

September 2019

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Beginning September 9th

Led by Pastor Adams and the Elders, this is a mix of Topical studies and studies of Books of the Bible!

Confirmation Classes

Beginning September 8th

Our 7th and 8th Grade members — along with their parents — will be exploring the faith into which they were baptized. Our goal is to build them into lifelong disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ

Blessing of our Preschool Staff & Board

September 29th at 4:00 p.m.

We are very blessed to have such faithful people teaching in our Preschool AND governing our School Board. We will be praying over them and asking the Lord to bless them and our school year!

Sharing God's Word with All Generations!

2019-2020 Sunday Morning Bible Studies

September - November

THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the 4 Gospels, but might be the most action-packed!

Did you know that the Gospel of St. Mark might be the **FIRST** of the 4 Gospels to be written?

January - February

PRAYER

A look at the many facets of Prayer: Intercession, Gratitude, Confession and Praise!

Do you take Prayer for granted ?

February - March

ANGELS

Many love angels . . . but how much do we KNOW about angels and how much do we ASSUME to know about angles? We will be looking at what the Holy Scriptures tell us about these servants of the Lord.

So, **WHEN** were the angels created?

March - May

1 CORINTHIANS

The Church in Corinth (a city in Greece) was a mess! In this first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, the Apostle both took them to task AND encouraged them. Many of their troubles are issues the modern Church is also facing . . .

How are Grace, Mercy, and Peace the answer to most of our problems ?

Occasional Sundays

ELDERS: A STUDY ON THE SUNDAY LESSONS

On Sundays Pastor Adams is out in lone, our Elders will lead us through the Scripture Lessons assigned to that particular Sunday. You can then take your knowledge with you into worship!

Do you know that the Sunday Lessons tie together?

Sunday Generations!

December 15

Jesus is Born!

A Multi-Generational **CHRISTMAS** Program

April 12

Jesus is Risen!

A Multi-Generational **EASTER** Program

HOLD ON! HOLD OUT!

Greek is a fun language AND it's the language of the New Testament. An example of the beauty of Greek is found in Paul's letter to the Philippians where he used the Greek word επεχοντες (epechontes - see the underline in the inset).



The Word

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life

Philippians 2:15-16 ESV

Living in the midst of a "crooked and twisted generation" Paul encouraged the believers to "hold fast to the word of life." Surrounded by those living lives in conflict with God's will, how can the child of God stay alive? By holding on tightly to God's Word. The Lord has spoken to us through the years via prophets, evangelists and apostles. And what has He spoken? Words of life.

THE LAW — Words showing me the futility of life apart from the Creator and thereby driving me to God's other words . . .

THE GOSPEL — Words of promises and restoration that come to us through the Incarnation of God's Word — Jesus Christ!

But here's where the Greek becomes FUN! The verb which is translated as "holding fast" in the English Standard Version of the Bible can also be translated as "hold out." Consider how that changes the direction of the sentence: ". . . in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding OUT the word of life!"

Who would need the Word of Life more than those in a crooked and twisted generation? Those whose lives are bent by sin, who find themselves living off the straight and narrow path that leads to life — they need this living Word of God. Those who are twisted by the desires of the flesh and who, though created in the image of God, have maimed that image — they need the Word that provides forgiveness and makes them righteous.

The Church has found herself, through the years, trying to balance the "hold fast" with the "hold out" in her calling as God's people Some, in an attempt to be relevant and reach more people, compromise the Word of life, and thus slip away from the Lord. Others, in an attempt to be doctrinally pure, hold the Word of God so close that no one outside the church can ever see it. Hmmm . . .

I believe Alvin Barry, a former President of the LCMS, said it best: "Get the message right . . . Get the message out!" When we trust in Christ and follow His Word, we are compelled to do BOTH!

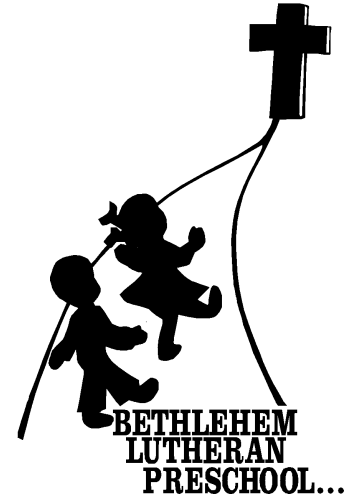
Sharing God's Word with All Generations is the mission statement of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This is why we exist. Let us commit anew to holding on for dear life to the Word of God even as we hold it out to a lost and desperate world . . .

To God be the glory!

In **Jesus'** name,

Pastor Adams

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Let's do it again!! We've been teaching 3 & 4 year olds here at Bethlehem for **41** years now! WOW!

This year we will have **3** Three year old classes and **4** Pre-K classes with a total of **110** students!. Through all these years our Preschool has been a **HUGE** blessing to both our congregation and our community as we have prepared children for Kindergarten **AND** shared the **WORD OF GOD!**

As we begin a new school year, we do so with some new faces! New staff, new students, new families, but the same old mission: **Share God's Word with All Generations.** Look who's serving the Lord for our Preschool this year.

Pre-K Classes



Tess Adams — "Miss Tess"
PreK Teacher & Preschool Director
26th year at BLPS



Amytie Gillson — "Miss Amy"
PreK Teacher
2nd year at BLPS



Sarah Ganvoa — "Miss Sarah"
Pre-K Aide



Susan Dick — "Miss Susan"
Pre-K Aide

3 Yr. Old Classes



Tammy Mallon — "Miss Tammy"
3 yr. old Teacher
21st year at BLPS



Josie Johnston — "Miss Josie"
3 yr. old Aide

Feeding the Funny Bone



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(See Luke 10:30-36)

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DON'T GET TOO EXCITED FELLA, I'M THE
MEDIocre SAMARITAN ... I ONLY GIVE
YOU A BANDAID AND THEN I'M OFF

Anger vs. Exasperation

A young girl who was writing a paper for school came to her father and asked, "Dad, what is the difference between anger and exasperation?"

The father replied, "It is mostly a matter of degree. Let me show you what I mean."

With that, the father went to the telephone and dialed a number at random. To the man who answered the phone, he said, "Hello, is Melvin there?"

The man answered, "There is no one living here named Melvin. Why don't you learn to look up numbers before you dial them?"

"See," said the father to his daughter. "That man was not a bit happy with our call. He was probably very busy with something, and we annoyed him. Now watch . . ."

The father dialed the same number again.

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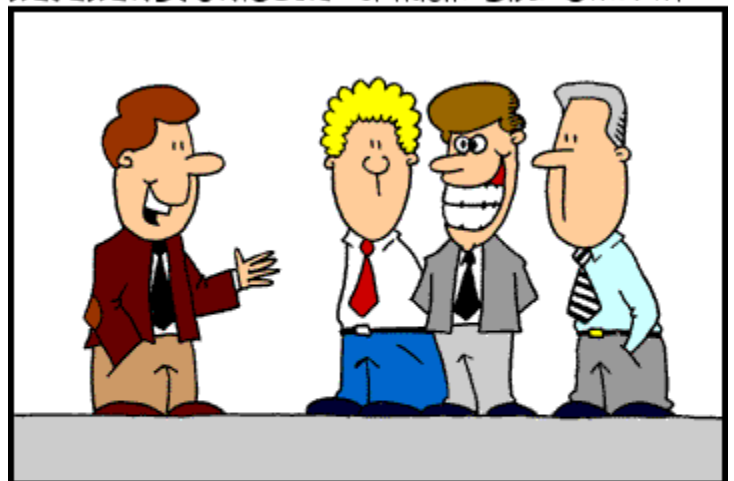
"Now look here!" came the heated reply. "You just called this number, and I told you that there is no Melvin here! You've got a lot of nerve calling again!" The receiver was slammed down hard.

The father turned to his daughter and said, "You see, that was anger. Now I'll show you what exasperation means."

He dialed the same number, and a violent voice roared, "HELLO!"

The father calmly said, "Hello, this is Melvin. Have there been any calls for me?"

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THE BOARD DECIDED THAT JOHN WILL
REMAIN THE HEAD GREETER ... AT LEAST
UNTIL HIS MEDICATION WEARS OFF

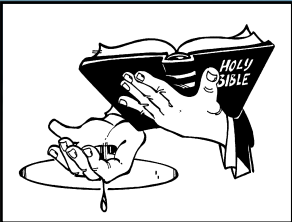


Bethlehem's September Celebrations!



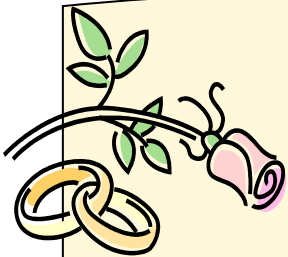
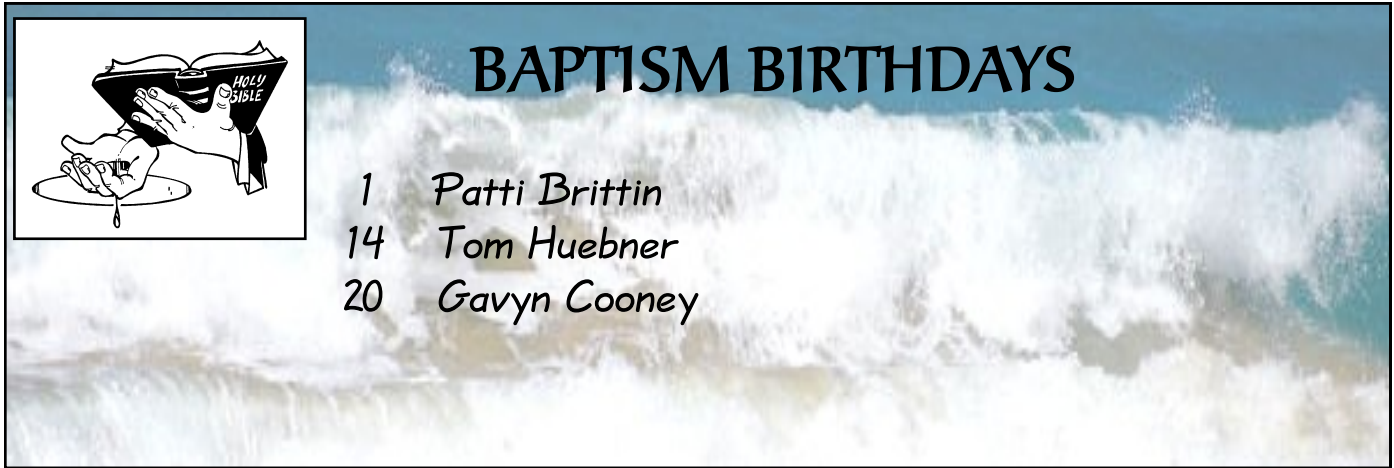
5 Ronda Wright
5 Kelsey Tew
13 Sam Connell
14 Valerie Horton
16 Cindy Middleton
17 Tracey Pollock

18 Jan Schulz
19 Dottie Stensrud
23 Jessica Horton
24 Lorinda Schwarz
27 Duane Neiffer
29 Britney Bahrns



BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

1 Patti Brittin
14 Tom Huebner
20 Gavyn Cooney



Happy Anniversary!

September 18, 1982 (37th) Vern & Trisha Weber

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September

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 th Sunday aft. Pentecost	1 Christ Alone Lutheran, lone Worship @ 8 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	2	3 Bible Study in lone 7 a.m. Peacemakers 9:00 a.m.	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's 6 a.m.	5 Board of Directors' Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 1:15 p.m.	6	7 Men's Group 8 a.m. at the Church
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St. Michael & All Angels	29 Christ Alone Lutheran, lone Worship @ 8 a.m. Blessing of our Preschool  Mite Box Offering Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	30	Memory Verse for September He will not let your foot slip — He Who watches over you will not slumber Psalm 121:3 NIV				

Flowers

Sept. 1 Zach & Sarah Gaulke
8 OPEN
15 Mark & Tess Adams
22 OPEN
29 OPEN



Those Who Serve

Pastor: Rev. Mark Adams
Elder: Mike Martin
Preschool Director: Tess Adams
Organist: Kathy Nichols & Judy Hall
Greeter: Ramona Wagner

Family Prayers

Sept 1 John & Martha Liebe
8 Jeff & Denise Marks
15 Mike & Peggy Martin
22 Chris & Alysia McDonald
29 Jason & Cindy Middleton

