



THE BETHLEHEM STAR – April 2018



I love all the cutesy comparison between true meaning of Easter and the secular version. You know, “Its not about the bunny but about the Lamb.” There is nothing sinful about enjoying the ‘fun’ things surrounding this special day. In Christian freedom, we separate the wordly from the holy. It is, however, about the Lamb; the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus died on the cross to pay for sins. He lives! Jesus is risen again as Victor over sin, death and hell. We have new life through Jesus and the certain hope of our resurrection to eternal life at God’s right hand. We may have ‘fun’ at Easter. More importantly we have JOY at Easter because Jesus lives, the victory won.

Pastor Ferch

Council Meeting Business from March 17, 2018



- **Membership:** Transfer In: Alex Cairns from Good Shepherd, West Allis, WI; Transfer Out: Dan and Laura Paschke to Grace, Portland, OR; Removed, Brian and Leslie Lange.
- **Report Highlights:** ADC: update on Pastor Bode’s move; held annual evaluation with Pastor Ferch. YDC: Sunday School is going well; Youth Rally coming up in summer. Outreach: preschool doing well; Easter for Kids event with Easter breakfast. Property and Finance: new sign going in when no longer danger of freeze.
- Have congregation ratify Andy Lamaster as congregation’s delegate to SEW District Convention in June.
- Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018; Next Voters’ Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, 2018 following worship.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP: Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion, and Good Friday, 7:00pm; Easter Sunday 8:00 (No Holy Communion), and 10:15am. Easter for Kids event in connection with Easter breakfast at 9:00am. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead.



Installation of Pastor Seth Bode is set for Sunday, June 3, 2018. There will be a special installation service and dinner. Please watch for more details in future Star newsletters.

Pastor Ferch’s final service as Bethlehem’s pastor will be Sunday, June 24, 2018. Nan and I plan to remain in our home in Carmel, and continue as members of Bethlehem.



LTOB Blurb for Church Newsletter – April 2018

The First Annual Taste of Bethlehem was a blast. 75 people from Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool spent a Saturday morning sampling each other’s favorite dishes, mingling with old friends and meeting new ones while the children had oodles of fun playing. Thank you to all who participated in the event and donated to support it. Preschool registration for the 2018-2019 school year is under way. Information and forms may be found in the preschool hallway and on church bulletin board and website. Please consider sharing our registration information with your family, friends, and neighbors who have preschool aged children (ages 2-5).

Mrs. Campbell