



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 1st and 3rd 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 and Laura Kory



From the Senior Pastor



Lent 2024: Embracing God's Kingdom in a Broken World

As we prepare to celebrate Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14), there are several opportunities that I would encourage you to take part in:

*Weekly Lenten worship services on Sunday morning and on Wednesdays. On Wednesdays, there will be a midday service at Trinity Lutheran Church at 11:00 am followed by a light soup lunch. We will hold evening services at Bethlehem beginning at 6:20 pm with dinner beginning at 5:30 pm (soup and sandwiches served by various groups). During evening worship, we will have faith dialogues with several members of our congregation and the invitation to listen and learn about God's continual work and provision in our lives.

*Join us on Wednesday nights (Feb. 21 and 28) as I lead an Overview of the Bible from beginning to end. This can serve as a good review for people that already are reading the Bible regularly or for people that might want to get started. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall (East) from 7:00-8:00 pm.

*Join us on Wednesday nights (March 6, 13, and 20) as we have a Bible study on the Gospel according to Mark. I will be leading this as well, and we will meet from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

NE MN Lay Leader Network presents:

Light Into Darkness

Nurturing authentic leadership in a culture of anxiety, isolation, and division

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:5

Keynote Speaker: Joy Hensel, Synod Minister for Mental Health and Wellness, NE MN Synod, ELCA

Other speakers: Rev. Amy Odgren, Bishop, NE MN Synod, Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner and Rev. Dr. David Mesner

Saturday, February 17, 2024 9:00 am—3:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brainerd

Registration through the Synod website or our linking to website at <https://belcnet.net>. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch and materials.

God's peace as we celebrate the season of Lent!

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.



CATECHISM

6TH-8TH GRADES: NEW TESTAMENT
MEET AT TRINITY

9TH GRADE: LIFE APPLICATION OF THE PAST 3 YEARS OF CATECHISM
MEET AT BETHLEHEM

FOR ALL 3RD GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS AND ANYONE WHO HAS MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 FROM 9:00-11:00 AM

LEARN | GROW | UNDERSTAND

RECEIVE YOUR FIRST COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, AT THE 9:00 AM SERVICE OR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT THE 6:20 PM SERVICE.

*FOR THE BREAD OF GOD IS THAT WHICH COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND GIVES LIFE TO THE WORLD. JOHN, 6:33

High School Youth Group

Wednesdays ~ 7:00 - 8:15 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran

Open to all 10th -12th graders *follow ISD 181 schedule



Sunday School kids will sing at the 9:00 am service on February 25.

UPCOMING ADULT FORUMS 10:00 AM

FEB 4 HEIDI GOULD FROM LAKES AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

FEB 11 JACKIE BURKEY FROM MASTER GARDENERS - GARDENING MYTHS

FEB 18 ASK A PASTOR - PR. MARK WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS

FEB 25 MAKE SOME CARDS FOR OUR MEMBERS

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!

2/7 - oriental chicken with rice, roasted broccoli and cauliflower, dessert

2/14 (Ash Wednesday) - chili charcuterie board

soup and sandwiches served by 2/21 and 2/28 - catechism youth 3/6 - 3/13 - Congregational Leadership Board 3/20 - staff

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. 4 - MAR. 3 - APR. 7 - MAY 5 - JUN. 2))

• 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 Worksheets Sunday

FEBRUARY 10

WANTED: WORKER BEES

Help out with various 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.

Kitchen Help NEEDED

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 24 AND 31
FEBRUARY 7 AND 14
5:00 - 6:45 PM**

We need help:

- setting up
- serving food
- cleaning up

If you can help on one of these Wednesdays, please sign up on the opportunity sheet.

February and March Funeral Service Groups

Nancy and Tim Bogenschutz

Deb Luhrs

Mary and Scott Parsons

Doris Aasen
Hans Anderson
Linda Anderson
Arless and Harry Bement
Darnel Carlson
Bethany Doucette
Larry and Natalie Embertson
Bruce and Deb Erickson
Bonnie and Matthew Garding
Jadyn and Kevin Gohman
Jennifer and Tom Grimm
Jeff and Shari Grunenwald
Anne Gustafson
Lynn Heinrich
Karl Jackman

Coordinators:

Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton

Marlys Ray

Assistants:

Jesse Jorges
Jenny King
Cory Kruse
Doug and Vicki Kruse
Camille and Clayton Lang
Laurie Levig
Nick Lundgren
Anita and Larry Martinson
Deb and Jeff McCarthy
Michael Miller
Emily and Tyler Monda
Marcy Nickel
Steven Olson

Barb Owens
Janis and Jim Peterson
Randy and Tammy Praught
Cody Rehberger
Karl and Gail Samp
Russ Schultz
Sue and Todd Sorenson
Elsie and Mike Stanek
Jackie Stromback
Anna and Jake Thesing
Kathy Thomson
Pat True
Amy and Dan Vleck
Bruce and Kelli Weaver



CREATION CARE

O Since the 1960s, global plastic production has skyrocketed about twentyfold with only 9% of it recycled, alarming governments and their citizens around the world. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), plastic is the most complicated material to recycle because each number (1-7) usually designates a different chemical makeup that requires different temperatures to recycle it for further use. A 2020 report from NPR and PBS Frontline found that since 1974, the plastic industry has spent millions on campaigns to convince the public that recycling would keep the environment clean. While glass and aluminum can be recycled endlessly, plastic degrades each time it is processed and made into polyester fabrics, building materials and more. Check out the Plastic Free Toolkit at greenamerica.org/plastic-free-toolkit for dozens of tips on how to reduce the amount of plastic you add to your life.

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

Looking ahead...

- *3/5 from 1:00—5:00 pm: *God's Work. Our Hands.* quarterly event at Salem West
- *3/6, 3/13, and 3/20 from 7:00—8:00 pm: Bible study of the Gospel of Mark by Pr. Mark
- *3/24 from 10:00—11:00 am: Palm Sunday breakfast
- *3/28 at 6:00 pm: Seder Meal; RSVP by 3/24
- *3/29 at 6:00 pm: Good Friday worship service
- *3/31 at 8:30 and 10:30 am: Easter Sunday services



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 Madison Finnegan; Bonnie Almond and family on the death of her brother Ronnie

Ongoing: Pat Krueger; Steve Oslos; Matthew; Oliver Salow; Ron Holloway; Melanie Serra; Todd K.; Kirsten Olson; those dealing with mental health issues; Roger Gonnerman; Cheryl Johnson; Phyllis Stall; Macy; Joan Aulich; Esther Peterson; Cheryl Hagger; Jim Thomson; Joyce Wagner; Dawn True; Linda Wilcox; Barb Neprud; Barbara Howard; Kacey Benson; for peace in our world; all 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

February: Kyle and Debbie Payne; Bob and Kay Pederson; Jenny and Scott Pederson and family; Todd and Tonya Person and family; Dave and Joyce Peterson; Jennifer Peterson; Janis and Jim Peterson and family; Mary Peterson and family; Norris Peterson; Bruce and Ariel Praska and family; Charles Praska and family; Henry Praska; Randy and Tammy Praught and family; Darbie and Jeff Pulak; Brian and Marlys Ray; Kara Reed; Abby Rehberger; Cody Rehberger; JoAnn and John Rehberger; Ben Reimers; Barrie and Beverley Rempel; Janell and Kevin Rhoda; Paul and Sarah Rhoda and family; Lisa Roberts; Phyllis Roberts; Michael Rosenow; Karen and Steve Rosenow; Heather Saffell and family; Gail and Karl Samp; Melody and Todd Schuldt; Russ Schultz; Zaryn Schwab and family; Carl and Solvejg Seamon; Jon and Melanie Serra

BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

FEBRUARY 8 AT 10:30 AM

THEY BOTH DIE AT THE END
BY ADAM SILVERA

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-FEBRUARY-4BETHLEHEM/1NATONTLLAB](https://whocanbethere.com/signup/week-of-february-4bethlehem/1natontllab)
 OR CALL THE OFFICE.

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

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARGARET STEBLAY OR KATHY DUFOUR.

Baptismal Blessings

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

February 11 for Stephen Ministers

FEBRUARY 11

SOUPER BOWL

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
DONATE NOW
 YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

ALL MONEY GOES TO THE SOUP KITCHEN

Wednesdays, February 21 and 28		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany 28 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Jesse Jones from Lighthouse Beginnings 10:00 am – Sunday School	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
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany 4 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Heidi Gould from Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Itty Bitty Book Bunch 5:30 pm – High School Hang Out AT LORD OF LIFE	5	6 7:30 am – Men’s bible study 10:30 am – RSA Circle of Change 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 5:00 pm – Girl Scouts 6:00 pm – Jonah Group
Transfiguration of Our Lord 11 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed BOW service with communion 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Jackie Burkey: Gardening Myths 10:00 am – Sunday School	12	office closes at 4:00 pm today 13 7:30 am – Men’s bible study 10:30 am – RSA Circle of Change 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 5:30 pm – CLB meeting 6:00 pm – Board Night
First Sunday of Lent 18 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Ask the Pastor 2:15 pm – BELC at Sunday Hospitality AT FIRST LUTHERAN 2:30 pm – Brainerd Leos	Presidents’ Day 19 Office closed	20 7:30 am – Men’s bible study 10:00 am – Ruth Circle 10:30 am – RSA Circle of Change 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 5:00 pm – Girl Scouts
Second Sunday of Lent 25 9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service 10:00 am – Adult Forum: make cards for our members 10:00 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Sunday lunch potluck	26	27 7:30 am – Men’s bible study 10:00 am – Creation Care Team mtg 10:30 am – RSA Circle of Change 11:30 am – 65+ Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm – Staff meeting
5:15 pm – BOW rehearsal 5:30 pm – dinner served 5:15 pm – Youth Bell Choir rehearsal	6:20 pm – Lent service 7:00 pm – 6-8 th catechism at Trinity	7:00 pm – High School Youth Group 7:00 pm – Sr. Choir rehearsal
5:15 pm – BOW rehearsal 5:15 pm – Youth Bell Choir rehearsal	5:30 pm – dinner served 6:20 pm – BOW service	Wednesdays, 1/31 and 2/7 7:00 pm – 9 th catechism at B

FEBRUARY

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
office closes at 4:00 pm today 31	1	2	3
<p>schedule below left</p> <p>7:00 pm – Wednesday night meal: ham and cheese sandwiches</p> <p>8:00 pm – 9th grade catechism at BELC</p>	<p>9:00 am – Worship service at Edgewood Brainerd</p> <p>9:00 am – Quilting Group</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:15 am – Worship service at Edgewood Baxter</p> <p>12:00 pm – Nicodemus Group</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	<p>8:30 am - LSS</p>	<p>9:00 am – NE MN Synod Lay Leader Network Series via Zoom</p> <p>9:00 am - First Communion class</p>
office closes at 4:00 pm today 7	8	9	10
<p>schedule below left</p> <p>7:00 pm – Worship service at Woodland and Samaritan</p> <p>8:00 pm – Wednesday night meal: oriental chicken</p> <p>9:00 pm – 9th grade huddle with Pr. Mark</p> <p>10:00 pm – 9th grade catechism at BELC</p>	<p>9:00 am – Executive Team meeting</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:30 am – Bethlehem Book Club</p> <p>5:30 pm – Girl Scouts</p>		<p>9:00 am – Worker Bees</p>
Ash Wednesday; office closes at 4:00 pm today 14	15	16	17
<p>9:00 am – Ash Wednesday service AT TRINITY</p> <p>7:00 pm – Wednesday night meal: chili con carne</p> <p>8:00 pm – Senior Choir rehearsal</p> <p>9:00 pm – Ash Wednesday service</p>	<p>9:00 am – Worship service at Edgewood Brainerd</p> <p>9:00 am – Quilting Group</p> <p>9:30 am - LSS</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:15 am – Worship service 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>9:00 am – NE MN Synod Lay Leader Network Series February Seminar – open to all</p>
office closes at 4:00 pm today 21	22	23	24
<p>schedule above left</p> <p>9:00 am – Lent service AT TRINITY</p> <p>7:00 pm – Worship service at Woodland and Samaritan</p> <p>8:00 pm – Wednesday night meal: soup and sandwiches served by catechism students</p> <p>9:00 pm – Overview of the Bible: Old Test.</p>	<p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>1:30 pm – Worship service at Bethany apartments</p> <p>5:30 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	<p>10:00 am – Stephen Ministry meeting</p>	
office closes at 4:00 pm today 28	29	1	2
<p>schedule above left</p> <p>9:00 am – Lent service AT TRINITY</p> <p>7:00 pm – Wednesday night meal: soup and sandwiches served by catechism students</p> <p>9:00 pm – Overview of the Bible: New Test.</p>	<p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</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.

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

Joint ELCA Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday Service
February 14th at 11:00AM
*Light lunch to follow

Wednesdays, February 21st - March 20th
11:00AM Services
*Light lunch to follow

Good Friday Service
March 29th at 11:00AM

Trinity Lutheran Church
1420 South 6th Street

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

CARD MAKING FUN ON FEBRUARY 15



Get creative on Thursday, February 15. 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 or by calling the office to let Cathy know who to expect.

Lent 2024

Sundays

*services at 9:00 am

Wednesdays

*soup and sandwiches served by various groups from 5:30 - 6:15 pm

*services at 6:20 pm featuring *That You May Have Life* liturgy and faith dialogues with members

*Pr. Mark leading Overview of the Bible from 7:00 - 8:00 pm
2/21 ~ Old Testament
2/28 ~ New Testament
3/6, 3/13, and 3/20 ~ Gospel of Mark

Ask the Pastor

Do you ever leave a service with a "I wonder why.....?"

Do you ever hear something on the news and think, "I wonder what Pastor Mark's take on this would be?"

Now is the chance to get your answers! Our first *Ask the Pastor* event will be on Sunday, February 18th at 10:00 am. Please submit your questions to the office at pastormark@belcnet.net or on the opportunities sheet by February 15. Pastor Mark will choose some of those questions and answer them on the 18th during Adult Forum.

BELC HELPING 3RD SUNDAYS AT SUNDAY HOSPITALITY AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COORDINATES WITH BRIDGES OF HOPE WARMING SHELTER TO PROVIDE A WARM SHELTER AND FOOD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO PLACE TO GO. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ON FEBRUARY 18!!!**

THERE ARE TWO SHIFTS: HOSTING FROM 2:15 - 4:30 PM AND SERVING FOOD FROM 4:30 - 6:15 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 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 TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.

All are welcome!
SUNDAY LUNCH POTLUCK

Gather on Sunday, February 25 for fellowship and fun from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

The next potluck is February 25.

Lenten Lunch Hour Book Study

Wednesdays Feb. 7 - March 13
 11:45-1:15 pm
 First Lutheran Church

Making Sense of the Cross
 David J. Lose

Listen in on a conversation between two people having an open and candid discussion about the cross, posing the questions: *So what's the deal with the cross? What does it say about God? What's the deal? Did Jesus have a deal?* Call FLC office at 829-3330 to register and reserve your spot.
 Pr. Pat

Northeastern Minnesota Synod Lay Leader Network
 February Seminar
 2.17.2024

LIGHT INTO DARKNESS
 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
 John 1:5

ABOUT THE FEBRUARY SEMINAR

All are welcome to spend a Saturday gaining insight from this proclamation in John—light into darkness—and nurturing your own authentic leadership in a culture of anxiety, isolation, and division.
 In-person at Bethlehem Lutheran Church--Brainerd, MN
February 17, 2024 9:00 - 3:00
 \$15 registration fee

Rev. Dr. Dave Mesner, Division
 Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner, Division
 Joy Hensel, Synod Minister
 Presenter Roundtable

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Take all you want!

The Archive Committee has gathered extra photos and memorabilia on the Narthex table that is available for your taking during the month of February. Spark your memories and enjoy a chuckle! Take all you want!

65+ Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, February 27 at 11:30 am

RSVP to the office at 218-829-3330 or sign up on the opportunity sheet by February 25. Pr. Mark will be speaking.

God's work. Our hands.

You are invited to participate in Bethlehem's "God's work. Our hands." quarterly event at Salem West on March 5 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Volunteers will do various tasks that may include sorting donations and doing laundry. 6-10 volunteers are needed. Sign up at www.belcnet.net



WOLVERINE VOLUNTEERS

SET UP & REGISTRATION

Volunteers get access to the Saturday night tent party featuring live music and a meal voucher during your shift. If you are able to help, please email amynda@confidencelearningcenter.org

All proceeds raised from the event benefit Confidence Learning Center and the Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes.



CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER
 The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes
 Feeding Hunger. Enriching Lives.

LIVING MEMORIALS IN YOUR MAILBOX HERE AT CHURCH.

Thank you!

Do you want to double your contribution to BELC?

There are several business in the Lakes Area that are providing a matching program for employees that support local charities. We encourage you to check with your human resource manager to find out if your company is one of these that provides this employee benefit. Some of these same companies have matching volunteer hours for their employees. When you volunteer hours for a charity, they will provide a monetary donation to the charity of your designation. If you would like to help BELC in its goal of helping the community to thrive, please check to see if your company is in a matching program. We would love to double your contribution for BELC.

~ Board of Stewardship and Properties

Thank you for your \$94.54 donation to Bridges of Hope's Operation Sandwich program. Your generous gift helps feed kids when free and reduced meals are not accessible at school. Your gift allowed us to distribute over 55,000 lunches to 694 families this summer! We also distributed more than 600 snack packs during school break so far this school year.

Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to meet the huge increase in need. Thanks to generous donors like you, kids in the Brainerd Lakes Area don't have to experience childhood hunger during the summer or extended school breaks. On behalf of Bridges of Hope and Operation Sandwich staff and volunteers, thank you again. We are grateful! ~Jana Shogren, Executive Director

We appreciate your support as we strive to provide the very best care to our women and children as they rebuild their lives. ~ The Board and Staff of Relationship Safety Alliance



Thank you so much for again supporting RSA with a Giving Tree! You have helped to bring a Merry Christmas to many families! ~Jill from Relationship Safety Alliance



Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

1 ~ Anna Heinrich, Monique Ray

2 ~ Anthony Cole

4 ~ Adam Ellingsen, Kayli Overland

5 ~ Sarah Wiger

7 ~ Logan Backstrom

8 ~ Nathan Fuller, Bill Kallroos, Christopher Munsch

9 ~ Allan Dosh, Evan Gorny

10 ~ Brody Bartolic

11 ~ Luanne Hallgren

12 ~ Noah Gindorff, Frances Girling

13 ~ Doris Aasen, Bernice Finch, Harleyann Praska

14 ~ Maxine Debler, Kelly Kruize, Kay Pederson

15 ~ Terri Hanson

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 Heath, Michael Munsch

22 ~ Matthew Garding, Anthony Jonak, Lyla Jourdan, Lindsie McKusick, Brett Severson

24 ~ Jadyn Gohman, 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.

GET YOUR LOOSE CHANGE READY!

NOISY OFFERING

IN JANUARY, YOU DONATED \$265.69 FOR LIGHTHOUSE BEGINNINGS. IN FEBRUARY, MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED FOR BRIDGES OF HOPE.

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!

February Worship Assistants

Sundays at 9:00 am

Greeters:	4: Deb Steuck, Carissa and Mille Micek 11: still needed	18: still needed 25: still needed
Ushers:	4: Janis and Jim Peterson 11: Cathy and Dan Lee	18: Jen and Camilla Lindholm 25: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton
Readers:	4: Jackie Nornes 11: Kim Spencer	18: Pam Finch 25: Stacy Erdal
Communion Preparation:	4: Shelly Birchem, Sasha Burgstaler 11: Bob and Kay Pederson	18: Jen and Joe Lindholm
Communion Servers:	4: Deb Steuck, 2 more needed 11: 3 still needed	18: Pam Finch, 2 more needed
Sound:	4: Jerry DeChaine 11: Scott Pederson	18: still needed 25: still needed
Video:	4: Krystal DeChaine 11: still needed	18: Marcus Lindholm 25: Marcus Lindholm
Assisting Minister:	4: Jackie Nornes 11: still needed	18: still needed 25: still needed
Treats in Narthex:	4: still needed 11: still needed	18: still needed 25: Stacy Erdal
Flowers:	4: still needed 11: still needed	18: still needed 25: still needed
Wednesday night at 6:20:	2/7: ushers: Greg and Sue Wiger; communion prep: still needed ; sound: Scott Peterson; assisting minister: Pam Stock; kitchen help: 2 still needed	
	Ash Wednesday, 2/14: greeters: still needed ; ushers: Greg and Sue Wiger; reader: Wendy Gindorff; communion prep: Jackie Nornes, 1 more needed ; communion servers: Pam Finch, 2 more needed ; sound: Scott Pederson; assisting minister: Pam Stock; kitchen help: 2 still needed	
	2/21: ushers: Greg and Sue Wiger; sound: Scott Pederson; assisting minister: Al Albertson; faith dialogue: TBD	
	2/28: ushers: Greg and Sue Wiger; sound: Scott Pederson; assisting minister: Al Albertson; faith dialogue: TBD	

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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.