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He went out . . . to blaze abroad the matter. Mark 1:45, KJV

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Why We Do What We Do: Worship at Bethlehem (#3)

Pastor Marcus Felde

Let me give you one example of how theological principles support our worship practices at Bethlehem.

Why do we prefer for our singing to be led by a pipe organ, rather than some of the other alternatives out there? What does that have to do with theology?

It is not merely a matter of tradition, although it is *also* a tradition. I love the sound of a pipe organ and I love to sing with a pipe organ. But I love to sing anywhere and anyhow, including at a conference Christine and I went to last week where the music was led by a woman playing an miked-up acoustic guitar singing into a microphone. I worshiped fourteen years in Papua New Guinea, during which time I never once saw a pipe organ. For all I know, there still isn't one in the country.

So, why the pipe organ? Aren't they awfully expensive? Would it not be easier and more in tune with our culture to use other instruments, or even no instruments, to lead our worship?

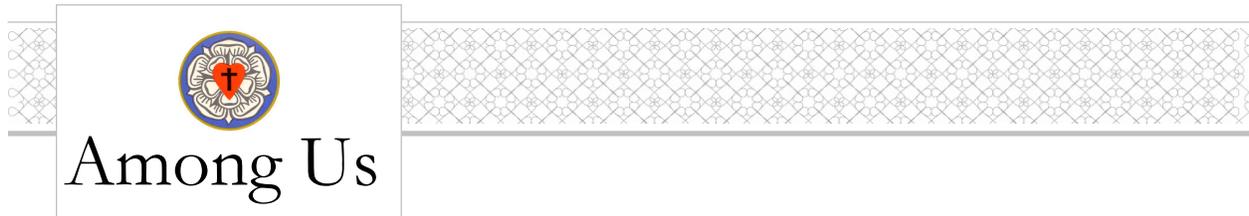
My answer should not be derived from assumptions about what people like to hear (because they might come to Bethlehem if they like our music) or what is cheapest or easiest. Worship is *supposed* to express what we think of God, so "going cheap" shouldn't be on our minds.

I said in the first installment of "WWDWWD" that the "chief theological standard" by which all our worship practices are judged is that our worship is "the thanks of sinners who know and trust in God's mercy alone."

Thanks and praise are expressed in a powerful way when the people of God *join our voices*. Colossians 3:16: "and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." We do this *as one body*.

The pipe organ has an unmatched ability to unify and support voices in songs of praise and thanksgiving. Because it is an acoustical instrument, our ears hear it better than we hear electronically generated or amplified tones. And because it is a large instrument it can support a whole lot of voices. (A house church would certainly not want or need one.) Because it consists of pipes, it harmoniously

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Ill, Injured, Recovering: Ray Bragiel . . . Owen Brown . . . Juanita Keck . . . Susan Lewis . . . Ellen Roberts . . . Jim Simpson . . . Anna White . . . former member Ann Greer Nelson . . . Eadie Barrie's friend Kathleen Boccella . . . Marty Benson's father Martin Benson . . . Bill & Sarah Brown's friend Linda Dudine . . . Jim & Nancy Capron's friends Ethel & Neil Sullivan . . . Luke Crabiel's friend Ian Craig . . . Brent Hege's brother Adam Hege . . . Linda Henke's family members Doug Wagner, Ruth Wagner, Sharon Witte . . . Susan Hetherington's grandson Rick Hetherington . . . John Jordan's friend Pat Seeman . . . Aaron Kaiser's sister, brother-in-law, and nephew Heidi Kaiser, Larry Arguello, and Adam Weaver . . . Becky & Charlie Kendall's friend Bob Marshall . . . Karen McCune's father Ed Schilman . . . Kaaren Rodman's friend Karla Bibbs . . . Dee & Jim Simpson's friends Will Black, Roy Farmer, Nancy Rodgers, Judy Russell . . . the Slovers' friend Elliot Ogle . . . Bev Todd's cousin Linda Ruisz . . . Nancy Turula's son Harry Turula, Jr . . . Beth Tysklind's mother Jane Oaks . . . Bob Wood's mother Katie McMillin . . . the Woods' friends Cyndi Carlisle, Stephanie Ellis, Karin Harrison, Jared Rodin, Kerri Rombach. . . . We pray with these sisters and brothers in Christ for their comfort and healing.

Condolences: To the family and friends of Alice Eckel, who died recently. Alice and her late husband Charles had been faithful members of Bethlehem for over 60 years. . . . To Eadie Barrie and family on the recent death of Eadie's son Joe Manella Jr. . . . To Bob Wood and family on the recent death of Bob's sister Carole Gorenflo. . . . We share with these families and friends our sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

Wedding: Sara Tomasbi and Roman Ortiz-Prather were married at Bethlehem by Pastor Felde on October 8. We offer our best wishes and prayers for Sara & Roman in their life together.



Free for Lunch? Join Us November 22!

Deaconess Jody Winter

No fuss meal, bring your own! Pack a brown bag or swing through a drive-thru on your way. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the Fellowship board! All are invited and welcome! We gather from about 11:30am to 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Got Leaves?

Deaconess Jody Winter

It's that time again, and our youth are ready and willing to help with your autumn yard work. Contact me to arrange timing. You supply the leaves and bags (and snacks are nice). We'll do all the raking, bagging, lifting. All we ask is for you to donate to our summer trip! Thanks in advance for supporting us through this, our largest fundraiser each year!

Altar Flowers

Julie Smith

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful bouquets of altar flowers. We switched florists in June and we are now doing business with Posh Petals. For the same price as we had been paying (\$40 a Sunday), we have seen a much more beautiful and luscious set of arrangements. We hope you too have noticed the change. As I mentioned the cost is \$40 a Sunday, so if you sign up and are the only person sponsoring flowers for that particular Sunday, your charge is \$40, otherwise it is \$20 if two have signed up.



you know whose day could be brightened by a delivery of flowers from you. For the rest of us, consider delivering an arrangement to a friend, a neighbor, or someone else who might appreciate them. All that we ask is that you transfer them from the glass container they are in to a decorated coffee can. The decorated cans can be found downstairs in a kitchen cabinet on the back wall and to the right of the sink. If you would like to help, either the Crabiels or I are usually available after the 11:00 service.

We can always use help delivering flowers. If you sponsor the flowers, they are yours to take if you so desire. Many times the flowers, with some additional water, will last for at least a week. If you prefer not to take the flowers for yourself, maybe there is someone

Last but not least, we can always use containers to transfer the flowers into for delivery. We find small coffee cans or 29 oz. vegetable/fruit cans work well. If you have such cans around your house, please drop them off in the kitchen the next time you are at church. Thank you!

Now Is the Time

Ken McCune, Stewardship Ministry

The phrase “Love Lives Here” has special meaning to us at Bethlehem. This is our church—a place to worship, learn, and enjoy fellowship with each other. It is a place where we grow in faith and love, becoming better stewards of God’s Word to our world.

We are developing new outreach programs like Stephen Ministries and GLUE teams. In fact, we could say that we are in the midst of a “perfect storm,” having a Christian ministry that is not only successful, but more important, *effective*. This effectiveness is not measured in how many people enter through the red doors, but by what we take with us as we go back out into the world.

You recently received a letter from council outlining the proposed budget for the coming year. This proposal is a response to the enthusiasm from you in our worship and ministries. Now is the time to give council the confidence to say “Yes” to our ministry leaders instead of “wait and see.”

What if we could increase our support to Sharing Place, Mid-North, Great Chicken Roundup, Helping Hams, and Roberts Park? *Now is the time!*

What if we could address maintenance issues that could not be addressed in the last capital campaign? *Now is the time!*

What if we could...? *Now is the time!*

The goal for this year’s annual stewardship campaign is a response to the enthusiasm we have witnessed in our ministries. Your response will enable council to operate from a position of strength as they address your concerns and needs. You will soon receive a letter from me with a pledge card. *Now is the time* to step up and help us reach our goal with your pledge.

Bethlehem Lutheran Congregational Council

Digest of Minutes: Monday September 12, 2016

Property—Some cleaning issues have been addressed. Slate roof will be fixed this week. Consideration was given to organizing a property committee with three areas of concern: cleaning, maintenance, and special projects.

Fellowship: The Women’s Retreat will be Saturday September 24, at Brown County.

Service Ministry: We are currently on the Roberts Park list to help serve in June of 2017. Community Cookout will be Saturday, September 17, 12:00-2:00 at First Trinity Lutheran.

Adult Education: Leviticus class has started on Wednesday nights led by Katie Harber.

Stewardship: Time and talent sheets will be shared with council members.

Youth & Family: Two new nursery staff have been hired from Butler for the Sunday nursery program. This will bring the staff number to four, which is a full staff. The youth mission trip will be in Tennessee this next summer with a new company: “Mission Discovery.”

Finance: The final Statement of Operations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 was reviewed. (\$4,423 in the black). Statement of Operations as of August 31, 2016 was presented.

Old Business: A bylaws committee has been set up consisting of Monroe Little, Bill Slover, Kent Alder, Jim Swinford, Pastor Felde, and David Rees. Kent presented ideas for property improvement to be done with recent memorial gifts. He will send an email to members. The improvements will be prioritized at the next meeting.

Pastor’s Information: New members will be received November 13.

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supports our voices, which are also pipes. My organist brother-in-law always says: “Pipes call to pipes.” As a bonus, the beauty and variety of its various tones express the beauty of creation better than “manufactured” tones.

In sum, we use the pipe organ because it best supports a congregation of a hundred or more faithful voices raised in praise and thanks to God. It works—musically, acoustically, technically, socially, as well as theologically and pastorally.

No, it is not essential to Christian worship to use an organ. Our 7:30 service does not use one. But the reason we keep doing it is not just to be old-fashioned. We are not merely trying to keep worship the way it was when our great-grandparents lived in Europe, or the way we remember it being when we older ones were children. We use it to support what is absolutely essential: the united people of God singing to the Lord from our hearts because of the joy we have through Christ Jesus.

Singing along together, led by the organ in an acoustically live sanctuary (without the cushions and carpets and sound-absorbing walls and ceilings of mega-churches), the ancient practice of congregational praise-and-thanksgiving thrives at Bethlehem.



Assisting Ministers

Cantors: Kent Steele, Andy Swenson
Communion Preparers: Sarah Felde, Amy Joss
Offering Counters: Phil Henke, Kent Steele

November 6

8:30 Welcomers: Quandt Family
Acolyte: Bethany Champley
Lector: Ken McCune
Children's Sermon: Pastor Felde
Ushers: Brett Quandt, Rick Roberts
Enrichment: Delaney Winter
11:00 Welcomers: J Crabiel Family
Acolyte: Noah Mills
Lector: Heidi Radtke
Children's Sermon: Pastor Felde
Ushers: Jon Crabiel, Luke Crabiel
Enrichment: MaryBeth Wott
Altar Flowers: Janice & Jesse Vadas
Altar Flowers Delivered: Will You Help?

November 13

8:30 Welcomers: Art & Cissie Hennig
Acolyte: Maddie Fanger
Lector: Shari Morgan
Children's Sermon: Deaconess Jody Winter
Ushers: Rick Roberts, Justin Vanecko
Enrichment: Sarah Quandt
11:00 Welcomers: Betty & Tom Carr
Acolyte: Beatrice Ladrón de Guevara
Lector: Rob Pritchard
Children's Sermon: Deaconess Jody Winter
Ushers: Michael DeMotte, Alex Winter
Enrichment: Beth Tysklind
Altar Flowers: Jim & Nancy Capron,
Art & Cissie Hennig
Altar Flowers Delivered: Norma & Carl Crabiel

November 20

8:30 Welcomers: Champley Family
Acolyte: Henry Schickel
Lector: David Rees
Children's Sermon: Karen Feder
Ushers: Marty Benson, John Champley
Enrichment: Karen Feder
11:00 Welcomers: Linda & Phil Henke
Acolyte: William Slover
Lector: Gloria Price
Children's Sermon: Eric Felde
Ushers: Rick France, Tyler Wott
Enrichment: MaryBeth Wott
Altar Flowers: Levine Family
Altar Flowers Delivered: Will You Help?

November 27

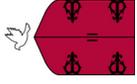
8:30 Welcomers: Winter Family
Acolyte: Vivian Wilson
Lector: Jesse Vadas
Children's Sermon: Jennifer Scharbrough
Ushers: Jim Capron, Ken McCune
Enrichment: Travis Wilson
11:00 Welcomers: Darryl White
Acolyte: Benjamin Wood
Lector: Karen Rider
Children's Sermon: Becky Kendall
Ushers: Judy Simpson, Erik Tysklind
Enrichment: Bev Todd
Altar Flowers: Karen & Ken McCune
Altar Flowers Delivered: Julie Smith

Congregation Council

Kent Alder, president
Marty Benson
Pastor Marcus Felde
Monroe Little

Marianne Meyer, secretary
Julie Smith, treasurer
Lori VanEvery
Susan Waschevski

November 2016



Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints' Day 6:30p Stephen Ministry	2 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Wednesday Studies	3 9:30a Quilters	4 6:30a Men's Bible Study Congregational Retreat at Lutheran Hills	5
6 All Saints' Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Daylight Saving Time Ends—Fall Back! Congregational Retreat at Lutheran Hills 7:30a Holy Communion (Simple) 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 11:00a Holy Communion	7 7:00p Bylaws Committee	8 Election Day—Vote! 6:30p Stephen Ministry	9 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Wednesday Studies	10 6:30p Dining Out 7:00p Congregation Council	11 Veterans' Day 6:30a Men's Bible Study	12 2:00p Crafty Ladies
13 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 7:30a Holy Communion (Simple) 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education, Choir Rehearsal 11:00a Holy Communion 12:00n New Member Reception	14	15 6:30p Stephen Ministry	16 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Wednesday Studies	17 9:30a Quilters 7:00p Faith & Film	18 6:30a Men's Bible Study	19
20 Christ the King Sunday Last Sunday after Pentecost 7:30a Holy Communion (Simple) 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education, Choir Rehearsal 11:00a Holy Communion 12:00n Blaze Deadline	21	22 11:30a Free for Lunch? 6:30p Stephen Ministry 7:00p Young Adults' Bible Study	23 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Wednesday Studies	24 Day of Thanksgiving	25 6:30a Men's Bible Study	26
27 First Sunday of Advent 7:30a Holy Communion (Simple) 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education, Choir Rehearsal 11:00a Holy Communion	28	29 6:30p Stephen Ministry	30 6:30p Evening Prayer 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Wednesday Studies			



An Invitation to All Women

Advent by Candlelight, Thursday Evening, December 1, at 7:00pm

All Bethlehem women of confirmation age and older (and their friends) are invited to begin the Advent season together at Advent by Candlelight. This is an evening of fellowship with your sisters in Christ as we begin the new church year. The entire program is about an hour and a half long, starting with fellowship over dessert, coffee, and tea in Fellowship Hall. We then move to the sanctuary for a 30-minute devotional service. In the past we have used scripture, liturgy, song, and a short homily to explore Advent themes including “Unexpected and Mysterious,” “Joy,” “Memories,” “Divine Love,” “Mary,” and “Joyous Light.”

The Tea – We sit in tables of eight with one person serving as hostess. She provides the dessert for her table, and is responsible for setup and cleanup. If you are willing to serve as a table hostess please indicate that when you sign up to attend. It can be very simple, using church plates and cups and a centerpiece. Or you are welcome to bring your own table service.

Transportation and Childcare – We want to remove as many obstacles as possible so that we can all join together—from our youngest to our oldest sisters—so childcare is available for those with young children, and rides are available for those preferring not to drive at night.

The Devotional Service – If you can help with the liturgy, music, or homily (writing or presenting), we will meet soon to plan a theme and the evening’s agenda. Please let Jody Winter or me know that you are available to help, and we will contact you.

Dining In, 2017

Norma Crabiel, Fellowship Ministry

We had another delicious Dining-In year! There were five teams of 7-8 members with each couple/pair taking a turn as host, who then assigned dishes for other team members to bring and supplied the beverages. These dinners are a good way to meet other members in a small group setting and also a good time to try new recipes.

Won’t you join us for the 2017 season? No gourmet experience or matching tableware is necessary. A sign-up sheet can be found in the hallway. The deadline is January 8, after which you will be notified of your tablemates. If you need a partner or have questions, contact me at 317/845-1966 or crabiel@sbcglobal.net.

November Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 David & Shirley Daniell
- 3 Janice & Jesse Vadas
- 9 Joel & Nancy Conner
- 11 Elliot & Stephanie Levine
- 18 David & Mary Ann Michau
- 19 Brian & Vicki Queck
- 25 Jay & Susan Dittman
- 27 Julie & Mike Smith

- 1 Timothy Harber
- 1 Aaron Kaiser
- 1 Nancy Turula
- 2 Ron Breymier
- 3 Beth Deane
- 4 Jane Oaks
- 5 Brennan Nor
- 6 Will Cummings
- 6 Juanita Keck
- 7 Micah Goldstein
- 7 David Guth
- 7 Brett Stewart

November Birthdays

- 10 Lindsay Gramlich
- 10 Martin Luther
- 10 Mark Maassel
- 11 Kent Alder
- 13 Vivian Wilson
- 14 Ray Bragiel
- 14 Mark Kroger
- 17 Joe Cummings
- 19 Jane Bailey
- 19 Charles Olry
- 20 Justin Vanecko
- 21 Marianne Meyer
- 23 Britt Burns
- 23 Jeremy Burns
- 23 Jennifer DeMotte
- 25 Bronwen Maxson
- 26 Finn Scroggins
- 27 Bob Stein
- 27 Susan Waschevski
- 28 Jim Doversberger
- 28 Rachael Mann
- 30 Mary Lapworth



Service

Marianne Meyer

Food Pantry Emphasis for November

Personal Hygiene & Household Items

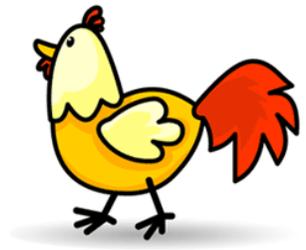
Deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, feminine hygiene products, detergent, dish soap, cleaning products.

Razors, shaving cream, and toilet tissue are specifically needed for Mid-North Food Pantry's homeless clients.

Great Chicken Roundup Begins!

Mike Smith, Service Ministry

It is that time of year again. Fall colors, harvests, laying in supplies for the winter, and beginning our November fundraising for The Great Chicken Roundup. This year we are changing the timeline a bit—while we will continue to raise funds during the same time frame (November - December), we are actually going to move the boxing and delivery date into January.



There are several reasons for this shift:

December is a very busy month for our congregation going into the Advent Season. What with Santa Lucia, Hanging of the Greens, and Christmas, it was becoming difficult to accommodate all the church activities during the month.

In addition, it is a crazy-busy time for our partner Marsh. I have tried over the years to time the purchase so that it doesn't hit Marsh near Thanksgiving. The week before is one of their busiest weeks, and the week after tends to have low inventories.

Also, this time of year has many of the blessed in this country thinking about the needy which means there is more generosity in the month of December.

We also feel that boxing and delivering the goods towards the end of January will allow us to meet the need of our recipients at the time when the December supplies are running low, further extending God's blessings through us to them in that month.

We hope that fundraising all the way up to Christmas will allow us to enjoy the generosity of your giving to support the poor without the pressure of trying to get it all done in a couple of weeks. As always, thank you for your generosity towards this great event and allowing me to be the humble coordinator. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Youth

Deaconess Jody Winter

Let's Get Ready to Rake!

As the leaves fall, I'll be getting calls to help clean up yards, and I'll be calling on you to help out! Everyone we can pull together is invited to join us for our largest fundraising event(s) of the year! I'll schedule us to rake leaves for many Saturdays and Sundays in November. Watch your email. Bring your own rake and gloves, if you can. Often we are supplied with snacks while we're there.

Youth Mission Trip 2017 – Sign Up This Month!

Get on board for next summer now! We'll head to Tennessee July 3-8, 2017 to serve! We'll stay at Camp Mission Discovery in air conditioned cabins with bunk beds, showers on site, and a pool! As always, plan to work hard *and* play hard! We'll be putting down a deposit on December 1, so I'd like to have a pretty good idea of who is interested in going! The requirement will be a \$100 deposit when you're ready to commit, and all hands on deck for fundraising to cover the rest of the costs. Once again, our friends from Cross & Crown are excited to be joining us for this fantastic opportunity.

Progressive Dinner for High School Youth

Another chance to dress up for the holidays and spend time with our friends from Cross & Crown! Mark your calendar for Friday, December 2. We'll drive to different locations for the courses of our meal, and play games at each place.

No Confirmation, Youth Café, or Children's Sunday School classes on November 6 due to the Congregational Retreat at Lutheran Hills.



Hurricane Matthew, one of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes in years, has caused heavy rain and dangerous winds in the Caribbean. The hurricane is reported to be "extremely dangerous" by the National Hurricane Center with conditions favorable for it to maintain its strength.

Lutheran Disaster Response works to bring God's hope, healing, and renewal to those who have been affected by the hurricane. In the days, weeks, months and years ahead, we will work with our partners in the area helping restore communities.

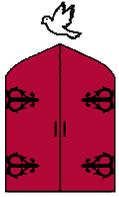
Your gifts will help those affected by the hurricane. Together, we are able to respond in the U.S. and internationally with immediate assistance and long-term recovery efforts. Gifts designated for "Hurricane Matthew" will be used in full to help those affected until the response is complete. Thank you!

Ways to give:

Online: www.elca.org

Phone: 800/638-3522

Mail: ELCA Gift Processing Center, P O Box 1809, Merrifield VA 22116



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Bethlehem exists to promote faith development.

Bethlehem exists to serve as a transforming arena.

Bethlehem exists to change the world as its members respond to the Spirit's call.

Bethlehem exists to conduct an effective rather than a successful ministry.