



## Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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 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 and Laura Kory

## From the Senior Pastor



### Reformation Sunday

We will gather to worship on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> which is Reformation Sunday. Just a little over five-hundred years ago, a young zealous monk by the name of Martin Luther posted 95 statements (or theses) over and against the power and efficacy of indulgences at the castle church in Wittenberg. His first thesis was, “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’ (Matthew 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.” His last thesis statement (#95), “And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace (Acts 14:22).” In the coming years after 1517, the reformation of church and society would reach full swing. Today, as we celebrate our heritage not only as Protestant Christians but also gathered into the fullness of the whole church on earth and in heaven, we remember the need for the church to always be reforming, as we work to live into the goodness of God’s grace and mercy that has been brought forth by the Word of God in Christ Jesus! We will also celebrate with five of our tenth graders as they publicly affirm their baptism and confirm their faith as members of Christ’s church. Join us for worship at 9:00 am followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

May God keep us steadfast in the Word,

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.



Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

**High School Youth Group**  
Wednesdays ~ 7:00 - 8:15 PM  
at Bethlehem Lutheran  
\*open to all 10th -12th graders  
\*follow ISD 181 schedule

Contact Jen Lindholm or Jim Peterson for more information.

**AGE 3 - 5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Starts **9/17**

Come join us for Sunday School FUN! You will meet new Kids, make some colorful posters, play games and have some treats!

Classes are as follows:  
\*3 and 4 year olds  
\*Kindergarten and first graders  
\*2nd - 5th graders with their parents  
Classes start at 10:00 am in the Trinity Center.

Itty Bitty Book Club is a group for the littles 3 and younger and will meet the 1st Sunday each month for a short book and activity.

**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

**Butter Braids**

Butter Braids will be sold until November 1 and will be delivered on November 16. Order from your favorite mission trip participant (who gets \$6 for each braid). \$15 each - strawberry & cream cheese; apple; cinnamon; blueberry and cream cheese; raspberry; herb & cheese; bavarian cream; caramel rolls; cinnamon rolls

**UPCOMING ADULT FORUMS 10:00 AM**

**OCT 1** ANN HUNNICUTT FROM BRIDGE ON 7TH

**8** CHRISTMAS JOURNEY BY REBECCA TIMMINS

**15** JAN KURTZ ON DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

**22** COFFEE, TREATS, & CONVERSATION

**29** CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

**NOV 5** JASON TEMPHORNE FROM SALEM WEST

**12** PR. MARK

**19** PR. MARK; NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

**26** COFFEE, TREATS, & CONVERSATION

**OCTOBER 7**

**WANTED: WORKER BEES**

Meet once a month on a Saturday from 9:00 - 11:30 am to work on small projects around the building. To sign up, go to our website [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) or contact the office at 829-3330. For more information, contact Al Gardner.

**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

Enjoy the best meal in town!

10/4 - lasagna, salad, garlic bread, lemon raspberry bars

10/11 - tortilla soup with toppings, tortilla chips with 7 layer Mexican dip, rhubarb custard bars

10/18 - chicken pesto cordon bleu, pasta, roasted vegetables, French silk pie bars

10/25 - pork chops, potatoes, roasted vegetables, buns/rolls, apple crisp

11/1 - tacos (hard and soft shell) with toppings and Jello salad

**Baptismal Blessings**

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

October 8 and 11: board members and ministry team members

## September, October, and November Funeral Service Groups

Cathie and Nick Benson  
Carolyn and Jim Cole

*Coordinators:*

Joyce and Kevin Brick  
Jerome and Marge Streich

*Assistants:*

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

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

Scientists at NOAA tell us that Earth had its hottest July in 174 years, and that the last eight years (since 2016) have produced the eight hottest Julys. Record-breaking heat and weather extremes are driving the wildfires that have ravaged 37 million acres across nearly every Canadian province and territory, large areas of the Western U.S., Maui, Greece, and other places around the world. According to a 2021 study in the UK, wildfires expose about 44 million people per year worldwide to toxic air, causing about 667,000 deaths annually, with almost 39% of them children. Wildfires are consuming three times more of the U.S. and Canada than in the 1980s, and will progressively worsen until the world significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions, according to U of Pennsylvania climate scientist Michael Mann, with an expectation of big increases in smoke exposure and reduction in air quality directly attributable to increase in fire activity. Our leaders need to hear from all of us pushing them to do what they know needs to be done in order to achieve a livable planet.

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

## Looking ahead...

November 12 at 9:00 am—blessing of veterans during 9:00 am worship service  
November 12—19—BELC serves at Bridge on 7th in mornings and evenings  
November 16—new member orientation at 6:00 pm  
November 18-19—All Youth Gathering at Cragun's  
November 19—Thanksgiving basket delivery after 9:00 am service  
November 22—Joint Thanksgiving Eve service at Bethlehem at 6:20 pm



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:

**Ongoing:** Taylor; John and Pam Poston; Joyce Sheplee; Ashley Moe; Bev White; Paul Roggenbuck; Lynn Kalahar; Dawn Verdon; Harvey Munsch; Todd K.; Dawn True; Linda Wilcox; Norman Theien; Barb Neprud; Barbara Howard; Kacey Benson; 3 BELC members; 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.

**Have a Prayer Request?** You are invited to **contact the office** at 829-3330 or [office@belcnet.net](mailto:office@belcnet.net) to have your request put on the Prayer Chain. Please note that we keep people on the prayer list for 3 weeks. If someone needs extended prayers, please let the office know.

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

**October:** Doug and Meg Hagenson; David and Luanne Hallgren; Tasha Halsted; Amanda Hanson; Darwin and Mary Hanson; Terri Hanson; Kathy and Lee Hauble; Brenda Hayes; Dianne Heath; Howard and Laurel Heinonen; Lynn Heinrich; Josh Hendrickson; Amber and Jason Hennessey and family; Jilene and Mitch Hodgman and family; LeeAnn Hollingsworth; Kristi and Ron Holloway; Barb Howard; Karl Jackman and family; DJ and Sandy Janssen; Art and Colleen Jentsch; Aaron and Laura Johnson and family; Bernice Johnson; Charlie and Sue Johnson; Cheryl Johnson; Dave and Shelly Johnson; Dustin Johnson and Rebecca Ostrowski and family; Jenny Johnson; Margaret Johnson; Jennie and Phil Johnson and family; Steven Johnson; Kent Johnson III; Dave and Tanya Johnston and family; Brenda Jonak; Allison Jones and family; Deanna Jones; Katelyn Jones and family; Logan Jones and family; Joyce Jorgenson



**ALL CHURCH  
MISSION  
TRIP**

*June 16-21, 2024  
Location TBD  
Cost TBD*

**Information meeting  
on October 8 at  
10:00 am**

"The greatest among you will be your servant" Matthew 23:11

**BETHLEHEM BOOK CLUB**

**OCTOBER 12 AT 10:30 AM**

*THE GIRLS OF ATOMIC CITY:  
THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE  
WOMEN WHO HELPED WIN  
WORLD WAR II*  
**BY DENISE KIERAN**

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

**CARD MAKING FUN  
ON OCTOBER 26**

Get creative on Thursday, October 26. 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; 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](http://www.belcnet.net) or by calling the office to let Cathy know who to expect.

**65+ Lunch Bunch**


Pr. Mark will serve his annual German Oktoberfest meal on **Tuesday, October 31 at 11:30 am; cost is \$8.** **RSVP to the office at 218-829-3330 or sign up on the opportunity sheet by October 30.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1	2	3	
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Ann Hunnicut from Bridge on 7 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Itty Bitty Book Bunch		7:30 am – Men’s bible study 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 6:00 pm – Jonah Group 09	See 1:30 Goo 5:30 6:00 Mar
<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8	9	<u>office closes at 4:00 pm today</u> 10	
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed BOW service with blessing of board members and ministry team members and baptism 10:00 am – Adult Forum: CHRISTmas Journey by Rebecca Timmins 10:00 am – 2024 All Church mission trip meeting 10:00 am – Sunday School	4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	7:30 am – Men’s bible study 10:00 am – Archives Team 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 5:00 pm – CLB meeting 6:00 pm – Board meeting night	See 5:30 soup
<b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 15	16	17	
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed service with communion and baptism 10:00 am – Adult Forum: Jan Kurtz on Dia de los Muertos 10:00 am – Sunday School 2:30 pm – Brainerd Leos		7:30 am – Men’s bible study 10:00 am – Ruth Circle 1:30 pm – Staff meeting	1:30 5:15 5:30 pest 6:20 7:00
<b>Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost</b> 22	23	24	
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service 10:00 am – Adult Forum: coffee, treats, and conversation 6:30 pm – Confirmation rehearsal and pictures		7:30 am – Men’s bible study 10:00 am – Stephen Ministry meeting 10:00 am – Creation Care Team meeting 1:30 pm – Staff meeting	See 5:30 chop 5:45
<b>Reformation Sunday</b> 29	30	31	
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion and confirmation 10:00 am – Adult Forum: confirmation celebration 10:00 am – Sunday School		7:30 am – Men’s bible study 11:30 am – 65+ Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm – Staff meeting 4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bred Soup Kitchen	See 1:30 Goo 5:30 5:45

**Wednesday, October 4, 11, 25, and November 1**

5:15 pm – BOW rehearsal	7:00 pm – 6-8 <sup>th</sup> catechism at Trinity	7:00 pm – High School Youth Group at BELC
5:30 pm – dinner served	7:00 pm – 9 <sup>th</sup> catechism at BELC	7:00 pm – Sr. Choir rehearsal
6:20 pm – BOW service		

October

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
office closes at 4:00 pm today 4	5	6	7
<p>schedule below left</p> <p>9:00 am – Worship service at Woodland Samaritan</p> <p>7:00 pm – Wednesday night meal: lasagna</p> <p>9:00 pm – 9<sup>th</sup> grade Family Huddle with Pr. k</p>	<p>9:00 am – Worship service at Edgewood Brainerd</p> <p>9:00 am – Quilting Group</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:15 am – Worship service at Edgewood Baxter</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>		<p>9:00 am – Worker Bees</p> <p>WELCA Fall Gathering at Trinity Lutheran in Milaca</p>
office closes at 4:00 pm today 11	12	13	14
<p>schedule below left</p> <p>9:00 pm – Wednesday night meal: tortilla</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>10:30 am – Bethlehem Book Club</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>		
office closes at 4:00 pm today 18	19	20	21
<p>9:00 pm – Worship service at Woodland Samaritan</p> <p>7:00 pm – BOW Team rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 pm – Wednesday night meal: chicken cordon bleu</p> <p>7:00 pm – BOW service with communion</p> <p>7:00 pm – Senior Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>9:00 am – Worship service at Edgewood Brainerd</p> <p>9:00 am – Quilting Group</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:15 am – Worship service at Edgewood Baxter</p> <p>1:30 pm – Mary Circle</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>		<p>9:00 am – NE MN Synod Lay Leader Network Series</p> 
office closes at 4:00 pm today 25	26	27	28
<p>schedule below left</p> <p>9:00 pm – Wednesday night meal: pork chops</p> <p>7:00 pm – Youth Bell Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>1:30 pm – Worship service at Bethany apartments' dining room</p> <p>4:30 – 7:00 pm – card making</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p> <p>TCCCP set-up this evening</p>	<p>8:30 am – TCCCP event</p>	
office closes at 4:00 pm today 1	2	3	4
<p>schedule below left</p> <p>9:00 pm – Worship service at Woodland Samaritan</p> <p>7:00 pm – Wednesday night meal: TBD</p> <p>7:00 pm – Youth Bell Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>9:00 am – Worship service at Edgewood Brainerd</p> <p>9:00 am – Quilting Group</p> <p>10:00 am – LSS PTSD Groups</p> <p>10:15 am – Worship service at Edgewood Baxter</p> <p>12:00 pm – Nicodemus Group</p> <p>6:00 pm – Girl Scouts</p>		

To view our online services on Sundays at 9:00 am, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKGd23TW4V1mlqCsktOho3g>  
The service will also be posted on our website at [www.belcnet.net](http://www.belcnet.net) upon completion of the service.

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



**BRIDGE ON 7TH**

THE WARMING SHELTER IS OPEN FOR THE SEASON. BELC HAS THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12-19. PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE LINK BELOW

[HTTPS://WHOCANBETHERE.COM/SIGNUP/WEEK-OF-NOVEMBER-12BETHLEHEM/104RETSDEAG](https://whocanbethere.com/signup/week-of-november-12bethlehem/104retsdeag) OR CALL THE OFFICE.

SHIFTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
6:30 – 8:30 AM  
6:30 – 10:00 PM

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARGARET STEBLAY OR KATHY DUFOUR.



**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL TRINITY MILITARY VETERANS' APPRECIATION DINNER**  
THANK YOU MILITARY VETERANS!!!

Trinity Lutheran would like to invite all Bethlehem Military Veterans AND their spouses to their annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, November 1st at 4:30 p.m. in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. The Brainerd Area Color Guard and their spouses are also guests for this special evening. This is a special evening where we have a short program and a delicious dinner is served in your honor and appreciation. The catechism/confirmation students of Trinity and Bethlehem wave flags and also help with serving and cleanup. To sign up, please call or contact either the Bethlehem church office (218) 829-3330 or Trinity's church office 218-829-5147 by WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th. We want this to be a very special evening for our Veterans who gave their all so we can enjoy the many freedoms we have today. Thank You Veterans!!



Please join us for Trinity's annual

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Trinity Lutheran Church - Brainerd

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

3:00P.M 'TIL 5:00P.M

Hotdog, Chips & Drink will be served for a free will donation!

ALL ARE WELCOME!  
DECORATE YOUR TRUNK AND BRING YOUR OWN TREATS FOR A FUN, SAFE FAMILY AFTERNOON!


TRUNK OR TREAT  
Made with PosterMyWall.com

**Trunk or Treat at Trinity Lutheran on October 28th from 3-5pm**

A trunk or treat is a fun and safe way to go trick or treating. This event brings Halloween to the church parking lot, where kids go from car to car to collect candy or something fun to hand out (i.e. stickers, popits etc.). Usually people will dress up themselves, but the most important part is decorating your trunk! All are welcome. If you are hosting a trunk, set up starts at 2:00. Please keep in mind that we hand out over 1,000 pieces of candy, and we keep growing each year!!

If you'd like to host a trunk, please sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4FA9AB28ABFF2-trunk4>

alicia Priglmeier, Christian Education Director,  
Trinity Lutheran Church, [tlcedbrainerd@gmail.com](mailto:tlcedbrainerd@gmail.com)



# WILL STEGER


*A formidable voice calling for understanding and the preservation of the Arctic, and the Earth, Will Steger is best known for his legendary polar explorations. He has traveled tens of thousands of miles by kayak and dogsled over 50 years, leading teams on some of the most significant polar expeditions in history.*

**OCTOBER 7 - 1pm**  
Lutheran Church of the Cross  
5064 Co. Rd. 13, Nisswa

*Steger will share about his adventures and the drastic effects of climate change on glaciers at both Poles.*

**There is no charge for this event, which is open to the public**

Hosted by Lutheran Church of the Cross Creation Care Team, NEMN Synod/ELCA Ecofaith Network, Lutheran Church of the Cross Rummage Sale Committee, Happy Dancing Turtle, and Roger and Donn Beaubien.




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# Compassion IN OUR Community

**PERFORMANCE + RECEPTION**

A unique event centered on homelessness and the knowledge we need to make a difference in our community.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 • 3PM**  
Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts

**TICKETS:** \$55/adult > performance + reception  
bridgesofhopemn.org (Performance only tickets also available)

**3PM** PERFORMANCE of *A Prairie Homeless Companion* by The zAmya Theater Project



# Shall We Dance?

FALL 2023 CONCERT SERIES

**October 14 | 7:30 PM**  
Charles D. Martin Auditorium in Little Falls High School, Little Falls

**October 15 | 2:30 PM**  
Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd

*This diverse program is meant to be energetic and upbeat as it contains music for dance or pieces directly inspired by dance.*

- The horns of the HSO, Andrea Besnett, Terry Deming, Jen Mickels and Becky Stadem, are featured in a performance of Schumann's *Concertpiece for Four Horns and Orchestra*.
- Yao Dance*, one of the most popular Chinese instrumental compositions of the 20th century.
- The timeless melodies from *The Sound of Music* by Rodgers & Hammerstein.
- Our annual collaboration with ALL orchestras at St. Francis Music Center in Little Falls. This cycle will also include the first side-by-side performance with members of Brainerd High's Sinfonia Orchestra.

Conducted by Ryan Webber. Conductor Chats held prior to concerts.  
6:45 PM in Little Falls • 1:45 PM in Brainerd

**FREE FOR ALL AGES. Good will donations encouraged.**


For more information: Visit [HeartlandSymphony.com](http://HeartlandSymphony.com) or our Facebook page | Call 1-800-826-1997  
E-mail [HeartlandSymphony@gmail.com](mailto:HeartlandSymphony@gmail.com) | Search for Heartland Symphony on YouTube



Thank you for your donation. We sincerely appreciate the monetary gift and especially your support. ~Relationship Safety Alliance



Thank you for your donation of \$83.66 to the Northland Arboretum. As a member-supported nonprofit organization, we are aimed at connecting our community to nature and protecting our natural environment. Your gift helps the Arboretum to achieve these goals. The Northland Arboretum and all it offers to the community would not be possible without the support of donors such as you! ~Trevor Pumnea, Executive Director



# BROADWAY THROUGH THE AGES



Featuring Broadway soprano Andrea Ross

Broadway's Andrea Ross returns to our stage with a program celebrating Broadway through the ages! From the classics by Rodgers & Hammerstein to Andrew Lloyd Webber and Stephen Sondheim, to Jason Robert Brown and Sara Bareilles. Enjoy your favorites from *South of Music*, *My Fair Lady*, *Les Miserables*, *Evita*, *Waitress* and more! Performing with pianist Scott Lykins, this concert kicks off the Lakes Area Music Festival's Winter Series of chamber music.

**BRainerd**  
Monday, 10/9 | 7:30 PM  
Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts  
702 S 5th St  
[www.LakesAreaMusic.org](http://www.LakesAreaMusic.org)



# RELATIONSHIP SAFETY ALLIANCE

PROUDLY PRESENTS

## ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL


**TUESDAY OCTOBER 10 2023**

**LOCATION AND TIME**  
Lyman P. White Park  
Starts at 6:30 PM

**CONTACT US**  
P: 218.828.1216  
E: [info@relationshipsafety.org](mailto:info@relationshipsafety.org)

**ABOUT THIS EVENT**  
RSA hosts this memorial during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to honor the lives of those we have lost to domestic violence in the past year.

More information on the Narthex table




**YEARLY INTENSIVE EDUCATIONAL SERIES**

"to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."  
Ephesians 4:12

**Series begins in October  
Registration Open  
All are Welcome**

Do you feel a nudge? Explore it. Lay Leader Network training seeks to provide educational, leadership, and resource/skill-building opportunities for individuals together mobilizing the Church as it engages God's mission in communities and in the world.

LEARN MORE 

Northeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA Lay Leader Ministry announces 5th Year Lay Leader Network Intensive Series

**October 2023 – April 2024** • 4 sessions • Annual Gathering February 17  
(Oct/Apr in person in Duluth & Brainerd • Nov/Jan via Zoom • in-person options)  
Oct 21/28 Duluth/Brainerd Nov 18 Zoom Feb 3 Zoom Apr 13/20 Brainerd/Duluth  
Cost: \$230 + books (Scholarships available see [Synod website](http://Synod website))

**Distinguished Faculty:** Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner and Rev. Dr. David Mesner


**Questions:** [monica.bruning@nemnsynod.org](mailto:monica.bruning@nemnsynod.org) or call Monica 515.708.1412 (Lay Leader Network Co-ordinator)

Lay Leader Network is designed to educate and train lay people for leadership in the congregation, the community and in the Synod. It is intended to refine theological knowledge and leadership skills in addition to stressing personal enrichment, spiritual growth and the development of ministry skills.


The 2023-24 LLN Intensive Series curriculum consists of

- A deep dive into the Gospel of Mark also following the A lectionary plus a support text *Spiritual Landscape of Mark* (Thurston).
- Lutheran theology is viewed via *Reformation Roots* a series exploring the abundance of Christian denominations including the dramatic and turbulent times of the Reformation.
- Kingdom Come* (McNeal) discusses why it's crucial to realign the church's mission with God's ultimate Kingdom agenda – and help lead the Kingdom movement currently underway.
- Jesus and John Wayne – How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* (Kobes-DuMex). A sweeping account that reveals how American evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism.
- The Open Secret* (Newbigin). Newbigin offers a fresh and vital perspective for how the church might enter more fully in sharing the good news in a very pluralistic and radically secular culture.

The 5th year Intensive Series promises to be impactful and life-changing. Join us and spread the word! To register or get info <https://nemnl2324.eventbrite.com>



The Gospel according to Mark



# Thank you!

As the summer camp season comes to a close, we are hosting weekend events and retreats and looking forward to a busy Autumn season. Thank you for your gift of \$536.92. You are making a difference! Because of you, we will continue to offer amazing experiences. Blessings ~  
 Jody Johnson,  
 Development Director



Together with you, our fabulous donors, we made over \$144,000 at our annual Quilt Auction. This will go a long way supporting the mission of Camp Knutson. Thanks so much!

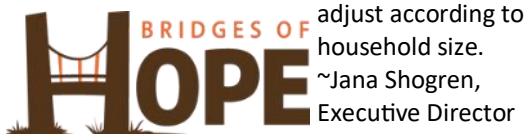


We thank you so much for your recent donation of \$83.66 to TheShop! Your generosity and support are pivotal in our mission to give area youth the ability to see their potential and allow them to be their true, authentic selves. Words will never be able to convey my gratitude for amazing supports as yourselves. ~Erica Stepanek, Executive Director  
 TheShop

Thank you for painting the shed and all the other stuff you did (on *God's Work. Our Hands.* Sunday).



Thank you for your \$121 contribution. Your gift supports Operation Sandwich. Donations help us provide lunches and fresh groceries to kids and their families facing hunger. Each lunch kit contains enough food to make healthy lunches for a week,



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IN SEPTEMBER, YOU DONATED \$279.86 FOR OUR CARD MINISTRY. IN OCTOBER, MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED FOR NEW LIGHTWEIGHT TABLES FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL.

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Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

- 1 ~ Hunter Hennessey, Alyssa Towle, Steve Verdon
- 3 ~ Cylie Backstrom, Lily Erdal, Michael Finch
- 4 ~ Dustin Johnson, Janell Rhoda, Dave Skogen
- 5 ~ Jenna Lee
- 6 ~ Tricia Dosh, Sandy Janssen
- 8 ~ Britta Parsons
- 9 ~ Jessica Laughton, Char Slough
- 10 ~ Pete Olson
- 11 ~ Mary Farmer
- 12 ~ Tammy Praught, Derek Pulak
- 13 ~ Dave Emery, Rich Munsch, Ben Stall
- 14 ~ Rick Cole, Emily Ferrari, Jessi Louis
- 15 ~ Neven Blum
- 16 ~ Cora Hodgman, Kris McDonald

- 17 ~ Terry McFarlin, Tarin Skinner
- 18 ~ Rebecca Weigelt
- 19 ~ Jackie Avenson, Tanya Johnston, Todd Person, Emily Wyman
- 20 ~ John Rehberger
- 21 ~ Tom Grimm
- 23 ~ Rick Sweet
- 24 ~ Patrick Almond, Greg Anderson, Mirinda Munsch
- 25 ~ Derek Sweet
- 26 ~ Cooper Hennessey, Tucker Hennessey, Rob Larson, Jean Listul, Nick Lundgren, Antje Olson, Pr. Mark Skinner
- 27 ~ Michael Crocker
- 29 ~ Laura Kory
- 31 ~ Nilanna Dosh

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.

# October Worship Assistants

Sundays at 9:00 am

<b>Greeters:</b>	1: Becky and Dave Meyer 8: Cathie and Nick Benson 15: <b>still needed</b>	22: <b>still needed</b> 29: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	1: Anna and Jake Thesing 8: Becky and Dave Meyer 15: Jen and Camilla Lindholm	22: JoAnn Rehberger, Jenny Johnson 29: JoAnn Rehberger, Jenny Johnson
<b>Readers:</b>	1: Solvejg Seamon 8: Rebecca Timmins 15: Pam Finch	22: Kim Spencer 29: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Communion Preparation:</b>	1: Shelly Birchem, Sasha Burgstaler 15: Jen Lindholm, Karen Rosenow	29: Kelly Gubrud, Kristi Holloway
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	1: Karen Rosenow, Pam Oslos, Sue Skinner 15: Pam Finch, Sue Skinner, <b>1 still needed</b>	29: <b>3 still needed</b>
<b>Sound:</b>	1: Jerry DeChaine 8: Jerry DeChaine 15: Jerry DeChaine	22: Jerry DeChaine 29: Todd Person
<b>Video:</b>	1: Krystal DeChaine 8: Krystal DeChaine 15: Krystal DeChaine	22: Krystal DeChaine 29: Tonya Person
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	1: Rebecca Timmins 8: <b>still needed</b> 15: Jackie Nornes	22: <b>still needed</b> 29: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Treats in Narthex:</b>	1: 8: <b>still needed</b> 15: <b>still needed</b>	22: Kim Spencer 29: Stacy Erdal
<b>Flowers:</b>	1: 8: <b>still needed</b> 15: <b>still needed</b>	22: <b>still needed</b> 29: <b>still needed</b>
<b>Musical Offering:</b>	1: Senior Choir 8: BOW Team 15: Senior Choir	22: <b>still needed</b> 29: Bethlehem Bells and Senior Choir
<b>Wednesday night at 6:20:</b>	All month: ushers—Brenda and Jayme Laughton Assisting minister: 4: <b>still needed</b> ; 11: <b>still needed</b> ; 18: <b>still needed</b> ; 25: <b>still needed</b> Communion prep: 4: John and Judy Jourdan; 18: <b>still needed</b> Sound: 4: Scott Pederson; 11: <b>still needed</b> ; 18: <b>still needed</b> ; 25: <b>still needed</b>	

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