



Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP TIMES

In-person worship:

In-person and livestreamed:

Sundays at 9:00 am

and Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

**with communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
and following Wednesdays**

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open on

Mondays—Fridays

from 8:30 am—12:00 pm

and Mondays—Thursdays

**from 1:00—4:30 pm (closes at 4:00 on
Wednesdays).**

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner

Children, Youth & Family Pastor: Rev. Sarah Marshall

Office Administrator, Worship Team Director and

Organist: Cori Wrobel

Bell Choir Director: Stacy Erdal

Senior Choir Director: Al Albertson

Youth Bell Choir Director: Nancy Albertson

Financial Administrator: Shelly Johnson

Education and Spiritual Formation Coordinator:

Joan Rosenow

Food Services Coordinators: Clarence and Kim Spencer

IT Coordinator: Scott Pederson

Custodial Services: Rob Larson and Laura Kory

From the Senior Pastor



Holy Week: *Embracing the Kingdom of God in a Broken World*

Join us during Holy Week as we celebrate the passion of God lived out in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As Christ came proclaiming (recorded in the Gospel according to Mark), “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” We witness during holy week the pinnacle of God’s work through Jesus revealed in the promise and power of the Holy Spirit and inviting us to embrace the Kingdom of God through the crucified and risen Lord!

Palm Sunday: Join us in worship at 9:00 am with a breakfast at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on the opportunity sheet.

Maundy Thursday: Join us for a meal and worship beginning at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and then moving into the sanctuary to celebrate the institution of the Lord’s Supper and observe the new commandment of Christ as we offer the opportunity for foot washing enacting the new commandment for those that would like to partake. Please RSVP for dinner via our website or sign up in the narthex following worship or contact the church office. The meal for the evening is chicken cordon bleu, pasta, roasted vegetables, and lemon raspberry bars. The cost for the meal is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. You may use your prepaid meal card for the dinner, bring cash or check, or pay ahead via the link on our website.

Good Friday: Join us as we enter deeply into the heart of Christ’s passion all the way to Golgotha on a Roman cross. We begin this service at 6:00 pm. We join in the traditional liturgy of the bidding prayer, procession of the cross, and solemn reproaches.

Easter Sunday: Join us as we celebrate the resurrected Lord! We join in worship at 8:30 am and 10:30 am with an Easter brunch at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on the opportunity sheet.

May the peace of the crucified and risen Lord be with you!

Pastor Mark



From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor

Wonder what the kids are up to? Check out the Youth Bulletin board for pictures and updates. The Youth Bulletin Board is in the lower level across from the Living Room.



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

March

- 3rd Sunday in Lent: Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am
- 4th Sunday in Lent: NO Sunday School 9:00 am Worship
- 5th Sunday in Lent: NO Sunday School 9:00 am Worship
- Palm Sunday: Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am
- Easter Sunday: NO Sunday School 8:30 am and 10:30 am Easter Worship

April

- 2nd Sunday of Easter: Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am
- 3rd Sunday of Easter: Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am
- 4th Sunday of Easter: Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am
- 5th Sunday of Easter: Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am



Sunday School kids will sing at the 9:00 am service on Palm Sunday (March 24).

ALTERNATIVE Good Friday YOUTH GATHERING

Youth (ages 3 and up) who need an alternative worship option, are invited to gather in the downstairs Livingroom during the Good Friday worship service starting at 6:00 pm. Adults will supervise and lead youth in activities.

March CATECHISM/ CONFIRMATION

6TH - 8TH GRADE AT TRINITY	9TH GRADE AT BETHLEHEM
Wednesday, 3/6: LENTEN DINNER & WORSHIP Teaching NIGHT	Wednesday, 3/6: LENTEN DINNER & WORSHIP Gospel of MARK
Wednesday, 3/13: LENTEN DINNER & WORSHIP SPRING BREAK	Wednesday, 3/13: LENTEN DINNER & WORSHIP SPRING BREAK
Wednesday, 3/20: LENTEN DINNER & WORSHIP Teaching NIGHT	Wednesday, 3/20: LENTEN DINNER & WORSHIP Gospel of MARK
Wednesday, 3/27: SERVICE OPPORTUNITY Pack Easter Egg CANDY	Wednesday, 3/27: SERVICE OPPORTUNITY Pack Easter Egg CANDY

HOLY WEEK ATTEND WORSHIP

- Thursday, 3/28 6:00 PM: Maundy THURSDAY
- Friday, 3/29 6:00 PM: Good FRIDAY
- Sunday, 3/31 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM: Easter SUNDAY

UPCOMING ADULT FORUMS 10:00 AM

FEB 25 MAKE CARDS FOR OUR MEMBERS

MARCH 3 TIM BOGENSCHUTZ "25 YEARS IN THE WILD"

17 ISAIAH AND JEFF MACEJKOVIC'S EUROPEAN TRIP

24 PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

31 EASTER BREAKFAST FROM 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Wednesday evening meals served 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Lent soup and sandwiches served by 2/21 and 2/28 - catechism youth

3/6 - Men of Bethlehem

3/13 - Congregational Leadership Board

3/20 - staff

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

National Youth Gathering Participants AND ALL High School Youth

Come connect with other youth from Lord of Life, Trinity and First Lutheran who are going to the National Youth Gathering this summer.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT WHERE?

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
6190 Fairview Road, Baxter

FUN - GAMES - CONNECT

« FEB. 4 - MAR. 3 - APR. 7 - MAY 5 - JUN. 2 »

High School Youth Group

Wednesdays ~ 7:00 - 8:15 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran

Open to all 10th -12th graders

*follow ISD 181 schedule

• Located in the back of the sanctuary •

Children's Worship Bulletins

Grab a worksheet that matches the worship service, a busy bag, or pencil pack.

- 0-3 Years - Yellow Bags
- 4-6 years - Blue Bags
- 7+ Years - Activity Books

Every New Worksheet Sunday

Lent 2024

Sundays *services at 9:00 am

Wednesdays *soup and sandwiches served by various groups from 5:30 - 6:15 pm

*services at 6:20 pm featuring *That You May Have Life* liturgy and faith dialogues with members

*Pr. Mark leading Overview of the Bible from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

- 2/21 ~ Old Testament
- 2/28 ~ New Testament
- 3/6, 3/13, and 3/20 ~ Gospel of Mark

Joint ELCA Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday Service February 14th at 11:00AM *Light lunch to follow

Wednesdays, February 21st - March 20th 11:00AM Services *Light lunch to follow

Good Friday Service March 29th at 11:00AM

Trinity Lutheran Church
1420 South 6th Street

February and March Funeral Service Groups

Nancy and Tim Bogenschutz

Deb Luhrs

Mary and Scott Parsons

Doris Aasen

Hans Anderson

Linda Anderson

Arliss and Harry Bement

Darnel Carlson

Bethany Doucette

Larry and Natalie Embertson

Bruce and Deb Erickson

Bonnie and Matthew Garding

Jadyn and Kevin Gohman

Jennifer and Tom Grimm

Jeff and Shari Grunenwald

Anne Gustafson

Lynn Heinrich

Karl Jackman

Coordinators:

Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton

Marlys Ray

Assistants:

Jesse Jorge

Jenny King

Cory Kruse

Doug and Vicki Kruse

Camille and Clayton Lang

Laurie Levig

Nick Lundgren

Anita and Larry Martinson

Deb and Jeff McCarthy

Michael Miller

Emily and Tyler Monda

Marcy Nickel

Steven Olson

Barb Owens

Janis and Jim Peterson

Randy and Tammy Praught

Cody Rehberger

Karl and Gail Samp

Russ Schultz

Sue and Todd Sorenson

Elsie and Mike Stanek

Jackie Stromback

Anna and Jake Thesing

Kathy Thomson

Pat True

Amy and Dan Vleck

Bruce and Kelli Weaver

Looking ahead...

4/7 at 10:00 am ~ Semi-annual congregational meeting

4/10 ~ 9th grade trip to Minneapolis (times TBD)

4/11 at 6:00 pm ~ New Member Orientation

4/13 from 9:00 am—4:00 pm ~ Premarriage Retreat

4/14 ~ New Member Sunday

4/14/ - 4/21 ~ BELC serves Bridge on 7th

4/27 ~ NE MN Synod Assembly online



If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net. Prayers will be kept on the chain for 3 weeks. If you'd like it to be kept on for longer, please let the office know. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 829-3330.

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Sympathy: the Brooks family

Ongoing: Greg Anderson; Scott Hess; Ron Nielsen; Bob Wrobel; Steve Oslos; Pam Stock; Buck Bray; Charlotte Warner; Kirsten Olson; Roger Gonnerman; Todd K.; those dealing with mental health issues; Cheryl Johnson; Joan Aulich; Esther Peterson; Cheryl Hagger; Jim Thomson; Joyce Wagner; Dawn True; Linda Wilcox; Barb Neprud; Barbara Howard; Kacey Benson; for peace in our world; all caregivers; all dealing with cancer /other diseases

Military: Nick Schwab in Navy; Danny Smith in Air Force

If you check into the hospital, please call the Church Office at 829-3330 or let the Chaplain know you are from Bethlehem Lutheran Church so we can pray for you.

Please keep the following Bethlehem households in your thoughts and prayer this month of

February: Brett and Elise Severson and family; Stacy Sjoberg and family; Pr. Mark and Sue Skinner and family; Dave and Sheila Skogen; Patrick Skogen; Zach Skogen and family; Char Slough; Pat and Teri Slough and family; Carol Smith; Corliss Smith; Dave and Alice Smith; Stephanie Smith; Reva Snell; Linda Soderman; Sue and Todd Sorenson; Zach and Jody Sparkman and family; Dale and Jackie Spaulding; Kim and Clarence Spencer; Marissa Spencer; Kaelyn Spencer-Bosaaen; April and Jeff Spigarelli and family; Ben Stall; Jamie Stall; Logan Stall; Madison Stall and family; Phyllis Stall; Carla and Scott Stall; Elsie and Mike Stanek and family; Denise and Duane Stange; Jon and Margaret Steblay; Deb Steuck; Pam Stock; Sydney Stock; Jerome and Margie Streich; Jackie Stromback; Jean and Tom Swanson; Erica Swedberg

CREATION CARE

O How to Spot the Misleading Advertising Labeling an Item or Action as Eco-friendly or Sustainable (Greenwashing)

R According to a 2020 survey by McKinsey, 78% of U.S. consumers favor a sustainable lifestyle, yet the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) plays a very limited role cracking down on greenwashing. Many companies and corporations use marketing tactics to create a sustainable appearance that doesn't actually exist. Buzzwords such as "all-natural," "eco-friendly," and "sustainable," cannot be taken at face value, but require us to investigate the packaging, website, or social media to see if the company clearly defines the reasoning behind their use of the term. When looking for products that are truly eco-friendly and sustainable, you can trust the following certifications: Green Business Network, USDA Organic, Leaping Bunny, B-Corp, Environmental Working Groups (EWG), Green Guard, GOTS, and Fair Trade Certified.



Baptismal Blessings

Every month we will be offering blessings during worship services for various groups of people.

March 10 for retired people

EASTER LILIES

You can honor or memorialize someone special by donating an Easter lily in their name. Any donations are welcomed and appreciated. Please make checks payable to BELC with "Easter lilies" in the memo line. Be sure to include a note as to who it is honoring or memorializing. Please turn donations in by 3/15 so we know how many to order.

BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

MARCH 14 AT 10:30 AM

LATE MIGRATIONS: A NATURAL HISTORY OF LOVE AND LOSS BY MARGARET RENKL

HELP NEEDED ON MARCH 17 FOR SUNDAY HOSPITALITY AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COORDINATES WITH BRIDGES OF HOPE WARMING SHELTER TO PROVIDE A WARM SHELTER AND FOOD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO PLACE TO GO. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ON MARCH 17!!!

THERE ARE TWO SHIFTS: HOSTING FROM 2:15 - 4:30 PM AND SERVING FOOD FROM 4:30 - 6:15 PM. YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR BOTH SHIFTS IF YOU'D LIKE.

AS A HOST, YOU MAY PLAY GAMES, DO ACTIVITIES, WATCH FOOTBALL GAMES OR MOVIES, ETC. AS A FOOD SERVER, YOU MAY HELP PREP PROVIDED FOOD, SET UP, SERVE FOOD, AND CLEAN UP. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOMEONE FROM FIRST LUTHERAN THERE WITH YOU.

CONTACT THE BELC OFFICE AT 218-829-3336 OR OFFICE@BELCNET.NET TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.

5:30 pm – dinner served	Wednesdays, March 6 and 20	7:00 pm – High School Youth Group
5:45 pm – Youth Bell Choir rehearsal	7:00 pm – 6-8 th catechism at Trinity	7:00 pm – Sr. Choir rehearsal
6:20 pm – Lent service	7:00 pm – Gospel of Mark study	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Third Sunday of Lent 3	4	Presidential Primary 5
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Tim Bogenschutz "Building of Our Cabin" 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Itty Bitty Book Bunch 2:30 pm – Brainerd Leos 5:30 pm – High School Hang Out at Lord of Life		7:30 am – Men's bible study 10:30 am – RSA Circle of Change 1:00 pm – GWOH at Salem West 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 5:00 pm – Girl Scouts 6:00 pm – Jonah Group
Fourth Sunday of Lent 10	11	office closes at 4:00 pm today 12
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed BOW worship service with baptism	4:00 pm – BELC at Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	7:30 am – Men's bible study 10:30 am – RSA Circle of Change 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 5:30 pm – CLB meeting 6:00 pm – Board Night
Fifth Sunday of Lent 17	18	19
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed service with communion and baptism 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Isaiah and Jeff Macejkovic "European Trip" 2:15 pm – Sunday Hospitality at First Lutheran		7:30 am – Men's bible study 10:00 am – Ruth Circle 10:30 am – RSA Circle of Change 1:30 pm – Staff meeting
Palm Sunday 24	25	26
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Palm Sunday breakfast 10:00 am – Sunday School		7:30 am – Men's bible study 10:30 am – RSA Circle of Change 11:30 am – 65+ Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm – Staff meeting
Resurrection of Our Lord 31	1	2
8:30 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 9:30 am – Easter brunch 10:30 am – In-person worship service with communion	Office closed	7:30 am – Men's bible study 10:30 am – RSA Circle of Change 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 6:00 pm – Jonah Group
5:15 pm – BOW rehearsal 5:30 pm – Meal served 5:45 pm – Youth Bell Choir rehearsal	6:20 pm – BOW service 7:00 pm – 6-8 th catechism at Trinity	Wednesday, April 3 7:00 pm – 9 th catechism at BELC



The office is open from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm on Mondays – Fridays and from 1:00 – 4:30 pm on Mondays – Thursdays.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today 6</p> <p>see schedule above left</p> <p>10:00 am – Joint staff meeting at Trinity</p> <p>11:00 am – Joint Lent service at Trinity</p> <p>12:30 pm – Worship service at Woodland</p> <p>1:15 pm – BOW rehearsal</p> <p>2:30 pm – soup and sandwiches served by Men of Bethlehem</p> <p>6:00 pm – 6th-8th grade catechism at Trinity</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 am –Worship at Edgewood Brainerd</p> <p>9:00 am – Quilting Group</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:15 am – Worship at Edgewood Baxter</p> <p>12:00 pm – Nicodemus Group</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	8	9
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today 13</p> <p>11:00 am – Joint Lent service at Trinity</p> <p>1:15 pm – BOW rehearsal</p> <p>2:30 pm – soup and sandwiches served by Congregational Leadership Board</p> <p>4:20 pm – Lent service</p> <p>6:00 pm – Senior Choir rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 pm – Gospel of Mark study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 am – Executive Team meeting</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:30 am – Bethlehem Book Club</p> <p>3:30 pm – TCC Action Partnership training</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	15	16
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today 20</p> <p>see schedule above left</p> <p>11:00 am – Joint Lent service at Trinity</p> <p>12:30 pm – Worship service at Woodland</p> <p>2:30 pm – soup and sandwiches served by staff</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 am –Worship at Edgewood Brainerd</p> <p>9:00 am – Quilting Group</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:15 am – Worship at Edgewood Baxter</p> <p>1:30 pm – Mary Circle</p> <p>4:30 pm – card making</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	22	23
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today 27</p> <p>6:00 pm – Senior Choir rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 pm – 6th-8th grade catechism/confirmation at Trinity</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday 28</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>1:30 pm – Worship at Bethany apartments</p> <p>6:00 pm – Maundy Thursday meal and worship; must RSVP</p>	<p>Good Friday 29</p> <p>6:00 pm – Good Friday worship service with an activity for youth during service</p>	30
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today 3</p> <p>see schedule below left</p> <p>12:30 pm – Worship service at Woodland</p> <p>7:30 pm – Wednesday night meal: TBD</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am –Worship at Edgewood Brainerd</p> <p>9:00 am – Quilting Group</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:15 am – Worship at Edgewood Baxter</p> <p>12:00 pm – Nicodemus Group</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	5	6

7:00 pm – High School Youth Group
7:00 pm – Sr. Choir rehearsal

To view our online services on Sundays at 9:00 am, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKGd23TW4V1mlqCsktOho3g>
The service will also be posted on our website at www.belcnet.net upon completion of the service.

STAMP. CUT. CRAFT. CREATE. SHARE. FELLOWSHIP.

CARD MAKING FUN ON MARCH 21



Get creative on Thursday, March 21. Show up anytime between 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Cards are sent to members that are shut in and members in need of some uplifting words. Please contact Cathy Lee or the office for more information. Please sign up on our website www.belcnet.net or by calling the office to let Cathy know who to expect.



Kitchen Help NEEDED

SUNDAYS, MARCH 24 AND 31 FROM 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 FROM 5:00 - 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 3, 10, AND 17 FROM 5:00 - 6:45 PM

We need help:

- setting up
- serving food
- cleaning up

If you can help, please sign up on the opportunity sheet or on the website at www.belcnet.net.

65+ Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, March 26

at 11:30 am

RSVP to the office at 218-829-3330 or sign up on the opportunity sheet by March 24.

Jackie Burkey, a master gardener, will talk about plants and flowers.



Maundy Thursday meal and worship

Thursday, March 28 6:00 PM

Please note that an RSVP is needed by March 24. Chicken cordon bleu with pasta, roasted vegetables, and lemon raspberry bars will be served. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for school-aged children. You may sign up by contacting the office, by going to our website www.belcnet.net, or after Sunday services.

Women of the ELCA
Heartland Conference Spring Gathering

April 13, 2024
8:30am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
30985 Front St, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Jesus, Bread of Life

SPEAKER—Bill Wear, director
Operation Sandwich, Bridges of Hope & Bridge on 7th



Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
~John 6:35



COST \$10

PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR "THE SILENT AUCTION" AND "BUY IT NOW".

FOR THOSE TO BE MARRIED

COST IS \$110 PER COUPLE (MEALS INCLUDED)

Premarriage
Retreat

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
418 8TH AVE NE IN BRAINERD

REGISTER AT WWW.BELCNET.NET

DURING THIS DAY-LONG RETREAT, COUPLES ARE INVITED TO CONSIDER THEIR COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER — AND WHAT IT TAKES TO CREATE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP FOR THE LONG TERM. MANY TOPICS ARE COVERED.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
Holy Week
MAUNDY THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM

Greeters: still needed
Reader: still needed
Ushers: still needed
Communion Prep: Shelly Bircham, Sasha Burgstaler
Communion servers: Nancy Bogenschutz, 2 still needed
Sound: still needed
Assisting Minister: still needed
Footwashing: Deb Steuck

GOOD FRIDAY AT 6:00 PM

Reader: Deb Steuck
Ushers: Jen and Camilla Lindholm
Video: still needed
Sound: Scott Pederson
Assisting Minister: still needed
Cross Bearer: still needed

EASTER AT 8:30 AM

Greeters: still needed
Reader: still needed
Ushers: Becky and Dave Meyer
Communion Prep: Bonnie and Steve Almond
Communion servers: Steve Almond, 1 still needed
Video: still needed
Cruceifer: still needed
Paschal Candle: still needed
Banner Bearers: 2 still needed
Assisting Minister: still needed

EASTER AT 10:30 AM

Greeters: Pam Oslos, 1 still needed
Reader: still needed
Ushers: Jen and Camilla Lindholm
Communion Prep: Jen and Joe Lindholm
Communion servers: Pam Oslos, 1 still needed
Sound: Scott Pederson
Cruceifer: still needed
Paschal Candle: still needed
Banner Bearers: 2 still needed
Assisting Minister: still needed

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

present's
Seek & You Will Find

EASTER
EGG
HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 • 10 A.M.

Held outdoors at Trinity Lutheran Church
1420 SOUTH 6TH STREET, BRAINERD

Many prizes for different age categories.
Everyone is welcome—fun for the whole family!
Please bring your own basket or bag.



A community committed
to God through caring,
sharing, and outreach

TRINITYBRAINERD.ORG | 1420 S 6TH STREET | BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

Minnesota
FoodShare
March Campaign

We are collecting for these organizations through the month of March. Please drop off monetary donations or food items.

The CLC Food Pantry prefers monetary donations to best serve their population.



Operation Sandwich needs peanut butter, jelly, individually wrapped snacks, and monetary donations.



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

*In-person and livestreamed service at 9:00 am
*Brunch served 10:00 - 11:00 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

*In-person meal and service at 6:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

*In-person and livestreamed service at 6:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

*In-person and livestreamed service at 8:30 am
*Homemade caramel rolls served 9:30 - 10:30 am
*In-person service at 10:30 am

8TH ANNUAL
ECOFAITH SUMMIT
2024

APRIL 6TH
9AM - 4PM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
DULUTH, MN

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
LARRY RASMUSSEN

CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICIST
AWARD WINNING AUTHOR OF THE PLANET YOU INHERIT

CROSS+CURRENTS IN THE FLOOD
BUILDING ARCS TOGETHER
FOR A LIVABLE PLANET

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024
9AM - 4 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS
FEBRUARY 1ST

HEARTLAND SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Shall We Write?

SPRING 2024 CONCERT SERIES

April 6 | 7:30 PM

Charles D. Martin Auditorium in Little Falls High School, Little Falls

April 7 | 2:30 PM

Gichi-zibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd

Composers have been writing music for centuries. Join HSO for a program of world premieres and masterworks from the orchestral repertoire.

- World premiere of *Wings of Freedom* by Robin M. Butler, winner of the 2023-2024 Composition Competition.
- World premiere of *The Letter and the Envelope* by Lindsey Wiehl, featuring Miriam Webber, Principal Bassoon.
- Selections by Elgar, Sibelius, and more.

Conducted by Ryan Webber. Conductor Chats held prior to concerts.
6:45 PM in Little Falls • 1:45 PM in Brainerd

FREE FOR ALL AGES. Good will donations encouraged.

For more information: Visit HeartlandSymphony.com or our Facebook page | Call 1-800-826-1997
E-mail HeartlandSymphony@gmail.com | Search for Heartland Symphony on YouTube



These concerts are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Five Wings Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. In Little Falls, the Laura Jane Musser Fund provides additional support.

Thank you!

Do you want to double your contribution to BELC?

There are several business in the Lakes Area that are providing a matching program for employees that support local charities. We encourage you to check with your human resource manager to find out if your company is one of these that provides this employee benefit. Some of these same companies have matching volunteer hours for their employees. When you volunteer hours for a charity, they will provide a monetary donation to the charity of your designation. If you would like to help BELC in its goal of helping the community to thrive, please check to see if your company is in a matching program. We would love to double your contribution for BELC.

~ Board of Stewardship and Properties

Souper bowl raised \$440.10 for Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen. Thanks for your generosity!

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Thrivent Choice®!

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Scan the code to learn more about Thrivent Choice and how you can financially support our organization. Anyone can donate using Thrivent's online giving platform,* and eligible Thrivent clients can direct Choice Dollars®.

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Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

1~ Kevin Brick, Tonya Person

2 ~ Wayne Dosh

3 ~ Karl Hadrits

4 ~ Bruce Erickson, Charlotte Girling

6 ~ Kevin Gohman, Kathy Thomson, Zach Vanderschaaf

8 ~ Erica Pulak, McCoy Rider

9 ~ Odin Sjoberg

10 ~ Caleb Christensen

11 ~ Linda Albertson, Izabelle Munsch, Andrew Olson, Brian Skogen, Logan Stall

12 ~ Christian Eidenshink, Ethan Iverson

13 ~ Susan Hadrits, Solvejg Seamon

14~ Steve Rosenow

15 ~ Nancy Albertson, Reece Doucette, Al Gardner, Carole Olsen

16~ Tracie Churchill, Melanie Serra

18 ~ Scott Johnson, Sara Teufert

19 ~ Alexis Smith

20 ~ Claire Erdal

21 ~ Clark Backstrom, Hollie LeDoux, Harvey Munsch

23 ~ Elaina Christiansen, Jayce Johnson, Marci Nelson, Connie Ogilvie

25 ~ Mary Anderson, Will Grunewald, Madison Tollefson

26 ~ Jerry DeChaine, Stephanie Moody, Curt Nielsen

27 ~ Greta Lang, Blaine Thompson

28 ~ Darla Mae Gonnerman, Blake Kruse, Deb Luhrs, Isaiah Macejkovic, Kimberly Spencer, Deb Steuck

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March Worship Assistants; Holy Week schedule on p12

Sundays at 9:00 am

Greeters:	3/3: Cathie and Nick Benson 3/10: Bonnie Almond, Paula Rose	3/17: Mary and Scott Parsons 3/24: Pam and Steve Oslos
Ushers:	3/3: Jen and Camilla Lindholm 3/10: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton	3/17: Janis and Jim Peterson 3/24: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton
Readers:	3/3: Jen Lindholm 3/10: Kimberly Spencer	3/17: Pam Finch 3/24: still needed
Communion Preparation:	3/3: Shelly Birchem, Sasha Burgstaler	3/17: Shelly Birchem, Sasha Burgstaler 3/24: Bob and Kay Pederson
Communion Servers:	3/3:	3/17: Pam Finch, Sue Skinner 3/24: Pam Oslos, Judy Jourdan, 1 still needed
Sound:	3/3: Scott Pederson 3/10: Scott Pederson	3/17: Jerry DeChaine 3/24: Scott Pederson
Video:	3/3: Troy Imgrund 3/10: Troy Imgrund	3/17: Krystal DeChaine 3/24: still needed
Assisting Minister:	3/3: still needed 3/10: Pam Stock	3/17: still needed 3/24: still needed
Crucifer	3/24: still needed	
Treats in Narthex:	3/3: still needed 3/10: still needed	3/17: still needed
Flowers:	3/3: in memory of Vickie Miller from Sue and Pr. Mark Skinner 3/10: in honor of Sydney Stock's 25th baptismal anniversary from Pam Stock 3/17: still needed 3/24: still needed	
Wednesday night at 6:20:	3/6: ushers: Jenny Johnson, Jackie Nornes; assisting minister: Marcus Lindholm 3/13: ushers: Nancy and Rick Sweet; assisting minister: Marcus Lindholm 3/20: ushers: still needed ; assisting minister: Beverley Rempel	

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