



Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP TIMES

**Sundays at 8:20 and 10:30 am and
Wednesdays at 6:20 pm**

with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and
Wednesdays

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am- 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Friday

8:30 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:

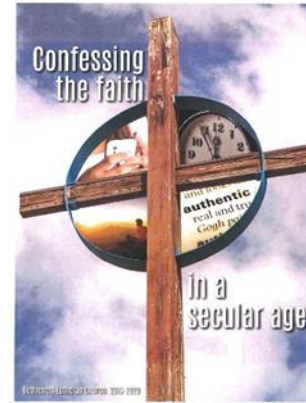
Joan Rosenow

Food Services Coordinators: Pat True and Sara Larson

Custodial Services: Ruth Unger



From the Senior Pastor



"Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age"

We have had a great start in presenting our annual theme for 2019-2020, "Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age." As we live into a culture within North America that is increasingly more and more secular, how will the church need to adapt and retool to meet this challenge head on as we faithfully seek to, "... confess the faith of the triune God in, under, and with our daily callings in the life of God's world" (from our Mission Statement for Bethlehem Lutheran Church)?

This past month, I preached a three-week series on *Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age*. Below is a break-down of the sessions:

part 1: **"Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age: Engaging the Myth of the Autonomous Self"**

part 2: **"Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age: Engaging the Myth of Authenticity"**

part 3: **"Confessing the Faith in a Secular Age: Engaging the Myth of the Time and Opportunity"**

Additionally, we had the opportunity to further discuss and present more of this material during our adult forum time on Sunday morning. I was really *shocked* – in a good way, with a lot of meaningful conversation and follow-up interest from many of you. This seems to tell me that we are talking about something that is not only pertinent and timely, but quite important to many of us. I'm glad that we could engage this together!

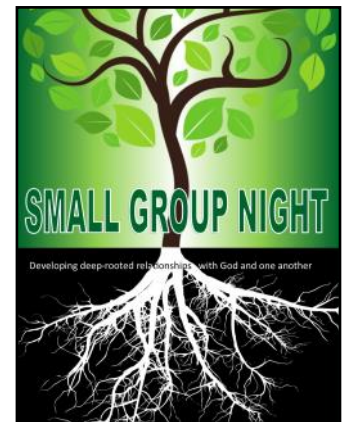
If you missed the series, or the presentations, we will be continuing this theme throughout the year, and I would invite you to pay particular attention during Advent and Lent this coming year along with joining us on Saturday, February 22nd at Bethlehem to hear Prof. Andrew Root present from his most recent book, *Faith Formation in a Secular Age*.

Small Group Night

It's not too late to join our Small Group Night. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8. The evening starts with a chili and corn bread dinner at 6:00 pm and is followed by large group teaching time on Colossians. At 7:15, we'll break into our small groups which include Creation Care Team with Kayli Skinner, Marriage Encounter with Pam and Steve Oslos, Movie Group watching *Hacksaw Ridge*, Music and the Brain with Nancy Albertson and Kathleen Weisman, and Nurturing Your Inner Child: Outdoor Edition with Camille and Clayton Lang. Sign up on the yellow opportunities sheet if you'd like to join in the fun.

Blessings to you all, and I look forward to joining you in worship this week!

Pastor Mark



From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor



It's time!

Butter Braids will be sold from October 10 - 27 and will be delivered on November 12. Talk to your favorite mission trip participant to order this family favorite treat.

Speakers. Music. Large group assemblies. Learning clusters. Family time. Worship. Fun.

NE MN SYNOD MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING

at Cragun's Resort

SATURDAY, 11/23- SUNDAY, 11/24

Arrive 11/23 at 5:15 PM in the gym
Pick up 11/24 at 12:05 PM in the gym
Cost is \$75.

This year's theme is the Ten Commandments.

Adult leaders are needed.
Please talk to Pr. Sarah if you can help or if you have questions.

2nd graders, receive your

BIBLES

Sunday, October 6, at either service

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4

HOLY BIBLE

SPARK BIBLE NRSV

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Parents, please RSVP to the office ASAP if you haven't already.

JOIN US FOR OUR

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR YOUTH AGE 3 - AND UP
SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:25 - 10:20 AM

SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 15, 22, AND 29
OCTOBER 6, 13, AND 27
NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17, AND 24
DECEMBER 8 AND 15
JANUARY 5, 12, AND 26
FEBRUARY 2, 9, AND 23
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, AND 29
APRIL 5, 19, AND 26
MAY 3 AND 10

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

CALLING ALL 9TH - 12TH GRADERS

CITY WIDE YOUTH GROUP

A NEW YOUTH GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED WITH YOUTH FROM BETHLEHEM, FIRST, LORD OF LIFE, LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS, AND TRINITY ON THE 3RD SUNDAY EVENING EACH MONTH.

The next meeting will take place at Lord of Life Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 20 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. See Pr. Sarah if you have any questions.

All are welcome!

SUNDAY NIGHT POTLUCK

Gather on the last Sunday of the month in August - April for fellowship and fun in from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

BRING A DINNER ITEM TO SHARE. FEEL FREE TO BRING A BOARD OR CARD GAME.

The next potluck is October 27.

Looking ahead...

- *11/5 ~ New Member Seminar at 6:00 pm
- *11/7 ~ Overview of the Bible (Old Testament) at 7:00 pm
- *11/12 ~ Butter Braid delivery
- *11/17 ~ New Member Sunday at both services; Baptismal Calling: veterans and military families
- *11/21 ~ Congregational Leadership Board meeting at 5:30 pm
- *11/23-11/24 ~ NE MN Synod Middle School Gathering at Cragun's
- *11/24 ~ Thanksgiving Basket distribution between services
- *11/26 ~ Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at 7:00 pm at BELC; bring a pie to share following service

Wednesday night meals are \$5 and are served from 5:30 pm until the food is gone. October menu: 10/2: scalloped potatoes and ham; 10/9: chicken lasagna; 10/23: taco bake; 10/30: hot dogs

The **80s+ Lunch Bunch** will meet at the Sawmill Inn on Tuesday, October 29 at 11:45 am.



Young at Heart will meet on Friday, October 11 at 12:00 pm at Northwind Grille.



If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, you can either put it in the offering plate on Sunday or Wednesday or 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:

Sympathy: Pr. Sarah and family on the death of her grandpa; Josh Klukas and family on the death of his grandma

Ongoing: Norma Matson; Donna Hansmann; a member who had surgery recently; Barb Howard; Michelle Brekken; Wendy Gindorff; Cyndy Thompson's parents John and Bobbie Sayles; Clark and Clary Tollefson; Diane Ristrom; Roy Cheney; Stefan True; those who are abused; all addicts; couples trying to have a baby; everyone dealing with mental health issues; all caregivers; Chuck Dahl; Aldene Gosse; Cheryl Johnson; everyone dealing with cancer

Service: Danny Peters in Peace Corps; Ethan Iverson in Marines

Please keep the following Bethlehem households in your thoughts and prayer this month of October:

Cynthia Merrill and family; Becky and Dave Meyer and family; Bruce and Janelle Mienert and family; Barbara Miller; Michael Miller; Joan Rosenow and Troy Miller and family; Debbie and Vince Moe; Emily and Tyler Monda; Stephanie Moody; Gloria and Harvey Munsch; Harold Munsch and family; Richard Munsch and family; David and Faye Nelson; Don and Marci Nelson; Ethel Nelson; Lynn and Mitchell Nelson; Mollie Nelson and family; Patricia Nelson; Cheryl Severson-Nichols and Jeff Nichols; Curt and Sandy Nielsen; Jackie Nornes; Marie and Tom Numedahl; Carole Olsen; AJ and Annette Olson and family; Antje Olson; Doreen and Larry Olson;



*First Lutheran Church
Fall Festival
Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019
Serving starts at 5:00 pm*

MENU
Beef Stew, Rolls, Apple Crisp, Ice Cream and Beverage

Adults \$10.00 Proceeds will be given to
Children 5 - 12 \$5.00 FLC Youth Group
Under five free Women's Benevolence

**PICKIN' AND SINGIN'
WITH DAN LUND ON HIS
ACOUSTIC GUITAR**

Handicapped Accessible Silent Auction
from 4:30-6:30
Marketplace - Buy it Now



Open to the public
Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door
Contact or stop by the church office for tickets
424 South Eighth Street
Brainerd MN
218-829-9552



CREATION CARE

O A report released in May 2019 by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) finds that **human-caused climate change is a direct driver of an impending loss of 1 million species in just a few decades.** Nearly 150 authors from 50 nations worked for three years to compile the report, which states that the **effects of overfishing, widespread pesticide use and urban expansion** point to a decline in the **biodiversity** that is the foundation of our **economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide.** The world's population has **doubled since 1950, while urban areas worldwide have doubled since 1992,** resulting in the altering of **75 percent of the land environment** and well more than **half the marine environment.** **URGE YOUR POLICY MAKERS** to address the biodiversity crisis that threatens our well-being.

Life Events

Melanie Levig and
Jonathon Serra
Married on September 14



Emilee Knop and
Logan Jones
Married on September 21

Gwen Cheney and
Tyler Hadrits
Married on September 28

CREATION CARE

*Save the Date! Caring Creation What Could It Look Like in Your Congregation?
Gatherings for Lay Leaders and Ministry Staff*

Gatherings are taking place this Fall in every conference of our synod to follow up on the March 30 EcoFaith Summit "Creation, Church, and YOU: Earthkeeping Practically Speaking".

Congregations in your part of the synod will learn from each other and grow together, giving you tools and perspective for integrating God's care for the whole creation into your ministry. Each gathering will be facilitated by members of the EcoFaith Network's Leadership Team. You do not have to have attended the Summit in order to come to a Fall gathering.

Who should come from your congregation?

- Leaders from your primary ministry areas (e.g. Worship, Christian Education, Stewardship, Building and Grounds, Outreach)
- Pastor, deacon, or other ministry staff

People with a special interest in connecting faith with their love of the creation and concern for our well-being within it.

October Heartland Conference
Monday, October 28, 2019
3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Light supper will be served at 5:30
Hosted by Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa; co-hosts Lord of Life Lutheran in Baxter and Bethlehem Lutheran in Brainerd
Registration information coming soon.



Join us on **Nov. 10th** after the 10:30 worship for lunch and screening of "Before the Flood", starring Leonardo DiCaprio and presented by National Geographic. Lunch will be followed by the movie. **NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT!** All ages and families are welcome and encouraged to attend this event, which is sponsored by the LCC Creation Care Team.



Both events will be held at Lutheran Church of the Cross located at 5064 County Road 13 in Nisswa.

October Worship Assistants

Greeters:	8:20 am 10/6: Sue Wiger 10/13: Dale and Jackie Spaulding 10/20: Colleen and Kevin Goedker 10/27: Jackie Stromback	10:30 am Karen and Steve Rosenow Bev Gotti Linda Schuster the Unger family
Ushers:	10/6: David and Dianne Heath 10/13: Carolyn and Jim Cole 10/20: Deanna and Phil Jones 10/27: Greg Anderson, JoAnn Rehberger	Janis and Jim Peterson the Meyer family Carla and Scott Stall the Meyer family
Readers:	10/6: Kevin Goedker 10/13: Kathleen Weisman 10/20: Emma True 10/27: Stacy Erdal	Solvejg Seamon Kathleen Weisman Linda Schuster Solvejg Seamon
Communion preparation	10/6: Shelly Birchem 10/20: Mary Farmer 10/27: Judy Jourdan	Bob and Kay Pederson Linda Schuster Linda Schuster
Communion servers	10/6: Sue Skinner; 3 more needed 10/20: 3 more needed 10/27: 2 more needed	4 more needed Linda Schuster, 2 more needed Jen and Joe Lindholm
Assisting minister	10/6: Josh Klukas 10/13: Kathleen Weisman 10/20: still needed 10/27: still needed	
Coffee server	10/6: Carolyn and Jim Cole 10/13: still needed 10/20: still needed 10/27: Board of Education and Spiritual Formation	
Flowers:	10/6: in memory of John Theien 10/13: still needed 10/20: still needed 10/27: still needed	
Flower Care	October—Krystal DeChaine	
Wednesday evening: ushers: 10/2: still needed ; 10/9: the Unger family; 10/16: still needed ; 10/23: the Unger family; 10/30: the Unger family		
Wednesday evening communion prep: 10/2: still needed ; 10/16: still needed ; 10/30: still needed ;		

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 23, and 30

7:30—Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	5:45—Youth Choir rehearsal
5:00—Bell Choir rehearsal	7:00—Catechism
5:30—Worship Team rehearsal	7:00—High School Youth Group
5:30—Wednesday night dinner	7:00—Senior Choir rehearsal



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
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8:20-Worship Service 9:25-Sunday School 9:30-Adult Forum: Food for the Poor 10:30-Worship Service with Jonah 6 commissioning 11:30-2020 HS Mission Trip meeting 5:00-Sunday night potluck 2nd Grade Bible Distribution 6	10:00-Tending the Seed 7:00-Tending the Seed 5:00-Creation Care Team meeting 5:30-ACES 101 6:00-Board of Service and Evangelism meeting	8:00-NEMN Synod Mental Health workshop 2:00-Tending the Seed 5:00-Board of Worship and Music meeting 10:30-Bethlehem Book Club; all are welcome; read 1 st 4 sections of <i>Searching for Sunday</i> 12:00-Nicodemus Group 6:00-Small Group Night; dinner is chili and cornbread for \$5	Se 1:30-Wo 5:30-Din and scall 6:20-Wo 7:00-6 th 7:00-7-9 th
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8:20-Worship Service with Sunday School kids and Youth Choir singing 9:25-Sunday School 10:30-Worship Service with Sunday School kids and Youth Choir singing	4:00-BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen		See 8:00-LSS 1:00-Mar 1:30-Wo Senior Ch
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8:20-Worship Service w/communion 9:30-Adult Forum: semi-annual meeting and Mid-Minnesota Women's Center 10:30-Worship Service w/communion 5:30-Confirmation rehearsal 7:00-City Wide Youth Group at Lord of Life Reformation Sunday 27	10:00-Ruth Circle 7:00-Board of Education and Spiritual Formation meeting	10:30-Bethlehem Book Club; all are welcome; read last 3 sections of <i>Searching for Sunday</i>	Se 5:30-Din bake 5:30-Bap 6:20-Wo
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8:20-Worship Service w/communion 9:25-Sunday School 9:30-Adult Forum: Confirmation Reception 10:30-Worship Service w/communion and confirmation 5:00-Sunday Night Potluck	11:00-Norwegian Literature Group 5:30-ACES Resiliency	11:45-80s+ Lunch Bunch at the Sawmill Inn 4:00-BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	Se 5:30-Din dogs 6:20-Wo



Wednesday, October 16	
7:30~Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	6:20~Worship service with communion
5:00~Bell Choir rehearsal	
5:30~Worship Team rehearsal	7:00~Senior Choir rehearsal

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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16 e schedule above right t training tha Circle odland worship service with noir	17 8:00-LSS training 8:00 and 3:00-LSS staff meetings 9:00-Edgewood Brainerd worship 9:00-Quilting Group 10:15-Edgewood Baxter worship 7:00-Mary Circle	18 Newsletter deadline	19 Newsletter deadline
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September, October, and November Service Groups

Coordinators:

LeRoy and Linda Albertson—829-7605; llalbertson9@gmail.com
 Cathie and Nick Benson—270-2923; cbenson908@gmail.com
 Joyce and Kevin Brick—828-9605
 Jerome and Marge Streich—828-7094
 Carolyn and Jim Cole—829-7712; cole59@q.com

Assistants:

Mollie Nelson	Ellie Knold	Bernice E. Johnson
Mary and Lannell Farmer	Jackie and Mike Burkey	Pam Finch
Cheryl Johnson	Marc Marshall	Alan Hudalla
Don and Marci Nelson	Jill and Kevin O'Grady	Paul and Sarah Rhoda
Corky and Lana LeDoux	Tricia and Wayne Dosh	Phyllis Stall
Darbie and Jeff Pulak	Paul and Sue Bremer	Joyce Wagner
Kim Spencer	David and Luanne Hallgren	Jenny and Scott Pederson
Mariann Enfield	Jean Krueger	Jessica and Nate Macejkovic
Kimm and Thor Thorson	Chuck and Gwen Kienholz	Gabe and Tracie Churchill
John and Ruth Unger	Brenda Jonak	Mike Finch
Brandy and Sam Blum	Dale and Jackie Spaulding	Jennie and Phil Johnson
Amy Boelter	Dave and Shelly Johnson	Al and JoAnne Kampf
John Mathews		

Women of the ELCA

"Autumn leaves, Jesus doesn't"
 "And I will be with you always to the end of the age."
 Matthew 28:20b

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Heartland Conference Fall Gathering will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church of Milaca, MN
 Trinity Lutheran Church is located just west of the intersection of Hwy 169 and MN Hwy 23.
 Exit Hwy 169 at mm 191. Go west to the second street and turn right. Church is on the corner.
 Address: 735 Second Street SE, Milaca, MN 56353

Mission Statement
 To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Purpose Statement
 "As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

Agenda

8:30-9:30 am	Registration and coffee
	Heartland Conference Business Meeting
	Heather Thompson Buom, speaker
	Worship and communion service
	Luncheon

Silent Auction and Buy it Now will be open throughout the event. Please be sure to bring items
 Cost is \$8.00

General offering will go to the Synod and Camp Onomia. Please make checks payable to "Women of the ELCA"

Luther Crest

MARKETPLACE

AND

APPLE BAKERY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Carlos Creek Winery

6693 County Rd 34 NW
 Alexandria, MN
 Need More Information?
 Phone: 320-846-2431
 Email: jodyj@luthercrest.org

We are partnering with the Winery's Fall Apple Fest. Marketplace, Cookie Tent, Apple Bakery, Wine Tasting & Live Music will be ongoing throughout the day. Mark your calendars to help us provide sponsorships for campers.

Excitement and Activities for the entire family all day long!!!

Schedule of Events


11:00am Apple Fest Opens

Marketplace in the Barn
 LCBC Cookie Tent
 Apple Bakery
 Live Music
 Wine Tasting

Activities continue until 6:00pm
 Food and drinks are available for purchase throughout the day.

Join us for this special day of family fun and fund-raising. All proceeds will enable more children, youth and families to experience the programs we offer year-round!

MID-MINNESOTA WOMEN'S CENTER, INC.
PROUDLY PRESENTS




Synergy

All proceeds raised at the event will go directly to our efforts to end domestic violence, continue offering hope and saving lives.

Tickets are \$50 and are available for purchase at 32auctions.com/synergy2019 and in person at the Women's Shelter (218) 828-1216


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH 5-7PM
LUMINARY FERN



NORTHERN PACIFIC CENTER
1511 Northern Pacific Road, Brainerd MN 56401

CASH BAR | HORS D'OEUVRES | RAFFLE
SILENT AUCTION | ENTERTAINMENT

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities please contact volunteer@womenscenteronline.org
Mid Minnesota Women's Center, Inc. is an IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt non-profit 841-1324087



ESSENTIA HEALTH
ST. JOSEPH'S MEDICAL
CENTER PRESENTS


GRIEF GROUP

The seven-part session will provide support, education and suggestions for coping through overwhelming days.

Mondays, September 9 - October 21 from 3 - 5 PM behind the cafeteria at St. Joseph's Medical Center

For more information about grief support groups, call Jeanne at 828-7442.

Every penny counts! In the first 4 weeks of September, \$246.89 was raised for Food for the Poor, one of our 29 community partners. Thank you for your generosity!



Thank you!

Kitchen Fund

\$25 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from Carolyn and Ray Frisch

\$10 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor from Marlys Ray

\$25 in memory of Nancie Paulson from Carolyn and Ray Frisch

\$10 in memory of Marcia Turcotte from Marlys Ray

Board of Education and Spiritual Formation

\$100 in memory of Evelyn O'Connor and Nancie Paulson from Mary and Scott Parsons



Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, October 12, 2019
3:30 - 7:00 p.m. (or until fish is gone)


First Lutheran Church

309 Second Street North
Pine River, MN
587-2316

Lutefisk, Lefse & trimmings

Tickets sold at the door.
Adults: \$15.00
Children 5 - 12: \$6.00
Children under 5: Free

Thank you SO much for all your hard work with "God's Work. Our Hands." fall cleaning. The staff and residents are so grateful for everything you did that day! It truly was God's work... simply AMAZING!
**THANK YOU ALL!!! ~ the staff of
Mid-MN Women's Center**



START ON THE DATE
OF YOUR CHOICE

It's not too
late to
start!

**ONE-YEAR BIBLE
READING CHALLENGE**

SIGN UP.
GET A DAILY READING GUIDE.
FIND A BIBLE STUDY BUDDY.
READ THE READINGS.
CHECK IN WEEKLY WITH YOUR BUDDY.
GROW CLOSER TO GOD.

**ARE YOU UP FOR
THE CHALLENGE?**

Best deal in town!

WEDNESDAY DINNERS

SERVED FROM 5:30 UNTIL GONE
SERVED ON CATECHISM NIGHTS

COST IS \$5 PER MEAL

October 2: ham/scalloped potatoes
October 9: chicken lasagna
October 23: taco bake
October 30: hot dogs

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31*

BETHLEHEM WOMEN 55+
TENDING THE SEED
Growing closer with God and others

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
FALL WOMEN'S GATHERING ON:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
10:00 - 11:00 AM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
7:00 - 8:00 PM
OR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
2:00 - 3:00 PM
PLEASE RSVP TO THE OFFICE.



And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB

ALL ARE WELCOME!



MEET 10:30 AM -12:00 PM

OCTOBER 8 - DISCUSS FIRST 4 SECTIONS OF "SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY" BY RACHEL HELD EVANS

OCTOBER 22 - DISCUSS LAST 3 SECTIONS OF "SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY" BY RACHEL HELD EVANS

NOVEMBER 5 - DISCUSS "GOOD NEWS FROM NORTH HAVEN" BY MICHAEL LINDVALL

CONTACT MARGARET STEBLAY FOR MORE INFORMATION.



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

OCTOBER 20 AT 9:30 AM
 AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE AN UPDATE ON OUR LONG TERM STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES AND A PRESENTATION FROM ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS: MID-MINNESOTA WOMEN'S CENTER
 CONTACT PRESIDENT KEVIN GOEDKER WITH QUESTIONS.

"THE ONE WHO BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED WILL BE SAVED:" MARK 16:16A

BAPTISM

SEMINAR

FOR ANYONE CONTEMPLATING BEING BAPTIZED OR DESIRING TO HAVE THEIR CHILD BAPTIZED

WEDNESDAYS, 10/23 AND 3/25, 5:30 - 6:45 PM
 (DINNER INCLUDED)

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

CARD MAKING FUN ON OCTOBER 24




Creative juices will start flowing again on Thursday, October 24 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Cards are sent to members that are shut in and members in need of some uplifting words. Please contact Cathy Lee for more information or sign up on the yellow opportunities sheet.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF BETHLEHEM?

Our next new member class will be held on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00 PM.
 Our next New Member Sunday will be Sunday, November 17.

TALK TO PR. MARK FOR MORE DETAILS OR SIGN UP ON THE YELLOW OPPORTUNITY SHEET.

October Ministry of the Month: Thanksgiving Baskets

The Thanksgiving Basket ministry team at Bethlehem will again be partnering with Bridges of Hope to provide baskets of food for a traditional Thanksgiving meal to families in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Food costs range from \$40 - \$60 depending on family size. Last year, almost half of the baskets we assembled at Bethlehem went to families with 10 or more people. Financial donations are needed so that the food can be purchased. Cub Foods is a generous partner in picking and delivering the foods to Bethlehem. Please make your donations to "Thanksgiving Basket Ministry".

On Sunday, November 24th, assembled boxes will be available for delivery to area families. Please consider a financial donation so that a family in need can enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal. Or give of your time by stopping by the Living Room between services on the 24th and taking a basket to deliver. To personally deliver a basket is a ministry of its own for some. With this in mind, we may need to limit how many baskets each person takes so that all who want to participate will be able to deliver at least one basket. Watch the yellow opportunity sheet in late October to sign up.

It is our hope that all who are in need will receive a basket, even those requesting one at the last minute.

Talk to any member of the Board of Service and Evangelism for more information.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is collecting monetary donations for

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

donate to a family in need

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 \$50.

Baskets will be distributed on Sunday, November 24. If you can deliver a basket between services, please sign up on the yellow opportunities sheet.

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

Board of Service and Evangelism long-term strategic imperatives approved in 4/18:

- Enhance our partnership with the NE MN Synod of the ELCA to include the School of Lay Ministry (Missional Lay Leadership).
- Enhance and deepen our current community partnerships. We will broaden our current nineteen partnerships to twenty-five by year-end 2020.
- Boldly proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God through word and service.



Please remember these people in prayer
on their birthdays.

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