



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

JOIN US TO: *Know Jesus, *Grow in the Bible, and *Excel in Loving God and Others

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Weekly / Monthly Thoughts from Your Pastor Regarding the Coronavirus June 11, 2020, Issue 6

God Is Being So Good to Us!

Overall: Our congregation is small, but tough (strong), faithful (loyal), and resilient (able to withstand difficult conditions)!

Virus: In March we heard of a devastating virus, which resulted in a shopping frenzy on toilet paper and hand-sanitizer, a grave concern about hospitals being overrun, overwhelming models of sickness and death, massive unemployment, stay-at-home orders, and more.

Response: HOWEVER, at Bethlehem, we trusted in the LORD, put special measures in place, continued to gather for Services and Classes, and began our Parking Lot Church.

Blessings: Now, *with God's countless blessings*, ♦no one at Bethlehem has gotten the virus, ♦most are back at Bethlehem – *either inside or in the parking lot*, ♦God's people are supporting His work, ♦we are sure of God's forgiveness in Christ, ♦we are growing up in God's Word, and ♦we are trying to be a light in the darkness to the people in our community!

Thanks!

- ✚ **For all who continued attending through the time of the virus – Thanks so much!**
- ✚ **For all who have returned – I'm so glad to see you back!**
- ✚ **For your generous giving – I thank God for your generous heart and strong support!**

A Way Back For Everyone!

For those who have not yet returned, *we offer you the following excellent options every week:*

1. **Want to get back to normal?** Gather inside on Saturdays at 4 or Sundays at 9 *with certain safety measures in place!*
2. **Concerned about crowds?** Gather inside on Saturdays at 4 (about 10 have been attending inside), *plenty of room to stay apart!*
3. **Concerned about germs?** Gather in our parking lot on Saturdays at 4 or Sundays at 9; *you can fully receive Word and Sacrament (when you arrive, pull up to our main entrance to receive what you need; then park anywhere and tune your radio to FM 89.9)!*

Special Topics!

We have now completed the festival time of the church year; therefore, we have moved through **Advent – the Savior is coming, Christmas – the Savior is born, Epiphany – Jesus is God, Lent – Jesus went to the cross, and Easter – Jesus' is risen and ascended!** Now we are in the season of Pentecost, *which began last Sunday with The Holy Trinity.* Now, as we move through this non-festival time of the church year, *knowing that our sins are forgiven through Jesus and that the Spirit is living within us,* let us continue to be spiritually tough, faithful, and resilient to attend, grow, and tell the good news!

Please continue to pray for ✓wisdom for the president, ✓safety for police officers, ✓an end of discrimination, ✓peace in our cities, ✓harmony among our citizens, and ✓God's mercy on us all!

Sincerely, Pastor