



The Covenant Connections

Bethlehem / St. Martin

JUNE 2022



This June, we're going to be spending time in the book of Acts. "The Acts of the Apostles" picks up the story after the resurrection, describing how Christ's Church went from a small group of disciples to a movement consisting of gatherings of the faithful around the Mediterranean. We see how sharing the good news of Jesus takes such precedence for them that they stop at nothing to do so. We see Peter step into his role as leader as they live out their new Easter-shaped lives. We see that while Jesus is not with them in the same way, the Holy Spirit guides them forward in ways that Jesus in a human body could not.

The book could more correctly be titled "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." And we know that the Holy Spirit continues to move Christ's Church. The Spirit continues to guide us to live out our discipleship in our time and place. As we seek to discern what focus we should have in the next three to five years, it is this Spirit that we turn to for guidance.

By spending time in the book of Acts, we'll be reminded how the Holy Spirit works. We'll have the example of the Early Church as we seek to discern what the Holy Spirit is leading us to do. We'll be reminded that we can indeed trust the Spirit to act and can expectantly watch for it.

While the sermons through the month of June will be from Acts, there is much more in the book than what could be covered in four sermons. I therefore encourage you to spend time in Acts in your own as well. Here are some ideas to help you:

- Start with the book of Luke, which is "part 1" of the greater work which includes Acts as "part 2." At least, compare the first several verses of both books to see how they're connected.
- If you can, read through it in one sitting, as this can help you follow the flow of the narrative.
- If you don't have time to read it, listen to it! (www.biblegateway.com/audio.)
- Get a study partner to help hold each other accountable.
- Find a good map of Paul's journeys to help you get a sense of where he went.
- Dive deeper into Acts with an online study or borrow a commentary from me. (Search online for "The Bible Project: Acts.") Though remember, it's not so much about learning about the book of Acts, but about learning about God as revealed through the book.

This is one of the most exciting books of the bible, and the most exciting part is knowing that we can understand ourselves as living out the most recent chapter in this ongoing story.

Don't miss out on this Spirit-filled activity!

Pastor Korey



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

FELLOWSHIP

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH, TRANSFIGURATION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITE CHILDREN TO:

Cave Quest Vacation Bible School:
Following Jesus, the Light of the World!

WHEN: JULY 25-28, 9AM-NOON

WHERE: ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH

AGES: PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE

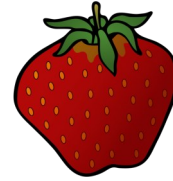
Parents, send your kids on an over-the-top underground adventure! At Cave Quest VBS, kids explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love. Cave Quest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Team-building games, cool Bible songs, awesome Bible stories, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Student online registration will be available soon. Stay tuned! For questions, contact Sharon Haffen at 585-703-1441 or sharonhaffen@gmail.com.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL AT BLC

It's finally back! After being unable to hold it for the past 2 years, we are looking forward to holding our annual Strawberry Social on June 16 from 4:30pm until sold out! There will be a few changes this year due to

New this year:
hamburgers and
be needing grill-
volunteers on



higher food costs.

We are serving
hotdogs. We will
ers! We also need
Wednesday, June

15 at 1pm to help with strawberry preparation and set-up. Volunteers will also be needed for final set-up on Thursday, June 16 at 2pm. Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board downstairs for other ways to help out. Thank you!

WEBSTER SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone,

I have attached the June issue of the Webster Senior Newsletter. Double click on the Newsletter below to open. Once again, we have lots going on! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Daphne Geoca

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[June 2022 Newsletter.pdf](#)



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FELLOWSHIP



ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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GARAGE SALE

JUNE 9, 10, & 11
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 9- 4:00PM,
SATURDAY 9-2:00PM.

LAST DONATION DROP OFF DATE:
SATURDAY
JUNE 4 FROM 9AM- 4:00PM

The St. Martin Garage Sale will be here before we know it. There will be one more garage sale drop off day, Saturday, June 4, from 9am until 4pm. Please remember, only clean items in working condition.

Garage sale dates are June 9, 10, and 11.

- 9a – 4p June 9, 10 (Thursday, Friday)
- 9a – 2p June 11 (Saturday)



Please consider volunteering to help sort and display garage sale items. You can help on Saturday June 4 (9a-4p), Sunday June 5 at noon, or Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (June 6, 7, & 8). Please contact Mary Lou with any questions. Thank you!



Thank you!

**DRIVE THRU CHICKEN BARBECUE A
SELL-OUT SUCCESS!**

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE DRIVE THRU CHICKEN BARBECUE LAST MONTH. THE EVENT RAISED A PROFIT OF \$2700.00, SELLING OUT THE 720 DINNERS IN AN HOUR AND A HALF!

TWENTY PERCENT OF THIS PROFIT WILL SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE IN MAKING THIS EVENT ANOTHER SUCCESS. WE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE PASTOR KOREY AND OUR “CHICKEN LINE REGULARS” FOR SO ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THIS GREAT EVENT!



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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Kayla Potucek is graduating from Rush-Henrietta High School and will be attending Villa Maria College in the fall.

Allyson Mohrman and McKayla Mohrman are graduating from Webster Thomas High School and attending Fredonia in the fall.

Kavin Kulak is graduating from Webster Thomas High School and attending Purdue University in the fall.

"GOD IS
WITH YOU IN
everything
YOU DO."
GENESIS 21:22



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

REMEMBER IN PRAYER



At Bethlehem...

Harry Weidmann, Sara Frick, Gary Steinmiller, June Borkhuis, Ken Francis, Finnegan O'Grady, Gary Ayers, John Heckle,

Shirley Bauer, Emily Briggs, Nancy Gotte, Shirley Jennejohn, Lin Maier, Kay Heckle, Jean Lund, Daniel Rose and family, Nancy Smith,

Bev Steele, Cecilia Anderson, Jen McCaw, Carol Radl, Vi Boland, Carl Bundshuh, and Linda Parrotte. We also pray for those in the military and their families: Javier Alagarin and Anthony Grimshaw



At St. Martin...

Dolores Hess, Dan Bartlett, Milford Apetz, Jeannette Lockwood, Jim Matteson, Nate Baker (Godson of Jim & Mary Lou Alexander), Aidan Weingartner (Kris Weingartner's grandnephew),

Pastor Ron Willman and his wife, Barbara, Joanne (friend of Cindy Bouchard), Harry Hilbert Jr. (son of Harry and Becky Hilbert),

Caurie (daughter-in-law of Becky Hilbert), Karin Ewanow, James Simmons, and people serving in the military, especially Bryan.

Also, all Law Enforcement Officers, especially Scott, Eric, Josh, Eric and Eric.

If you would like names added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office.





Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 11:30am Prayer First	2 9:30am BLC Quilt Group	3	4 9:00am-4:00pm Garage Sale Drop Off Day #3
5 8:45am BLC Worship 10:30am SMLC Worship/Sunday School 10:30am Congre- gational Meeting @ SMLC	6	7 10:30am Chair Yoga @ BLC	8 11:30am Prayer First 6:30pm SMLC Coun- cil Meeting	9 8am Men's Group @ Atlantic Restaurant 9:00am-4:00pm Garage Sale	10 9:00am-4:00pm Garage Sale	11 9:00am-2:00pm Garage Sale
12 8:45am BLC Worship 10:30am SMLC Worship	13	14 10:30am Chair Yoga @ BLC	15 11:30am Prayer First 1pm Strawberry Social Prep @ BLC	16 8am Men's Group @ Atlantic Restaurant 9:30am BLC Quilt Group 2pm Strawberry Social Prep @ BLC 4:30pm Strawberry Social @ BLC	17	18 9:00am Sew & Sew @ SMLC 10-11am VBS Plan- ning Meeting @SMLC
19 8:45am BLC Worship 10:30am SMLC Worship (Blessing of Graduates)	20	21	22 6:30pm BLC Council Meeting	23 8am Men's Group @ Atlantic Restaurant	24	25
26 8:45am BLC Worship 10:30am SMLC Worship	27	28 5a-10p Board of Elections @ SMLC	29	30 8am Men's Group @ Atlantic Restaurant 9:30am BLC Quilt Group		



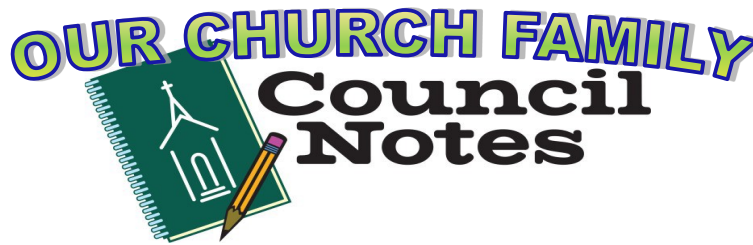
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JUNE 2022 WORSHIP LEADERS

	SUNDAY JUNE 5	SUNDAY JUNE 12	SUNDAY JUNE 19	SUNDAY JUNE 25
LECTOR	Doug Gomez	Carol Geier	David Hinkhouse	Alison Finstad
ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Lou Alexander	Anne Mitchell	Sharon Haffen	Karen Kunzer
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy Elder	Nancy Lewis	Sharon Haffen	Sharon Haffen
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Cindi	TBD	TBD	TBD
ORGANIST	Mary Ann Peters	Mary Ann Peters	Mary Ann Peters	Mary Ann Peters
COUNTERS	Cindy Gomez & Melinda Spry	Dick & Cheryl Detwiler	Ed Currier & TBD	Jeff Peters & TBD
COFFEE HOUR	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
GREETERS	Debbie Lester	Kris Weingartner	Cindi Smith	Joan & Bud Van de Wall





SMLC, BLC JOINT COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS MAY 2022

Pastor Report:

- Pastor emailed the councils his report. He asked for feedback about the new liturgy. We said we like it but find it confusing for some people going back and forth from the bulletin to the Now the Feast pamphlet. It was decided the worship committees need to meet to see how this can be made easier.
- **Strategic Planning Process:** It's good to have started this process! The initial "Looking Back" conversations are on their way, with Bethel having theirs on May 22nd. I then plan to do a preaching series in June taking a look at the book of Acts to help us recognize the Spirit's guidance as we listen for the Spirit guiding our next steps. This will conclude with a survey asking everyone to answer two questions: "What has God shaped us to do well?" And "What might God be leading us to do now?" We will then take and process that information.
- Since I'll be staying at Bethlehem on May 22nd, Pr. Paul Shoop will be covering for me at St. Martin.
- **Visit from Bishop:** Bishop Lee Miller is confirmed to join us on May 29th. He will preach and will be available for questions in the short time before and after worship. The focus will mostly be to show the Bishop who we are as he seeks to better know the synod.
- **Feedback on New Liturgy and combined bulletin:** I think the combined bulletin has been a success in bringing us closer together as a congregation, as well as making it easier on my worship planning. The current plan is to return to separate bulletins for the Early Pentecost season.
- We're three weeks into the new liturgy. It's definitely taken some work to get used to it. I'm overall glad how it is going, but would be interested in hearing Council's feedback.
- The Councils decided to continue to use a mutual bulletin.

Laurie Brigden will not be putting the announcements in the bulletin, instead they will be given to Nancy at St. Martin to include in the weekly messenger. We need to have BLC announcements to Nancy by Wednesday's.

OLD BUSINESS:

The next meeting for Vacation Bible school is June 18th.

- Sizes are needed for the T-shirts to be ordered.
- Sarah Frick will be handling the finances for VBS
- Christmas stockings- BLC needs to get the collection box in the Narthex and envelopes in the pews. Carol's daughter-in-law had a fundraiser and collected \$1,595. There is already \$4,000 in the fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

- St. Pauly Shed would like for BLC to have a shed on the property. St. Martin already has one and it does great and generates some income. BLC will find out more information and discuss it.
- BLC will no longer pay a share for Nancy, from St. Martin, for doing the newsletter since Laurie Brigden is doing the bulletin for both churches.

The next joint meeting is July 13, 2022 at St. Martin 6:30 PM



OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Council Notes

BLC COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 20022

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Treasurer's report: Sandy reported- We received the audit form from the synod so we are ready to begin the audit.

- Our free will offering gathered one Sunday and our Lenten offering totaled \$672.89 and was donated to the crisis in Ukraine.
- The Easter offering totaled \$165.00 and will be donated to Camp Good Days and special Times.
- Laurie Brooks motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Laurie Brigden seconded it and the report was approved.

Worship: Sandy asked Lorrilyn Schlinger and Steve Borkhuis to train the children who are interested to be acolytes.

- Laurie Brigden will compose a schedule for the deacons.
- PROPERTY: Al reported the cost of the drop off concrete pad is \$6,5000 with the increase in pad size. We need to pay 20% down, \$1,300 and \$5,200 when completed.
- Exterior painting will start when the weather permits.

Outreach: The Easter offering will go to Camp Good Days and Special Times. Our congregation has several people battling cancer, therefore we felt this is an appropriate charity for our church to help.

Faith Formation: Wednesday evening bible study will not continue during the summer, starting this week.

Youth: Laurie Brooks reported the Sunday school tea party was successful. The kids enjoyed treats, fellowship and making a Mother's Day craft. Youth group members, Abby Frick and Harleigh Simmons assisted the younger kids.

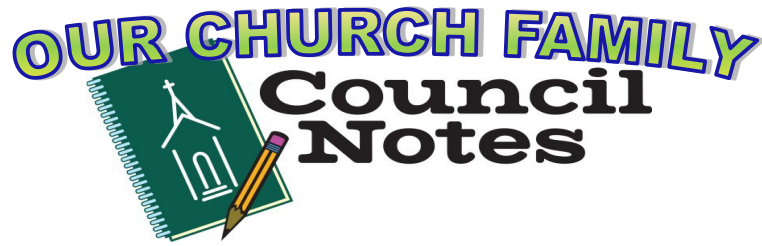
Old Business: New technology has not progressed. If we get a computer soon we may use the camera we already purchased for now.

- We need to give a microphone to anyone speaking as Sharon Haffen could not be heard during the children's sermon.
- Vacation Bible school was discussed at the joint meeting tonight.
- No report on the Strawberry social as neither of the people managing it were in attendance.
- We will have a meeting after the service with Pastor in attendance. Breakfast pizzas and fruit salads will be available.
- Ella and Abby Frick will be in the nursery to babysit and will get paid.
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New Business: We discussed at the joint meeting getting a St. Pauly shed. Sandy will contact them and we will try it for a year.

- Ella and Abby Frick and Harleigh Simmons will be babysitting in the nursery and will get paid for this service.
- We need to remind people to give their offerings this summer and that the third Sunday is World Vision Sunday for Caroline and our loose offering gathered the third Sunday goes to this mission.
- The quilting group is making new curtains for the choir loft. They will be given \$300 from the Memorial fund to pay for material.
- Al made a motion to adjourn at 8:21PM and was seconded by Sandy. We closed with the Lord's prayer.
- Submitted by Laurie Brooks.

The next BLC meeting is June 15th 6:30 PM.



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New Members: Last month we welcomed Pat Knapp and the Van De Walls. This month we'll need to confirm Rose and Uldis Riekstins. There will be a welcome for all of them this Sunday.

Treasure Report:

- We are starting to make a comeback with income up and expenses down

Property Report:

- Having an issue with drainage near the bell tower, have an estimate from MIG of \$550 to reroute downspouts and re-grade so drainage is away from the church – all in favor of doing this

Outreach:

- Signed with Panera to accept food donations for another year
- Easter Breakfast was very successful with proceeds used to assemble 75 care kits, that were delivered on May 5
- Hosted dinner at RIT for LECM students
- Hosted lunch for Webster Council of Churches on April 28, this group will be disbanded
- Wednesday bible on hold for the summer

Old Business:

- Synod Assemble reps are needed
- Chicken BBQ was a success AGAIN!! Even with price increase we cleared \$2700 Stocking Program
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New Business:

- Council Positions need nominations and will addressed at service
- June 5th will be congregational meeting after church
- Nicolette Geier and her team from St Bonaventure raised over \$1500 for the Christmas Stocking Program – we are very thankful
- Building use was requested for a summer program but without enough information it was put aside for now

Next SMLC meeting will be June 8 at 6:30pm at SMLC

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Bethlehem June Birthdays

Ciara Reilly	June 5
Jill Francis	June 7
Nancy Smith	June 9
June Borkhuis	June 10
Marilyn Borkhuis	June 11
Jeff Francis	June 13
Laurie Howard	June 18
Chloe Francis	June 19
Jocelyn Zmaczynski	June 19
Viola Boland	June 20
Laura Simmons	June 22

SMLC June Birthdays

Kathryn Ewanow	June 4
Tim McGrath	June 8
Katie Moore	June 9
Michael Cawley	June 9
Anne Mitchell	June 15
Jeffrey Peters	June 18
Mary Ann Peters	June 20
Paul Haffen	June 20
Daniel Bartlett	June 21
Maurice Kildal	June 22



Bethlehem June Anniversaries

Matt & Jennifer Zmaczynski	June 15
Dick & Laurie Howard	June 20
Don & Amy Barber	June 21
Greg & Mindy Zajac	June 23
John & Laurie Brooks	June 25
Tom & Robyn O'Grady	June 26

SMLC June Anniversaries

Podgorski, Chris & Lisa	June 7
Doug & Cindy Gomez	June 13
Maury & Sharon Kildal	June 22
Ed & Nancy Currier	June 27
Jeff & Mary Ann Peters	June 27
Jim & Mary Lou Alexander	June 28



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SMLC Directory

Pastor.....Korey Finstad
 Director of Music Mary Ann Peters

Church Council

President.....Paul Haffen
 Secretary.....Debbie Lester
 Treasurer / Finance..... Jim Alexander
 Outreach.....Carol Geier
 Activities.....Kris Weingartner
 Christian Education.....Cindi Bouchard
 Member-at-Large..... Mary Lou Alexander
 Evangelism.....Ed Currier
 Worship and Music.....Anne Mitchell

BLC Directory

Pastor.....Korey Finstad
 Director of MusicEvelyn Lam

Church Council

President.....Sandy Borkhuis
 Vice President.....Dick Howard
 Secretary.....Laurie Brooks
 Property.....Al Neels
 Faith Formation.....Vacant
 Congregational Life.....Nancy Smith
 Finance.....Sarah Frick
 Treasurer.....Mindy Zajac
 Worship Ministries.....Vacant
 Outreach Ministry.....Laurie Brigden
 Youth Ministry.....Laura Simmons



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You are encouraged to respond to God's gift to us by giving back
 to the mission and ministry instituted by Jesus. Financial offerings
 are needed to support our congregation's work!

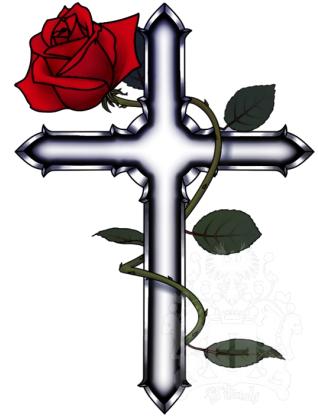


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Lay Readers	Nancy Currier
Altar Guild	Sharon Haffen
Ushers	Doug Gomez
Coffee Hr.	Jeff & Mary Ann Peters
Greeters	Nancy Currier
Assisting Ministers	Sharon Haffen



ARTICLES FOR THE **JULY**
COVENANT CONNECTIONS ARE KINDLY
ACCEPTED BY **JUNE 15TH** TO OUR SEC-
RETARY, NANCY NESBITT AT [STMARTIN-
WEBSTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:stmartinwebster@gmail.com). THANK YOU!

Laurie Brooks

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Worship: 8:45^{am}
(Note: 8:30am on Easter Sunday)

