



## Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### WORSHIP TIMES

**In-person worship:**  
**In-person and livestreamed:**  
**Sundays at 9:00 am**  
**and Wednesdays through 5/15 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 on**  
**Mondays—Fridays**  
**from 8:30 am—12:00 pm**  
**and Mondays—Thursdays**  
**from 1:00—4:30 pm (closes at 4:00 on**  
**Wednesdays).**

### 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 Administrator:** Shelly Johnson  
**Education and Spiritual Formation Coordinator:**  
Joan Rosenow  
**Food Services Coordinators:** Clarence and Kim Spencer  
**IT Coordinator:** Scott Pederson  
**Custodial Services:** Rob Larson

## From the Senior Pastor



### Sabbatical

I am looking forward to beginning a time of sabbatical from May 19<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Servant of Christ Award

During the April 2024 Synod Assembly, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota presented Bethlehem with the Servant of Christ award for, “... *expressing the love of Christ through service and making our community a better place to live.*” The award recognized the various community partnerships that Bethlehem has embraced including Habitat for Humanity, Relationship Safety Alliance (RSA), Bridges of Hope, LSS Veterans Services PTSD support groups, and many more. I had the privilege of receiving that award on behalf of the congregation alongside Pam Finch our Director of Service and Evangelism and Pastor Sarah.

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.

May CATECHISM/ CONFIRMATION	
6TH - 8TH GRADE AT TRINITY	9TH GRADE AT BETHLEHEM
Wednesday, 5/1 Teaching NIGHT	Wednesday, 5/1 Youth Led WORSHIP
Wednesday, 5/8 SPRING CELEBRATION	Wednesday, 5/8 SPRING CELEBRATION

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

**May!**

**5** 6th Sunday of Easter  
Music and Sunday School after worship at 10:00 am  
Youth Bell Choir Plays at Worship  
Itty Bitty Book Bunch 10:00 am in Nursery

**12** 7th Sunday of Easter  
Last Day of Sunday School Sing at Worship Service  
Last Day of Sunday School Party after worship at 10:00 am

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**National Youth Gathering Participants AND ALL High School Youth**  
Come connect with other youth from Lord of Life, Trinity and First Lutheran who are going to the National Youth Gathering this summer.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT** WHERE?

Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
6190 Fairview Road, Baxter

**FUN - GAMES - CONNECT**

3 (( FEB. 4 - MAR. 3 - APR. 7 - MAY 5 - JUN. 2 ))

**WITH ONE VOICE CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Youth who have completed first through sixth grades will have rehearsals on June 3 and 4 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm at Lord of Life. They will sing at area churches:



- First Lutheran on June 9
- Bethlehem Lutheran on June 16
- Lord of Life Lutheran on June 23
- Trinity Lutheran on July 21 and Lutheran Church of the Cross on July 28

You don't need to be there every Sunday. This choir will be led by Stacy Erdal, accompanist at local churches, Bell Choir Director at Bethlehem Lutheran, and music educator at Riverside Elementary and assisted by Kennedy Miska, Legacy Youth Chorale Director, Music Ministry Director at Lord of Life, and music teacher in his private studio.



Cost \$20 includes t-shirt

Register here



**Elementary Event**  
For youth who have completed grades 2-4 in the 2023-2024 school year  
Event Timing: June 30, 2024 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Event Address: Trinity Lutheran, 1420 South Sixth St  
Cost: \$5  
Join us for an afternoon playing water games, learning about baptism, fun, fellowship, and meeting new friends

**With One Voice Children's Choir**  
For youth having finished 1st grade through 6th grade  
Cost \$20 - scholarships available.  
Choir Camp: June 3 & 4 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Sing in congregations as available: June 9, June 16, June 23, July 21, and July 28.  
Join with other area ELCA Lutheran youth to sing together throughout the summer.

**Summer Stretch**  
For youth having finished 5th - 8th grades - Cost \$100 scholarships are available as needed.  
9:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m. - all days except July 24 for the Twins  
June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, & July 24

**Youth Leadership Camp - LYO**  
June 9-12, 2024 - for youth who have completed grades 9-11  
Registration opens April 1. Join with youth from all across the NEMN synod to grow in leadership and faith. Attendance at camp allows youth to participate on the NEMN synod Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) board. If you are interested talk to Pastor Sarah for more information.




**Vacation Bible School - SCUBA**  
July 29-August 2, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Cost: \$25  
Family cap at \$100 - scholarships are available  
For kids aged 3 & potty trained through finished 4th grade  
Crew Leaders are completed 5th grade and older and we are looking for lots of volunteers. See Alicia or Pastor Sarah.



**Summer Youth Group**  
**Middle School Youth Group & High School Youth Group**  
**Middle School: 5:30-7:00PM**  
**High School: 7:00-8:30PM**  
June 4, June 30, July 9, July 25, August 13, August 27  
We will meet at Lord of Life

YAYYY VBS!



Sign up 

Volunteer 

## April and May Funeral Service Groups

**Bonnie and Steve Almond**  
**Jackie Nornes**

*Coordinators:*

**Bev and Dave Emery**  
**Pam and Steve Oslos**

*Assistants:*

Al and Nancy Albertson  
Jackie Avenson  
Gloria and James Brown  
Forrest and Julie Crocker  
Bob Dryden  
Mike and Sonja Eidschink  
Al Gardner  
Karl and Sue Hadrits  
Darwin and Mary Hanson  
Kathy and Lee Hauble  
Dianne Heath  
Charlie and Sue Johnson  
Emilee Jones

Yvonne Kalahar  
Laura and Nick Kory  
Lisa Kotchikian  
Hollie LeDoux  
Jessi and Kyle Louis  
Terry and Tracie McFarlin  
Dean and Sara McKusick  
Debbie and Vince Moe  
Stephanie Moody  
Gloria and Harvey Munsch  
Jan Munsch  
Jill and Kevin O'Grady

Debbie and Kyle Payne  
Norris Peterson  
JoAnn and John Rehberger  
Beverley and Barrie Rempel  
Heather Saffell  
Brett and Elise Severson  
Carol Smith  
Linda Soderman  
Jody and Zachariah Sparkman  
Pam Stock  
Vanessa Thompson  
Betty Vosberg  
Alyssa Weigelt

## CREATION CARE

**O** Farms are the foundation of our food system, but, according to John Ikerd, University of Missouri agricultural economics professor, our modern industrial, chemically-driven agriculture production systems "degrade and deplete the natural resources they ultimately must depend on to sustain productivity." In addition, 60% of the food that adults eat, and 70% of the food that children eat are ultra-processed foods that have little nutritional value and are even harmful, leading to increasing rates of obesity and Type II diabetes. Recognizing this problem, some farmers in Minnesota and the Midwest are working with Minnesota-based groups like the Land Stewardship Project (LSP) to engage in regenerative practices that include no-till, cover cropping, increasing perennial crops, reducing chemical use, and developing environmentally beneficial livestock systems. This change requires time and money in order to make the transition, so thank our Minnesota Legislature for enacting the "100% Soil-Healthy Farming Bill," which aims to have 30% of the state's farmland managed using "soil-smart" systems by 2030, including grass-based livestock production.

Source: <http://www.nemnsynod.org/green-tips.html#5>



## Looking ahead...

- \*6/2 at 10:00 am—All Church Mission Trip meeting
- \*6/4, 6/18 and 6/30— Summer Youth Groups at Lord of Life Lutheran Church; 5:30—7:00 pm for middle school; 7:00—8:30 pm for high school
- \*6/6, 6/13, 6/20, and 6/27 at 9:00 am—Summer Stretch
- \*6/12—picnic at Trinity
- \*6/16—6/21—All Church Mission Trip
- \*6/30 at 2:00 pm—Elementary Event at Trinity Lutheran Church



If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at 829-3330 or [office@belcnet.net](mailto: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 Ron Nielsen; the family of Kirsten Olson; the family of Linda Wilcox

**Ongoing:** those suffering MS and other auto immune diseases; Oliver Salow; Reva Snell; Monique Ray; Reygan Weiland; Dale Williams; Joyce Sands; Eric Steuck; Brad Zinken; Tina Collins; Bob Wrobel; Roger Gonnerman; Bob Leach; Harry Bement; Joyce Gindorff; Mary Anderson; Clarence Spencer; Jeanne Armstrong; Norris Peterson; Greg Anderson; Scott Hess; Dale Williams; Charlotte Warner; Todd K.; those dealing with mental health issues; Cheryl Johnson; Joan Aulich; 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:** Nick Schwab in Navy; 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**

**May:** Linda Anderson, Neil Anderson, Jean Anhalt; Mike Anhalt; Jackie Avenson and family; Carla and Clark Backstrom and family; Bill and Cheryl Bailey; Abbi and Kevin Bartolic and family; Michele Becker and family; Monty Becker; Arliss and Harry Bement; Cathie and Nick Benson; Shelly Birchem; Brandy and Sam Blum and family; Amy Boelter; Nancy and Tim Bogenschultz; Vicky Bonde; Ashley Bontjes; Andrew Bontjes; Gary and Sharon Braun; Paul and Sue Bremer and family; Joyce and Kevin Brick; Gloria and James Brown; Janee Burgoyne; Eric and Sasha Burgstaler and family; Frank and Margie Burgstaler; Morgan Burgstaler and family; Jackie and Mike Burkey; Darnel Carlson; Sharon Chaney; Marty and Teresa Christiansen; Gabe and Tracie Churchill; Carolyn and Jim Cole; Amanda Crandall; Forrest and Julie Crocker

## Wednesday evening meals served 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Please sign up ahead of time.

adults - \$8;  
school age youth - \$5;  
3 and under-free

Homemade meals - fresh not frozen!

4/10 - meatloaf, green beans, potato, dessert

4/17 - lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert

4/24 - cream cheese chicken with pasta, roasted veggies, dessert

5/1 - ham and cheese sliders, roasted veggies, pasta salad, pickles, fruit with caramel sauce

5/8 - TBD

**UPCOMING ADULT FORUMS 10:00 AM**

**APR 7 SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**14 NEW MEMBER RECEPTION**

**21 SHAWN HANSEN FROM OUTREACH PROGRAM**

**28 RELATIONSHIP SAFETY ALLIANCE**

**MAY 5 JEN LINDHOLM FROM OPERATION SANDWICH**

**12 SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION**

**19 GRADUATE RECEPTION**

Wednesdays, May 1 and 8			
5:15 pm - BOW rehearsal	5:45 pm - Youth Bell Choir rehearsal	6:20 pm - BOW worship service	7:00 pm - Sr. Group
5:30 pm - dinner served			7:00 pm - High School Group

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter 28</b> 9:00 am - In-person and livestreamed worship service 10:00 am - Adult Forum: Relationship Safety Alliance 10:00 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Sunday lunch potluck	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30 am - Men's bible study 11:30 am - 65+ Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm - Staff meeting 2:30 pm - RSA Circle of Change 4:00 pm - BELC at Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter 5</b> 9:00 am - In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am - Adult Forum: Jen Lindholm from Operation Sandwich 10:00 am - Itty Bitty Book Club 10:00 am - Sunday School 2:30 pm - Brainerd Leos 5:30 pm - High School Hang Out <b>at Lord of Life Church</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm - Graduate blanket tying	<b>7</b> 7:30 am - Men's bible study 9:30 am - Let's Go Fishing meeting 10:00 am - Creation Care Team meeting 1:30 pm - Staff meeting 2:30 pm - RSA Circle of Change
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter 12</b> 9:00 am - In-person and livestreamed BOW service 10:00 am - Adult Forum: last day of Sunday School 10:00 am - Sunday School	<b>13</b> 4:00 pm - BELC at Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen 4:00 pm - RSA Love and Logic class	<b>office closes at 4:00 pm today 14</b> 7:30 am - Men's bible study 1:30 pm - Staff meeting 2:30 pm - RSA Circle of Change 5:00 pm - CLB meeting 6:00 pm - Board Night
<b>Day of Pentecost 19</b> 9:00 am - In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am - Adult Forum: Graduate reception; retirement reception for Shelly Johnson in Narthex 1:30 pm - piano recital 2:30 pm - Brainerd Leos	<b>20</b> 4:00 pm - RSA Love and Logic class	<b>21</b> 7:30 am - Men's bible study 10:00 am - Ruth Circle 1:30 pm - Staff meeting 2:30 pm - RSA Circle of Change
<b>The Holy Trinity 26</b> 9:00 am - In-person and livestreamed service with communion	<b>Memorial Day 27</b> Office closed	<b>28</b> 7:30 am - Men's bible study 1:30 pm - Staff meeting 2:30 pm - RSA Circle of Change

Welcome to our new members who joined on April 14:

Mike Anhalt

Jan and John Erickson

Erica and Lane Lindner and Scarlett

Gene Polson

Erik and Erika Sandbeck



**BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB**

**MAY 9 AT 10:30 AM**

**LADY TAN'S CIRCLE OF WOMEN BY LISA SEE**

To view our online services on Sundays at 9:00 am, go to [www.bethlehemlutheran.org](#). The service will also be posted on our website.

Choir rehearsal  
High School Youth



The office is open from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm on Mondays – Fridays and from 1:00 – 4:30 pm on Mondays – Thursdays.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today</p> <p>1</p> <p>see schedule above</p> <p>8:30 pm – Worship service at Woodland</p> <p>8:30 pm – Wednesday meal: ham and cheese sliders</p> <p>9:00 pm – 6-8<sup>th</sup> catechism at Trinity</p> <p>9:00 pm – 9<sup>th</sup> catechism at BELC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 am –Worship at Edgewood Brainerd</p> <p>9:00 am – Quilting Group</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:15 am – Worship at Edgewood Baxter</p> <p>12:00 pm – Nicodemus Group</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00 am – Funeral for Kirsten Olson</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am – Worker Bees</p>
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today</p> <p>8</p> <p>see schedule above</p> <p>9:00 am – Joint staff meeting; office closed during this time</p> <p>8:30 pm – Wednesday meal: enchilada casserole</p> <p>9:00 pm – all catechism at Bethlehem</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 am – Executive Team meeting</p> <p>9:00 am and 3:00 pm – LSS staff meeting</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>office closes at 4:00 pm today</p> <p>15</p> <p>8:30 pm – Worship service at Woodland</p> <p>8:15 pm – BOW rehearsal</p> <p>8:30 pm – potluck picnic; bring a dish to share and chair to sit in</p> <p>9:20 pm – outdoor worship</p> <p>9:00 pm – Sr. Choir rehearsal</p> <p>9:00 pm – High School Youth Group</p>	<p>Pr. Mark begins sabbatical</p> <p>16</p> <p>9:00 am –Worship at Edgewood Brainerd</p> <p>9:00 am – Quilting Group</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:15 am – Worship at Edgewood Baxter</p> <p>1:30 pm – Mary Circle</p> <p>4:30 pm – TCCCP event</p> <p>4:30 pm – card making</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 am - God's Work. Our Hands. at Luther Crest</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 pm – Spring Clean-Up</p> <p>9:00 pm – High School Youth Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:15 pm – BOW rehearsal</p> <p>9:00 pm – High School Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>

to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKGd23TW4V1mlqCsktOho3g> website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) upon completion of the service.

**Baptismal Blessings**

Every month we will be offering blessings during worship services for various groups of people.

May 12 and 15 transition to summer blessing

**POTLUCK PICNIC AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

**MAY 15**

**FOOD SERVED AT 5:30 PM**

**WORSHIP AT 6:20 PM**

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

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

**CARD MAKING FUN ON MAY 16**

Get creative on Thursday, May 16. Show up anytime between 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Cards are sent to members that are shut in and members in need of some uplifting words. Please contact Cathy Lee or the office for more information. Please sign up on our website [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) or by calling the office to let Cathy know who to expect.

**God's work. Our hands.**

You are invited to participate in Bethlehem's "God's work. Our hands." quarterly event at Luther Crest on **May 18. More details to come. Sign up at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) or on the opportunities sheet.**

# SPRING CLEAN-UP

## MAY 22 5:30 PM

Help the Board of Stewardship and Properties clean up our grounds for summer. Bring gloves, rakes, leaf blowers, etc. Sign up on the opportunity sheet, online, or call the office. For more information, contact Al Gardner.

# 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.

This is a Pollinator Sanctuary Congregation

NE MN SYNOD POLLINATOR PROJECT  
*Pollinators are endangered by loss of natural habitat*  
WE NEED THEM AND THEY NEED US  
**JOIN THE POLLINATOR PLOT**

Learn more at [ecofaithnetwork.org/get-involved](http://ecofaithnetwork.org/get-involved)

The Pollinator Mandala was created by the Rev. Susie V. Bishop, Assistant to the Pastor of Holy Trinity, inspired by the 2015 EcoFaith Summit, The Pollinator Plot: A Celebration in a Time of Ecological Crisis.

## Æbleskiver Brunch

Craft & Bake sale  
May 4, 2024  
9:30am - 11:00am  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
1420 S 6th St, Brainerd, MN 56401  
\$10/Person, Children 6-12 \$5  
Cash or Check

Served with Sausage, Fruit Salad, Juice and Coffee

**Sponsored By: Danish Sisterhood Amber Lodge #186**  
Proceeds fund Danish Sisterhood Charitable Giving

If you will be attending an ELCA college in fall of 2024, you are eligible to apply for a

# Bethlehem Scholarship

Scholarships are offered through the Endowment Fund. They are renewable up to four years and must be submitted annually.

Applications must be turned in to the office by June 1.

Applications are available on our website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net)

# HELP NEEDED

Looking for people to run sound and video equipment for 9:00 am Sunday services. There are step-by-step directions. Training is available.

Contact the office for more information.

Grab your fashion-loving friends and join us!

# Style for Purpose

Tickets are \$50. Scan the QR code to buy now!

**Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity Women Build**

**Sunday, May 5**  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
LAKES AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE  
TICKETS ARE \$50

BRUNCH & CASH BAR BY:

- WINE & BEER TASTING
- A DAZZLING FASHION SHOW (AND YOU CAN BUY THE CLOTHES!)
- RAFFLES, AUCTION ITEMS
- LIVE MUSIC
- AND MORE SURPRISES!

Trinity's Annual  
**SYTTENDE MAI BUFFET LUNCHEON**  
FRIDAY May 10, 2024 - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Price: \$12.00 - Tickets available at the door

**Syttende Mai: Norwegian Constitution Day**

*Menu:*

**Meal:**  
Meatballs  
Potatoes  
Coleslaw  
Deviled Eggs  
Beet Pickles  
Pickled Herring  
Lefse (hot off the griddle!)  
Homemade Breads

**Dessert:**  
Rice Pudding  
Rommegrot  
Traditional Cookies

**In Norway, children's parades are a big part of the festivities on Syttende Mai.**

**Where to find us:**  
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Brought to you by:  
Trinity Lutheran Church Women

# Thank you!

Thank you for supporting the Central Lakes College Foundation with your contribution of \$148.48 in support of the CLC Food Pantry Fund. Your contribution plays a critical role in our mission to “promote CLC student success by addressing barriers to pursuing higher education—through scholarships, affordable student housing and other appropriate assistance.” We are grateful for you involvement and thank you for being a part of our mission. ~ Amy Matter-Hines, Foundation Assistant, Central Lakes College Foundation



GET YOUR LOOSE CHANGE READY!

## NOISY OFFERING

IN APRIL, YOU DONATED \$301.77 FOR BETHLEHEM'S POLLINATOR PROJECT. IN MAY, MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED FOR LET'S GO FISHING.

LSS PTSD Groups send their thanks for the luncheon.

Thank you so very much for your hospitality. Thank you for everything. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your generosity of space and time. Thank you so much for being wonderful hosts. Thank you for the dinner. Thanks a lot. Thanks much. Love you all.



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Thank you for choosing us!



Scan the code to learn more about Thrivent Choice and how you can financially support our organization. Anyone can donate using Thrivent's online giving platform,\* and eligible Thrivent clients can direct Choice Dollars®.



HOW CAN YOU GIVE TO BETHLEHEM?

Click the QR code to donate.



TEXT TO GIVE

Text the word "give" to 218-231-4698



Thank you for your generosity!



Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

- 1 ~ Jean Swanson, Michelle Tollefson
- 2 ~ Jim Cole
- 3 ~ Shane Johnson, Lenex Miller
- 4 ~ Ayla Backstrom, Emmett Girling, Dave Meyer
- 5 ~ Tamara True
- 8 ~ Tiffany Kruse, Ethel Nelson
- 9 ~ Abby Gindorff, Bob Pederson
- 10 ~ Morgan Burgstaler, Clayton Lang
- 11 ~ Lewis Almond, Camille Lang, Jeff Nichols, Abby Rehberger, Paula Rose
- 12 ~ Shelly Johnson
- 13 ~ Shelly Birchem, Darwin Hanson, Madelyn O'Grady
- 14 ~ Jenny Pederson, Sloan Saffell
- 15 ~ Dave Peterson
- 16 ~ Darnel Carlson, Cyndy Merrill

- 17 ~ Jacob Kraklau
- 18 ~ Elsie Johns
- 19 ~ Sharon Chaney, Erica Embertson, Logan Peterson, Doris Stengel
- 20 ~ Anne Gustafson, Connor Johnson, Karen Rosenow, Teri Slough, Megan Spigarelli, Phyllis Stall, Bruce Thompson
- 21 ~ Logan Jones
- 22 ~ Abbi Bartolic, Emilee Jones
- 23 ~ Bonnie Garding, Delaney Jackman, Art Jentsch, Sarah Sorenson
- 25 ~ Mike Lillo, Tori Wisneski
- 26 ~ Mary Larson, Sean McCarthy, Elli Salo
- 27 ~ Jenna Hollingsworth
- 29 ~ Addison Lillo, Myia Nelson
- 30 ~ Natalie Embertson
- 31 ~ Katelyn Jones, Tom Numedahl, Julie Vanderschaaf

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.

# May Worship Assistants

## Sundays at 9:00 am

<b>Greeters:</b>	5: Terri Hanson 19: <b>still needed</b>	12: Terri Hanson 26: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	5: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton 19: Bonnie and Steve Almond	12: Jen and Camilla Lindholm 26: Becky and Dave Meyer
<b>Readers:</b>	5: Jackie Nornes 19: Kimberly Spencer	12: Jen Lindholm 26: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Communion Preparation:</b>	5: Shelly Birchem, Sasha Burgstaler 19: <b>2 still needed</b>	26: <b>2 still needed</b>
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	5: Jen Lindholm, Steve Almond, <b>1 still needed</b> 19: Kimberley Spencer, <b>2 still needed</b>	26: <b>3 still needed</b>
<b>Sound:</b>	5: Scott Pederson 19: Jerry DeChaine	12: Scott Pederson 26: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Video:</b>	5: Joan Rosenow 19: Jerry DeChaine	12: <b>still needed</b> 26: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	5: Jackie Nornes 19: Jackie Nornes	12: <b>still needed</b> 26: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Treats in Narthex:</b>	5: <b>still needed</b> 19: Board of Congregational Care and Community	12: <b>still needed</b> 26: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	5: in celebration of Jen and Joe Lindholm's 25th anniversary 12: in memory of Mark Skogen	19: <b>still needed</b> 26: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Wednesday night at 6:20:</b>	1: ushers: Nancy Sweet and Mike Anhalt; sound: Scott Pederson; assisting minister: <b>still needed</b> 8: ushers: Nancy Sweet and Mike Anhalt; communion prep: <b>still needed</b> ; sound: Scott Pederson; assisting minister: <b>still needed</b> 15 outdoor service: ushers: Mike Anhalt and Jackie Nornes; sound: Scott Pederson; assisting minister: <b>still needed</b>	

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