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Bethlehem Star



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What then should we do?

What then should we do? That's a question I wrestle with regularly. We all agree that the world has been a chaotic place...maybe always, but probably most of us would say the last couple of years have been especially so. With every issue, we have decision points – points where we have to decide our responses, if any.

Will I get vaccinated against Covid or not? What should be my response to racial strife? Can I have any impact at all on the political nastiness? What choices are best not only for me but for those around me? As Christians, we always have to keep in view our call to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We have an opportunity to participate in a very concrete way in a project that will help a refugee family. As you know, Lincoln has accepted a number of refugees who fled Afghanistan at the end of the war. Lutheran Family Services is one of the largest refugee resettlement organizations in the state and they do a lot of the groundwork for those refugees. But when a refugee family is resettled, they need a sponsor.

Daryl's and my home congregation, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln, is sponsoring an Afghani family of 8. After a conversation with friends there, I indicated I thought we would be able to help in some way. They have asked us to focus on beds. They need a double bed and six twin beds, either single or bunked. Frames can be used as long as they're in good condition. Mattresses need to be new. I've done a little preliminary mattress pricing. The double would need box springs. Bunk beds would not. I haven't looked at frames yet, but I think we can get twin mattresses that aren't just junk for a couple hundred dollars at the discount places. The double may be more like \$300. We would then purchase the beds and either deliver or make arrangements to deliver wherever they're going.

We don't necessarily have to get all of them, but if we're interested in participating, the folks at Our Saviour's want to know by Easter what we can commit to. Then they want the items purchased and delivered by Mother's Day.

This Sunday the 3rd we'll stick around for a bit after worship to discuss. I don't need a specific dollar commitment then – mostly it will be to share information and answer questions. Then folks can have a chance to think and pray about it and we can talk again next Sunday – Palm Sunday. That day we'll need a more specific commitment as to what we're willing to do, who is able to do what, and so on.

When we used to attend at Our Saviour's, the church sponsored a family from Bosnia. The family thrived and some people in the congregation are still in touch with them. We aren't big enough to sponsor a family – it's a huge undertaking. But we can help in a small way and I'm excited to have the opportunity. I hope you are, too.

Christ's peace

Pastor Kris

Lent Midweek

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Lent Midweek activities. I really enjoyed the relaxed feel and the opportunity for fellowship and sharing faith. Here's a photo of the central activity—our version of Van Gogh's Starry Night:



This was truly an intergenerational activity. We will get a print made from the original so it can hang at both churches. A suggestion was also made to make posters of it for folks to purchase with proceeds to go to possibly to a ministry that helps people with mental illness.

A huge thank you to Janna Harsch who initiated and oversaw this project.

Calendar

Worship is livestreamed to the church YouTube channel. You can find the link to that and the bulletin on our website: <http://bethlehemdavey.org/worship> - online and in person

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| April 3 | 10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion. |
| April 6 | 6 pm Midweek—Zion |
| April 10 | 10:30am—Worship—Palm Sunday |
| April 14 | Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Bethlehem, 8:00 pm Zion |
| April 15 | Good Friday 6:30 pm—Bethlehem only |
| April 17 | 8:00 am—Easter worship followed by brunch |
| I will be out of town April 18—21. Glenda Ferguson will cover for emergencies. Her phone number is 402-443—5503. You can also call me | |
| April 22 | 5:30 pm—wedding rehearsal |
| April 23 | 3 pm—wedding |
| April 24 | 10:30 am—Worship |

April Helpers

Lector—Patty/Corey Carlson
Communion Assistant—Marilyn Kahler
Clean—Weeks 1/2 Rhonda Madsen
 Weeks 2/3 Randy Giebenrath
Usher—Randy Giebenrath
Altar—Mary O'Hare

Holy Week – the Van Gogh Holy Week devotions will be on your own, although I will continue to do the morning prayer live on my Facebook page based on the Palm Sunday through Easter devotions. So we'll continue to walk through together in that way. Holy Week orship schedule is as follows:

Maundy Thursday – 6:30 pm Bethlehem, 8:00 pm Zion

Good Friday – 6:30 pm, Bethlehem only

Easter – 8:00 am Bethlehem; 10:00 am Zion

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter will be live-streamed.