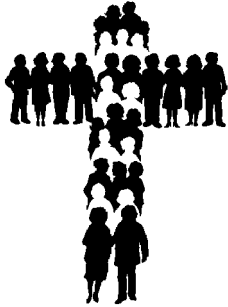


# CROSSINGS



JULY 2019

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Together we are somebody, and not just anybody, Christ! How is that possible? That miracle is possible through the Holy Spirit given to each of us in baptism. In some way, nothing short of a miracle, this body that we call Bethlehem, has exactly what it needs to come together as Christ. Though we are each different as individuals, just like the body has many different parts, come together as more than the sum of our parts, we become something holy.

Paul also describes the special part that each member plays in the vitality of the body.

*16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 1 Corinthians 12.*

Each of you has an invaluable function in this body, and that's true whether you are 3 or 93; whether you were baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem or you are the newest member; whether we have seen you at every Sunday service, or health or something else has kept you away lately. You mean something to us;

**Pastor's Corner**  
 Hey Bethlehem, how are you?  
 I mean you, altogether, how's life treating you these days? Pretty well for one nearing 150 years of age; showing some longevity that's super-human.

Paul reminds us that we are altogether, somebody, a living breathing, more than super-human someone, the body of Christ. Here at Bethlehem, you are each one not only vital to this body, but to each other and to God.

*... 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12*

together we are something special, somebody special, the body of Christ.

All this works, not because we are the same, but because we are different. We have different gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit for use in the body.

*<sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your<sup>[a]</sup> faith; <sup>7</sup>if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,<sup>[b]</sup> do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12*

And the amazing thing about those gifts, is that is that they are so much fun to share. So, if you have the gift of teaching, and a passion for children, you probably love teaching Sunday School. But for others, it would be a chore. If you have the gift of helping, and Holy Communion is important to you, you might be especially filled up and blessed by serving on the Altar Guild, a team who prepares the table for communion. Someone without that gift may be willing to do it sacrificially because they love the church, but they might not experience the same joy over time. Sometimes we are called to give sacrificially; but when the body is functioning best, all are sharing in their area of giftedness. And the joy is contagious. It's like everyone is bringing their favorite dish to the party and all the food coordinates for an unbelievable feast.

Do you know your areas of giftedness? These are the areas where you feel the greatest sense of purpose and meaning in the body. We all have them according to the bible. We have set July this year as a time to explore our spiritual gifts. We will offer a preaching series from July 21 until August 4<sup>th</sup>, and during that time, you will have the opportunity to take a gifts inventory. Even if you know your spiritual gift(s), maybe you'll discover another. God is always doing a new thing. In the meantime, enjoy your summer. See you as we gather, or we'll know your presence in Spirit. Be well.

In Peace, Pastor Carol

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**BETHLEHEM'S GENERAL OPERATING FUND**

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

2019	May	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Receipts to Gen. Oper. Fund	\$13,108.84	\$82,222.91	\$81,788.00
Expenses	\$15,539.40	\$77,261.53	\$81,788.00
Total Receipts less Expenses	(\$ 2,430.56)	\$ 4,961.38	\$ 0.00

Thank you for remembering your church when away on vacation by mailing in your offerings or using My E-offerings. Also thank you for using your Property Trust and Renovation envelope for extra gifts to the church.

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

2019	May	YTD
Contributions to Renovation	\$ 510.00	\$ 2,300.00
Contributions to Property Trust	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,190.00

Our renovation loan balance is \$8,200. But this is before we have paid for the recent fire code improvements to the church.

Chery Peacock, Treasurer

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**The sweetest time of the day is when you pray.  
Because you are talking to the one who loves you the most.**

**Amen!**

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Morning Schedule**

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
Youth Group
- 10:00 a.m. Hospitality Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

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

**Children** worship with their families during July.

**Sing with the Choir!** You are invited to join us. We begin again in September. If you would like to know more, contact Peg at 847-337-9805.

**Praise God with the Praise Group!** We welcome singers and instrumentalists such as percussion, flute and violin. Your involvement can be occasional or regular.

**Other worship opportunities:** lector, assisting minister, communion steward, acolyte, usher, greeter, drama and welcome center. All are welcome.

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**STEP IT UP  
BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE**

We will again this year be supporting the annual back-to-school shoe drive at First Baptist Church of Elgin. The annual STEP IT UP program reaches out to our community with Christ’s love in the form of shoes.

Many families in our neighborhoods can’t afford to buy new shoes for their children when their kids start school. Their goal is to collect and give away shoes to children in preschool to twelfth grade.

These shoes will be useful for PE, recess, walking to school, etc. The less the children have to worry about, the more their minds are ready for learning. We want the children and families to know that our community cares, and more importantly, that God cares. They are collecting NEW gym shoes for the

children in our community. The shoes will be distributed on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

How can we help? Please bring gym shoes sizes: **Children size 10 to Adult size 11 (NEW SHOES ONLY)** to the box in the Narthex. The shoes will be collected through July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for your care and support of children!

Service Team

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Thank you for your many clothing donations in support of the Youth Mission Trip CLOTHING DRIVE.

Thanks also to Jan Jones and her offer of the unsold clothing from the AAUW garage sale. We donated 737 pounds of clothing! The donations were delivered to the Savers store in Hoffman Estates. The donations earned \$147 for the mission trip!

Yea! God!

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The Service Team will be collecting backpacks and school supplies from Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> until Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. You will find the list of items needed in the Narthex, take a list, purchase an item or two and return. Thank you.

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### JULY BIRTHDAYS

02	Lorena Malave
03	Janine Tanner
04	Barbara Siljestrom
05	Mark Tanner
06	MaryLeslie Naker
	James Sitz
08	Sherry Liske
	Burt Lynn
10	Kyle Anderson
11	Margaret Anderson
12	Griffin Allen
13	Will Miller
14	Guadalupe Ramirez
15	Emma Anderson
17	Martha Yochum
	Socorro Cortes
	Parker Jones
18	Marilyn House
	Gary Anderson
	Sarah Benitez
19	Brenden Canham
20	Paula Roland
23	Cindy Lange
24	Dale Anderson
	Fred Harnish
26	Kathra Naviaux
31	Paige Allen
	Anne-Marie Rozsa

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### INVITE!

Being an inviting church means that we seek out our neighbors instead of waiting for them to seek out our church. Inviting is different. Inviting is active. Invite someone to check out something Bethlehem is involved in.

We have lots of fun activities, service projects, and church groups. Maybe someone out there is just waiting to be invited!

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### ELECTED MEMBERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Those members who were elected at the annual meeting will begin serving on July 1, 2019.

Church Council (2-year term): Rachel Campbell, Mike Murschel, Heather Thomas (1<sup>st</sup> term) and Margaret Drafall 2<sup>nd</sup> term; Jill Olson appointed by council joins Karin Jones and Ronnie Malave,

CDC Board (2-year term): Meggi Anderson (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Jennifer Korp, Linda Rock and Lin Cruse (all 1<sup>st</sup> term) join Nancy Klemm, Marti Jernberg, and Paul Larson.

Property Trust Committee: Mike Warren (1<sup>st</sup> term) joins Don Samuelson, Bud Heimberg, Barkley Mapes, and a person on Executive Board (TBD)

Endowment Board has a 3-year term which began in January: Paul Larson, Bill Lunsford, and Sue McIntyre join Karen Ottaviano and Paul Sitz.

Memorials Committee (3-year term): Tom Ayres and Peggy Graham (1<sup>st</sup> term) and Inez Tornblom (2<sup>nd</sup> term) join Jan Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> term) and Amanda Richoz (1<sup>st</sup> term).

Nominating Committee (1-year term): Sue Richoz, Bill Lunsford, Rachel Campbell, Barkley Mapes and Cindy Lange.

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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, 2019.

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, 2019.

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

Jan Jones – [janbilljones@aol.com](mailto:janbilljones@aol.com) or 847-742-3205  
Chairman of the Memorials Committee

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**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
JULY 2019**

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
	1 *Jeanette Rohrsen  12:00 Craft Circle – Red Room	2 *M/M Larry Rohrsen  10:00 Bible Study at the Sheridan 7:00 Scout Troop #111 Meeting	3 *Joyce Ross  5:30 Praise Him Practice	4 *Anne-Marie Rozsa and Simone  Office and CDC Closed	5 *Bernette Ryza	6 *Brian Samuelson
7 *M/M Donald Samuelson  9:00 Traditional Service with Children in worship 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	8 *Eric Samuelson  7:00 Church Council	9 *Jorge Sanchez family  10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Scout Troop #111 Meeting	10 *Mercedes Sanchez  5:30 Praise Him Practice	11 *Robert Sennett  3:00 Bible Study at the Vines	12 *Jonathan Sensor	13 *Ted Sensor family
14 *Willian Sensor  9:00 Traditional Service with Children in worship 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	15 *David Shroder family	16 *Elaine Shroder  10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Scout Troop #111 Meeting	17 *Elyssa Shroder  <b>CROSSINGS DUE TO SHIRLEY HARNISH</b>  5:30 Praise Him Practice	18 *M/M Robert Siljestrom  3:00 Bible Study at the Vines	19 *James Sitz	20 *Paul Sitz
21 *M/M Alex Sorton  9:00 Traditional Service with Children in worship 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	22 *Katie Spets	23 *Marian Steneck  10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Scout Troop #111 Meeting	24 *M/M Michael Tanner  9:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30 Praise Him Practice	25 *M/M Richard Tanner  3:00 Bible Study at the Vines	26 *Kalin Taskov family  4:00 Soup Kitchen – Holy Trinity Church	27 *Colton Thomas
28 *Heather Thomas and Owen  9:00 Traditional Service with Children in worship 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	29 *Dave Topping	30 *Inez Tornblom  10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Scout Troop #111 Meeting	31 *M/M Richard Uzzell  5:30 Praise Him Practice			

Holy Communion served at all services.

\*Members to be prayed for.