



## THE BETHLEHEM STAR – May 2018



May is the month of graduations at our worker training schools. Graduates of Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary are assigned their first places of service. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they complete many years of study and preparation. Pray the Lord of the harvest to move more young people to consider the public ministry. Many begin their preparation at either Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, or Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI. Many come from area Lutheran high schools, and some from public schools. Parents, encourage your children to consider the ministry. Children, think and pray about offering your gifts to the Lord as a pastor, teach, or staff minister.

*Pastor Ferch*



### Voters' Meeting Business from April 15, 2018

- Approved \$700 for heat pump repair
- Ratified last quarter membership changes and accepted the transfer of Sharon Nienow, from Divine Word, Plover, WI
- Approved Andy Lamaster as delegate to district convention in June
- Closed Plate and Dyke memorial funds with distributions toward new sign construction, and lighting for stained glass
- Thanked Pastor Ferch for 21 years of service to Bethlehem.



Installation of Pastor Seth Bode is set for Sunday, June 3, 2018, 4:00pm. A welcome dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



I plan to conduct worship for the final time as Bethlehem's pastor on Sunday, June 24, 2018. There will be a thank you, both ways, dinner following the service. I hope many of you will attend. We plan to continue living in our home in Carmel. I would like to do some fill-in preaching and maybe some vacancy work, like Peace, Kokomo, in our circuit. Nan and I want to use our gifts as members of Bethlehem under the shepherding of our new pastor. It truly has been a blessed 21 years in your service.



The Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool had a blast swinging into spring. We got our hands dirty planting seeds in our sensory table, explored the wonderful weather, and will continue with a study of caterpillars and butterflies. This summer, the preschool classrooms and entrance hallway will receive fresh coats of paint. We have chosen new colors to enhance the preschool environment and to appeal to our young students and their families. To further enhance our wall space, we are adding religious artwork to the entrance hallway and each classroom. The goal is to have a variety of small religious art pieces, beyond posters and bulletin boards that testify to our ministry. If you would like to donate money towards the purchase artwork for the preschool ministry, please use an envelope from the back the box of offering envelopes, mark it "Preschool Art," and place it in the offering basket Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool ministry.

*Mrs. Campbell*