

# Bethlehem STAR

*“Called to Invite the Community to Know  
and Grow in Christ.”*

**June 2018**



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**Rev. Steve Shackelford**, Pastor  
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**Stacy Murphy**, Administrative Assistant



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## Beyond 60 Years: Living Our Mission



### Called to KNOW Christ

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, BLC will host the second VIP “Vitaly Important Parishioner” Service focusing on *Called to Know*. This service will celebrate how worship and music inspires us to really know Jesus. What does it mean to *know* Jesus? When people speak of knowing Jesus, they are referring to having a relationship with Him. Being a Christian is more than knowing *about* Jesus; being a Christian is *knowing* Him personally. While we may know about a celebrity or sports figure by reading news articles or watching a movie, to truly know a person, we must have a relationship with that individual. To know Jesus means to walk with Him in the experience of a growing relationship, being transformed from self into His image. Jesus defined eternal life as a relationship with Him. Paul wanted to know Christ and grew in his relationship with Christ by setting his mind on the risen life and walking in its power (Col.3:1-4). As Christians, we grow in our relationship with Jesus through worship, prayer, Bible study, fellowship in the church and by telling others about Jesus, the One with whom we have a relationship.

Let us all come on June 24<sup>th</sup> and personally invite a friend as we fulfill our mission, “Called to Invite the Community to Know and Grow in Christ.” When people come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior they experience a transformation in their lives. By knowing Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we receive the gift of eternal life.

This service will be followed by our annual Chicken BBQ providing all BLC members and invited friends the opportunity to not only worship together, but also to strengthen our relationship with Christ and one another.

Let us fill the pews and the pavilion in celebration of knowing Christ and experiencing HIS many blessings.

In Christ,  
Stewardship Team

Reference: [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org)

## **This Month's Wicker basket is**

### **Helping Hands Clothes Closet**

Helping Hands Clothes Closet began decades ago and has functioned in various capacities and facilities over the years. Clara Olsen, a widow, knew from experience what it was to lack basic necessities and be in need. She had been a partner in mission with her husband who had served the Western frontier as a Lutheran Pastor. She not only knew the hardships of these Montana mining towns but she also knew what it was to survive during the Great Depression.

Her church, Saint Andrew, had as a part of their charter "service to the community." Clara had the vision of collecting used clothing and distributing to families, especially children. Clara's church members donated clothes and they were stored in a small classroom and then in the church balcony.

A number of years later a member of the congregation loaned the church a building on Timberlake Road near Consolidated Shoe Company. This allowed for the expansion of the ministry to include winter clothes. Food was also collected along with kitchen supplies. When this building was no longer available, Campbell County provided a classroom which housed the clothes.

It was at this point that the ministry became ecumenically focused. Although various churches in the Timberlake Area contributed to the mission project, there was no intentional structure. Various congregations were asked to support the work with volunteers, clothes and funding. At some point St. Andrew Presbyterian Church on Timberlake Road became involved and operated the Clothes Closet literally out of a closet and later a collection bin in their parking lot.

Under the direction of Pastor Bud Koiner and volunteers from the Timberlake area churches, Helping Hands Clothes Closet moved into the parish house on the grounds of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. TEAM (Timberlake Emergency Assistance Ministry) Food Pantry was also located in the basement of the parish house.

For the past 13 years various churches, families and individuals have served to staff the Clothes Closet. Currently, HHCC is manned by volunteers from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Marsh Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church, Heritage United Methodist Church, Timberlake United Methodist Church, Timberlake Christian Church as well as other families and individuals. Clothing continues to be donated by individuals in the community. Clothes are sorted, washed, mended and given to individuals at scheduled appointments five times per month. Expenses are covered at the ministry by donations from churches and individuals and proceeds from four local consignment stores where designer and high- end clothing is taken weekly. Thrivent Grants have also been written over the past 5 years to purchase needed clothing that is not typically donated by the community.

Since 2012 HHCC has served between 1,450-1,650 visitors annually and distributed approximately 1,300 backpacks filled with school and dental supplies to students in the Central Virginia and surrounding counties. August is a big month at the Clothes Closet as a two- day schedule is filled with children, parents and grandparents coming to get clothes and shoes for back to school. Typically, in March of every year excess donated clothing is sold to those in the community for several dollars a bag. Proceeds from this sale offset utilities and oil needed to heat the facility.

Helping Hands also shares excess clothing with other ministries in the area such as Lighthouse Ministry, Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and Parkview Methodist Ministries in downtown Lynchburg. In the past clothing was also donated to Central Virginia Training Center and nursing homes in Appomattox. Clothes have been donated to teachers in Nelson and Campbell County for their students. Outdated, torn and stained clothes are donated to a local company who grinds the items for industrial rags and insulation as well as shipping some of the clothing to third world countries.

We have individuals come to the closet facing various situations. Helping Hands is visited by grandparents raising grandchildren on their own;

people fleeing from domestic violence and abuse; individuals who have lost their home to fire, individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and those with mental health issues. Parolees exiting the judicial system needing clothes to re-enter society often will schedule appointments at HHCC. At times, it seems as if some people come to HHCC just to interact with someone under the pretense of needing clothes.

What makes Helping Hands Clothes Closet meaningful and productive besides the repurposing of clothes are the relationships that have evolved from the ministry. Friendships that have grown between volunteers within Bethlehem who volunteer at HHCC are treasured and highly valued. The bonds between volunteers across the churches involved are also unique as all volunteers bring special gifts (humor, organization, practicality, generosity, youth and maturity) to this cause. The relationships between volunteers and visitors make one's service meaningful. The community that has developed between churches participating at HHCC allow for the exchange of ideas and a resurgence of energy to serve others. All of these relationships allow all volunteers at HHCC to grow in their relationship with God. Together as a group we strive to "Clothe God's people in need with love and compassion."

On Sunday, June 17 Mandy Corbett, caseworker from Horizon Counseling in Lynchburg will briefly discuss during a Temple Talk how clients have come to value the ministry at Helping Hands.

**BLC Capital Improvements Wicker Basket  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month**

**May Monthly #'s**

**Worship Average Attendance**

2018 Spending Plan Per Week:	\$1,924.56	YTD Budgeted:	\$37,517.24
Total Offering Received:	\$7,730.00	YTD Received:	\$28,179.00

**Worship & Servant Schedule**

Please join us every Sunday at 10:00 am for our Worship Service.  
Pastor Shackelford will lead all the services unless otherwise noted.

**Servant Schedule for the Month**

<b>June</b>	<b>6/3/18</b>	<b>6/10/18</b>	<b>6/17/18</b>	<b>6/24/18</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>Traditional</b>	<b>New Song</b>	<b>Traditional</b>	<b>New Song</b>
<b>Usher</b>	Ann Johnson	Ed Whitmore	John Goodrich	Janelle Bell
<b>Front Door Greeter</b>	David Boven	John Goodrich	Will Engelke	Tom Birce
<b>Back Door Greeter</b>	~~	Wanda Goodrich	~~	Carol Birce
<b>Reader</b>	Wanda Goodrich	Tim Echols	Claudette Engelke	Lynn Suwala
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	~~	Janelle Bell	~~	David Boven
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Ann Hoffman	~~	Phyllis Moody	~~
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Rob Viohl	~~	John Nicholson	~~
<b>Acolyte</b>	??	~~	??	~~
<b>Power Point</b>	Waller	Mary Kay Whitmore	Claire Meissner	Ed Whitmore
<b>Counters</b>	Gretchen Waller	Ann Johnson	EP Bosiger	Mary Kay Whitmore
<b>Altar Care</b>	??	Praise Band	??	Praise Band
<b>Altar Color</b>	Green	Green	Green	White
<b>Cafe</b>	??	??	??	Robinson

## ***Birthdays and Anniversaries***



1 Joy Prose

2 Ed Whitmore

6 Hoss Franklin

Abby Kercher

8 Greg Pribble

17 Graham Birce

20 Donna Curran

26 Mark MacKizer

30 Betty Schaefer

7 Wallace & Nancy Gilbert

14 Henry & Betty Schaefer

23 Toby & Karen Murphy

# Congratulations Goes to Karen Murphy, Coordinator of The Helping Hands Clothes Closet



May 7, 2018



Dear Karen,

It is my pleasure to "officially" inform you that you have been chosen as the Hearts & Hands First Place Award winner for your leadership of the *Helping Hands Clothes Closet*. Lutheran Family Services of Virginia created this award to honor individuals whose passion, energy and delight in service are creating abundance in the lives of our brothers and sisters. The Hearts and Hands award will make our 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year a true celebration of service.

I was thrilled to see that the judges chose you for the First Place Award. I hope you will join us at the Synod Assembly on June 9<sup>th</sup> to receive your \$1,000 award and stay for a celebration dinner that evening at Roanoke College. We are eager to meet you! Two other winners will be honored as well. A requirement of the award is that it be used to further your ministry – I'm sure you can find plenty of ways to put it to good use!

Again, congratulations on this richly deserved honor! Ellen Bushman, Vice President of Development will be in touch with further details on the June 9<sup>th</sup> events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ray Ratke".

Ray Ratke  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Ann Johnson, Pastor Shackelford



# HEARTS & HANDS

## 2018 AWARD WINNERS

### & NOMINATIONS



Lutheran  
Family Services  
of Virginia

#### **FIRST PLACE**

Karen Murphy  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lynchburg

#### **SECOND PLACE**

Jane Perry  
Zion Lutheran Church, Edinburg

#### **THIRD PLACE**

Kim Begnaud  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Stephens City

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

Bob Ballard, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wytheville  
Rick Sizemore, Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Staunton  
Donna Wright, St. Philip Lutheran Church, Roanoke

#### **Also Nominated**

Judy Beaver, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wytheville  
Martha Crute, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Roanoke  
Jimmy and Suzanna Masters, Christ Lutheran Church, Wise  
Pat Morgan, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach  
Catherine Ray, Muhlenburg Lutheran Church, Harrisonburg  
Robin Reitzel, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach  
Carol Wasko, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach  
Barbara Wingo, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pulaski

**2018 YARD SALE**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**  
**7 am -12 noon**

Thank you in advance for your donation to the upcoming yard sale. Every donation is a contribution toward a successful yard sale! All proceeds go to the Pastor's Fund. PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS AFTER MEMORIAL DAY!

Please follow the guidelines below in leaving donations:

- 1.Place ALL items for the sale on the tables in the hallway of the Education Wing.
- 2.All items should be in good working order with all parts.
- 3.All items should be clean and in a presentable condition, ready to sale.
- 4.Clothing must be clean with no stains, missing buttons or tears. Due to health regulations, we cannot accept underwear or swim suits.
- 5.Only FLAT screen TVs and computer monitors will be accepted. (Older models are no longer accepted by Goodwill or similar stores. If the item does not sell, extra work is involved in disposing of the items.)
- 6.Due to safety and health regulations, we cannot accept the following any mattresses, children's items: car seats, baby swings, baby bathtubs.
- 7.Due to space limitations, we cannot accept furniture or large appliances until September 16.

Please mark your calendars for September 22; share this date with your family, friends and work associates; and plan to help if you can with set

up, sorting and pricing of the items. All assistance is appreciated! If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Carolyn Robinson at 434-841-5630.

**PASTORAL ASSISTANCE**

please call Pastor Steve's Cell 540-525-5055

Office Hours Tuesday-Friday, 9-2 pm.

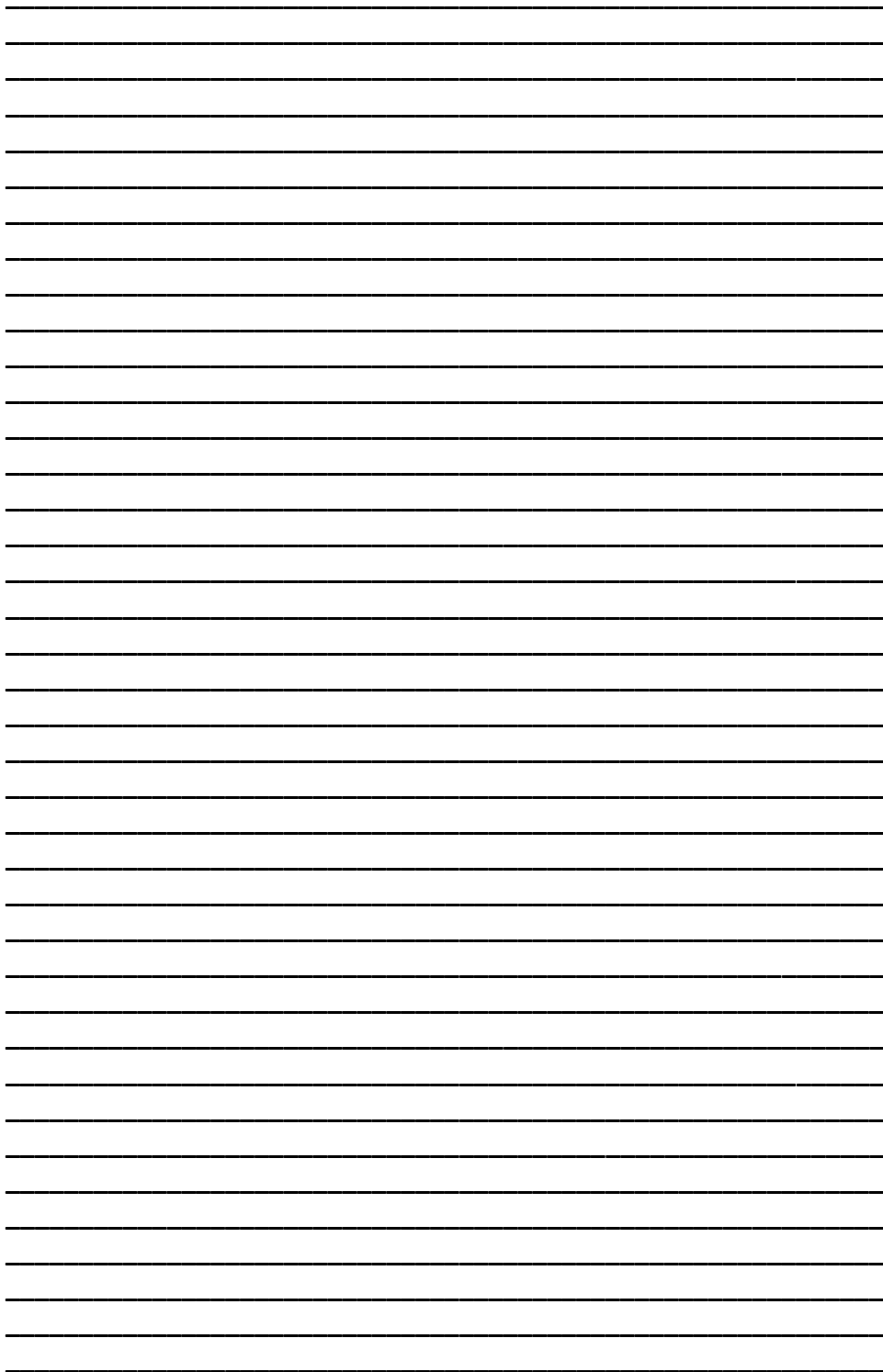
Pastor Steve's Information

# Daily Devotional



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lev.23:1-8 Rom.8:3 1-39 Ps. 81:1-10	2 Lev.24:5-9 John :19-24 Ps. 81:1-10
3 Deut.5:12-15 Ps.81:1-10 (1) 2 Chr.4:5-10	4 Ex.16:13-16 Rom.9:1 9-29 Ps. 78:1-4, 52-72	5 Ex.16:27-36 Acts 15:1-5, 22-35 Ps. 78:1-	6 1 Sam.21:1-6 John 5:1-18 Ps. 78:1-4, 52-72	7 Isa.28:9-13 1Pet. 4:7-19 Ps. 130	8 Deut.1:3 4-40 2 hr.5:1-15 Ps. 130	9 Gen.2:4 b-14 Luke 8:4-15 Ps.130
10 Gen.3:8-15 Ps. 130 2 Chr. 4:13—5:1	11 1 Sam. 16:14-23 Rev.20:1-6 Ps. 74	12 1 Kings 18:17-40 Rev. 20:7-15 Ps. 74	13 Isa.26:16—27:1 Luke 11:14-28 Ps. 74	14 Gen.3:1 4-24 Heb. 2:5-9 Ps. 92:1-4, 12-15	15 1 Kings 10:26—11:8 Heb.11:4-7 Ps. 92:1-4, 12-15	16 2 Kings 14:1-14 Mark4:1-20 Ps. 92:1-4, 12-15
17 Ezek.1 7:22-24 Ps.92:1-4, 12-15 (12) 2 Cor. 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17	18 Ezek.31:1-12 Gal. 6:11-18 Ps. 52	19 Jer. 1:11-14 Rev.21:2 2—22:5 Ps. 52	20 Jer. 22:1-9 Luke 6:43-45 Ps. 52	21 Job29:1-20 Acts 20:1-16 Ps.107:1-3, 2332	22 Job29:2 1—30:15 Acts 21:1-16 Ps.107:1-3, 2332	23 Job 7:1-13 Luke 21:25-28 Ps.107:1-3, 2332





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