

# CROSSINGS



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Dear Bethlehem  
Congregation,

Resurrection blessings in  
the name of our Risen  
Lord, Jesus Christ! As I

write this letter the sun is making its way through the shades in the pastoral office, inviting me outside to enjoy the cool beginnings of spring. My daydreaming is about gardening, and I need to get this letter to our Crossings Editor, Shirley!

So maybe the garden is a good biblical image for our reflection. Maybe I'm not the only one who longs to be out in the garden. I once heard a fantastic sermon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm that spoke of the pretty good place that we've all come from (the Garden of Eden), and the pretty good place where we're headed to (the garden of resurrection – gospel of John). Maybe God put that longing in my heart

to be in the garden! No, really! I'm only a little bit rationalizing my daydreaming.

Of course, along the way in Jesus' human life was the Garden of Gethsemane, where he was arrested in an act of violence, betrayal and injustice that ultimately led to his death. The interesting thing about the Garden of Gethsemane was that it was a tranquil place for Jesus and his friends to hang out and relax together. Maybe truly a glimpse of the peaceful garden time we long for – until it wasn't – and the soldiers, led by one of his friends, Judas, arrived to arrest him. Ok, sometimes not as dramatic, but our lives can also take sudden and unexpected turns with struggles or losses emerging in the people and places where we once found peace, or with our health or physical abilities declining just when we're finally learning how to have fun.

The promise of the resurrection is that the "Gethsemanes" never have the last word. I hope heaven is like the garden of my grandparents, with big shady maple trees, beds of roses, strawberries and asparagus that invited friends and neighbors to linger for conversation. In fact, when tough times come, I like to pair an image of whatever the present struggle, together with the image of my grandparents' peaceful gardens. I know that I'm coming from a pretty good place, and because of the garden of Christ's resurrection, I'm headed to a

pretty good place too. And then somehow everything is more manageable.

Resurrection is like that, not only a promise for the future, but hope for our lives today. I hope that you get a chance to linger in the garden this spring. And as you do, remember that we're coming from a pretty good place (the Garden of Eden) and we're headed to a pretty good place (the garden of resurrection). And that even in the dark valleys of our lives, God promises in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, "I will be with you, my rod (protection) and my staff (rescue) to give you comfort."

Peace and resurrection blessings.

Pastor Carol

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**BETHLEHEM'S GENERAL OPERATING FUND**

Below is the action report of our giving with dollar amounts for February and YTD.

2018	February	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Receipts to Gen. Oper. Fund	\$11,746.75	\$29,446.63	\$32,770.00
Expenses	\$14,135.79	\$32,158.23	\$32,770.00
Total Receipts less Expenses	(\$ 2,389.04)	(\$ 2,711.60)	\$ 0.00

All are encouraged to use their quarterly yellow property trust envelopes for extra gifts to the church. Property Trust was used for the bright new lighting in our parking lot. Now we need new lighting by our front stairs. Thank you for your gifts to Bethlehem.

**Bethlehem's Renovation and Property Trust Fund**

2018	February	YTD
Contributions to Renovation	\$ 420.00	\$ 756.00
Contributions to Property Trust	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Our renovation loan balance is \$14,500 as of 2/28/18.

Chery Peacock, Treasurer

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
Sunday Morning Schedule**

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Group
- 10:00 a.m. Hospitality Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service, youth and child friendly

**Holy Communion** is offered at each service.

**Sunday School Children** will worship with their families on April 1.

**Easter** is April 1. Celebrate the resurrection at either 9:00 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. First Communion will be part of the services.

**April 29** is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. We will offer both healing and communion.

**Music opportunities in both services:** Contact Peg Youngren (syoungren@sbcglobal.net)  
Praise Him Contemporary Ensemble: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.  
Bethlehem Choir: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

All are welcome to join us in giving God the praise and glory!

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**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKET PROGRAM**

A sincere thank you to all who supported the Blanket Program. A total of \$55 was collected and donated to Church World Service. Thanks for your support which provides warmth, hope, and care during cold and trying times.

Service Team

**SUMMARY OF BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 12, 2018**

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

- Barkley Mapes, President 224-803-6573
- Bill Lunsford, Vice-President 847-922-9933
- Billie Jo Waugh, Secretary 847-917-0319
- Bob Graham 847-695-9186
- Sue Richoz 847-305-9957
- Margaret Drafall 847-695-4721
- Pastor Carol Book 856-655-4743

Expenses in February were low - \$14,135.79, but contributions were also very low - \$11,746.75, so the general operating fund has a negative value of - \$2,711.60. Other out-go included interest on renovation loan - \$64.66, plumbing work - \$216.00, architect for fire code work - \$366.00, and payment toward the Endowment loan principal - \$400.00, leaving an Endowment loan balance of \$14,500.00. Mission Trip Fund received \$2,160.00 from Prayer Partners and had expenses for postage and a \$2,000.00 deposit for this summer's trip. The Nona Kellogg memorials designated \$300.00 for CDC.

There will be only one worship service on Palm Sunday as the service will begin with a procession and singing (hopefully to be partially outside, weather permitting). Those who are unable, or find it difficult to process, may wait and greet the procession as it enters the church and sanctuary. A brunch for all and an Easter Egg hunt (also, hopefully, outside) for the children will follow the service. The cost of guitarist for the procession, catered brunch, and Easter Eggs is being paid for out of monies from Evangelism Fund, Spanish Ministries Fund, Sunday School Fund and a grant from Thrivent.

Baptisms (1 at this time) and First Communion (also only 1 at this time) will be on Easter Sunday.

Other news: 1. We, and the architect, are still awaiting a decision from the state on exactly what the state will require/accept to bring the building into compliance. 2. The new cleaning service, Vanguard Cleaning Systems, began servicing the

building on March 12<sup>th</sup> with a thorough top-to-bottom/head-to-toe cleansing. Council, Pastor, and interim secretary have all noted that we haven't seen the building this spotless in ages. 3. The council is exploring the possibility of replacing the "deliveries in rear" sign by the front walkway with one that reads "Main Entrance in the rear" to be more welcoming, as well as informative, to visitors or those coming to the church for the first time. 4. Council regretfully accepted Colton Thomas's resignation due to a time conflict with his new job.

Respectfully submitted  
 Billie Jo Waugh, Secretary  
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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**



- 01 Barbara Paulsen
- 04 Sharon Williamson
- 05 Randle Johnson
- Kayla Hernandez
- 07 Johanna Riddle-Roland
- 08 Judith Sorton
- 17 Eva Marquez
- Amanda Richoz
- 18 Amy O'Brien
- 19 Cheryl Bacon
- Duke Anderson
- 21 William Sensor
- 24 Warren Mette
- 26 Jill Olson
- Karyn Lunsford
- Maria Claros
- Cameron Lichtenberg
- 28 Vicki Edwards

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Dear Bethlehem Members:

Thank you to my friends of Bethlehem for the visits, cards and phone calls of get well wishes in regard to my health issues. Thoughts and prayers are much appreciated.

God Bless All of You. God Bless Bethlehem.

Love and Peace  
Ida Mockler

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Thank you, Pastor Carol, for the many visits at St. Joseph Hospital and my home. I truly appreciated your time, efforts, prayers and communion. This was very comforting for me. God Bless You Pastor.

Love and Peace  
Ida Mockler

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### THANK YOU

Thank you to Donna Anderson for her time and efforts in planning the recent bridal shower for my grandson, Michael Tanner and Alexis Pearce.

Also, a big thank you to Karyn Lunsford, Margaret Drafall, Peggy Graham and Connie Uzzell for their time and efforts.

A big thank you to Dale Anderson and Richard Uzzell for their assistance with the "hard work." The event was beautiful and successful under Donna's direction. All of this was much appreciated by my family and me. God Bless All.

Love and Peace  
Ida Mockler and Janine Tanner

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## Prayer Partners! Yea, God!

Thank you for the prayers and financial support given to the participants of the 2018 Mission Trip to Kansas City, Missouri in June. Names were compiled as of March 14.

Everything hinges on prayer and we will pray for you and thank God for your continued support.

Ron & Darlene Albert  
Karen Allen  
Donna & Dale Anderson  
Carol Book  
Bruce & Char Carey  
Tracy Chabrier-Huizenga  
Mimi Claros  
Vicki Edwards  
Linda & Jerry Fagan  
Andrea & Scott Fiorito  
David & Martha Jernberg  
Julie Jindra  
Jerry Kile  
Larry & Nancy Klemm  
Kim Lange & Burt Lynn  
Robert Luna & Jennifer Korp  
Phyllis & Ralph Mapes  
James & Shareen Massa  
Sue McIntyre  
Ida Mocker  
Mary Les Naker  
Megan Olson  
Chery & John Peacock  
Wilma Peterson  
Jack & Shirley Pflederer  
Joyce Ross  
Bernette Ryza  
Don & Ruth Samuelson  
Randy Shedd  
Dave Topping  
Inez Tornblom  
Mert & Judy Varboncoeur  
Clarence Wittenstrom  
Martha & Lyle Wolff  
Marty Yochum  
Steve & Peg Youngren

### Family & Friends

Charles & Debbie Anderson

Grandma Mary Anderson & Grandpa Don  
 Carol Blum  
 Vanessa Dybala  
 Mimi & Skeeter Dunton  
 Gary Eater  
 Mary Fischer & Kevin Jones  
 Steve & Luci Gabrys  
 Tracy Guitierrez  
 Ted & Georgeann Heise  
 Cathy Hopkins  
 Keith & Sue Jones  
 Marjorie Kellams  
 Ron & Bonnie Lock  
 Paul & Lynn Martinson  
 Jerri McCue  
 Keith Olson  
 Magdalena Perez  
 William Richoz  
 Don & Karyn Schmidt  
 Bob & Denise Sell  
 Gabriela Serrano  
 Phil Seyller  
 Florence Sisler  
 Norm & Kaye Thompson  
 Diane Verdi & Barry Wolf

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**MISSION TRIP PASTA PARTY  
 AND  
 SILENT AUCTION  
 SATURDAY, April 21**

Adults \$7; children (4-10) \$3

Come to the Pasta Dinner and silent auction. Lots of good items for bidding. Sign up is in the Narthex or call Cindy 847-695-1822.

Bidding on the auction times starts at 5:00 p.m.; dinner will be served at 5:30. Auction closes at 6:45 p.m.

We will share our pictures from the trip last summer. Hope you plan to share a meal and our excitement for the trip this summer.

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**LAMBS FOR MISSION TRIP**

Sherry has told us due to you being so generous in the giving of Lambs for her Mission Trip, she now has enough! But in her outreach, she could now use Bandanas for the Migrant workers and little Hot Wheel type of cars for the little boys she sees. We will collect these items during the month of April.

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**VERNA E. CARLSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Are you graduating from high school this year? Are you already attending a college or university? Are you returning to school to further your education or training? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you will want to read the rest of this article.

Now is the time to apply for the Verna Carlson Scholarship. Verna was a long-time member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church who was thinking ahead to be able to help young people today. The scholarship is for any school, not only church related colleges. Anyone continuing their education, or returning to school for additional education or training, should request an application (or a re-application if they have previously received a scholarship) for the Verna E. Carlson Scholarship from the church office. Applications will be due in the church office June 30, 2018.

Good luck with your future education and we hope to hear from many of you. You should return your application to Jan Jones, Chair of the Bethlehem Memorial Committee by June 30, 2018.

Questions can be directed to members of the Memorials Committee: Tom Ayres, Jan Jones, Jennifer Shroder, Judy Sorton or Inez Tornblom.

Janet Jones – [janbilljones@aol.com](mailto:janbilljones@aol.com)  
 or 847-742-3205

Chairman of the Memorials Committee



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### LUTHERDALE SUMMER PROGRAMS

Brochures for Lutherdale summer programs are on the Welcome Center. There are 9 weeks of camp scheduled. Check out the different themes.

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**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Yes, it is time to get going on the Festival! As you can see we have all the Chairs in place. But they are going to need your help! There will be sign-up sheets out soon to indicate where you want to volunteer your time. Please help us make this a great Festival.

- Bakery Sherry Liske
- Kitchen/Biscuits Katie Quick-Spets/  
Joe Quick
- Book Sale Rachael Campbell
- Chocolate Covered Berries Chery Peacock &  
Karyn Lunsford
- Crafts Heather Thomas
- Dining Room Rebecca Circle/  
Shirley Pflederer
- Elevator Man Owen Thomas
- Flea Market Karin Jones
- Jam Martha Yochum
- Jewelry Phyllis Mapes
- Plants Jennifer Haring &  
Juanita Rohrsen
- Publicity Gayle Chiarugi &  
Cindy Lange

- Strawberry Patch Julie Jindra
- Tickets Margaret Drafall

Jam Sessions: Martha Yochum will be heading up these sessions to make the jam. They will all start at 2:00 p.m. in the Wittenstrom Hall kitchen.

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – if needed

How can you help? Please consider how you can help with the Festival. We will need people for set up Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and help on the day of the Festival.

Please consider the Flea Market when you are cleaning out those closets and basements. Please be sure the items are in clean, good working condition. They may be left in the last Sunday School room across from the Red Room at any time.

For the Jewelry Room: we are always looking for the extras to add along with the jewelry. Items such as, scarves, hankies, belts, hats, gloves, fancy soaps, purses, lotions and perfume. And don't forget the men – we will accept after-shaves, colognes and ties. These items can be also left in the Sunday School Room.

If you are unable to help work the Festival, you can help by letting your family and friends know about the event. Come and have shortcake, purchase an item (or two) from the Bakery. Remember the monies that we make go to six agencies in our community and help Sherry Liske with her Mexico Mission Trip. Thank you.

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### LAYETTES FOR MISSION TRIP

The Service Team will again be collecting Layette items for Sherry Liske's Mission Trip. During the month of May, you will find a display with tags of items needed. Please take a tag, purchase the item(s) and return.

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**DONATION UPDATE****Box Tops for Education are still accepted**

Campbell's Soup Labels & V8 juice bottle caps are discontinued

Mosaic (Bethphage) at Axtell

I spoke with the Community Relations Manager at Mosaic (Bethphage) at Axtell this past week to get a complete update on what they still accept in the way of labels, bottle caps, and box tops. Sadly, neither Campbell's soup labels nor V8 Juice bottle caps can be accepted.

Soup labels cannot be redeemed because Campbell's Soups has discontinued their due to declining participation and increasing costs. Sadly, it has reached the point where there was no choice but to make the very difficult decision to wind down the program.

Regarding V8 juice bottle caps, Mosaic is no longer accepting them as the cost of mailing or shipping them for redemption is greater than the value gotten in redemption.

Here is some general information about what Mosaic/Bethphage can accept.

Box Tops for Education found on many Brand name items: Food Items: Betty Crocker, Bisquick, General Mills, Old El Paso, Pillsbury, Land 'o' Lakes, Yoplait, Nature Valley

Other items: Avery office/computer supplies, Ziploc bags, Kleenex, Scott paper products, Hefty, and many more

You may reach me at 847-917-0319 or speak to me at church if you have questions.

Billie Jo Waugh

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**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**APRIL 2018**

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
1 *Javier Benitez family <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Traditional Service Children worship – No Sunday School No Youth Group No Hospitality Hour 10:45 Contemporary Service	2 *Sarah Benitez  12:30 Craft Circle Red Room 7:00 Worship Team Meeting 7:00 Witness Team Meeting 7:00 Learning Team Meeting 7:30 Boy Scouts	3 *M/M Dave Berna	4 *M/M Christopher Bieschke  5:30 Praise Him 7:00 Confirmation Class	5 *Carol Book  7:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Executive Meeting	6 *Brad Burnett family	7 *Timothy Burnett
8 *Beverly Butcher  9:00 Traditional Service 9:00 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	9 *Nancy Calderwood and family  7:00 Church Council 7:30 Boy Scouts	10 *Rachel Campbell	11 *Timothy Canham family  5:30 Praise Him 7:00 Confirmation Class 7:15 Adult Choir	12 *Barbara Cannan	13 *M/M Bruce Carey	14 *Matthew Carlson
15 *Tracy Chabrier-Huizenga And Steven  9:00 Traditional Service 9:00 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	16 *M/M Ed Chiarugi  7:00 Rebecca Circle at BLCW kitchen 7:30 Boy Scouts	17 *Lisa Claros  10:00 Faith Talks	18 *Mimi Claros  <b>CROSSING ARTICLES DUE To Shirley Harnish</b>  5:30 Praise Him 7:00 Confirmation Class 7:15 Adult Choir	19 *M/M Carl Cruse  7:00 CDC Board Meeting	20 *Dario Depaz family	21 *Karen Dingel  12:00 Mission Trip meal Preparation 5:00 Mission Trip Pasta Dinner/Silent Auction
22 *Margaret Drafall  9:00 Traditional Service 9:00 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	23 *M/M Jerry Drommerhausen  7:30 Boy Scouts	24 *M/M Ryan Eberdt	25 *M/M Charles Edwards  5:30 Praise Him 7:00 Confirmation Class 7:15 Adult Choir	26 */Sean Edwards	27 *Linda Fagan  4:00 Soup Kitchen – Holy Trinity Church	28 *Craig Field  2:00 Quincerera – Yazmin Malave
29 *Adam Fiorito  9:00 Traditional Service 9:00 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	30 *Emily Fiorito  7:30 Boy Scouts					

\*Members to be prayed for.



**PASTA DINNER**  
**2018 MISSION TRIP TO**  
**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

*Silent Auction*

**DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018**

**TIME: 5:00 P.M. IN WITTENSTROM HALL**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**340 Grand Blvd**  
**Elgin IL 60120**

**Spread the Word.**  
**Invite your friends.**  
**All are welcome.**

**Advance sign-up in narthex or**  
**contact the church office at**  
**847-741-8434**

**Cost: \$ 7/ \$3 children (4-10**  
**years)**



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**Yea, God!**