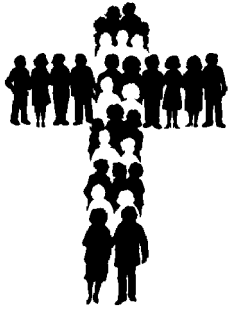


# CROSSINGS

MAY 2018



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There was Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord on his way to Damascus when suddenly a light blinded him from heaven and he heard, *“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” Acts, Chapter 9*

And then there was Ananias, a disciple in Damascus to whom the blinded Saul was sent for healing and further direction in his call to serve Christ. The Lord called him in a vision, *“Ananias.” “Here I am Lord.” he answered. “Get up and go find Saul,” said the Lord, “and lay hands on him, for he is one whom I have chosen to carry my message to the Gentiles (non-Jews).”*

Neither Ananias nor Saul saw the details of the church that God was organizing to carry out his work on earth. They just answered the call.

Maybe my wise neighbor was the voice of God for each of us today. *God has a plan for you.* And he is still calling us by name. Each of us, like pieces in a puzzle, are fit together into God's great plan to love and save the world.

What is your role in this time, which many consider another “uncertain” time in the church? Will you be Ananias sent to heal, encourage, or direct one whom God is calling to lead? Or will you be called as Saul – better known as the apostle Paul - one whom God is preparing to lead, preach or teach? Or will you



Dear Sisters and Brothers  
in the church at  
Bethlehem,

I asked my elderly neighbor and prayer partner for a message to our young people regarding God's call or plan for their lives.

*“Tell them,” she said, “that God has a plan for their future.” “And tell them that no matter what the specifics of that plan, there will always be opportunities to tell others about Jesus.”*

Well you could certainly see that in the lives of the early Christians. After Jesus' resurrection, even in the midst of uncertainty, chaos and persecution, the Risen Christ began organizing the church and calling leaders to share the good news about Jesus. God had a plan for each of them.

be called as my wise neighbor to provide spiritual guidance and prayer?

Christ alone holds the plan for the future of His church. Whatever the details, the church will need leaders, both lay and professional. Will you make it a priority to identify or renew your response to God’s call in your life today? Can you help others around you to identify God’s call in their lives? May we all respond as did Ananias: “Here I am Lord.”

Let us pray, Risen Lord, thank you for calling us into your great plan to love and save the world. Show us the opportunities with family or friends, at church, work or school to tell of your great love. Help us to identify and form leaders who will carry the church forward. Amen

Grace and Peace in the Risen Lord,  
 Pastor Carol

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**BETHLEHEM’S GENERAL OPERATING FUND**

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

2018	March	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Receipts to Gen. Oper. Fund	\$19,849.94	\$49,416.57	\$49,155.00
Expenses	\$18,756.66	\$50,914.89	\$49,155.00
Total Receipts less Expenses	\$ 1,093.28	(\$ 1,498.32)	\$ 0.00

All are encouraged to use their deficit reduction, property trust or renovation envelopes for extra gifts to the church.

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

2018	March	YTD
Contributions to Renovation	\$ 495.00	\$ 1,251.00
Contributions to Property Trust	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Our renovation loan balance is \$14,000.

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 May 6 and May 27.

**Ascension Day** is May 10. In the Ascension gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth (Luke 24:44-53). Today we find his presence among us as we proclaim the good news.

**Affirmation of Baptism** is May 20 at the 10:30 service.

**Music opportunities in both services:** Contact Peg Youngren (syoungren@sbcglobal.net)  
 Praise Him Contemporary Ensemble: Wednesdays at 5:30 pm  
 Bethlehem Choir: Wednesdays at 7:15 pm through May  
 All are welcome to join us in giving God the praise and glory!

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**Spring has sprung. Will your faith blossom?**

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

**April 9, 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

March was a very good month with income of \$19,849.94 which was \$3,465 over budget. However, expenses of \$18,756.66 were also high and over budget by \$2,377. Income less expenses was \$1,093.28 which reduced the general operating fund to a negative \$1,498.32.

Expenses for March included Pastor’s quarterly FICA allowance, annual organ and piano tuning, custodial services, plowing and salting parking lot and sidewalks, and utilities. Property Trust expenses included cutting open a wall in the kindergarten room to investigate the source of a water leak as well as the purchase of a new boiler for the large rental house. \$500 payment toward the Endowment loan principal lowered the balance to \$14,000.

Mission trip receipts from Prayer Partners were \$2,370. Pastor Book received \$600 in honorariums for funerals which she donated back to the church - \$200 for the Pastor Contingency Fund and \$400 to Special Gifts to the general operating fund.

Kyle Anderson presented his Eagle Scout proposal which consists of needed replacement of the fencing around the CDC’s baby-playground at the south end of the building as well as refurbishing the bench around the tree in the playground at an estimated cost of \$600. Bob Graham volunteered to match the first \$200 of donations to the project.

Regarding the CDC code issue, the architect met with the regional code people. Plans were submitted. We are awaiting their decision.

And in closing, Heather Thomas was approved to take one of the vacant seats on the council

Respectfully submitted  
Billie Jo Waugh, Secretary

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**MAY BIRTHDAYS**



- 01 Barkley Mapes
- 02 Linda Fagan
- 05 Chery Peacock
- 06 Aracely Ojeda
- 07 Christina Alfaro
- 09 James Bacon
- Aimee O’Claire
- Cathy Selpien
- Kalin Taskov
- 10 Nayely Chimal
- Megan Olson
- Jennifer Shroder
- 14 Heather Thomas
- Carol Book
- 16 Deb Sensor
- 17 Leslie Gomez
- 18 Kathryn Miller
- Ali Rodriguez
- 19 Kathyne Depaz
- 20 John Peacock
- Alan Lentz
- Haley Banks III
- 21 Dave Topping
- 22 Ronnie Malave
- 26 Andrew Gabrys
- 27 Ariana Servin
- 29 Jeff Lange

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**2018 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**  
**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! Sign-up sheets are now available for you 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 Pfleederer
- 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.

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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***NEW CLEANERS***

On March 19 we hired new cleaners for the church and the Child Development Center. There was a crew of 4-5 people who worked tirelessly to “deep clean” the entire church, all three levels. Our church home is in good hands with Norma and her crew.

They clean Monday through Friday. They set up the tables for Hospitality Hour on Friday night. Since they do not come in until Monday, the hospitality host(s) need volunteers to put away the chairs and tables on Sunday. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Cindy Lange

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**THANK YOU, PRAYER PARTNERS**

Thank you, prayer partners! Your prayers are so important to us and to those we will serve in Kansas City, Missouri. The list of prayer partners continues to grow: received by April 18:

- Cheryl and James Bacon
- Nancy Calderwood
- Craig Field
- Karen & Bud Heimberg
- Kayla Hernandez
- Jerry Kile
- Gina & Len Lempa
- Christina Lichtenberg
- Marian Steneck
- Kyleigh Pacello

- Friends
- Janet Brodde
- Joe & Armida Dominguez
- Tony and Cristina Johnson
- Donna Mansfield
- Diane Kerruish
- Kathy Olson
- Ken & Mary Ellen Thorsen

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**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Three students will affirm their faith on Sunday, May 20 at the 10:30 a.m. Service.

Julissa Gomez, Parker Jones and Owen Thomas will complete their two-year study on Wednesday May 16 with a dinner celebration at 6:30 p.m. Parents are invited to celebrate.

Confirmation Ministry includes the study of the Old and New Testaments and Apostles' Creed, The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, and what is a Lutheran. They



have served as acolytes, volunteers on local service projects. They will serve on the summer mission trip to Kansas City.

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**LAYETTE 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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**BANDANA AND CARS**

We wish to thank all of you who donated either bandanas or little cars for Sherry Liske to take on her Mission Trip. Thank You!

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**EMAIL ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS/ADDRESS UPDATE**



If you have changed your email address or have recently subscribed to email, please let the office know at [churchoffice@blcelgin.org](mailto:churchoffice@blcelgin.org) with any changes. We're sending out weekly "Happenings" at Bethlehem and would like everyone to receive it. The monthly "Crossings" and "Serving at Bethlehem" are also sent via email

If you have moved, please let us know your new address too.

Have you dropped your land line? Please let the office know of this change. We want to stay in contact with you. Please provide us with your cell phone number. Call the office 847-741-8434 with any phone number changes. Or email works too!



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**REMINDER**



If you or someone you love is in the hospital, please call the church office 847-741-8434. Pastor Carol also visits those who are

homebound on a regular basis.

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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
NEW HOPE PARTNERSHIP**

New Hope has scheduled 2 work days: Saturday, May 19 and Saturday, June 9.

**When: Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Where: 914 Berkley Ave, Carpentersville, IL**

If you are a new volunteer to Habitat, you need to attend an orientation at Restore on Route 31 in Elgin on the first or third Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

- If you would like to help at the house, we ask that you register through the Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley website - <http://www.habitatnfv.org/>

Please dress weather-appropriately.

*Directions to register on Habitat website:*

1. Go to <http://www.habitatnfv.org/> and click on Volunteer (near the top).
2. Scroll down and click on "Volunteer Registration. Then click on Volunteer Up icon



3. Register as a new volunteer if you have not previously registered. Fill out the volunteer profile. You can sign up for the Orientation session here.

4. You are now ready to sign up for the volunteer opportunities. Click on Sign Up under the opportunity and date you want. The house is 914 Berkley Ave in Carpentersville.

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**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**



Students who are graduating from high school or college will be honored on Sunday, May 27 with a special hospitality hour between services.

The office would like the names of those students who are graduating. Call the office 847-741-8434 to give Cindy the information. Information is needed by May 15.

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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  
MAY 2018**

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
		1 *James Fiorito	2 *Nic Fiorito  5:30 Praise Him 7:00 Confirmation Class in Lower library 7:15 Adult Choir	3 *M/M Scott Fiorito	4 *Keri Fowler  Set up for Strawberry Festival In Wittenstrom Hall	5 *Andrew Gabrys  9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Strawberry Festival
6 *Becky Gabrys  9:00 Traditional Service Children worship 9:00 Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	7 *Scott Gabrys family  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	8 *Denise Gilbert-Collins	9 *M/M David Gilliland  5:30 Praise Him 7:00 Confirmation Class 7:15 Adult Choir	10 *M/M Robert Gordon	11 *M/M Robert Graham	12 *Yolando Granados and Marco Villagomez family
13 *M/M Hernan Guillen  9:00 Traditional Service 9:00 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	14 *Matthew Hadley family  7:00 Church Council 7:30 Boy Scouts	15 *Jennifer Haring	16 *M/M Fred Harnish  <b>CROSSING ARTICLES DUE To Shirley Harnish</b>  5:30 Praise Him 6:30 Dinner & Rehearsal – Parents and confirmation students 7:15 Adult Choir	17 *Emmy Harris	18 *M/M Richard Heimberg	19 *M/M Matthew Hergert
20 *Edward Hernandez  9:00 Traditional Service 9:00 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service Affirmation of Baptism	21 *Kayla Hernandez  7:00 Rebecca Circle at Home of Jan Jones 7:30 Boy Scouts	22 *Libby Hoeft	23 *Marilyn House  5:30 Praise Him	24 *M/M Dave Jernberg  6:00 CDC Spring Fling – Graduation, dinner, fun Fair, silent auction	25 *Stephen Jernberg and Children  4:00 Soup Kitchen – Holy Trinity Church	26 *James Jindra
27 *MM Stephan Jindra  9:00 Traditional Service 9:00 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	28 *Rebecca Jindra  Office and CDC Closed	29 *Randle Johnson	30 *Sue Johnson  5:30 Praise Him	31 *M/M Bill Jones		

\*Members to be prayed for.