

PASTOR'S PAGE

Are You Regular?

Dear Fellow Disciples,

A colleague of mine interviewed with a congregation. During the interview, someone asked him, "Pastor, how often are you going to talk about money?" He wisely said, "No more often than Jesus does." I love that answer.

In case you're curious, Jesus speaks about money more often than any other subject except for the kingdom of God. In fact, 10% of the verses of the New Testament speak specifically about money.

This summer I want to issue a challenge to you: **to become a regular giver**. Simply put: *A regular giver is someone who gives as often as he or she is paid*. If you receive a paycheck monthly, you give monthly. If you get paid bi-weekly, you give bi-weekly. If you only receive income once a year, you give once a year.

If the box envelope system is working for you, that's great. However, many people have found that some form of **automated giving** is the best way to move to regular giving. You can do this through your bank's bill pay system or set up a regular gift through our online giving system.

It's a simple three-step process:

1. Go to this link for our online giving portal (through Tithe.ly).
https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#!/tithely/give-one-time/46805
2. At the very bottom, you can decide if you'd like to give through your debit / credit card or through your bank account.
3. Fill in all the necessary information.
4. If you would like to set up automated giving, select that option on the bottom right and it will give you several choices about frequency.

That's it. You're all done.

Persevering in Prayer,

Pastor Matt

Memory Verse for Q2: April, May and June

Romans 12:12: *Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.*

P.S. Our goal is to double the number of automated, online givers this summer. Will you help us meet that goal?

**Adventures in Acts
Summer 2018 Preaching Series**

What does it look like when we put our faith in action? We're going to be exploring that theme and so much more during our summer worship as we read, preach and pray through the Acts of the Apostles.

Put this page in your Bible so you can read along with us this summer.

June 3: Replacing Judas (Acts 1:12-26)

June 10: Pentecost (Acts 2:1-8, 17-21)

June 17: Peter and John heal a man (Acts 3:1-10)

June 24: Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 4:32-5:11)
Houston ELCA Youth Gathering send off

July 1: Deacons Chosen to Serve (Acts 6:1-7)

July 8: Stephen (Acts 6:8, 7:54-8:1)

July 15: Saul (8:2-3, 9:1-19)

July 22: Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-39)

July 29: Lydia (Acts 16:11-17)
Vicar Janelle's last Sunday

Aug 5: Paul and Silas in Prison (Acts 16:16-40)

Aug 12: Pemberville Community Worship service: 10 am, Memorial Park

Aug 19: Paul's Departure from Ephesus (Acts 20:17-38)

Aug 26: Paul's trip to Rome (27:1, 14-20, 39-44; 28:1-2, 16, 28-31)
Houston ELCA Youth Gathering FREE "Thank you" celebration dinner

Looking ahead to Fall

Sep 3: Labor Day weekend

Sep 9: "God's work, Our hands" Day of service

Sep 16: Fall program year begins

From Vicar Janelle

Last Sunday: July 29

Thank you to everyone who prayed for Pemberville with me. The prayer walk was an exciting internship school project. We learned a lot about Pemberville and praying over the 12 weeks. It was exciting to get all ages to participate in caring for our neighbors. From age 6 and junior high kids to almost 92 and homebound residents, we loved and cared for our neighbors. It was a great practice for the Year of Prayer that you can do on your own as you go out for a run or walk this summer.

As we continue the Year of Prayer, what other parts of prayer would you like to explore? Art and prayer? Field trip to a prayer labyrinth? Prayer journaling?

And a BIG THANKS for the great year for internship. All of you made my internship experience a great year to learn, grow, and live out my calling. Being an internship congregation is a wonderful call by God to serve growing leaders in the Church. It was also a great year to learn about the state of Ohio. I explored Ohio a bit different from the average traveler..... through donuts. Currently, I have visited 36 bakeries with several more on my list to go to. National Donut Day is June 1st. Ask me in July where my favorite donuts can be found! After internship my plans are to return to Luther Seminary in Minnesota and finish a few classes. By this time next year, I will be graduating and getting a call to a church.

Thank you to my internship committee for serving this year :

Paulette Bresler	Bill Long	Nolan Nachtrab
Tori Corns	Pam Varty	Janet Witker



Coffee Hour

Please sign up to host Coffee Hour on the clipboard or online at tinyurl.com/BLC-CoffeeHour on Sunday mornings. Coffee and supplies will be provided. Your responsibility is to set up, make the coffee and bring a simple snack item such as cookies or donut holes (not mandatory) and clean up.

Flowers & Radio Broadcast

Flower and Radio Broadcast sign up sheets are in the hallway, on a clipboard, outside the offices. Cost is \$33 for Flowers and \$75 for Radio Broadcast.

The sign ups are now on two separate clipboards and online at: tinyurl.com/BLCflowers and/or tinyurl.com/BLCradio. You may also call or email the office. Available dates are listed below:

FLOWERS (\$33):

June 3,10,
July 1,8,29
August 5,19,
Sept 2,16,30

RADIO (\$75)

June 3, 10, 24
July 8,15,22,29
August 5,
Sept 16,30

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Housed at Bethlehem

Available Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the second and last Saturdays of the month from 8-11 a.m., for Eastwood community residents in need of food.

Please help us stock these items in June & July:

- Peanut Butter (creamy or crunchy), Crackers of all kinds.
- Jelly of any kind, Maple Syrup (lite & regular)
- Kleenex , paper towels
- Pumped soaps

Personal items are always needed, such as generic shampoos, conditioners, pump soap, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste and laundry detergent.

Any non-perishable items and monetary donations are gladly accepted. Please place items in the tubs in the Mission Action room (111). Thank you!

Don't forget about the **Simply Give** program going on at the Meijer in Bowling Green. Until June 17th, when you donate \$10.00 to our food pantry they will match your donation. Simply Give cards are available in the church office.



*The Pemberville Community Food Pantry is a joint ministry shared by all congregations within the Village that has embraced the following mission: **As disciples of Jesus, we are building community with care and dignity by sharing our blessings.***

This ministry of our community parish continues to serve local residents who find themselves in difficult circumstances. Housed in the educational wing at Bethlehem, the pantry serves approximately 30 families each month with food. The pantry is staffed entirely by volunteers and stocked exclusively through private donations. Spiritual support is offered through prayer with volunteers for additional concerns of our visitors involving the health and well-being of themselves and their families. Community support through the generous donations of food and monetary gifts have ensured that all who have sought assistance from the pantry have been served. In addition to food, help has been provided to four families so far this year that were in jeopardy of having utilities shut off.

The number of volunteers has grown tremendously in recent months reaching, at last count, 17 who assist in some way with this ministry. This spring, the volunteers developed and implemented a training and policy guide for volunteers. The purpose of this guide is to help new volunteers become quickly acquainted with their role and opportunities to be a blessing to pantry guests.

Thank you to all who have supported the pantry in some way. Without your continued support through your time, gifts of food, or monetary donations, this ministry would not exist. Please pray that this ministry may continue to bless those in need and for guidance about how you could add your blessings to this effort.

Council Highlights

Your Church Council Members:

John Stewart	President
Ron Nabors	Vice President
Becky Buchman	Secretary
Jennifer Schuerman	Treasurer
Vic Schuerman	Elder
Willie Fisher	Elder
Travis Ford	Deacon
Rick Rahe	Trustee
Jim Witker	Trustee
Dean Schuerman	Trustee
Evan Frankfather	Youth Deacon
Matt Musteric	Pastor

Council Highlights Meeting Date: April 17, 2018

Members Present: John Stewart, Ron Nabors, Becky Buchman, Jennifer Schuerman, Pastor Matt Musteric, Vicar Janelle Hennager, Jane Kohlenberg, Travis Ford, Evan Frankfather, Willie Fisher, Vic Schuerman, Jim Witker

Devotions and Call to Order: President John Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Additions to the agenda were: FYI - Pat Cline retirement letter and New Business : Approval for final amount of funding for Houston youth trip.

- How are we living out our mission statement?
- Large number of members interested in Josh & Kalee's presentation
- Good sized group interested in hearing about the Boyk's talk on Honduras trip
- Over \$5000 has been donate to this ministry from our members
- Volunteers stepping up to help with the Food Pantry
- Vicar Janelle's visits with the Senior Center

Discussion was held regarding the 5th & 6th chapter of Circle Maker.

FYI Items:

1. May 6: Confirmation Sunday
2. June 8-9: Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly
3. June 18-22: Vacation Bible School
4. June 27-July 2: ELCA Youth Gathering: Houston
5. Sept 9: ELCA day of service: Need volunteers to head up organizing

6. Pat Cline retirement letter

Reports: Added to the pastor's report: to include the announcement of the new intern Tim Miller and his wife Angi.

Old Business:

- Safe Sanctuary Policies (no updates)
- Beyond Our Walls Christmas Offering
- Scouts Chartering: Girls in Scouting

New Business:

- Approval of Confirmation Class of 2018: Toby Marten, Gavin Owens, Paige Rost, Samantha Stewart, Logan Williams, Addie Young

Motion to approve confirmation class; motion carries

- Funding for Youth Trip to Houston - Long Range Planning

Motion to approve \$3031.26 to be given to the youth group, from the Endowment Fund, for their Houston trip, motion carries.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



PRAYING daily

FOR HEALING AND HOPE: Karen O'Brien, Virginia Shammo, Karen Williams, Nancy Gerwin, Dorothy Krumnow, Opal Blausey, Howard Brunk

FOR THE GRIEVING: for the family of Imogene Krift

FOR OUR BISHOPS: Elizabeth Eaton, Daniel Beaudoin

FOR LOCAL MISSIONS: After School Youth Club, Snack Pack Program, Good Samaritan Fund, Community Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, The Linen Closet, Grace's Place, Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool and Extended Care, WCCA Senior Center

FOR ALL YOUTH; FOR OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN.

WORSHIPING Weekly

Worship Attendance

April 29	157
May 6	156
May 13	178
May 20	146
May 27	128

Sunday School Attendance

April 29	56	May 20	15
May 6	16	May 27	13
May 13	15		

Sign Up to Serve

Coffee Hour	tinyurl.com/BLC-CoffeeHour
Communion Bread	tinyurl.com/BLCcommunionBread
Church Women	tinyurl.com/BLCWsignup
Flowers	tinyurl.com/BLCflowers
Radio Broadcast	tinyurl.com/BLCradio
Acolytes	tinyurl.com/BLCAcolytes

Bethlehem Youth Garage Sale Fundraiser

July 21, 2018 from 9-4

Please donate baby items, toys and kids' books, sporting equipment, bicycles, furniture, appliances, household items (dishes, etc.), lawn and garden equipment, tools, wedding items.

- NO clothing or computers please
- Donations will be accepted at the Parsonage 2 garage the week before the sale.

Connecting regularly in SMALL GROUPS

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN (BLCW)

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THE CIRCLE MEETING:

Priscilla Circle: June 11, @ 7 p.m.

Bible Study: TBA

Devotions: Carolyn Borcharding

The purpose of this gathering is to share God's word and fellowship with one another. Please come any time, nothing special is required.

Dress is casual. Bible study materials are provided. A small offering is collected if you feel able



DON'T FORGET

Purchase books, Amazon Gift Cards or cash donations to be taken with the youth to the Youth Gathering in Houston. These donations will help the less fortunate in the Houston areas.

MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Imogene Krift

In Memory of Merlin Hoodlebrink

Eloise Reitzel

M/M Steve Porth

M/M Charles Kokomoor

Helen & Barb Bushman

M/M Dave Vickers

M/M Robert Daniels &

M/M Nigel Davies

Family

M/M Dana Long

M/M Robert Kelly &

Norma Christen

Family

Gladys Witker Smith &family

M/M Hal Moore

M/M Jery Ducat

M/M Tom Rahe

Bessie Matthews

M/M Ray Kohlenberg

Mary Vestal

Luther Henline

Carolyn Borcharding

M/M John Buckenmyer

M/M Jerry Swaisgood

Kathy Kutzli

M/M Clinton Wood

M/M Paul Rolf

Wilma Rolf

Bob Bosse: Music Fund

M/M Robert :Bruning Radio Fund

M/M Kenny Linkey

M/M Steve Rife

Evelyn Gerwin

M/M Vic Schuerman

Ruth Kruse

JUNE & JULY

April 80+ Birthdays

Use this list to send a card or give a greeting...

If your 80+ birthday is not included here, we don't have that information... please call the office.

6/7 Bruce Ehmke	7/3 Mary Vestal
6/8 Richard Beeker	7/14 Alson Beeker
6/10 Bob Bruning	7/18 Eleanor Long
6/12 Carol Beeker	7/20 Jan Hoodlebrink
6/14 Arlene Layman	7/26 Jane Westerhaus
6/28 Dorothy Karns	

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH	
Acolytes, 9 a.m.	Volunteers needed
Altar Flowers	June: Deb Helm & Luann Snyder July: Wendy Fisher & Kim Haws
Altar Guild	June: Megan Hummel July: Karen Godfrey & Sharon Nigh
Office Window	June: VBS, July: Sharon Moenter
Service Org. (Funerals)	June: Sharon Moenter & Jane Kohlenberg July: Joyce Brinker & Marilyn Linkey

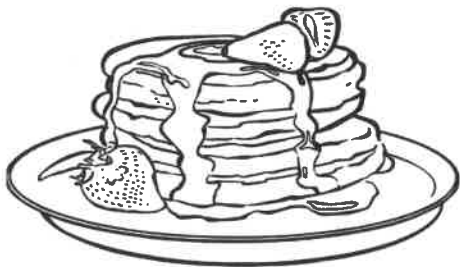
PRICELESS PANCAKES

Serving **FREE** pancakes on
Saturday, June 30 & July 28 from 8-11 a.m.
 at **First United Presbyterian Church**
 in **Pemberville (106 Perry St.)**.

Carry outs available.

Share fellowship and a free meal.

Volunteers needed! All you need to do is show up at the next event, before 8 a.m., and help with carry outs, taking orders, serving,



Noisy offerings will be collected every first Sunday of each month for a local immediate need, or they will be held in the outreach fund until needed.

Health and Wellness



YOGA CLASS OPEN TO ALL on Mondays, 7 p.m., in the church's Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per person.

Blood Pressure Sunday

Sunday, June 3, 30 minutes before and after the 9 a.m. service, with Nurse April, In the Lounge..

ACOLYTES



We are needing acolytes for the following months: June, July, August, September and October.

Please go online to sign up at tinyurl.com/BLCacolytes or call the office to have your name put on the list.

Thank you for your assistance!!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women (BLCW)

KNOTTING DATES: Join us in tying blankets for Lutheran World Relief and local nursing homes on Tuesdays, June 26 and July 24 at 9 a.m., in the basement.

BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, August 28, 7 p.m.

WE COLLECT: Fabric Kits for Lutheran World Relief in June and money donations for the Cocoon Shelter in July. Collections of these items can be dropped off in the Mission Action Center (room 111) or the church office.

PRAYER BREAKFAST GATHERINGS:

- Sat. June 23: 9 a.m. "Making Beautiful Banners", Ann Thomas, Marion Ohio
- Sat. July 14: 9 a.m. "Purim Party: Experiencing Esther", Vicar Janelle Hennager
- Sat. Oct 20: 9 a.m. "The Power of Prayer," Pastor Rose Jones

Thank You! Thank You!!

Thank you to those who thought of me while I was hospitalized and in rehab. I appreciate all of the cards, calls, and concerns I received. Thanks, too, to Pastor Matt and Vicar Janelle for their visits to St. Luke's and St. Clare Commons.

Donna Schuerman

Thank you for the Prayer Rock and the Prayer Box. They are thoughtful gifts and I really appreciate them. Thank you once again.

Lois Hansen

Joan, Karen & Women of the Church: Our family wants to thank you so much for taking care of the meal at the funeral. You just never know how many to plan for but always do a great job. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts & concerns at this difficult time in our lives. We appreciate it. Enclosed is a little something extra we received through cash memorials. We wanted the Women of the Church to have it & use it where needed. Thank you,

Family of Merlin Hoodlebrink

An angel stepped inside my back door Sunday afternoon and left a love rock and a prayer box. Sorry I did not hear her. Probably napping! Thank you so much. I will cherish both of them. Lovingly,

Carol Freeman

Our heartfelt thank you to all who offered prayers, sent cards and gave their kind expressions of sympathy in the death of Brandon after his courageous three year battle with cancer. We are so grateful.

Mickey Gerwin and family

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1488.00 to Genacross Lutheran Services Family and Youth ministry. Through these gifts they can make a real difference in the lives of some of God's special people. What an amazing community of faith. I give thanks to God for all the amazing memories I have and for your continuing faithful service!!!

Dr. Jim Dumke

Sunday June 10 , 5-7p.m.

Join us in serving a meal for 200 people in need at **Mosaic Ministries**, Toledo. We need people to serve the meal and to donate food. Families with kids are encouraged to help; we have jobs that are appropriate for everyone! Sign up at: tinyurl.com/Mosaic6-10 or call Pam Frankfather at 419-265-2109 or Becky Buchman at 419-467-9585.



All are invited to the June Prayer Breakfast!!

Saturday June 23, 2018
9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The theme is "Making Bible Stories Into Beautiful Banners"

Presented by Ann Thomas, an avid quilter and seamstress from Marion Ohio.

Light breakfast refreshments will be served.



APRIL 2018 Newsletter report

April	Balance		Receipts	Expenditures	Balance
General	\$	57,264.48	\$ 27,387.41	\$ 25,763.40	\$ 58,888.49
Reconcile Adjustment	\$	(9.70)			\$ (9.70)
Memorial	\$	8,174.71	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 9,419.71
Benevolence	\$	12,307.74	\$ 3,430.00	\$ 12,307.74	\$ 3,439.00
Outreach	\$	9,344.30	\$ 2,591.02	\$ 2,288.94	\$ 9,646.38
Pass Through	\$	3,639.90		\$ 2,247.00	\$ 1,392.90
Total Checking	\$	90,721.43	\$ 35,328.43	\$ 43,282.08	\$ 82,767.78

In April we made our first quarter Benevolence payments which included

ELCA Mission Support	\$ 6,234.02
Haiti Support	\$ 2,069.00
World Hunger	\$ 855.50
Luther Home of Mercy	\$ 1,560.22
Genacross (Lutheran Homes Society)	\$ 1,488.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$ 1,116.00
Total	\$ 12,307.74

We are coming upon the summer months when contributions take a dip because of vacations and weekend events. We appreciate your regular gifts!

Check the web site for giving electronically through Tithely as a one time donation or for making recurring contributions. Many members are doing most of their banking electronically and this might suit your lifestyle. We continue to accept checks and cash through the use of the envelopes. However you choose to give is just fine. We are just adding another method of giving.

Have a safe summer.

Jane Kohlenberg, Financial Secretary

Bethlehem Star

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Matthew Musteric
Vicar Janelle Hennager
June-July 2018

*Transformed by the crucified and risen
Jesus we are a loving community of
disciples making disciples.*

419-287-4182

Office hours: 9 am to 2 pm, Monday—Friday

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Radio: WFRQ 99.1 FM, Sundays at 11:30 am

Sunday Worship: 9 am

Faith Formation for all ages: 10:20 am



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July 2018

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 Church Women
 FH-Fellowship Hall
 FUPC-First United Presby.
 OPV-Otterbein-Portage Valley

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