



Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP TIMES

In-person worship: Sundays at 8:20 am

Sundays at 10:30am

Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

with communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and following Wednesdays.

Online worship: Sundays at 10:30 am

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open on

Mondays—Thursdays from 9:00 am—12:00

pm and 1:00—4:00 pm

and on Fridays from 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

IT Coordinator: Scott Pederson

Custodial Services: Rob Larson and Steve Verdon



From the Senior Pastor

We have some amazing opportunities to take advantage of at the end of February including the Lay Leader Network retreat (hosted here at Bethlehem and open to everyone) and during Lent, which begins March 2nd with Ash Wednesday and culminates into Holy Week (the week of April 10-17). See below and join in!

Everyone is invited for a day of inspiration and learning about NEMN Synod's lay leader ministries and going deeper to hear and answer the call the Lord has for you! The 2022 Gathering will center on Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, has anointed me...sent me...to proclaim good news to the poor." The event will be offered online AND in-person at Bethlehem (following Synod SMART team/CDC/MDH COVID protocols). There is no cost to attend. A free-will offering for lunch will be taken for those attending in person (recommended donation of \$7).

NE MN Synod Bishop Amy Odgren will be speaking about the vision for the future. LLN Intensive Series faculty (Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner and Rev. Dr. David Mesner) will inspire via dwelling in the Word -- Gospel of Luke and contextualizing one's Call during our current times. A panel of Synod lay leaders will be reflecting on how hearing their ministry call has impacted their lives and serving during these extraordinary times.

For information and to register to go: <http://www.nemnsynod.org/llnannualgathering2022.html>

Lenten Missional Conversations

On January 27th, during our congregational all-board retreat, members from our boards participated in an evening of discussion, analysis and feedback regarding the mission of our congregation (past, present, and looking forward). Pam Finch, Director of the Board of Service and Evangelism, along with myself, facilitated much of the discussion which proved to be quite helpful. One of the outcomes of that retreat was thinking more deeply about now involving more people from the congregation to be part of the conversation. So, during Lent this year (beginning in March), we will be hosting Lenten Missional Conversations here at Bethlehem. We will host two meetings per week beginning the week of March 6th and continuing each week during Lent for a total of ten meetings. Pr. Sarah and I will be facilitating the meetings which will last for about one hour. We will have a scribe on hand to help document our conversations for further use as we plan into the future. We will begin by dwelling in the Word of Scripture together, attending to our spirits gathered in community, and then reflecting deeply about God's mission for the sake of the world. What has God has been up to through Bethlehem this past year? How is God leading us forward into mission in the years to come?

Please, take some time and participate in one of the conversations – we need to hear your voice. To participate, simply go to our website and sign-up (beginning in mid-February) or contact the church office.

Blessings in Christ Jesus!

Pastor Mark



NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD, ELCA

Lay Leader Network

2022 Annual Gathering

Online via Zoom and

In-person at Bethlehem Lutheran, Brainerd

February 26, 2022 – 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Plan to join us for a day of inspirational learning about lay leader ministries and going deeper to hear and answer the call the Lord has for you!

No cost to attend - Free-will offering for lunch (recommended donation of \$7)

Registration and additional details at: <https://nemnln2022.eventbrite.com>

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: LLN@NEMNSYNOD.ORG - CELL: 515.708.1412

From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor



SEEK THE
HEART OF
GOD
GOD CALLS US
GOD HAS CALLED YOU

MARCH 5, 2022 **CARDIA DEO 9TH -**
\$45 CAMP ONOMIA 12TH GRADE RETREAT

JOIN HIGH SCHOOLERS FROM ALL OVER THE AREA AS YOU LEARN ABOUT HOW GOD LEADS US IN EVERYDAY LIFE. TOGETHER WE WILL WORSHIP, HAVE BIBLE STUDY AND MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION, DO GROUP ACTIVITIES AND GAMES AND SO MUCH MORE.

REGISTER BY FEB 20TH WITH YOUR YOUTH LEADER

LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL
CONNECT

January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21
3:50-4:00 - Arrive
4:00-4:45 - Bible Study
First Lutheran - 424 South 8th St, Brainerd

   

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH

6TH - 9TH GRADE CATECHISM SCHEDULE
Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

9/22/21 - Parent and Youth night	1/19/22 - Teaching night
9/29/21 - Teaching night	1/26/22 - Teaching night
10/6/21 - Individual Mentor night	2/2/22 - Teaching night
10/13/21 - Teaching night	2/9/22 - Teaching night
10/20/21 - NO CATECHISM	2/16/22 - Teaching night
10/27/21 - Teaching night	2/23/22 - Teaching night
11/3/21 - Teaching night	3/2/22 - Ash Wednesday
11/10/21 - Teaching night	3/4-3/6 - 9th grade Cardia Deo
11/17/21 - Teaching night	3/9/22 - Lenten Series
11/20-11/21 - Middle School Gathering	3/16/22 - NO CATECHISM
11/24/21 - NO CATECHISM	3/23/22 - Lenten Series
12/1/21 - Individual Mentor night	3/30/22 - Lenten Series
12/8/21 - Teaching night	4/6/22 - Lenten Series
12/15/21 - White Elephany christmas party	4/13/22 - NO CATECHISM
12/22/21 - NO CATECHISM	4/20/22 - Teaching night
12/29/21 - NO CATECHISM	4/27/22 - Individual Mentor night
1/5/22 - Teaching night	5/4/22 - Teaching night
1/12/22 - Teaching night	5/11/22 - Teaching night

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

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JOIN US FOR OUR

SUNDAY
SCHOOL

FOR YOUTH AGE 3 - GRADE 5
SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:25 - 10:20 AM

SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 19 AND 26
OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, AND 31
NOVEMBER 7, 14, AND 21
DECEMBER 5, 12, AND 19
JANUARY 9, 16, 23, AND 30
FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, AND 27
MARCH 6 AND 27
APRIL 3, 10 AND 24
MAY 1, 8, AND 15
INCLUDING MUSIC TIME FOR ALL

"TEACH THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN, TALKING ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME AND WHEN YOU ARE AWAY, WHEN YOU LIE DOWN AND WHEN YOU RISE." DEUTERONOMY 11:19

Looking ahead...

At the time of publication, all services will be held in-person. Following Current CDC and MN Department of Health Recommendations as of October 1, 2021 "Masking recommendations for inside the building ..." "If you are **not fully vaccinated** and aged 2 or older, you should wear a mask in indoors." "If you are **fully vaccinated**, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public* if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission." *We encourage wearing masks during worship or for gatherings of more than 10 people within our building. Thank you!



If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net. Prayers will be kept on the chain for 3 weeks. If you'd like it to be kept on for longer, please let the office know. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 829-3330.

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Sympathy: the family of Shirley Lundebly; the family of Pat Kalahar; the family of Carrie Thesing; the family of Bill Holbrook; the family of Lois Juntunen

Ongoing: Marv Martinson; Deloris Ebinger; Julie Runberg; Jon Luhrs; Wyatt Morton; a coworker's husband; Lara and baby Madeline; Brian; Nona; Nancy Albertson; Vince Moe; John Ward; Janice Skinner; Sheri Olson; all dealing with mental health issues; all who are grieving; a BELC member; Terri Hanson; Phyllis Roberts; for peace in our world; Jessica Rodenbiker; for all affected by COVID; residents and staff of assisted living and nursing home facilities; healthcare workers; all caregivers; everyone dealing with cancer

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

February: Dale and Jackie Spaulding; Kim and Clarence Spencer; Marissa Spencer; April and Jeff Spigarelli; Ben Stall; Carla and Scott Stall; Jamie Stall; Logan Stall; Maddie Stall and family; Phyllis Stall; Elsie and Mike Stanek and family; Denise and Duane Stange; Jon and Margaret Steblay; Casey and Doris Stengel; Deb Steuck; Pam Stock and family; Jerome and Margie Streich; Jackie Stromback; Jean and Thomas Swanson; Erica Swedberg and family; Carlie Sweet; Derek Sweet; Nancy and Rick Sweet; Karen Tengwall; Gene and Lynn Teufert; De Etta Theien; Kay Theien; Anna and Jake Thesing and family; Bruce and Cyndy Thompson; Vanessa Thompson; Michelle Tollefson and family; Alyssa Towle; Pat and Stefan True; Tammy True and family; John and Ruth Unger and family; Dawn and Steve Verdon;

FEBRUARY 13 AFTER BOTH SERVICES



SOUPER BOWL

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
DONATE NOW
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**



ALL MONEY GOES TO THE SOUP KITCHEN



ELCA ROUND TABLE WORSHIP

Sunday February 27 5pm
First Lutheran 424 S 8th st

The Brainerd area ELCA churches invite you to share dinner around a table with friends and family. While you eat, be part of an energetic meaningful worship.

BRAINERD AREA ELCA CHURCHES
BETHLEHEM FIRST LUTHERAN TRINITY

Wednesdays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23

5:15 pm – Meal served for \$7
6:20 pm – Wednesday worship service
7:00 pm - catechism

7:00 pm – High School Youth Group
7:00 pm – Sr. Choir rehearsal



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4th Sunday after Epiphany 30	31	1
8:20 am – In-person worship service 9:25 am – Sunday School 10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service		7:30 am – Men's bible study 5:00 pm – Bell Choir rehearsal 6:00 pm – Board of Worship and Music meeting
5th Sunday after Epiphany 6	7	8
8:20 am – In-person worship service with communion 9:25 am – Sunday School 10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service with communion	3:30 pm – Lutheran High School Connect at First Lutheran 6:00 pm – Board of Service and Evangelism meeting via Zoom	7:30 am – Men's bible study 5:00 pm – Bell Choir rehearsal 5:30 pm – Board of Congregational Care and Community meeting
6th Sunday after Epiphany 13	14	15
8:20 am – In-person worship service 9:25 am – Sunday School 10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service	4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	7:30 am – Men's bible study 5:00 pm – Bell Choir rehearsal
7th Sunday after Epiphany 20	Presidents' Day 21	22
8:20 am – In-person worship service with communion 9:25 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service with communion 2:00 pm – Brainerd Leos	Office closed 3:30 pm – Lutheran High School Connect at First Lutheran	7:30 am – Men's bible study 10:00 am – Stephen Ministry meeting 11:30 am – 70s+ Lunch Bunch 5:00 pm – Bell Choir rehearsal
Transfiguration of Our Lord 27	28	1
8:20 am – In-person worship service with communion 9:25 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service with communion 5:00 pm – Round Table worship at First Lutheran; RSVP with Pr. Sarah	6:00 pm – Creation Care Team meeting	7:30 am – Men's bible study 5:00 pm – Bell Choir rehearsal 6:00 pm – Board of Worship and Music meeting

CREATION CARE

According to a study published in the journal Science, toxicity levels have more than doubled since 2005 for many key pollinators, aquatic insects and some plants even as American farmers are using smaller amounts of targeted pesticides. German scientists, using EPA and U.S. Geological Survey data, calculated the "total applied toxicity" by examining 381 pesticides used in the U.S. between 1992 and 2016, finding that many pesticides once believed to be relatively benign and short-lived are very toxic even in smaller amounts. This is true of new compounds such as neonicotinoids, which have been linked to dwindling bee numbers according to scientists at the University of Kolenz-Landau. Future studies will look at harm done further up the food chain, from dragonflies and mayflies up to humans and mammals.

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



To view our online services at 10:30 am on Sundays, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKGd23TW4V1mlqCs>
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The service will also be posted on our website at www.belcnet.net upon completion of the service.

The office is open on Mondays
– Thursdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 – 4:00 pm.
On Fridays, it is open from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5
Schedule above left 9:00 am – Woodland worship service 10:00 am – dinner for \$7: chicken alfredo	9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd 9:00 am – Quilting Group 10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter 6:00 pm – Jonah Group	11:00 am – Funeral for Shirley Lundeby	9:00 am – Lay Leader Network Series via Zoom 9:00 am – Worker Bees
9	10	11	12
Schedule above left 10:00 am – dinner for \$7: ham and scalloped potatoes 10:00 am – Worship Team rehearsal	10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups 10:30 am – BELC Book Club 4:30 pm – Card making 5:30 pm – Board of Stewardship and Properties meeting		
16	17	18	19
Schedule above left 9:00 am – Martha Circle 9:00 am – Woodland worship service 10:00 am – dinner for \$7: pork gravy and red potatoes 10:00 am – Youth Choir rehearsal	9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd 9:00 am – Quilting Group 10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter 1:30 pm – Mary Circle 5:30 pm – Congregational Leadership Board meeting		
23	24	25	26
Schedule above left 10:00 am – dinner for \$7: pizza 10:00 am – Worship Team rehearsal 10:00 am – Youth Choir rehearsal	10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups 10:30 am – BELC Book Club TBD		9:00 am – Lay Leader Network Series annual gathering
Ash Wednesday 2	3	4	5
9:00 am – Woodland worship service 10:00 am – dinner for \$7: TBD 10:00 am – Ash Wednesday service	9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd 9:00 am – Quilting Group 10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter 6:00 pm – Jonah Group		9:00 am – Worker Bees



Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

- 1 ~ Monique Ray
- 2 ~ Anthony Cole
- 4 ~ Kayli Skinner
- 5 ~ Jim Daly, Sarah Wiger
- 7 ~ Logan Backstrom
- 8 ~ Karen Cheney, Bill Kallroos, Christopher Munsch, James Smith
- 9 ~ Allan Dosh, Evan Gorny
- 11 ~ Luanne Hallgren
- 12 ~ Noah Gindorff, Frances Girling
- 13 ~ Doris Aasen, Bernice Finch, Harleyann Praska
- 14 ~ Albert Debler, Maxine Debler, Kay Pederson
- 15 ~ Terri Hanson, Kathleen Weisman
- 16 ~ Roger Erickson

- 17 ~ Gloria Munsch, Brian Ray
- 18 ~ Bill Burkey, Lauren Johnson, Lisa Kotchikian
- 19 ~ Randy Praught, Kevin Rhoda
- 20 ~ Sam Blum, Gloria Brown, Scott Pederson
- 21 ~ Dianne Heath, Michael Munsch
- 22 ~ Matthew Garding, Anthony Jonak, Lyla Jourdan, Lindsie McKusick, Brett Severson
- 24 ~ Jaydn Gohman, Eli Jones, Kinzlie Logelin, Taya Person, James Rhoda
- 25 ~ Jacob Thesing
- 26 ~ Ariana Louis
- 27 ~ Margie Burgstaler, Marcie Kemboi, Hailey Nelson, Janis Pederson, Chris Wiger
- 29 ~ Finnley 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.

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your donation totaling \$48.33 to TheShop. Your generosity humbles us and we are so grateful to have caring supporters such as yourselves. Your donations allow us to mentor and shape our future generation in so many positive ways, whether that be through a meal, a listening ear, or being a part of something outside of normal school activities. TheShop exists to support youth in the Brainerd Lakes Area by providing a safe and supportive drop-in environment for youth to utilize during after school hours. Sincerely, Erica Stepanek, Executive Director TheShop-BBYC



We can't thank you enough for all the ways you take care of our community! Thank you for letting us be a part of your giving tree and helping our students and families ~ Harrison Elementary School



Northern Fund

\$40 in memory of Clary Tollefson from family and friends

Thank you so much for your donation. We appreciate the monetary gift and especially your support. Many thanks from the staff and board at Mid-Minnesota Women's Center



Thanks so much for thinking of our kids here at Garfield and getting some gloves for us. Your kind gesture is very much appreciated!
~Garfield Elementary School



FEBRUARY 5



WANTED: WORKER BEES

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

BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

FEBRUARY 10 AT 10:30 AM

"DEAR CHURCH"
BY LENNY DUNCAN

CONTACT MARGARET
STEBLAY FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

Immediate Needs

Want to help our community partners?

Mid Minnesota Women's Center
*movie passes

Salvation Army
*laundry soap, better quality hair conditioner, feminine hygiene products, pet food

Contact these organizations for more information. Please keep them in your prayers.

WANTED

Sundays at 8:20 and 10:30 am
Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

- greeters
- communion
- readers
- servers
- ushers
- video
- communion
- sound
- prep



Contact the office to sign up today!
218-829-3330

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

CARD MAKING FUN ON FEBRUARY 10



Get creative on Thursday, February 10. Show up anytime between 4:30 - 8:00 pm. Cards are sent to members that are shut in and members in need of some uplifting words; cards are also available in the display to the right of the mailboxes. Please contact Cathy Lee or the office for more information. Please sign up on our website www.belcnet.net or by calling the office to let Cathy know who to expect. If no one signs up, the event will be cancelled.

70s+ Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, February 22
at 11:30 am

Tatertot hotdish, salad
and dessert for \$7. RSVP

to the office at
218-829-3330

by February 17 to ensure
there's enough food.

February Worship Assistants

	8:20 am	10:30 am
Greeters:	6: Jeff and Cheryl Nichols 13: Larry and Natalie Embertson 20: Bev Gotti 27: Dennis and Kathleen Weisman	Jen Lindholm Jean Anhalt Yvonne Kalahar Pam and Steve Oslos
Ushers:	6: Larry and Natalie Embertson 13: Marc and Ava Marshall 20: Larry and Natalie Embertson 27: Marc and Lucy Marshall	Becky and Dave Meyer Tanya Johnston, Jake Thesing Becky and Dave Meyer Jen Lindholm
Readers:	6: Cheryl Severson-Nichols 13: Stacy Erdal 20: Bev Gotti 27: Kathleen Weisman	Kim Spencer Claire Erdal Yvonne Kalahar Kathleen Weisman
Communion Preparation:	6: Shelly Birchem, Jackie Nornes 20: Jeff and Cheryl Nichols 27: Mollie Nelson	Jen Lindholm Janis Peterson Bob Pederson
Communion Servers:	6: Pam Stock, 1 still needed 20: 2 still needed 27: Hailey and Myia Nelson	Jen Lindholm, Jackie Nornes 2 still needed Pam Oslos, 1 still needed
Sound:	6: Jerry DeChaine 13: Jerry DeChaine 20: Jerry DeChaine 27: Jerry DeChaine	Scott Pederson Scott Pederson Todd Person Scott Pederson
Video:	6: none 13: none 20: none 27: none	Marcus/Camilla Lindholm Scott Pederson Tonya Person Marcus/Camilla Lindholm
Flowers:	6: still needed 13: still needed 20: still needed 27: still needed	
Wednesday evening at 6:20: ushers: February: Janis and Jim Pederson		
comm. prep: 2/9: Amy Vleck; 2/23: still needed		
comm. servers: 2/9: Amy Vleck; 2/23: 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.