

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



## Prelude Music

## Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful and loving God,

**C: ... we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Song:

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

**ELW 583**

## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

**C: And also with you!**

## Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.*

15 “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## Psalm: Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

4 **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

### Alleluia



## Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

*Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.*

P: A reading from... **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

25 Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*Pastor Paul Busekist*

## Song of the Day:

## God's Work, Our Hands

**Music: ELW 731**

God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.  
God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal.

Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, of your Gospel.  
God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least.

Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.  
God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.

Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your Gospel.

## Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace** *(Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.)*

**Offering / Offering Song:**

Zeke Clemons

**Offertory:** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**Offering Prayer**

A: Let us pray together.

C: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Communion** *(Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available)*

## Communion Songs:

### ***I Will Follow*** (words below) ***Lord I Need You*** (words below)

#### ***I Will Follow***

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow.  
Oh, oh, oh.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You alone.  
Higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life –I will live for You alone.  
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You alone. In You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love, How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

In You, there's life everlasting. In You, there's freedom for my soul. In You, there's joy, unending joy; and I will follow.  
Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Whom You love, I'll love, how You serve, I'll serve; if this life I lose, I will follow.  
Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay; when You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Whom You love, I'll love, how You serve, I'll serve; if this life I lose, I will follow you, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You.

#### ***Lord, I Need You***

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.  
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.  
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Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way. And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.  
Jesus You're my hope and stay. And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.  
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.  
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## Blessing of the Backpacks

P: Lord, bless these backpacks and the children and youth who carry them as they begin another year of school. May these backpacks hold the books, clothes and other items that help create memories and foster good learning. Give the students who carry them peace when they feel nervous, focus when they feel distracted, energy when they feel tired. Open their minds to the lessons they will learn both in and outside the classroom. Help them to make friends that build one another up, and to be friends to those who need them. Guide them in making good choices as they grow in wisdom and maturity. Be ever-present with them in the classroom, on the school bus, on the playground, and at home, and may they feel your loving care in all they do.

**C: Amen.**

## Final Blessing

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending Song:

***Will You Come and Follow Me***

***ELW 798***

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Bethlehem** *September 7, 2025*  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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9/8—Carol Luttinen  
9/12—Monica Graf

9/12—Jana Rockne  
9/13—Shelly Nellist

## Worship Servants for September 7

Presiding & Preaching—Pr. Paul Busekist

Assisting Minister—Steve Kramer

Lector—Tim Goebel

Musicians: David Husser, Zeke Clemons, Phil & Denise Bossardet, Pr Paul

Today's altar flowers are donated: *By Butch Waisanen in Celebration of the Bethlehem congregation*

Hospitality—Tim & Peggy Goebel

A/V—Dale Wentzloff / Barbara Oster

Cookies/Coffee—Diane Cunningham / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer—Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitor—John Halstead

Altar Guild—Patty Leibenguth / Erin Word

Counters—Carl Lehto / Forest Bowling

**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS!! TODAY WE BEGIN... HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!** By now you have seen the announcements, read the information letter, and heard the reminders. Today we begin our work together! Please join us; plan to participate in one of the focus groups: Social Ministry and Outreach, Creation Care, or New Life Together. If you have not signed up... no problem! Stay anyway! If you are fairly new to the Visioning Process, we want your input! See you soon!

**Our Hands are Ready to Do God's Work!!!!**

**Choir News:** The choir will resume its practice schedule on Mon September 8 at 2:30. Come and join in the musical fun!

**Chair Yoga:** now meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at Bethlehem at 3:00. It will continue to be \$5 per class.

**BOOK CLUB NEWS:** The book club meeting on September 10 at 5:30 will meet at the home of Betsy Morley. The book will be *This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!* By Jonathan Evison. The book should be available on Hoopla or Libby. This book is described as: part love story, part poignant exploration of the mother-daughter relationship... nothing is what it seems in this tale of acceptance, reexamination, and forgiveness. Contact Cindy Monroe at [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net) for any details.

**Please note that Sunday School, Sunday's Adult Education will begin their classes on Sunday, September 14th – both at 9:15am. The Wednesday Zoom Bible Study will begin on September 17th at 1:30pm with a study of Esther The Hidden Hand of God**

**Let's Play Bunco** Cheryl Wegener is going to lead us in playing Bunco after church on Sunday, September 14th. If you don't know how to play, that is okay, Cheryl will teach us. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to play. Bring a snack item to share with the group. There will be sandwich items and beverages provided. Come have Fun and Fellowship!

**What IS GRIEVING?** Could it be the loss of a marriage, your home, or community, good health, a dream or something else? The list can go on and on. No matter the loss you have a family here at Bethlehem that loves you, wants to support you, and be here for you! We meet here on the **first and third Mondays of the month from 3:30-4:30**. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Burns 231-392-6913.

**Pr. Ruth:** Our beloved friend in Christ, Pr Ruth Overdier, has some devotions in the September portion of Christ in Our Home. You can read her selections from September 16 – 30.

**Third Thursday Service and Meal** Bethlehem will begin their Third Thursday Services on September 18th. There will be a light meal of deli meats and cheese sandwiches with salad, cookies and beverages at 5:45 before the 7:00 p.m. service. Come for the Fellowship before the service.

**Fellowship Chair Person Needed:** Since Gail Goldsmith has taken on the role of President of the BLC Council she is not able to continue as the chair person for the Fellowship Committee. There is a wonderful group of people on the committee, so there is great help in the kitchen. The primary responsibility are planning and shopping for dinners, such as Third Thursday meals before service, Advent and Lenten Dinners, Easter Brunch pot luck and Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. There are other church activities such as game days after church, community activities such as arranging Pit Spitters games. These are just some ideas that we have done in the past. Some years we have had more and some years less. This person does not need to attend Council meetings, just write up a short summary of monthly Fellowship activities for the council meeting. Please talk to Gail Goldsmith with any questions or interests.

**Ragnar Support staff are needed to support Stony Lake!**

Our friends at Stony Lake Lutheran Camp (aka ELCA Living Waters Ministry) are running (literally) to raise money for their ministry this September in the annual Michigan Ragnar Road Race. On Friday, September 19th, regular non-running church folks can support Stony Lake and all Ragnar runners by volunteering to staff the Honor, Michigan transfer station for those running this impressive 200-mile race from Travers City to Muskegon. Bethlehem in Traverse City is partnering with other churches in our region to provide a 12-person team for an 8-hour and 15 minute time slot. Though the shift goes from 8am to 4:15 pm, we know that not all volunteers can work that long of a shift (so, our team may have a few more than 12.) A Google Doc Spreadsheet of the team will be available soon at [www.bethlehemtc.org/Ragnar25](http://www.bethlehemtc.org/Ragnar25), and all volunteers must be registered through the following link:

[https://ragnarevents.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=103748&job\\_name=bethlehem%20of%20friends%5C%2C%20exchange%206](https://ragnarevents.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=103748&job_name=bethlehem%20of%20friends%5C%2C%20exchange%206)

Please note that the volunteer staff team is called "Bethlehem Friends." You can contact your pastor by September 10th or the "Bethlehem Friends" Team Manager Pastor Paul directly by the 11th ([paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org)) if you have any questions. The Ragnar race does pay teams like ours to help, but we will be donating that money back to Stony Lake to show our support. YOU don't have to raise any funds; just sign up and show up if you are able. Thanks!

**XYZ is resuming on Friday, September 26th!** Please note that this is a different date than our normal second Friday, to accommodate other church activities. We will enjoy a delicious potluck lunch at 12pm, followed by a presentation by Jack Lankford, president and founder of Evergreen Community Group. Evergreen is a 501c3 nonprofit that specializes in social events for adults of any age to encourage community building. Their mission is to be a beacon of warmth, connection, and support for those feeling isolated or lonely in Northern Michigan. Their goal is to create a welcoming space where individuals can find solace, community, and an uplifting presence. XYZ stands for EXtra Years of Zest, and while originally intended to be primarily for seniors, adults of any age are encouraged to attend! The presentations would be enjoyable and informative for anyone. We hope to see you there!

**Garden News:** Thanks to all who have been involved in the garden in any way. Now it's time for the fun part... harvesting. There is a group that gathers the ripe veggies every Tuesday. It doesn't have to be just Bethlehem's gardens. You can help with anyone's garden!

**SAVE YOUR PAPER SACKS:** Please check the nooks and crannies of your home for paper sacks. The Baby Pantry fills requests from preschool teachers for their students whose parents cannot make it to the pantry. Paper sacks are the perfect size to place the needed items for each child. Just place your bags on the Care table in the coat room. Thank you!!

**Good news!** After months of just barely being able to keep the food pantry stocked, Mission Endowment has gifted us \$1,000 to use for the pantry. Shortly afterward, we were surprised to receive about \$500 from the concession sales at the play Prince of Peace. What a blessing. This is the first time in a long while that we can report having a fully stocked food storage closet. And, we still have some funds to purchase additional items. As you know, when the pantry is filled, it is typically empty again within 24-48 hours. The need is great and our pantry is helping many! The food purchased through these 2 donations will no doubt be quickly used up. Please continue to donate to this wonderful pantry that truly serves our community. Suzanne and Kathie  
**'God is good. All the time. All the time. God is good.'**

**CASH OR CHECK WORKS TOO:** Are you one of those people like many of us who come home from the grocery store and say, "Dang... I forgot to buy some extra things for the food pantry." Never fear. The pantry has some savvy bargain hunters who are willing to shop and there is now a line item for food pantry in the budget. Feel free to put some cash or money in an envelope and label with "food pantry" (add your envelope # if you want a record of giving). Or add to your weekly/monthly donation and indicate that a specified amount goes towards the food pantry. You will truly be following the gospel command to "Feed the hungry!" And if you are of the electronic age and only use plastic, just notify Cindy Monroe to bring in the "Square" which is linked to direct money to Bethlehem... (just remember that the app takes a percentage of your donation).

**Bethlehem August Safe Harbor Update** Bethlehem support for Safe Harbor's Summer has been Red Hot! The third Tuesday of each month MAY-SEP we provide staff to assist with check-in, meds, guest assistance, and more. September 16 yet to come. Our BLC Hot Dog Picnic on June 25 was a first time ever event for Safe Harbor and a huge success. Check the display in the Gathering Space and see how much fun serving can be! Thank you to a wonderful, overflowing group of volunteers! Tom Rockne, Bethlehem Safe Harbor Coordinator tomrockne@gmail.com or M.231.631.0040.

**HOW DO WE CARE AND SERVE?** John 12:26 "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant will also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me". YOU ARE LOVED BY YOUR CHURCH FAMILY. If you would like to have a visit and you would like to receive Communion, Christian Care Giving is here for you! Please let Peggy Burns at 231-392-6914 know and we will have one of our Care Givers come and see you.

**PROTECT OUR CARPET:** spills always happen, but we now have TWO consistent ways to deal with them. Thanks to an anonymous donor we now have an actual carpet cleaning machine stored in the maintenance closet. **If you cause one or see a spot, please grab the spot cleaner in the squirt container below the sink in the fellowship hall ASAP. Just follow the directions on the bottle and we should be able to keep our carpet in good condition. But, if the stain is too big or too resistant, please use the carpet cleaning machine. The longer the stain sits, the harder it is to clean. Thank you!!**

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** TC Groups are holding their Open Talk here at Bethlehem on three Saturday nights of each month from 8:00-9:00pm. During July, August and September, the group will be here every Saturday night while the Contra group takes a break.

**Coffee and Cookies:** Our wonderful volunteers Mary Ann Tanis and Diane Cunningham have indicated a willingness to continue offering this after the Sunday service during the summer as long as there are volunteers who bring the goodies **and help with clean-up after**. Our thanks to these two women for their wonderful display of the goodies and the clean-up after. Thanks to all of you who have shared goodies, and please feel free to continue to do so.



**A big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons' slips.** On August 27 we received a check from Oleson's for \$232.59 for a total of \$824.25 so far this year. Olesons' slips never expire. Please continue to turn in your Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks so much!!! Also, the area for the Oleson receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the A-B-Cs...). The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside. Unfortunately, we are no longer collecting the receipts from Family Fair or any other grocery store. We just collect for Olesons

**Volunteers for Watching the Front Door During Worship:** The Safety and Security Committee has the new sign up sheets available. We need volunteers who can be available to stay in the Gathering Space to lock the doors and let in late comers for Sundays. We appreciate all of the volunteers. If you have any questions, the committee members are Gail Goldsmith, Maureen Bauer, and Jana Rockne.

**The September issue of the STAR is available.** If you receive the weekly email, your September issue was emailed on August 31st. The shut-ins will receive an issue by mail. There will also be a few copies available on the counter by the mailboxes. You may also contact the office at 947-9880 to request that mail delivery continues. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at [www.bethlehemtc.org](http://www.bethlehemtc.org) < About Us > "The Online Bethlehem Star" or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

**Spotlight on Zeke:** So many of us enjoy Zeke's talents with religious music, but did you know that he plays other kinds of music at various locations in the Traverse City area? Here is a list of his engagements in the next month that are close to TC:

**Wed 9/10—The Pub, Traverse City, 7:00pm**

**Offerings:** Even though the offering plates are passed during the service, you may use the vase in the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer not to touch the offering plate.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** We often find the front door and/or the kitchen door unlocked when there is no one in the building. Please be sure that the doors are locked when you leave.

**Please Note:**

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please note that Phil will work these days until next summer

Alanna Steffunick-Boomer/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday and from home on Thursday – Please note that this is a new schedule

**Looking for a link to last month's full Council minutes?** Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: [bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes](http://bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes) OR you may call the office to request a copy.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at [jstretlien@gmail.com](mailto:jstretlien@gmail.com) or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880 or [admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org)

**Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font!** Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at [beo6475@yahoo.com](mailto:beo6475@yahoo.com) or 231.668.7038.

**Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years.** They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. **Leave them in plastic bags by the garage.** These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

**Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations?** It is now located inside the coat room to the right. Your donations are very much appreciated.

**LOST AND FOUND:** If you lose something in the church building, please check our new Lost and Found box located in the Coat Room. Also, if you find something, please put it in the box.

**Yarn Available:** There is yarn available free for the taking located in the cabinets located under the mailboxes in the Narthex. Take what you need.

**Name tags:** Your name tags are in your mailboxes. Please retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and with so many recent new members it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

**Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about?** Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements, weekly emails and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included in any of these, please reach out to [alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org) If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna.

**Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service.** Please use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$45 (This is a new amount.) The check should be payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance. You may select either "in honor" or "in memory" or "to celebrate". If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

**Today's Prayer Recipients: Please send and changes or additions by email to [admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org)**

Harper Wiemerslage,  
Jerry Hill,  
John Block,  
Roy DuMond,  
Mary Woodring,  
Norm Fred,  
Lynn,  
Steve,  
Sherry,  
Bob,  
Carol Bowes,  
Debbie Knopf,

Ron Hellenga,  
Jim Rumbach,  
John Stretlien,  
Judy Fenton,  
Cindy Hitesman,  
Richard Fernholz,  
Julie Lapeer,  
Tom & Lee,  
Chris,  
Dale and Cheryl,  
Leroy,  
Julie Barrett,

Renae Wells,  
Patti,  
Sharon,  
Kyle,  
Ben,  
Marianne,  
Christine,  
Janet,  
Cheryl,  
Kate Holtfreter

**The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office ([admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.**

**Sunday, September 7**

**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**

10:00am—Worship Service (S)  
11:15am—Vision Event

**Monday, September 8**

10:00am—Finance Committee (CR)  
2:30pm—Choir Rehearsal (S)  
3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)

**Tuesday, September 9**

**Bulletin articles due today**

9:00am—Property Work Group  
9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)  
1:00PM—Friendship Bible Study (Offsite)  
6:00pm—Y2A/Christian Ed Meeting (YR)  
6:30pm—Executive Committee (ZOOM)

**Wednesday, September 10**

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)  
3:00pm—Chair Yoga

**Thursday, September 11**

9:00am—Baby Pantry Set-up (FH)  
10:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)  
1:00pm—Rebecca Anna Circle (Library)  
5:30pm—ACA (FH)

**Friday, September 12**

11:00am—Funeral – Milton Bowes (S)  
12:00pm—Luncheon – Milton Bowes (FH)

**Saturday, September 13**

9:00am—AAUW (FH)  
6:00pm—LifeRing Recovery Group (Library)  
8:00pm—AA (FH)

**Sunday, September 14**

9:15am—Adult Education (YR)  
9:15am—Sunday School  
10:00am—Traditional Worship Service (S)  
11:30am—Bunco Party (FH)  
2:00pm—Youth Discipleship Class (YR)