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February 20, 2017

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
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Re: Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Lake City, Inc.

Gentlemen:


Please find enclosed herewith the following to be filed for the incorporation of  
**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LAKE CITY, INC.** under the laws of the State  
of Florida:

1. Articles of Incorporation, in duplicate;
2. Designation of Registered Agent, in duplicate;
3. 

Filing fee for Articles	\$35.00
Certified copy of Articles	8.75
Filing fee of Registered Agent	<u>35.00</u>
Total check enclosed	\$78.75.

It is requested that this filing be accepted in full compliance with the Florida laws regarding corporations. Please return a certified copy of the Articles to the address indicated above. Prompt notification of further documentation procedures or fees required will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
Marlin M. Feagle

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LAKE CITY, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation is **BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LAKE CITY, INC.**

**ARTICLE II**

This is a non-profit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE III**

This corporation shall begin its existence when filed and shall have a perpetual existence thereafter.

**ARTICLE IV**

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised and its properties controlled and its affairs conducted by a Church Council. the number of councilmen of the corporation shall be not less than three (3) and not more than seven (7); provided, however, that such number may be changed by Bylaws duly adopted by the members of the corporation.

The councilmen named herein as the first Church Council shall hold office until the first meeting of members for the purpose of electing new councilmen to be held within six (6) months after the filing of these Articles of Incorporation at which time the same councilmen may be elected or new councilmen may be elected in their stead.

Councilmen shall serve for a term of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years as set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation. This shall not prohibit a councilman from being elected to successive terms of office. The annual meeting for the corporation shall be held at the time and place set forth in the corporation Bylaws.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Church Council under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Council shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the Council and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by the unanimous vote of the Council. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to actions so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Council, without a meeting, and that the Articles of

Incorporation and Bylaws of this corporation authorize the Council to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

## **ARTICLE V**

The names and addresses of the first members of the Church Council are as follows:

	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>
1.	Ronald A. Feagle	834 SE Aldine Feagle Road Lake City, Florida 32025
2.	Susan Rhea	3339 SW Dairy Street Lake City, Florida 32024
3.	Robert Evans	1544 SW Haltiwanger Road Lake City, Florida 32025
4.	Lamar Witt	545 SE Burns Lane Lake City, Florida 32024
5.	Barbara Wakefield	426 SE Happy Valley Glen High Springs, Florida 32643
6.	Jody Witt	545 SE Burns Lane Lake City, Florida 32024.

The pastor of the Church shall be ex officio President of the Congregation and the Church Council. The Council shall elect the following officers: Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Financial Secretary; and such other officers as the Bylaws of this corporation may authorize the Council to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected by the Council at the first meeting of the Council after the effective date of these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, such officers shall be elected by the Council at the first annual congregational meeting of the corporation. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

<b><u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>OFFICE</u></b>
Ronald A. Feagle 834 SE Aldine Feagle Road Lake City, Florida 32025	President

Robert Evans  
1544 SW Haltiwanger Road  
Lake City, Florida 32025

Vice President

Susan Rhea  
3339 SW Dairy Street  
Lake City, Florida 32024

Treasurer

Barbara Wakefield  
426 SE Happy Valley Glen  
High Springs, Florida 32643.

Secretary

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the Church Council. All members must be of Christian faith and believe in God, and must be accepted for membership in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws of the corporation. The authorized number, different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of the members and their obligations shall be set forth in the Bylaws to be proposed by the Church Council and accepted by a majority of the membership.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

The names and residence addresses of the subscribers of this corporation and initial corporate officers are as set forth in Article V hereof.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

The County in the State of Florida where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located in Columbia County, Florida. The name and address of this corporation's registered agent is **RONALD A. FEAGLE**, 834 SE Aldine Feagle Road, Lake City, Florida 32025.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Corporation Not for Profit Law of Florida concerning corporate actions that may be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either by a Resolution of the Church Council or by following the procedures set forth therefor in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE X**

A. The specific primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate for the advancement of religion and for other charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes and particularly for the furtherance of the Christian faith.

B. The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such religious purposes as well qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax exempt organizations under that Code.

C. This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (1) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, or (2) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

E. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed to the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or its successors in interest, or to another non-profit fund, foundation or legal entity which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

## ARTICLE XI

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a Resolution adopted by the Church Council and presented to a quorum of members for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of two-thirds of a quorum of members of the corporation.

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation and including all the persons herein named as the subscribers of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this non-profit charitable corporation under the laws of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation the day and year set opposite our names:

Date: 2/15/17 Ronald A. Feagle (SEAL)  
RONALD A. FEAGLE

Date: 2/12/17 Robert Evans (SEAL)  
ROBERT EVANS

Date: 2/12/17 Susan Rhea (SEAL)  
SUSAN RHEA

Date: 2/12/17 Barbara Wakefield (SEAL)  
Print: Barbara Wakefield

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)  
Print: \_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

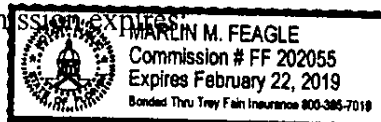
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared ~~RONALD A. FEAGLE,~~ <sup>omitted here</sup>  
ROBERT EVANS, SUSAN RHEA, BARBARA WAKEFIELD and N/A  
to me known to be the persons described herein as subscribers and who executed the foregoing  
Articles of Incorporation on the dates set opposite their names, and that they subscribed to these  
Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and seal at Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, 2017.

(NOTARIAL  
SEAL)

Marlin M. Feagle  
Notary Public, State of Florida

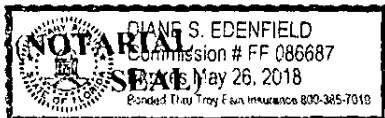
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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, by **RONALD A. FEAGLE** who is personally known to me.

Diane S. Edenfield  
Notary Public, State of Florida



My Commission Expires:



**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS,  
OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE,  
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act.

First, that **BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LAKE CITY, INC.**, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as directed in the Articles of Incorporation at the City of Lake City, Florida, has named **RONALD A. FEAGLE**, 834 SE Aldine Feagle Road, Lake City, Florida 32025, as its' Agent to accept service of process within the State.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above styled corporation, at place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act, relative to keeping open said office.

  
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RONALD A. FEAGLE

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