## The Bethlehem Star



### 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

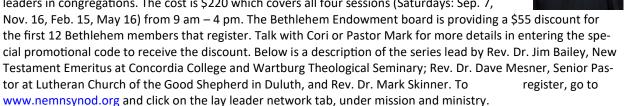
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner **Children, Youth & Family Pastor:** Rev. Sarah Marshall Office Administrator, Worship Team Director and Organist: Cori Wrobel Bell Choir Director: Stacy Erdal Senior Choir Director: Al Albertson Youth Choir Director: Nancy Albertson Financial Administrator: Shelly Johnson Children, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator: Joan Rosenow Food Services Coordinators: Pat True and Sara Larson Custodial Services: Ruth Unger



### 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,



As a life-long learning program, the Yearly Intensive Series is designed to give adult students an 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%); Leadership and Spiritual Development (30%); Engaging Missional Context (20%); 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.

### Summer Hymn Sings

We will begin the summer worship services on non-communion Sundays by singing a couple of hymns that the congregation will pick out for us. Over the next couple of weeks, please write down one or two of your favorite hymns on the yellow opportunities sheet from either the red ELW or the blue Hymns for the Family of God that you would like to sing this summer. We will do our best to pick some of those favorites during the summer for the congregation to sing.

#### **Traveling this Summer**

For many in our congregation, summer is a great time for travel and to get out and recreate in God's creation. Take some time on Sunday while you are traveling to experience worship with another congregation. That can be a wonderful opportunity to experience the vast beauty of the body of Christ in the world. Keep all our members and families in your prayers as they travel this summer.

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God's peace, Pastor Mark

### From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor

#### **Operation Sandwich**



Operation Sandwich is beginning its seventh year. Operation Sandwich was started by a group of local Lutheran churches who heard the cries of the children



of our area who during the school year eat free and

reduced lunches, but in the summer lack food stability. The plan for this year is to serve at eight locations four days a week. This year Bethlehem has the honor of being the host site for sandwich making. We will be serving Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting June 3 through the end of August. We are in need of bread, peanut butter (any kind), jam, fruit cups, granola bars, fruit snacks, individually packaged snacks, sandwich baggies, plastic spoons, and food handling gloves. If you are interested in donating to Operation Sandwich, you are welcome to bring supplies and place them on the cart at the top of the stairs by the elevator. We also accept monetary donations to help purchase fruit and veggies; please turn that into the office.

Bethlehem will be in charge of making sandwiches the week of August 19. If you want to help that week, let the office know. More information will come as it gets closer.

#### All Church Mission Trip—June 16–21

All Church Mission Trip to Chicago will be leaving at 6:30 am on June 16. Participants will be commissioned at the 9:00 am service on June 9.





26 people took part in the High School Youth Group 3-course Progressive Dinner on May 15. Thanks to the Larsons, Person's, and Petersons for hosting.







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CONGRATULATIONS,

**GRADUATES!** 



ANDREW RILEY BACKSTROM BONTJES DECHAINE DELANIE JARET DOSH EMBERTSON



Our high school graduates were honored during the 10:30 am service on May 19. They received handtied blankets from their parents.



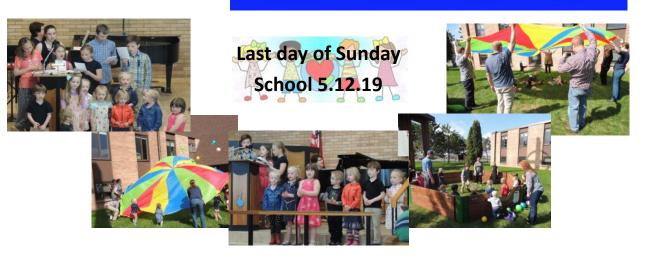




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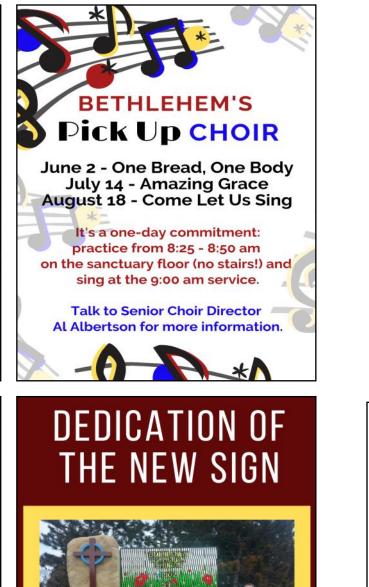
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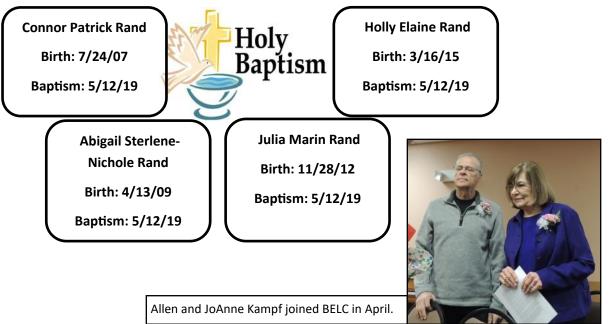
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JOIN US AS WE DEDICATE THE SIGN AFTER THE 9:00 AM SERVICE ON JUNE 23.

# Life Events



### CREATION CARE

Creation Care Myth of the Month

It's better for the environment to wash your car by hand than at the car wash.

**R** Not so, reports the International Car Wash Association and the LA Times, among others. For many do-it-yourselfers, washing a car by hand means

- N using a steady stream of water. This approach can use 100 or more gallons of water versus 15-75 used by many commercial car washes.
- E Carwash businesses are required to send their dirty wash water to municipal wastewater plants for treatment. Some businesses reclaim it for re-
- R use onsite. Water and contaminants from home vehicle washing, on the other hand, typically drain to stormwater sewers and right into rivers and other surface waters, where they pollute.

If you're committed to washing your car at home, use eco-friendly car washing strategies. Otherwise consider taking it to a commercial carwash.

Source: www.pca.state.mn/featured/seven-greenmyths



## June Worship Assistants

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Greeters:	9:00 am 6/2: Lynn and Yvonne Kalahar 6/9: the Lindholm family 6/16: Dennis and Kathleen Weisman 6/23: Colleen and Kevin Goedker 6/30: Dennis and Kathleen Weisman		Summer Office Hours: Mondays – Thursdays: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 – 4:00 pm Fridays: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm			
Ushers:	6/2: Becky and Dave Meyer 6/9: Janis and Jim Peterson 6/16: Colleen and Kevin Goedker 6/23: Larry and Natalie Embertson		Sunday	Monday 2 Operation Sandwich starts 3	Tuesday	Wedne
Readers:	6/30: Larry and Natalie Embertson 6/2: Cheryl Severson-Nichols 6/9: Kevin Goedker 6/16: Kathleen Weisman 6/23: Kevin Goedker		8:25 am – Pick Up Choir rehearsal 9:00 am – Worship service with communion	5:00 pm – Creation Care Team meeting	5:00 pm — Board of Worship and Music meeting	1:30 pm – Woodla service; office clo – 2:15ish
Communion preparation	6/30: Kathleen Weisman 6/2: Shelly Birchem, Cathie and Nick Benson 6/9: Jean Anhalt 6/16: Sue Skinner		Day of Pentecost 9:00 am – Worship service with communion and commissioning of All Church Mission Trip participants		11 5:15 pm – Endowment Board meeting 6:00 pm – VBServe planning meeting	
Communion servers	6/2 Cheryl Severson-Nichols and Jeff Nichols: 3 still needed 6/9: Tonya and Turner Person 6/16: Taya, Tonya, and Turner Person		10:00 am – Technology Team meeting Happy Father's Day! 10	5 17	18	Newsletter d
Assisting	6/2: Jackie Nornes					All Church Mission
minister	6/9: still needed 6/16: Kathleen Weisman 6/23: still needed 6/30: Kathleen Weisman		6:15 am — All Church Mission Trip participants gather to leave promptly at 6:30 am	10:00 am — Ruth Circle 5:30 pm — Bridges of Hope: ACES	5:30 pm — Board of Stewardship and Properties meeting	1:00 pm – Martha 1:30 pm – Woodla service; office clo
Coffee server	6/2: Curt and Sandy Nielsen 6/9: Cheryl Severson-Nichols and Jeff Nichols 6/16: Paul and Sue Bremer		9:00 am – Worship service with communion			– 2:15ish ,
	6/23: Laura and Shawn Roberts 6/30: Anna and Jake Thesing		2 8:55 am – Hymn Sing			
Flowers:	6/2: in celebration of Colleen and Kevin Goedker's wedding anniversary 6/9: still needed 6/16: still needed		9:00 am — Worship service 10:00 am — Dedication of sign following service	VBServe: Meal served 5:15-5:45pm; 11:00 am – Norwegian Literature Group	Service project 6:00 – 7:15 pn	n; Shack and story 7:
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Flower Care	Krystal DeChaine 7		9:00 am – Worship service	meeting 5:30 pm – Bridges of Hope: ACES 101		service; office clo — 2:15ish



If you can't make it to the 9:00 am Sunday worship service, join us at one of these services:

Woodland Nursing Home on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

\*Edgewood Brainerd on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 9:00 am

\*Edgewood Baxter on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 10:15 am

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eadline 19		20	21	22
n Trip to Chicago				
Circle and worship sed from 1:00	8:00am and 3:00pm – LSS staff meetings 9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd worship 9:00 am – Summer Stretch 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter worship 12:00 pm – LSS training 5:15 pm - TOPS		8:30 am – LSS training 10:00 am – LSS Independent Life Skills training	
26	26		28	29
30 – 8:00 pm	Community Picnic from 5:00 – 7:00 pm 9:00 am – Summer Stretch 5:15 pm - TOPS			
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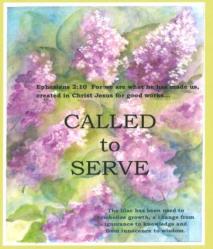
### June, July, and August Service Groups

Coordinators: Jackie Nornes 546-6524; janornes1116@gmail.com Karen and Steve Rosenow 839-3161 (Karen) 839-3160 (Steve); rosenowkaren@gmail.com Margaret and Jon Steblay 764-3424; margaret.steblay@gmail.com; jon.steblay@gmail.com Greg and Sue Wiger 828-8331; wildwiger5@aol.com

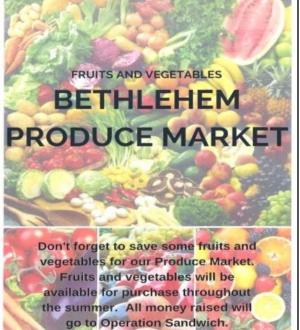
### Assistants:

Terry and Wanda Lundeby 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

Calling all Women of the NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA To share a time of growing in faith and self-renewal at Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids, MN



2019 Convention Gathering Monday, June 24—Wednesday, June 26 Celebrating 32 Years of Women of the ELCA



# **Chank** you!

Thank you for your continued partnership. Your gift of \$336.75 makes a huge difference in our ministry. Your continued support makes a difference! Thank you for your generosity. ~ David Holtz, Executive Director of Luther Crest Bible Camp



**SEEDS WERE PLANTED** 

Growing closer with God and others

MORE THAN 40 WOMEN ATTENDED THE PLANTING THE SEEDS GATHERINGS. WOMEN SHARED TIME IN FELLOWSHIP AND LEFT WITH NEW AND DEEPENED FRIENDSHIPS.



\$20 in memory of Jean Vinje from Pat True and Sara Larson

There will be an Open House honoring Amanda Unger on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 5 pm at 12885 Kingwood Drive in Baxter. All are welcome.

Contact Ruth Unger for more information.



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 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!



# SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BEGINNING MAY 26

SUNDAYS

**AT 9:00 AM** 



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.

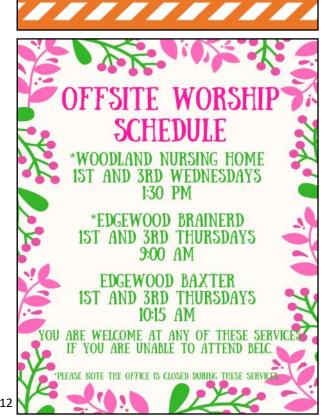
# WANTED: KITCHEN HELPERS



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.



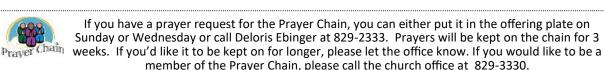
## Looking ahead...

- July 11—Summer Stretch from 9:00—4:00
- July 14—Hymn Sing from 8:55-9:05 am
- July 14—Commissioning of High School Mission Trip participants at 9:00 am service with meeting to follow
- July 17—Summer Stretch to Twins game
- July 19—28: High School Mission Trip to Idaho
- July 28—Hymn Sing from 8:55-9:05 am



Young at Heart will meet at Grizzly's on Friday, June 14 at 12:00 pm.

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



"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:

**<u>Ongoing</u>**: Dawn Imgrund; Dennis and Kathleen Weisman; Steve Oslos; Pam Stock; Bob Dryden; Ellie Knold; Del Dahl; Stefan True; Nancie Paulson; Rodney Kossila; all addicts; couple trying to have a baby; everyone dealing with mental health issues; all caregivers; Chuck Dahl; Aldene Gosse; Cheryl Johnson; everyone dealing with cancer

**<u>Sympathy</u>**: Veronica and Wade Geisenhof and families;

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 June:

Charles Halsted; Tasha Halsted and family; Darwin and Mary Hanson; Terri Hanson; Kathy and Lee Hauble; Brenda Hayes; Rachel Lundgren and family; David and Dianne Heath; Howard and Laurel Heinonen; Lynn Heinrich and family; Brian and Jilaine Heitkotter and family; Bob and Cindy Hendrickson and family; Amber and Jason Hennessey and family; Jilene and Mitch Hodgman and family; Lee Ann Hollingsworth and family; Kristi and Ron Holloway and family; Christine and Shane Horton and family; Alan Hudalla and family; Jeff and Judy Hulsether; Hannah llika; Karl Jackman and family; DJ and Sandy Janssen; Art and Colleen Jentsch



Please remember these people in prayer on their birthdays.

1 ~ Sue Skinner, Mary Ketterling

2 ~John Unger, Anna Thesing, Shari Grunenwald

4 ~ Alyssa Weigelt, Judy Kallroos, Roger Gonnerman

5 ~ Jon Teufert, Lowell Scearcy

6 ~ Sienna Hodgman, Keith Olson

8 ~ Aspen White, Rhegan Weigelt, Janey Adair, Sheila Skogen

9 ~ John True

10 ~ Breanna Munsch, Rachel Lundgren

11 ~ Finnegan Jackman, Ryan Tollefson

12 ~ Mya Halsted

13 ~ Savannah Cole

14 ~ Alyssa Burley, Steve Bontjes

15 ~ Deanna Jones

16 ~ Meghan Becker, Joseph Gubrud

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17 ~ Grant Becker, Jerome Streich

18 ~ Kayla Warner, Mary Hanson, Lee Hauble, Sandra Anderson

19 ~ Maddie Stall, Mike Emery, Kent Johnson III

20 ~ Joan Rosenow, Carl Seamon

21 ~ Turner Person, Brad Aasen, Corliss Smith, Jenny Johnson

22 ~ Nicholas Maaske, Charles Praska 23 ~ Drake Salo, JoAnn Rehberger

24 ~ Meagan Tollefson, Mavis Galligher

25 ~ Joyce Wagner 26 ~ Sean Laughton

27 ~ Caleb Meyer, Nicole Anderson

28 ~ Jaret Embertson, Kelsie Burgstaler, Kandice Hanson

29 ~ Brady Kruize, Mike Gindorff

30 ~ Matthew Schoenecker, Steven Johnson, Harry Bement

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. 

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church** 418 8th Ave NE Brainerd, MN 56401

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this

summer in whatever you do and

wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every

### 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

#### **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.