



Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP TIMES

In-person worship:

In-person and livestreamed:

Sundays at 9:00 am

with communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

And Wednesdays at 6:20 pm beginning 9/13

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.

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 Choir Director: Nancy Albertson

Financial Administrator: Shelly Johnson

Children, Youth & Family Ministry 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



THANK YOU!

Wow, what an amazing celebration of my twenty-year anniversary at Bethlehem! I was so overwhelmed with the gracious work in putting this celebration together. It has been a true joy to have served these past twenty years at Bethlehem with you. Many thanks to our President, Scott Parsons and the entire committee that organized the day including: Pam Finch, Pam Stock, Cori Wrobel, Mary Farmer, Keith Olson, Russ Schultz, Margaret and Jon Steblay. Thanks for the many hands that helped organize the day including Pat True and Sara Larson for the scrumptious brunch and red velvet cupcakes! Thanks for all the cards and gifts and for our time together on Sunday!

Jonah Group.

Ten years ago, we launched a new group involving people from our congregation called the “Jonah group.” Now, our eighth group finished in May of 2023 (one-year break due to the pandemic), and now we feel God leading us to form our *ninth* Jonah group. This group will be limited to fifteen people, men and women varying in age from mid-twenties to mid-forties from Bethlehem and perhaps other congregations as well. Here are some of the highlights and projected outcomes:

- *We will meet once a month (first Tuesday of the month - six sessions) for a meal together and shared time of learning, reflecting, and growing in the faith of the triune God (about two-and-a-half hours a month for six months). Our learning together will involve biblical studies, other books and articles, in-depth conversations, theological reflection, and personal reflection.
- *You will be encouraged to grow spiritually through simple daily faith rituals that will hopefully be beneficial and meaningful for you.
- *We will begin on **Tuesday, October 3rd from 6:00-8:30 pm** at the church. We will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month (taking a break in January) through April of 2024.
- *At the end of our time together (April 2024), you will have hopefully reached a greater understanding of God’s calling(s) for you in life. We will seek to honor and embrace those callings and bless you as you go forth in mission for God’s world!

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact me at pastormark@belcnet.net or 218-829-3330 – press extension “1.”

Blessings in Christ Jesus,

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.



**CALLING ALL
3 YEAR OLDS!**
Sunday, September 17
9:00 am service

**RECEIVE A SPECIAL
BLESSING AS YOU
START YOUR
JOURNEY IN
SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Parents, please RSVP to the office if your child will be participating.

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. Matthew 18: 5

**AGE 3 - 5TH GRADE
SUNDAY SCHOOL**
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Starts **9/17**

Come join us for Sunday School FUN! You will meet new kids, make some colorful posters, play games and have some treats!

Classes are as follows:
*3 and 4 year olds
*Kindergarten and first graders
*2nd - 5th graders with their parents
Classes start at 10:00 am in the Trinity Center.

Itty Bitty Book Club is a group for the littles 3 and younger and will meet the 1st Sunday each month for a short book and activity.

**BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

CATECHISM

6TH-8TH GRADES: NEW TESTAMENT
MEET AT TRINITY

9TH GRADE: LIFE APPLICATION OF THE
PAST 3 YEARS OF CATECHISM
MEET AT BETHLEHEM

Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 PM
beginning September 27

At Bethlehem, Wednesday evening meals will be served at 5:30 at a cost of \$5 per meal for school age youth and \$8 for adults.

**"MAKE ME TO KNOW YOUR WAYS, O LORD;
TEACH ME YOUR PATHS." PSALM 25:4**

Kickoff meeting **AT TRINITY** on 9/20 **WITH PARENTS:**
6:45 pm for all 6th-8th graders and their parents
7:30 pm for all 9th graders and their parents

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2nd graders, receive your
BIBLES
Sunday, September 24,
at the 9:00 am service

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4

HOLY BIBLE
SPARK BIBLE NRSV
HOLY SCRIPTURES

Parents, please RSVP to the office ASAP if you haven't already.

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

In September, we'll bless multiple groups:

9/3: educators and students
9/10: God's Work. Our Hands. Participants
9/17: homebound communion team
9/24: musicians

SEPTEMBER 9



**WANTED:
WORKER BEES**

Meet once a month on a Saturday from 9:00 - 11:30 am to work on small projects around the building. To sign up, go to our website www.belnet.net or contact the office at 829-3330. For more information, contact Al Gardner.

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UPCOMING ADULT FORUMS 10:00 AM

SEPT

10 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. BREAKFAST

17 RALLY SUNDAY

24 PHOTOGRAPHY BY CHARLIE JOHNSON

OCT

1 ANN HUNNICUTT FROM BRIDGE ON 7TH

8 CHRISTMAS JOURNEY BY REBECCA TIMMINS

15 JAN KURTZ ON DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

22 COFFEE, TREATS, & CONVERSATION

29 CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

**God's work.
Our hands.**

Brainerd Lakes Area ELCA churches are invited to participate in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday on September 10 from 11:30 to 2:30 pm. This year's sites include Northland Arboretum, Relationship Safety Alliance (FKA Mid MN Women's Center), Salem West, and The Shop. Sign up at www.belnet.net Registration closes on September 5.



September, October, and November Funeral Service Groups

Cathie and Nick Benson
Carolyn and Jim Cole

Coordinators:

Joyce and Kevin Brick
Jerome and Marge Streich

Assistants:

Brandy and Sam Blum
Amy Boelter
Katie Breen
Paul and Sue Bremer
Frank and Margie Burgstaler
Jackie and Mike Burkey
Gabe and Tracie Churchill
Tricia and Wayne Dosh
Mary and Lannell Farmer
Mike Finch
Pam Finch
Melodee Hagel
Dave and Luanne Hallgren
Amber and Jason Hennessey
Dorothy Hosner

Bernice Johnson
Cheryl Johnson
Jennie and Phil Johnson
Dave and Shelly Johnson
Brenda Jonak
Al and Joanne Kampf
Chuck and Gwen Kienholz
Jean Krueger
Corky and Lana LeDoux
Cheryl and Jeff Macejkovic
Marc Marshall
Bruce Mienert

Richard Munsch
Lynn and Mitch Nelson
Marci and Donn Nelson
Mollie Nelson
Jenny and Scott Pederson
Mary Peterson
Darbie and Jeff Pulak
Jon and Melanie Serra
Stacy Sjoberg
Dale and Jackie Spaulding
Kim and Clarence Spencer
Logan Stall
Phyllis Stall
Ruth and John Unger



CREATION CARE

O A new study by the international scientist group Earth Commission, and published in the journal *Nature*, has found that **climate, air pollution, phosphorus and nitrogen contamination of water from fertilizer overuse, fresh surface water, the unbuilt natural environment and the overall natural and human-built environment** have all pushed beyond Earth's safety limits into the "danger zone." Scientists at the University of Amsterdam and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany warn that the planet can recover only if changes are made, including our use of **coal, oil and natural gas and the way we treat the land and water**. An overheating planet that is losing its natural areas also affects the well-being of people living on it, as experienced by the U.S. with **18 climate-related disasters in 2022, with losses exceeding \$1 billion each**, according to the National Centers for Environmental Information.

Source: <http://www.nemnsynod.org/green-tips.html#5>

Looking ahead...

- *10/1—Itty Bitty Book Club at 10:00 am
- *10/3—Jonah Group 09 begins at 6:00 pm
- *10/4—9th grade Family Huddle with Pr. Mark at 6:00 pm
- *10/19—card making at 4:30 pm
- *10/22—Confirmation rehearsal at 6:30 pm
- *10/29—Confirmation at 9:00 am service with reception at 10:00 am



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 family of Randy Thiel; the family of Kris Anderson; the family of George Ramsey

Ongoing: Nancy Albertson; Lynn Kalahar; Greg Wiger; Camille Wengel; a BELC member; Dawn Verdon; Dave Emery; Harvey Munsch; Audrey Freed; Todd K.; BELC member; Dawn True; Linda Wilcox; Norman Theien; Barb Neprud; BELC member; Barbara Howard; Kacey Benson; BELC member; for peace in our world; all who are grieving; all caregivers; everyone 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.

Have a Prayer Request? You are invited to **contact the office** at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net to have your request put on the Prayer Chain. Please note that we keep people on the prayer list for 3 weeks. If someone needs extended prayers, please let the office know.

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

September: Barb DePaoli; Tricia and Wayne Dosh and family; Bethany Doucette and family; Bob Dryden; Jessica Dufour and family; Deloris Ebinger; Mike and Sonja Eidsensink and family; Linda Ekstrum; Katie Breen and family; Larry and Natalie Embertson; Bev and Dave Emery; Jeff Emery; Mike Emery; Stacy Erdal and family; Bruce and Deb Erickson; Mary and Lannell Farmer; Dylan and Emily Ferrari and family; Bernice and Jim Finch; Kacey Finch; Michael Finch; Pam Finch and family; Jaclyn and Terry Forsberg; Mary Ann Frisch; Ray Frisch; Patricia Fuller; Mavis Galligher; Al Gardner; Mike and Wendy Gindorff; Noah Gindorff; Cassandra Girling and family; Jadynd and Kevin Gohman; Darla Mae and Roger Gonnerman; Becky and Stephan Gorny and family; Bev Gotti; Jennifer and Tom Grimm; Jeff and Shari Grunenwald; Jennifer Grunewald and family; Kelly and Marty Gubrud; Anne Gustafson; Karl and Sue Hadrits; Melodee Hagel

PICNIC AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Hotdogs/hamburgers, buns, condiments, and paper plates will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, your beverage, chairs, and utensils.

SEPTEMBER 13
FOOD SERVED AT 5:30 PM
OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT 6:20 PM

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN - 418 8TH AVE NE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING COMMUNION TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS, OR IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE A VISIT, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE OPPORTUNITY SHEET. TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 14 AT 10:00 AM.

VISITATIONS WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.

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

Please sign up ahead of time.

adults - \$8;
 school age youth - \$5;
 3 and under-free

Enjoy the best meal in town!

9/20 - BBQ ribs, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, cornbread with honey butter, veggie tray, banana bread brownies

9/27 - chicken enchiladas with toppings, tortilla chips with salsa, cookies and cream bars

10/4 - lasagna, salad, garlic bread, lemon raspberry bars

10/11 - tortilla soup with toppings, tortilla chips with 7 layer Mexican dip, rhubarb custard bars

BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

SEPTEMBER 21 AT 10:30 AM

THE BOOK OF CHARLIE BY DAVID VONDREHLE

Wednesday, September 27

5:15 pm - BOW rehearsal 6:20 pm - BOW service 7:00 pm - High School Youth Group at BELC

5:30 pm - dinner served 7:00 pm - 6-8th catechism at Trinity

5:45 pm - Youth Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm - 9th catechism at BELC 7:00 pm - Sr. Choir rehearsal

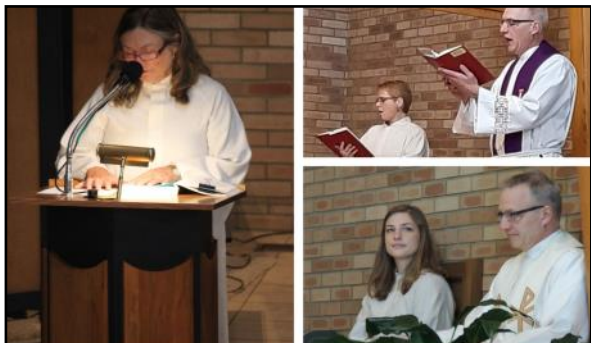
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 3	Labor Day 4	5
9:00 am - In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion and blessing of educators and students	Office closed 	7:30 am - Men's bible study 1:30 pm - Staff meeting
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10	11	12
9:00 am - In-person and livestreamed BOW service with blessings of <i>God's Work. Our Hands.</i> participants 10:00 am - Adult Forum: <i>God's Work. Our Hands.</i> breakfast 11:30 am-2:30 pm - <i>God's Work. Our Hands.</i> at various sites	4:00 pm - BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	7:30 am - Men's bible study 11:00 am - Funeral for George Ramsey 1:30 pm - Staff meeting 5:30 pm - CLB meeting 6:00 pm - Board meeting night
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 17	18	19
9:00 am - In-person and livestreamed service with communion and blessing of homebound communion team and 3-year-old blessing 10:00 am - Adult Forum: Rally Sunday 10:00 am - Sunday School	Office closing at 2:30 pm today 4:45 pm - Bell Choir rehearsal 	7:30 am - Men's bible study 10:00 am - Ruth Circle 1:30 pm - Staff meeting 5:30 pm - Endowment Board meeting
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 24	25	26
9:00 am - In-person and livestreamed worship service with 2nd grade bibles and blessing of musicians 10:00 am - Adult Forum: Ann Hunnicut from Bridge on 7th 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - High School mission trip meeting		7:30 am - Men's bible study 10:00 am - Stephen Ministry meeting 11:30 am - 65+ Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm - Staff meeting



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.

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

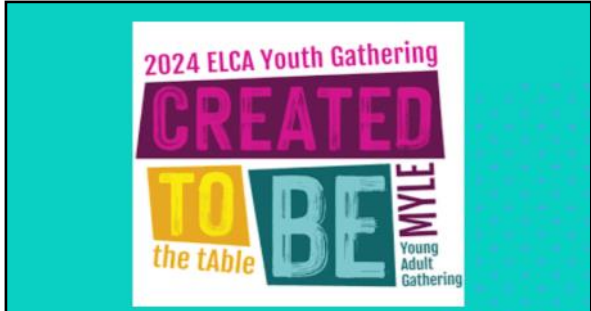
	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Wednesday 6	7	8	9
9:00 am – Worship service at Woodland 9:00 am – BOW Team rehearsal	9:00 am – Worship service at Edgewood Brainerd 9:00 am – Quilting Group 10:15 am – Worship service at Edgewood Baxter 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts		9:00 am – Worker Bees
13	14	15	16
9:00 am – Joint staff meeting with Trinity 9:00 am – picnic 9:00 am – Outdoor worship service 9:00 am – 10 th grade confirmation meeting 9:00 am – parents 9:00 am – Senior Choir rehearsal	9:00 am – Executive Team meeting 9:00 am and 3:00 pm – LSS staff meeting 10:00 am – Homebound Communion training 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts		
20	21	22	23
9:00 am – Martha Circle 9:00 am – Worship service at Woodland 9:00 am – BOW Team rehearsal 9:00 am – Wednesday night meal: BBQ ribs 9:00 am – BOW service 9:00 am – 6 th -8 th grade catechism meeting 9:00 am – parents AT TRINITY 9:00 am – Senior Choir rehearsal 9:00 am – 9 th grade catechism meeting with 9:00 am – ts AT TRINITY	9:00 am – Worship service at Edgewood Brainerd 9:00 am – Quilting Group 10:15 am – Worship service at Edgewood Baxter 10:30 am – Bethlehem Book Club 1:30 pm – Mary Circle 5:00-8:00 pm – Rummage Sale set-up 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts	9:00 am – 3:00 pm - Rummage Sale set-up	8:00 am – 3:00 pm - Rummage Sale 
27	28	29	30
1:30 pm – Schedule above left 1:30 pm – Wednesday night meal: chicken 1:30 pm – ladas	1:30 pm – Worship service at Bethany apartments' dining room 4:30 pm – card making		



DO YOU LOVE LITURGY? DO YOU WANT TO ASSIST DURING WORSHIP SERVICES? THEN YOU NEED TO BE AN **ASSISTING MINISTER**
REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE READING PRAYERS AND MOBILITY TO COLLECT OFFERING.
TRAINING AT 6:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 21
Talk to Pr. Mark for more information or sign up on the opportunity sheet if interested.



SEPTEMBER 23
BELC Mission Trips Fundraiser
drop off donations
Thursday, 9/21 from 5 - 8 pm or
Friday, 9/22 from 9 am - 3 pm
purchase treasures
Saturday, 9/23 from 8 am - 3 pm
NO ELECTRONICS, CAR SEATS, CRIBS, VHS TAPES, LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT



Youth and adult leaders will be gone in late July 2024 (exact dates to come) traveling to New Orleans with tens of thousands of people attending next year's National Youth Gathering.
Initial meeting to be held September 24 at 10:00 am for those interested.
"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2: 8

65+ Lunch Bunch
Pr. Mark will lead a discussion on the DVD *Reformation Roots*.
Tuesday, September 26 at 11:30 am; cost is \$8.
RSVP to the office at 218-829-3330 or sign up on the opportunity sheet by September 24.

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

CARD MAKING FUN ON SEPTEMBER 28



Get creative on Thursday, September 28. 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; cards are also available in the display to the right of the mailboxes. 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.



FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

BETHLEHEM PRODUCE MARKET

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE SOME FRUITS AND VEGGIES FOR OUR PRODUCE MARKET. YOU MAY BRING ITEMS IN THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A FREEWILL DONATION WITH ALL MONEY GOING TO OUR GENERAL FUND.

HELP NEEDED

Looking for people to run sound and video equipment for 9:00 am Sunday services. There are step-by-step directions. Training is available.

Contact the office for more information.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

STICK AROUND AFTER SERVICE FOR SOME COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO MAKE TREATS FOR SUNDAYS. SIGN UP ON THE OPPORTUNITY SHEET IF YOU COULD HELP OUT ONE SUNDAY.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR TREATS EVERY SUNDAY.

More information on the Narthex table

YEARLY INTENSIVE EDUCATIONAL SERIES

"to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."
Ephesians 4:12

Series begins in October
Registration Open
All are Welcome

Do you feel a nudge? Explore it. Lay Leader Network training seeks to provide educational, leadership, and resource/skill-building opportunities for individuals together mobilizing the Church as it engages God's mission in communities and in the world.

LEARN MORE

Northeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA Lay Leader Ministry announces 5th Year Lay Leader Network Intensive Series

October 2023 - April 2024 - 4 sessions + Annual Gathering February 17
(Oct/Apr in person in Duluth & Brainerd - Nov/Feb via Zoom + in-person options)
Oct 21/28 Duluth/Brainerd Nov 18 Zoom Feb 3 Zoom Apr 13/20 Brainerd/Duluth
Cost: \$230 + books (Scholarships available see Synod website)

Distinguished Faculty: Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner and Rev. Dr. David Mesner
Questions: monica.bruning@nemnsynod.org or call Monica 515.708.1412 (Lay Leader Network Co-coordinator)

Lay Leader Network is designed to educate and train lay people for leadership in the congregation, the community and in the Synod. It is intended to refine theological knowledge and leadership skills in addition to stressing personal enrichment, spiritual growth and the development of ministry skills.

The 2023-24 LLN Intensive Series curriculum consists of

- A deep dive into the Gospel of Mark also following the A lectionary plus a support text *Spiritual Landscape of Mark* (Thurston).
- Lutheran theology is viewed via *Reformation Roots* a series exploring the abundance of Christian denominations including the dramatic and turbulent times of the Reformation.
- Kingdom Come* (McNeal) discusses why it's crucial to realign the church's mission with God's ultimate Kingdom agenda - and help lead the Kingdom movement currently underway.
- Jesus and John Wayne - How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* (Kobes-DuMez). A sweeping account that reveals how American evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism.
- The Open Secret* (Newbigin): Newbigin offers a fresh and vital perspective for how the church might enter more fully in sharing the good news in a very pluralistic and radically secular culture.

The 5th year intensive Series promises to be impactful and life-changing. Join us and spread the word! To register or get info <https://nemlln2324.eventbrite.com>

The Gospel according to Mark

NE MN Synod Lay Leader Network Yearly Intensive Series 2023-2024

WILL STEGER

A formidable voice calling for understanding and the preservation of the Arctic, and the Earth, Will Steger is best known for his legendary polar explorations. He has traveled tens of thousands of miles by kayak and dogsled over 50 years, leading teams on some of the most significant polar expeditions in history.

OCTOBER 7 - 1pm
Lutheran Church of the Cross
5064 Co. Rd. 13, Nisswa

Steger will share about his adventures and the drastic effects of climate change on glaciers at both Poles.

There is no charge for this event, which is open to the public

Hosted by Lutheran Church of the Cross Creation Care Team, NEMN Synod/ELCA Ecofaith Network, Lutheran Church of the Cross Rummage Sale Committee, Happy Dancing Turtle, and Roger and Donn Beaubien.

BRIDGES OF HOPE CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

Compassion IN OUR Community

PERFORMANCE + RECEPTION

A unique event centered on homelessness and the knowledge we need to make a difference in our community.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 • 3PM
Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts

TICKETS: \$55/adult > performance + reception
bridgesofhopemn.org (Performance only tickets also available)

3PM PERFORMANCE of *A Prairie Homeless Companion* by The zAmya Theater Project

Thank you!

Summer is here and we are busy welcoming campers for various programs each week! We greatly appreciate the generous support from our donors, ministry partners, and volunteers throughout the year. Thank you for your gifts of \$273.67 and \$336.75. You are making a difference! Blessings ~ Jody Johnson, Development Director



Thank you for your \$450 contribution. Your gift support Operation Sandwich, a program that works to feed kids when free and reduced-price meals are not accessible during school breaks. Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to meet the growing need for nutritious meals for our neighbors in need. ~Jana Shogren, Executive Director



GET YOUR LOOSE CHANGE READY!

NOISY OFFERING

IN AUGUST, YOU DONATED \$277.08 FOR GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. PARTNERS. IN SEPTEMBER, MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED FOR OUR CARD MINISTRY.

January—May 2023 Financial update

Total Revenue \$190,465 (includes \$22,667 shared ministry income from Trinity)

Total Expenses \$196,843

Net Income loss of \$5,999 (without shared ministry income from Trinity we would have a loss of \$22,974.38)

If you have questions, please contact a member of the Board of Stewardship and Properties.

HOW CAN YOU GIVE TO BETHLEHEM?

Click the QR code to donate.

TEXT TO GIVE

Text the word "give" to 218-231-4698

Thank you for your generosity!



Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

- 1 ~ Allison Moyer-Taylor, Sheri Olson
- 2 ~ Deb McCarthy, Scott Stall
- 3 ~ Eric Burgstaler, Bethany Doucette, Mike Finch, Nate Macejkovic
- 4 ~ Kathy Dufour
- 5 ~ Ellie Forsberg, Mandy Hanson
- 6 ~ Amy Vleck
- 8 ~ Delanie Dosh, Pam Finch, Ron Holloway, Tyler Lundgren
- 10 ~ Wendy Gindorff, Linda Soderman
- 11 ~ Sue Johnson, Joe Lindholm
- 12 ~ Josh Mienert, Ruth Unger
- 13 ~ Amy Hendrickson, Elizabeth Spigarelli
- 14 ~ Morgan Althaus, Auggie Lang
- 15 ~ James Brown, Bev Emery
- 16 ~ Thor Johnson, Beth Larson, Ava Marshall

- 17 ~ Wanda Lundeby
- 18 ~ Ellie Knol
- 21 ~ Eli Christiansen, Alex Garding
- 22 ~ Teresa Christiansen, Jason Grimm, Jamie Stall
- 23 ~ Naydeen Blum
- 24 ~ Tim Bogenschutz, Linda Kepstrum, Laurie Levig, Patrick Slough
- 25 ~ Emily Hollingsworth, Amanda Unger, David Zelenka
- 26 ~ Todd Schuldt
- 27 ~ Cheryl Baily, Lee Ann Hollingsworth
- 28 ~ Becky Arndt, Eric Eidenshink
- 29 ~ Noah Meyer, Luke Meyer
- 30 ~ Jeremy Anderson, Conner Burgstaler

We continue to update our contact information. If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please let the office know at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net.

September Worship Assistants

Sundays at 9:00 am

Greeters:	3: Steve Rosenow 10: Larry and Natalie Embertson 17: Janis and Jim Peterson 24: still needed
Ushers:	3: Becky and Dave Meyer 10: still needed 17: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton 24: Camilla and Jen Lindholm
Readers:	3: Becky Meyer 10: Rebecca Timmins 17: Pam Finch 24: Kim Spencer
Communion Preparation:	3: Jackie Nornes, Karen Rosenow 17: Shelly Birchem, Sasha Burgstaler
Communion Servers:	3: Jen Lindholm, Karen Rosenow, Pam Oslos 17: Pam Finch, 2 still needed
Sound:	3: Scott Pederson 10: Todd Person 17: Todd Person 24: Jerry DeChaine
Video:	3: Scott Pederson 10: Tonya Person 17: Tonya Person 24: Krystal DeChaine
Assisting Minister:	3: Jackie Nornes 10: Pam Stock 17: Pam Stock 24: Jackie Nornes
Treats in Narthex:	3: Karen Rosenow 10: <i>God's Work. Our Hands.</i> breakfast 17: still needed 24: Kim Spencer
Flowers:	3: in honor of the Spencers' and Bosaaens' anniversaries from Bev Gotti 10: in honor of Sara Larson's birthday from Pat True 17: still needed 24: still needed
Musical Offering:	3: Bev Rempel 10: BOW Team 17: Senior Choir 24: Bethlehem Bells
Wednesday night at 6:20:	13: ushers: Greg and Sue Wiger 20: ushers: Greg and Sue Wiger; communion prep/serve: Jackie Nornes, Janis Peterson sound: Scott Pederson 27: ushers: Greg and Sue Wiger; sound: still needed

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



If you would rather receive this newsletter by email or would like to stop receiving it, please let us know.

Please let the church office know if you will be stopping your mail service for an extended period of time so we do not send you any publications. Thank you.



Get updates, share pictures and RSVP for events on our Facebook page...
www.facebook.com/bethlehem.brainerd

Our Mission Statement

We are called into compassionate community by the Holy Spirit through the confession of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to publicly confess the faith of the Triune God in, under, and with our daily callings in the community of God's world.