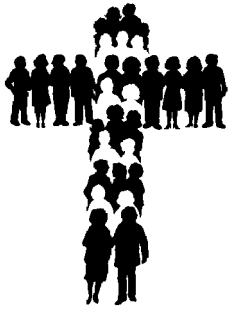


# CROSSINGS

MARCH 2019



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routine of our busy lives a bit in order to create some space for the sacred. We do that by practicing our faith, through spiritual disciplines like prayer, fasting or almsgiving.

Prayer could take many forms, such as a mid-week Lenten worship, a morning devotional, praying with scripture, or just a little extra quiet time with God. Almsgiving sounds like giving money, and it could be. It also could be what we think of as time and talent giving, or doing service, like volunteering in the soup kitchen, or just being intentional about being more helpful or a better listener. Or we could try fasting, giving up something, in order to create more space for God. You know, it never occurred to me that Dad might have left those notes on the refrigerator as much for himself as for us. In whatever way you choose to practice Lent, you might not find it so easy to change things up. That the key, so feel free to use little notes if necessary 😊.

I invite you to join me in trying a new spiritual practice this Lent with the intention of creating some space for God. What would that be for you?

I'll never understand why God, in Jesus, would love me so much as to be willing to die for me. There's the real mystery. This Lenten season, may you be encountered by the love of God in Christ and drawn deeper into relationship with him. We don't have to compete for that. It's just what God does.

In Christ, Pastor Carol

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Dear Bethlehem Family,

I remember growing up a Catholic Christian in the mystery that was the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent, very early in the morning, a note would appear taped to the refrigerator (in Dad's hand writing). NO MEAT TODAY! In addition, we were strongly encouraged, even as young children, to "give something up" for Lent, something that we liked. Chocolate always came to my mind because it was the thing that sounded the hardest. In a family of 10 we competed for everything, maybe even God's favor.

Now as an adult, I'm a Lutheran Christian, and there aren't the same rules around Lenten fasting. I'm left to come up with my own notes for the fridge.

Maybe Lent doesn't have to be so mysterious anyway. Maybe it's a little like yoga, a practice with an intention. The intention is to change up the

**BETHLEHEM'S GENERAL  
OPERATING FUND**

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

2019	January	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Receipts to Gen. Oper. Fund	\$14,839.40	\$ 14,839.40	\$ 16,248.00
Expenses	\$14,712.25	\$ 14,712.25	\$ 16,248.00
Total Receipts less Expenses	\$ 127.15	\$ 127.15	\$ 0.00



We had low expenses in January but have some big expenses ahead of us: all the salting and snowplowing for December, January and February, and winter heating bills. Thank you for your continued weekly offerings.

**Bethlehem's Renovation and  
Property Trust Fund**

2019	January	YTD
Contributions to Renovation	\$ 360.00	\$ 336.00
Contributions to Property Trust	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00

Our renovation loan balance is \$10,000 as of 1/31/2019. Recently BLC paid for the new bright and efficient walkway lights and did some renovations in our small white rental cottage. All these expenses are taken from the Property Trust Fund. Right now, any special gifts to Property Trust and Renovation for our walkway lights and loan would be appreciated. There are special envelopes for Property Trust and Renovation included in your offering box.

Chery Peacock, Treasurer

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- 03 Gail Gilliland
- Linda Nail
- 04 Gentry Jones
- 05 Nathan Canham
- Emma Taskov
- 06 Lynda Marquez
- Lindsey Anderson
- 07 Julie Jindra
- Cate Murschel
- 09 Christina Lichtenberg
- Katie Spets
- Bennett Jones
- 11 Michael Warren
- 12 Kelly Miedwig
- 15 Karen Ottaviano
- Colton Thomas
- 18 Christopher Mette
- 20 James Lehman
- 21 Gary Ottaviano
- 22 Jose Villagomez
- 23 Suzanne Johnson
- Paul Sitz
- Phyllis Mapes
- 24 Scott Allen
- 25 Peggy Graham
- Donald Samuelson
- 26 Stephanie Sullivan
- 27 Peg Youngren
- Dafne Villagomez
- 29 Gayle Chiarugi
- Eric Lempa
- 30 Jan Villagomez
- Simon Rozsa

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**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Group
- 10:00 a.m. Hospitality Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service,

**Holy Communion** is offered at each service.

**Sunday School Children** will worship with their families on March 3.

**Ash Wednesday** is March 6. Services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. A light luncheon will follow the 12:00 service.

**Daylight Saving Time Change:** Remember to spring forward one hour on March 10.

**Midweek Lent Worship Services** continue on Wednesdays March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, at 7 p.m. (We will not be having suppers this year.)

**Easter Flowers can be ordered.** Orders and money must be turned in by Sunday, April 7. Easter lilies are \$13, and tulips are \$10, 6-inch pot.

**Music opportunities in both services:** Contact Peg Youngren (syoungren@sbcglobal.net)

**Praise Him Contemporary Ensemble:** Wednesdays at 5:00 pm during Lent.

**Bethlehem Choir:** Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. during Lent.

All are welcome to join us in giving God the praise and glory!

**Other worship opportunities:** Lector, assisting minister, communion steward, acolyte, usher, greeter, drama and welcome center. All are welcome.

**Baptism and First Communion Preparation** informational meeting will be held on Saturday, March 23 for children age 7 (second grade) and older and their parents. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday.

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**LOOKING FOR GIRLS  
LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE**

We are looking for girls who are looking for adventure to join the new Scouts



BSA troop for girls. As many of you know, girls are now able to join Boy Scouts of America and we are working to start a troop for girls here at Bethlehem. Any girls ages 11-17 are eligible to join. If you know of a girl who would like to develop character, citizenship, fitness, and leadership while having fun and making friendships that will last a lifetime, invite them to join us.

We are meeting on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Wittenstrom Hall while we work on developing the troop.

We are also looking for some adults who would like to serve on our committee. We have several openings for women or men who would like to help us guide this new troop. This is an exciting time for the BSA and it is fun to be a part of a new venture!

For more information, contact Marti Jernberg, mjscouter@aol.com, or 847-337-0903.

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**HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is organizing for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion instruction. Anyone in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older is invited participate. An important organizational meeting will take place on Saturday, March 23 from 11:00 – 12:00. Both parent and child are asked to stay for this meeting.



There will also be meetings on March 30, April 6 and April 13 all Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. The participants should be able to make most of these meetings. First Holy Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 18, at the 7:00 p.m. worship service at Bethlehem.

If you know of other families who do not belong to a church and have children this age, it is a good opportunity to invite them to participate. In that case, please set up a meeting for them to meet Pastor Carol to talk about 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and family membership at Bethlehem.

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**SUMMARY OF BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**February 18, 2019**

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

- Margaret Drafall, President 847-695-4721
- Ronnie Malave, Vice-President 847-873-9940
- Karin Jones, Secretary 224-558-9504
- Barkley Mapes 224-803-6573
- Bob Graham 847-695-9186
- Billie Jo Waugh 847-917-0319
- Heather Thomas 847-977-1371
- Mike Murschel 847-741-4221
- Pastor Carol Book 856-655-4743

The regularly scheduled meeting of February 11, 2019 was rescheduled to February 18, 2019 due to bad weather on the 11th, with a modified/abbreviated agenda.

There was no Finance Committee meeting in February. Chery, of course, provided a detailed financial report to the council.

The minutes from the annual congregation meeting are available in print at the welcome center and included in this issue of the Crossings. Please review and let me know if any changes or corrections that need to be made before the Council approving these minutes at the March 2019 Council Meeting.

The council has agreed that the ongoing and continued planning and hosting of our Strawberry Festival is an essential mission of our church. Heather Thomas and Karin Jones will be co-chairing the 2019 event with the mentoring and guidance of the wonderful organizers, and members of BLCW that have been organizing and planning this event for many years. Please see the request in this Crossings regarding ways to be involved in the 2019 Strawberry Festival.

The Stewardship Committee will be revamped in 2019 and looking for opportunities to add BLC families & members time and talents as another way to contribute to our church. If you have something that you would like to do, say, sing, clean, coordinate, help with, change, plan, or add, please feel free to let us know!

We also received and approved a request to transfer congregations made by Mimi Claros to a church in Beaverton, OR. She will be missed here at Bethlehem in the many ministries she assisted in. She touched many lives, especially our little ones that enjoyed her as their Sunday School teacher for many years. Best wishes to the Claros family!

The council has rescheduled the Invitational Christian book conversation for Tuesday, March 19. Please add this to your calendars and feel free to



join us. We will meet in the Red Room for this discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karin Jones  
Council Secretary

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**Minutes of the  
Annual Congregation Meeting  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elgin, IL  
January 27, 2019**



Call to Order:  
Margaret Drafall,  
President at 10:34  
a.m. Devotions  
led by Pastor  
Carol Book

**Adoption of Agenda**

1. Note: minutes for 2018 Annual Meeting approved at the church council meeting in January 2019.

2. Proposals from the floor for additional new business Marti Jernberg moved to add the Troop 111 charter organization application be signed. Margaret Drafall added the Strawberry Festival to new business.

Marti asked about the revision to the constitution. Billie Jo Waugh replied with an explanation of the changes re annual meeting minutes. Marti clarified that she was asking about the terminology of a "parish". Cindy Lange advised that what we submitted was approved by Metropolitan Synod. Bud Heimberg moved to adopt the agenda with the proposed additions and Billie Jo Waugh seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of Reports:** Mike Murschel moved to approve the reports as provided and Jennifer Korp seconded. Motion passed

1. 2018 Parish Acts
2. Council President
3. Pastor's Report

**4. Council Secretary**

**Nominating Committee:** Rachel Campbell presented the report and asked for additional nominations. Cindy Lange called a point of order concerning the Council slate of candidates indicating that Heather Thomas and Mike Murschel need to be voted in by the congregation as a separate vote today and then voted on for the renewing term. Congregation voted to approve Heather Thomas and Mike Murschel for the current appointed term through July.

1. Church Council Rachel asked for a motion to vote Heather and Mike on to the BLC Council, and Libby Hoeft moved to adopt slate with Steve Jernberg seconding. Larry Klemm moved to approve nominated slate as proposed; Steve Jernberg seconded. Motion passed.

2. Synod Assembly Voting Members: Motion by Chery Peacock to accept, and Steve Jernberg seconded. Approved

3. Child Development Center Board of Directors: \*\*Correction Linda Rock, not Roth. Libby Hoeft moved to approve & Peggy Graham seconded. Approved. Note: New member Linda is a member of the community which had been a previous suggestion from the Grand Victoria Foundation.

4. Property Trust Committee: Billie Jo Waugh moved to accept, and Jennifer Korp seconded. Approved.

5. Endowment Fund Board of Directors: Cindy Lange called a point of order no further open positions so no nominees may be taken from the floor. Steve Jernberg moved to approve; Cindy Lange seconded. Approved.

6. Memorials Committee: Cindy moved to approve; seconded by Steve Jernberg. Motion passed

7. Nominating Committee: Cindy Lange moved to accept, and Steve Jernberg seconded. Approved.

Pastor Carol Book presented the annual State of Bethlehem Lutheran Evangelical with an update to the strategic plan as suggested by the council and adopted by the congregation at the 2018 annual meeting. Updates proposed to be made to the

strategic plan by the council were presented in the handout provided and discussed.

Libby added that Rebecca Circle did an additional Bible study on the book, "Honoring our Neighbors Faith," and they do a Bible study every month with an attendance of about 14 members. For more information on joining the Rebecca Circle contact Margaret Drafall or Shirley Pflederer.

Steve Jernberg asked about possibly sending out a questionnaire for ideas or events happening for the youth. Keeping in mind that not everybody uses the internet. Maybe add a TV screen in the narthex to stream the Happenings or the events that are coming up. Mike Murschel said that would be the kind of thing that could run all the time and is a low-cost addition.

Brief comments about young adult ministry. Pastor referenced Amazing Parish a book that is a good read. Lin Cruse asked about getting in touch with current members that we are not seeing on a regular basis and provided a summary of her outbound calls to invite them back. Steve suggested a possible exit interview. Marti Jernberg moved by to adopt the revisions to the strategic plan for 2019 and Steve Jernberg seconded. The motion was approved.

Team Reports: Mike Murschel moved to approve the team reports as presented and Jennifer Korp seconded. Motion Passed

1. Finance – 2018 Budget Report [green pages 25-33]
2. Learning
3. Sunday School
4. Property – see Property Trust report [green page 32]
5. Service
6. Stewardship
7. Witness
8. Worship

Board Reports: Bud Heimberg moved to accept Board reports as provided, Cindy Lange seconded. Motion approved.

1. Child Development Center
2. Memorials Committee
3. Endowment Fund

Groups: Cindy Lange moved to accept group reports as presented and Steve Jernberg seconded. The motion was approved.

1. Altar Guild Margaret added that they are looking for new volunteers.
2. Bethlehem Church Women
3. Craft Circle
4. Prayer Shawl Ministry
5. Rebecca Circle
6. Youth Group

Approval of Audit Committee Report: Bud Heimberg moved to accept the audit committee report as presented, and Billie Jo Waugh seconded. Motion passed.

Steve Jernberg asked about fire safety updates with Shales McNutt and the timeline. Barkley Mapes advised late March/early April as a possible time frame and the contract has been signed and scheduling is being addressed.

### **New Business**

1. Proposed 2019 General Operating Fund Budget: [pages 38-40] Chery Peacock presented the 2019 budget as provided in the annual report. Also, the 2018 summary of the finances as printed. Steve Jernberg asked about anything coming up that might impact renovation fund/property trust funds. Nothing that is predicted. Bill Sensor moved to accept the proposed budget and Don Samuelson seconded. Motion passed

2. BSA Troop 111 re-charter application: BLC will continue as the Chartered Organization Rep. In addition to becoming the Charter Organization Representative to the new girls' troop being established.

3. Strawberry Festival: The Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women are not able to continue coordinating this event due to various reasons. Heather Thomas and Karin Jones will be reviewing options to see if it can continue. Donna Anderson who has chaired it for MANY years has been

working on an outline of some of the tasks that need to be taken care of, and a request for new volunteers was made.

Adjournment – Steve Jernberg moved to adjourn, and Cindy Lange seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karin Jones

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**May 4, 2109**

I am happy to report that the Strawberry Festival will be continuing! Karin Jones and I (Heather Thomas) have taken over as the Chairs for the festival. The planning for Strawberry Festival 2019 is in full effect! The festival will be on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and we are currently in need of the following things:

#### **A Chairperson for the Kitchen**

This is a duty held with high regard and would truly be an honor to perform. Are you good at organizing? Do you know your way around Bethlehem's kitchen? Are you a people person? Then this is the volunteer job of your dreams! In this role you would receive support from a volunteer staff and lots of admiration and appreciation from Heather and Karin.

#### **A Chairperson for Set-up & Clean-up**

Filled with excitement and power these positions will go fast so please contact us right away to put your name at the top of list!

#### **Volunteers**

We have many different areas that are in need of helpers. Please take some time to think of what talents or interests you have that can help us to make this festival a success. Please contact Karin or me to volunteer or to get more information. If you have not been asked yet to volunteer, please don't worry or feel left out. We just haven't gotten to you yet. ☺

#### **Men**

Yes, you read that correctly. We want to see more men involved in this festival. We value your ideas and gifts and especially your strength to move heavy stuff so please sign up.

#### **Jars**

Yes, it's true, we are going to go back to the old way of doing the jam! We need EVERYONE'S help on this! We need your glass jars! We need the jars to be brought into the kitchen label free and thoroughly cleaned ASAP. This will be an area for volunteerism as well!

#### **The Strawberry Patch**

We will be looking for donations for this area. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this, The Strawberry Patch consists of donated items that we raffle off. Past examples would be a painting a member painted, jewelry a member created, a themed basket a family put together.

#### **Plants**

Do you have a green thumb? Do you believe that sharing is caring? If this sounds like you and you would like to donate plants to be sold, please contact Karin. Donations can be perennials that you dig up and divide from your own yard or annuals from a greenhouse.

#### **Baked Goods**

We need your best pies, cookies and cakes for our bake sale. We are looking specifically for the ones that when friends ask for the recipes you always leave at least one ingredient out so they can never truly replicate it because it's just that good and you want all the glory.

Lastly, we ask that you thank the BLCW for their years and years of carrying on this tradition for all of us and for their willingness to pass the torch on to Karin and me. Please pray for us, we are going to need it!

Thank-you,  
Heather Thomas  
(847) 977-1371  
[Luvlcy1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Luvlcy1@sbcglobal.net)

Karin Jones  
(224) 558-9504  
[Karin@kjhins.com](mailto:Karin@kjhins.com)

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**MISSION TRIP MEETING**

A meeting for mission trip for parents and participants will be Sunday, April 7 in Wittenstrom Hall. The meeting will begin at 11:30. Each family needs to bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Parents will be completing the necessary paperwork for Youthworks. Please bring insurance card to be copied. Attendance is required.

If you have a conflict, please contact Gayle 847-931-4266 or Cindy 847-814-3249.

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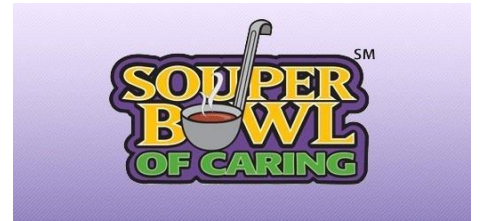
**Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday, March 9.**



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**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd, the youth group collected \$249.00 for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This collection benefitted the All People's Interfaith Food Pantry housed at the First Congregational Church on Villa St. Thank you to all the members who donated to the soup pots.

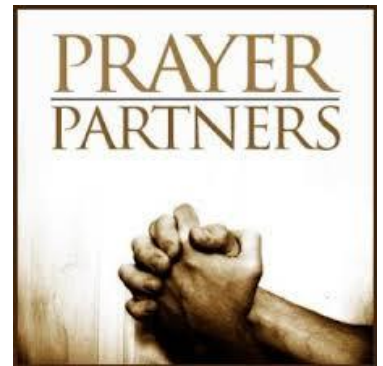


From Souper Bowl: 2019 (so far) \$8,690,293 in cash and food items collected from 3,999 participating groups.

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**PRAYERS PARTNERS! YEA, GOD!**

Thank you for the prayers and financial support given to the participants of the 2019 Mission Trip to Beckley, WV in June. Names were compiled as of Tuesday, Feb. 19. Everything hinges on prayer and we will pray for you and thank God for your continued support.



- Karen Allen
- Tom & Karin Ayres
- James & Cheryl Bacon
- Nancy Calderwood
- Rachel Campbell
- Carl & Lin Cruse
- Margaret Drafall
- Jerry & Judy Drommerhausen
- Linda & Jerry Fagan
- Andrea Fiorito
- Mark Goers
- Robert & Peggy Graham
- Fred & Shirley Harnish



Ed Hernandez  
 Libby Hoeft  
 Marilyn House  
 David & Marti Jernberg  
 Julie Jindra  
 Jan & Bill Jones  
 Jerry Kile  
 Larry & Nancy Klemm  
 Sue McIntyre  
 Barkley Mapes  
 Lorraine Mink  
 Mike & Cate Murschel  
 Mary Les Naker  
 Jill & Greg Olson  
 Gary and Karen Ottaviano  
 Chery & John Peacock  
 Wilma Peterson  
 Joyce Ross  
 Bernette Ryza  
 Bill Sensor  
 Jennifer & David Shroder  
 Bob & Barbara Siljestrom  
 Judy & Alex Sorton  
 Bonnie & Kalin Taskov  
 Inez Tornblom  
 Richard & Connie Uzzell  
 Eugene Wilkening  
 Clarence Wittenstrom  
 Steve & Peg Youngren

### **Friends/Family**

Charlie & Debbie Anderson  
 Mary Anderson  
 Ken Blum  
 Tracy Chabrier-Huizenga  
 Chris & Holly David  
 Travis and Luci Dvorak  
 Gary Eatinger  
 Patricia Gebauer  
 Georgeann Heise  
 Keith & Sue Jones  
 John & Shirley Korp  
 Ron & Bonnie Lock  
 Jim McPheeters  
 Paul Martinson  
 Nick & Barb Poulos  
 Grace Richard

William Richoz  
 Bob & Denise Sell  
 Randy Shedd  
 Florence Sisler  
 Mary Ellen Thorson

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## **MISSION TRIP PASTA DINNER/ SILENT AUCTION**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**5 p.m. in Wittenstrom Hall**

**Adults \$7;**

**Children (4-10) \$3;**

**Pay at the door**

Come to the Pasta Dinner and silent auction. Lots of good items for bidding. Sign up is in the Narthex or call the church office.

Bidding on the auction times starts at 5:00 p.m.; dinner will be served at 5:30. Auction closes at 6:45 p.m. We will share our pictures from the trip last summer. Hope you plan to share a meal and our excitement for the trip this summer.

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***NEW HOPE/SPRING OF LIFE  
PARTNERSHIPS  
House Blessing at 941 Chippewa in  
Carpentersville  
Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.***

**Meet the new owner, Emma & her family**



**Pastor Carol will lead the blessing.  
Refreshments will be served.**

Directions: North on Route 25 past Walmart to Helm Road, Turn right. Go a short distance to Papoose Rd. turn left. Chippewa circle will be the 4<sup>th</sup> street on the right but turn left to get to the house.

Contact Cindy 847-814-3249 if you need more information.

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**THRIVENT MEMBERS WITH  
CHOICE DOLLARS**

*Are you an eligible Thrivent member with Choice Dollars available to direct?*



**Thrivent Financial  
"Choice Dollars"**

Each year eligible Thrivent members are designated Choice Dollars based on their qualifying insurance premiums, contract values and volunteer leadership. If you're eligible Thrivent member with

Choice Dollars available to designate, you can help strengthen our community by directing them to Bethlehem.

Thank you to those members who participated in the Thrivent Choice program and helped support our church mission by directing Choice Dollars!

Choice Dollars from 2018 need to be directed by March 31, 2019. Please check your accounts to see if you have choice dollars to direct

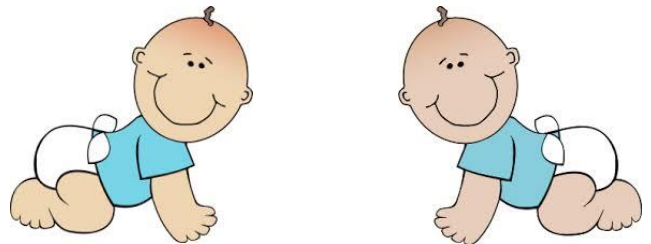
Simply visit <https://www.thrivent.com> or call 800-847-4836.

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**SERVICE TEAM/MISSION TRIP**

Sherry Liske is rethinking what items she will want to take along on her next Mission Trip. So, for now we will not be collecting Lambs or Layette items for her. We will keep you posted as to what she thinks will be most beneficial to those she visits. Thank you.

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The Service Committee

Will be collecting

Disposable Diapers  
And wipes

For the  
Community Crisis Center

Through the month of March

They are in desperate need

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY –  
LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

We can always help end hunger in our own community by bringing food to the Caring Cube in the Narthex. During Lent, all food donated will be taken to the Community Crisis Center Food Pantry in Elgin.

*“Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, “How can I help?” (Romans 15:2)*

We have been so blessed by God and wish to share those blessings with those whom Jesus would have fed. Each Sunday and/or Wednesday night Lenten service through Easter, we ask that you bring a specific type of item to contribute.

March 10 (Sunday) & March 13 (Wednesday) -  
Breakfast

Please bring: cereal, oatmeal, coffee, cans or bottles of 100% juice

March 17 (Sunday) & March 20 (Wednesday) –  
Baby Week

Please bring diapers, wipes, baby formula, baby cereal, baby juice, baby food

March 24 (Sunday) & March 27 (Wednesday) –  
Lunch

Please bring peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, canned soup, canned pasta, canned fruit, applesauce, crackers, jello

March 31 (Sunday) & April 3 (Wednesday) – Clean  
& Healthy Week

Please bring: soap, laundry soap, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, kleenex, toilet paper

April 7 (Sunday) & April 10 (Wednesday) – Dinner

Please bring: canned meats, canned chicken, canned beef stew, canned vegetables, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, beans, rice.

April 14 (Sunday) – Your choice!

Please place your non-perishable items in the Caring Cube in the Narthex. Let’s fill up the box with nourishment for those who are hungry. Thanks for your care and concern for others.

Service Team

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**ELCA WORLD HUNGER  
40 DAYS OF GIVING –  
Lent 2019**

Journey into Lent as we join together to study, reflect and give during the 40 Days of Giving. At the Welcome Center, please take a devotional calendar, a weekly study booklet and a World Hunger bank to collect your change during Lent. Return your bank on Easter Sunday.

Receive a weekly email from ELCA World Hunger at [ELCA.org/40days](http://ELCA.org/40days) to subscribe.

The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face hunger. So as a church, we strive for a world where all are fed. Our gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world.

Thank you or your support!

Service Team

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***Lasting Hope – Devotions for Lent 2019***

Pick up a copy at the Welcome Center.

The devotion book gives us a realistic look at the journey of faith for individuals and a community. From crying for help to singing songs of praise and thanksgiving—and everything in between—the psalms show faith with all its ups and downs, twists and turns.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MARCH 2019**

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
					1 *M/M Michael Tanner	2 *M/M Richard Tanner  5:00 Youth Mission Trip Pasta Dinner and Auction
3 *Kalin Taskov family  9:00 Traditional Service with Children in worship 9:00 Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	4 *Colton Thomas  12:00 Craft Circle 7:00 Worship Meeting 7:00 Learning Meeting 7:00 Witness Meeting	5 *Heather Thomas and Owen  10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Scout Troop #111 Meeting	6 *Dave Topping  12:00 Ash Wednesday Service 1:00 Luncheon in Red Room 5:00 Praise Him 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	7 *Inez Tornblom  3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Executive Meeting	8 *M/M Richard Uzzell	9 *Mike Warren family
10 *M/M Gene Waugh  9:00 Traditional Service with Sunday School 9:00 Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	11 *Eugene Wilkening  7:00 Church Council	12 *Sharon Williamson  10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Scout Troop #111 Meeting	13 *Clarence Wittenstrom  5:00 Praise Him 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Midweek Service	14 *Ethan Wolff  3:00 Bible Study	15 *M/M Lyle Wolff	16 *Meredith Wolff
17 *Martha Yochum  9:00 Traditional Service with Sunday School 9:00 Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	18 *Peg Youngren  7:00 Rebecca Circle - home of Connie Uzzell	19 *M/M Ron Albert  10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Scout Troop #111 Meeting	20 *Karen Allen  <b>CROSSING ARTICLES DUE TO SHIRLEY HARNISH</b>  5:00 Praise Him 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Midweek Service	21 *M/M Dale Anderson  3:00 Bible Study 7:00 CDC Board Meeting	22 *Gary Anderson family  4:00 – 7:00 Soup Kitchen Holy Trinity Church	23 *Julie Anderson  11:00 First Communion Organizational Meeting
24 *Chris Anderson family  9:00 Traditional Worship with Sunday School 9:00 Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality hour 10:30 Contemporary Service	25 *M/M Larry Anderson	26 *June Anderson  10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Scout Troop #111 Meeting	27 *M/M Tom Ayres  9:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:00 Praise Him 6:15 Adult Choir 7:00 Midweek Service	28 *M/M James Bacon  3:00 Bible Study	29 *M/M John Banks III	30 *Carol Book  11:00 – 12:00 First Communion Preparation In Red Room
31 *Timothy Burnett Healing and Communion 9:00 Traditional Service with Sunday School 9:00 Youth Group 10:00 Hospitality Hour 10:30 Contemporary Service						

\*Members to be prayer for.

\*\* Holy Communion served at all services