & 11-month CDs of \$5,000 each. The maturity dates are staggered throughout the year, with the principal reinvested and interest designated for a special cause.

CD-#1088 invested Mar (\$5000.00)

CD #3584 invested Apr (\$5000.00)

CD #6473 invested May (\$5000.00)

CD #3541 invested Jan (\$5000.00)

Interest from #5409 (117.36)

Secretary – Kathy

The Secretary's monthly mtg minutes were approved as printed in the Jan Spirit of Bethlehem.

Approved by Lee and 2nd by Jane.

Building & Grounds Updates

- Replaced 4 large burners on kitchen stoves

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Pastoral Report

Worship - 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8

- Upcoming "OFF" Sundays: February 22, March 8, March 22, May 17, June 7, June 14
- Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30pm (Feb. 18)
- Ecumenical Good Friday worship at Bethlehem at 6pm - fellowship at 5:30 (food & coffee)

Confirmation/Youth/Sunday School

Confirmation:

- Class sessions on 1/21
- Retreat at Lakeland went well. All attended
- Chili supper prep day - 2 of 4 students attended
- Chili Supper all 4 students attended

Youth: Youth Leaders met 1/18 at Bethlehem.

- Planning an Olympic Watch Party on Feb 21 from 2-4pm @ St. Peters UCC

Mission

Loads of Love - 2/2- 1 client, expended \$17 - \$12 collected in January

WISE - met on 2/1 - planning a community "wellness" event for April 25

- 9:00-12:00 fruit & snacks available \$10.00 fee

Sheboygan Warming Shelter on Jan 25 - 5 attended

Mission Trip Meeting March 22-28 to Pikeville, KY - Next meeting Feb 22, 6pm @ BUCC

- Leaving from BUCC at 5am
- Freezer available a few days before
- Funds will be run through the Bethlehem Treasury

Pastoral care

- Phone calls and left messages 4x
- Other electronic communication 0x
- Cards 1x
- Visits 4x
- Care Center/Hospital visits 1x

Professional Development

-Grief coach certification #2 in process

-Conference/Wider Church

-I will be liturgist at Rev. David Kohl's installation at St. John's, NH - Feb 15 3p

-Community of Practice at Peace UCC, FDL on Jan. 21

Other

-Breakfast Club 2/28 @ Riverview 8:30am

-Watson/Meyer Wedding scheduled for 10/3/2026 (off site)

-Dayna Schultz wedding 5/31/2026 (off site)

-Ries Baptism set for April 26

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Member Outreach – cards sent on behalf of Bethlehem – 2 – thinking of you & 1-sympathy

OLD BUSINESS

With the updating of new media equipment, there will be several items available for sale/donation.

- Small TV with VHS capability
 - DVD player
 - VHS tapes
 - Large TV stand
 - Old projection screen and equipment
 - Also available is a couch and rocking chair
- Ice Fishing Sunday will be 2/22/26 Appx 11:30-2:00
 - Sheepshead Tournament – 2/15 1:00-3:00
 - New member Sunday 2/8 – followed by refreshments – 32 members stayed for fellowship
 - Annual Meeting went well
 - Lenten Season – Bethlehem will have Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Ecumenical Services
 - Chili Supper went well – did not run out of chili
 - Souper bowl collection on 2/8 – collected 33 items
 - New member on 2/15 – Member could not make the 2/8 service

NEW BUSINESS

- Displaying the American flag in the church
 - Members requested to display the American flag – consistory said okay
 - Flags are in poor shape, ask member/s for donation to replace
- Interest from CD #5409 given to the Good Samaritan Fund (round to \$125.00) Motion by Ross and 2nd by Traci
- Contact people we are missing/not seeing in church
- Old computers – Brian Vartels will clean-up – offer to members
- Starlink & Cellcom phone changes – more to come
- Discussion on church credit card for internet & pastor usage
- Member has donated a snow blower – discussion on usage
- Motion made (Ross) and 2nd (Lee) to change July Jingle change from Bethlehem Ladies to WISE
- Discussion on tournament ideas to include youth (2027)
- Baptism fee for non-members – Non-members will be required to attend 2 services prior to baptism – no fee at this time
- Review possible sabbatical for Pastor

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, February 28 - Bethlehem Breakfast Club – Riverview 8:30am

Sunday, March 1 – Game Day – after church with potluck (featuring egg rolls)

Sunday, March 22 – Pizza Party – after service

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday Worship – 5:30 Fellowship – 6:00 Ecumenical Service at Bethlehem

Sunday, April - Easter

Saturday, April 25 – WISE wellness event at Bethlehem 9-12:00

Motion to adjourn by Ruthie & Lee

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Next meeting – March 10 2026 6:00 PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Kathy Bowe

Upcoming Confirmation Classes:



March 11 - Confirmation Class 6pm

March 15 - Confirmands lead worship

March 18 - Confirmation Class 6pm

Bethlehem Sunday School:

We continue to gather our Leprosy birthday money to finish the month of February. With the help of jingle change, we will be sending \$400.00 to the Leprosy cause.

As we move into March, we continue with biblical lessons. We are also educating the children on the Lent season, Ash Wednesday and other events leading to Easter.



The Sunday School will be purchasing Easter lilies for the Easter season. We will decorate the sanctuary with the flowers. There will be no sign-up sheet to purchase additional flowers. However, after the service on Easter, you can take one of the flowers home. This will be on a first come, first service basis. If you would like to reserve one before the service, see Kathy Bowe. Any flowers left over will be given to a congregation member that is home bound or needs some sunshine in their life.

We continue to collect aluminum cans, that can be placed in the old garage next to the parsonage. Thank you for your support in this collection.

Thank you to all the Sunday School children that helped with the chili supper. They sure do a good job of carrying boxes and running meat to the cooling area. Their help is sure appreciated.

See you on Sunday at 8:00 am.

Bethlehem Scrip:

Thank you to everyone who continues to use the Scrip Program at Bethlehem. Spring is right around the corner, so keep scrip in mind when you are planning your spring needs.

Scrip is sold the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Your support is greatly appreciated.

10% of the profit is set aside for families in need. If you know of someone in need, please let Rev. Randy know.

Linda Rabe

		<u>Profit</u>
2/05/2026	\$3,460.00	\$ 152.76
2/15/2026	\$1,075.00	\$ 28.75



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!

MERRY CHRISTIANS PIZZA PARTY:

Who's Invited: All Family and Friends of Bethlehem

When: Sunday, March 22, 2026, following the church service

What: Pizza with a variety of toppings, Veggie Pizza, Fruit Pizza and Ice Cream Sundaes



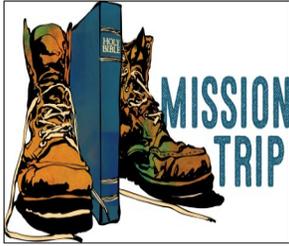
Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.



BUCC Breakfast Club! - Our first gathering will take place on Saturday, Feb. 28 at Riverview Restaurant at 8:30am.

All are welcome! Join us for food and fellowship!

Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall by Sunday, Feb. 21 so we can let them know how many are coming.



The mission trip will take place March 22-28. We will travel to eastern Kentucky to serve God's people who were subject to flooding last year. The cost is \$90 for lodging + travel expenses. Members of several area UCC churches will be going and we'd love YOU to join us! Our final participant list needs to be submitted by March 1. Please commit asap. Contact Pastor Randy with questions. *Also, if you wish to support our trip, we welcome donations of Walmart and/or BP gift cards.*

Special Congregational Meeting 2/15/26

Time: 10:45 22 Members present

Meeting was called to order by President Steven Voland

Subject: Discuss fund raising options.

Steven reviewed the current dividing of profits from the chili supper

Discussion about:

- Should the funds continue to go to the organization or be part of the general fund.

Organizations receiving profits: Youth, Choir, Merry Christians, Sunday School, Missions, Wise (replacing Bethlehem Ladies)

Kaye Radder presented the current history of the chili supper funds dating back to 2014.

Other discussion:

- More fund raisers
- Donation of cash or goods for the chili supper
- Rasing the rent at the parsonage
- Rasing the rent of the land

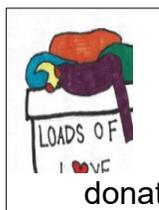
Other discussion:

- Church getting a credit card
- How do we get the young couples involved

Meeting ended at 11:35

Kathy Bowe – secretary

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

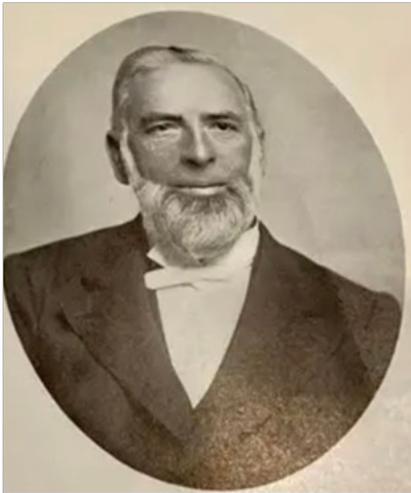
donations can be placed in the "Laundry Detergent" container located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Thank you for sharing God's love through your generosity!

From the Church Historian:

As we continue the celebration of 160 years at Bethlehem, here is a look at the pastors who served Bethlehem:

Over the course of Bethlehem's history, many pastors have served as the spiritual leaders. Some had rather short tenure, while others guided Bethlehem for many years. Some were fresh out of seminary (eager to get rolling); while others were near retirement (working from a lifetime experience). Some pastors shared their time with other churches; while others served only Bethlehem.



Christian Schoepfle 1906

The pioneer work in the history of Bethlehem congregation was done by the first Mission House seminarian, Christian Schoepfle, who, beginning in 1862 conducted worship services and Sunday School in the local school house for a little over two years. When he was drafted for service by the Union army other Mission House men carried on. After having served his term in the army, and being graduated from the Mission House Seminary, Christian Schoepfle accepted a call from Bethlehem. He also served St. Peters in Kiel. He resigned from Bethlehem in 1870. He went on to start and serve other churches in western Wisconsin, and finally served churches in Ohio. He passed away in 1924 in Dayton, Ohio.

Here is a list of the pastors:

Rev. Christian H Schoepfle
Rev. T Schnitzler
Rev. Forwick
Rev. Ludwig Zenk
Rev. E. Brunoehler
Rev. G. Haken
Rev. T. Schildknecht
Rev. Otto Muehlmeier
Rev. W.H. Steinecker
Rev. E. Dahn
Rev. O. Hauser
Rev. Otto Saewert

Rev. F. Friedrichsmeier
Rev. August Hammann
Rev. Charles H. Reppert
Rev. Wolfgang Koehler
Rev. Lloyd Weber
Rev. Carl Fried
Rev. Armin Roemer
Rev. Don King
Rev. Ward Malloy
Rev. Hilbert Klein
Rev. James Sizelove
Wanda Veldman

Barb Loose
Rev. Melinda Feller
Rev. Robin Reed
Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
Rev. Earl Kruse
Rev. Kelly Stone
Rev. Ernst Huntzinger
Rev. Ashley Nolte
Rev. Rebecca Johnston
Rev. Roy Rogers
Rev. Randall Koppenhaver

Other pastors have served as supply and interim pastors during the times between the resigning of a pastor and the call to a new leader.

See the pictures and further information about these pastors in the Fellowship Hall.

Kaye Radder, Historian



FMSC's mission

Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

The approach

Our process is simple. Donations given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved!

The opportunity

A food pack event is scheduled for March 13, 2026 through March 14, 2026 at First United Lutheran in Sheboygan. There are various shifts throughout these two days. You can volunteer to help. See the FMSC website for registration is required. Several members of Bethlehem UCC are already signed up. Contact Kaye Radder if you would like to join in.

Chili Supper

Thank you to all who made the 2026 Bethlehem Chili Supper successful. Approximately 65 people contributed time, skills, and talent throughout the planning and operation of this event.

The greatest success of the day was seeing and hearing old friends reuniting with smiling faces and stories. Some new acquaintances were made. The people of Bethlehem truly know how to work together towards a common goal. The measurement of this success cannot be calculated.

One of the successes of the day which we can measure is monetary profit. For 2026 each of our church organizations will receive approximately \$900 to use for their various projects and missions.

We cooked up and distributed about 1200 servings of Bethlehem chili. During the day, noon lunches were delivered to 238 people. The rest of the servings were done via our drive thru/pick up operation, 76 gallons and 435 individual meal deals. The good news: we did not sell out.

We welcome any comments or suggestions on improvements to Bethlehem's annual chili event.

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**Mark your Calendar, Save the Date:
February 3, 2027 – Bethlehem Chili Supper**

Planning is already under way. We will need

- Ice Cream Pails with covers
- Small cardboard boxes (Girl Scout Cookie cases are perfect)

If you know someone who works in food service such as a deli or restaurant, consider asking if they get product in covered plastic containers that might be thrown away. Ask if they could be donated to the church. Please bring any of these to the church kitchen anytime throughout the year.

WISE PAGE

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, YOU'RE WELCOME HERE

The WISE Team met in January and on February 1, 2026.

We discussed and planned our next community program, which will take place here at Bethlehem UCC on April 25, 2026. The program will feature Dr. Cary Knier Johannes, who will lead a Mini Retreat from 9 am to noon. Snacks/Fruit & Beverages provided.

Dr. Cary will share information on spirituality & wellness and teach people a variety of techniques to incorporate into their daily lives that help them connect with God. These include meditation, journaling, breathing techniques, prayer, and sharing her book "The Missing PEACE" (Purposeful Everyday Acts to Center and Elevate).

The WISE Team is putting together a Poster to advertise this to the community and to share on social media.

In the Church Fellowship Hall, we now have a message board and table with educational materials.

At our next meeting, we will continue our preparations for the April 25th program. And, begin our plans for May, as May is Mental Health Awareness Month.



Get Comfortable!

*Bethlehem has a new "lounge" located in the middle Sunday School room.
Comfortable seating! Coffee! Books and Games!
We also have many resources on wellness if you're interested.
Feel free to relax or meet for conversation.*



Save your Aluminum Cans: Sunday School continues to collect aluminum cans.
Place your bags in the old garage next to the cemetery.



Snow Shoveling Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to shovel the sidewalk and entryway at church. Your Commitment is only a few weeks to a month. Please sign up on the sheet located in the fellowship hall.

The annual meeting for the WI conference of the UCC, will be held April 10 & 11 at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake. Bethlehem is allotted two delegates from the membership. It's a time of worship, business meetings, seminars and more. There are funds allocated in the budget to cover your costs. Please contact Pastor Randy if you're interested in attending - even if just for ONE of the days!



“Church camp” can be a very meaningful and fun summertime activity. UCCI has great facilities at both Daycholah (Green Lake) and Moon Beach (St. Germaine) with programs for youth of all ages, including family camps! Scholarships are available too! An offering of Daycholah programs and schedule can be found in the fellowship hall or visit ucci.org for complete details.

Community Announcements:

Sat. April 18 – 9a-1pm – “Stewardship of the Body” – A workshop for women – Zion Lutheran Church, New Holstein – see flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more details



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Those dealing with grief and loss:

Family of Luella Emily Rogers Mauro (Pastor Roy's mother)

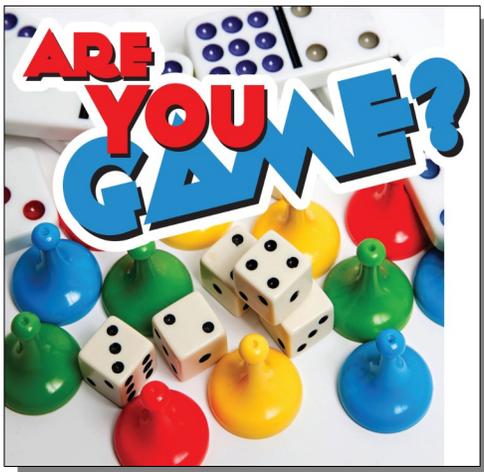
Those struggling with health issues:

Louie Bowe	Dawson Horneck
Heidi Konen	Jackie Volland
Garrett Schultz	Darlene Horneck
Jessica Horneck	Heather
Sofia	Willow
Hubert	Larry
Chase Goekes	Tyler Smith
Molly	Margaret
Eileen Koppenhaver	Linda Skinkis (sister of Judy Brockway)

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin Ninmer

Helen Henning



***MARCH 1st following Worship
Potluck & "Game Day"***

Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall
AND
Bring your favorite game

Don't miss the egg roll taste testing!

**MARCH/APRIL Kiel Area Community Food Pantry items:
Pasta, Rice and Crackers**

**Your MARCH Jingle Change supports OCWM
(Our Church's Wider Mission)**



MARCH BETHLEHEM Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship w/Communion  Potluck & Games following worship	2 Loads of Love 4pm	3	4	5	6 World Day of Prayer	7 
8 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship	9	10 6:30PM Consistory mtg.	11 6pm Confirmation Class	12 10:30am Field of Dreams Worship	13	14
15 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship (Confirmands leading worship)	16	17	18 5PM April Spirit articles due to Traci 6pm Confirmation class	19	20	21
22 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Pizza & Ice Cream Sundaes after church sponsored by the Merry Christians	23	24	25	26 8:30am Bethlehem @ Immanuel Food Pantry	27	28
29 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship	30	31				

We send prayers for safe travel & well wishes to Rev. Randy, Melissa, Marie and all those on the Adult Mission Trip March 22-28.

MINI SPRING RETREAT

Join us for a Morning of Wellness & Spirituality



Featuring Dr. Cary Knier Johannes, author, psychologist & UCC Lay Speaker.

Cary loves to blend her passions of wellness and spirituality through mini-retreats and individual spiritual coaching sessions. Retreat will include parts of her book *The Missing Peace*, guided meditation, tips on journaling, and other ways to center our hearts and minds

SATURDAY APRIL 9 AM TO NOON
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BETHLEHEM UCC
11608 LAX CHAPEL RD, KIEL, WI

Registration: \$10 per person
Includes a copy of Dr. Johannes' Book *The Missing Peace*
RSVP recommended - walk-ins accepted
Call: 920-894-3332 "leave a message if no answer"
Email: BethUCCKIEL@outlook.com

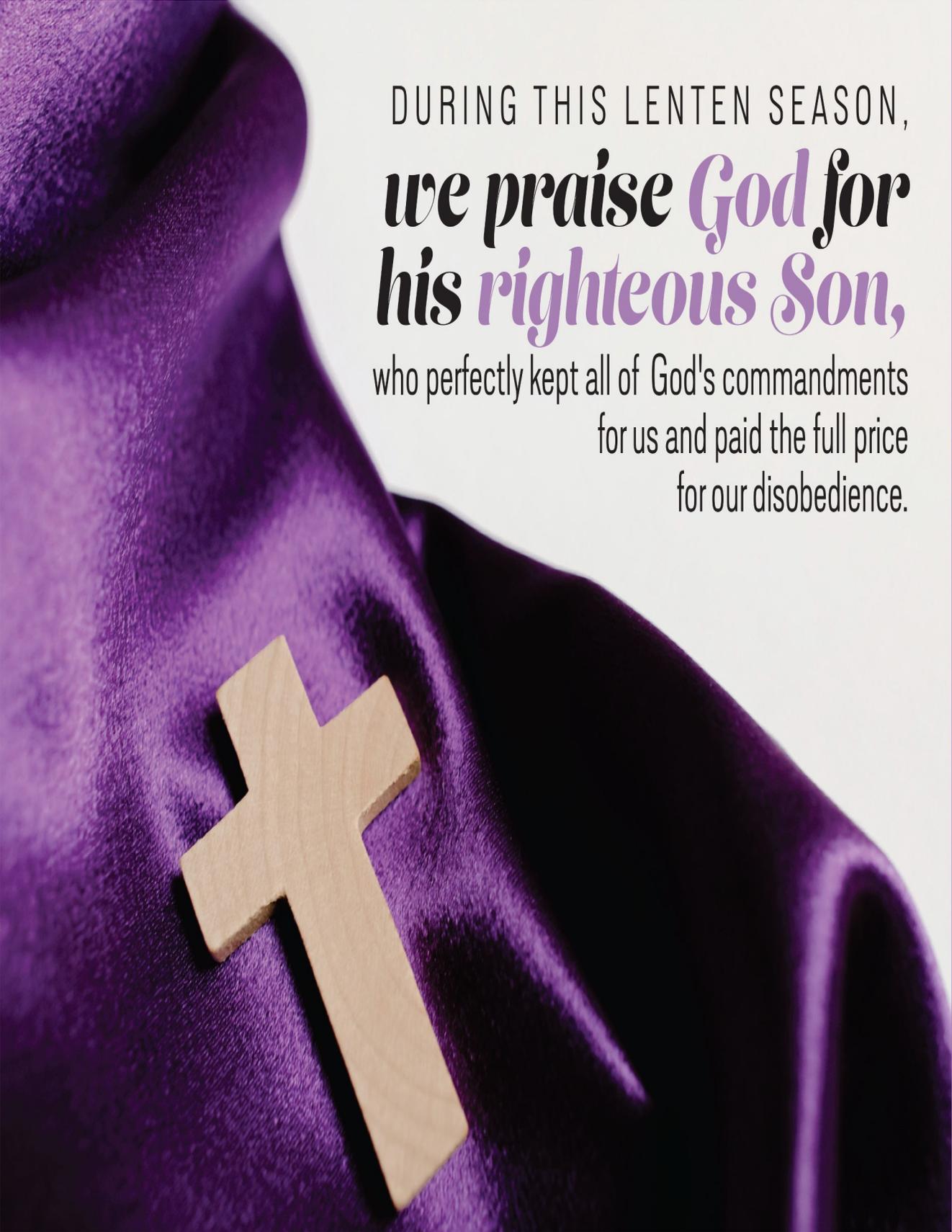
Snacks / Fruits & Beverages Provided

This workshop is being offered as a community service by Bethlehem UCC. There will be No intention to promote the church or any specific religious understanding.



MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Peyton Koppenhaver Greyson Hoban	2	3	4	5 Jeff & Jennifer Holz	6 Mason Wempner	7 Dylan Jeanty
8	9	10	11 Steven Voland Scott Umland	12	13	14 Jennifer Deignan
15	16	17	18 Tina Salm	19 Hallie Brockway Brianna Pennell	20 Ross Westphalen Jeremy Aschenbach	21 Kathy Bowe Tom Mueller
22 Riley Radder	23 Rev. Randy Koppenhaver	24	25	26 Doreen Schmidt	27	28
29	30 Joe & Doreen Schmidt	31				



DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON,
*we praise God for
his righteous Son,*
who perfectly kept all of God's commandments
for us and paid the full price
for our disobedience.

