



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### From the Senior Pastor



As we enter the season of Easter, the poignant question emerges, “What is your religion?” Often in our culture today you will hear people say, “I am spiritual but not religious...”

Leslie Newbigin, in his classic work, *The Open Secret*, writes, “... *religion* is intended to denote all those commitments that, in the intention of their adherents, have an overriding authority over all other commitments and provide a framework within which all experience is grasped, and all ideas are judged.” (p.160) In other words, in this sense that Newbigin describes, everyone has a religion ... perhaps, the only question is, what is it? Is it the religion of capitalism, or sports, or youth-seeking, or denial, or something else? Easter is an especially important time to ask that question considering the reality of the crucified and now risen Lord. Does your religion point you toward this reality or does it take you away? This may be a season to soberly contemplate that question regarding your worship life, your prayer life, or the ways you choose to spend your time and money. Pray and ask God to reveal that to you and to lead you into a deeper walk with the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ!

God’s peace 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**

**April**

2nd Sunday of Easter  
7 Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am  
itty Bitty Book Search 10:00 am - 10:30 am

3rd Sunday of Easter  
14 Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am

4th Sunday of Easter  
21 Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am

5th Sunday of Easter  
28 Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am  
10th participants at Trinity Lutheran

**May**

5th Sunday of Easter  
5 Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am  
itty Bitty Book Search 10:00 am - 10:30 am

7th Sunday of Easter  
12 Last Day of Sunday School Sing at Worship Service  
Last Day of Sunday School Party after worship at 10:00 am

**SCUBA**  
VBS 2024  
JULY 29 - AUGUST 2  
at TRINITY LUTHERAN  
WATCH FOR SIGN UP

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE GOD AND HAVE SOME LATE NIGHT FUN!

**LAKES AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE NIGHT OUT!**

From 5 pm to 11 pm on Friday, April 19th, the Lakes Area ELCA churches middle schoolers, 5th through 8th Grade, will be coming together at First Lutheran and having a blast, staying up late, and growing in faith together. Sign up with your youth leader. Cost \$10.

**April CATECHISM/CONFIRMATION**

**6TH - 8TH GRADE AT TRINITY**

Wednesday, 4/3 Teaching NIGHT

Wednesday, 4/10 Teaching NIGHT

Wednesday, 4/17 Individual Mentor NIGHT

Wednesday, 4/24 Teaching NIGHT

**9TH GRADE AT BETHLEHEM**

Wednesday, 4/3 Senior Mentor NIGHT  
8:00 PM - YOU MAY EAT DINNER WITH SENIOR MENTOR

Wednesday, 4/10 Minneapolis FIELD TRIP

Wednesday, 4/17 Individual Mentor NIGHT

Wednesday, 4/24 Spiritual GIFTS INVENTORY/ DISCUSSION

**May CATECHISM/CONFIRMATION**

**6TH - 8TH GRADE AT TRINITY**

Wednesday, 5/1 Teaching NIGHT

Wednesday, 5/8 SPRING CELEBRATION

**9TH GRADE AT BETHLEHEM**

Wednesday, 5/1 Youth Led WORSHIP

Wednesday, 5/8 SPRING CELEBRATION

**UPCOMING ADULT FORUMS 10:00 AM**

**APR 7 SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**14 NEW MEMBER RECEPTION**

**21 SHAWN HANSEN FROM OUTREACH PROGRAM**

**28 RELATIONSHIP SAFETY ALLIANCE**

**MAY 5 JEN LINDHOLM FROM OPERATION SANDWICH**

**12 SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION**

**19 GRADUATE RECEPTION**

**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

Homemade meals - fresh not frozen!

4/10 - meatloaf, green beans, potato, dessert

4/17 - lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert

4/24 - cream cheese chicken with pasta, roasted veggies, dessert

5/1 - ham and cheese sliders, roasted veggies, pasta salad, pickles, fruit with caramel sauce

5/8 - TBD

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. 6 - 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**

**Kitchen Help NEEDED**

**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](http://www.belcnet.net).

PLEASE JOIN US

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

APRIL 7 AT 10:00 AM

\*Board nominations and vote  
\*Vacant lot gift  
\*TCC update  
\*Roundabout update

Contact President Scott Parsons for more information.

## April and May Funeral Service Groups

**Bonnie and Steve Almond**  
**Jackie Nornes**

*Coordinators:*

**Bev and Dave Emery**  
**Pam and Steve Oslos**

*Assistants:*

Al and Nancy Albertson  
Jackie Avenson  
Gloria and James Brown  
Forrest and Julie Crocker  
Bob Dryden  
Mike and Sonja Eidschink  
Al Gardner  
Karl and Sue Hadrits  
Darwin and Mary Hanson  
Kathy and Lee Hauble  
Dianne Heath  
Charlie and Sue Johnson  
Emilee Jones

Yvonne Kalahar  
Laura and Nick Kory  
Lisa Kotchikian  
Hollie LeDoux  
Jessi and Kyle Louis  
Terry and Tracie McFarlin  
Dean and Sara McKusick  
Debbie and Vince Moe  
Stephanie Moody  
Gloria and Harvey Munsch  
Jan Munsch  
Jill and Kevin O'Grady

Debbie and Kyle Payne  
Norris Peterson  
JoAnn and John Rehberger  
Beverley and Barrie Rempel  
Heather Saffell  
Brett and Elise Severson  
Carol Smith  
Linda Soderman  
Jody and Zachariah Sparkman  
Pam Stock  
Vanessa Thompson  
Betty Vosberg  
Alyssa Weigelt



## CREATION CARE

**O** Fifty years ago, a groundbreaking investigation by Consumer Reports found that the nation's drinking water was often contaminated with bacteria, viruses, asbestos, and lead. Later that year, the federal Safe Drinking Water Act was passed, which authorized the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set legal limits on contaminants in drinking water. While there are now 90,000 synthetic chemicals in our environment, the EPA regulates only 90 of them, such as E. coli and lead. The U.S. Geological Survey finds that almost half of the nation's tap water could contain at least one of these harmful unregulated compounds, such as PFAS ("forever" chemicals), which reveals how far regulation lags behind industry's ability to develop and unleash new and potentially harmful chemicals into the environment. Whether your water comes from a public utility or a private well, the EPA recommends testing using a certified lab (go to [epa.gov/dwlabcert](http://epa.gov/dwlabcert)). Any alarming results should be reported to your local utility, and if they are not responsive, contact your local officials to put the pressure on.



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

## Looking ahead...

- \*5/1 at 6:20 pm—Youth-led worship service
- \*5/12 at 10:00 am—Last day of Sunday School
- \*5/15 at 5:30 pm—end of year picnic with worship at 6:20 pm
- \*5/19 at 9:00 am—Graduate recognition



If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at 829-3330 or [office@belcnet.net](mailto: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:** Bev Gotti and family on the death of her sister

**Ongoing:** Tina Collins; Bob Wrobel; Roger Gonnerman; Bob Leach; Harry Bement; Joyce Gindorff; Clarence Spencer; Del Dahl; Jeanne Armstrong; Norris Peterson; Greg and Greg Anderson; Scott Hess; Ron Nielsen; Steve Oslos; Pam Stock; Dale Williams; Charlotte Warner; Kirsten Olson; 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; Kacey Benson; peace in our world; 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**

**April:** Derek Sweet; Carlie Sweet; Nancy and Rick Sweet; Gene and Lynn Teufert; Kay Theien; Anna and Jake Thesing and family; Margie Thiel; Bruce and Cyndy Thompson; Emily Thompson; Vanessa Thompson; Kathy Thomson; Michelle Tollefson and family; Alyssa Towle and family; Pat True; Tammy True and family; John and Ruth Unger and family; Dawn and Steve Verdon; Amy and Dan Vleck and family; Tyler Vork; Betty Vosberg; Joyce Wagner; Craig and Tricia Warner; Bruce and Kelli Weaver; Alyssa Weigelt and family; Chris Wiger; Greg and Sue Wiger and family; Eric and Tori Wisneski; Heidi Woerheide; Kris Wyman; Doris Aasen; Janey Adair; Al and Nancy Albertson; LeRoy and Linda Albertson; Carly and Patrick Almond and family; Bonnie and Steve Almond; Austin and Morgan Althaus; Greg and Mary Anderson

# Field Trip



On April 10, head to the Cities to tour Temple Israel, St. Mary's Greek Orthodox, and LSS Center for Changing Lives. Bring a lunch. Leave Trinity at 6:30 am. You'll need to drive yourself or carpool. Contact Pr. Sarah for more information.

## New Members

Are you interested in joining Bethlehem? Attend New Member Orientation on Thursday, April 11 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. New Member Sunday will be April 14. Please sign up on the opportunity sheet or contact the office at 218-829-3330 or [office@belcnet.net](mailto:office@belcnet.net).

## BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

APRIL 11  
AT 10:30 AM  
*CAMPFIRE IN THE BASEMENT*  
JOIN IN DISCUSSION WITH THE AUTHOR  
REV. DARRELL PEDERSEN

## Baptismal Blessings

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

April 14 and 17 for Public health workers

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1

5:15 pm – BOW rehearsal  
5:30 pm – dinner served  
5:45 pm – Youth Bell Choir rehearsal

6:20 pm – BOW worship service  
7:00 pm – 6-8<sup>th</sup> catechism at Trinity

7:00 pm – 9<sup>th</sup> grade catechism at BELC

7:00 pm – Sr. C  
7:00 pm – High Group

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>Resurrection of Our Lord</b> 31 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	1 Office closed	2 7:30 am – Men's bible study 9:30 am – Let's Go Fishing meeting 10:00 am – Creation Care Team meeting 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 2:30 pm – RSA Circle of Change 6:00 pm – Jonah Group
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> 7 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Semi-annual congregational meeting 10:00 am – Itty Bitty Book Club 10:00 am – Sunday School 2:30 pm – Brainerd Leos 5:30 pm – High School Hang Out <a href="#">at Lord of Life Church</a>	8 4:00 pm – BELC at Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	office closes at 4:00 pm today 9 7:30 am – Men's bible study 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 2:30 pm – RSA Circle of Change 5:00 pm – CLB meeting 6:00 pm – Board Night
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 14 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed BOW service 10:00 am – Adult Forum: New Member Reception 10:00 am – Sunday School	15	16 7:30 am – Men's bible study 10:00 am – Ruth Circle 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 2:30 pm – RSA Circle of Change
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 21 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Outreach Program 10:00 am – Sunday School 2:15 pm – Sunday Hospitality <a href="#">at First Lutheran</a> 2:30 pm – Brainerd Leos	22	23 7:30 am – Men's bible study 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 2:30 pm – RSA Circle of Change
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 28 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed service 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Relationship Safety Alliance 10:00 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Sunday lunch potluck	29	30 7:30 am – Men's bible study 11:30 am – 65+ Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 2:30 pm – RSA Circle of Change 4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen

To view our online services on Sundays at 9:00 am, go to [www.belcnet.net](#). The service will also be posted on our website.

Choir rehearsal  
School Youth



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 <b>3</b></p> <p>see schedule <a href="#">above</a></p> <p>9:30 pm – Worship service at Woodland</p> <p>12:30 pm – Wednesday meal: pulled pork sandwiches</p>	<p><b>4</b></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>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 am – Worker Bees</p> <p>12:00 pm – Finch shower</p>
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today <b>10</b></p> <p>see schedule <a href="#">above</a></p> <p>9:30 am - 9<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Cities; meet at <a href="#">Trinity Lutheran Church</a></p> <p>12:30 pm – Wednesday meal: meatloaf</p> <p>6:00 pm – 9<sup>th</sup> grade Family Huddle with Pr. Mark</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 am – Executive Team meeting</p> <p>9:00 am and 3:00 pm – LSS staff meeting</p> <p>10:00 am – Joint ELCA meeting <a href="#">at Lord of Life Church; office closed at this time</a></p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:30 am – Bethlehem Book Club</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:00 pm – New Member Orientation</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00 am – NE MN Synod Lay Leader Network Series</p> <p>9:00 am – Pre-marriage Retreat</p>
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today <b>17</b></p> <p>see schedule <a href="#">above</a></p> <p>9:30 pm – Worship service at Woodland</p> <p>12:30 pm – Wednesday meal: lasagna</p>	<p><b>18</b></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>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Eagle Scout District Dinner</p>
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today <b>24</b></p> <p>see schedule <a href="#">above</a></p> <p>9:30 pm – Wednesday meal: cream cheese chicken with pasta</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups with light luncheon at noon</p> <p>1:30 pm – Worship at Bethany apartments</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00 am – Stephen Ministry meeting</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00 am – NE MN Synod Assembly via Zoom</p>
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today <b>1</b></p> <p>see schedule <a href="#">above</a></p> <p>9:30 pm – Worship service at Woodland</p> <p>12:30 pm – Wednesday night meal: ham and cheese sliders</p>	<p><b>2</b></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>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 am – Worker Bees</p>

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKGd23TW4V1mlqCsktOh03g> for video of the service. Site at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) upon completion of the service.

**BRIDGE ON 7TH**

THE WARMING SHELTER IS OPEN FOR THE SEASON. BELC HAS THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4-11. PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE LINK BELOW

[HTTPS://WHOCANBETHERE.COM/SIGNUP/WEEK-OF-APRIL-14BETHLEHEM/1P4ZMLTP6A5](https://whocanbethere.com/signup/week-of-april-14bethlehem/1p4zmltp6a5)

SHIFTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
6:30 – 8:30 AM  
6:30 – 10:00 PM

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARGARET STEBLAY OR KATHY DUFOUR.

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

## CARD MAKING FUN ON APRIL 18

Get creative on Thursday, April 18. 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](http://www.belcnet.net) or by calling the office to let Cathy know who to expect.

## Your help is needed on April 21 for Sunday Hospitality at First Lutheran Church.

First Lutheran Church coordinates with Bridges of Hope Warming Shelter to provide warm shelter and food on Sunday afternoons for people who have no place to go. They are looking for help.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ON APRIL 21!!!**

There are two shifts: hosting from 2:15 - 4:30 pm and serving food from 4:30 - 6:45 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 the 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 218-829-3330 or [office@belcnet.net](mailto:office@belcnet.net) to sign up or for more information.

## 65+ Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, April 30 at 11:30 am

RSVP to the office at 218-829-3330 or sign up on the opportunity sheet by April 28.

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

**Job opening:  
part-time  
custodian position**



Clean the building weekly  
Thursday – Saturday.  
5-10 hours per week.  
Starting at \$15 per hour.  
Flexible schedule.  
Contact the office for more  
information.

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.

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 1916 Season 2023-2024

*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-ziibi 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

If you will be attending an ELCA college in fall of 2024, you are eligible to apply for a

**Bethlehem Scholarship**

Scholarships are offered through the Endowment Fund. They are renewable up to four years and must be submitted annually.

Applications must be turned in to the office by June 1.

Applications are available on our website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net)

**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.

THE LEGACY CHORALE  
LEGACY CHORALE OF GREATER MINNESOTA PRESENTS:

*The Hills Are Alive  
With the Sound of Music*

Schubert's Mass in G and selections from *The Sound of Music* performed by our adult choir, the Legacy Chorale

April 12 at 7pm | First Lutheran Church, Pine River  
April 13 at 7pm | Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd  
(The April 13 concert will begin with a performance by the Legacy Youth Chorale)  
April 14 at 2pm | Sacred Heart Chapel, Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls

General admission seating at all concerts  
Doors open 30 minutes prior to concert start time

Reserve tickets online:  
[legacychorale.org](http://legacychorale.org)

This program is made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Five Wings Arts Council and Minnesota State Arts Board, through a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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".

# Thank you!

## EASTER LILIES GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

- \*TEUFERT LOVED ONES FROM GENE AND LYNN TEUFERT
- \*NANCY SMITH FROM DAVE AND ALICE SMITH
- \*GERALD SLOUGH FROM CHAR SLOUGH
- \*OUR PARENTS FROM CARL AND SOLVEIG SEAMON
- \*OUR PARENTS NORM, BOB AND GENE AND SIBLINGS KATHY JEAN AND MIKE FROM PAM STOCK AND AL GARDNER
- \*BOB JOHNSON FROM JENNY JOHNSON
- \*DON AND DOLORES OLSON FROM KRISTI AND RON HOLLOWAY
- \*BOB AND JOANN LUNDEBY AND DON JOURDAN FROM JOHN AND JUDY JOURDAN
- \*DAROLD OWENS FROM THE OWENS FAMILY
- \*OUR PARENTS FROM NICK AND CATHIE BENSON
- \*MY DAD MIKE FROM SASHA BURGSTALER
- \*GRANDMA ORELLA FROM DEVIN, AMANDA, AND JOHN LYNN KALAHAR FROM YVONNE KALAHAR
- \*VERNON AND DOROTHY SKOGEN AND MARK SKOGEN FROM NANCY AND RICK SWEET
- \*OUR PARENTS WAYNE AND BUNNY BAILEY, MARION AND RUDY HELM FROM BILL AND CHERYL BAILEY
- \*GRANDPA RAY, GRANDMA ANN, GRANDPA HARRY, AND GRANDMA ESTHER FROM BECKY AND ZOREY WING
- \*GRANDPA BART, GRANDMA AND GRANDPA FRITSCH, GRANDMA AND GRANDPA LENDWAY FROM DAVE AND TANYA JOHNSTON
- \*MARK SKOGEN FROM CORI WROBEL

## EASTER LILIES GIVEN IN HONOR OF

- \*MOTHERS AND FATHER, CHILDREN, AND GRANDCHILDREN FROM PETE AND SHERI OLSON
- \*CHURCH MUSICIANS FROM MARY FARMER
- \*BOB AND CHAR WROBEL AND KEITH AND KIRSTEN OLSON FROM CORI WROBEL

GET YOUR LOOSE  
CHANGE READY!

## NOISY OFFERING

IN MARCH, YOU  
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- 17 ~ Kirsten Olson
- 18 ~ April Klema
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- 27 ~ Gabe Churchill, Lana LeDoux, Karl Samp
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- 29 ~ Maren Hadrits, Dakota Kory, Marcy Nickel
- 30 ~ Tanner McFarlin, Jill McVenes, Cody Rehberger, Andrew Schindler

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# April Worship Assistants

## Sundays at 9:00 am

<b>Greeters:</b>	7: Carolyn and Jim Cole 14: Karen and Steve Rosenow	21: Carolyn and Jim Cole 28: youth
<b>Ushers:</b>	7: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton 14: Marc and Lucy Marshall	21: Jen and Camilla Lindholm 28: youth
<b>Readers:</b>	7: Yvonne Kalahar 14: Pam Finch	21: <b>still needed</b> 28: youth
<b>Communion Preparation:</b>	7: Sasha Burgstaler, Shelly Birchem 21: Jen Lindholm, Karen Rosenow	
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	7: Jen Lindholm, Carl and Solvejg Seamon 21: Karen Rosenow, Nancy Bogenschutz, Larry Embertson	
<b>Sound:</b>	7: Jerry DeChaine 14: Scott Pederson	21: Jerry DeChaine 28: Scott Pederson
<b>Video:</b>	7: Krystal DeChaine 14: <b>still needed</b>	21: Krystal DeChaine 28: Marcus Lindholm
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	7: Jackie Nornes 14: Jackie Nornes	21: <b>still needed</b> 28: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Treats in Narthex:</b>	7: <b>still needed</b> 14: <b>still needed</b>	21: <b>still needed</b> 28: Stacy Erdal
<b>Flowers:</b>	7: <b>still needed</b> 14: in celebration of Carolyn and Jim Cole's 60th anniversary	21: <b>still needed</b> 28: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Wednesday night at 6:20:</b>	3: ushers: Mike and Wendy Gindorff; communion prep: Jackie Nornes and Janis Peterson; sound: Scott Pederson; kitchen help: Paula Rose and Bonnie Garding 10: ushers: Brenda and Jayme Laughton; communion prep: Karen and Steve Rosenow; sound: Scott Pederson; kitchen help: Paula Rose; 17: ushers: Brenda and Jayme Laughton; sound: Scott Pederson; kitchen help: Paula Rose 24: ushers: Brenda and Jayme Laughton; communion prep: <b>still needed</b> ; sound: Scott Pederson;	

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