THE BETHLEHEM STAR



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WORSHIP TIMES

In-person and livestreamed: Sundays at 9:00 am with communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

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 Bell Choir Director: Nancy Albertson Financial Manager: Mary Hanson Education and Spiritual Formation Coordinator: Joan Rosenow Food Services Coordinators: Clarence and Kim Spencer IT Coordinator: Scott Pederson Custodial Services: Rob Larson, Morgan Larson

From the Senior Pastor

Sabbatical

I am looking forward to beginning a time of sabbatical from May 19th through August 17th. Many thanks to the congregation for voting to approve this sabbatical at our annual meeting in January, and for our wonderful staff and board of Congregational Care and

Community for arranging pulpit supply and pastoral care support during this time.

God's peace and blessings!

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.





LISTEN TO STORTES FROM SUMMER STRETCH THE ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP TO LINCOLN, NE AND THE HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS







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June, July, and August Funeral Service Group					
Cheryl and Jeff Nichols Jon and Margaret Steblay	Coordinators:	Karen and Steve Rosenow Bruce and Cyndy Thompson			
Greg and Sue Wiger	Assistants:				
Carly and Patrick Almond	Kristi and Ron Holloway	Jessica and Nate Macejkovic			
Bill and Cheryl Bailey	Dustin and Rebecca Johnson/	Becky and Dave Meyer			
Vicky Bonde	Ostrowski	Allison Moyer-Taylor			
Gary and Sharon Braun	Kent Johnson III	Harold Munsch			
Eric and Sasha Burgstaler	Dave and Tanya Johnston	David and Faye Nelson			
Jerry and Krystal DeChaine	Katelyn Jones	Marie and Tom Numedahl			
Barb DePaoli	Logan Jones	Zaryn Schwab			
Linda Ekstrum	Ken Kemboi	Carl and Solvejg Seamon			
Stacy Erdal	Marcie Kemboi	Dave and Sheila Skogen			
Dylan and Emily Ferrari	Brenda Klinger	Carla and Scott Stall			
Jackie and Terry Forsberg	Marlene Kossila	Denise and Duane Stange			
Mike and Wendy Gindorff	Norma and Ted Kotyk	Deb Steuck			
Cassandra Girling	Beth and Rob Larson	Gene and Lynn Teufert			
Rebecca and Stephan Gorny	Lori and Syd Larson	Kay Theien			
Bev Gotti	Dylan Lee	Michelle Tollefson			
Kelly and Marty Gubrud	Jen and Joe Lindholm	Dawn and Steve Verdon			
Terri Hanson	Terry and Wanda Lundeby	Eric and Tori Wisneski			

CREATION CARE

As more people recognize that what's good for the environment is also good for them and their families, there is growing interest in making gardens and landscapes better for the Earth. Used since the 1940s, synthetic (chemical) fertilizers and pesticides have been shown to be harmful to our air, water, soils, wildlife, and to people. Synthetic nitrogen leaches nitrates into groundwater and surface waters, causing massive algal growth that harms aquatic life and threatens human life. Synthetic nitrogen also releases nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas that is 300 times more potent than carbon dioxide. For soil fertility, use certified organic products, OMRI-listed products (Organic Materials Resource In-

dex), or your own compost. Use mulch or ground cover to retain soil moisture, limit weeds, and to act as compost as it breaks down. While the use of peat moss is popular with gardeners, peat bogs are being destroyed by environmentally unsound practices that deprive unique ecosystems for birds and animals, as well as releasing vast amounts of carbon dioxide in the process. Instead, use coconut coir (also known as coco peat, or coir peat), which is the short fibers left over when coconuts are harvested and husked.

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

Looking ahead...

*8/4—Hymn Sing at 8:55 am

*8/11—Sweets and Stories at 10:00 am

*8/13– Summer Youth Groups <u>at Lord of Life Lutheran Church</u>; 5:30–7:00 pm for middle school; 7:00–8:30 pm for high school

*8/14—Joint ELCA picnic at Lymon P White: food served at 5:30 pm; worship at 6:15 pm 8/18—Pr. Mark returns from sabbatical

*8/27– Summer Youth Groups <u>at Lord of Life Lutheran Church</u>; 5:30–7:00 pm for middle school; 7:00–8:30 pm for high school



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 Lilli Wickizer; the family of Mary Anderson; Brian Ray and family on the death of his mother and brother

Ongoing: Gardner family; Steve Almond; Melanie Serra; Donna Hansmann; Carl Olson; those suffering from MS and other auto immune diseases; Joyce Sands; Eric Steuck; Brad Zinken; Tina Collins; Roger Gonnerman; Harry Bement; Joyce Gindorff; Jeanne Armstrong; Charlotte Warner; those dealing with mental health issues; Cheryl Johnson; Esther Peterson; Cheryl Hagger; Jim Thomson; Joyce Wagner; Dawn True; Barb Neprud; Kacey Benson; peace in our world; caregivers; all dealing with cancer /other diseases

Military: 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

<u>July:</u> Becky and Stephan Gorny and family; Bev Gotti; Jennifer and Tom Grimm; Mark Groettum; Jeff and Shari Grunenwald and family; Jennifer Grunewald and family; Kelly and Marty Gubrud and family; Anne Gustafson; Karl and Susan Hadrits; Melodee Hagel; Doug and Meg Hagenson; Carolyn Hale; David and Luanne Hallgren; Mandy Hanson; Darwin and Mary Hanson; Terri Hanson; Kathy and Lee Hauble; Dianne Heath; Lynn Heinrich and family; Amy Hendrickson; Josh Hendrickson; Jilene and Mitch Hodgman and family; Kristi and Ron Holloway; Dorothy Hosner; Barb Howard; Karl Jackman and family; DJ and Sandy Janssen; Art and Colleen Jentsch; Aaron and Laura Johnson and family; Bernice Johnson; Charlie and Sue Johnson; Cheryl Johnson; Dave and Shelly Johnson; dusty Johnson and Becky Ostrowski

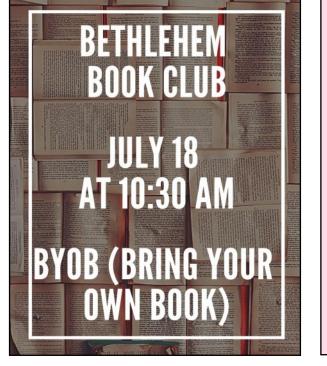
POTLUCK PICNIC AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP JULY 10 FOOD SERVED AT 5:30 PM WORSHIP AT 6:20 PM

HOTDOGS AND HAMBURGERS PROVIDED. BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND A CHAIR.





Help out with various 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.



All are Welcome Sunday Brunch Potluck and Games

Sunday, July 21 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM GATHER FOR FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND FUN! Bring a dish to share. Grab your games and puzzles to play.



Sunday		Monday	Tuesday
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	30	1	2
:oo am– In-person and livestreamed worship service :oo pm – Elementary Event <u>at Trinity Lutheran Churcl</u> :3o pm – Middle School Youth Group <u>at Lord of Life Cl</u> :oo pm – High School Youth Group <u>at Lord of Life Chu</u>	hurch	2	1:30 pm — Staff meeting 2:30 pm — RSA Circle of Change
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	7	8	9
:oo am – In-person and livestreamed worship service ommunion o:oo am – Congregational Leadership Board meeting	with	4:00 pm – BELC at Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	9:30 am – Let's Go Fishing meeting 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 2:30 pm – RSA Circle of Change 5:00 pm – Board of Education and Spiritual Formation meeting 5:30 pm – Middle School Youth Group <u>at Lord of Life Church</u> 7:00 pm – High School Youth Group <u>at Lord of Life Church</u>
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	14	15	16
::oo am– In-person and livestreamed contemporary vorship service			10:00 am – Ruth Circle 2:30 pm – RSA Circle of Change
	Nat	tional Youth Gathering – p	lease keep participants in your pr
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	21		
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion		22	23
:oo am – In-person and livestreamed worship service		22	10:00 am – Creation Care Team meeting 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 2:30 pm – RSA Circle of Change
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To view our online services on Sundays at 9:00 am, go to <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKG</u> The service will also be posted on our website at <u>www.belcnet.net</u>upon completion of





Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	Happy 4 th of July! 4	5	6
::30 pm – Worship service at Woodland	Office closed	Office closed	
Office closing at 3:00 pm today 10	11	12	13
;:30 pm – BOW Team set-up ;:30 pm – Potluck <u>at BELC;</u> meat provided; pring a dish to share and a chair to sit in 5:20 pm – Joint outdoor worship service <u>at</u> <u>BELC</u>	9:00 am– LSS staff meeting 9:00 am – Summer Stretch <u>at Trinity</u> <u>Lutheran Church</u> 3:00 pm – LSS staff meeting	9:00 – 11:00 am – visitation for Lilli 11:00 am – funeral for Lilli Wickizer	9:oo am – Worker Bees
17	18	19	20
::30 pm – Worship service at Woodland	9:00 am —Worship at Edgewood Brainerd 10:15 am – Worship at Edgewood Baxter 10:30 am – Bethlehem Book Club 1:30 pm – Mary Circle		
s this week as they travel to New Orleans	to praise God and serve others!		
24	25	26	27
Gummer Stretch to Twins game 5:15 pm — BOW rehearsal	5:30 pm – Middle School Youth Group <u>at</u> Lord of Life Church 7:00 pm – High School Youth Group <u>at</u> Lord of Life Church		
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;:15 pm — BOW rehearsal	9:00 am —Worship at Edgewood Brainerd 10:15 am — Worship at Edgewood Baxter 5:30 pm — BOW summer gathering		
nity Lutheran this week from 9:00 am – 1	2:00 pm		
dz3TW4V1mlqCsktOho3g the service.	The office is open from 9:00 am – 12:0 Fridays and from 1:00 – 4:00 pm on Mo		

CHURCH DIRECTORY

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET HAD YOUR PICTURE TAKEN, PLEASE COME IN DURING OFFICE HOURS OR SUBMIT A PHOTO WITH A NEUTRAL BACKGROUND.

IF YOU HAVEN'T FILLED OUT THE GREEN CONTACT INFORMATION FORM YET, PLEASE DO SO ASAP.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESITONS.

GOD'S CREATION a photography display

TAKE PHOTOS OF GOD'S CREATION THIS SUMMER. TURN IN EITHER AN 8X10 OR DIGITAL COPY TO THE OFFICE BY JULY 15 TO HAVE IT DISPLAYED IN THE NARTHEX IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

Contact the office for more infomation.

BETHLEHEM PRODUCE MARKET

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE SOME FRUITS, VEGGIES, PLANTS, JAMS, ETC. 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 PEGGY'S PANTRY TO HELP THOSE WITH FOOD INSECURITY.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP! 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.



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Church!



Salad Luncheon

Cost for Salad Luncheon only: Adults - \$12 Children under 10

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 10th Street South (tur





Thank you!

GET YOUR LOOSE CHANGE READY!

NOISY OFFERING

IN JUNE, YOU DONATED \$409. 21 FOR OPERATION SANDWICH. IN JULY. MONEY WILL BE **COLLECTED FOR** CHRISTMAS IN JULY **RECIPIENTS: LSS YOUTH** SERVICES, LIGHTHOUSE **BEGINNINGS, LUTHER** CREST, AND **RELATIONSHIP SAFETY** ALLIANCE.



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Operation Sandwich is looking for monetary donations and donations of peanut butter (no larger than 16 ounces), jelly/jam (no larger than 24 ounces), individually wrapped granola bars, fruit snacks, and other snacks.





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HOW CAN YOU GIVE TO **BETHLEHEM?**





2 ~ Bonnie Almond, Lucy Marshall

3 ~ Naomi Bremer, Jacob Heinrich, Mitchell Nelson

4 ~ Mike Rosenow

5 ~ Rayden Miller, Lynn Teufert

6 ~ Emma Grunenwald, Don Nelson, Ryan Zelenka

7 ~ Marcus Lindholm, Larry Martinson, Jim Peterson

9 ~ Leah Olson

10 ~ Liam O'Grady,

11 ~ Sue Bremer, Dave Johnson, Erica : Munsch

12 ~ Will Laughton, Debbie Moe, Paul Rhoda, Jackie Spaulding

13 ~ Patricia Fuller, Hollie McFarlin, David : Nelson

15 ~ Nancy Sweet

Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

	16 ~ Jeff Grunenwald, Haley Slough			
	17 ~ Pat True			
	19 ~ Eric Aasen, Camilla Lindholm, Faith Rhoda			
	20 ~ Addison Avenson, Brian Forsberg, Mi- chael Miller, Mollie Nelson			
	21 ~ Cheryl Macejkovic, Dawn Verdon			
3-	23 ~ Bill Bailey, Darbie Pulak, Kay Theien			
	24 ~ Christian Kotchikian, Luke O'Grady			
	25 ~ Luke Olson, Steve Oslos			
	26 ~ Jessica Macejkovic, Trond Sjoberg			
į	27 ~ DJ Janssen 28 ~ Abby Holloway, Brenda Jonak			
	29 ~ Lannell Farmer, Jack Gubrud			
	31 ~ Jim Finch, Alex McFarlin, Norris Peter- son			

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. 14

July Worship Assistants

Sundays at 9:00 am				
Greeters:	7: Karen and Steve Rosenow 14: Pam and Steve Oslos	21: still needed 28: still needed		
Ushers:	7: Joan Rosenow and Troy, Lenex, and Ray 14: Becky and Dave Meyer	yden Miller 21: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton 28: Janis and Jim Peterson		
Readers:	7: Rebecca Timmins 14: Rebecca Timmins	21: still needed 28: still needed		
Communion Preparation:	7: Shelly Birchem, Sasha Burgstaler 21: Jackie Nornes, 1 still needed			
Communion Servers:	7: Karen Rosenow, 2 still needed 21: 3 still needed			
Sound:	7: Scott Pederson 14: Scott Pederson	21: still needed 28: still needed		
Video:	7: <mark>still needed</mark> 14: <mark>still needed</mark>	21: still needed 28: still needed		
Assisting Minister:	7: Rebecca Timmins 14: <mark>still needed</mark>	21: Jackie Nornes 28: <mark>still needed</mark>		
Treats in Narthex:	7: still needed 14: still needed	21: Gloria Munsch 28: <mark>still needed</mark>		
Flowers:	7: still needed 14: in celebration of Alice and David's Smith's 60th anniversary 21: in celebration of Gloria and Harvey Munsch's 65th anniversary 28: still needed			
Wednesday, July 10 at 6:20 pm	Greeters: still needed Ushers: 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.