



THE BETHLEHEM STAR

Skies of Change | based on Mark 4:35-41

And just like that ... change! The winds died away, the seas settled, and the disciples took a hint of Jesus' power. The divine Son of Man was there to calm all of it.

There is a little bit of settling and calming down during the summer here at Bethlehem, but not before the winds and waves of change have swooped and splashed onto the boat. The school year over, the Summer's activities are ongoing. One moment you're fixing up your home, the next moment you're on a vacation. One man's ministry is wrapping up, another man's ministry is kicking off. The skies may have changed, but Jesus Christ is the same.

It strikes me that we can be thankful for skies of change. Both happiness and hardships have brought us here. I may know nothing of your struggles and trials to this point, and you many know nothing of mine. But I'm eager to learn, *so that together we can trust in Jesus*. I pray we can schedule a visit in the next few months to get to know one another.

Who is this, whom even the wind and seas obey? In the words of Luther, "You ask who is this? Jesus Christ is He – the almighty Lord, and there's no other God!"

Pastor Bode

The Bethlehem Star Caption Corner

Men of the cloth ...

our teens attend WELS Youth
Rally ...

everybody in on this pic ...

Pastor and Nan cut the
retirement cake!



*"He has committed to us the message
of reconciliation."
(2 Corinthians 5:19b)*

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Enjoy this edition of Bethlehem Star?
More monthly news to come – with a
little different packaging!

The Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool hosted its first Summer Session on Wednesday, June 6. Students enjoyed coming back to school and diving into learning and fun with friends. We look forward to hosting our next Summer Session on Wednesday, July 25. This session is open to all students from the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Mrs. Campbell to register.

Do you love to hunt for bargains? Are you addicted to garage sales? If so, please consider supporting our preschool ministry with donations of gently used items. We are currently looking for large, sturdy plastic buildings (i.e. the houses in our outdoor playground), a sturdy doll house and barn, and a child-sized picnic table.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool ministry. *Mrs. Campbell*