

THE BETHLEHEM STAR



Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church 418 8th Avenue Northeast Brainerd, MN 56401

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WORSHIP TIMES

In-person worship: In-person and livestreamed: Sundays at 9:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:20 pm with communion on the 1st and 3rd 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 and Laura Kory

From the Senior Pastor

Consecration Sunday

In the latter part of November, you should be receiving in the mail your annual consecration packet. Take some time to read through the packet and pray about how God is asking you to give of your financial resources, your time and your passion for the mission of Christ's church in this world. Join us for Consecration Sunday on December 3rd or Wednesday, December 6th. Please bring your envelope with the EOG card and interest sheet to worship on Consecration Sunday (December 3rd at 9:00 am) or Consecration Wednesday (December 6th at 6:20 pm) and offer your gift during the worship service. If you are able, join us for a delicious breakfast in the Fellowship Hall between 10:00 and 11:00 am on Sunday. Simply RSVP via the opportunities sheet or contact the church office. If you are not able to join us for worship at one of these services, feel free to mail your envelope to the church office or bring your envelope to the church office Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm (closed during lunch hour) or Friday from 8:30 am until noon.

Adult Forum series on November 12th and 19th

Join Pastor Mark for this two-part forum series centered around our annual theme, "Embracing the Kingdom of God in a Broken World." Together we will think about the importance of relationship and community in this very fractured, fast-paced culture in which we live and then secondly, we will engage the possibilities of embracing the best parts of our tradition as Lutheran Christians for the sake of the world.

Part 1: Embracing Relationships and Community (November 12)

Part 2: Embracing our Tradition for the Sake of the World (November 19)

Advent

Join us this year as we celebrate Advent during Sunday morning worship and on Wednesdays. There will be two opportunities for Wednesday (midweek) worship at Bethlehem. We will be partnering with First Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran in providing am 11:00 am service on 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20. After worship, join us downstairs in the Fellowship for soup. Also, join us Wednesday evenings on 12/6 and 12/20 for worship at 6:20 pm – dinner beforehand beginning at 5:30 pm. Just a reminder that CHRISTmas Journey will be on 12/12 and 12/13; bring a friend to join you in the experience!

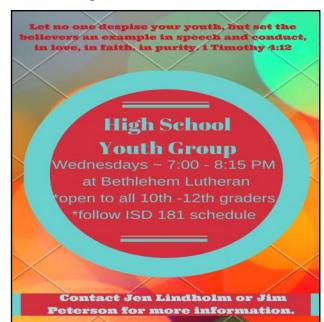
Blessings on Christ Jesus,

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.







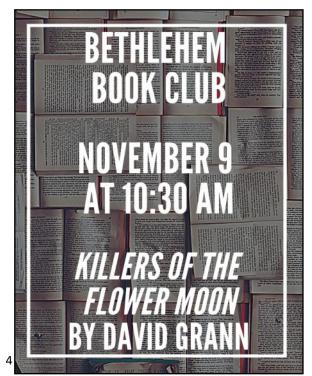
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH CATECHISM 6TH-8TH GRADES: NEW TESTAMENT MEET AT TRINITY 9TH GRADE: LIFE APPLICATION OF THE PAST 3 YEARS OF CATECHISM MEET AT BETHLEHEM Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 PM beginning September 27 At Bethlehem, Wednesday evening meals will be served at 5:30 at a cost of \$5 per meal for school age youth and \$8 for adults. "MAKE ME TO KNOW YOUR WAYS, O LORD; TEACH ME YOUR PATHS." PSALM 25:4











September, October, and November Funeral Service Groups

Cathie and Nick Benson Carolyn and Jim Cole

Brandy and Sam Blum
Amy Boelter
Katie Breen
Paul and Sue Bremer
Frank and Margie Burgstaler
Jackie and Mike Burkey
Gabe and Tracie Churchill
Tricia and Wayne Dosh
Mary and Lannell Farmer
Mike Finch
Pam Finch
Melodee Hagel
Dave and Luanne Hallgren
Amber and Jason Hennessey
Dorothy Hosner

Coordinators:

Joyce and Kevin Brick Jerome and Marge Streich

Assistants:

Bernice Johnson
Cheryl Johnson
Jennie and Phil Johnson
Dave and Shelly Johnson
Brenda Jonak
Al and Joanne Kampf
Chuck and Gwen Kienholz
Jean Krueger
Corky and Lana LeDoux
Cheryl and Jeff Macejkovic
Marc Marshall
Bruce Mienert

Richard Munsch
Lynn and Mitch Nelson
Marci and Donn Nelson
Mollie Nelson
Jenny and Scott Pederson
Mary Peterson
Darbie and Jeff Pulak
Jon and Melanie Serra
Stacy Sjoberg
Dale and Jackie Spaulding

Kim and Clarence Spencer

Logan Stall

Phyllis Stall



CREATION CARE

As climate-driven disasters have become daily news, we are also learning that mature forests provide unique, vital ecological services that may help us to slow the climate and biodiversity crises. But 80% of America's old-growth forests are already gone, and we are losing three wild acres a minute to development, logging, and climate change. Only old-growth forests can 1) remove and store large amounts of the carbon that heats the atmosphere; 2) improve air and water quality by filtering pollutants; 3) prevent rain and river erosion as well as soil loss. Be an advocate for policies that protect priceless, old-growth forests, nature's best solution to the twin crises of climate change and loss of living species.

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Source: http://www.nemnsynod.org/green-tips.html5

Looking ahead...

12/3 at 10:00 am—Stewardship Sunday Brunch
12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 at 11:00 am—Joint ELCA Advent services
12/6 and 12/20 at 6:20 pm—Advent services
12/7 at 6:00 pm—Board Night
12/7 and 12/14 at 4:30 pm—Advent decorating
12/12 and 12/13 from 5:00—8:00 pm—CHRISTmas Journey
12/16 from 1:00—5:00 pm—mission trip fundraiser gift wrapping
12/17 at 9:00 am—Christmas program
12/17 at 4:00 pm—Quiet Christmas Service of Healing
12/24 at 2:00, 4:00, and 6:00 pm—Christmas Eve services



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: the family of Karen Cheney; the family of Lynn Kalahar

Ongoing: Rob Anderson; Clarence Spencer; those who are abused; Bill Bailey; those contemplating suicide; Leonard Ebinger; a member's grandchildren; Ashley Moe; Todd K.; Dawn True; Linda Wilcox; Barb Neprud; Barbara Howard; Kacey Benson; for peace in our world; all who are grieving; all caregivers; everyone 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

November: Jesse Jorges and family; Judy and John Jourdan; Kathryn and Sam Jourdan and family; Yvonne Kalahar; Bill and Judy Kallroos; Al and Joanne Kampf; Ken and Marcie Kemboi; Mary Ketterling; Chuck and Gwen Kienholz; Parker Kienholz; Jenny King; Jayme Klecker and family; April Klema; Brenda Klinger; Ellie Knold; Butch and Jean Koering; Kris Kolstad; Laura and Nick Kory and family; Marlene Kossila; Keith Koster; Lisa Kotchikian; Norma and Ted Kotyk; Grace Kraklau and family; Jean Krueger; Kelly Kruize; Cory Kruse and family; Doug and Vicki Krus; Tiffany Kruse; Camille and Clayton Lang and family; Peggy Larson; Mary Larson; Beth and Rob Larson; Lori and Syd Larson; Brenda and Jayme Laughton and family; Don and Jan Lawrence; Sandra Leach; Bonnie LeDoux; Corky and Lana LeDoux; Hollie LeDoux and family;



WANTED: **New Members** Are you interested in joining Bethlehem? Attend the New Member Orientation on Thursday, November 16 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. New Member Sunday will be November 19. Please sign up on the yellow opportunity sheet or contact the office at 218-829-3330 or office@belcnet.net.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER BEDSHEET SALES

through November 15

Sheet sets (flat sheet, fitted sheet, and 2 pillowcases (1 for twin size and twin XL)) are \$38. Sets are available in sizes from twin to California king. Sheets are a brushed microfiber and come in a variety of over 25 colors. The fitted sheet will accommodate mattresses up to 16 inches deep.

2 extra pillowcases are \$12.

Bamboo and cooling pillows are \$35.

Plush throw blankets are available for \$25.

They will be delivered before Christmas so they will make great gifts! Contact the office for more information. 218-829-3330

STAMP, CUT. CRAFT, CREATE, SHARE, FELLOWSHIP

CARD MAKING FUN ON NOVEMBER 16



Get creative on Thursday, November 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 or by calling the office to let Cathy know who to expect.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
Reformation Sunday 29	30	31	
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am – Adult Forum: confirmation celebration 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Itty Bitty Book Bunch		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 the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	See 1:3 God 5:3 9 th din
All Saints Sunday 5	6	7	
g:oo am – In-person and livestreamed BOW service with communion 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Jason Kempthorne from Salem West 10:00 am – Itty Bitty Book Bunch 10:00 am – Sunday School 2:30 pm – Brainerd Leos		7:30 am – Men's bible study 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 2:30 pm – RSA Circle of Change 6:00 pm – Jonah Group	9:00 5:30 noo 9 th
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 12	13	office closes at 4:00 pm today 14	
g:oo am— In-person and livestreamed BOW service with baptism and blessing of veterans 10:00 am — Adult Forum: Pr. Mark — Embracing relationships and community in a broken world 10:00 am — Sunday School	4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	7:30 am – Men's bible study 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 2:30 pm – RSA Circle of Change 5:30 pm – CLB meeting 6:00 pm – Board meeting night	5:30 Good 5:30 dini 6:20 9 th 9
Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 19	20	21	
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Christ the King Sunday 26	27	28	
9:00 am– In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion CHRIST KING SUNDAY		7:30 am — Men's bible study 10:00 am — Stephen Ministry 10:00 am — Creation Care Team mtg 11:30 am — 65+ Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm — Staff meeting 2:30 pm — RSA Circle of Change	5:30 6:00 Mar
S:15 pm = BOW rehearsal Wednesda	y, November 1, 8, 15, a	nd 29	

5:15 pm - BOW rehearsal

5:30 pm - dinner served

6:20 pm - BOW service 7:00 pm - 9th 5:45 pm – Youth Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm – 6-8th catechism at Trinity grade catechism

7:00 pm - Sr. Choir re 7:00 pm - High Scho **Group at BELC**



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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
office closes at 4:00 pm today 1	2	3	4
schedule below left pm – Worship service at Woodland d-Samaritan pm – Wednesday night meal: tacos grade catechism - at Trinity for Veterans' der	9:00 am –Worship service at Edgewood Brainerd 9:00 am – Quilting Group 10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups 10:15 am – Worship service at Edgewood Baxter 12:00 pm – Nicodemus Group 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts	11:00 am – Funeral for Karen Cheney	g:oo am – Worker Bees
office closes at 4:00 pm today 8	9	10	Veterans Day 11
schedule below left o am – Joint staff meeting at Trinity o pm – Wednesday night meal: chicken dle soup grade catechism – individual mentor at	9:00 am – Executive Team meeting at Trinity 9:00 am – LSS staff meeting 10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups 10:30 am – Bethlehem Book Club 3:00 pm – LSS staff meeting 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts		VETERANS ★★ DAY★★
office closes at 4:00 pm today 15	16	17	18
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office closes at 4:00 pm today pm – Senior Choir rehearsal pm – Joint Thanksgiving Eve service at BELC with pie to follow	Thanksgiving Day 23 Office closed Thanksgiving	24 Office closed	25
office closes at 4:00 pm today 29	30	1	2
schedule below left pm – Wednesday night meal: soup pm – 9 th grade Family Huddle with Pr. k	10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts Senior Choir Christmas party; time TBD		g:oo am – Worker Bees
	e services on Sundays at 9:00 am, go to om/channel/UCKGd23TW4V1mlqCsktOh03q		pen from 8:30 am – Mondavs – Fridavs

12:00 pm on Mondays - Fridays

and from 1:00 - 4:30 pm on

Mondays - Thursdays.

The service will also be posted on our website at www.belcnet.net

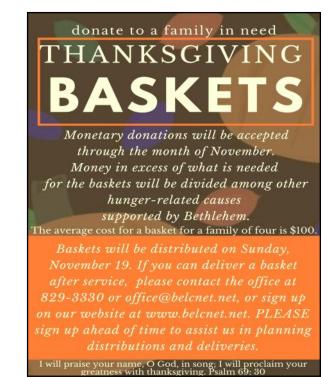
upon completion of the service.

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

November 12 and 15:

Veterans







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Our quilters are collecting new twin quilts and blankets through December 6.

All will stay local.

They are always collecting new cotton sheets (any size) and fabric to make their quilts.



CHRISTmas Journey At Bethlehem



Please distribute some invites from the Narthex table.

Tuesday, December 12th Wednesday, December 13th

OPEN 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Indoor tours begin at 5:00 Last tour begins at 7:40 Enjoy hot beverages and cookies

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.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP STICK AROUND AFTER SERVICE FOR SOME

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO MAKE TREATS FOR SUNDAYS. SIGN UP ON THE OPPORTUNITY SHEET IF YOU COULD HELP OUT ONE SUNDAY.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR TREATS EVERY SUNDAY.

LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

Sunday, November 19 11:30 am - 1:30pm

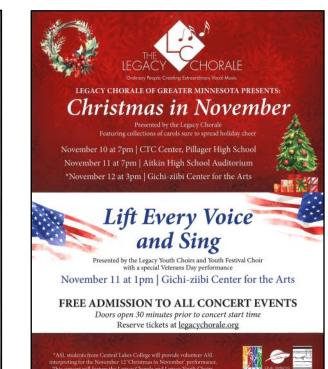
Zion Lutheran Church

Browerville, Minnesota

Traditional Lutefisk With Butter And Cream Sauce, Rommegrot,
Meatballs And Gravy, Lefse, Fruit Soup, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Squash, Coleslaw, Pie, Milk And Coffee

(All You Can Fatt)

Tickets: \$20.00 Children ages 1-12: \$.50/year 13-16: \$10.00 Call 320-733-2388 for more information



Thank you!

We greatly appreciate the generous support from our donors, ministry partners, and volunteers throughout the year. Thank you for your donation of #336.75. You are making a difference! We are looking forward to a busy and faith-filled retreat season, filled with the hope and joy found in

the hope and joy found in the promise of Christ who is alive in our hearts each day. ~Jody Johnson, Development Director



Thank you for your donation. We appreciate the monetary gift and especially your support.

~The staff and board at the Relationship Safety Alliance





Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.





1~ Kevin Bartolic

2 ~ Cody Vleck

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

4 ~ Pam Oslos

5 ~ Sarah Rhoda

6 ~ Noah DeChaine, Krista Warner

7 ~ Krystal DeChaine, Chuck Kienholz

8 ~ Brent Thompson

9 ~ Jessica Dufour, Melody Schuldt

10 ~ Betty Vosberg

12 ~ Aaron Johnson, Cathy Lee

14 ~ BriAnna Kruse, Ryan Peterson

15 ~ Ashlee McNamara

16 ~ Jackie Nornes

: 17 ~ Grace Kraklau

19 ~ Paul Bremer, Blake Marshall, Zaryn Schwab, Sydney Stock

20 ~ Devin Hollingsworth

24 ~ Colleen Jentsch, Russ Schultz

25 ~ Gwen Kienholz

29 ~ Larry Embertson, Aaron Lundgren

30 ~ Barb DePaoli

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.

November Worship Assistants

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Sundays at 9:00 am		
Greeters:	5: Joan Rosenow 12: s <mark>till needed</mark>	19: Cathy and Dan Lee 26: Karen Rosenow
Ushers:	5: Bonnie and Steve Almond 12: Becky and Dave Meyer	19: Jen and Joe Lindholm 26: Kathy Dufour and Rick Patton
Readers:	5: Deb Steuck 12: Cheryl Severson-Nichols	19: Pam Finch 26: s <mark>till needed</mark>
Communion Preparation:	5: Sasha Burgstaler, Shelly Birchen	19: Jen Lindholm, Karen Rosenow 26: Bonnie and Steve Almond
Communion Servers:	5: Deb Steuck, 2 still needed	19: Pam Finch, Karen Rosenow, 1 still needed 26: 3 still needed
Sound:	5: Troy Imgrund 12: still needed	19: still needed 26: Jerry DeChaine
Video:	5: still needed 12: Joan Rosenow	19: still needed 26: Krystal DeChaine
Assisting Minister:	5: Rebecca Timmins 12: Jackie Nornes	19: Kirsten Olson 26: still needed
Treats in Narthex:	5: still needed 12: still needed	19:still needed 26: Nancy Bogenschutz
Flowers:	5:still needed 12: still needed	19: for Sydney Stock's birthday 26: still needed
Musical Offering:	5: Senior Choir 12: Senior Choir	19: Senior Choir 26: still needed
Wednesday night at 6:20:	Assisting minister: 1: still needed; Communion prep: 1: Jackie Norne	Sweet; 15 and 29: Janis and Jim Peterson 8: still needed; 15: still needed; 29: still needed s; 8: still needed; 29: still needed ded; 15: still needed; 29: still needed
	son, Dean Makey; communion pr Jen Lindholm, Karen Rosenow; pi	Oslos, Clem Belcher; reader: still needed ; ushers: Jim Peter rep : Jen Lindholm, Karen Rosenow; communion servers: e set-up: Laura Kory, Elli Salo, Kathy Thomson, Bev Gotti, ory, Elli Salo, Kathy Thomson, 1 still needed ; pie clean up: Rosenow 15

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



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.

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