



THE BETHLEHEM STAR – June 2017



“It’s been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon.” So began Garrison Keillor’s monologues about his imaginary idyllic hometown in Minnesota. We might paraphrase a bit about life at Bethlehem during June. Some committees are taking the month off from their regular meetings. We push the pause button on Sunday School and Bible classes until they resume the first Sunday in August. It’s a quiet month at Bethlehem.

It will be busy for my wife and me and 16 others who plan to travel to Germany from June 7-17. Berlin and area, Lutherland cities and Wartburg Castle, a medieval village, Munich and the Alps are on the travel agenda.

Many thanks to Gary Geipel for his hard work making the arrangements. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels and return. Nan and I thank you members of Bethlehem for our generous retirement gifts of this trip.

I also plan to attend our Southeastern Wisconsin District Pastor-Teacher Conference at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI just prior to our trip. We will go through what is called the Book of Reports and Memorials. This contains the information delegates will hear and decide at our synod convention later this summer at Luther Prep School in Watertown, WI. The congregation copy is on the round table. Feel free to borrow it and take a look. Please return it there when you have finished. Thank you.

Our divine worship continues at 10:15a on Sundays. There will be lay led services on June 11 and 18 due to the Germany trip. I will be preaching sermons I recorded on video prior to leaving. There will no be Holy Communion those Sundays. The council has asked Jeff Odenbaugh, 6/11, and Bill Freitag, 6/18, to lead those services.



Church Council Meeting Report

- Church Council did not meet in May. Next meeting scheduled for June 3, 2017.



Installation of our new Preschool Director/Teacher, Mrs. Alicia Campbell, is scheduled for Sunday, June 25th, during the morning service. A luncheon reception for Mrs. Campbell, husband, Derek, Aria and Kellen is planned in the fellowship hall following the service. Please plan to stay and welcome them.



On Sunday, July 9th we plan a **recognition to God’s glory** of Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool helpers, Jan Boggs, Marion Panagiotis, and our retiring director/teacher, Nan Ferch. Nan helped Lisa Hoover for two years before Bethlehem called Nan to be the new director/teacher in 2010 when the Hoovers moved away. We thank Nan for her many years of faithful service. Coffee and cake and some finger foods will be served. Please join us.

Pastor Ferch