



Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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November 2021

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

WORSHIP TIMES

In-person worship: Sundays at 8:20 am

Sundays at 10:30am

Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

with communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and following Wednesdays.

Online worship: Sundays at 10:30 am

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open on Mondays—Thursdays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm and 1:00—4:00 pm and on Fridays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm.

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner

Children, Youth & Family Pastor: Rev. Sarah Marshall

Office Administrator, Worship Team Director

and Organist: Cori Wrobel

Bell Choir Director: Stacy Erdal

Senior Choir Director: Al Albertson

Youth Choir Director: Nancy Albertson

Financial Administrator: Shelly Johnson

Children, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:

Joan Rosenow

Food Services Coordinators: Pat True and Sara Larson

IT Coordinator: Scott Pederson

Custodial Services: Rob Larson and Steve Verdon



From the Senior Pastor

November 2021



Grace to you and peace,

We had a wonderful celebration of the Reformation and affirmation of baptism on Reformation Sunday - October 31, 2021! We were also blessed to have many people take part in the “Read the Bible in a Year Challenge” and the Prayer Groups that began in September. If you are interested in joining or forming a prayer group, contact the church office. What a blessing and important time to be church! Below are some upcoming opportunities for the month of November.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on **Wednesday, November 24th at 6:20 pm** at Bethlehem. Please bring a pie to share downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the service. We gather to give God thanks and praise for life, freedom, and the opportunity to serve.

Special Offering

Many thanks to the households that responded to our Board of Stewardship and Properties request for a special offering this past month to help us catch-up with our income for 2021. If you have not had the opportunity to be present in worship to offer your financial gift, feel free to drop off your red special offering envelope at the church office M-Th from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm or on Friday from 9:00 am until noon, or mail your envelope to the church office.

Advent

Join us on Sunday, November 28th as we begin the season of Advent. This year we continue with our annual theme of “experience the Reign.”

Blessings as we experience the Reign of Christ!

Pastor Mark

From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor



Six of our youth were confirmed on October 31. back row: Pr. Mark Skinner, Claire Erdal, Hannah Heinrich, Trond Sjoberg, Pr. Sarah Marshall; front row: Gabbie Klukas, Alex McFarlin, Anja Storbakken



Looking ahead...

At the time of publication, all services will be held in-person. Following Current CDC and MN Department of Health Recommendations as of Aug 13, 2021 “If you are **not fully vaccinated** and aged 2 or older, you should wear a mask in indoors.” “If you are **fully vaccinated**, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.” We encourage wearing masks during worship or for gatherings of more than 10 people within our building. Thank you!

If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at 829-3330 or 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: Pr. Hans Anderson and family on the death of his father; Jady Gohman and family on the death of her father; the family of Mary Ann Emerson; the family of Terri G.

Ongoing: Mitch Nelson; Mark Hill; Vince Moe; Sam Knudson; all who are grieving; Adam Marschand; Michael Finch; Ricky DeWolf; the homeless; safe winter for all; Del Dahl; a BELC member; Terri Hanson; Phyllis Roberts; Jon Luhrs; Clary Tollefson; for peace in our world; Jessica Rodenbiker; Barrie Rempel; for all affected by COVID; Michael Zickuhr; victims of domestic violence; all residents and staff of assisted living and nursing home facilities; healthcare workers; all caregivers; everyone dealing with cancer

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 November: Anita and Larry Martinson; John Mathews; Jeff Maxwell; Deb and Jeff McCarthy; Kris McDonald; Terry and Tracie McFarlin and family; Dean and Sara McKusick and family; Ashlee McNamara and family; Cynthia Merrill and family; Becky and Dave Meyer and family; Bruce Mienert and family; Janelle Mienert; Barbara Miller; Michael Miller; Troy Miller and Joan Rosenow and family; Deb and Vince Moe; Emily and Tyler Monda and family; Stephanie Moody; Allison Moyer-Taylor and family; Harold Munsch and family; Gloria and Harvey Munsch; Richard Munsch and family; David and Faye Nelson; Don and Marci Nelson; Ethel Nelson; Lynn and Mitch Nelson; Mollie Nelson and family; Patricia Nelson; Jeff Nichols and Cheryl Severson-Nichols; Marcy Nickel; Curt and Sandy Nielsen; Jackie Nornes

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

6TH - 9TH GRADE CATECHISM SCHEDULE

Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

9/22/21 - Parent and Youth night	1/19/22 - Teaching night
9/29/21 - Teaching night	1/26/22 - Teaching night
10/6/21 - Individual Mentor night	2/2/22 - Teaching night
10/13/21 - Teaching night	2/9/22 - Teaching night
10/20/21 - NO CATECHISM	2/16/22 - Teaching night
10/27/21 - Teaching night	2/23/22 - Teaching night
11/3/21 - Teaching night	3/2/22 - Ash Wednesday
11/10/21 - Teaching night	3/4-3/6 - 9th grade Cardia Deo
11/17/21 - Teaching night	3/9/22 - Lenten Series
11/20-11/21 - Middle School Gathering	3/16/22 - NO CATECHISM
11/24/21 - NO CATECHISM	3/23/22 - Lenten Series
12/1/21 - Individual Mentor night	3/30/22 - Lenten Series
12/8/21 - Teaching night	4/6/22 - Lenten Series
12/15/21 - White Elephany christmas party	4/13/22 - NO CATECHISM
12/22/21 - NO CATECHISM	4/20/22 - Teaching night
12/29/21 - NO CATECHISM	4/27/22 - Individual Mentor night
1/5/22 - Teaching night	5/4/22 - Teaching night
1/12/22 - Teaching night	5/11/22 - Teaching night

"MAKE ME TO KNOW YOUR WAYS, O LORD; TEACH ME YOUR PATHS." PSALM 25:4

JOIN US FOR OUR

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR YOUTH AGE 3 - GRADE 5

SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:25 - 10:20 AM

SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 19 AND 26

OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, AND 31

NOVEMBER 7, 14, AND 21

DECEMBER 5, 12, AND 19

JANUARY 9, 16, 23, AND 30

FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, AND 27

MARCH 6 AND 27

APRIL 3, 10 AND 24

MAY 1, 8, AND 15

INCLUDING MUSIC TIME FOR ALL

"TEACH THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN, TALKING ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME AND WHEN YOU ARE AWAY, WHEN YOU LIE DOWN AND WHEN YOU RISE." DEUTERONOMY 11:19



In-person service on Sundays at 8:20 am

11/7: ushers - still needed; reader - Terri Hanson; greeter - Carolyn Cole; comm prep - Shelly Bircham, Lynn Teufert; comm servers - Sue Skinner, Larry and Natalie Embertson
 11/14: greeters - Cheryl Severson-Nichols and Jeff Nichols; reader - Sandy Nielsen; ushers - Janis and Jim Peterson
 11/21: greeters - Yvonne Kalahar; reader - Cathy Lee; comm prep - Jeff and Cheryl Nichols; comm servers - 2 still needed; ushers - Jon and Margaret Steblay
 11/28: greeters -- Sara and Will Larson; reader - Cheryl Severson-Nichols; ushers - Becky and Dave Meyer

In-person service on Sundays at 10:30 am

11/7: ushers - Lindholm family; reader - Jackie Nornes; greeters - Mary and Scott Parsons; comm prep: Jen and Joe Lindholm; comm servers: Jen Lindholm; Jackie Nornes; Pam Oslos
 11/14: ushers - the Lindholms; reader - Kim Spencer; ushers - the Lindholms
 11/21: greeters - Gloria and Harvey Munsch; reader - Kirsten Olson; comm prep - Janis and Jim Peterson; comm servers - Karen and Steve Rosenow; ushers - Keith and Kirsten Olson
 11/28: greeter - Beth Larson; reader - Jean Anhalt; ushers - Gloria and Harvey Munsch

In-person service on Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

November ushers: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton; comm prep and server 11/3, 11/10, and 11/24 - Jackie Nornes

November hours

Worship times
 *in-person on Sundays at 8:20 am
 *in-person and livestream on Sundays at 10:30 am
 *in-person on Wednesdays at 6:20 pm

Office Hours
 Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesdays, November 3, 10, 17 and December 1

5:15 pm – Meal served for \$7
 5:30 pm – Worship Team rehearsal
 5:45 pm – Youth Choir rehearsal
 6:20 pm – Worship service
 7:00 pm – Catechism
 7:00 pm – Sr. Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm – High School Youth Group



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Reformation Sunday 31	1	2
8:20 am – Drive in worship service with communion 9:25 am – Sunday School 10:30 am - Live-streamed and In-person worship service with communion and confirmation	6:00 pm – Board of Service and Evangelism meeting online via Zoom	7:30 am – Men's bible study 5:00 pm – Bell Choir rehearsal 5:00 pm – Board of Worship and Music meeting
All Saints Sunday 7	8	9
8:20 am – In-person worship service with communion 9:25 am – Sunday School 10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service with communion	4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	7:30 am – Men's bible study 5:00 pm – Bell Choir rehearsal 5:15 pm – Board of Congregational Care and Community meeting
14	15	16
8:20 am – In-person worship service 9:25 am – Sunday School 10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service	10:00 am – Ruth Circle	7:30 am – Men's bible study 5:00 pm – Bell Choir rehearsal 6:00 pm – New Member Orientation
New member & Christ the King Sunday; Thanksgiving basket delivery at 9:30 am 21	22	23
8:20 am – In-person worship service with communion 9:25 am – Sunday School 10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service with communion 2:00 pm – Brainerd Leos		7:30 am – Men's bible study 10:00 am – Stephen Ministry meeting 5:00 pm – Bell Choir rehearsal
1st Sunday of Advent 28	29	30
8:20 am – In-person worship service 10:30 am - Live-streamed worship and In-person worship service	6:00 pm – Creation Care Team meeting	7:30 am – Men's bible study 11:30 am – 70s+ Lunch Bunch at BELC 4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen 5:00 pm – Bell Choir rehearsal

CREATION CARE

Just one year after Minnesota launched its **Lawns to Legumes** program, which pays residents small amounts of money to **plant pollinator-friendly flowers, shrubs and trees in their yards**, about 750 residents have received \$58,000 to plant nearly **eight football fields worth of pollinator gardens, meadows and flowering trees** in cities and suburbs around the state. Funded by the state's **Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund**, the program receives help from the **Metro Blooms** organization and the **Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)**, both of which can be contacted by those interested in **converting some of their lawns or gardens into bee and butterfly habitats**. Most recipients spent even more of their own money on the projects, while the more than **7,000 people** who applied for money but did not receive any still reported **planting another 190,000 square feet of pollinator habitat on their own**. Although Minnesotans have displayed overwhelming commitment to this program, **state lawmakers have not agreed on how to spend the trust fund money in 2021 (the request is for \$1 million to pay for up to 1,600 more grants over the next three years)**. URGE YOUR LAWMAKERS to support spending trust fund money on programs like Lawns to Legumes that it was designed to fund.

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



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

The office is open on Mondays – Thursdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 – 4:00 pm. On Fridays, it is open from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6
See schedule above left 1:30 pm – Woodland worship service 2:00 pm – Crow Wing Energized 5:00 pm – CHRISTmas Journey meeting 5:15 pm – dinner for \$7: chicken strips and rice pilaf	9:00 am – Quilting Group 9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd 10:00 am – LSS PTSD 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter 6:00 pm – Jonah Group		9:00 am – Worker Bees
10	Veterans Day 11	12	13
See schedule above left 2:00 pm – Crow Wing Energized 5:15 pm – dinner for \$7: tater tot hotdish	10:00 am – LSS PTSD 10:30 am – BELC Book Club 4:30 pm – Card making 5:30 pm – Board of Stewardship and Properties meeting		9:00 am – Lay Leader Network Series
Butter braids delivery 17	18	19	20
See schedule above left 1:00 pm – Martha Circle 1:30 pm – Woodland worship service 2:00 pm – Crow Wing Energized 5:00 pm – CHRISTmas Journey meeting 5:15 pm – dinner for \$7: chili and grilled cheese	9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd 9:00 am – Quilting Group 10:00 am – LSS PTSD 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter 5:30 pm – Congregational Leadership Board meeting 7:00 pm – Mary Circle	Newsletter deadline	
24	Thanksgiving Day 25	26	27
6:20 pm – Thanksgiving Eve service at BELC with pie to follow	Office closed	Office closed	
1	2	3	4
See schedule above left 1:30 pm – Woodland worship service 5:00 pm – CHRISTmas Journey meeting 5:15 pm – dinner for \$7: 6:20 pm – Advent service using Holden Evening Liturgy	9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd 9:00 am – Quilting Group 10:00 am – LSS PTSD 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter 6:00 pm – Jonah Group		9:00 am – Worker Bees



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ~ Kevin Bartolic

2 ~ Adelle Erickson, Josh Klukas, Cody Vleck

3 ~ Arliss Bement, Chauntel Berry, Jeff McCarthy, Kara Reed, Elise Severson

4 ~ Pam Oslos

5 ~ Bret Adams, Sarah Rhoda

6 ~ Noah DeChaine, Krista Warner

7 ~ Krystal DeChaine, Chuck Kienholz

8 ~ Brent Thompson

9 ~ Jessica Dufour, Allison Jones

10 ~ Betty Vosberg

12 ~ Aaron Johnson, Cathy Lee

13 ~ Thomas Swanson
- 14 ~ BriAnna Kruse, Ryan Peterson

15 ~ Ashlee McNamara

16 ~ Jackie Nornes

17 ~ Grace Kraklau

19 ~ Paul Bremer, Blake Marshall, Sydney Stock

20 ~ Devin Hollingsworth

24 ~ Colleen Jentsch, Russ Schultz

25 ~ Gwen Kienholz

26 ~ Brock Kruize

28 ~ Julia Rand

29 ~ Larry Embertson, Aaron Lundgren, Meriel Park

30 ~ Barb DePaoli

Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

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 \$336.75 makes a huge difference and allows us to continue providing faith-centered programs to children, youth, families and adults. 2021 marks the celebration of 76 years of ministry and all the great memories for hundreds of thousands of people who have been impacted by Luther Crest! We look forward to where God is leading us in the future! ~David Holtz, Executive Director



On behalf of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota and those we serve, thank you for your recent gift of \$119.50. For 156 years, congregations like yours have been essential partners in the mission of LSS, helping us grow from a church basement near Red Wing to offer services in all 87 counties in our state. With deep gratitude, Pr. Julie Wright, Director of Church Partnerships



You have blessed us and we are forever grateful for your generosity. Your recent gift of \$48.33 to Brainerd YFC is not taken lightly. We are grateful for the many people who made the dream of the YFC Junction a reality. ~ Dale Keuglin



IT'S TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION OF
LivingLutheran

IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE
A SUBSCRIPTION TO
LIVING LUTHERAN OR
WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN
RECEIVING IT, PLEASE
LET THE OFFICE KNOW BY
NOVEMBER 8.
COST IS \$12 PER YEAR.
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT
829-3330 OR EMAIL AT
OFFICE@BELCNET.NET.

NOVEMBER 6



WANTED: WORKER BEES

Meet once a month on the first Saturday from 9:00 - 11:30 am to work on small projects around the building. October will include trimming trees and bushes and cleaning windows. To sign up, go to our website www.belcnet.net or contact the office at 829-3330. For more information, contact Al Gardner at 320.493.5577 or allengard33@gmail.com.

SURVIVOR: DON'T GIVE UP BE STRONG

ANTJE OLSON HAS LIVED AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE. BORN IN HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, IN 1927 TO A JEWISH FATHER AND CHRISTIAN MOTHER, ANTJE SURVIVED A CONCENTRATION CAMP WHERE SHE MET HITLER, TAUGHT HERSELF ENGLISH, SWAM IN THE OLYMPICS FOR SWITZERLAND IN 1944, WAS LIBERATED IN 1945, EARNED NURSING AND FOOD SERVICE DEGREES, SERVED AS AN INTERPRETER AT THE NUREMBERG WAR CRIME TRIALS, ARRIVED AT ELLIS ISLAND WITH \$2 IN HER POCKET. HEAR HER LIFE STORY ON NOVEMBER 10.

**11/10
6:20 PM**

ANTJE WILL SPEAK DURING THE 6:20 PM WORSHIP SERVICE AND THEN HAVE A Q&A SESSION AT 7:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.



Immediate Needs

Want to help our community partners?

Mid Minnesota Women's Center
*items for gift wrapping (paper, bows, ribbon, tape, labels, etc)

Salvation Army
*businesses to host Angel Trees
*volunteers to ring bells
*cans of beans, any size, any kind

Contact these organizations for more information. Please keep them in your prayers.

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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!



BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

NOVEMBER 11
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

BORN A CRIME BY TREVOR
NOAH

CONTACT MARGARET STEBLAY
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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

CARD MAKING FUN ON NOVEMBER 11



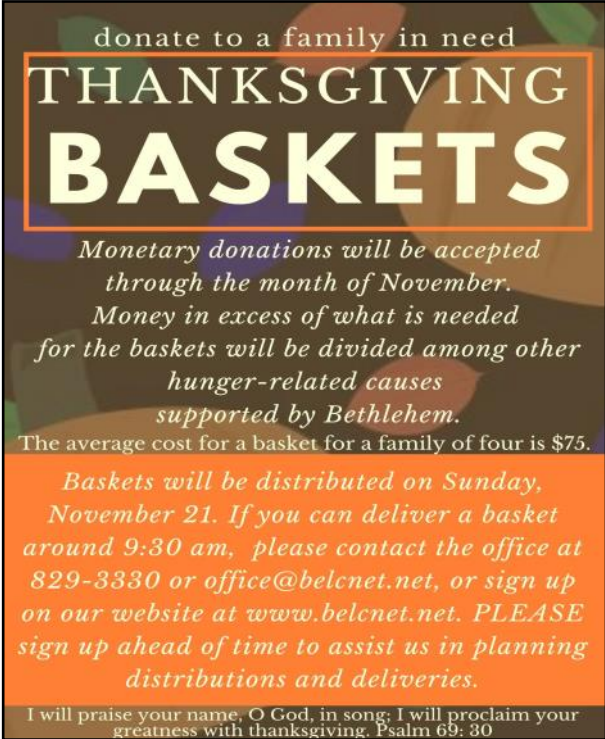
Get creative on Thursday, November 11. Show up anytime between 4:30 - 8:00 pm. Cards are sent to members that are shut in and members in need of some uplifting words; cards are also available in the display to the right of the mailboxes. Please contact Cathy Lee or the office for more information.

Please sign up on our website www.belcnet.net or by calling the office to let Cathy know who to expect. If no one signs up, the event will be cancelled.

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New Members
INTERESTED IN JOINING
BETHLEHEM? ATTEND THE
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
FROM 6:00 - 7:30 PM.
NEW MEMBER SUNDAY WILL
BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 21.
PLEASE CONTACT THE
OFFICE AT 829-3330 OR
OFFICE@BELCNET.NET TO
SIGN UP.



donate to a family in need

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Monetary donations will be accepted through the month of November. Money in excess of what is needed for the baskets will be divided among other hunger-related causes supported by Bethlehem.

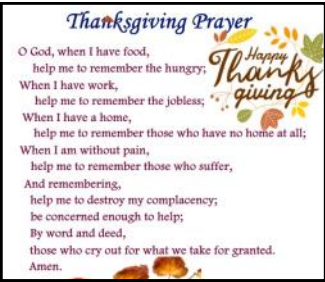
The average cost for a basket for a family of four is \$75.

Baskets will be distributed on Sunday, November 21. If you can deliver a basket around 9:30 am, please contact the office at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net, or sign up on our website at www.belcnet.net. PLEASE sign up ahead of time to assist us in planning distributions and deliveries.

I will praise your name, O God, in song; I will proclaim your greatness with thanksgiving. Psalm 69: 30

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food,
 help me to remember the hungry;
 When I have work,
 help me to remember the jobless;
 When I have a home,
 help me to remember those who have no home at all;
 When I am without pain,
 help me to remember those who suffer,
 And remembering,
 help me to destroy my complacency;
 be concerned enough to help;
 By word and deed,
 those who cry out for what we take for granted.
 Amen.



Join us for a
THANKSGIVING
EVE SERVICE
at Bethlehem Lutheran
Church on Wednesday,
November 24

Service at 6:20 PM
Bring a pie to share
for after the service.



70s+ Lunch Bunch
Tuesday, November 30
at 11:30 am
Tatertot hotdish with
salad, roll, and dessert
for \$7 followed by Bingo
at BELC. RSVP to the
office at 829-3330 by
November 29 to ensure
we have enough food.

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.



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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.