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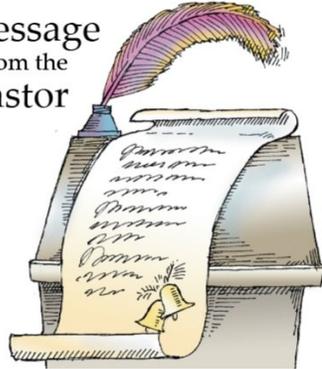
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Message from the Pastor



Acts 20:32

“And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified.”

When I was in high school, we lived in Joshua Tree, California, where at the time there was no Lutheran church, so I attended the local Baptist church-solely at first, but after while we did begin attending the Missouri Synod church in nearby Yucca Valley. That service was at 9 and the Baptists in Joshua Tree met at 11, so I could attend both services and continue seeing my friends who were at the Baptist Church. Often when we had Communion at the Missouri Church, our pastor would dismiss each group of communicants with the above verse, and I too commend you all to God as I prepare to conclude this ministry and move into retirement. This isn't my last column-I will prepare one for the July newsletter before I leave in June. In this column I wanted to announce formally what I have been announcing informally for some time. Effective July 1st, I am resigning as pastor of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry and retiring from active ministry in the ELCA. On July 1st, I will still be your friend and will still hold all of you in my prayers-but I will no longer be your pastor. Synod rules prohibit me from accepting any invitations to perform weddings, funerals, or services of any kind at Prairie Faith churches after June 30th-the only exception being a special event such as an anniversary. If the need arises, and you do not yet have a pastoral leader, you will need to contact the Synod, and they will assist you. I'll be honest-there are things I won't miss-but I will miss my regular contact with all of you, on Sunday mornings and at other events. Laura and I will be moving to the Ellis Estates in Hays. We have selected an apartment, but it's possible we may get a different one. By the end of June everything should be finalized, and I will print our new mailing address in the July newsletter-our phone numbers and emails will remain the same. I am sure that after June 30th our paths will cross-Hays isn't that far away-and I ask that you keep us in prayer as we move and settle in to our new home. May God's peace be with you. **Pastor Jon**



BEST WISHES FOR



YOUR RETIREMENT!

PASTOR JON RETIREMENT PARTY

Friendly Reminder...If you have not already done so, please R.S.V.P. for Pastor Jon and Laura's Retirement Celebration Luncheon by Wednesday, June 4, (Leave a Message at the Church Office at 785-743-2005 (leave a message), OR e-mail blc1@ruraltel.net so we can get as accurate a count as possible for the catered luncheon.

Thanks and See You at the Party!!

The mission of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry is to gather in God's name, share ideas & concerns, and actively shape the future of spiritual growth for our member congregations. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and through ordained and lay leadership, we offer this ministry to serve Christ in our communities.



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Pastor Jon is available by appointment.
 To get in touch with Pastor Jon, please call his cell phone or the church office.



Please Join Us for Worship!

Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Combined Service

When: Sunday, June 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Bethlehem Lutheran Church
 338 N. 7th Street, WaKeeney

Pastor Jon will be preaching his final service for Prairie Faith Shared Ministries with special music by the Hays Barbershop Chorus.



A Prayer as we seek a new Pastor for the Congregations of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry

God of all ages, our times are in your hands. Keep us engaged & hopeful ~ ever mindful of our mission: to become like Christ by serving others, to proclaim God's love & to grow in the spirit.

Now is the acceptable time for us to get engaged, to show up, to step up, & to forge strong bonds with you & with each other. Stand beside us, Lord, cheer us on, rededicate us to building up the Kingdom of God. Amen

"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3



Bethlehem

Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.
 Mid-Week School, Wed @ 6:00 p.m.
 (during public school year)

Office: 785-743-2005
 Gail Jensen, Office Manager

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Volunteers for June

June 1— Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Chris Trogstad
 Head Usher—Mary Cunningham
 Lector—Mel Fabrizius

June 8— Pastor Jon Anderson
BAPTISM AND BABY SHOWER FELLOWSHIP
 FOR BAYLOR HUXMAN

Organist/Pianist— Laura Anderson
 Head Usher—Larry Dietz
 Lector—Kathy Dietz

June 15— Pastor Jon Anderson
JOINT SERVICE AT BETHLEHEM @ 10:30 a.m.
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Organist/Pianist—Mary Cunningham
 Head Usher—Ruth Shiltz
 Lector—Ashley Conness

June 22—Pastor Shelly Klingensmith
 Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level
 Head Usher—Richard Jensen
 Lector—Lisa Garrett

June 29—Pastor Shelly Klingensmith
 Organist/Pianist— Cindy Level
 Head Usher—Larry Dietz
 Lector—Kathy Dietz

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship/Communion — 9:00 a.m.
 (Every 1st & 3rd Sundays)

June 1— Pastor Emer. Randy Gibbs
June 15—JOINT SERVICE AT BETHLEHEM
 10:30 a.m.

St. John

Volunteers for June

Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.
 Communion Every 1st & 3rd Sundays
 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
 (during the School Year)

June 1—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Bill Dietz
 Lector—Sue Schonthaler
 Communion—Dennis Keller & Darrell Keller
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

June 8—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Greeter—Darrell Armbruster
 Lector—Sarah Windholz
 Communion—Pastor Jon final service at St. John
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

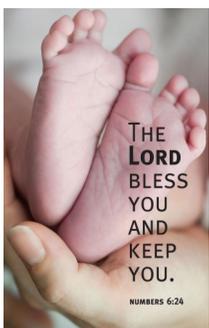
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 Greeter—Bob Schonthaler
 Lector—Vonda Ackerman
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
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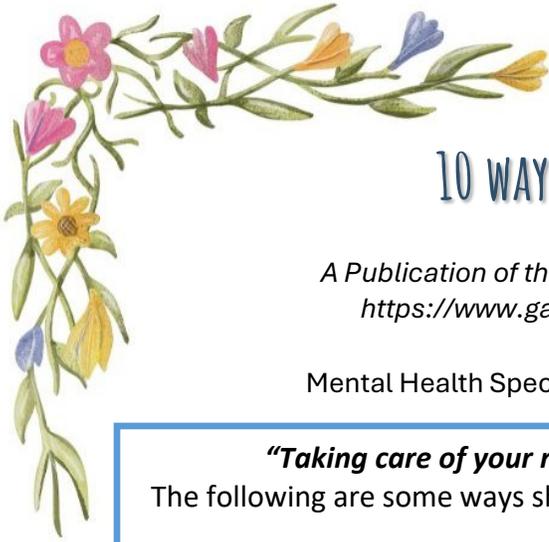
BAPTISM & BABY SHOWER FELLOWSHIP

Come celebrate a joyous occasion with us on Sunday, June 8, during Worship, as we gather for the Baptism and Baby Shower Fellowship of Baylor LeeAnn Huxman. Born on August 1, 2024, Baylor is the daughter of Blake and Brittany (Brock) Huxman. Please join us and come together to welcome Baylor into Bethlehem's Family of Faith.



THE
 LORD
 BLESS
 YOU
 AND
 KEEP
 YOU.

NUMBERS 6:24



10 WAYS TO MANAGE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

From: Gather Magazine

A Publication of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

<https://www.gathermagazine.org/articles/latest-articles/> (slideshow)

Written by: Felicia Houston

Mental Health Specialist with ELCA-affiliated Advocate Health Care, Chicago

“Taking care of your mind is just as important as taking care of your body.”

The following are some ways she offers to help protect your mental and emotional well-being.

1. **Eating healthy meals** on a regular basis and staying hydrated can help your overall wellbeing and decrease anxiety and stress.
2. **Regular exercise or activity** is as good for the brain as it is for the body and can improve your mental and emotional health, relieve stress, improve memory and help you sleep better.
3. **Allocate time each day for prayer.** Prayer can provide a sense of comfort, reduce stress and anxiety and foster a sense of hope and purpose.
4. **Get a good night’s sleep.** According to researchers, deep REM sleep is critical for the brain to process emotional information
5. **Practice gratitude** by reminding yourself daily of specific things for which you are grateful. Focus on what you do have instead of what you don’t. It may be helpful to write it down.
3. **Connecting with others in person,** building strong relationships and positive social connections can help improve both physical and mental health, reduce anxiety and depression, strengthen your immune system and reduce inflammation.
7. **Journal.** To liberate your inner feelings, try writing them down.
8. **Find ways to fit relaxing activities into your day** and make them a routine... such as taking a bath or shower, go for a walk, take a nap, listen to music or meditate on scripture.
9. **Give yourself the time and permission to pause and rest.** Life is full of never-ending family demands, career pressures and stress of everyday life. “You can’t pour from an empty vessel.”
9. **Give yourself time.** Be patient with yourself. New habits take time.

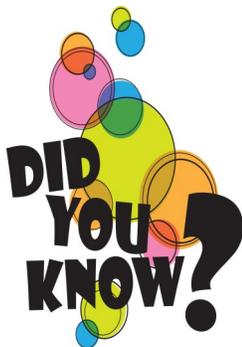
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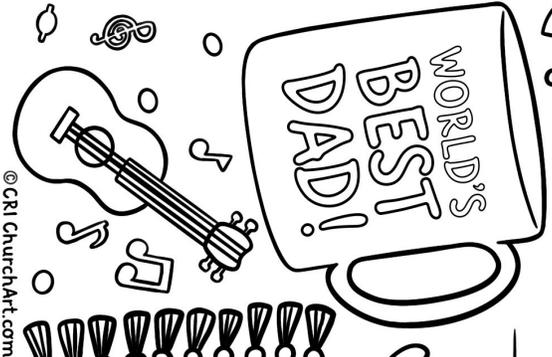
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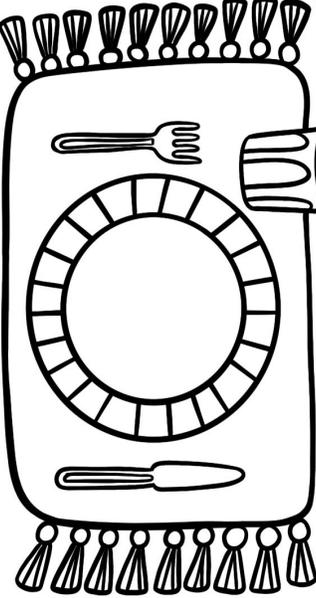
In addition to facebook, weekly services for Bethlehem and St. John are posted under the Worship tab located at the top of the website home page.

If there is any information you would like to see on the website or in the newsletter please drop us a note at blc1@ruraltel.net or call the church office at 785-743-2005.

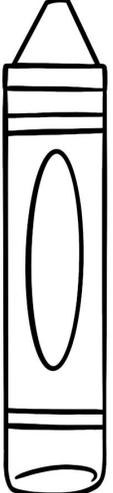




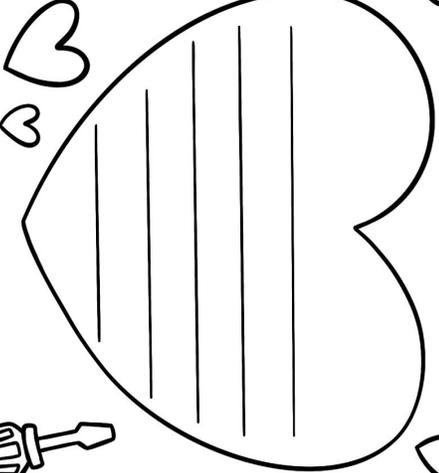
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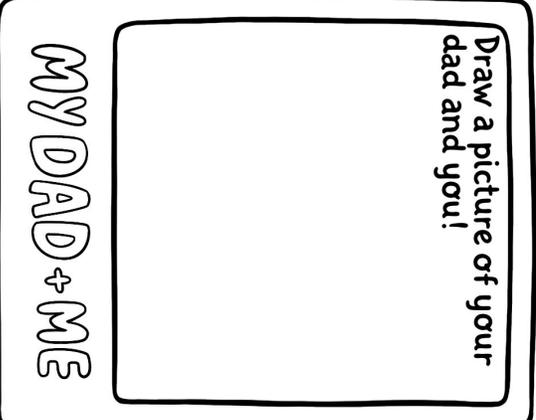
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My dad's favorite color is:



I love it when he...



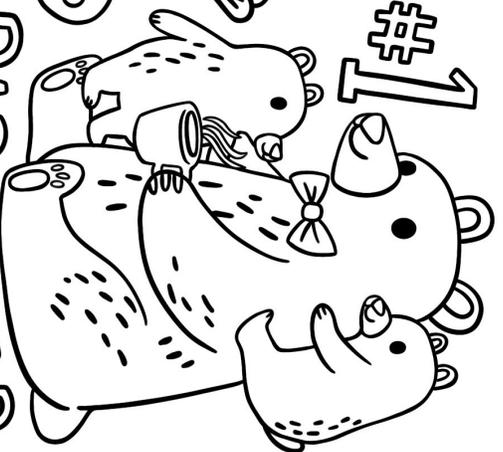
love,



I love my dad because...

His favorite sport is...

PAPA BEAR



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*As God adds Life to your Years,
may He add Years to your Life.*

*God Bless You as you Celebrate
Life and Love!*

PLEASE HELP!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

A sign-up sheet is posted on the message board at the sanctuary entrance for volunteers to help mow the church and parsonage grounds. A mower is available for those who wish to assist. If you're unable to mow but would like to contribute toward hiring someone to take care of the mowing, please contact the church office at 785-743-2005.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 7th Sunday of Easter 9:00a Em Communion 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00a SJ Communion	2 11:00a BLC WaKeeney LTC Worship 2:00p BLC Women's Bible Study 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library	3 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in BLC Library	Pastor Jon ~ Synod Assembly June 4th through June 7th In Olathe, KS				7
8 Day of Pentecost 9:00a BLC Communion Baptism & Baby Shower Fellowship Of Baylor Huxman 11:00a SJ Communion	9 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library 7:00p SJ Council Meeting	10 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in BLC Library 7:30p PFSM Council Meeting—BLC Library	11 6:30p BLC Council Meeting—BLC Library	12	13	14	
15 The Holy Trinity Happy Fathers Day! Pastor Jon Final PFSM Service 10:30a JOINT SERVICE at Bethlehem 11:45a Retirement Luncheon and Party at the Commercial Bldg. Trego County Fairgrounds Music by the Barbershop Chorus	16 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library	17	18	19 1:00p WaKeeney LTC Communion	20 PFSM July Newsletter Deadline 	21	
22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00a SJ Worship	23 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library	24	25	26 1:00p WaKeeney Sr. Apt. Communion	27	28	
29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00a SJ Worship	30 4:00p Yoga @ WaKeeney Library	31	Bethlehem Meals on Wheels June 30th through July 3rd				

The WaKeeney City Wide Garage Sale will be taking place the weekend of June 14. To get your sale on the map and advertised please send your name address, hours of your sale, 3 items you want advertised and \$10.00 to:
 Karen Flagler, 120 S. 10th Street, WaKeeney, KS 67672 **Deadline is Wednesday, June 11. Thanks!**

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*May all your people from all the ends
of Earth be gathered into one in you.*

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