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THE BETHLEHEM STAR



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WORSHIP TIMES

In-person worship:

Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

In-person and livestreamed:

Sundays at 9:00 am

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

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

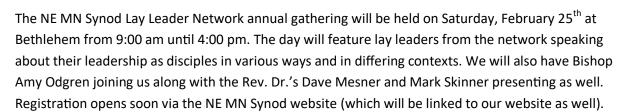
IT Coordinator: Scott Pederson
Custodial Services: Rob Larson



From the Senior Pastor

"Discipleship in the Present Age"





Epiphany Mission conversations

Join us beginning Sunday, Jan. 15th through Feb. 12th during the education hour (at 10:00 am following worship) as our boards present what they have been working on through the year, along with initiatives for the coming year. They welcome your feedback and appreciate the conversations.

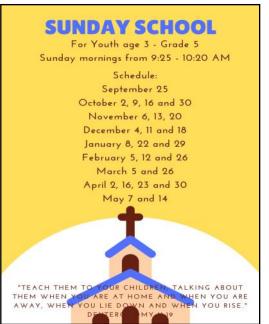
Blessings to you as we celebrate the Epiphany season!

Pastor Mark

January 2023

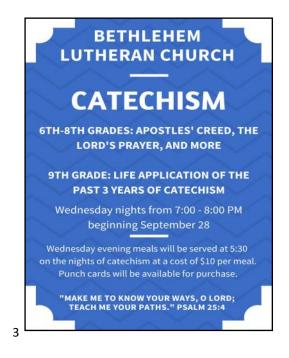
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From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor











In November, the Board of Worship and Music voted to move to one service on Sunday mornings beginning in January. The service will be at 9:00 am (also livestreamed) followed by the Education Hour at 10:00 am. The Board will continue to evaluate attendance on Sunday mornings, and if they see an increase in attendance, they may consider moving back to two services. We will continue to offer Wednesday evenings services at 6:20 pm as well as the services at the nursing homes (Woodland 1st and 3rd Wed. at 1:30 pm, Edgewood Brainerd 1st and 3rd Thur. at 9:00 am, and Edgewood Baxter 1st and 3rd Thur. at 10:15 am).





December—January Funeral Service Groups

Jean Anhalt Art and Colleen Jentsch Bill and Judy Kallroos

Janey Adair Kris Anderson Carla and Clark Backstrom Abbi and Kevin Bartolic Shelly Birchem Morgan Burgstaler Marty and Teresa Christian-

Deb and Rick Cole **Deloris Ebinger**

Jennifer Grunewald Carolyn Hale

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Lee Ann Hollingsworth DJ and Sandy Janssen

Coordinators:

Keith and Kirsten Olson

Assistants: Aaron and Laura Johnson John and Judy Jourdan Kathryn and Sam Jourdan Mary Ketterling

Kris Kolstad Brenda and Jayme Laughton Cathy and Dan Lee Karly and Mike Lillo Jeanette Listul Cvnthia Merrill

Barbara Miller

Janelle Mienert Troy Miller and Joan Rosenow Nancy and Rick Sweet Patricia Nelson

Larry and Natalie Embertson Jenny Johnson

Curt and Sandy Nielsen Doreen Olson Pete and Sheri Olson Bob and Kay Pederson Jennifer Peterson Ben Reimers Mike Rosenow Sue Skinner Char Slough

Patrick and Teri Slough Alice and Dave Smith

Corliss Smith

Craig and Tricia Warner



CREATION CARE

Even as nearly 90% of Minnesota communities have reported feeling the effects of climate change over the past three years, only 14% of them have made plans to adapt to a changing climate, such as raising roads, upgrading stormwater pipes or planting more resilient trees, according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). One way individual homeowners can help to lower the carbon emissions causing rising temperatures and climate change is by replacing their clothes dryer with a high-efficiency all-electric heat pump dryer. Heat pump dryers use about 30% less energy than conventional ones by heating the air and using it to remove moisture from the clothes. Then it reuses the air once the moisture is removed. Look for heat pump dryers that use refrigerants with a low global warming potential. The new climate bill offers up to \$840 to homeowners for making this upgrade

Source: http://www.nemnsynod.org/green-tips.html5

Looking ahead...

- *February 5 at 10:00 am—Itty Bitty Book Bunch
- *February 5 at 10:00 am—Adult Forum: Epiphany Mission Conversation: Board of Service and **Evangelism**
- *February 12 at 10:00 am—Adult Forum: Epiphany Mission Conversation: Board of Education and **Spiritual Formation**
- *February 16 at 5:30 pm—Congregational Leadership Board meeting
- *February 22 at 6:20 pm —Ash Wednesday service



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:

New: Bonnie and Steve Almond; Clarence Spencer; Marianne and David Sorenson; Yvonne Kalahar and family on the death of her brother Wally Pantzke; Samuel's children

Sympathy: the family of Anthony McCarthy; the family of Tom Ringhand; Larry Martinson and family on the death of his brother Marvin:

Ongoing: Barbara Unger; Jan Wiger; Rob Anderson; the family of Anthony McCarthy; Mary Anderson; Conner Erickson; Jessica Rodenbiker; Kacey Benson; Todd K.; Linda Wilcox; Ron; BELC member; Joan Rosenow; Randy and Margie Thiel; Bonnie; for peace in our world; all who are grieving; a BELC member; Phyllis Roberts; for all affected by COVID; residents and staff of assisted living/nursing home facilities; healthcare workers; all caregivers; everyone dealing with cancer /other diseases Military: Nick Schwab in Navv

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

January: Gabe and Tracie Churchill; Carolyn and Jim Cole; Deb and Rick Cole; Amanda Crandall and family; Forrest Crocker and Julie Vanderschaaf; Forrest Crocker Jr.; Ella Dahl; Jim Daly; Maxine Debler; Jerry and Krystal DeChaine; Barb DePaoli; Tricia and Wayne Dosh; Bethany Doucette and family; Bob Dryden; Jessica Dufour; Deloris Ebinger; Mike and Sonja Eidenshink and family; Linda Ekstrum; Katie Breen and family; Larry and Natalie Embertson; Bev and Dave Emery; Jeff Emery; Michael Emery; Stacy Erdal and family; Bruce and Deb Erickson; Lannell and Mary Farmer; Dylan and Emily Ferrari and family; Bernice and Jim Finch; Michael Finch; Pam Finch and family; Jaclyn and Terry Forsberg and family; Mary Ann Frisch; Ray Frisch; Patricia Fuller; Mavis Galligher; Al Gardner; Mike and Wendy Gindorff and family; Cassandra Girling and family; Jadyn and Kevin Gohman; Darla Mae and Roger Gonnerman;



IN-PERSON SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 8 AT 10:00 AM

*Approve the 2023 budget

*Presentation of long range strategic
outcomes and bold steps
Contact President Russ Schultz for
more information.



JANUARY 17 FROM 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

PLEASE RSVP ON OUR WEBSITE

WWW.BELCNET.NET

OR EMAIL THE OFFICE AT

OFFICE@BELCNET.NET OR CALL

THE OFFICE AT 218-829-3330 BY

JANUARY 16.



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

EPIPHANY MISSION CONVERSATIONS

Each board will have an opportunity to present from 10:00-11:00 am.

January 15 ~ Stewardship and Properties

January 22 ~ Congregational Care and Community

January 29 ~ Worship and Music

February 5 ~ Service and Evangelism

February 12 ~ Education and Spiritual Formation

Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25

5:15 pm – BOW Team rehearsal 6:20 pm –BOW service 7:00 pm – High School 7:00 pm – Meal served for \$10 7:00 pm – Sr. Choir rehearsal Youth Group

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5:45 pm – Youth Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm - Catechism



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1 st Sunday of Christmas 1	2	3	
g:oo am– In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion	Office closed 6:00 pm – Board of Service and Evangelism meeting online	7:30 am – Men's bible study	See 10:3 1:30 5:30 sand 6:20
Baptism of Our Lord 8	9	10	
g:oo am — In-person and livestreamed BOW worship service with communion 10:00 am — Sunday School 10:00 am — Adult Forum: Semi-annual congregational meeting	4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	7:30 am – Men's bible study 5:30 pm – Board of Congregational Care and Community meeting 7:00 pm – LLN in-between session via Zoom	See : 5:30
2 nd Sunday after Epiphany 15	Martin Luther King. Jr. Day 16	17	
9:00 am—In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 20:00 am — Adult Forum: Epiphany Mission Conversation: Board of Stewardship and Properties 3:00 pm — Brainerd Leos and Roars	Office closed	7:30 am – Men's bible study 6:00 pm – Prayer Group dinner	See : 1:00 1:30 5:30
3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 22	23	24	
9:00 am— In-person and livestreamed worship service 10:00 am — Sunday School 10:00 am — Adult Forum: Epiphany Mission Conversation: Board of Congregational Care and Community	5:00 pm – Creation Care Team meeting	7:30 am — Men's bible study 10:00 am — Stephen Ministry meeting	See : 5:15
4 th Sunday after Epiphany 29	30	31	
9:00 am— In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am — Sunday School 10:00 am — Adult Forum: Epiphany Mission Conversation: Board of Worship and Music		7:30 am – Men's bible study 11:30 am – 65+ Lunch Bunch 5:30 pm – Endowment Board meeting	See : 1:30 5:15



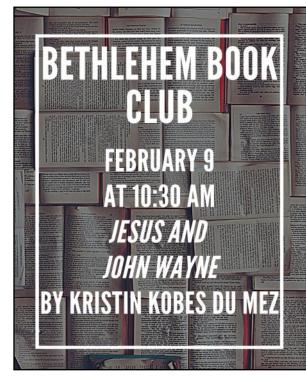
To view our online services on Sunday at10:30 am, to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKGd23TW4V1m lqCsktOho3q

The service will also be posted on our website at www.belcnet.net upon completion of the service.

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chedule above left am – Bethlehem Book Club om – Woodland worship service om – meal for \$10: pulled pork viches pm – Joint Epiphany service chedule above left om – meal for \$10: Giovanni's pizza	11	9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd worship service 9:00 am – Quilting Group 10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter worship service 4:30 pm – Board of Worship and Music meeting followed by take down Christmas decorations 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 6:00 pm – Jonah Group 9:00 am – Executive Team meeting 10:00 am – LSS PTDS Groups 5:30 pm – Board of Education and Spiritual Formation meeting 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts	12	13	14 g:oo am – Worker Bees
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chedule above left om — meal for \$10: tortilla soup	,	10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups 4:30 pm – Card making 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts		-,	g:oo am – First Communion
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chedule above left om – Woodland worship service om – meal for \$10: TBD		9:00 am — Edgewood Brainerd worship service 9:00 am — Quilting Group 10:00 am — LSS PTSD Groups 10:15 am — Edgewood Baxter worship service 6:00 pm — Girl Scouts 6:00 pm - Jonah Group			9:00 am – Lay Leader Network Series via Zoom 9:00 am – Worker Bees





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

CARD MAKING FUN ON JANUARY 26







Get creative on Thursday, January 26 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: 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.





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.







POINSETTIAS were given in memory of *Darold Owens from the Owens family *Nancy Smith from Alice and David Smith *Loved ones from Gene and Lynn Teufert *Gladys Rudningen from the Rehbergers *Vickie Oslos and Bill Eng from Steve and Pam Oslos *Mark Skogen and Dorothy and Vern Skogen from Cori Wrobel *Alexis Laughton from Cheryl Macejkovic *Wally and Doris Olson and Donald Peterson from Keith and Kirsten Olson *Roy Cheney from Karen Cheney *Michael Robert Zickuhr from Pam Stock *Don and Dolores Olson from Kristi Holloway *James Munsch from Jan Munsch *Norman Gardner from Al Gardner *Loved ones from Marlene Kossila *Vernon & Dorothy Skogen & Mark Skogen from Nancy & Rick Sweet *Jim Albie from Craig and Tricia Warner *Our parents from Nick and Cathie Benson *Grandma Orella from Ruth and John Unger *Jerry Slough from the Slough family *Bob and JoAnn Lundeby and Don Jourdan from John and Judy Jourdan *Tom Spencer from Clarence and Kim Spencer *Loved ones from Dave and Shelly Johnson *Guil and Sally Parsons and Alden and Rose Sundet from Mary and Scott Parsons were given in honor of *Bob and Char Wrobel from Cori Wrobel *Church musicians from Mary Farmer *Barbara and Roger Nornes' 68th anniversary from Jackie Nornes

Thank you!

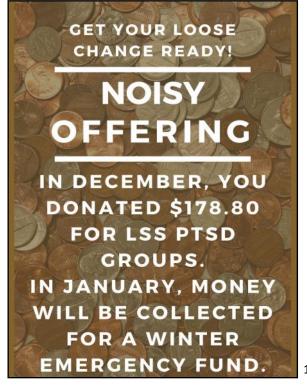
January—November financial update
Total Revenue \$391,213*
Total Expenses \$384,097
Net Income +\$7,116*

*Without Shared Ministry income from Trinity Lutheran, our income and net income would be \$361,747 with a loss of \$22,350. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Designated Fund

Thank you for all the donations for poinsettias.

It isn't too late to turn in your 2023 estimate of giving or financial gift card. Additional cards are available in the office. Thank you to everyone who has turned theirs in already.







Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

- 1~ Madison Becker, Melodee Hagel, Carson Hays, Faye Nelson
- 3 ~ Dylan Lee
- 4 ~ Jackie Burkey, Deb Erickson, Jill O'Grady
- 5 ~ Jayme Laughton
- 6 ~ Brandon Fuller, Pam Stock
- 7 ~ Nate Parsons
- 8 ~ Catherine Schindler
- 9 ~ Shaylyn Johnson, Tracie McFarlin
- 10 ~ Gary Braun
- 11 ~ Anita Martinson, Riley Slough
- 14 ~ Wayne Arndt, Patricia Nelson
- 15 ~ Easton Burgstaler, Cassandra Girling, Aiden Louis, Alissa Louis, Gail Samp
- 17 ~ Stacy Erdal, Karl Jackman, Kaelyn Spencer-Bosaaen

- 18 ~ Dylan Ferrari, Brayden Tollefson
- 20 ~ Ashley Bontjes
- 22 ~ Al Albertson, Bonnie LeDoux, Ervin Stanek
- 23 ~ Brent Levig, Rebecca Ostrowski, Brooklyn Taylor, Willow Thesing
- 24 ~ Nick Benson, Katelyn Praught
- 25 ~ Cathie Benson, Mary Parsons, Rick Patton,
 Tyler Vork
- 26 ~ Kaylianna Pulak
- 27 ~ Norma Kotyk, Kyle Louis
- 28 ~ Emily DeChaine, Cadence Jones, Brenda Laughton
- 29 ~ Ryan Grimm, Jean Kreuger
- 30 ~ Clara Ferrari
- 31 ~ Cheryl Johnson, Thomas Monda

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.

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January Worship Assistants

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Greeters:	9:00 am 1: Karen Cheney 15: Larry and Natalie Embertson	ay Theien Cathy and Dan Lee					
Ushers:	29: Kay Theien 1: Bob and Kay Pederson 15: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton 29: Jen and Joe Lindholm	8: Ar	8: Anna and Jake Thesing 22: Becky and Dave Meyer				
Readers:	1: Jackie Nornes 8: Jen Lindholm 15:Larry Embertson 22: Cathy Lee 29: Bev Gotti						
Communion Preparation:	1: Sasha Burgstaler, Shelly Bircher 8: Kelly Gubrud, Kristi Holloway 15: Sasha Burgstaler, Shelly Birche 29: Jen and Joe Lindholm						
Communion Servers:	1: Cheryl and Jeff Nichols, Sue Ski 8: Pam Oslos, Jen Lindholm, Janis 15: 3 still needed 29: Pam Oslos, 2 still needed						
Sound:	1: Jerry DeChaine 15: Todd Person 29: Todd Person		8: Todd Person 22: Jerry DeChaine				
Video:	1: Krystal DeChaine 8: Tonya Person 15: Tonya Person 22: Krystal DeChaine 29: Tonya Person						
Assisting Minister:	1: Jackie Nornes 15: Pam Stock 29: Pam Stock	8:none 22:Jackie Nornes					
Treats:	1: 15: still needed 29: still needed		8: still needed 22: the Erdals				
Flowers:	1: 15: still needed 29: still needed		8: still needed 22: still needed				
Wednesday ushers	4: Greg and Sue Wiger 11: Teri Slough, Jenny Johnson 18: Greg and Sue Wiger 25: Greg and Sue Wiger		dnesday munion	4: Jen Lindholm 11: still needed 18: still needed 25: none			
Wednesday sound	4: Tonya Person 11: still needed 18: still needed 25: Tonya Person	15					

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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.

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