

CROSSINGS



JANUARY 2021

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can once again worship in our church each will be invited to be the guest pastor and present the Sunday sermon.

January 31st is only the beginning of an exciting celebration year for our church...stay tuned for more details.

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Dear Bethlehem,

Sunday January 31st, 2021 will be the kickoff for the 150th birthday celebration of our church. Mark the date on your calendar. You do not want to miss this special day and service.

The theme of the celebration will be, **HONORING OUR PAST AS WE JOURNEY TO THE FUTURE!**

Bishop Currie has accepted our invitation and will play a key role in the service on this special Sunday.

The service will include special music as well as other videos which will tell the story of the birth of our church and our journey through the years.

The celebration team is working to gather contact addresses of all past pastors who have served at our church. They will receive an invitation to virtually worship with us on January 31st, 2021. When we

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021

The new offering envelopes for 2021 are in the church office. Contact Cindy 847-814-3249 to arrange a time to pick them up. Regular office time is Thursdays 9:30-12:30.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held following Zoom worship on Sunday, January 24. The business for the meeting is approving the 2021 budget and electing members to the various boards. Voting will be done in the same as was done at the special congregation meeting in July.

A celebration of the church ministries will be held later in 2021.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 James Massa
- 02 Clarence Wittenstrom
Connie Uzzell
- 04 Charles Edwards
- 05 Vivian Peck
Valerie Mette
- 06 Max Anderson
Julissa Gomez
- 07 Kim Lynn
- 10 Jonathan Marquez
Sabine Bieschke
- 13 Ed Chiarugi
Jennifer Eberdt
- 15 Yolanda Granados
- 16 Lori Anderson
- 17 Jackie Gordon
- 18 Jeanne Hergert
- 19 Tim Canham
- 28 Chris Hunsicker
- 29 Jerry Drommerhausen
Elyssa Shroder
- 30 Wilma Peterson
Eli Richoz-Latigo

BETHLEHEM'S GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Below is the action report of our giving with dollar amounts for November and YTD.

2020	November	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Receipts to Gen. Oper. Fund	\$18,553.90	\$169,477.32	\$184,723.00
Expenses	\$13,929.37	\$167,462.92	\$184,723.00
Total Receipts less Expenses	\$ 4,624.53	\$2,014.40	\$ 0.00

We enter Advent with our GOF in the black. However, we expect big bills in December (utilities, commercial insurance, payments made annually) so all your special Christmas donations, as well as completing your pledge, are so helpful and appreciated. We need the same support in 2021 to balance our new 2021 budget. Thank you for returning your pledge card as soon as possible to help with the budget process.

Property Trust Fund

2020	November	YTD
Contributions to Renovation	\$ 750.00	\$ 8,661.00
Contributions to Property Trust	\$ 0.00	\$ 287.00

The current Renovation loan balance is \$68,200. This includes the balance on our sanctuary air conditioners (which also have heating capabilities in the winter), and the building improvements made in 2019.

Chery Peacock, Treasurer

WORSHIP/STUDY SCHEDULE

All Bethlehem Zoom links are recurring. Use the links below depending on the day of the week.

Sunday Service: 10 a.m. on Zoom or YouTube Live

Call 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 947 2112 9583 Password: 058733

Tuesday Bible Study or any Tuesday Meeting 10 a.m.

Call 1-312-626-6799

Meeting: 852 4417 3785 Password: 387195

7 p.m. Tues Service Meditation and Prayer with Organ by Peg —Zoom First Tuesday of the month.

Wednesday Activities or Meetings:

Call 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 894 7503 5205 Password: 088632

6:30 p.m. Woman's Study (all are welcome)

Thursday Activities

Call 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID 95210094147 Password: 935958

**Communion Cups for Sunday
Zoom/YouTubeLive**

Contact Cindy to receive communion packets so you can participate in communion.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021!

The Stewardship committee asks for your ideas for what you would like to see happen in 2021. There is still time to return your commitment/pledge card for 2021 and ideas for what you would like to see in 2021. It will help in developing the 2021 Budget.

Thank you for your generous giving for 2020 in your talents, time and treasure! You have been an inspiration to the pastoral staff and all the teams in knowing that God works through you full speed ahead regardless of our circumstances.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Bethlehem Special Kick-off
150th Anniversary Celebration
January 31, 2021**

Bishop Yeheil Curry will be the guest preacher. The theme is *“Honoring Our Past as We Journey to the Future”*.

NEW ADDRESS

A card was sent to “Our Bethlehem Friends! We have moved back to Indiana, but you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dick and Connie Uzzell
700 Dickinson Road, Apt 117
Chesterton, IN 46304

**Grupo de Oración por Zoom* Llama a Pr. Jose para mas información. Su numero de teléfono es 608-354-1117.

Zoom Prayer Group (in Spanish) Call Pr. Jose for more information. His phone is 608-354-1117.

Please pray for:

Our BLC members: Tom Ayres, James Bacon, Beverly Butcher, Rachel Campbell, Char Carey, Ed Chiarugi, Karen Dingel, Margaret Drafall, Jackie Gordon, Fred Harnish, Hayden Jernberg, Gina Lempa, Len Lempa, Christopher Lempa, Jim Massa, Kathra Naviaux, Ashley Ottaviano, Wilma Peterson, Shirley Pflederer, Dave Quick, Larry & Juanita Rohrsen, Don Samuelson, Hilda Sanchez, Alex Sorton, Sharon Williamson, Clarence Wittenstrom.

Homebound BLC members: Sigrid Barker, Kathy Lehman, Alan Lentz, Ellen Nelson, Vivian Peck, Mary Schalow

Please pray for friends and relatives:

Paige Allen, Armando, Rudy Bicic, Kathy Blair, Ron Bottcher, Hans & Janet Brodde, Cuca Cartagena, Phyllis Chambers, Anna Marie & Anthony Chiarugi, Don Chiarugi, Mimi Claros, Ginny & Harry Datisman, Lynn Drafall, Kathi Fafendyk, Michelle G, Al Grantham, Rheine Grischow, Jan Hornbostel, Jayme Hext, Nancy Howe, Jim King, Vicki Kopecky, John Korp, Jacob Lindsedt, Lissa, Kevin & Cheryl MacDuff & family, Zoe MacDuff, David M, Janet Mayes, Lindel McCarty, Rosemary Mattick, Charlotte Lee Miller, Kirsten Minneboo, Belinda Mockler, Richard Osar, Tom Peterson, Josh R, Irma Raddatz, Carla Rawson, Erin Ramirez, Bill Richoz, Leslie Ross, Diane S, Debbie Sanders, Diane Scholinski, Cathy Selpien, Noah Spilotro, Jim

Swanson, Renee Sweeney, Michael Tucker, Juan Valasquez, Mark Wachtal, Michelle Wakeman, Sarah Willmon, Emily, Matthew & Dhedby Ying, Bruno Zaucha & family.

Please pray for our men and women in the Armed Services: Jason Patterson (nephew of Shirley Harnish)

Please contact the church office 847-741-8434 or email churchoffice@blcelgin.org to update the names of your family/friends that are on the prayer list.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LORRAINE MINK

Please join us on Friday, January 22 at 11a.m. on Zoom to celebrate the life of Lorraine Mink. She passed away Tuesday December 15. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years Donald H Mink. She is survived by her brother Richard Hurter, daughters Sandra Lalleman and Linda Timmel (Steve). grandchildren Megan Lalleman Green (Chad) Tyler Lalleman (Thamyres) Jessica Askren and Kevin Timmel (Erika). Great grandchildren Mia and Ryker Askren. She was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church Elgin. Contact the office for more information

LSSI BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE CENTER GROOMING KITS

Your generosity helped us reach our goal and even more. Thank you to all who made a cash donation or donated grooming kits for the clients of the LSSI Behavioral Health Service Center. The Center located here in Elgin helps people who are struggling with alcohol and drug addiction. You were SO generous, that we were able to make an additional donation to LSSI.

We provided 30 kits for the people at the Center at Christmastime. Along with the grooming kit, candy,

oranges and a fleece blanket were given to each person.

Yea! God! for Cindy Lange for helping with the packaging and delivery of all the kits. Thank you to Ed for helping Gayle shop for all the items and Granddaughter Eva for sorting all the items! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Service Team

ELGIN'S HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS TOY DRIVE

The Community Crisis Center and the Salvation Army collaborated for the 2020 holiday season. These two agencies, along with community supporters, combined resources to support families in need in the Elgin area with toys for the holidays. Thank you for all your toy donations. Gayle and Cindy delivered the toys to the Salvation Army to be distributed to the families. Many generous monetary donations were sent to the church office and that money was donated to the Crisis Center to purchase more toys.

Your care and concern for children at Christmas, made the holiday special for them!

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“SOUPER BOWL” OF CARING – Sunday, February 7, 2021

Souper Bowl of Caring is making the Big Game into a nation-wide movement encouraging people to give locally and make an impact on hunger. During these uncertain times, charities need our help now more than ever.

In 2020, over 5,000 groups collected over \$10.6 million in dollars and food donations for charities across the country. Help tackle the need for over 14



billion meals in 2021. We can help by donating to our local food pantries!

Please consider supporting either the **All Peoples Interfaith Pantry** or the **Crisis Center Food Pantry** with your financial donations.

Checks can be sent to church by Sunday, February 7, 2021.

Please make checks payable to either pantry or payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and include the pantry name in the memo line.

Thanks for your care of those in need

