

THE BRISTOL BANNER

Newsletter of Bristol Lutheran Church



February 2019

“Inspired by the Gospel, we love and serve creation through our Christ-centered community.”



Sunday WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday WORSHIP– 6:30 p.m.

Attend NURSERY and SUNDAY SPARKS during Sunday Worship (3-year-old thru 6th grade)

Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.

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MISSION TRIP FOR YOUTH

Greetings,

As we look to deepen the faith of our young people in our congregation, I would like to encourage confirmation through high school youth to partake in the life changing and faith building experiences of mission trips. I have found these trips to be vitally important in how our youth engage and look at the world.

- The organization I have used in the past is called Nextstep Ministries.
- I'm looking at the trip to Milwaukee Wisconsin. This will be a great entry point to mission work as there would be little travel cost, which can cost more than the registration fees as you travel over the country.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin (\$369 per person)

- June 30-July 5, 2019: 40 spots available
- July 28-August 3, 2019: 10 spots available
- **Please check there website and look at the video on the Milwaukee trip at:** <https://nextstepministries.com/>
- The initial cost needed to reserve a spot by the family would be 175.00 per student. We will fundraise the rest and use budget or memorial money as needed.

Please let me know ASAP if you interested in sending your child or being a chaperone and we will talk dates and more detailed information.

- Also, let me know if you know of families in the congregation who have high school age kids who might want to attend.
- Friends not part of our congregation are invited to come. Their cost would not include budget or memorial help.

I'm excited to be part of growing our youth in faith and the need to love God and our neighbors!

Peace+

Pastor Tim, pastortim@bristollutheran.org

THE BEFRIENDER MINISTRY GROUP

The Befriender Ministry is a group of people who answer God's call to minister to those who are home bound. This is a blessed ministry that brings our church to those who are unable to leave their home. Visits are made to give time for listening and conversation. Communion is included with the visit when the person wants to receive it. This is a true blessing for those cared for and for the caregivers. If anyone has a need for a visit please contact Pastor Tim and/or any of the people who are participating in the Befriender ministry. Janice Vollmert-coordinator, Barb Fett, Arlene Skrenes, Anne Seitz, Lorre Paulman, and Ruth Carl.

A question from the Befrienders to you, we are missing 2 of the communion kits if anyone has one can you please return it the church? Thank you.

ANNUAL MEETING and CHILI COOKOFF

Thanks for joining us for the Annual Meeting. We had awesome discussion about activities in the church, including the platform in the sanctuary, pipes for the organ, the budget, nominees for council and so much more! We have an exciting year ahead of us!

Bristol Lutheran Church Women: And the winner of the January 27th annual Chili Cook-off was: Most Unusual and Best overall: Barbara Schnell; and Spiciest: Greg Shemanek. Congratulations! Everything was delicious. Thanks to all the cooks and bakers.

Platform Replacement Volunteers Needed

The replacement of the platforms has started and we need volunteers to keep it moving forward. Our next scheduled work time is Saturday February 2, 2019 starting at 9.00 am. We will work in half day increments every Monday and Saturday. So if you want to join in the fun this Saturday come on out to church after you get done with the Jimmy the Groundhog Day celebration.



The Adopt a Highway volunteers need and will appreciate any new people joining us in 2019 for the cleanup of the roadside and ditches of County N from Happy Valley Rd to Progress Way. It usually takes about 2 hours to complete and we have been doing this on Saturday mornings, but we are open to suggestions for other times as well. We always meet at the church and divide into two groups with one starting at Happy Valley Rd going to Progress Way and one group starting at Progress Way to Happy Valley Rd, with each area being approximately 2 miles. The County provides garbage bags and safety vests. A new sign up form is on the counter in the entry to the fellowship/office area. Information for the regulations from the county is with the sign up form. The first clean up time in 2019 will be in March or April, depending on the weather situations. Some of the volunteers who have done this can share their experiences with this: Lynn Schwantes, Emme Thorpe, Pam Fugina, Cyndi Voeck, Arlynn Schwanke, and Todd Schwanke just to name a few and if you have questions you can ask Janice Vollmert.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Meets at 10:15 a.m., 1st Sunday of the month

Committee members: Pastor Tim, Marilyn Betlach, Melissa Curry (Council Liaison), Ken Forney (Director of Music Ministry), Kim Han, Ron Radunzel, Emme Thorpe, & Cyndi Voeck

THANK YOU to Barb Fett, Anne Seitz, Arlene Skrenes, Janice Vollmert, Kristin Ward, Ben Ward, Chuck Ward, and Jeff Throwbridge for helping decorate the sanctuary during the seasons of the church.

PIPE ORGAN UPDATE – The congregation approved the placement of the pipes in the apse and cleaning has begun.

The Worship & Music Committee's next meeting is on Sunday, 2/3/19, at 10:15 a.m.

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

The library wants to highlight a new book that has recently been added to the library. The title is "A Common Word Muslims and Christians on Loving God and Neighbor" authored and edited by Miroslav Volf, Ghazi bin Muhammad, and Melissa Yarrington. This book is written with four sections that address the facts of for understanding that Muslims and Christians both have a devotion to God that calls them to love God and love their Neighbor. The first section has articles written by theologians and leaders in Islam and Christianity that look at the crisis that exists in the relationship of these two faiths and how solutions can be found in each culture and the respective devotion and faith in God. The second section deals with the questions of what it means to love God and love your neighbor from the Muslim perspective. The third section deals with the questions of what it means to love God and to love neighbor from the Christian perspective. Each of these sections have scholars and theologians from across the world writing from their knowledge and experiences from the respective faiths of their lives. The fourth section is two chapters of questions frequently asked. Questions from the Muslim world are first and the questions from the Christian world are second. This book began with discussions at a conference at Yale University in 2008 on the Muslim-Christian perspectives of faith with the ultimate goal being

"That it will inform people about a central aspect of the two largest faiths in the world today--love of God and love of neighbor--and stimulate critical discussion of the possibilities of Christians and Muslims living in peace with one another without compromising their own authentic identity or disrespecting the other." The common word and fact is that both of these world faiths share the same perspective of knowing God and the love of God that also encourages the love of neighbors. Working together from this point of view can bring peace to the world we live in. Come to the library and check this book out to learn about the faith communities of Muslims and Christians and what they have in common.

The Prayer Chain is a ministry in our church that welcomes any requests for prayers from people who need the support of people praying for any need that is important for them to share. We pray for the people who are in the prayers of the church each week and we pray for people who give prayer needs to the prayer chain only. The Prayer Chain will pass on any requests if the person also wants them on the in the prayer of the church list when the Prayer Chain is the first contact. Call us whenever you have a prayer need and we will keep you in our prayers for as long as you need us too. The Prayer Chain Coordinator is Janice Vollmert and you can call or text a prayer request to 608-381-2678 when you have a need to share. You can also call the church with prayer needs letting the secretary know and Pastor Tim and they can pass it on to the Prayer Chain. Thank you for the gift of praying for you. "Prayer is the breath of the soul" (O.Hallesby)

Let Us Pray...

Prayers of Comfort and Support for Members: Jean Moe, Jo Odegaard, Eileen Austin, Mark Maley, Kobi Maley, Kimberly Han, Allison Peterson, Bob Sherman, and Lynn Krueger.

For Family & Friends: Patty Wood-Bartle (sister-in-law of Kathy & Dan Thorstad), Bud Wood (friend of Dan & Kathy Thorstad), Bob Rogers (brother of Debbie Mickelson), Dave Collins (friend of Mary Wagner), Ed Knapton (friend of Candy Skibba), Trisha Hodel (sister of Tammy Weiss), Richard Gordee (Tammy Weiss' cousin), Mary Ann Jacobi (sister of Roger Nolden), Russ Lorenz, Christopher Flynn (Diane Coudray grandson), Mary Lynn Piezker (friend of Jim & Jean Bauer), Bev Gehrke (daughter in law of Gene & Bev).

For our Homebound: Arlene Sasser & Del Trevorrow, Bev & Gene Gehrke, Lorie Nolden, Mary Wagner, David Grulke, Ruth Wipperfurth, and Phyllis Reinen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries!!

Along with this new month come some new birthdays and anniversaries. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our members who celebrate the occasion In February!!



THRIVENT REMINDER

Bristol Lutheran Church received only \$795 from the Thrivent Choice Dollars program in 2018. Of that amount, \$50 was from my being the Congregational Advocate. The December report from Thrivent tells me that either members of BLC forgot to designate their choice dollars or designated them to a different cause. If you are one who forgot, you have until March 31 to designate your 2018 Choice Dollars.

Alice Zweifel, BLC Congregational Advocate for Thrivent

SUNDAY ASSISTANTS FOR THE MONTH

DATE, TIME	2/3, 9:00a	2/10, 9:00a	2/17, 9:00a	2/24, 9:00a	3/3, 9:00a
ACCOMPANIST	Ken Forney	Jeff Dorner	Ken Forney	Ken Forney	Ken Forney
ACOLYTE	Samantha Schwantes	Braeden Moore	Ben Ward	Lexie Shemanek	Samantha Schwantes
ASSIST MINISTER	Roger Nolden	Anne Seitz	Janice Vollmert	Ann Schwanke	Emme Thorpe
CA	Open	Open	Arlene Skrenes	Open	Open
COMPUTER OPERATOR	Marty Seitz	Blaine Moore	Barbara Schnell	Kathy Thorstad	Marty Seitz
GREETER	Peg Hanson	Art & Lorre Paulman	Ann & Arlynn Schwanke	Rich & Barb Schnell	Dan & Kathy Thorstad
LECTOR	Donna Weisensel	Janice Vollmert	Lynn Krueger	Lorre Paulman	Catherine Pierce
NURSERY	Debbie Waelti-Keller	Emma Seehafer	Allison Betlach	Debbie Waelti-Keller	Emma Seehafer
BUTTERFLIES	Shelly Seehafer	Marsha Schwanke	Sandra Barr-Hundt	Melissa Curry	Shelly Seehafer
SPARKS LEADER	Melissa Curry	Tara Pray	Debbie Waelti-Keller	Marsha Schwanke	Tara Pray
SPARKS SUPPORT	Tammy Weiss	Tammy Weiss	Tammy Weiss	Tammy Weiss	Tammy Weiss
USHER	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3
FELLOWSHIP	Jan Dorner	Pam and Gayle	Open	Open	Jan Dorner
ALTAR FLOWERS	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
ALTAR GUILD	Janice Vollmert & Marie Strahl	Jan Dorner & Barb Fett			
COMMUNION BREAD	Kathy Thorstad	Kathy Thorstad	Kathy Thorstad	Kathy Thorstad	Alice Bakke

Head Ushers and teammates: (A.L. = Assistant Lead Usher)

USHERS, PLEASE USE USHER LAPEL PINS found on the back table of the sanctuary.

TEAM #1 - Lead Usher: Bill Gerke (837-8436),
 Bob Sherman, Gary Gehrke
 TEAM #2 - Lead Usher: Gary Scott (837-3702),
 Fred Zweifel
 TEAM #3 - Lead Usher: Roger Nolden (837-9426),
 Dan Thorstad (A.L.), Marty Seitz,
 TEAM #4 - Lead Usher: Darwin Anderson (837-5598),
 Don Hanson, Richard & Barb Schnell
 TEAM #5 - Lead Usher: Lou Stallman (837-2987),
 Arlynn Schwanke, Gary Yager, Bob Hundt

Please note the number of "open" spots for assistants, flowers, and fellowship. Would you be able to fill just one spot? Thanks for considering it!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM *Sparks Sunday (PreK-6th) 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Annual Meeting 11:00 AM Chili Cook-off and Potluck	28 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Yoga	29 8:30 AM Quilting	30 Closed due to weather	31 Closed due to weather	1	2
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MEN'S GROUP

For all BLC male's and friends, the Men's Group meets year round the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our meetings are held at the Country Cafe starting at 8:00 AM. Our discussions begin with coffee, tea, and milk and continue with and after a great breakfast. See you there.

A LITTLE ABOUT LUKE

During the month of February, our Gospel readings will be from the book of Luke. Here's a little about Luke (From Sundays and Seasons.com).

“Luke was a Gentile convert who brought with him into the Christian movement an educated mind and cosmopolitan point of view. He told the story of Jesus and the beginnings of the church by means of a two-part history. The first volume (the gospel) treated the career of Jesus, beginning with John the Baptist and ending with the disciples gathered after the resurrection at Jerusalem. The second volume (the book of Acts) traced the explosive spread of the gospel as it erupted from Jerusalem into lands far and near, and ultimately to Rome. Throughout Luke-Acts the Holy Spirit is emphasized. The Spirit produces new outpourings of prophecy. The Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism. Jesus' sermon at Nazareth was prefaced by the passage from Isaiah which begins, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Likewise, in Acts, the Spirit falls on the disciples in Jerusalem, quickening them and speaking through them to Jews from all over the world. From that point on, the Spirit supports and guides them as they go out preaching.

Other emphases of Luke are seen in the special place he gives to women, the compassionate attitude he shows toward the poor, his openness toward the hated Samaritans, the wonderful hymns he includes (especially in the first two chapters), and the masterful way he has of telling a story.

Luke wrote this account especially for a fellow Greek named Theophilus (1:3), who apparently wanted more information to satisfy himself as to the truth of the Christian message. Luke probably relied on other existing written accounts such as Mark and the document known as Q. This would place the date of the writing of Luke some time after A.D. 70. Since Luke was a companion of Paul, his book may reflect some of Paul's views, in much the same way that Mark reflects Peter.”