



Weekly Update
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Crete
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2017
Rev. Ronald Benson, Pastor



Sunday 9:00 AM Communion Service

- +**Music: Leoda Yost**
- +**Lay Reader: Jim Heitman**
- +**Elders: Jeremy Brandt & Gene Creamer**
- +**Video: Mike Malone**
- +**Acolytes: Cooper Girmus & Alexa Kraus**
- +**Greeters: Dennis & Marilyn McElravy**
- +**Coffee Servers: Jon & Heather Garrelts**
- +**Flowers: Dale & Margaret Schmidt in honor of their 65th Wedding Anniversary**

Monday 6:00 PM Communion Service

- + **Music: Leoda Yost**
- + **Video: Deb Brixius**
- + **Elder: Brandon Draeger**

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AS WE GATHER

Our God rules the lives of His faith-filled people by grace for Jesus' sake. It's what we pray for in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come." The Lutheran Confessions call this His kingdom of the right hand. But, on the other hand, the left, He also rules through civic authorities. Through Isaiah, He tells King Cyrus that he will be His servant. And the king did let the Jewish exiles return from Babylon! When Jesus' opponents thought to trick Him in saying something against Caesar, He taught about giving the powers that be their due. When the Church in Thessalonica spread the Gospel, they certainly benefitted from the orderliness of the Roman Empire. On the one hand, God is to be thanked for His grace and mercy; on the other hand, we praise Him for using the government that we may enjoy the physical life He gives us.



WHEN OUR LORD WILLS

SUNDAY Preschool/World Relief Sunday

9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion Service
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship/SCRIP Orders
10:15 AM Bible Studies & Sunday School Classes

MONDAY 2:00 PM Bethlehem Women's Bible Study
6:00 PM Evening Worship/Holy Communion
7:00 PM Reformation Choir Practice

TUESDAY 8:00 PM AA meeting

WEDNESDAY 4:00 PM Bell Choir Practice
5:00 PM Choir Practice
5:30 PM Midweek Meal
6:00 PM Midweek Class

SATURDAY 9:00 AM Saturday Bible Study

SUNDAY Reformation Sunday

10:00 AM Joint Worship/Holy Communion Service with St. Johns,
Kramer. After Service Reformation Potluck Dinner



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In Our Prayers

Please take time this week each day to bring these petitions before the Lord of grace and mercy. And remember, without your call, we may not know you or your family need our prayers. 402-826-4359.



Those Requesting our Prayers: Camden Diedrichs, 9 yr. old son of Jill (Bergen) Diedrichs and Jeremy Diedrichs. Marian Terry, Prairie Brolhorst, Josophia Howard, Helenka Odvody, Mark Lautzenhiser, Roger Johnson, Nathan Ristvedt and Family, Kathy Baker, sister of Patty Bauer, Jan Underwood, Doug Keller, Kathryn Kubicek, the family of Elmer Dittmer, and in celebration of Dale and Margaret Smith's 65th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy Birthday Wishes: **10/22:** Cheryl Juricek, Amanda Odvody **10/23:** Gene Eggebraaten, Vicki Meysenburg **10/24:** Austin Rockenbach, Tyler Rockenbach, Jill Shaw **10/25:** Aaron Filipi, Diane Hansmeyer **10/26:** Byron Melichar **10/27:** Trevor Malone, Charlotte Wittstruck **10/28:** Laura Kersten



Joint Reformation Service A joint reformation service will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with St. Johns of Kramer on October 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM. A pot luck dinner with ham provided will be in the fellowship hall after the service.

Reformation Choir-Oct 29 We are forming a combined choir for the Reformation Service. Please join us! Rehearsals will be on Monday, October 9 at 7 pm at St. John's Fellowship Hall (lower level). Rehearsal # 2 will be at 7 pm, Monday, October 16th in the balcony at Bethlehem and rehearsal #3 will be Monday, October 23 at 7 pm, once again in the balcony at Bethlehem. Let us all come together to sing God's praises for this special service. Accompanist will be Ellen Miller and the choir director will be Carol Brinkmeyer



Sign-up for Reformation Potluck Dinner

Sign-up in the hallway to bring items for our potluck dinner following the joint Reformation Service on October 29th.



Quarterly Voters Meeting: The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on November 5, 2017 at 10:15 am. We are looking for anyone interested in volunteering to serve the church in any of the following elected positions to please contact Dave Bauer or Dan McElravy. Open positions to be voted on are: Financial Secretary, (3) Elders, (2) Trustees, Stewardship Chairman, and Special Gifts. Nominees are: Betty Reetz for Financial Secretary. Dave Bauer, Jon Garrelts, and Tiernan Creamer for Elders. Ryan Jindra and Eric Juricek for Trustees. Fred Beile for Special Gifts. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.



4th Quarter Mission: Offerings will go towards Lutheran World Relief (LWR). LWR started in 1945 when WW2 left 1/5th of the world's Lutherans homeless. Lutherans in 20 states would then join and start LWR which currently serves over 20 countries. The LCMS church is one of 140 partners. Our churches goal is \$1500 a quarter. Special offering will continue to take place on the second Sunday of each month. Gifts can also be designated per the gift catalog on the website. For example, someone can purchase a piglet for \$45, or a sheep for \$100 for a village. If one's gift wants to be designated, please note in the memo section on your check. For more information please go to <https://lwr.org/>.



Food Mart Receipts: Thank you to all who bring in their Food Mart Receipts. Our Preschool receives \$1,000 for every \$100,000.00 in receipts that we turn in. This week's total was \$2,910.21 We now have a grand total of \$42,327.92.

LWML Packing World Relief Kits: Oct 28th at 9:00 AM, LWML will be preparing and packing World Relief Kits and Quilts. They are looking for a few helping hands.



LWML Care Kits

LWML is starting their summer project of getting care kits ready for the Convention. Kit Ideas are:

Sewing Kits

- 2 material pieces
- 2 yarns & needles
- 2 new spools Thread

School Kits

- 5 notebooks
- 5 pencils
- 5 pens
- pink eraser
- pencil Sharpener
- 24 ct box crayons
- Ruler
- Draw string back-pack

Personal Care Kits

- 2 dark bath towels
- 2 washclothes
- nail clippers
- toothbrush
- lg tooth comb
- 2 bars of soap

Baby Kits

- 2 receiving blankets
- 5 cloth diapers
- 1 hand towel
- 2 bars ivory soap
- 2 gowns or pajamas
- 2 pairs of socks
- hat &/or hooded sweater or jacket
- 2 t-shirts &
- 2 diaper pins

They will also take plastic sacks for making bed mats, toothpaste and other sample personal items are boxed separate for Orphan Grain Train.

Acolytes:



Oct 22: Cooper Girmus & Alexa Kraus

Oct 29: Cooper Girmus & Alexa Kraus **Cross bearer:** Zachary Vhynalek

Nov 5: Kaylee Rimel & Noah Sysomphone

Nov 12: Kaylee Rimel & Noah Sysomphone