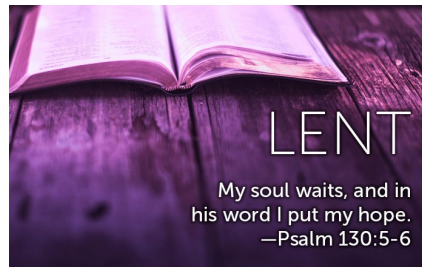


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WORSHIP TIMES

**Sundays at 8:20 and 10:30 am and
Wednesdays at 6:20 pm**
with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and
Wednesdays

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am- 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Friday

8:30 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



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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.

March 2020

From the Senior Pastor



Lent 2020

Join us as we celebrate our annual theme of "Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age" during Lent 2020. Each week we will gather on Sunday mornings for worship at 8:20 am and 10:30 am and then also for a special Lenten service on Wednesday nights beginning with dinner and conversation at 5:30 pm followed by worship at 6:20 pm. Please note, there will be a **different sermon** on Wednesday evening, so you are all encouraged to worship at both time services as you are able. Our weekly themes include:

- The week of March 1-7 "Engaging the myth of the autonomous self: Matthew 4:1-11"
- The week of March 8-14 "Engaging the myth of authenticity: John 3:1-17"
- The week of March 15-21 "Engaging the myth of time: John 4:5-42"
- The week of March 22-28 "Engaging the myth of opportunity: John 9:1-41"
- The week of March 29- April 4 "Engaging the myth of glory: John 11:1-45"

**LENT 2020
AT
BETHLEHEM**



ASH WEDNESDAY ON 2/26
CHILI DINNER AT 5:30
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 6:20

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS WITH **DIFFERENT
SERMONS** THAN WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

ADULT FORUM "CONFESSING THE FAITH
LENTEN SERIES" ON SUNDAY
MORNINGS AT 9:30 BEGINNING 3/1

CROSS+GENERATIONAL DINNERS ON
WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 BEGINNING 3/4

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES AT
6:20 UTILIZING THE "THAT YOU MAY
HAVE LIFE" LITURGY BEGINNING 3/4

2020 Men's Retreat and Lay Leader Network presentation:

We had a wonderful gathering on Friday and Saturday (Feb. 21 and 22, 2020). This was the very first large group presentation for the Lay Leader Network in the NE MN Synod, and it was very well attended from around our synod. The Rev. Dr. Andy Root lead a marvelous presentation and discussion thinking about, "Faith Formation in a Secular Age." Plans will be underway shortly to build on this for next year. Way to go, Bethlehem, for hosting this event and for your continual support of this very vital network in our Synod!

Blessings to you in Christ Jesus!

Pastor Mark



Please remember these people in prayer on their birthdays.

- 1 ~ Kevin Brick, Tonya Person
- 2 ~ Wayne Dosh
- 3 ~ Karl Hadrits
- 4 ~ Bruce Erickson, Charlotte Girling
- 6 ~ Zach Vanderschaaf
- 8 ~ Erica Pulak
- 9 ~ Odin Sjoberg
- 10 ~ Caleb Christensen
- 11 ~ Linda Albertson, Andrew Olson, Brian Skogen, Logan Stall
- 12 ~ Christian Eidenshink, Ethan Iverson
- 13 ~ Sue Hadrits, Solvejg Seamon
- 14 ~ Robin Billman, Steve Rosenow
- 15 ~ Nancy Albertson, Reece Doucette, Al Gardner, Carole Olsen
- 16 ~ Tracie Churchill, Katie Embertson, Holly Rand, Melanie Serra
- 18 ~ Leonard Borlaug, Scott Johnson Jr., Geri Skogen, Amy Smith, Sara Teufert
- 19 ~ Alexis Smith, Clark Tollefson
- 20 ~ Claire Erdal
- 21 ~ Clark Backstrom, Hollie LeDoux, Harvey Munsch
- 23 ~ Elaina Christiansen, Jayce Johnson, Marci Nelson, Connie Ogilvie
- 25 ~ Mary Anderson, Will Grunewald, Maddie Tollefson
- 26 ~ Stephanie Moody, Curt Nielsen
- 27 ~ Greta Lang, Blaine Thompson
- 28 ~ Darla Mae Gonnerman, Blake Kruse, Deb Luhrs, Isaiah Macejkovic, Kim Spencer, Deb Steuck
- 30 ~ Yvonne Kalahar
- 31 ~ Lisa Roberts

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.

March Ministry Team of the Month: Seder Meal

Thursday, April 9
6:20 PM

Our Seder Meal is remembering the Passover meal of Jesus with his disciples. This year's meal will include matzah ball soup, knish, green beans and matzah, roasted chicken, and Jewish cookies. Space is limited to 140 people. Register and pay with the office, online, or between services in the Narthex from March 22 - April 5. Suggested donation is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 8 and under. Sign up before space is gone!

Help is needed before the meal to plate food and after the meal to clean up. If you are available one or both of those times, please sign up on the yellow opportunities sheet.

Board of Worship and Music long-term strategic imperatives approved in 4/18:

- *Increase weekly worship attendance by 10% by year-end 2020.
- *50% of our members will be worshipping regularly each week by 2022.

From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor



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LENT MEALS
3/4 - 4/1

CROSS+GENERATIONAL DINNERS AND CONVERSATIONS

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT ● 5:30 - 7:00

Meals Conversations Worship
March 4- April 1

6th - 9th graders - sign up to work the night that works best for you. Bring a pot of soup and a plate of sandwiches.

CONTACT PR. SARAH WITH QUESTIONS.

17 tickets remain at the time of publication.

A Night of Opportunity
a Bethlehem youth fundraiser

Saturday, March 7
5:00-Social Hour 6:00-Dinner

Gala Dinner Menu:
appetizer: spring salad and crab rangoon
main entrees: pork roulade with garlic
mashed potatoes and in-season vegetable
dessert: bourbon blondie sundae
tickets: \$30 per person; \$55 per couple;
\$155 per table of 6

Your support will enable our youth to participate in upcoming service projects and educational opportunities. by Taya Person

Itty Bitty Book Club

Listen to a story (take home the book), do an activity, and play!

Designed for children (with an adult) from birth to age 3 that are too young for Sunday School or anyone who'd like to participate.

March 1

1st Sunday of the month in the nursery at 9:30 am from October - May

CALLING ALL 9TH - 12TH GRADERS

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CITY WIDE YOUTH GROUP

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A YOUTH GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED WITH YOUTH FROM BETHLEHEM, FIRST, LORD OF LIFE, LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS, AND TRINITY ON THE 3RD SUNDAY EVENING EACH MONTH.

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The next meeting will take place on Sunday, March 15 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm location TBD. Talk to Pr. Sarah if you have any questions.


"THE ONE WHO BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED WILL BE SAVED." MARK 16:16A

BAPTISM SEMINAR

FOR ANYONE CONTEMPLATING BEING BAPTIZED OR DESIRING TO HAVE THEIR CHILD BAPTIZED

WEDNESDAY, 3/25, 5:30 - 6:45 PM (DINNER INCLUDED)

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER



MARCH 9

EAT AT PIZZA RANCH (EITHER DINE-IN OR DELIVERY) ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, BETWEEN 5:00 AND 8:00 PM. OUR YOUTH WILL BE WORKING FOR 100% OF TIPS PLUS 10% OF SALES THAT EVENING TO EARN MONEY FOR THEIR MISSION TRIP TO NASHVILLE.

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


FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, FROM 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
LEARN | GROW | UNDERSTAND | FAITH

RECEIVE YOUR FIRST COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 5, AT EITHER SERVICE.

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

Coming in early April....



GOOD FRIDAY EXPERIENCE

Good Friday Experience will have stations and games for young children and families. Friday, April 10 from 5:15-5:45 PM. Sign up on the yellow opportunities sheet.

A movie will be shown for children during the Good Friday traditional service at 6:30 pm to allow parents to attend the service. Sign up on the yellow opportunities sheet.

"Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last." Matthew 27:50

Sunday School kids and Youth Choir will sing at both services on Sunday, March 8.

All are welcome!

SUNDAY NIGHT POTLUCK

Gather on the last Sunday of the month for fellowship and fun in from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

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

The next potluck is March 29.

Heartland Conference

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
30985 Front St. - Pequot Lakes, MN
Saturday, April 4, 2020

Coffee & Registration \$8 Fee
8:30 a.m.— 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Dee Dee Frahm, Salem West

Theme: *all you need is love* 
John 13:34-35

7th-8th grade retreat at Luther Crest 2/7-2/9



EASTER LILIES

You can honor or memorialize someone special by donating an Easter lily in their name. Any donations are welcomed and appreciated.

Please fill out the information on a lily sheet and place it in the offering basket or drop it off in the church office. Please make checks payable to BELC with "Easter lily" in the memo line.

FOR MARRIED COUPLES AND THOSE TO BE MARRIED

Couple's Retreat

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 FROM 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH IN BRAINERD

COST IS \$125 PER COUPLE; INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS, MORNING SNACK, AND LUNCH
REGISTER ONLINE AT BELCNET.NET

Minnesota FoodShare

March Campaign

We are collecting for these organizations through the month of March. Please place food items in the grocery cart in the Narthex and monetary donations in the office or offering plate.

The CLC Food Pantry prefers monetary donations to best serve their population.



Operation Sandwich needs peanut butter, jelly, and individually wrapped snacks.

The Salvation Army prefers monetary donations to best serve their population.



Our local food shelf needs boxed food meals, canned foods, and non-perishable foods that have not expired.

BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

ALL ARE WELCOME!



MEET 10:30 AM -12:00 PM

MARCH 17 - DISCUSS
"CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN"
BY FRANK B. AND
ERNESTINE GILBRETH

CONTACT MARGARET
STEBLAY FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

Looking ahead to April...

- April 1—9th grade and Nicodemus Group field trip to the Twin Cities
- April 4—WELCA Heartland gathering at Our Savior's Lutheran in Pequot Lakes beginning at 8:30 am
- April 4—First Communion class at 9:00 am
- April 5—Palm Sunday services at 8:20 and 10:30 am; Sunday School children and Youth Choir at both services
- April 9—Seder Meal at 6:30 pm
- April 10—Good Friday Experience at 5:15 pm; traditional Good Friday service at 6:30 pm
- April 12—Easter services at 7:00, 9:00, and 10:30 am with breakfast served at 8:00 am
- April 16—New Member seminar at 6:00 pm
- April 18—Couples' Retreat from 9:00 am—6:00 pm
- April 19—New Member Sunday; semi-annual congregational meeting at 9:30 am
- April 25—9th grade retreat from 9:00 am—2:00 pm
- April 26—Youth led service at 8:20 and 10:30 am; Baptismal Calling of outdoor enthusiasts and conservationists; Wild Game Feed at 11:30 am
- April 28—Worship Assistant training at 6:30 pm for ALL worship assistants, both new and experienced

The 80s+ Lunch Bunch will meet at the Sawmill Inn on Tuesday, March 31 at 11:45 am.



Young at Heart will not be meeting in March.



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.

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Sympathy: Dave Meyer and family on the death of his mother Mary; the family of Jeff Hulsether

Ongoing: Pam Stock; Bret Adams; Stefan True; Samantha Imgrund; Vicki Gold; Brady Feist; Pallas' granddaughter; Emily Otto; Thomas Monda; Margie Burgstaler; Michelle Knoben; Brynn Moen; Barrie Rempel; a youth member; Michael Zickuhr; Paul Erdal; Aldene Gosse; Bobbie Sayles; Clark and Clary Tollefson; Roy Cheney; those who are abused; all dealing with addiction; couples trying to have babies; everyone dealing with mental health issues; all caregivers; Cheryl Johnson; everyone dealing with cancer

Service: Zac Myhre deployed to South Korea

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 March:

Doris Aasen and family; Bret Adam and family; Al and Nancy Albertson; LeRoy and Linda Albertson; Carly and Patrick Almond and family; Greg and Mary Anderson; Hans Anderson and family; Linda Anderson; Jean Anhalt; Jackie Avenson; Carla and Clark Backstrom and family; Bill and Cheryl Bailey; Brad Bauer; Michele Becker and family; Monty Becker and family; Arliss and Harry Bement and family; Cathie and Nick Benson;

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

CARD MAKING FUN ON MARCH 26



Get creative on Thursday, March 26 from 4:30 - 7:30 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 for more information or sign up on the yellow opportunities sheet.



HEY, PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN COLLEGE

Our card ministry team would like to send cards to college students in April to let them know our congregation is thinking about and praying for them as finals approach. Please contact the office at office@belcnet.net or fill out the yellow opportunities sheet with the student's name and current address. Contact Cathy Lee with any questions.

Life Events

Jeff Hulsether

Birth: 9/5/55

Funeral: 2/25/20



Please let the church office know if you will be **stopping your mail** service for an extended period of time (heading south for the winter, etc.) so we do not send you any publications. **We get charged \$0.57 for every item** we mail out during that time. Thank you.



Our Creation Care team encourages email as much as possible over paper newsletters. Contact the office today to have your newsletter emailed instead of printed.



CREATION CARE

1,571 Superfund sites (contaminated locations that exist nationally due to hazardous wastes being dumped, left out in the open or otherwise improperly managed) have been looked into by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), of which 60% have been found to be in areas vulnerable to flooding, storms, wildfires, or other worsening disasters of climate change. The GAO review follows a 2017 review by the Associated Press that found that 2 million people in the US live within a mile of 327 Superfund sites in areas prone to flooding or vulnerable to sea level rise caused by climate change. While the Environmental Protection Agency is dismissing these findings as “fearmongering”, scientists have identified 945 Superfund sites as being at greater risk of floods, storms, surge from major hurricanes, wildfires or sea-level rise of 3 feet or more.

In Earth's distress, we sing the promise of renewal...

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

The Easter Gospel for the Whole Creation

The 2020 EcoFaith Summit

Raising a Grassroots Movement among the People of God

*How do we proclaim the Resurrection for a wounded creation?
What is motivating young activists to address climate change?
What green blades for earth's healing are rising in our midst?*

Saturday, March 28, 2020
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brainerd
9:30am - 3:30pm
9:00am Registration & Coffee

What will happen at the Summit?

Worship that sings Easter for the whole creation + Young activists share what motivates them + Breakout sessions for worship and grassroots action in your congregation and community + How to have conversations about important yet sensitive environmental issues + Networking for musicians, students, creation care teams + church gardeners + youth leaders + preachers + public advocates and more

EcoFaith Network of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA
Registration Cost: \$20 per person
\$10 up to age 25

Registration opens Feb. 1 - register soon, space is limited!
nemnsynodecofaithsummit2020.eventbrite.com

Thank you!

Bell Choir Fund

\$50 in memory of Nancie Paulson from family and friends

Music Ministry Fund

\$20 in memory of Chuck Dahl from family and friends

Card Ministry Fund

\$30 anonymous donation

Worship Team Fund

\$50 in memory of Nancie Paulson from family and friends

General Fund

\$50 in memory of JoAnn Lundeby from family and friends

Youth Choir Fund

\$50 in memory of Nancie Paulson from family and friends

Maintenance Fund

\$100 in memory of Jim Albie's birthday from family and friends

\$100 anonymous donation

Youth Ministry Fund

\$285 in memory of Nancie Paulson from family and friends

In February, \$156.63 was raised for Bridges of Hope through the collection of loose change. The main focus of Bridges of Hope is to connect people with the resources that can help them resolve their current situation or challenge, including childcare services, family support services, mentoring services, resource connection services, and self-healing communities. As a community partner, Bridges of Hope has been using our building approximately twice per month to hold ACES presentations to educate our community.

For more information, visit www.bridgesofhopemn.org



Thank you for your generous gift of \$200 to ELCA ministries through ELCA Good Gifts. Your Good Gift is a very good gift, indeed. With resources like seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people—around the world and around the corner—with what they need to live abundant lives.

~ Rachel Wind, Executive for Development



Thank you to all boards and directors for leading the Epiphany Mission Conversations. Your leadership is appreciated as we work to make the world better.

February and March Service Groups

Coordinators:

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Pat True—829-2017

Nancy and Tim Bogenschutz—838-4153; bogenschutznancy@hotmail.com

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Barb Owens
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Bernice and Jim Finch
Lynn Heinrich

John Kruize
Deb and Jeff McCarthy
Janis and Jim Peterson
Laura and Shawn Roberts
Russ Schultz
Sue and Todd Sorenson
Doris Aasen
Doug and Vicky Kruse
Darnel Carlson

Anne Gustafson
Jeff and Shari Grunenwald
Emily and Tyler Monda
Anna and Jake Thesing
Cory Kruse
Jesse Jorges
Mary Peterson
Camille and Clayton Lang
Marty and Robin Billman
Leslie Skone

March Worship Assistants

	8:20 am	10:30 am
Greeters	1: Kevin Goedker 8: Deb Steuck 15: Mariann Enfield 22: Pam Finch 29: Kevin Goedker	Kay Theien Pam and Steve Oslos Kay Theien Bev Gotti Pam and Steve Oslos
Ushers	1: Paul Rhoda, Shelly Birchem 8: the Mollie Nelson family 15: Gloria and Harvey Munsch 22: the Mollie Nelson family 29: Bev Gotti, Greg Anderson	Janis and Jim Peterson the Ruth Unger family Pete and Sheri Olson Mary and Scott Parsons STILL NEEDED
Readers	1: Kevin Goedker 8: Deb Steuck 15: STILL NEEDED 22: Stacy Erdal 29: Kevin Goedker	Jackie Nornes Greg Anderson STILL NEEDED Jean Anhalt Kathleen Weisman
Communion preparation	1: Jennie Klukas, Jackie Nornes 15: Mary Farmer	Gene and Lynn Teufert Jen Lindholm
Communion servers	1: Jaret, Larry, and Natalie Embertson 15: 2 STILL NEEDED	5 STILL NEEDED 2 STILL NEEDED
Assisting ministers	1: Josh Klukas 8: STILL NEEDED 15: STILL NEEDED 22: STILL NEEDED 29: Josh Klukas	
Coffee servers	1: Turner Person 8: STILL NEEDED 15: Sam and Sydney Roberts 22: STILL NEEDED 29: STILL NEEDED	
Flowers	1: STILL NEEDED 8: STILL NEEDED 15: Sue Skinner 22: STILL NEEDED 29: STILL NEEDED	
Flower Care	Krystal DeChaine	
Wednesday ushers:	Bob and Jenny Johnson	
Wednesday assisting ministers:	3/4: Josh Klukas; 3/11: Josh Klukas; 3/18: Kayli Skinner; 3/25: Kathleen Weisman; 4/1: Kayli Skinner	

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CROSS+GENERATIONAL DINNERS AND CONVERSATIONS

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT ● 5:30 - 7:00

Meals Conversations Worship
March 4- April 1

6th - 9th graders - sign up to work the night that works best for you. Bring a pot of soup and a plate of sandwiches.

CONTACT PR. SARAH WITH QUESTIONS.



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS, NISSWA, to host
2020 LAKES AREA WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
"RISE! TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK"
Written by the people of Zimbabwe
MARCH 7TH
ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE HOUSE 9:30AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM

Each year the World Day of Prayer Service is written by a different country. The 2020 World Day of Prayer Service is written by the people of Zimbabwe. Farai Zvidzwa, who grew up in Zimbabwe, will be our special guest. The 2020 World Day of Prayer theme is Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk, which is a theme with a lot of action verbs! In John 5:2-9a Jesus calls us to participate in his miracle for the lame man at the pool near The Sheep Gate in Jerusalem. In Acts 3:1-8 Peter and John show us an example of that participation when they encounter the lame man by the temple gate while going about their daily routine. The people of Zimbabwe are encouraging us to take up our mats, whatever they may be for us, and together in our community show that we are Christians by our love and action in the name of the Lord! It's a call to action for love, peace and reconciliation! World Day of Prayer, which is an ecumenical celebration that came into being in 1927, was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's kingdom. Since then Christians have been coming together across denominational borders to pray with their brothers and sisters around the world. Through World Day of Prayer our circle of prayer is broadened and our prayer experience is enriched as we participate in worship and prayer with men, women and children in more than 170 countries. World Day of Prayer brings all peoples together into a closer fellowship, action and understanding regardless of race, culture or tradition.

This year's service will be held on March 7th at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa. There will be a ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE HOUSE at 9:30 filled with goodies and an opportunity to learn more about Zimbabwe from our special guest, Farai Zvidzwa. The WORSHIP SERVICE is at 10:30. The church is handicap accessible and child care will be provided. One Half of the Lakes Area World Day of Prayer Offering will provide resources for Freedom Ranch, a safe home for girls who have been rescued from human trafficking, that is being built in the Brainerd Lakes Area. The other half will be given to World Day of Prayer to share with those known to be in need in Zimbabwe and around the world.

Everyone is invited—men, women, youth and children! Please join us and invite your friends, family and church communities to join other area Christians and the peoples of Zimbabwe in prayer, song, skits and fellowship. In the case of inclement weather, the alternate date is March 14th.

Wednesdays, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

7:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study/Breakfast

5:30 PM – Lenten Dinner and Conversations

5:30 PM – Worship Team rehearsal



5:45 PM – Youth Choir rehearsal

6:20 PM – Lenten Worship Service

7:00 PM – Senior Choir rehearsal

7:00 PM – High School Youth Group



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Sunday of Lent 1	2	Super Tuesday 3	4	5	6	7
8:20-Worship service with communion 9:25-Sunday School music 9:30-Itty Bitty Book Bunch 9:30-Adult Forum: Confessing the Faith Lenten Series 10:30-Worship service with communion	5:00-Creation Care Team meeting 5:30-Bridges of Hope: ACES 101 6:00-Board of Service and Evangelism meeting 7:00-Board of Education and Spiritual Formation meeting	All day-Presidential Nomination Primary 5:00-Bell Choir rehearsal 5:00-Board of Worship and Music meeting	See schedule above 1:30-Woodland worship service; office closed from 1:00 – 2:15ish	9:00-Edgewood Brainerd worship service 9:00-Quilting Group 10:00-Veteran Core Men’s Group LSS 10:15-Edgewood Baxter worship service		12:30-Circle of Change 5:00-Night of Opportunity Youth Gala
Sunday School kids sing both services 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:20-Worship service 9:25-Sunday School music 9:30-Adult Forum: Confessing the Faith Lenten Series 10:30-Worship service	4:00-BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen 5:00-8:00- Youth Mission Trip fundraiser at Pizza Ranch	12:00-Nicodemus Group 5:00-Bell Choir rehearsal 5:30-Small Group Night: dinner for \$5: baked penne with salad and garlic toast	See schedule above	10:00-Stephen Ministry meeting 10:00-Veteran Core Men’s Group LSS 5:15-Board of Congregational Care and Community meeting 6:30-CWCLFCCA meeting		
3rd Sunday of Lent 15	16	17	18	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 19	20	21
8:20-Worship service with communion 9:25-Sunday School music 9:30-Adult Forum: Confessing the Faith Lenten Series 10:30-Worship service with communion 3:00-Brainerd Leos 7:00-City Wide Youth Group	10:00-Ruth Circle 5:00-Provider’s Choice	10:30-Bethlehem Book Club 5:00-Bell Choir rehearsal 	See schedule above 1:30-Woodland worship service; office closed from 1:00 – 2:15ish	9:00-Edgewood Brainerd worship service 9:00-Quilting Group 10:00-Veteran Core Men’s Group LSS 10:15-Edgewood Baxter worship service 5:30-Board of Stewardship and Properties meeting 7:00-Marv Circle at BELC 	5:00-Breath of Life set-up	10:30-Breath of Life 12:30-Circle of Change
4th Sunday of Lent 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:20-Worship service 9:25-Sunday School music 9:30-Adult Forum: Confessing the Faith Lenten Series 10:30-Worship service	11:00-Norwegian Literature Group 5:30-Bridges of Hope: ACES Resiliency	5:00-Bell Choir rehearsal	See schedule above 5:30-Baptismal Seminar (includes dinner)	8:00-Women’s Leadership Fund 8:30-LSS 10:00-Veteran Core Men’s Group LSS 4:30-Card making		9:00-NE MN Ecofaith Summit
5th Sunday of Lent 29	30	31	1	2	3	4
8:20-Worship service 9:25-Sunday School music 9:30-Adult Forum: Confessing the Faith Lenten Series 10:30-Worship service 5:00-Sunday Night potluck		11:45-80s+ Lunch Bunch at Sawmill Inn 4:00-BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen 5:00-Bell Choir rehearsal	See schedule above 9 th grade and Nicodemus Group trip to Twin Cities	9:00-Edgewood Brainerd worship service 9:00-Quilting Group 10:00-Veteran Core Men’s Group LSS 10:15-Edgewood Baxter worship service		8:30-WELCA Heartland Spring Conference at Our Savior’s in Pequot Lakes 9:00-First Communion workshop 12:30-Circle of Change