



# THE BETHLEHEM STAR



## Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**At the time of publication, these times are correct. With the fluidity of the pandemic, hours could change suddenly.**

### WORSHIP TIMES

**Drive in worship: Sundays at 8:45 am**

**Online worship: Sundays at 10:30 am**

**In-person worship : Sundays at 10:30 am and**

**Wednesdays at 6:20 pm**

with communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and  
following Wednesdays

### OFFICE HOURS

The office is open for curbside  
drop-off/pick-up from 8:30 am—12:00 pm  
Monday—Friday.

### 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:** Amanda, John and Ruth Unger



**From the Senior Pastor**



## Holy Week

### **PALM SUNDAY**

**Drive-in at 8:45 am  
In-person and  
livestream at 10:30 am**



### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**In-person and  
livestream at 6:20 pm**



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**In-person and  
livestream at 6:20 pm**



### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**In-person at 8:00 am  
Drive-in at 9:15 am  
In-person and  
livestream at 10:30 am**



*Christ has Risen!*

**March 2021**

From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor



Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

**High School Youth Group**

Wednesdays ~ 7:00 - 8:15 PM  
beginning September 23

- \*open to all 10th -12th graders
- \*follow ISD 181 schedule
- \*outdoors as much as possible
- \*masks required when indoors

Talk to Amber Hennessey if you have questions.

Looking ahead...

With the fluidity of the pandemic, we hope to see you soon. We are following CDC and MN Department of Health guidelines. Your safety and well-being is our number one concern.

At the time of publication, in-person services will be offered at 10:30 am on Sundays and at 6:20 pm on Wednesdays. You must preregister on our website. Masks will be worn. Social distancing will be practiced.



If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, you can 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:

**Ongoing:** Jean Anhalt; Bernice Finch; Gloria Gregersen; Jody Sweet; Janice Skinner; Craig and Tricia Warner; Cassie; Ted Schaeffer; Chuck Steinbauer; Luann Brooks; Jim Brousseau; Francisco Amigon; Bob Manary; Linda Anderson; Barb Howard; Ardelle Boelter; Greg Wiger; Isaiah Gilderman; Becky Meyer; Mike and Sam Hamad; Amanda Unger; Cassie Girling and family; Mike Anhalt; Joyce Wagner; Jessica Rodenbiker; Barrie Rempel; Bob Morris; for all affected by COVID; Michael Zickuhr; victims of domestic violence; all residents and staff of assisted living and nursing home facilities; Nancy Walsh; for peace in our world; the unemployed; healthcare workers; Yvonne Doust; for protection from Corona Virus; all dealing with addiction; all affected by mental health issues; all caregivers; everyone dealing with cancer

**Service:** Zac Myhre deployed to South Korea; Danny Smith deployed to Kuwait

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

**March:** Pat and Teri Slough and family; Alice and David Smith; Amy Smith; Carol Smith; Corliss Smith; Stephanie Smith; Reva Snell; Linda Soderman; Sue and Todd Sorenson; Jody and Zachariah Sparkman and family; Dale and Jackie Spaulding; Kim Spencer and family; April and Jeff Spigarelli and family; Ben Stall; Carla and Scott Stall and family; Logan Stall; Phyllis Stall; Elsie and Mike Stanek and family; Denise and Duane Stange; Jon and Margaret Steblay; Casey and Doris Stengel; Deb Steuck; Pam Stock and family; Jerome and Marge Streich; Jackie Stromback; Jean and Tom Swanson; Nancy and Rick Sweet and family; Karen Tengwall; Gene and Lynn Teufert and family; DeEtta Theien; Kay Theien; Anna and Jake Thesing and family

2020-2021  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 9:45AM**

OUR PLAN IS AS LONG AS THE BRAINERD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS EITHER HYBRID OR IN PERSON WE WILL MEET IN PERSON. WHEN ISD181 GOES ALL ONLINE WE WILL NOT HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN PERSON.

PLEASE BRING CAMP CHAIR(S) IF YOU WANT THEM, MASKS, AND YOUR BIBLES.

9:30 AM - HOUSEHOLDS CAN BEGIN ENTERING THE BUILDING FROM THE DOOR BY THE COMMUNITY OFFICE. HAND SANITIZER WILL BE USED AT CHECK IN.

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN

10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL END

HOUSEHOLDS WILL LEAVE THROUGH THE SOUTH DOOR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

10:30AM IN PERSON WORSHIP BEGINS IN THE SANCTUARY

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EVERYONE WILL MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. ALL HOUSEHOLDS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ADULT WITH THEM. HOUSEHOLDS WILL SIT TOGETHER AND PHYSICALLY DISTANCED FROM OTHER GROUPS. MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN THE BUILDING.

**MEETING DATES FOR FALL:**

SEPTEMBER 27  
OCTOBER 4  
OCTOBER 11  
OCTOBER 25  
NOVEMBER 1  
NOVEMBER 8  
NOVEMBER 15  
NOVEMBER 22  
DECEMBER 6  
DECEMBER 13  
DECEMBER 20

2020-2021  
**CATECHISM**

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 7:00PM**

WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO HOLD CATECHISM OUTSIDE FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. INDOORS MASKS ARE REQUIRED. PLEASE SEND YOUR YOUTH WITH A CAMP CHAIR, THEIR BIBLE AND A MASK IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER.

OUR PLAN IS AS LONG AS THE BRAINERD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS EITHER HYBRID OR IN PERSON WE WILL MEET IN PERSON. WHEN THE ISD181 GOES ALL ONLINE WE WILL FOLLOW SHUT AND MOVE TO THE ZOOM PLATFORM. WHEN WE MOVE INSIDE:

6:50PM CATECHISM STUDENTS WILL CHECK IN THROUGH THE DOOR BY THE COMMUNITY OFFICE

7:00PM CATECHISM WILL BEGIN

8:00PM CATECHISM WILL END AND LEARNERS WILL EXIT THROUGH THE SOUTH FELLOWSHIP DOORS.

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6-8TH GRADERS WILL MEET WITH PASTOR SARAH

9TH GRADERS WILL MEET WITH PASTOR MARK

**MEETING DATES FOR FALL:**

SEPTEMBER 23  
SEPTEMBER 30  
OCTOBER 7  
OCTOBER 21  
OCTOBER 28  
NOVEMBER 4  
NOVEMBER 11  
NOVEMBER 18  
DECEMBER 2  
DECEMBER 9  
DECEMBER 16



**Drive-in service on Sundays at 8:45 am**

3/7: Janis and Jim Peterson  
3/14: Cathy and Dan Lee  
3/21: Keith and Kirsten Olson  
3/28: Becky and Dave Meyer

**In-person service on Sundays at 10:30 am**

3/7: Clayton Lang, Pam Stock, Al Gardner, Jackie Nornes  
3/14: Mike and Wendy Gindorff, Jackie Nornes, Ben Reimers  
3/21: Pam Stock, Al Gardner, Mike and Wendy Gindorff  
3/28: Mary and Scott Parsons, Jackie Nornes, Greg Anderson

**Wednesdays at 6:20 pm**

3/3: Wendy Gindorff, the Lindholm family  
3/10: Wendy Gindorff, the Lindholm family  
3/17: Pam Stock, Al Gardner; Amy Vleck  
3/24: the Lindholm family

**Bethlehem worship services**

**Drive-in services**

**\*Sundays at 8:45 am with communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays**

**In-person services**

**\*Sundays at 10:30 am**  
**\*Wednesdays at 6:20 pm**  
**\*Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays and following Wednesdays**  
**\*Masks will be worn.**  
**\*You must preregister. Registration opens 13 days prior to each service. Preregister on our website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) or call 829-3330 before Friday at noon.**  
**\*Open to 40 people maximum.**  
**\*No group singing.**  
**\*Prayground and nursery closed.**

**Live-streamed services**

**\*Sundays at 10:30 am**  
**\*Live-streamed weekly on our Facebook page [bethlehem.brainerd](https://www.facebook.com/bethlehem.brainerd); later available on our website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net)**



To view our online services at 10:30 am on Sundays, go to our Facebook page at [bethlehem.brainerd](https://www.facebook.com/bethlehem.brainerd); the service will also be posted on our website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net)

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 28  | <b>1</b>  |   |
| 8:45 am – Drive in worship service<br>9:45 am – Sunday School<br>10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service; you must preregister                | 6:00 pm – Board of Service and Evangelism meeting online via Zoom<br>6:30 pm – Community Partner discussion online                  | 5:00 pm – Board of Worship and Music meeting online via Zoom<br>6:30 pm – Lenten Hebrew Study online via Zoom |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 7   | <b>8</b>  |   |
| 8:45 am – Drive in worship service with communion<br>9:45 am – Sunday School<br>10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service; you must preregister |   | 6:30 pm – Lenten Hebrew Study online via Zoom   |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent; Daylight Savings</b> 14  | <b>15</b>   |   |
| 8:45 am – Drive in worship service with communion<br>9:45 am – Sunday School<br>10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service; you must preregister | 7:00 pm – Board of Education and Spiritual Formation meeting online via Zoom  | 6:30 pm – Lenten Hebrew Study online via Zoom   |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 21  | <b>22</b>   |   |
| 8:45 am – Drive in worship service with communion<br>9:45 am – Sunday School<br>10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service; you must preregister | 6:00 pm – Creation Care Team meeting via Zoom   | 6:30 pm – Lenten Hebrew Study online via Zoom   |
| <b>Palm Sunday</b> 28  | <b>29</b>   |   |
| 8:45 am – Drive in worship service<br>9:45 am – Sunday School<br>10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service; you must preregister                |   |   |
| <b>Easter Sunday</b> 4   | <b>5</b>  |   |
| 8:00 am – In-person worship service<br>9:15 am – Drive-in worship service<br>10:30 am – In-person and livestreamed service   | Office closed<br>6:00 pm – Board of Service and Evangelism meeting online via Zoom<br>6:30 pm – Community Partner discussion online | 5:00 pm – Board of Worship and Music meeting online via Zoom  |

**CREATION CARE**

**O** Enbridge Line 3 oil pipeline, a 338-mile long pipeline that crosses more than 200 water bodies and 800 wetlands across northern Minnesota, will also discharge dredged and fill material into rivers and streams as it is being built. Nearly doubling the amount of oil the current pipeline carries, Line 3 threatens a major increase in greenhouse gas emissions, which goes against Minnesota's own legislated goals to decrease its carbon footprint. Indigenous groups such as the Water Protectors, Honor the Earth, Giniw Collective, RISE Coalition, and Gitchigumi Scouts are challenging the pipeline, saying that it violates several federal laws and treaties where the Ojibwe have retained hard-fought rights to healthy fish and game. The pipeline would also open up new areas of the state to potential spills in ancient wild rice beds, village sites, and graves, as well as putting people, plants and wildlife at risk. CONTACT YOUR national and state leaders, and ask them to support our White Earth Nation and Red Lake Nation brothers and sisters.

Source: <http://www.nemnsynod.org/green-tips.html/> February 2021



Curbside drop-off/pick-up is available from 8:30 – 12:00 pm on Mondays – Fridays. Call 829-3330 when you arrive, and someone will meet you at the front door.

|    | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|----|---|---|--|---|
| 2  | 3   | 4   | 5  | 6   |
| WS | 6:20 pm – In-person worship service; you must preregister<br>7:00 pm – Catechism<br>7:00 pm – High School Youth Group | 10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups<br>6:30 pm – Smart Team meeting online via Zoom  |  |   |
| 9  | 10  | 11  | 12   | 13  |
| WS | 6:20 pm – In-person worship service; you must preregister<br>7:00 pm – Catechism<br>7:00 pm – High School Youth Group | 10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups<br>5:15 pm – Board of Congregational Care and Community meeting online   |  |   |
| 16 | 17  | 18  | 19   | 1 <sup>st</sup> day of spring 20  |
| WS | 6:20 pm – In-person worship service; you must preregister<br>7:00 pm – Catechism<br>7:00 pm – High School Youth Group | 10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups<br>5:30 pm – Board of Stewardship and Properties meeting<br>6:30 pm – Smart Team meeting online via Zoom                               |  |  |
| 23 | 24  | 25  | 26   | 27  |
| WS | 6:20 pm – In-person worship service; you must preregister<br>7:00 pm – Catechism<br>7:00 pm – High School Youth Group | 10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups  |  |   |
| 30 | 31  | Maundy Thursday 1   | Good   | 3   |
|    |   | 10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups<br>6:20 pm – In-person and livestreamed service<br> | 6:20 pm – In-person and livestreamed service<br> |   |
| 6  | 7   | 8   | 9  | 10  |
|    | 6:20 pm – In-person worship service; you must preregister<br>7:00 pm – Catechism<br>7:00 pm – High School Youth Group | 10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups<br>5:15 pm – Board of Congregational Care and Community meeting online<br>6:30 pm – Smart Team meeting                                 |  |   |



# March Birthdays



1 ~ Kevin Brick, Tonya Person

2 ~ Wayne Dosh

3 ~ Karl Hadrits

4 ~ Bruce Erickson, Charlotte Girling

6 ~ Kevin Gohman, Kathy Thomson, 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, Geri Skogen, Amy Smith, Sara Teufert

19 ~ Alexis Smith

20 ~ Claire Erdal

21 ~ Clark Backstrom, Hollie LeDoux, Harvey Munsch

23 ~ Elaina Christiansen, Jayce Johnson, Marci Nelson, Connie Ogilvie

25 ~ Mary Anderson, Will Grunewald, Maddy Tollefson

26 ~ Jerry DeChaine, 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](mailto:office@belcnet.net).

# Thank you!

Thank you for your continued partnership. Your recent gift of \$1500 toward both the annual fund and the rise up capital campaign allows us to continue providing programs to children, youth, families, and adults. Your continued support makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

~David Holtz, Executive Director  
Luther Crest Bible Camp



## Organ Fund

\$25 in memory of Mark Skogen from friends and family

## Livestream Fund

\$100 in memory of Leonard Jorgenson from friends and family

\$50 in memory of Norma Kotyk's brother and sister from friends and family

## Maintenance Fund

\$310 in memory of David Heath from friends and family

## General Fund

\$25 in memory of David Heath from friends and family

## 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!



### LENT PROJECT

PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Your household is invited to create one or more personal care kits this Lent. Collect exactly the following items:

- \*ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"); dark color recommended
- \*TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equalling 8-9 ounces; any brand IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING
- \*ONE adult-size toothbrush IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING
- \*ONE sturdy comb; remove packaging
- \*ONE metal nail clippers; remove packaging

Fold towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string, or rubber bands.

IMPORTANT: New items only. No religious symbols. No patriotic or military symbols.

Drop completed kit off at the office between 8:30 am - 12:00 pm weekdays or after a worship service by April 4. See our website [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) for more information.

# Lenten Hebrews Study with Pr. Mark online via Zoom

Tuesdays  
February 23 - March 23  
6:30 - 7:30 pm

Sign up on our website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) or contact the office at [office@belcnet.net](mailto:office@belcnet.net)

**Butter Braids will be sold until March 14 and will be delivered on March 31. Talk to your favorite mission trip participant or call the office at 829-3330.**

**\$13 - strawberry & cream cheese; apple; blueberry and cream cheese; raspberry; caramel rolls; cinnamon rolls**

**\$14 - herb & cheese; bavarian cream**

## Holy Week

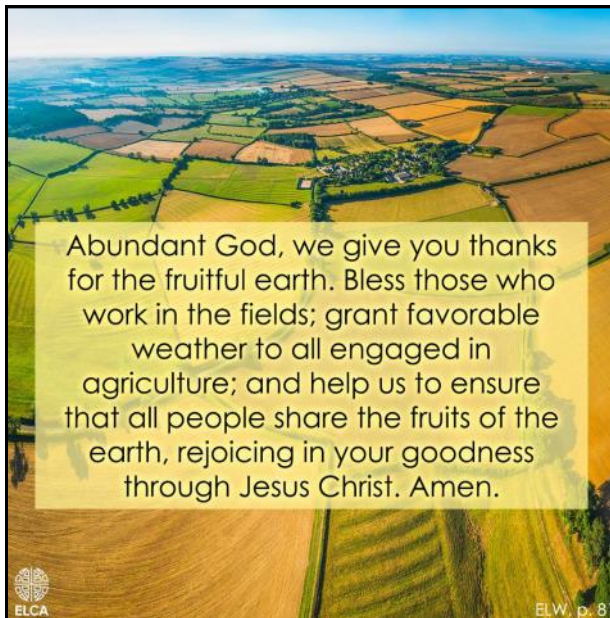
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Christ and Reson!



Abundant God, we give you thanks for the fruitful earth. Bless those who work in the fields; grant favorable weather to all engaged in agriculture; and help us to ensure that all people share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness through Jesus Christ. Amen.



We are collecting for these organizations through the month of March. Please drop off food items at the office (M-F 8:30am - 12:00pm or after a worship service). Monetary donations can be mailed in or dropped off at a worship service.

The CLC Food Pantry prefers monetary donations to best serve their population. **CLC** CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE



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

The Salvation Army prefers monetary donations to best serve their population. **THE SALVATION ARMY** Giving Hope Today



The Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen can use nonperishable food items or monetary donations.



## Immediate Needs

Want to help our community partners?  
Here are some of their needs:

Mid Minnesota Women's Center  
\*Netflix gift cards (due to the high cost of cable, they are switching to Netflix)

Salvation Army  
\*March - food drive - both nonperishable food items and monetary donations are needed  
\*contact them for information on a prescription program to help with the cost of medications

Please contact these organizations for more information.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



## EASTER LILIES

You can honor or memorialize someone special by donating an Easter lily in their name.

Any donations are welcomed and appreciated. Please make checks payable to BELC with "Easter lilies" in the memo line. Be sure to include a note as to who it is honoring or memorializing.



• Learn more about our community partners. •

**BLADE (BRAINERD LAKES AREA DRUG EDUCATION)**

AND

**BAY (BRAINERD AREA YOUTH) MINISTRY**

**MONDAY, APRIL 5  
6:30 - 7:00 PM**

Go to <http://bit.ly/CommPartnerZoom> at 6:25 pm that evening to join the virtual meeting. Please note you will be in a virtual waiting room until the meeting begins.

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](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.