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From Your Friends at
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
300 East Bow Drive, Cherokee
712-225-4969

MEANWHILE, WHILE WE WAIT....

News from BLC Council

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council has been meeting twice a month to discuss old business, new business, communications, services, and financial matters. At this time, I would like to share in a question and answer format some of the issues confronting our normalization of Church Services.

Question: What are ELCA churches doing in our Western Iowa Synod?

Answer: Pastor Jean has shared that she is aware of two synod congregations that are open and the synod office is currently still closed and working from home. Those Churches that are having services are having them outdoors in parks etc....

Question: What are the Churches doing in Cherokee about opening?

Answer: To our knowledge we do hear of churches that are having services in the Cherokee Community. However, the attendance that has occurred is limited between 8-40. The services are not the same as before no singing, no fellowship, rules for social distancing and issues over mask use and enforcement are of concern.

Question: Why is Bethlehem Lutheran Church not open?

Answer: The council has been struggling with this question for some time. The council is foremost concerned about the health and welfare of our members. We do not want to put our members at potential risk. As we look at Covid-19 numbers in Cherokee county and surrounding counties they are still rising. As of 7/22/2020 Tested 1527, Positive 92, Recovered 74, death 1. Pastor Jean is aware of pastors in the area that have the virus and are working through those issues.

Question: When will Bethlehem Lutheran Church Open?

Answer: Bethlehem Lutheran will open when the council and pastor feel it is safe for all our members of the Church. We have been reviewing plans such as a “Returning to Church Playbook” from Vanco. The topics discussed include: Health and Safety measures before and after re-opening, Social distancing, Changes to Ministries during Covid-19, Communication for a Successful Re-opening, maintaining a sense of community, and Adjusting Church Practices for the future.

Everyone in the church family will need to be in agreement with and willing to abide by the safe practices that are set in place to open the building.

I would also like to share the progress for our BLC 125 Strong Campaign. A big thank you to our members who have supported this project. We have been blessed in so many ways. We have received a total of \$46,234.82 toward our goal of \$125,000. If you would still like to contribute to this project, please do so. We still need \$78,765.15 to meet our target amount of \$125,000.00 See the chart below for more information.

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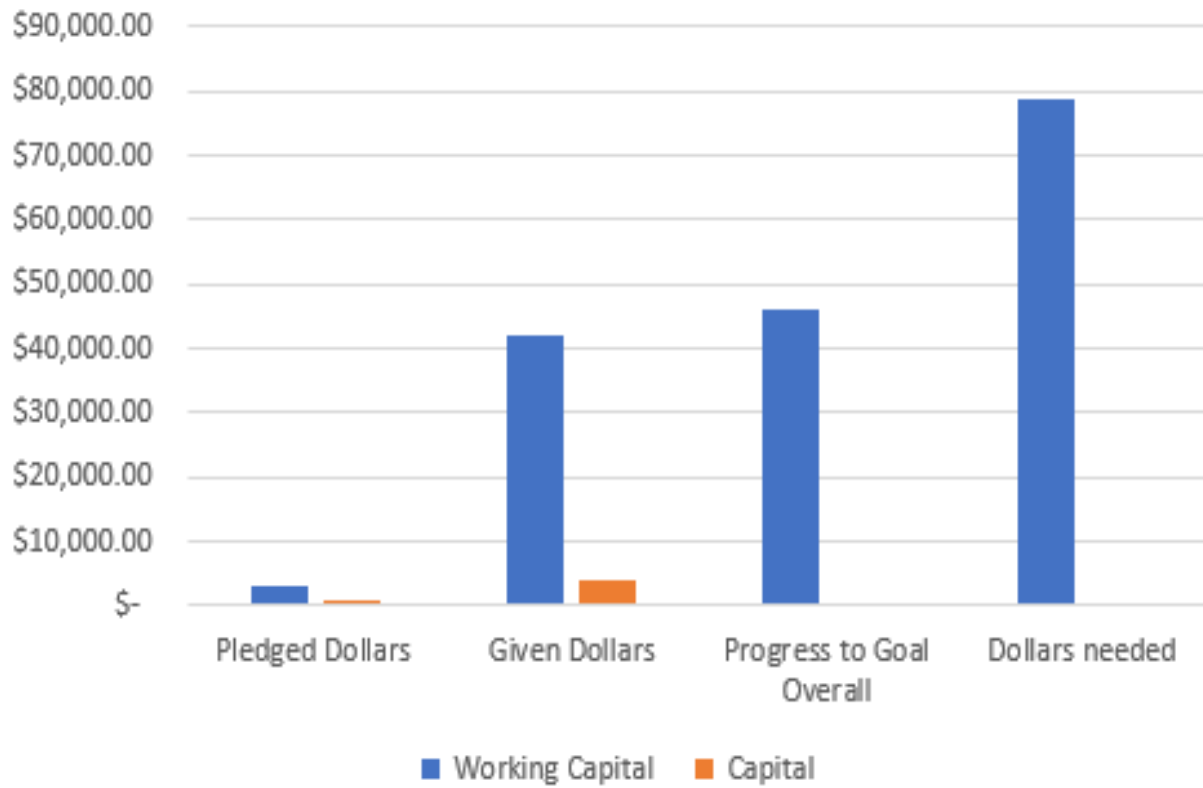
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ALSO:

If you are aware of someone who does not have a worship connection available to them-For those who do not have internet-each week, BLC sends DVD copies of our weekly worship to area care centers and to people in their homes. If you know someone who would like a DVD copy of our worship services, please call the church office. 225-4969.

Also, if you know of someone who does not have either internet or a DVD player, there is an ELCA Lutheran Worship Service by First Lutheran of Sioux Falls, SD available via cable-tv on ABC network KSFY television out of Sioux Falls.

Birthday-9 Anna Niemeier, 11 Phyllis Conley, 11 Michelle Sleezer, 14 Karen Frandsen, 14 Lynette Hyndman, 14 Kent Wenck, 15 Brian Janssen, 15 Stacey Zwiefel, 16 Kyle Lundy, 16 Kyle Lundy, 16 Phillip Pingrey 16 Trish Tisthammer, 17 Rose Beazley, 17 Pat Friedrichsen, 17 Jim Perrin, 17 Rusty Rasmus

Anniversary- 11 Dennis & Pam Allen, 13 Phillip & Barb Kindwall, 13 Mitch & amy Loucks, 16 Cory & Shayna Ege, 16 Brad & Chris Nelson, 16 Dan & Leah Niemeier

Altar Flowers-Chuck & Joanne Clark, to the Glory of God

Bethlehem on the Air-Roger Peterson, to the Glory of God

Mission- Dave & Lynn Hickman to the glory of God in grateful thanksgiving for the gift of a grandson, Tyler Jef Cornforth on August 8, 2006.

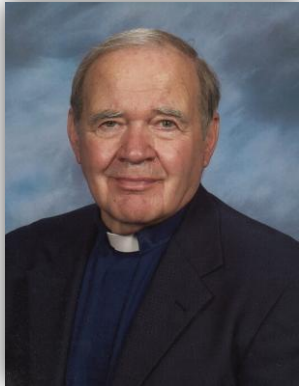
Prayers- *Especially by name, today we pray for:* Harold Peterson, Dale Cline, Sam Jacobs, Carol Bradstreet, Marguerite Osterling, Mary Nelson, Jacob Hodgdon and all our care center residents

YOU NEED HELP

If you need help doing some things, like yard work, getting some groceries, going to the Post Office and getting their mail or mailing something, would like to have a meal prepared ,errands done. Contact the Office 225-4969

WHO WANTS TO BE HELPERS.

CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED ANYTHING OR IF YOU WANT TO BE A HELPER



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Pastor Curtis Edward Benson

April 30, 1937 ~ August 6, 2020 (age 83)

Open Visitation will be Sunday, August 9th at Jensen funeral home
1600 S. Kiel Street, Holstein, Iowa
from 4-7 p.m.

Mask and social gracing guidelines will be followed
private funeral service will be held on Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in
Holstein

Pastor Bob Lewis officiating.

The funeral service will be posted on You Tube for public view on Monday afternoon under St. Paul Lutheran Church Holstein Iowa.

In lieu of flowers any memorials can be sent to
Saint Paul Lutheran Church.

310 East 2nd Street
Holstein, Iowa 51025