



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**

OFFICE HOURS

**The office is open on
Mondays—Fridays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm
and Mondays—Thursdays from 1:00—4:00 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: Clarence and Kim Spencer
IT Coordinator: Scott Pederson
Custodial Services: Rob Larson and Laura Kory

From the Senior Pastor



Assisting Minister Training

Assisting ministers serve during the worship service in helping the pastor lead the liturgy. This role may include: helping to lead intercessory prayers, offering, assisting with communion distribution, helping to lead singing the kyrie or hymn of praise, and other duties as needed during the worship service. If you are interested in serving as an assisting minister or would like more information, please contact me. We will be holding our next training on *Thursday, August 24th at 11:00 am.*

Homebound Communion Beginning Soon

If you are a member of Bethlehem who is homebound or otherwise unable to join us in-person for worship and would like to receive communion monthly, please contact the church office and let us know of your desire to receive communion. Our homebound communion teams will be beginning to make their visits after Sunday, September 17th. After September, we will consecrate the elements during worship on the first Sunday of the month, and then teams will deliver the communion elements that day (or within the next few days) following the service. As Lutheran Christians, we believe that the true body and blood of Jesus are present in, under and with the elements of bread and wine (Luther's small catechism). The homebound teams function just like communion assistants during the worship service, extending communion to be shared with our homebound members as they too are joined with the gathered assembly. If you are interested in serving on a homebound communion team, please contact Cori in the church office. We will be holding a training session on *Thursday, September 14th at 10:00 am.*

Blessings to you in Christ,

Pastor Mark



From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor

ELCA SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

Connect with friends and faith
4th Tuesday of June, July, and August
Trinity Lutheran
Middle School 5:30 to 7:00
High School 7:00 to 8:30

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brainerd

LORD of Life LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRSTLUTHERANCHURCH

ALL STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS
IN 2023 - 2024

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

All students and educators are invited to bring their backpacks to receive a special blessing on **Sunday, September 3** at either the 9:00 am service.

09.3.23

"And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them." Mark 10:16

CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 829-3330 OR OFFICE@BELCNET.NET IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



The 2024 high school mission trip participants will be having a rummage sale on September 23.

KINDERGARTEN PORTRAITS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Kindergarteners for the 2023-2024 school year, along with their parents, will join together on August 23 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.

8.23.23 • 5:30 - 6:00 PM

AUGUST 5

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.belcnet.net or contact the office at 829-3330. For more information, contact Al Gardner.

THANK YOU, PR. MARK, FOR SERVING 20 YEARS AT BETHLEHEM!

Joint ELCA Service

August 9 at Lymon P. White Park (the new amphitheater on the river by Brainerd High School)

5:30 pm - food served
6:15 pm - outdoor worship
Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

Bring a potluck dish to share along with your own beverage and chair. Feel free to bring outdoor games to share.

All undesignated offering and cash will go to Operation Sandwich.

August 9 5:30 - 7:00 pm | Lymon P. White Park

BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

AUGUST 10 AT 10:30 AM

I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS BY MAYA ANGELOU

June, July, and August Funeral Service Groups

Cheryl and Jeff Nichols
Jon and Margaret Steblay
Greg and Sue Wiger

Carly and Patrick Almond
 Bill and Cheryl Bailey
 Vicky Bonde
 Gary and Sharon Braun
 Eric and Sasha Burgstaler
 Jerry and Krystal DeChaine
 Barb DePaoli
 Linda Ekstrum
 Stacy Erdal
 Dylan and Emily Ferrari
 Tori Fleishhacker/Eric W.
 Jackie and Terry Forsberg
 Mike and Wendy Gindorff
 Cassandra Girling
 Becky and Stephan Gorny
 Bev Gotti
 Kelly and Marty Gubrud

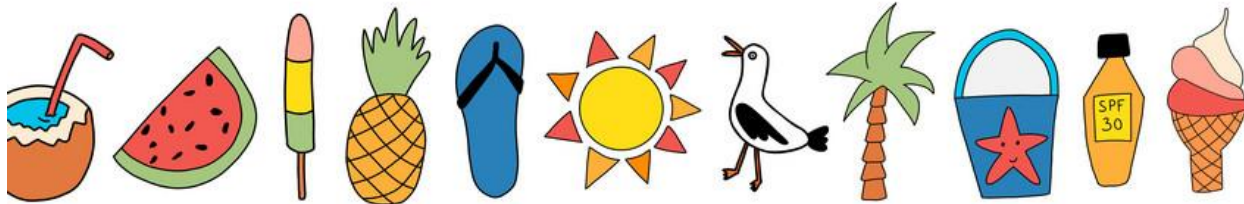
Coordinators:

Assistants:

Kristi and Ron Holloway
 Dustin Johnson/Rebecca O.
 Kent Johnson III
 Dave and Tanya Johnston
 Katelyn Jones
 Logan Jones
 Ken and Marcie Kemboi
 Brenda Klinger
 Marlene Kossila
 Norma and Ted Kotyk
 Beth and Rob Larson
 Syd and Lori Larson
 Dylan Lee
 Jen and Joe Lindholm

Karen and Steve Rosenow
Bruce and Cyndy Thompson

Jessica and Nate Macejkovic
 Becky and Dave Meyer
 Allison Moyer-Taylor
 Harold Munsch
 Dave and Faye Nelson
 Marie and Tom Numedahl
 Todd and Tonya Person
 Carl and Solvejg Seamon
 Dave and Sheila Skogen
 Carla and Scott Stall
 Denise and Duane Stange
 Deb Steuck
 Gene and Lynn Teufert
 Kay Theien
 Michelle Tollefson



CREATION CARE

Minnesota is fast becoming a national leader on clean energy innovations that will address the climate crisis while creating family-sustaining jobs. By 2040, all utilities, including cooperatives and municipalities, must get 100% of their energy from carbon-free resources. The Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority (MnCIFA) provides for community access to solar, electric vehicle charging, and getting more clean energy on the grid. Other renewable energy initiatives include 1) electric vehicle and school bus programs; 2) a heat pump subsidy program; 3) solar on schools; 4) electrical grid interconnection improvements; 5) electric panel upgrades; 6) energy storage; and 7) clean energy grants for tribal communities. To find out how you can benefit from Tax Credits for Homeowners, go to energystar.gov. Find out more about federal programs at IRA Calculator (<https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator>).

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

Looking ahead...

9/3—Blessing of educators and students during 9:00 am service
 9/10—*God's Work. Our Hands.* Sunday; blessing of GWOH participants during 9:00 am service; breakfast
 9/13—Joint picnic/outdoor worship at BELC; 2024 all church mission trip meeting at 5:30 pm; confirmation orientation with parents at 7:00 pm
 9/17—Blessing of visitation team during 9:00 am service
 9/20—Wednesday night meals resume; catechism meeting with parents AT TRINITY at 7:00 pm
 9/23—Rummage Sale
 9/24—Blessing of musicians during 9:00 am service; 2nd grace bibles; 2024 high school mission trip meeting 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:

Ongoing: Eric Hoge; Bob Ogrodnik; David Smith; Tom Harrigan; Wayne Hansmann; Lynn Kalahar; Jim Brousseau; Steve Shively; Devin Klein; BELC member; Dawn True; Linda Wilcox; Oliver Wiger; Norman Theien; Barb Neprud; BELC member; Barbara Howard; Kacey Benson; BELC member; Joan Rosenow; for peace in our world; all who are grieving; all caregivers; everyone dealing with cancer /other diseases

Military: Nick Schwab in Navy

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

August: Greg and Mary Anderson; Hans Anderson and family; Kris Anderson and family; Linda Anderson; Neil Anderson; Jean Anhalt; Jaclyn Avenson and family; Clark and Carla Backstrom and family; Bill and Cheryl Bailey; Abbi and Kevin Bartolic and family; Brad Bauer; Arliss Bement; Cathie and Nick Benson; Shelly Birchem; Amy Boelter; Nancy and Tim Bogenschutz; Andrew Bontjes; Ashley Bontjes; Gary and Sharon Braun; Paul and Sue Bremer and family; Joyce and Kevin Brick and family; Gloria and James Brown; Eric and Sasha Burgstaler and family; Morgan Burgstaler and family; Bill and Jackie Burkey; Darnel Carlson; Sharon Chaney; Karen Cheney; Caleb Christensen; Marty and Teresa Christiansen; Gabe and Tracie Churchill; Carolyn and Jim Cole; Deb and Rick Cole; Amanda Crandall and family; Forrest Crocker and Julie Vanderschaaf; Forrest Crocker Jr.; Maxine Debler; Jerry and Krystal DeChaine and family



**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.belcnet.net Registration closes on September 5.

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.




DO YOU LOVE LITURGY?
DO YOU WANT TO ASSIST DURING WORSHIP SERVICES?
THEN YOU NEED TO BE AN

ASSISTING MINISTER

Talk to Pr. Mark for more information or sign up on the opportunity sheet if interested.

REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE READING PRAYERS AND MOBILITY TO COLLECT OFFERING.

RUMMAGE SALE

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 30 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service 10:00 am – Musicians’ rehearsal for August 9 outdoor worship service	31 Offsite meeting this afternoon; office closed from 12:00 – 4:00 pm	1 1:30 p 5:30 p
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 6 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed service with communion and baptism 10:00 am – Celebration for Pr. Mark’s 20 years at Bethlehem	7	8 5:30 pm – CLB meeting 6:00 pm – Board meeting night 5:30 p Whit 6:15 p servic
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 13 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed service	14 4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	15 10:00 am – Ruth Circle 1:00 p 1:30 p 5:30 p
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 20 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion	21	22 10:00 am – Stephen Ministry meeting Offsite meeting this afternoon; office closed from 12:00 – 4:00 pm Summer Youth Groups AT TRINITY: 5:30 pm – Middle School 7:00 pm – High School 9:30- 3:30- 5:30 p crean 4:30 p
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 27 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service	28	29 7:30 am – Men’s bible study 4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen 5:30 p

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 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on Mondays – Fridays and from 1:00 – 4:00 pm on Mondays – Thursdays.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 am – Woodland worship service 10:00 am – BOW rehearsal	3 9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd worship service 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter worship service	4	5 9:00 am – Worker Bees
9 9:00 am – Joint ELCA picnic at Lymon P. White Park 10:00 am – Joint ELCA outdoor worship service at Lymon P. White Park 	10 9:00 am – Executive Team meeting 9:00 am and 3:00 pm – LSS staff meeting 10:30 am – Bethlehem Book Club 1:30 pm – Bethany worship service in apartments' dining room	11	12
16 9:00 am – Martha Circle 10:00 am – Woodland worship service 11:00 am – BOW Team rehearsal	17 9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd worship service 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter worship service	18	19
23 10:00 am – LSS 11:00 am – LSS 12:00 pm – Kindergarten portraits and ice cream social; please sign up with the office 1:00 pm – BOW gathering at Olsons'	24 10:00 am – History and Archives Team meeting	25 4:30 pm - Fleischhacker/Wisneski wedding rehearsal	26 2:30 pm – Fleischhacker/Wisneski wedding
30 10:00 am – BOW Team rehearsal	31 9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd worship service 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter worship service 1:30 pm – Bethany worship service in apartments' dining room 5:30 pm - CHRISTmas Journey meeting Hanegraaf/Althaus wedding rehearsal	1	2



Operation Sandwich is looking for monetary donations and donations of peanut butter (no larger than 16 ounces), jelly/jam (no larger than 24 ounces), individually wrapped granola bars, fruit snacks, and other snacks.



2023 SUMMER LUNCH KIT DISTRIBUTION



Operation Sandwich exists to provide consistent food security to end childhood hunger by feeding kids when free and reduced meals are not accessible at school.
**Request weekly by 10 am on Tuesday before distribution*

PICK UP THURSDAYS, 6/8-8/31

BRAINERD The Bridge on 7th	BAXTER Grand Oaks Dr. Trail Parking Lot	PEQUOT LAKES Our Savior's Lutheran
PINE RIVER Chamber of Commerce	NISSWA Lutheran Church of the Cross	JENKINS Veterans Park

HOW YOU CAN HELP

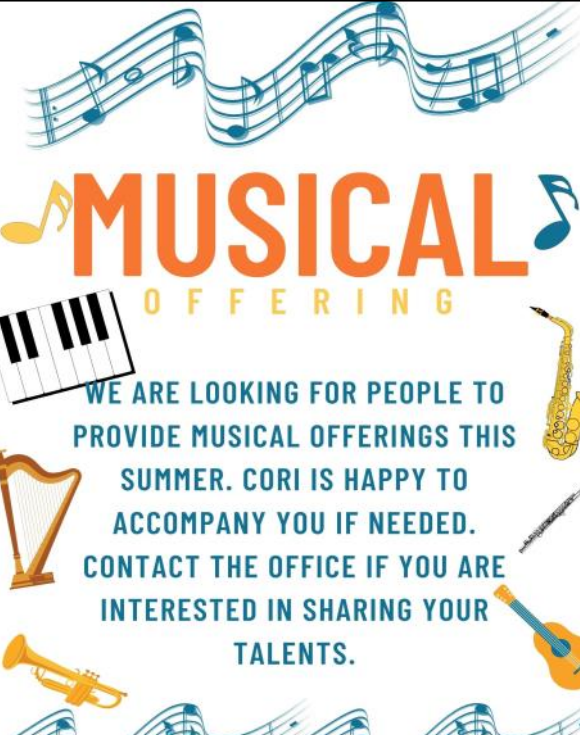
VOLUNTEER WITH US!
Volunteers needed Wednesdays & Thursdays throughout the summer.

DONATE TO FEED THOSE IN NEED
Your monetary donations help us feed over 45,000 Lunches!

FREE lunch kits include lunch supplies for your family for 5 days.



*** SCAN TO SIGN UP, DONATE, OR LEARN MORE!**
Questions? Call 218.825.7682
www.bridgesofhopemn.org



MUSICAL OFFERING

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO PROVIDE MUSICAL OFFERINGS THIS SUMMER. CORI IS HAPPY TO ACCOMPANY YOU IF NEEDED. CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR TALENTS.

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.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY
TREE OF SHARING**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY! OVER \$3100
IN ITEMS AND MONETARY
DONATIONS WERE
COLLECTED FOR
BETHLEHEM YOUTH,
LUTHER CREST, RSA, AND
THE SHOP!

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.bruntz@nemmnynod.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://nemmln2324.eventbrite.com>

The Gospel according to Mark

Bel Canto MUSIC LAKES AREA
THE MUSIC WITHIN
15th Anniversary Season | JULY 28 – AUGUST 20

Minnesota's summer home for world-class opera, orchestra, and chamber music.
Featuring over 200 all-star artists from the nation's top orchestras and opera companies.

 Julia Bullock, singer GOLDEN AGE OF JAZZ GALA FRIDAY, JULY 28 8:00 P.M. An evening of 1930s New York jazz and our biggest fundraiser of the year!	 Christine Koff, music director SUMMER NIGHTS SATURDAY, JULY 29 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY, JULY 30 2:00 P.M. Symphonic showcase of the warmth and mystery of summer, with Johannes Brahms' second symphony.	 Henry Kramer, piano SONGS WITHOUT WORDS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 7:30 P.M. Piano and chamber music by Robert Schumann, Claude Debussy, and George Walton.
 Stefano Favetti, conductor A NIGHT AT THE OPERA FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 7:30 P.M. Rossini's <i>William Tell</i> Overture and other opera hits showcasing emerging opera stars.	 Jeff Anderson, narrator THE COMPOSER IS DEAD SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 2:00 P.M. Kids of all ages are invited for musical dealing with the orchestra!	 Sulman Tekali, viola DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 7:30 P.M. Familiar classical tunes alongside pop favorites, outdoors in downtown Brainerd.
 Karinne Piper Brown, soprano OPERA: DON PASQUALE FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 2:00 P.M. Cassone Chieffari's first collaboration featuring soprano Karinne Piper Brown and other opera stars.	 Tanya Gabriellus, piano WATERMARK WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 7:30 P.M. Chamber orchestra performs Mozart's 4th and Prokofiev's 1st, with Caroline Shaw's Watermark works by Richard Wagner and Theodor Strakosky.	 Felicia Hovos, soprano WAGNER & SHOSTAKOVICH SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 2 P.M. Symphonic finale with celebratory and occasional works by Richard Wagner and Theodor Strakosky.

To make concerts accessible to everyone, we offer a name-your-price ticket model thanks to the generosity of crowd-funded donations, individual gifts, and foundation support.

All concerts held at the Glitz-Zilla Center for the Arts
702 S 3rd Street, Brainerd, Minnesota

LAKESAREAMUSIC.ORG

22nd Annual Luther Crest Golf Scramble

MONDAY, AUGUST 7
Lake Milona Golf Club

EVENT FEE
(Per Golfer) - \$125

Includes: Golf/Cart Fees,
Sack Lunch
Dinner & Donation

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
AT WWW.LUTHERCREST.ORG
Need More Information?
Phone: 320-846-2431
Email: jodyj@luthercrest.org

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.

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 FREWILL DONATION WITH ALL MONEY GOING TO OUR GENERAL FUND.

Camp Da Good
American Red Cross

DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

BHS Girls' Tennis Team Blood Drive

St. Andrews Catholic Church
1108 Willow Street - Brainerd

Tuesday, August 8, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Brainerd to schedule an appointment.

Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

CAMP KNUTSON'S 37TH ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

You're invited to join our annual quilt auction to raise funds for Camp Knutson. Bid on beautiful handmade quilts for your home or to give as gifts while supporting our campers!

View quilts in person on August 12 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. at Camp Knutson. All quilts can be previewed online.

Silent auction: Mobile bidding opens Wednesday, August 9 at noon and closes at 11:30 a.m. on August 12.

Live auction: Bidding opens at noon on August 12.

Can't attend in person? The silent auction uses mobile bidding only; absentee bidding is available for the live auction. Visit our website for more information.

REGISTER OR GIVE | campknutson.org/quilts

Registration with a credit card is required to bid. If you have questions or need assistance, contact us at camp.knutson@lssmn.org or 218.543.4232.

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Thank you!

Our Resource Specialists have been busy supporting individuals and families with each unique situation that arises. We continue to feel incredibly blessed by our community and thank you for supporting our work! Your gift of \$786.85 enables us to keep making a difference for families. Through our Resource Connection Services program and Spirit of Kindness Fun, clients have an opportunity to work with staff who are knowledgeable about area resources and are also great advocates for the families we serve! Thank you for helping us build Bridges! ~Jana Shogren, Executive Director



Thank you for supporting the Central Lakes College Foundation with your contribution totaling \$208 in support of the CLC Food Pantry Fund. We are grateful for your involvement and thank you for being a part of our mission. ~Kate Adornetto, Executive Director CLC Foundation

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.



Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

- 1 ~ Vicky Bonde
- 2 ~ Jason Hennessey, Emma True
- 3 ~ Kara McCarthy
- 4 ~ Mya Ferrari, Ken Kemboi
- 6 ~ David Hallgren, Jon Luhrs
- 7 ~ Vince Moe
- 8 ~ Paige DeFrang, Jeff Maxwell
- 9 ~ Mark Groettum, Jackson McKusick, Jon Steblay
- 10 ~ Isla Eidenshink
- 11 ~ Payton Lillo
- 13 ~ Jen Lindholm, Elizabeth Olson, Emily Thompson
- 14 ~ Margaret Steblay
- 15 ~ Sasha Burgstaler, Kourtney Holloway, Kathryn Jourdan, De Etta Theien
- 17 ~ Ashley Anderson, Tate Magnan, Bruce Praska, Barrie Rempel

- 18 ~ Mara Mienert, Bev 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 Johnson-Nelson, Hazel Nelson
- 22 ~ Sharon Braun, Paige Bremer
- 23 ~ Jeff Macejkovic
- 24 ~ Lincoln Ferrari, Nanay Neptune, Joyce Peterson, Phyllis Roberts
- 25 ~ Ray Frisch
- 26 ~ Emma Garding, Aubree Marshall
- 27 ~ Deb Cole, Kacey Finch, Jeff Pulak
- 28 ~ Malcolm Innes, Zach Kraklau
- 29 ~ Cory Kruse, Barb Owens
- 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.

GET YOUR LOOSE CHANGE READY!

NOISY OFFERING

IN JULY, YOU DONATED \$347.71 FOR CHRISTMAS IN JULY RECIPIENTS. IN AUGUST, MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED FOR GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. PARTNERS.

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!

August Worship Assistants

Sundays at 9:00 am

Greeters:	6: Terri Hanson 13: Jerome and Marge Streich 20: Cathie and Nick Benson 27: still needed
Ushers:	6: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton 13: Becky and Noah Meyer, Jenny Johnson 20: Janis and Jim Peterson 27: Joan Rosenow
Readers:	6: Pam Finch 13: Rebecca Timmins 20: Jen Lindholm 27: Jackie Nornes
Communion Preparation:	6: Bob and Kay Pederson 20: Bonnie and Steve Almond
Communion Servers:	6: Pam Finch, Pam Oslos, Deb Steuck 20: Pam Finch, Jen Lindholm, Steve Almond
Sound:	6: Todd Person 13: Turner Person 20: Todd Person 27: Scott Pederson
Video:	6: Tonya Person 13: Tonya Person 20: Tonya Person 27: Scott Pederson
Assisting Minister:	6: still needed 13: Pam Stock 20: Pam Stock 27: Jackie Nornes
Treats:	6: brunch for Pr. Mark's 20 years at Bethlehem 13: Jen Lindholm 20: Sue Wiger 27: Stacy Erdal
Flowers:	6: Yvonne Kalahar 13: still needed 20: still needed 27: still needed
Musical Offering:	6: Mark and Maggie Groettum 13: BOW Team 20: still needed 27: Bethlehem Bell Choir
Wednesday, August 9 at 6:15 at Lymon P. White Park	1 greeter: still needed 1 usher: Jackie Nornes 2 people to clean up: 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.