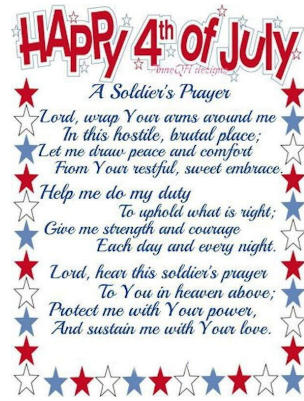


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**WORSHIP TIMES**  
**Sundays at 9:00 am**  
with Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
  
**OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
9:00 am- 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
  
**Friday**  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**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  
**Custodial Services:** Ruth Unger

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](http://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

### NE MN Synod Lay Leader Network: Yearly Intensive Series

Here is an exciting opportunity coming up this September 2019 through May of 2020. Bethlehem will be one of two host sites for the yearly intensive series that is specifically geared for lay leaders in congregations. The cost is \$220 which covers all four sessions (Saturdays: Sep. 7, Nov. 16, Feb. 15, May 16) from 9 am – 4 pm. The Bethlehem Endowment Board is providing a \$55 discount for the first 12 Bethlehem members that register. Talk with Cori or Pastor Mark for more details in entering the special promotional code to receive the discount. Below is a description of the series lead by Rev. Dr. Jim Bailey, New Testament Emeritus at Concordia College and Wartburg Theological Seminary; Rev. Dr. Dave Mesner, Senior Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Duluth, and Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner Senior Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran in Brainerd. To register go to [www.nemnsynod.org](http://www.nemnsynod.org) and click on the lay leader network tab, under mission and ministry, to register for the Yearly Intensive Series. Deadline for registration is August 15.



*As a life-long learning program, the Yearly Intensive Series is designed to give adult students opportunity to grow in their faith for the purposes of personal spiritual development, biblical and theological learning and enhancing missional leadership. It promotes intentional conversation for the discernment of gifts to be used in various ways in ministry and leadership within a person's current congregation and in his/her community.*

#### YEARLY INTENSIVE SERIES "at a Glance"

*Each program year comprises four day-long seminars led by accomplished Synod theologians, various assigned readings and tasks, opportunities to engage in group learning between seminars, and exercises for the encouragement of individual discernment and spiritual growth, and skills enhancement.*

#### Content includes:

Biblical Study/LutheranTheology(35%)  
Engaging Missional Context (20%)

Leadership and Spiritual Development (30%)  
Specific Ministry Focus (15%)

*The Yearly Intensive Series' biblical study content aligns with the ELCA lectionary, encouraging new students to enter the three-year program cycle at any year.*

#### Nicodemus Group

If you have recently retired, or you have retired within the last ten years, I would like to invite you to consider the Nicodemus Group here at Bethlehem. We formed this group two years ago and have had some wonderful years of spiritual growth and fun together. We meet once a month (second Tuesday of the month) from noon until 3:00 pm at Bethlehem. We begin by sharing a meal together and then continue with good, thought-provoking conversation regarding God's continual guidance and provision in our lives, and throughout God's world. The participants in this group typically will span from recent retirement to about ten years' post-retirement age.

We will have the opportunity to cover a wide-span of material to include: personal devotion and reflection, time-line and life-marker reflections, passing on the legacy of faith, and understanding our own faith story and callings through the lens of God's kingdom. We will spend time together in April with a field trip to the Twin Cities, where we will visit a Jewish synagogue, a Greek Orthodox church, and the Center for Changing Lives in downtown Minneapolis.

As you can see, this promises to be an enjoyable opportunity to broaden our faith, deepen friendships, and hopefully gain a keener perspective of God's intention for our life together. If you are interested in participating in this group, I ask you to commit to the following: Contact me with any questions you may have along with your intention to participate or sign up on the yellow opportunities sheet during worship for more information. My email is [pastormark@belcnet.net](mailto:pastormark@belcnet.net). The cost per participant is \$75, which covers the expense of the four books we will be reading, along with transportation costs to the Cities. As you can see, hopefully this is very reasonable.



Please remember these people in prayer  
on their birthdays.

2 ~ Lucy Marshall

3 ~ Mariah Arndt, Jacob Heinrich, Naomi Bremer, Mitch Nelson

4 ~ Mike Rosenow

5 ~ Rayden Miller, Emily Parenteau, Lynn Teufert

6 ~ Emma Grunenwald, Ryan Zelenka, Don Nelson

7 ~ Marcus Lindholm, Jim Peterson, Larry Embertson

9 ~ Mary Ann Emerson

10 ~ Liam O'Grady

11 ~ Jason Fordyce, Erica Munsch, Dave Johnston, Sue Bremer

12 ~ Hollie McFarlin, Will Laughton, Paul Rhoda, Debbie Moe, Jackie Spaulding, Stefan True

13 ~ Patricia Fuller, Dave Nelson

15 ~ Nancy Sweet

16 ~ Haley Slough, Elizabeth Wilcox, Amber Hennessey, Jeff Grunenwald, Jan Wilcox

17 ~ Pat True

18 ~ Thor Thorson

19 ~ Camilla Lindholm, Faith Rhoda, Eric Aasen

20 ~ Brian Forsberg, Erica Swedberg, Cori Wengel, Mollie Nelson, Michael Miller

21 ~ Patrick Skogen, Dawn Verdon, Cheryl Macejkovic

22 ~ Brandon Larson

23 ~ Darbie Pulak, Bill Bailey, Kay Theien

24 ~ Connor Rand, Sam Roberts, Christian Kotchikian

25 ~ Luke Olson, Steve Oslos

26 ~ Trond Sjoberg, Jessica Macejkovic, Sherry Rinke

27 ~ Gabbie Klukas, DJ Janssen

28 ~ Abby Holloway, Brenda Jonak

29 ~ Jack Gubrud, Lannell Farmer

31 ~ Alex McFarlin, Norris Peterson, Jim Finch

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](mailto:office@belcnet.net).

**July Ministry of the Month:**

**Board of Service and Evangelism**

*Bethlehem Lutheran Church*  
**CHRISTMAS IN JULY GIVING TREE**

THIS YEAR WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR LSS HOPE HOUSING AND THE WOMEN'S SHELTER. ITEMS IN BLACK INK ARE FOR LSS HOPE HOUSING AND ITEMS IN BLUE INK ARE FOR THE WOMEN'S SHELTER.

**PLEASE RETURN ITEMS BY JULY 29.**

Help out two of our community partners:  
 LSS and our newest partner  
 the Women's Shelter

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 FREEWILL DONATION WITH ALL MONEY GOING TO OPERATION SANDWICH.**

Help out another community partner:  
 Operation Sandwich

**From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor**

**LOOK FOR**

the 2019-2020 Children, Youth, and Family Ministry brochure at the very end of the month.

**Summer Stretch**



Helping Operation Sandwich on 6/6



Helping at Confidence Learning Center and going for a strike on 6/13



**VBserve June 24 - 27**

**Community Picnic June 27 5:00-7:00pm**





God's Closet



# ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP TO CHICAGO

31 OF OUR MEMBERS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS WITH SOME FUN ALONG THE WAY.

Come to Sweets and Stories on Sunday, August 18 at 10:00 am to see more pictures and hear lots of stories!



Leaving BELC 6/16



First Lutheran of the Holy Trinity



Wrigley Field




Books for Prisoners




Lydia House

## Looking ahead...

- \*8/5—serve dinner for Bridges of Hope at 5:30 pm
- \*8/15—Congregational Leadership Board meeting at 5:30 pm
- \*8/18—Recognition of Endowment Board scholarship recipients at 9:00 am service
- \*8/18—Sweets and Stories at 10:00 am
- \*8/19—8/22—BELC serves Operation Sandwich: make sandwiches at 10:00 am; deliver at 11:15 am
- \*8/21—Kindergarten portraits and ice cream at 5:30 pm
- \*8/25—Sunday Night Potluck at 5:00 pm
- \*8/26—serve dinner for Bridges of Hope at 5:30 pm

 **Young at Heart** will meet at Grizzly's on Friday, July 12 at 12:00 pm.



The **80s+ Lunch Bunch** is taking the summer off but will resume meeting in September. 



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.

*"Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth; help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart." -Luther*

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Casey Stengel; Steve Jonak; 4 year old Emma; Donald Shogren; Dawn Imgrund; all addicts; everyone dealing with mental health issues; all caregivers; Chuck Dahl; Aldene Gosse; Cheryl Johnson; everyone dealing with cancer

**Sympathy:** the family of Evelyn O'Connor; the families of the helicopter crash victims; the family of Art Rimmereid; the family of Rodney Kossila; the family of Clint Evans; the family of Scott Bundy

**Service:** Danny Peters in Peace Corps

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 July:**

Aaron and Laura Johnson and family; Bernice E. Johnson; Bernice J. Johnson; Bob and Jenny Johnson; Charlie and Sue Johnson; Cheryl and Scott Johnson; Dave and Shelly Johnson and family; Gudrun Johnson; Jennie and Phil Johnson and family; Trina Johnson and family; Dustin Johnson and Rebecca Ostrowski and family; Kent Johnson III; Margaret Johnson; Dave and Tanya Johnston; Brenda Jonak and family; Katelyn Jones and family; Deanna and Phil Jones; Logan Jones and family; Joyce Jorgenson; Judy and John Jourdan; Kathryn and Sam Jourdan and family; Lois Juntunen; Lynn and Yvonne Kalahar; Bill and Judy Kallroos; Ken and Marcie Kemboi; Mary Ketterling

# Attention Women of Bethlehem Walkers!

We're taking a suggestion from the Planting the Seed meetings and starting an informal women's walking group. All women are invited to come walk with us to socialize and get some exercise.

The first walk will begin at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 10 (weather permitting) at the lower parking lot at the Northland Arboretum for a walk on the Paul Bunyan Trail. All walkers are welcome - go as far and fast as you wish!

If you have questions, contact Kathy Hauble at 218-851-2766 or klhauble@gmail.com

## WANTED: KITCHEN HELPERS



What: Bridges of Hope will be giving monthly presentations at BELC and needs our help to serve meals.

When: typically 1st and 4th Mondays of the month from 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Sign up on the yellow opportunities sheet. Talk to Sara Larson if you have questions.

## Summer office hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 - 12:00 and  
1:00 - 4:00

Friday  
9:00 - 12:00

## BETHLEHEM'S Pick Up CHOIR

July 14 - Amazing Grace  
August 18 - Come Let Us Sing

It's a one-day commitment: practice from 8:25 - 8:50 am on the sanctuary floor (no stairs!) and sing at the 9:00 am service.

Talk to Senior Choir Director Al Albertson for more information.

# Help needed

We are looking for people willing to provide a snack and serve coffee after the 9:00 service on Sundays this summer.

IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP OUT ONCE OR TWICE THIS SUMMER, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE YELLOW OPPORTUNITY SHEET. SOMEONE WILL CONTACT YOU.

SPECIFIC DATES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

## OFFSITE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

\*WOODLAND NURSING HOME  
1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS  
1:30 PM

\*EDGEWOOD BRAINERD  
1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS  
9:00 AM

EDGEWOOD BAXTER  
1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS  
10:15 AM

YOU ARE WELCOME AT ANY OF THESE SERVICES IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BELC.

\*PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING THESE SERVICES

## SUMMER HYMN SINGS

TO BE HELD ON NON-COMMUNION SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER AT THE START OF THE SERVICE

WRITE DOWN THE NAME OF YOUR FAVORITE ELW (RED HYMNAL) OR HFG (LIGHT BLUE HYMNAL) ON THE YELLOW OPPORTUNITIES SHEET. WE WILL SING AS MANY HYMN FAVORITES AS WE CAN.

## MUSICIANS NEEDED

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN ACCOMPANYING A HYMN OR PLAYING WITH THE SENIOR CHOIR OR WORSHIP TEAM. TALK TO AL ALBERTSON FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SIGN UP ON THE YELLOW OPPORTUNITIES SHEET.

# Life Events



Elizabeth Dorthea Grimstad

Birth: 1/28/19

Baptism: 6/2/19

Parker Dean Weigelt

Birth: 6/15/18

Baptism: 6/16/19

Myla Beverly Gilderman

Birth: 12/31/18

Baptism: 6/9/19

Rodney Kossila

Birth: 11/13/43

Funeral: 6/25/19



Rev. Art Rimmereid, pastor here from 1968-1982, passed away on June 24. The funeral was held on July 1. You may send cards to his son Paul at 14990 44th Avenue North, Plymouth, MN 55446.

# Thank you!

Thank you to Logan Peterson who built the new benches outside the front doors and by the back door as part of his Eagle Scout project. Logan also built a gaga pit for the youth to use.



*Night Under the Stars*  
**LUAU AT THE LAKE**  
*(Gala for Camp Knutson campers with identified needs)*

Saturday, July 20, 2019  
4:30 - 6:15 PM. Silent Auction & Wine Hub  
6:30 - 8:30 PM. Dinner, Program & Live Auction

LET US KNOW IF YOU'LL JOIN THE LUAU!  
**RSVP BY JULY 10, 2019**  
Online Registration: [WWW.CAMPKNUSTON.COM](http://WWW.CAMPKNUSTON.COM)

Sharon Elmquist  
ELMS@CROSSLAKE.NET | 218.692.1142

Join us at Camp Knutson  
11140 MANHATTAN POINT BOULEVARD | CROSSLAKE, MN 56442

## CREATION CARE

**Creation Care Myth of the Month:** Products labeled as “natural”, “eco-friendly”, or “green” are better for the environment.

These types of labels have one thing in common: they’re meaningless. They’re ambiguous terms sometimes used by marketers to appeal to consumers shopping for environmentally preferable or healthy products. They can lead consumers to think products are greener or healthier than they really are.

Familiarize yourself before shopping with information on what to look for and how to differentiate greenwashed products from legitimate ones. For guidance, see “Greenwashing: Do You Know What You’re Buying?”

Source: [www.pca.state.mn.us/featured/seven-green-myths](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/featured/seven-green-myths)

Have you picked up your reusable bag from your church mailbox courtesy of the Creation Care Team?

OPERATION SANDWICH

**DONATIONS NEEDED!**

3383 MEALS SERVED IN THE FIRST MONTH!

**ITEMS NEEDED THE MOST:**  
CASH TO BUY FRESH FRUITS/VEGGIES  
GRANOLA BARS  
FRUIT SNACKS  
PEANUT BUTTER

**18th Annual Luther Crest Golf Scramble**

MONDAY, AUGUST 5  
Lake Miliona Golf Club

EVENT FEE (Per Golfer) - \$100  
Includes: Golf and Cart Fees, Balls, Driving Range and Meals

Prizes and Awards:  
• Winning Teams: Men/Women/Mixed  
• Door Prizes  
• Contest Holes  
• Closest to the Pin  
• Longest Drive  
• Longest Putt

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**  
AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A TEAM  
**Need More Information?**  
Phone: 320-846-2431  
Email: [jodyj@luthercrest.org](mailto:jodyj@luthercrest.org)  
Website: [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org)

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or would like to make an additional gift, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) and locate the Online Giving button, or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

## June, July, and August Service Groups

### Coordinators:

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Greg and Sue Wiger 828-8331; wildwiger5@aol.com

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Terry and Wanda Lundebly

Kent Johnson III

Jackie and Terry Forsberg

Becky and Dave Meyer

Kelly and Marty Gubrud

Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton

Carla and Scott Stall

Pam Stock and Al Gardner

Mike and Wendy Gindorff

Kristi and Ron Holloway

Jerry and Krystal DeChaine

David and Faye Nelson

Brian and Geri Skogen

Gene and Lynn Teufert

Ken and Marcie Kemboi

Michelle and Ryan Tollefson

Todd and Tonya Person

Jen and Joe Lindholm

Mary and Scott Parsons

Gloria and Harvey Munsch

Stacy Erdal

Bev Gotti

Terri Hanson

Cheryl and Bill Bailey

Dave and Tanya Johnston

Cheryl and Jeff Macejkovic

Carl and Solvejg Seamon

Kay Theien

Barb DePaoli

Pam and Steve Oslos

Dave and Sheila Skogen

Rebekah and Stephan Gorny

Carly and Patrick Almond

Laura Kory

Harold Munsch

Lori and Syd Larson

Marlene and Rod Kossila

Dustin Johnson & Rebecca Ostrowski

Dylan and Emily Ferrari

Hans Anderson

Dennis and Kathleen Weisman


Al and Nancy Albertson

Deb Steuck

Beth and Rob Larson

Dawn and Steve Verdon

## July Worship Assistants

	9:00 am	
<b>Greeters:</b>	7: Kay Theien 14: Lynn and Yvonne Kalahar 21: Colleen and Kevin Goedker 28: Dennis and Kathleen Weisman	
<b>Ushers:</b>	7: JoAnn and John Rehberger 14: Dave and Dianne Heath 21: Greg Anderson and John Mathews 28: Gloria and Harvey Munsch	
<b>Readers:</b>	7: Cheryl Severson-Nichols 14: Yvonne Kalahar 21: Kevin Goedker 28: Kathleen Weisman	
<b>Communion preparation</b>	7: Jackie Nornes, Sasha Burgstaler 21: Linda Schuster	
<b>Communion servers</b>	7: Cheryl Severson-Nichols and Jeff Nichols; Linda Schuster; Larry and Natalie Embertson 21: <b>3 needed</b>	
<b>Assisting minister</b>	7: Jackie Nornes 14: Will Laughton 21: <b>still needed</b> 28: Will Laughton	
<b>Coffee server</b>	7: Larry and Natalie Embertson 14: Cathie and Nick Benson 21: Joan Rosenow 28: Jerome and Marge Streich	
<b>Flowers:</b>	7: in celebration of Bernice and Jim Finch's 65th anniversary 14: in celebration of Gloria and Harvey Munsch's 60th anniversary 21: <b>still needed</b> 28: <b>still needed</b>	
<b>Flower Care</b>	Larry Embertson	



**How does your garden grow?**

If you thought, "It's in full bloom!" then we need you!

Sign up on the flower chart (on the wall by the usher's stand) to bring in a bouquet of your favorite blooms to decorate the altar this summer.

Don't buy a vase!  
Browse our bountiful supply.

Our sign was dedicated on Sunday, June 23. Thank you to our donors!



# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July! 4	5	6
8:55 – Hymn Sing 9:00 – Worship service	5:00 – Creation Care Team meeting 5:30 – Bridges of Hope: ACES 101 6:00 – Board of Service and Evangelism meeting		1:30 – Woodland worship service; office closed from 1:00 – 2:15	Office closed 9:00 – Edgewood Brainerd worship service 10:15 – Edgewood Baxter worship service	Office closed	4:00 – Circle of Change (parent support group; all are welcome!)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 – Worship service with communion	4:00 – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	8:00 – LSS training	8:00 – LSS training 5:00 – Worship Team planning meeting at Persons' 6:30 – Women Walkers at the Arboretum (weather permitting)	9:00 – Summer Stretch 5:15 - TOPS	12:00 – Young at Heart at the Northwind Grille	
14	15	16	17	18	Newsletter deadline 19	20
8:25 – Pick Up Choir rehearsal 8:55 – Hymn Sing 9:00 - Worship service	10:00 – Ruth Circle	11:00 – Funeral for Evelyn O'Connor 5:30 – Board of Stewardship and Properties meeting	8:00 – Summer Stretch to Twins game 12:00 – LSS training 1:00 – Martha Circle 1:30 – Woodland worship service; office closed from 1:00 – 2:15	8:00 and 3:00 – LSS staff meetings 8:00 – LSS training 9:00 – Edgewood Brainerd worship service 10:15 – Edgewood Baxter worship service 5:15 - TOPS	6:15 am – High School Mission Trip participants leave	4:00 – Circle of Change
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
High School Mission Trip to Idaho						
9:00 – Worship service with communion	11:00 – Norwegian Literature Group 5:30 – Bridges of Hope: ACES Resiliency 201			5:15 - TOPS		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8:55 – Hymn Sing 9:00 – Worship service High School Mission Trip returns this afternoon		4:00 – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen		9:00 – Edgewood Brainerd worship service 10:15 – Edgewood Baxter worship service 5:15 - TOPS		4:00 – Circle of Change

High School Mission Trip to Idaho