



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 1st and 3rd 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



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!

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 Honnessey 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 Dust; 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

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

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.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONTACT US: 718.829.3330 PASTORSARAH@BELCHNET

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.

6-8TH GRADERS WILL MEET WITH PASTOR SARAH

9TH GRADERS WILL MEET WITH PASTOR MARK

OUR PLAN IS AS LONG AS THE BRAINERD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS EITHER HYBRID OR IN PERSON WE WILL MEET IN PERSON. WHEN THE 181ST GOES ALL ONLINE WE WILL FOLLOW SUIT 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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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 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



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

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

CREATION CARE

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 7:00 pm – Catechism 7:00 pm – High School Youth Group	10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups 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 7:00 pm – Catechism 7:00 pm – High School Youth Group	10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups 5:15 pm – Board of Congregational Care and Community meeting online		
16	17	18	19	1 st day of spring 20
WS	6:20 pm – In-person worship service; you must preregister 7:00 pm – Catechism 7:00 pm – High School Youth Group	10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups 5:30 pm – Board of Stewardship and Properties meeting 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 7:00 pm – Catechism 7:00 pm – High School Youth Group	10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups		
30	31	Maunder Thursday 1	Good	3
		10:00 am – LSS PTSD groups 6:20 pm – In-person and livestreamed service 	6:20 pm – In-person and livestreamed service 	
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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, Mad-dy 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.

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



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

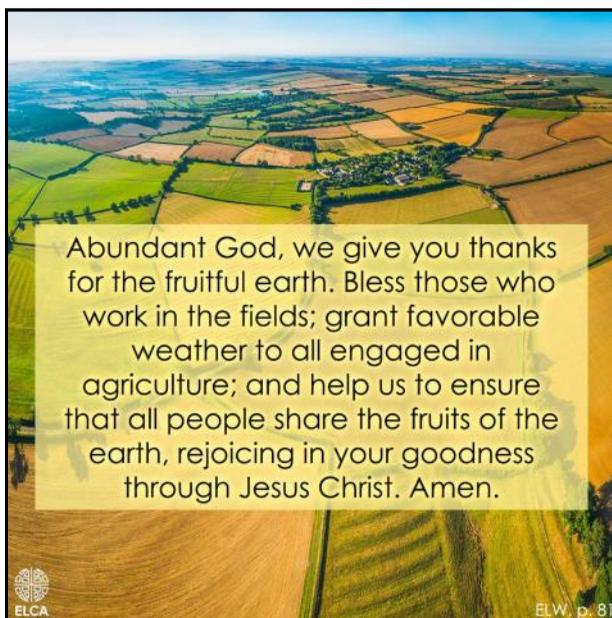
\$310 in memory of David Heath from friends and family

General Fund

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

Organ Fund

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



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.

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 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 for more information.

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

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 or contact the office at office@belcnet.net

Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY Drive-in at 8:45 am In-person and livestream at 10:30 am	MAUNDY THURSDAY In-person and livestream at 6:20 pm
GOOD FRIDAY 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 and Resurrection



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 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

SHARING BREAD SOUP KITCHEN The Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen can use nonperishable food items or monetary donations.

BELC COMMUNITY PARTNERS **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.

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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

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.