

WEEKLY CONNECTION

JUNE 26, 2022



Food & Drinks

- Hotdogs
- Chips
- Drinks



Join us Sunday, June 26th from
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Outdoor Worship 10:00 am
808 Weiss St. Saginaw, MI 48602

Fun for kids AND adults!

Kona Ice Truck

- Face Painting
- Bounce House
- Corn Hole

Car Show



Prayer Tent

NEW CONNECT 7 DEVOTIONS AVAILABLE for June 13 – July 29

The seasonal change from spring to summer is about to begin. Summer is a time of great growth in nature. The festival season of the church year, which focuses on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus, is about to end. We are ready to enter the long Church Year season of Pentecost, the liturgical color green is commonly used for the many weeks ahead. Like many things planted by a gardener or farmer in spring, green shows growth and maturation of that which was planted. In the same way, at this time of the Church Year, we are reminded that that green carries the symbolic importance of our continued need and privilege as God's people to grow and mature as disciples of Christ through the Holy Spirit given. The Readings in this Pentecost season often remind us of the Early Church continuing to grow and spread to all people, which has continued to us here and now beginning in our Baptism and through all the days the Lord grants us.

The **Connect 7 Devotions** and scripture reading provided contain nourishment for your soul. Each week the devotions are centered around our Sunday worship theme and are intended to connect you closer to God. It is our prayer that you put your roots down deep into the Word of God and that the Holy Spirit provide growth for your faith.

OUR ATTENDANCE AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

In Person Attendance 6/19/22: 162 Online Unique Viewers: 7

Offering \$14,543.00

Need \$15,631.00

Offerings may be mailed in or you may give electronically at bethlehemsaginaw.org/give

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY PICNIC REMINDER: COMBINED SERVICE

Please join us on **Sunday, June 26th at 10 am!** **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE ONLY SERVICE ON 6/26.** Bethlehem will be hosting an **outdoor worship service** in our Weiss Street parking lot. The Bethlehem family is encouraged to invite friends, neighbors, and extended family to participate. Following worship the festivities will continue with food, games, activities, and fun. Please see the attached flyer; we have some fun activities planned, including inflatables, face painting, corn hole, and even a car show! We plan to enjoy each other's company until 2 pm. In the event of inclement weather, we will move our worship service and picnic indoors.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 3: Due to the holiday weekend, we will offer **one worship service** on **Sunday, July 3 at 10:00 a.m.**

DRIVE UP COMMUNION will be held **Wednesday, July 6**, from 4 pm to 5 pm. Because not everyone is comfortable attending in person church and taking the Lord's Supper, the Board of Elders has approved a safe procedure for reception of the Lord's Supper by Drive-up Communion. Families will be able to individually receive the Lord's Supper in their cars. Every effort has been made to provide Communion that is safe, sanitized and maintains social distancing.

PRAYER FOCUS

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Daniel Miller, Andrew Wendt, Fred Bauer, Gail LeClair, Herb Berlin, Michelle Miller, Ginny Bergant, Ken Willman, Michelle Dingman, Barry Wittig, Marge (Younk) Kriewall, Grace Korte

CARING FOR OTHERS

PANTRY NEEDS are canned fruit, canned beans, peanut butter, pasta sauce, vegetable and vegetable beef soups and boxed potatoes. Items can be dropped off at the office. Thank you for your support!

OUR NEXT FOOD PANTRY is **Tuesday, July 19 from 10-11am**. We are doing a drive through distribution. People can line up in their cars along the church sidewalk in the Weiss lot next to the church. The line will start at the church entrance. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Trevor in the church office at 989-755-1144 x108.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

The LCMS Office of International Mission is currently working with five partner churches to help refugees from this conflict. To support the people of Ukraine, please pray for them. If you desire to contribute to their needs, there are three ways to **donate**: Text LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444; Give online; or call 888.930.4438

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN BARREL: Bethlehem continues collecting infant supplies, (diapers, clothing, stuffed toys); medical equipment, (bed & bath linens, walkers, wheelchairs); hygiene supplies (toothbrushes, sanitary items for women, bar soap, combs), and more for Orphan Grain Train Ministry. A more detailed wish list can be found at [OGT-Wish-List.pdf](#) or can be viewed in the narthex. We thank you in advance for your donations.

JUNE NOISY OFFERING: will go towards our LCMS - MI District Ministry Fund. Our district supports a wide variety of ministries including church planting, blind & deaf ministries, prison ministry, and many more! To view a full list visit <https://michigandistrict.org/ministries/>

AROUND BETHLEHEM

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

- **Fridays, 6:15 am** on Zoom. “Hebrews.” For info: mp_denno@yahoo.com
- **2nd Saturday, 7:30 am** in the lower level Join the Bacon Boys for food, fellowship and Faith building Bible Study. For information contact the church office 989-755-1144 or Pastor Korte mkorte@bethlehemsaginaw.org
- **Tuesdays, 10 a.m.** in the Church Lending Library. Do you miss Bible Study in the summer months? Come for a casual sharing of the Scriptures. All you need is your Bible. Call Sally for more info 989-781-4851 or 989-284-4090.

OFFERING COLLECTION: We now are passing the offering plate during the worship services. If you desire you may place your tithe or offering in the collection plate as it is passed. For the time being, the wooden “Joash Box” will remain in the entry way of the church and you may continue to place your offering in it before or following the service. You may also continue to contribute your tithe by automatic withdrawal, electronically on the website, or by texting. We appreciate your gifts as we return a portion of what the Lord has given us.

CEMETERY RAIN BARREL: The cemetery rain barrel is there so all can water their flowers. When you are finished watering, please make sure the faucet on the barrel is closed so water is available for others to use. Thank you.

BETHLEHEM’S PERPETUAL CHARITABLE TRUST FUND: The Gift that Grows. If you enjoy sharing Christ’s love and your blessings with others, you might consider a gift to your Trust Fund. You can help our congregation seed and expand our ministries and outreach with a gift to one of six funds. Just use your convenient envelopes in your giving packet or give directly through the office. Since 1994, over \$250,000 in earnings have been distributed. Contact Charmaine Wittig at 989 792-0669 with any questions or to donate.