



THE BETHLEHEM STAR – January 2018



“With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it. For his aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it. Every morn with Jesus rise, and when day is ended, in his name then close your eyes; be to him commended.” CW 478 s.1

This text created in 1734 remains true as we begin another year, God willing. Some of our tasks remain the same; some will be new. Some of our tasks will be mundane, some exciting. The common denominator is our Savior whose birth we recently celebrated.

When we begin each task with Jesus and ask for his aid and counsel we have his sure promise of success according to his will and work. As we rise with Jesus and close our eyes in sleep, when we commend ourselves to his care, we are sure of his provision and protection. Most of all the forgiveness of our sins continues new each day. We need it that way, don't we, because we sin each day.

God grant you a blessed 2018, or whatever portion of the year he grants.



Council Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2018

- Main item of business will be assignments to church offices for 2018.
- Church Council new member installation is Sunday, January 14th.
- Next Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2018 following worship.

Pastor Ferch



LOOKING AHEAD to the pre-call and calls meetings. On Saturday, February 3, 2018, SEW District President Kolander will meet with members to go over the pre-call survey information you filled out and other information about the calling process. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Time is TBD so watch for it.

Following worship on Sunday, February 4, 2018, Pres. Kolander will conduct our first call meeting at which the voters will extend a call from the list Pres. Kolander presents.

Please remember there will be no nominations allowed from the floor. If you have a name you would like considered, please give it to pastor and I will forward it to our district president.



The Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool students celebrated our Savior's birth with their Christmas Program on December 20th. 21 of our students shared their favorite Christmas songs, daily Bible songs, and the Bible story of Jesus' birth with about 60 of their family members. The program was also livestreamed (thank you, Mr. Meister!) and 21 people signed-in to watch. It was a blessing and a joy to see the families mingle after the program over refreshments and to hear how much they enjoyed hearing the songs celebrating Jesus' birth.

Mrs. Campbell