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BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays at 8:20 and 10:30 am and Wednesdays at 6:20 pm with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Wednesdays

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am- 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Friday 8:30 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



February 2020

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.



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

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.

From the Senior Pastor

Lent 2020



Join us as we celebrate our annual theme of "Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age" during Lent 2020. Each week we will gather on Sunday mornings for worship at 8:20 am and 10:30 am and

then also for a special Lenten service on Wednesday nights beginning with dinner and conversation at 5:30 pm followed by worship at 6:20 pm. Please note, there will be a <u>different sermon</u> on Wednesday evening, so you are all encouraged to worship at both time services as you are able. Our weekly themes include:

Ash Wednesday Feb. 26	6:20 pm worship time
The week of March 1-7	"Engaging the myth of the autonomous self: Matthew 4:1-11"
The week of March 8-14	"Engaging the myth of authenticity: John 3:1-17"
The week of March 15-21	"Engaging the myth of time: John 4:5-42"
The week of March 22-28	"Engaging the myth of opportunity: John 9:1-41"
The week of March 29- April 4	"Engaging the myth of glory: John 11:1-45"

Upcoming Men's Retreat and presentation by Rev. Dr. Andy Root

"We live in the middle of our own transition as we experience the shifting of the framework in which the Western world has been built. Most of us don't realize that we are living with a new calendar. Like people in the sixteenth century, we seem to be more concerned with what we've lost than with the fact that the whole calendar has shifted ... Charles Taylor asks, 'Why was it virtually impossible not to believe in God in, say 1500, in our Western society, while in 2000 many of us find this not only easy, but even inescapable?" Andy Root, *Faith Formation in a Secular Age*

Saturday, February 22nd; 1:00-4:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brainerd

Register at www.nemnsynod.org under the lay leader network tab.

Co-sponsored by Men in Mission and NE MN Synod Lay Leader Network

Faith Formation in a Secular Age

FEATURING **Rev. Dr. Andrew Root**



MEN'S RETREAT: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 6:00 PM THROUGH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 4:00 PM

MEN AND WOMEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

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1 ~ Anna Heinrich, Monique Ray

- 2 ~ Anthony Cole
- 4 ~ Kayli Skinner
- 5 ~ Jim Daly, Sarah Wiger
- 7 ~ Logan Backstrom

8 ~ Karen Cheney, Nathan Fuller, Bill Kallroos, Chris Munsch, James Smith

9 ~ Allan Dosh, Kaycee Goedker, Evan Gorny

11 ~ Luanne Hallgren

12 ~ Noah Gindorff

13 ~ Doris Aasen, Bernice Finch, Harleyann Praska

14 ~ Albert Debler, Maxine Debler, Kelly Kruize, Kay Pederson

15 ~ Terri Hanson, Kathleen Weisman

Please remember these people in prayer on their birthdays.

16 ~ Roger Erickson 17 ~ Gloria Munsch, Brian Ray 18 ~ Mike Burkey, Lauren Johnson, Lisa Kotchikian 19 ~ Randy Praught, Kevin Rhoda 20 ~ Monty Becker, Sam Blum, Gloria **Brown, Scott Pederson** 21 ~ Dianne Hearth, Michael Munsch 22 ~ Anthony Jonak, Lyla Jourdan, Lindsie McKusick, Brett Severson 24 ~ Eli Jones, Kinzlie Logelin, Taya Person, **James Rhoda** 25 ~ Jake Thesing 26 ~ Ana Louis 27 ~ Margie Burgstaler, Marcie Kemboi, Hailey Nelson, Janis Peterson, Chris Wiger 29 ~ Finn Pederson

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.

Blessings to you in Christ Jesus!

February Ministry of the Month:

A Night of Opportunity

Tickets are available February 1. A limited number of tickets are available.

Gala Dinner Menu: appetizer: spring salad and crab rangoon main entree: pork roulade with garlic mashed potatoes and in-season vegetable dessert: bourbon blondie sundae tickets: \$30 per person; \$55 per couple, \$155 per table of 6

a Bethlehem youth fundraiser

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Your support will enable our youth to participate in upcoming service projects and educational opportunities.

Board of Education and Spiritual Formation long-term strategic imperatives approved in 4/18: *Form and/or partner with a separate organization (LLC), to provide licensed day-care and/or pre-school, that will be operational by year-end 2020.

*Continue to enhance and grow youth/children's ministry participation by 10% by year-end 2020. We will seek to maintain a key component of total family involvement in this ministry.

From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor





SUNDAY POTLUCK

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Next potluck on February 23 at 5:00 pm.





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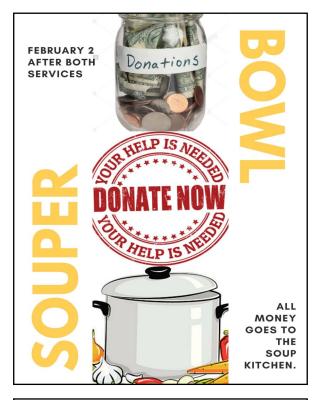
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MEET 10:30 AM -12:00 PM FEBRUARY 4 - DISCUSS THE FIRST PART OF "THE HATE U GIVE" BY ANGIE THOMAS

FEBRUARY 18 - DISCUSS THE REST OF "THE HATE U GIVE" BY ANGIE THOMAS

CONTACT MARGARET STEBLAY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

EPIPHANY MISSION CONVERSATIONS

Each board will have one Sunday from 9:30 to 10:20 AM to present on strategic imperatives and topics relating to their board.

January 5 ~ Stewardship and Properties

January 19 ~ Service and Evangelism

February 2 ~ Congregational Care and Community

February 16 ~ Worship and Music

February 23 ~ Education and Spiritual Formation

Bethlehem Lutheran Church February Baptismal Calling Married Couples

Receive a blessing at services the week of February 9. Attend Adult Forum from 9:30—10:30 am on February 9 to gain wisdom from a panel of married couples. Please RSVP on the yellow opportunities sheet or to office@belcnet.net or 829-3330.

Looking ahead...

*2/26: Ash Wednesday service at 6:20 pm

*3/1: Confessing the Faith Lenten Series at Adult Forum through the month of March at 9:30 am on Sundays

*3/4: Lenten dinner conversations through the month of March at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays followed by worship on Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

*3/7: Youth Gala fundraiser; limited number of tickets available for purchase now

*3/8: Baptismal Calling: suffering and survivors

*3/28: NE MN Ecofaith Summit at BELC

Wednesday night meals are \$5 and are served from 5:30 pm until the food is gone. February menu: 5: tacos; 12: pizza; 19: hotdogs with beans and chips; 26: chili and grilled cheese

The **80s+ Lunch Bunch** will meet at the Sawmill Inn on Tuesday, February 25 at 11:45 am.



Young at Heart will not be meeting in February.



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.

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Sympathy: Beth Larson and family on the death of her sister; Al Gardner and family on the death of his father; the family of JoAnn Lundeby; the family of Chuck Dahl;

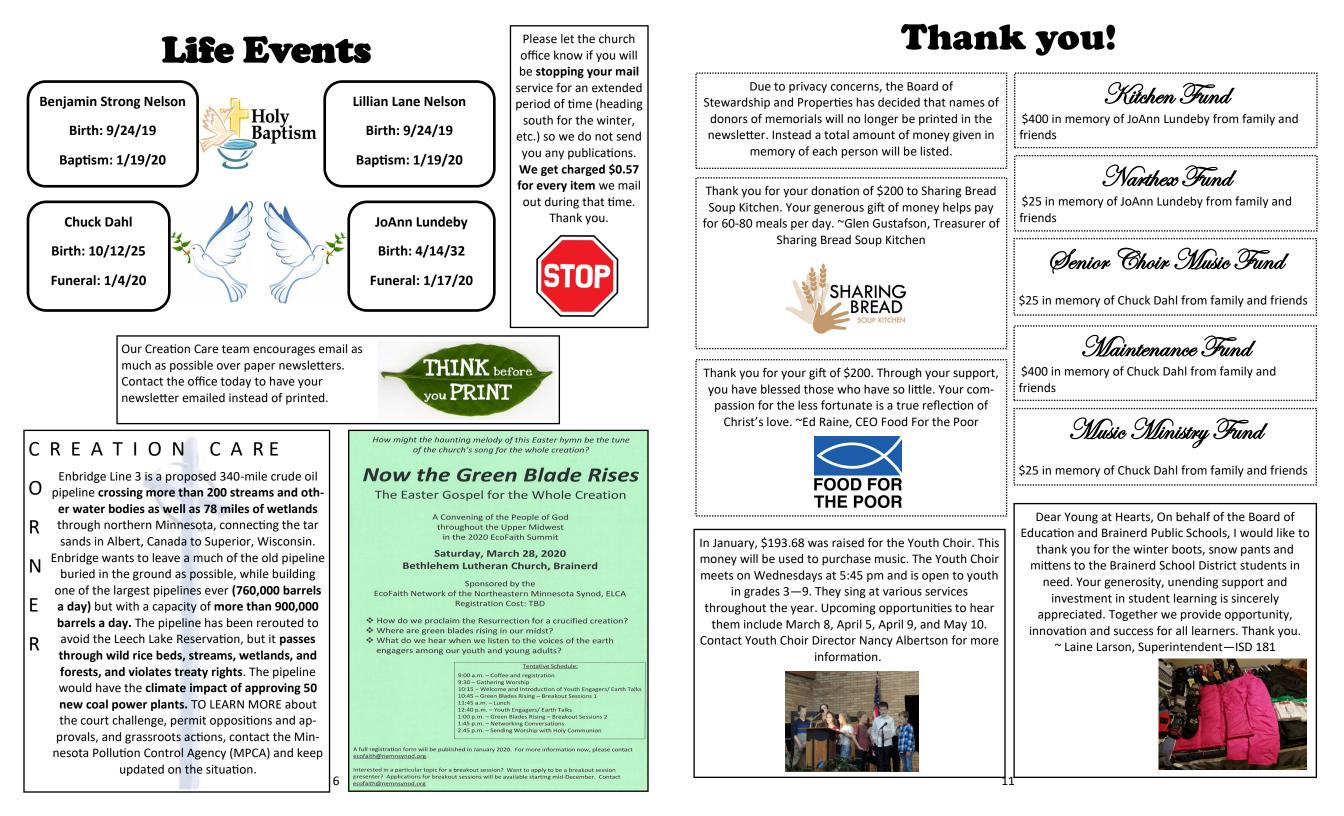
<u>Ongoing</u>: Pam Stock; Mary Meyer; Sam; Patti King; a member's son; Joe Lindholm's mother; Michelle Brekken; Teppi Bundy; Brady Feist; Margie Burgstaler; Alvina Kennedy; Michael Zickuhr; Paul Erdal; Aldene Gosse; Cyndy Thompson's mother Bobbie Sayles; Clark and Clary Tollefson; Roy Cheney; those who are abused; all dealing with addiction; couples trying to have babies; everyone dealing with mental health issues; all caregivers; Cheryl Johnson; everyone dealing with cancer

Service: Zac Myhre deployed to South Korea

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 February:

Clark and Clary Tollefson, the Michelle and Ryan Tollefson family, Pat and Stefan True, the Tammy True family, the John and Ruth Unger family, Dawn and Steve Verdon, the Amy and Dan Vleck family, Tyler Vork, Betty Vosberg, Joyce Wager, the Craig and Tricia Warner family, Bruce and Kelli Weaver, the Alyssa Weigelt family, Dennis and Kathleen Weisman, the Greg and Sue Wiger family, the Kris Wyman family



February and March Service Groups

Coordinators: Anita and Larry Martinson—829-9212 Sara Larson—839-2229; sarajanelarson@gmail.com Pat True—829-2017 Nancy and Tim Bogenschutz—829-6353; bogenschutznancy@hotmail.com

Assistants:

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Lynn Heinrich John Kruize Deb and Jeff McCarthy Janis and Jim Peterson Laura and Shawn Roberts Russ Schultz Sue and Todd Sorenson Doris Aasen Doug and Vicky Kruse Darnel Carlson

Anne Gustafson Jeff and Shari Grunenwald Emily and Tyler Monda Anna and Jake Thesing Cory Kruse Jesse Jorges Mary Peterson Camille and Clayton Lang Marty and Robin Billman Leslie Skone

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February 19: hot dogs	Ĩ
February 26: chili and grilled cheese	31
So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31	
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Please join Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity for a INE & FOOD PAIRING urday, February 8th 6:00-7:00pm Social wh's Catholic Church 7:00-9:00pm 4 Course Wine & Food 617 Poplar Street, Crosby 9:00-10:00pm Social Tickets \$35 / person at St. Joseph's Church Office & at lakesareahabitat.org, click events le Sponsorships \$300, \$500, or \$1000 bitat.org or contact Ruth Ann Veith 18.454.7019 devdir@lakesare Hudrlik KNIGHTS CARPET & TILE Jaycees Kirzeder Construction oin us and learn how you can change lives your community and build this family a home vill be sharing what Lakes Area Habitat for nanity is doing this year in our area, and neet the 2020 Crosby partner family.

February Worship Assistants

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Wednesday pm communion prep: 2/5: Jackie Nornes, Tanya Johnston; 2/19: Amy Vleck; 2/26: Jackie Nornes



Wednesdays, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19

7:30 AM – Men's Bible Study/Breakfast

5:30 PM – Worship Team rehearsal

5:30 PM – Dinner is served for \$5 until gone

6:20 PM – Worship Service

7:00 PM – High School Youth Group

7:00 PM – Catechism

Wednesday, 2/26

7:30 AM – Men's Bible Study/Breakfast 5:30 PM – Dinner is served for \$5 until gone 5:30 PM – Worship Team rehearsal

5:45 PM – Youth Choir rehearsal 6:00 PM – Senior Choir rehearsal 6:20 PM – Worship Service

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						12:30 pm – Circle of Change
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8:20-Worship service with communion 9:25-Sunday School music 9:30-Itty Bitty Book Bunch 9:30-Adult Forum: Board of Congregational Care and Community 10:30-Worship service with communion	5:00-Creation Care meeting 5:30-Bridges of Hope: ACES 101 6:00-Board of Service and Evangelism meeting	5:00-Board of Worship and Music meeting 5:00-Bell Choir rehearsal	See schedule above left 1:30-Woodland worship service; office closed 1:00-2:15ish 5:30-dinner: tacos	9:00-Edgewood Brainerd worship service 9:00-Quilting Group 10:15-Edgewood Baxter worship service 5:30-Board of Stewardship and Properties meeting	7th-8	^{8th} grade retreat at Luther Crest
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16	Presidents' Day 17	18	Newsletter deadline 19	20	2	21 22
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23	24	25	Ash Wednesday 26	27	2	8 29
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