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WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays at 9:00 am

with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am- 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am - 12:00 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: Pat True and Sara Larson

Custodial Services: Ruth Unger



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.

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.



Tune in to your cable provider's local access channel (try channel 8 or 181 in Brainerd) every Sunday at 2 pm to watch Bethlehem's worship service.



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

From the Senior Pastor

“Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age”

Over the next year, we will have the opportunity as a congregation to fully lean into our annual theme for 2019-2020 “Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age.” As we live into a culture within North America that is increasingly more and more secular, how will the church need to adapt and retool to meet this challenge head on as we faithfully seek to, “... confess the faith of the triune God in, under, and with our daily callings in the life of God’s world (from our Mission Statement for Bethlehem Lutheran Church)? To begin and frame that conversation, Pastor Mark will be preaching a three-week series on this theme beginning September 8th. Here is an outline of the three-week series:

September 8: **“Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age: Engaging the Myth of the Autonomous Self”**

September 15: **“Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age: Engaging the Myth of Authenticity”**

September 22: **“Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age: Engaging the Myth of the Time and Opportunity”**

Adult Forum opportunities:

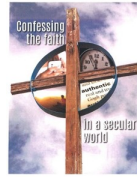
Join us for Adult Forum on September 15th and 22nd as Pastor Mark shares some insights about confessing our faith in a secular age. Andrew Root in his recent book, *Faith Formation in a Secular Age* (citing Charles Taylor) writes, “Taylor points us to the possibility that our issue isn’t necessarily people leaving the church but instead people no longer having ways to imagine the possibility of divine action or transcendence.” How do we live as a church in 21st century North America, in a culture that is increasingly more and more secular? What will the church need to be ready for? How might the church be best equipped to confess the faith in and throughout this culture with the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Join Pastor Mark in this exciting and thoughtful time of engaging culture, scripture, and other confessions of the church as we examine these questions together.

Reading through the Bible in One Year Challenge

As we consider our annual theme, “confessing the faith in a secular age,” how will we know *what* or *how* to confess? How will we *know* God’s story throughout history that is brought to fulfillment in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the sake of God’s world? We will *not* adequately know or be proficiently equipped, unless we take seriously our study of scripture. Over the next year, I am challenging our congregation to engage in a daily reading of scripture. In Paul’s second letter to Timothy, “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). I would encourage us to lean into the daily discipleship practice of reading scripture either by yourself, or better yet, gather with another (or others) to read/discuss together. Find a “bible study buddy” to check in with once a week to see how things are going and talk about what you are reading. Check out our website or newsletter each month for daily readings beginning with Genesis on September 15th, 2019 and concluding on September 14th of 2020 with Revelation. To further aid you in this endeavor, I would recommend visiting the website www.enterthebible.org which is provided by Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. This is an excellent resource to utilize as you are reading. You will find online videos, maps, historical information, etc, for every book in the Bible ... best of all, it’s free to utilize. To log on, simply create an account and password, then you are all ready to go!

May God bless you as you seek to follow Jesus!

Pastor Mark



Please remember these people in prayer on their birthdays.

- 1 ~ Vicki LaPlant
- 2 ~ Jason Hennessey, Sam Schoenecker, Kathleen Thorson, Emma True
- 3 ~ Kara McCarthy
- 4 ~ Mya Ferrari, Ken Kemboi, Owen Seamon
- 6 ~ David Hallgren, Jon Luhrs
- 7 ~ Vincent Moe
- 8 ~ Paige DeFrang, Jeff Maxwell, Sallie Park
- 9 ~ Jackson McKusick, Jon Steblay
- 10 ~ Isla Eidenshink
- 11 ~ Payton Lillo
- 13 ~ Jennifer Lindholm, Elizabeth Olson
- 14 ~ Zach Skogen, Margaret Steblay
- 15 ~ Sasha Burgstaler, Kourtney Holloway, Kathryn Jourdan, De Etta Theien
- 17 ~ Ashley Anderson, Rosabella Horton, Tate Magnan, Bruce Praska, Barrie Rempel, Stacy Smith
- 18 ~ Mara Mienert, Beverley Rempel
- 19 ~ Joyce Brick, Bev Gotti, Judy Jourdan, Dale Spaulding
- 20 ~ Marty Christiansen, Tyler Gubrud, Marlene Kossila, Emily Rhoda, Henry Thesing
- 21 ~ Jean Anhalt, Kristina Nelson, Hazel Nelson, Matthew Nichols
- 22 ~ Sharon Braun, Paige Bremer
- 23 ~ Jeff Macejkovic, Tim Schoenecker
- 24 ~ Larry Olson, Phyllis Roberts
- 25 ~ Ray Frisch
- 26 ~ Marshall Billman, Marissa Thorson
- 27 ~ Deb Cole, Kacey Finch, Jeff Pulak
- 28 ~ Judy Hulsether, Malcolm Innes, Zach Kraklau
- 29 ~ Cory Kruse, Barb Owens, Maren Thurlow-Praska
- 30 ~ Melissa Levig, Dan Vleck
- 31 ~ Jonah Macejkovic, Becky Meyer, Marge Streich

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.

August Ministry of the Month: Board of Congregational Care and Community's Small Group Night

Small Group Night this coming year will consist of two sessions. The fall session begins on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 and concludes in December of 2019. The winter session begins on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 and concludes in April of 2020. These nights will be open to adults (18 plus) in the congregation and friends of our members as well. We will be meeting (once a month) on the second Tuesday night of each month from 6:00-8:30 pm. The format for the evening will be:

- 6:00-6:30 pm—Dinner
- 6:30-7:15 pm—Large group time with Pastor Mark
- 7:15-8:30 pm—Small group time

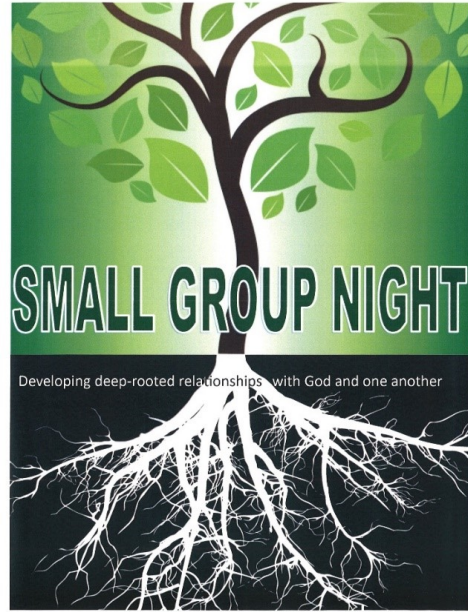
We will gather in the Fellowship Hall with the evening meal provided by our wonderful cooks Pat and Sara (a nominal fee of \$5 is encouraged). Pastor Mark will lead the large group teaching time from 6:30-7:15 pm on Paul's letter to the Colossians (fall session) and then on Paul's letter to the Galatians (winter session). We will then form into small groups following the large group teaching time. Small groups include: movie groups viewing and discussing the movies *Hacksaw Ridge* and *Breakthrough* (both sessions); Creation Care team with Kayli Skinner (fall session) and Russ Schultz (winter session); Ballroom Dancing: learning the basics with Russ Schultz (fall session); marriage enrichment groups with Pam and Steve Oslo presenting and leading discussion from their years of work facilitating with Twin Cities Marriage Encounter (fall session); utilizing the popular resource *Eight Dates* by award winning authors John Gottman and Julie Schwartz Gottman (winter session); and, back by popular demand with a new outdoor adventure twist, *Nurturing the Inner Child* led by Clayton and Camille Lang (both sessions)!

Childcare will be provided. Preregistration is required. More details to come.

Sign up online through our website at www.belcnet.net or via the yellow opportunities sheet or by contacting the church office.

Congregational Care and Community long-term strategic imperatives approved in April 2018:

- *Continue enriching ongoing lay leader development.
- *Grow small groups and ministry teams. 75% of all congregation members will be involved in a small group or ministry team by year-end 2020.



From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor



LOOK FOR

the 2019-2020 Children, Youth, and Family Ministry brochure any day now if you haven't already received it.

SNACKS, PHOTOS, STORIES, AND MORE!

AUGUST 18 • 10:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

LISTEN TO STORIES FROM THE
ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP TO CHICAGO AND
THE HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP TO IDAHO
WHOEVER WANTS TO BE FIRST MUST BE LAST OF ALL AND SERVANT OF ALL MARK 9:35

KINDERGARTEN PORTRAITS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Kindergarteners for the 2019-2020 school year, along with their parents, will join together on August 21 to have their portraits taken and enjoy some sweet treats. Pictures will be presented in the Narthex during the month of September. Please RSVP to the office to participate.

8.21.19 • 5:30 - 6:00 PM

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF

09 11 | 5:30 PM

\$5 PER PERSON
PIG ROAST

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT 6:20 PM

A CHEERFUL HEART HAS A CONTINUAL FEAST. PROVERBS 15:15

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

RALLY SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 AM IN THE LIVING ROOM

SNACKS
MEET YOUR TEACHER
GROUP ACTIVITIES

TRAIN CHILDREN IN THE RIGHT WAY, AND WHEN OLD, THEY WILL NOT STRAY. PROVERBS 22: 6

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

High School Youth Group

Wednesdays ~ 7:00 - 8:15 PM
beginning September 18
*open to all 10th -12th graders

Talk to Amber Hennessey if you have questions.

High School Mission Trip to Idaho

Looking ahead...



- *9/4 at 7:00 pm—Confirmation Prep meeting; Senior Choir rehearsals begin
- *9/8—Baptismal Calling of Educators and Students at both services with Adult Forum at 9:30 am
- *9/8—*God's Work. Our Hands.* Sunday at 12:00 and 2:00 pm
- *9/10—Small Group Night kicks off at 6:00 pm
- *9/11 at 5:30 pm—Catechism Kickoff Pig Roast with outdoor service at 6:20 pm and Parent/Youth Night at 7:00 pm
- *9/15—Rally Sunday with 3 year old blessing at 8:20 am service and Sunday School start at 9:30 am; Reading through the Bible in One Year Challenge begins
- *9/17 at 11:00 am—Women's 55+ Book Club
- *9/18 at 7:00 pm—Catechism classes and High School Youth Group begin
- *9/21 at 8:30 am—All Board Retreat
- *9/22 at 9:30 am—Ministry Team Leader training
- *9/24 at 5:15 pm—Endowment Board meeting
- *9/26 at 4:30 pm—Card making resumes
- *9/30 at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm—Tending the Seeds



If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, you can either put it in the offering plate on Sunday or Wednesday or call Deloris Ebinger at 829-2333. 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.

"Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth; help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart." -Luther

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Nancie Paulson; Roy Cheney; Lona Furan; David Borgstrom; Dan Eigen; Diane Ristrom; Michelle Brekken; Glen from Woodland; Norma Matson; Jean Anhalt; Wendy Gindorff; John True; Stefan True; those who are abused; a couple who suffered a miscarriage; Patty Nelson; Verna Miller; Del Dahl; all addicts; couples trying to have a baby; everyone dealing with mental health issues; all caregivers; Chuck Dahl; Aldene Gosse; Cheryl Johnson; everyone dealing with cancer

Sympathy: the family of Marcia Turcotte (Jackie Burkey's Mom); the family of Evelyn O'Connor **Service:** Danny Peters in Peace Corps

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 August:

Chuck and Gwen Kienholz; Jenny King and family; the Klecker family; Brenda Klinger and family; Jenny and Josh Klukas and family; Ellie Knold; Butch and Jean Koering; Kris Kolstad and family; Laura and Nick Kory and family; Marlene Kossila; Lisa Kotchikian and family; Norma and Ted Kotyk and family; Jean Krueger; John Kruize and family; Kelly Kruize and family; Cory Kruse and family; Doug and Vicki Kruse and family; Camille and Clayton Lang and family; Vicki LaPlant; Beth and Rob Larson; Eric and Sara Larson and family; Lori and Syd Larson and family; Peggy Larson; Brenda and Jayme Laughton and family; Don and Jan Lawrence; Bonnie LeDoux; Corky and Lana LeDoux

New Pathways Update

A group of people representing the area churches met in June with Pam Streed, Executive Director of New Pathways, to learn the current status of New Pathways. Currently, Brainerd area families needing housing are being served in Cambridge. Salvation Army is a local referral contact and will provide for a 24 hour stay in the area while the family waits to enter the program. As of March 2019, the Brainerd New Pathways program was experiencing a \$26,000 deficit. Funds from the Cambridge program have been used to make up a shortfall in revenue for the annual Lakes area budget. Approximately \$180,000 is needed annually to cover program expense of operating New Pathways in our area as it was in the past.

The Cambridge program receives regular financial donations from their church partners and some large annual contributions from businesses and corporations in the area. As a step toward building an adequate base of community support, a community assessment will be held in Brainerd on September 9. The goal is to have at least 50 people who hold positions of leadership and influence within the area to answer a series of questions regarding the need for the program, the kind of program wanted in our community and the level of interest and willingness to support it. Recommendations for individuals or organizations who would have valuable input and should be part of the event can be emailed to Pam Streed at ed@newpathwaysmn.com.

The Cambridge Board is seeking to establish local leadership for the Brainerd area program and suggests a group of 10 people who would be willing to make a two year commitment to meeting monthly in order to help develop and oversee a New Pathways program in our area.

The **80s+ Lunch Bunch** is taking the summer off but will resume meeting in September.



Young at Heart will meet on Friday, August 9 at 12:00 pm.

Attention Women of Bethlehem Walkers!

We're taking a suggestion from the Planting the Seed meetings and starting an informal women's walking group. All women are invited to come walk with us to socialize and get some exercise.

The next walk will begin at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 6 (weather permitting) at the lower parking lot at the Northland Arboretum for a walk on the Paul Bunyan Trail. All walkers are welcome - go as far and fast as you wish!

If you have questions, contact Kathy Hauble at 218-851-2766 or klhauble@gmail.com

MINISTRY TEAM LEADER TRAINING

If you lead a ministry team, please attend one of the following trainings:

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13
FROM 6:30-7:30 PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
FROM 9:30-10:20AM**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PETE OLSON, DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND COMMUNITY.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

BETHLEHEM PRODUCE MARKET

Now open!

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 OPERATION SANDWICH.

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OFFSITE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*WOODLAND NURSING HOME
1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS
1:30 PM

*EDGEWOOD BRAINERD
1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS
9:00 AM

EDGEWOOD BAXTER
1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS
10:15 AM

YOU ARE WELCOME AT ANY OF THESE SERVICES IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BELC.

*PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING THESE SERVICES



BETHLEHEM'S Pick Up CHOIR

August 18 - Come Let Us Sing

It's a one-day commitment: practice from 8:25 - 8:50 am on the sanctuary floor (no stairs!) and sing at the 9:00 am service.

Talk to Senior Choir Director Al Albertson for more information.

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All are welcome!

SUNDAY NIGHT POTLUCK

Gather on the last Sunday of the month in August - April for fellowship and fun in from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

BRING A DINNER ITEM TO SHARE. FEEL FREE TO BRING A BOARD OR CARD GAME.

The first potluck is scheduled for August 25.

Life Events

Evelyn Mae O'Connor

Birth: 4/7/36

Funeral: 7/16/19



Camp Knutson 33rd Annual
QUILT AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019
11148 Manhattan Pt. Blvd. • Crosslake, Minnesota
Proceeds Benefit Campers with Special Needs

Hand Crafted Quilts • Food & Refreshments • Tour Camp Knutson • Fun Family Event!

Thank you!

Senior Choir Music Fund

\$25 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from Keith and Kirsten Olson

Kitchen Fund

\$15 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from Nancy and Tim Bogenschutz

\$30 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from Cheryl Severson-Nichols and Jeff Nichols

\$30 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from Terri Hanson

\$25 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from Carolyn and Jim Cole

\$25 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from Jon and Margaret Steblay

\$25 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from Norma and Ted Kotyk

\$25 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from Curt and Sandy Nielsen

\$15 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from family and friends

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 8

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 9,100 congregations participating in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, on Sept. 8. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands! Contact us for more information:

BELC will be going to a number of local organizations to help out and make a difference for many people.

At 12:00 on 9/8, we will send groups to Habitat for Humanity, Salem West, Salvation Army, and the Women's Center with a group staying here to create a rain garden.

At 2:00 that afternoon, a group will go to the Birchwood House to play bingo.

Your help is needed. Sign up today in order to reserve your free t-shirt!

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Sign up by August 11 to get your free t-shirt.

Thank you for your donation of \$492.78 to the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen. Your generous gift of money helps pay for 60-80 meals per day served Monday through Saturday. With gratitude, Glen Gustafson, Treasurer of Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen

OPERATION SANDWICH

DONATIONS NEEDED!

6629 MEALS SERVED IN 31 DAYS!

ITEMS NEEDED THE MOST:
GRANOLA BARS
GOLDFISH CRACKERS
TRAIL MIX

Some things Russ Schultz is doing to Care for God's Creation. *For the church, I signed up to receive the Bethlehem Star electronically reducing the need to print a paper version and saving the cost of postage for the church. I am also signed up for online giving saving the need to print and purchase offering envelopes. At home, I have energy saving LED lights throughout the house. I also minimize waste and recycle when I can. As a result, my recycle bin always fills up faster than my waste bin.*

CREATION CARE

O Environmentally, paper bags are better than plastic.

R Conventional wisdom has led many to believe that paper is a more natural product than plastic, thus making it a better choice for the environment. In truth, things are a lot more complicated. Both paper and plastic have big environmental impacts during their life-cycles.

N As compared to plastic, paper production actually generates more greenhouse gasses and uses more energy and water, report several studies like this one: Life Cycle Assessment of Grocery Bags in Common Use in the United States.

E Unlike paper, most curbside collection programs don't accept plastic bags, so the recycling rate for plastic is lower. Plastic bags are more likely to become litter, clog waterways, and pose a threat to marine animals.

Hazardous chemicals are used to produce both paper and plastic bags.

The best choice is to avoid disposable bags altogether. Opt instead for durable, reusable bags, preferably made from recycled materials.

Source: www.pca.state.mn.us/featured/seven-green-myths

Have you used your reusable BELC bag from the Creation Care Team?

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University (FPU)! This nine-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. Classes start at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Baxter on September 10 at 6pm and will meet for nine consecutive Tuesdays. Cost is \$109 for singles or couples. Please register through the Lord of Life website, or through the following class link: <https://www.fpu.com/1087441> Contact Valerie Jones for more information at valstevejones@gmail.com

June, July, and August Service Groups

Coordinators:

Jackie Nornes 546-6524; janornes1116@gmail.com

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Margaret and Jon Steblay 764-3424; margaret.steblay@gmail.com; jon.steblay@gmail.com

Greg and Sue Wiger 828-8331; wildwiger5@aol.com

Assistants:

Terry and Wanda Lundeby

Kent Johnson III

Jackie and Terry Forsberg

Becky and Dave Meyer

Kelly and Marty Gubrud

Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton

Carla and Scott Stall

Pam Stock and Al Gardner

Mike and Wendy Gindorff

Kristi and Ron Holloway

Jerry and Krystal DeChaine

David and Faye Nelson

Brian and Geri Skogen

Gene and Lynn Teufert

Ken and Marcie Kemboi

Michelle and Ryan Tollefson

Todd and Tonya Person

Jen and Joe Lindholm

Mary and Scott Parsons

Gloria and Harvey Munsch

Stacy Erdal

Bev Gotti

Terri Hanson

Cheryl and Bill Bailey

Dave and Tanya Johnston

Cheryl and Jeff Macejkovic

Carl and Solvejg Seamon

Kay Theien

Barb DePaoli

Pam and Steve Oslos

Dave and Sheila Skogen

Rebekah and Stephan Gorny

Carly and Patrick Almond

Laura Kory

Harold Munsch

Lori and Syd Larson

Marlene and Rod Kossila

Dustin Johnson & Rebecca Ostrowski

Dylan and Emily Ferrari

Hans Anderson

Dennis and Kathleen Weisman

Al and Nancy Albertson

Deb Steuck

Beth and Rob Larson

Dawn and Steve Verdon

August Worship Assistants

9:00 am

Greeters:

4: Linda Schuster

11: Linda Schuster

18: Mary and Scott Parsons

25: Kay Theien

Ushers:

4: the Unger family

11: Carla and Scott Stall

18: Cathy and Jenna Lee

25: Mary and Scott Parsons

Readers:

4: Linda Schuster

11: Kathleen Weisman

18: Cheryl Severson-Nichols

25: Sue Skinner

Communion preparation

4: Jackie Nornes and Phyllis Stall

18: Joan Rosenow

Communion servers

4: **5 still needed**

18: **2 still needed**

Assisting minister

4: Kathleen Weisman

11: Kathleen Weisman

18: Kayli Skinner

25: Jackie Nornes

Coffee server

4: Jerome and Marge Streich

11: Art and Colleen Jentsch

18: Sweets and Stories

25: Colleen and Kevin Goedker

Flowers:

4: in celebration of Emma True's 16th birthday from Grandma Pat True

11: **still needed**

18: in memory of Korbyn Rosnau on the anniversary of his baptism from his aunt and god-mother, Jen Lindholm

25: **still needed**

Flower Care

Krystal DeChaine



How does your garden grow?

If you thought, "It's in full bloom!" then we need you!

Sign up on the flower chart (on the wall by the usher's stand) to bring in a bouquet of your favorite blooms to decorate the altar this summer.

Don't buy a vase! Browse our bountiful supply.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or would like to make an additional gift, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.belcnet.net and locate the Online Giving button, or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!



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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8:55~Hymn Sing 9:00~Worship service		4:00~BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen; <u>help needed</u>		9:00~Edgewood Brainerd worship 10:15~Edgewood Baxter worship 5:15~TOPS		4:30~Circle of Change
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00~Worship with communion	5:00~Creation Care Team meeting 5:30~Bridges of Hope ACES 101 6:00~Board of Service and Evangelism meeting	6:30 pm~Women of Bethlehem Walkers at the Arboretum parking lot	1:30 ~ Woodland worship service; office closed from 1-2:15 6:00~Board of Education and Spiritual Formation meeting	10:00~Stephen Ministry meeting 5:15~Board of Congregational Care and Community meeting 5:15~TOPS	12:00~Young at Heart	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:55~Hymn Sing 9:00~Worship service	4:00~BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	5:00~Board of Worship and Music meeting 6:30~Ministry Team Leader training	12:00~LSS training	8:00 and 3:00~LSS staff meetings 8:00~LSS training 9:00~Edgewood Brainerd worship 10:15~Edgewood Baxter worship 5:15~TOPS 5:30~Congregational Leadership Board meeting		4:30~Circle of Change
18	Newsletter deadline 19	20	21	22	23	24
8:25~Pick Up Choir rehearsal 9:00~Worship with communion 10:00~Sweets and Stories	BELC serves Operation Sandwich: make sandwiches from 10:00 – 11:00; deliver sandwiches from 11:15 – 1:30; sign up now!			8:00~LSS training		
	10:00~Ruth Circle		1:00~Martha Circle 1:30~Woodland worship service 5:30~Kindergarten portraits and ice cream 5:30~Worship Team rehearsal	5:15~TOPS 5:30~Board of Stewardship and Properties meeting		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:55~last Hymn Sing of summer 9:00~Worship service 5:00~Sunday Night Potluck	11:00~Norwegian Literature Group 5:30~ACES Resiliency		5:30~Worship Team rehearsal	5:15~TOPS	4:30~Sellnow/Jasmer wedding rehearsal	3:30~Sellnow/Jasmer wedding 4:30~Circle of Change