

Spiritual Growth and Development

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Youth Group Theme for February

LOVE: What's faith got to do with it?

This year, we'll focus on lifelong themes that impact our day-to-day lives. We'll talk about what these topics mean to us as individuals, what Christianity has to say about them, and what that all means in our world.

Thursday Youth Group: 6:30-8:30 at Bethlehem

- February 7 **1 Corinthians 13**
- February 14 **Valentine's Day**
Community Building - Board Game Night
- February 21 **Maker's Night - Succulents**
- February 28 **Sharing Love: Care Packages for Bethlehem College Students!**

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please get names and addresses to Lily by Friday, February 15.



YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Bethlehem youth heading to Winterfest!!! - February 8-10

Bethlehem Youth will join youth from around the state for a weekend of high adventure and fellowship at the United Church of Christ in Big Rapids. Stay tuned for updates on the fun!

Chili Cook Off and Concert Saturday, February 2

5:00 Chili and 7:30 Concert

Held up welcome the Nordic College Choir to Bethlehem with a Chili cook-off in the gym followed by a concert in the sanctuary.

Walk and Talk Sunday

February 17, 10:15-11:00.

Youth/teachers will walk downtown for a snack/drink & fellowship. We get the tab.

CALLING ALL 20 & 30-SOMETHINGS! YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY BRUNCH BUNCH Sunday, February 17, 12 noon Lily's House (437 S. Fourth Ave)

Join us for a Young Adult Brunch Bunch. Meal will include coffee, waffles, and other yummy treats! Come for chill hangout and discussion. Families, +1s are welcome! RSVP encouraged but not required for meal planning.

ALL CHURCH - ALL AGES Dinner and Board Game Night Hosted by Bethlehem Youth Thursday - February 14 6:30-8:30 in the youth room.

Bethlehem youth love board games and **we'd love to share them with the broader Bethlehem community!** Join us for pizza dinner and board games on Valentine's Day - board games for all ages!!

COFFEE AND CANON & SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Faith Formation Sunday, February 17 3:30-5:30 at Lily's House

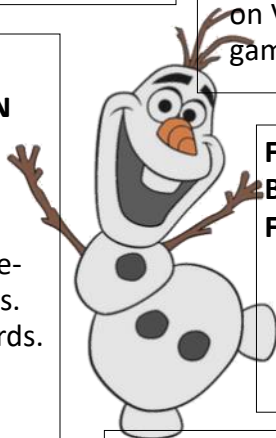
Join us as we learn about Luke-Acts! Afternoon tea and treats. Sign up on office bulletin boards.

Coffee and Canon

Wednesday, February 27

9:00 AM at Lily's House

A new monthly gathering at Lily's house. Canon: a collection or list of sacred books accepted as genuine. We'll have coffee from a local roaster (and tea) and light breakfast treats, and discuss a Bible verse. February's roast: Mighty Good's Ethiopian Sidamo. Sign-up on bulletin board encouraged but not required for planning.



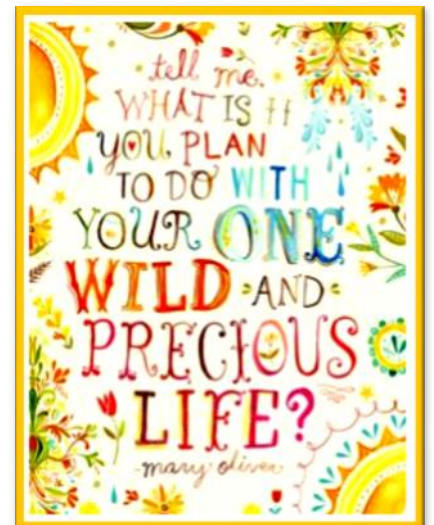
Fourth Friday Fun Night is BACK!! Fun for everyone! Friday, February 22, 6 - 8:30

Mark your calendars and join us this month for dinner and Frozen!

Song of the Month Just for fun!

Love Wins by Carrie Underwood is my "song of the month" Check it out and let me know what you think.

*I, I believe you and me are
sisters and brothers
And I, I believe we're made
to be here for each other
And we'll never fall if we
walk hand in hand. Put a world that seems
broken together again
Yeah I, I believe in the end love wins*



Sign up for the 2019 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL from the Stillspeaking Writers' Group.

"Take Nothing with You"

Sign-up sheet by the office



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BOOK OF THE MONTH

Join us for monthly book discussions!

FEBRUARY BOOK:

Reading with Patrick by Michelle Kuo

Discussion date is Monday, February 25, 7:00-8:00 in the lounge.

This book is the Ann Arbor District Library's 2019 Washtenaw Read book. Pick up your copy of the book and then join us on February 25 for a discussion led by Bethlehem member Sue Wortman.

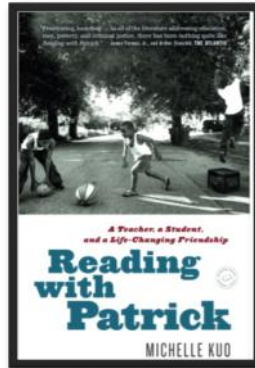
MARCH BOOK:

Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts.

by Brene Brown

Brene Brown is a New York Times Bestselling Author. Let's explore her newest book together.

Sign up outside the church office to join the email discussion group. We'll also meet in March to discuss the book in person.



Events listed on pages 6-7 are listed below

Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there.

- Feb 2 Nordic Choir & Chili CookOff
- Feb 2 Anti-Racism, off site
- Feb 3 Food Gatherers volunteer day
- Feb 3 Alpha House volunteer day
- Feb 7 Bethlehem Prayer Circle
- Feb 7 Youth Group 6:30
- Feb 8-10 Youth Outing: Winterfest
- Feb 14 Board Games and Pizza
- Feb 14 Youth Group 6:30
- Feb 17 Fresh Produce Sunday
- Feb 17 Walk & Talk youth outing
- Feb 17 Young Adult Brunch at Lily's,
- Feb 17 Adult Faith Formation, Lily's
- Feb 20 Auxiliary/Mother's Study
- Feb 21 Youth Group 6:30
- Feb 21 Bethlehem Prayer Circle
- Feb 22 Fourth Friday Fun Night
- Feb 25 Book Discussion
- Feb 26 Peace Neighborhood day
- Feb 27 Coffee & Canon at Lily's
- Feb 27 Yo Yo Ma at Hill Auditorium
- Feb 28 Youth Group 6:30

Join Bethlehem's Prayer Circle Ministry!

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11:30 in the lounge.
Join us on February 7 & 21

IN THE COMMUNITY

Saturday, February 2, 10-4
Anti-Racism training at Lord of Light/Lutheran Campus Ministry.

RSVP: pastorelizabeth.lcm@gmail.com

Saturday, February 2, 7:30
Luther College Nordic Choir concert performance at Bethlehem

This is an exciting community-wide event you won't want to miss!
Don't forget to join the Chili cook off prior!

Wednesday, February 27
University Musical Society presents Yo-Yo Ma at Hill Auditorium.

For talk and music: Culture, Understanding & Survival.
Tickets at ums.org

Join Lily for gentle yoga:
Tuesday Feb. 5, 11am -12noon
Tuesday Feb. 19, 5:15-6:15

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- ♦ Food Gatherers Volunteer Day at the Delonis Center. Sunday, Feb. 3, 12-2:30
- ♦ Alpha House Volunteer Day Sunday, February 3, 5:30-8:00
- ♦ Fresh Produce Sunday Sunday, Feb. 17 at both Worship Services
- ♦ Prayer Shawl Ministry Every Monday at 1:00 p.m.
Join Bethlehem's prayer shawl ministry!
- ♦ Peace Neighborhood Volunteer Day Tuesday, February 26, 2:45 p.m.
Bethlehem helps serve an afternoon snack/meal to the area students who come for afternoon programming.

LOOKING FORWARD:

Bethlehem will host Allies for Change's upcoming *"Doing Our Own Work anti-racism training"*

- Bethlehem is excited to be home for this anti-racism training for white people.
- The 40+ hour training takes place: **March 8 and 9; April 5 and 6; and May 10 and 11**
- More information: www.alliesforchange.org/doow-ann-arbor-2019.
- We have arranged for two spots for Bethlehem members. Please let Lily know if you are interested in participating.