



# CROSSINGS

## OCTOBER 2022

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*feet<sup>23</sup> and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live. Jesus followed him.*

Jairus was a leader of the synagogue, well off, connected, respected, one who would normally send someone else to ask a favor of Jesus. He comes himself, and he throws himself at Jesus' feet. All was not well; he was in desperate need.

The second is an unnamed woman.

*<sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,*

She was considered unclean from her bleeding disorder, and not allowed to approach Jesus. She was a woman who had exhausted all options and resources. She too seems to have desperate need.

One well off and connected, the other poor, isolated and herself sick. She had no one to ask for her. What do they have in common that draws them to Jesus – need. They were both far from having it all together. Jesus responds compassionately to both, healing Jairus' daughter and the woman.

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Dear Bethlehem,

We gathered today for a Congregational Breakfast and Conversation, and

many great ideas were shared about how Bethlehem may grow as church. It was a good conversation with folks who care very deeply about their church. Who might those new people be, and where would they come from was one very good question asked.

In the following passage from Mark 5, two very different people are drawn to Jesus. The first is Jairus.

*<sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his*

This is a great reading for those who don't have it all together, those who know their own vulnerability. All the characters have needs. I wonder if this is important for us to consider in thinking about Bethlehem's growth.

If we want people to feel comfortable needing Jesus, we might be willing to admit that we do too. So, if you're someone who doesn't always have it all together, you might be perfect to welcome a visitor!

This is not easy, allowing others to see our mistakes and our need for help. But the hope is that in Christ, we can be the kind of place where we can be known and loved for who we are, even when we don't have it all together, even when mistakes are obvious, even when needs are great. Jesus responds with whatever is needed: healing, compassion, grace, love. That makes for a very welcoming church. Thanks for being that kind of church Bethlehem.

In Christ,  
Pastor Carol

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**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

**2022 – 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL**

Regularly scheduled council meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

- Gary Ottaviano 847-209-4564 President
- Sherry Liske 847-857-0363 Vice President
- Rachel Campbell 847-695-9024 Secretary
- Tom Ayres 608-709-6985
- Chris Hunsicker 847-697-8675
- Steve Jernberg 224-588-0114
- Scott MacDuff 331-210-1219
- Jill Olson 224-760-3034
- Jorge Sanchez 224-829-6367
- Heather Thomas 847-977-1371

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**BETHLEHEM'S GENERAL  
OPERATING FUND**

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

2022	August	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Receipts to Gen. Oper. Fund	\$16,367.27	\$124,680.33	\$137,360.00
Expenses	\$13,552.35	\$128,441.52	\$137,360.00
Total Receipts less Expenses	\$ 2,814.92	\$ (3,761.19)	\$ 0.00

Expenses have been kept under budget. Thank you for the generous contributions in August and going forward into fall.

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

2022	August	YTD
Contributions to Renovation	\$ 682.00	\$ 3,106.00
Contributions to Property Trust	\$ 0.00	\$ 202.00

Our Renovation loan balance for our building improvements is \$55,400. Thank you for your special Renovation offerings to paydown our debt to Endowment.

Chery Peacock, Treasurer

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**QUILTS OF VALOR SUNDAY**

A Quilts of Valor Sunday is being planned in the spring of 2023. Please send the names of veterans who have not received a beautiful quilt from Shirley Pflederer. She is looking for vets within our Bethlehem community as well as extended family. Call the office to leave names. 847-741-8434

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**COMMUNION CUPS FOR ZOOM**

If you are running low, please contact Cindy in the office for more – 847-741-8434

Meeting: 852 4417 3785  
Password: 387195

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**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**



**Wednesday Activities:**

Call 1-312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 894 7503 5205  
Password: 088632

**Thursday Activities:**

Call 1-312-626-6799  
Meeting ID 95210094147  
Password: 935958

**Please pray for:**

**Our BLC members:** Karen Allen, Tom Ayres, James Bacon, Karen Dingel, Margaret Drafall, Judy Drommerhausen, Chuck Edwards, Jackie Gordon, Bob Graham, Fred Harnish, David Jernberg, Kathy Lehman, Karyn Lunsford, Kathra Naviaux, Ashley Ottaviano, Chery Peacock, Vivian Peck, Wilma Peterson, Shirley Pflederer, Dave Quick, Larry & Juanita Rohrssen, Lindsay Warren, Eugene Wilkening, Sharon Williamson.

**Homebound BLC members:** Sigrid Barker, Alan Lentz, Ellen Nelson, Mary Schalow

**For friends and relatives:**

Marian Anderson, Donna Book, Ginny & Harry Datisman, Ed Fagre, Dennis Fagre, Patty Gibson, Reed Harnish, Maren Harnish, Jan Hornbostel, Vicki Kopecky, Sandy Patterson, Tom Peterson, Leslie Ross, Diane Scholinski, Louise Tuma

**Our men and women in the Armed Services:**

Jason Patterson (nephew of Shirley Harnish)  
Vanessa & Chris Gallagher (great niece & husband of Donna Anderson)

- 01 Bradley Burnett
- 02 Kristen Anderson
- 04 Martha Wolff
- 05 Elaine Shroder
- 10 Caroline Lichtenburg
- 11 Lin Cruse
- 13 Carla Kroll  
Bill Lunsford
- 17 Patty Burnett
- 24 Lindsey Morris  
Rob Quick
- 25 Ed Hernandez
- 28 Shirley Pflederer
- 29 Giselle Luna
- 31 Alex O’Claire

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**Worship /Study Schedule**

**Sunday Services:**  
**In person or on Zoom/YouTubeLive**  
Call 1-312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 947 2112 9583  
Password: 058733

**Tuesday Bible Study 10 a.m.**  
Call 1-312-626-6799

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*update* Please re-submit names of family and friends for prayers. The updated list will be in the monthly Crossings.

**Regular Sunday Worship Times**

**9 a.m. Traditional worship with Peg Youngren.**

**10 a.m. Coffee in Wittenstrom Hall**

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, led by Arturo Guevara.**

Zoom and YouTube Live available for both services

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**NEW HOPE PARTNERSHIP**

New Hope will be working shortly on a new project. We are waiting for permits. It possibly it will be here in Elgin.



If you are interested in volunteering at the house, contact Cindy with questions. Otherwise, please sign up on <https://volunteerup.com/Login.asp?w=i&o=175>

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Mark your family's special day and beautify the church by signing up to purchase altar flowers for Sunday Service. Order in honor of or in memory of a family member. Contact the office for Sundays that are available. Cost is \$15-30 for two altar flower arrangements.

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**WITH SYMPATHY**

Condolences to Connie Uzzell on the passing of her husband, Richard "Dick" on December 2, 2021. The office received a call from her to let us know. They had been living in Chesterton, IN at the time of his passing. She has since moved to St. Michael, Minnesota.

If you would like to send her a card, her address is 4400 Lange Ave NE #104, St Michael, MN 55376.

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**EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION**

**Math and Grammar/Writing**

Elementary and Middle School coaching by former teachers

Mondays: 3:30—5pm  
Thursday: 6:30-8:00pm

Call Pastor if interested  
856-655-4743



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**MUSIC LESSONS**

Open to all. Learn to play guitar, drums, keyboard. Group lessons with Arturo.

Cost: donation.

Sundays 11:30-12:30

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### **BELL RINGERS ARE NEEDED**

The Elgin Salvation Army of Elgin is looking for Bell Ringers for the Holidays. There are even two sites that are indoor. If interested, please call the Salvation Army at 847.741.2304. Or go on their website.

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### **HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN ELGIN AND THE WORLD BY JOINING THE 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK**

You can help feed the hungry right here in Elgin. Elgin Crop Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 16. Our Elgin CROP Hunger Walk website is up and active.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/elgini>  
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You can register online to walk. Please consider joining Team Bethlehem who is a registered team. I am registered and would love to have people join me. If you want to walk but don't use the internet, I will have the usual collection envelopes.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Step-off is 2:00 p.m. Twenty-five percent of the money will go to the local food pantries and soup kettles. Won't you join me to help end hunger?

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### **FALL FOOD DRIVE**

The Service Team will be collecting food items for the All People's Interfaith Food Pantry and the Elgin Community Crisis Center from Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> until Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Non-perishable items needed: such as, Canned meat, canned chicken, canned beef stew, canned fruit, canned vegetables, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, beans & rice. Peanut butter and jelly are always a favorite.

Also needed: Bar soap, laundry soap, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex and toilet paper.

Please place your items in the Caring Cube in the Narthex. Let's fill up the box with nourishment for those who are hungry.

Thank you!

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### **ELGIN'S HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

The Elgin Salvation Army and The Community Crisis Center are once again joining together to support families in need throughout the greater Elgin area with toys for the holidays. The Service Team will be collecting items from Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details.

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### **SCOUTS BSA TROOP 111 TO HOST CHILI DINNER!**

Scouts BSA Troop 111 is embarking on a new adventure of a Chili Dinner Fundraiser! This fundraiser is to raise money for the troop and scouts for campouts, summer camps, trailer repairs, and a trip to the premier high adventure camp, Philmont Scout Reservation.

The fundraiser is Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 4 p.m. – 7p.m. The dinner includes an all you can eat Bowl of Chili (with all the fixins), Cornbread, Drinks, and a Dessert prepared by the scouts! The Fundraiser will be held in Wittenstrom Hall at Bethlehem. Take-out will be available as well! Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at the door or from one of our scouts. To purchase from one of our scouts please contact Nikki Norman at 847-331-7518 or Nik8131@yahoo.com

Marti Jernberg

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**FALL FEST**

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Hosted by BLC and  
CDC

Saturday, October 22,  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Crafts, Games,  
Bounce Hall, Food  
and Trunk or Treat

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Sunday School  
for ages 3 years  
through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
will meet on  
Sunday, October  
2. Children will  
begin in church  
with their parents.

Following the Children's Message, they will go with  
Cindy for further activities.

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**SANCTA LUCIA PAGEANT**

**A FESTIVAL OF LIGHT**

Mark your calendar, we will once again be  
celebrating this Swedish tradition here at Bethlehem.  
It will be on Sunday, December 4. Please watch for  
more details.

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Articles are always welcomed from our members.  
Please submit to me via my email  
[smharnish@comcast.net](mailto:smharnish@comcast.net)  
I can also be reached at 847-404-8099

Shirley Harnish

