

MAY 2021



Bethlehem
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Traverse City, MI 49686
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Building Hours: (Currently closed due to Covid 19)
Monday – Thursday, 9am to 3pm

Office Hours: (Currently closed due to Covid 19)
Monday – Thursday, 9am to 3pm

Worship Times:

(In-person worship currently postponed;
offering “virtual worship” due to Covid-19)

Saturday: 5 pm Celebrate! Worship
Sunday: 8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:45 am Educational Hour
11 am Modern Worship

Communion at all services

Follow the STAR to Bethlehem!

Our Mission...

“We journey with God, to serve with love”

Our Vision...

“As a community of believers journeying with God together, we at Bethlehem are called to serve with love by growing a premier youth ministry; enlivening Christian discipleship through lifelong learning, care, and spiritual formation; fostering a vibrant and inspiring worship experience; utilizing our natural setting and location for faithful creation care and outdoor ministry; and opening our doors always to be a “campus at the crossroads” for the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.”

“¹⁹We love because [God] first loved us.” – 1 John 4



Friends, there are so many great verses from 1 John 4, also known as the 2nd lesson for Sunday, May 2nd (also known as the 5th Sunday after Easter!) This is the week when Jesus tells us that he “is the vine, and we are the branches,” and also the week when John’s letter tells us that “God is love” and that to love one another is to love God.

Christ’s message of connection (to the “de-vine”) and John’s message of love are essentially one in the same. We love because God loved us, and we are connected with life and love because we are connected by grace to God. This month of May is one in which Bethlehem looks forward with hope to new connections, new relationships and hopefully new freedoms to gather more fully together as the spring and summer progress. We continue to worship both **in-person** (in the sanctuary and parking lot communion) and **virtually** (via our new live stream setup and with continued Wednesday night “2.0” content.)

For Wednesday nights, David Husser, Zeke Clemons and I are working to create new music and a more pared-down format for “2.0” soon. The thought is to (1) **try new music styles** (perhaps Jazz, Contemporary, etc) as well as (2) **shorten the total Wednesday service time** to more like 20 minutes instead of 30 to 40 minutes. For example, you may see something called “Rhythm and Hymns” soon along with “A Taste of Taize” and “A Touch of Holden” in the weeks ahead. We plan for these worship opportunities to be a little less polished, but no less meaningful. Other NEW additions to our virtual content are the “almost-final” versions of my sermons each weekend – called “Take 2” – with the goal of having just the sermon uploaded each Saturday by 5pm, along with the occasional Facebook Live check-in by Pastor Paul, as time permits.

All the virtual content mentioned above will be found either on our current Facebook video page or our NEW YouTube Live Stream account. **You can also find the links for those online offerings at www.bethlehemtc.org/live-stream.** We hope you enjoy.

Finally, I mention all the above, with one eye on keeping Bethlehem’s new electronic presence alive and the other eye on balancing our online connections with ministry that becomes more and more personal and in-person. As we further emerge from the fog and restrictions of our Covid-19 reality, my prayer is that we might find new ways to be church – using some of the ways we **used to be**, and some of the new ways we **get to be**. Zoom meetings won’t always be a necessity, but they are now always an option. And if we can take away anything from the past year, it’s that God has given us more avenues to connect with one another. So we hold both the past and the future in the ever-revealed present... and we ask for The Spirit’s guidance while searching for new staffing, teamwork and vision in the days and weeks ahead.

Please join me as we move forward always – together, on this journey – with God and with love. Shalom, and do not be afraid.

Covid Positivity and Sanctuary Seating at Bethlehem – April 22, 2021

History: At the February 2021 Bethlehem Council meeting, a rule to help safely open and guide Bethlehem's sanctuary "maximum seating" capacity was adopted, called "**the 5 and 7 rule**": that if the 14-Day rolling average for Covid positivity dipped below 5% in Grand Traverse County, we would meet to consider re-opening the sanctuary, and if the 14-Day positivity rose back up to 7% or higher we would meet again to reconsider closing. On March 7th, with a 14-Day positivity of less than 5%, BLC re-opened the sanctuary to 60 max seating in the sanctuary, 60 max overflow with audio overflow in the Fellowship Hall and 10 more people in the Gathering Space. Those numbers were adjusted slightly higher for Holy Week and Easter, but within a few days the positivity numbers in GT County had surged to over 14% (twice our self-imposed limit), where it has hovered ever since.

In response, a special Council meeting was held Thursday, April 15th to weigh several options (including going back to virtual-only or holding regular outdoor worship for the spring) and Council *approved the latest recommendation from the New Normal Task Force: continuing worship indoors Sundays at 10am but lowering max capacity in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Gathering space to 40 occupants, 40 occupants, and 10 occupants, respectively.*

Moving Forward: At the regular April Council meeting on 4/20, the rule or "formula" was revisited. We hope to increase those max capacity numbers soon as (1) more GT residents get vaccinated and (2) Covid positivity numbers begin to drop. The new formula follows more of a "7 / 10 / 13" set of triggers, as follows (note: as of 4/22/21, the 14-Day is around 12%).

- By the Thursday prior to Sunday worship, when the 14-Day positivity in Grand Traverse County dips **to 10% or below**, BLC will immediately increase capacity to 60 people in the sanctuary, 60 in Fellowship Hall and 10 in the Gathering Space (130 total in the building).
- When the 14-Day dips to **7% or below** on the Thursday prior to Sunday worship (that lag is to get the word out), BLC increases the max. capacity to 100 occupants in sanctuary, 60 in FH, 10 in GS (170 total in-building)
- If numbers increase, the triggers work in reverse; if the 14-Day increases to **13% or more**, we return to the current 40/40/10 capacity ratio. A surge greater than 13% would require further deliberation.

Thank you always for your understanding, patience and cooperation. We look forward to the day when Covid and seating restrictions / max capacities will be a thing of the past.

- Sincerely and faithfully, Your Bethlehem Church Council

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City Michigan

“We Journey with God to serve with Love”

Minutes from Church Council Meeting: March 16, 2021

CALLED TO ORDER: Leonard Graf at 6:03 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Gail Goldsmith; Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

ROLL CALL: Gail Goldsmith; Phil Anderson, Maureen Bauer, Pastor Paul Busekist, Nancy Downer, Gail Goldsmith, Leonard Graf, Laura Hahn, Mark McPherson, Cindy Monroe, Jim Monroe, Jan Stretlien, Paul Wiemerslage all present.

VISITOR/S OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENT: none

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved with 2 new items

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM February 16, 2021: Approved as written

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- 1.) Leonard received a call from Judy Strickland to “thank the council and all involved in the church during COVID-19.”
- 2.) There was another incident of the church door being unlocked and no one in the church. Make sure the doors are locked when you leave the church.
- 3.) Leonard received a Thank You note for our recent donation to the Salvation Army.

PASTOR’S REPORT:

- 1.) Pastor Paul discussed the need for coverage while he is on vacation. The Synod has put together a service for April 11th. There is a need for people to lead the service and there may be a virtual communion, or there can be a service without communion.
- 2.) Live Stream update; Audio concern, but it is being worked on. Castr subscription is likely to broadcast to both Youtube and Facebook simultaneously, also give us other possibilities like containing saved videos to the website directly, etc. for \$10 to \$15 per month.
- 3.) Recommendations from New Normal Committee and Pastor Colleague ideas/email;
 - a. Palm Sunday possibly outside processional of palms, inside service and RCV virtual separate,
 - b. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday virtual and in person at 7:00 p.m.,
 - c. Good Friday, Pastor Paul is preaching at CUMC community service from 12:00 to 3:00,
- d. Easter Sunday:
 1. 8:30 a.m. inside service*
 2. 10:00 a.m. Yellow Wood Virtual Service
 3. 11:00 a.m. outside service

4. 12 noon parking lot communion
 5. *inside/outside idea at Easter
- 4.) Table for 12 will be recorded with Live Stream equipment. Live Stream will start on April 18th or 24th and may appear clunky at first. Pastor will have the remote to start and another person may be needed if there are problems.

FINACIAL SECRETARY REPORT:

Jim Monroe reports the first 2 weeks in March the income has been up. Mark McPherson mentioned there have been 76 pledges turned in in 2021 and there were 100 pledges in 2020.

Jim also discussed the COVID-19 numbers, there has been an uptick in the county, mostly younger people who have not been vaccinated.

CONSENT CALENDAR: COMMITTEE REPORTS: The committee reports are: Financial Secretary's report, Financial and Executive Committee report, Christian Care Report, Christian Education Report, Membership and Evangelism, Personnel Report, Property Report, Stewardship Report, Worship and Music, Youth/Y2A Report, Fellowship Report, Visions Report, Endowment Fund Report (Quarterly) and Sustaining Endowment Memorial Fund Report (Quarterly). All reports submitted and filed

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Update from Sacred Ground, Leonard reported he and Gail Goldsmith attended a zoom meeting with Sacred Ground and the Wildlife Federation. Paul Wiemerslage, Leonard and Gail are setting up meetings to get the garden started, involving church members and youth for planning, preparation, planting and caring for the garden.
- B. Update on Payroll Protection Plan Jim Monroe reported he has made the application for the loan and he should hear from Huntington Bank in 7-10 days for the approval. (He reported on the 18th the loan was approved for \$127,125.)
- C. Update on Pastoral Renewal, Maureen Bauer reported on a program called Clergy Renewal. Maureen made the motion to give our pastor a Clergy Renewal for 3 consecutive weeks in July, 2021. Mark McPherson seconded the motion, the motion carried. Discussion included there is a Lilly Grant to help pay for the release time. This is not a vacation, but a time for the Clergy to refresh and to protect our pastor from this stressful year.
- D. Update on Sabbatical for Pastor Mark McPherson discussed the Sabbatical for Pastor. It takes time to plan and so the Clergy Renewal will give time to plan for a Sabbatical. This is tabled until the April meeting.
- E. Update on Food Kiosk, Leonard reported on the cabinet. Norm Fred and Leonard are working on a cabinet to put doors on it to make it weatherproof. It was suggested to look at outdoor cupboards such as Rubbermaid. They will look into that.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Easter Services was discussed, there will be a virtual service at 9:00 a.m., Indoor Service at 8:30 a.m., outdoor services at 10:00 and Parking lot communion at 11:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Good Friday both Virtual and In Person service at 7:00 p.m. Pastor will be one of the pastors giving the Good Friday service at Central United Methodist Church from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m.
- B. Two Services: Mark McPherson made the motion to increase the capacity as warranted up to 100 people in the sanctuary, Cindy Monroe seconded, the motion carried. Discussion was to increase the amount of people coming to church, before we look at having 2 services on Sunday.
- C. Annie's maternity leave: Maureen Bauer made the motion to set up an Ad Hoc Committee to come up with a policy on Maternity Leave by the April Council meeting, Cindy Monroe seconded the motion, the motion carried. The Ad Hoc Committee is Phil Anderson, Mark McPherson and Maureen Bauer.
- D. Non-ELCA benevolence funding: Jan Stretlien mad the motion to give the quarterly benevolent funds to the Sacred Beginning in Grand Rapids, this program is to stop human trafficking and to meet with women who are walking the streets. Mark McPherson seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- E. Coverage for Pastor's vacation, April 11th: Maureen Bauer made the motion to have an in person Lay Minister to lead worship, with a virtual sermon, prerecorded music and parking lot communion. Cindy Monroe seconded the motion, the motion carried.

VISITOR OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENT: see above

GOOD TO THE ORDER: A time for general/undocumented comments by each Council Member if so desired.

LORD'S PRAYER: was said by all.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Goldsmith, Council Secretary

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City Michigan

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Minutes from Special Church Council Meeting: April 15, 2021

CALLED TO ORDER: Mark McPherson, Vice President at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Mark McPherson read from Laughing with Lutherans “Kids Say the Wisest Things.”

ROLL CALL: Gail Goldsmith; Phil Anderson, Maureen Bauer, Pastor Paul Busekist, Nancy Downer, Gail Goldsmith, Laura Hahn, Mark McPherson, Cindy Monroe, Jim Monroe, Jan Stretlien, Paul Wiemerslage all present. Leonard Graf excused absence.

VISITOR/S OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENT: none

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. COVID-19 Status and in person worship services: Maureen Bauer made a motion to follow Option #2 of the New Normal Workgroup recommendation to have live in-person worship in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. with Parking Lot Communion at 11:00 a.m., with capacity of 40 people maximum in the Sanctuary, 40 people in the Fellowship Hall, and 10 people in the Gathering Space and with a shortened sermon. Seconded by Nancy Downer, the motion carried. Discussion: This allows the church building to be open since so many of the congregation have had their vaccinations. We will continue to take temperatures, do contact tracing, wear masks, social distance and no singing, but humming instead. We need to continue to look at the numbers of COVID cases in the county to make decisions of safety for the congregation.
- B. Music Director/Administrative Assistant Position: Mark McPherson made the motion to send Sharon Weller a letter to respectfully decline her offer to be involved with the transition planning for the new Administrative Assistant and Music Director. Also to decline her use of the church and equipment for teaching piano lessons. And to have her meet with Pastor Paul to return church property and to pick up her personal belongings. Maureen Bauer seconded the motion, the motion carried. Discussion: Mark McPherson and Maureen Bauer will compose the letter together. Sharon is able to rent out the space if she chooses to continue piano lessons at the church.

LORD’S PRAYER: was said by all.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Goldsmith, Council Secretary

ABRIDGED WITH ANNIE: A SUMMARY OF YOUTH EVENTS FOR MAY...

Hello there, Bethlehem! Hopefully, you are all enjoying the warmer weather, the beautiful colors and taking it all in with joy! (After all, April Showers bring May Flowers!) I for one am really looking forward to this month and all that God has in store for us!

MAY HAPPENINGS ...

We will be having **Hybrid Confirmation Classes** on **Sunday, May 2nd** and **Sunday, May 16th**. Last month was a great class and the hybrid medium worked out great for all involved. It allowed us all to come together. If you have any questions about the hybrid confirmation class please reach out to Pastor Paul or myself.

Youth Groups will be kicking off the summer this month each by doing something a little different. Please note, that due to COVID some of these plans may change so reach out to me for more details or to confirm that we still are going by said plan below:

The **Junior High School Group** will meet on **Wednesday May 12th** for **Bowling at Lucky Jack's**.
The **High School Group** will meet on **Saturday, May 15th** for a **Start of Summer BBQ at BLC**.
The **BLUES Group** will meet on **Friday May 28th** for their **Annual Hike at Historic Barns Park**.

I'm also excited to announce that we will be having a very special **Vacation Bible School** this summer that they **whole family can enjoy!** Join us for a very special day of underwater-themed faith-filled fun. **Our one-day outdoor VBS program called Great Bible Reef is planned to take place on Sunday, June 27th!** **The whole family is invited!**

Registration for VBS is now open and will remain so until June 13th! You can register now or learn more at
myvbs.org/blcvbs2021

Be sure to mark your calendars for all these fun events!

As we go into May, I ask that you keep the youth of Bethlehem and their families in your prayers as they finish off the school year strong despite a lot of unknowns and uncertainty and put their trust in God.

*"In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me."
(Psalm 31:1)*

Cheerfully in Christ,

Annie Slabaugh

Director of Youth and Outreach, Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Traverse City



Sharon Weller announced her resignation from her positions as Music Coordinator/Choir Director and Administrative Assistant. Her last day on staff at Bethlehem was Sunday, April 4th. We give thanks for all the wonderful work, music and ministry Sharon has shared with us these last few years. She has helped our congregation through our many challenges during the COVID pandemic as well as the many changes to help our church move forward technologically to allow for our parishioners to have a choice to view our services at home. We wish Sharon all the best, and may God bless her and keep her always. Sharon, you will be missed!

Kudos to Norm Fred
From the Record-Eagle "Cheers" Column

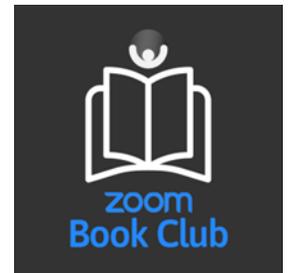
To those who recently helped with one of the most audacious
cleanup projects in the city's history.

The target was a series of homeless encampment near and below the Goodwill Inn on Keystone Road. When the work detail was over, volunteers had bagged and filled an American Waste truck with a staggering 6 tons of garbage that had been accumulating for years on the property, part of which is owned by the city and part of which belongs to Garfield Township.

Afterward, the organizer of the cleanup, retired dentist Norm Fred, the indefatigable 81-year-old founder of the nonprofit Boardman River Clean Sweep, was ecstatic.

"I've done a lot of cleanups, but this was the biggest one-day cleanup we've ever done, by far, in terms of the amount of trash," he said. "Cleaning that up was a triumph."

The BLC book club will meet via ZOOM at 5:30 on Tuesday May 25. We will be discussing *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. The author lives in Minnesota where BLC book club founders Dave and Laurie Gabel now reside. They have graciously agreed to lead the discussion of this amazing book. If you are not already on the list and want to be added to the group for May just send your email to Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.



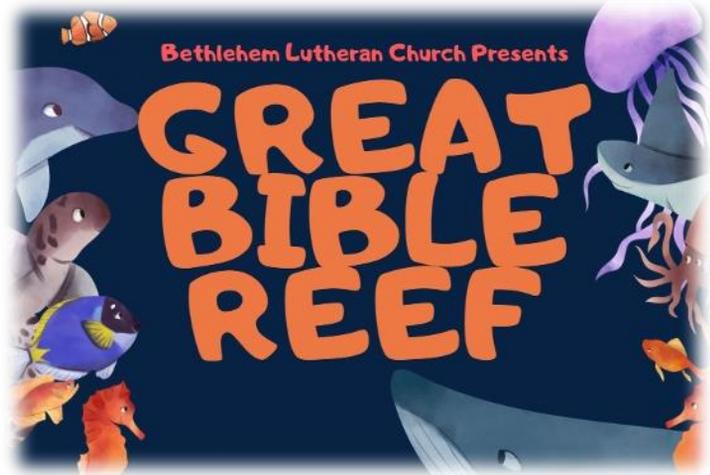
A big thank you to those who have turned in Oleson's receipts. For 2020, we received a total of \$545.66. Please continue saving your Oleson's receipts for Bethlehem. Please drop them off in the bin under the mailbox counter. Thanks.

HONORING GOD'S CREATION

Since 2019 we have been enjoying Bethlehem's "Honoring God's Creation" column so ably organized by Judy Strickland. The time has come that Judy has decided to step down. So that we may continue with this excellent information, this is a request for contributions from the congregation. You can do as a one time submission or you can step in to organize the column. Topics can include gardening, recycling or saving the planet. This is a great way to take care of your BLC family. Please contact Barbara Oster at admin@bethlehemtc.org if you would like to participate.

Summer is just around the corner and here at Bethlehem we're planning a new exciting VBS Adventure not only for your kids...but for the entire family!

Are you looking for a safe, friendly and fun environment that you can all enjoy together? Then sign up today for Great Bible Reef One Day VBS! This outdoor fun-filled vacation bible school is for the young and the young at heart for one day only on Sunday, June 27th 2PM - 5:45PM.



Registration is going on now until the June 13th deadline! For more information or to register for VBS, go to myvbs.org/blcvbs2021 or reach out to Annie Slabaugh at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880 extension 16!

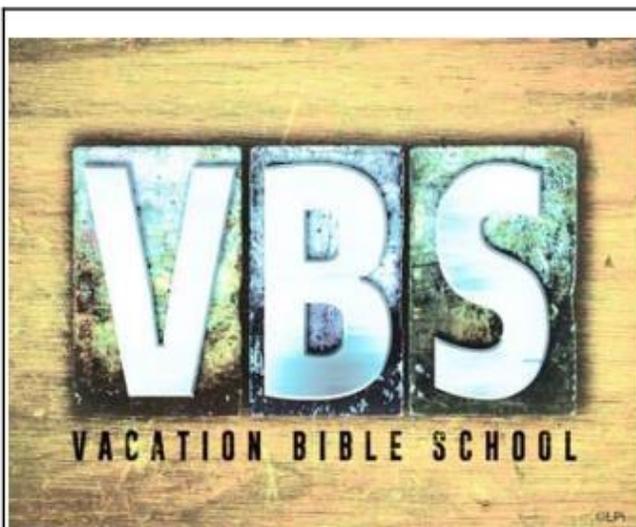
FINANCIAL NEWS

March income came in at \$28,658 compared to a budget of \$32,457 resulting in a shortage of income against budget of \$3,799. On the expense side we came in at \$32,962 compared to a budget of \$33,645 resulting in spending \$684 under budget. From a purely budget perspective the shortfall was \$3,115. From a cash flow perspective, income of \$28,658 did not cover expense of \$32,962 leaving us short \$4,304 for the month.

Year to date income came in at \$82,435 compared to a budget of \$95,866 resulting in a shortage of income against budget of \$13,431. On the expense side we came in at \$90,047 compared to a budget of \$96,166 resulting in spending \$6,118 under budget. From a purely budget perspective the shortfall was \$7,313. From a cash flow perspective, income of \$82,435 did not cover expense of \$90,047 leaving us short \$7,612 year to date.

Last month BLC applied for and was approved for a government Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan in the amount of \$27,125. The \$27,125 loan proceeds were deposited in our general checking account. The intent of the loan was to ensure BLC had adequate monies available to maintain current staffing levels in light of the economic uncertainties from the pandemic. From a Balance Sheet perspective we have an asset of \$27,125 (money in the checking account) and the offsetting liability PPP Loan. The PPP loan program allows for the loan to be forgiven as long as the money is used for approved expenses like salaries, utilities, mortgage interest, etc. We are tracking our salary dollars against the \$27,125 and once we reach that spending limit ... probably in June ... we will apply for loan forgiveness. We anticipate the loan will be forgiven during the third quarter, at which time the PPP Loan liability line on the Balance Sheet will be removed. Said another way, the government PPP loan program was designed to help small business and religious organizations stay open during the pandemic with necessary funding for essential expenses.

Christian Education News
May 2021



Vacation Bible School:

It's happening this summer!!!



**Dive into "Great Bible Reef" with us
for an afternoon of family fun –
contact Annie Slabaugh for more details 😊**

**We are fervently praying
each and every day
for our precious
Sunday School children
and their families!
May God bless all of you
with safety and good health
until we can meet again!!
Jesus loves you VERY much,
and
so do we!!!**



Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day Prayer
Heavenly Father,
We lift up all mothers today and
thank them for their guidance and love.
We ask You to bless them
with Your own special love, today and always.
Amen.

-Christian Education Committee



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ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.

ELCA - International Woman Leader – Amanda William Sabah Theological Seminary – Malaysia



In the state of Sabah in Malaysia, (on Borneo Island), **International Women Leaders 2020 graduate Amanda William** recently founded Safe Campus, an organization that raises awareness about sexual harassment at higher education institutions. Amanda and co-founder Christyne Surindai have started a Safe Campus social media campaign, produced a video and led an online workshop. Faye Lee, another graduate of the ELCA's International Women Leaders scholarship program, wrote about Safe Campus for the *Vulcan Post*.

The ELCA is a church that believes Jesus is God's "Yes" to us. Our lives can be a "Yes" to others. Today, women represent 70 percent of the world's population living in poverty and are often underserved by a lack of access to education and training.

The ELCA believes the time has come for a strong, strategic emphasis on supporting and empowering international women leaders in the life and development of the church and society.

Through the **ELCA International Women Leaders** program, we are boldly investing in established and emerging women leaders from our global companion churches. Your gifts help support the education of 200 additional international women through educational seminars, south-to-south exchanges, in-country study programs, and degree programs at ELCA colleges and universities.

As an aside, Carolyn Mann states: "I have been to a graduation ceremony, at this seminary on the island of Borneo in 1998. It was a very moving experience for me. I had hauled theology books in a suitcase for the library there. I purchased them in NYC and "dragged" them across the planet. (It was heavy!). It is rewarding for me to know the school is graduating competent women to carry out the Lord's work and that the ELCA is instrumental in training leaders there."

Health Concerns*



The Power of Prayer

*Richard Fernholz, Nancy Smith, Tom Miller, Margie Whitney,
Ellie Tacke, Priscilla Thompson, Julie LaPeer,
Marleen Baesch, Alvin Kober, Lynn Hoyt, Thad Hellenga,
Jan Waisanen, Molly Eastman, Harper Wiemerslage,
Ben Farley, Jennifer Mowers, George Ammann,
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Samaritas (Acme): Priscilla Thompson

Hospital Visits: Please let the church office know if you are going into the hospital for a scheduled procedure or an emergency so Pastor Paul can visit you.

BLC's PRAYER CHAIN is always seeking partners in prayer.

More volunteers are needed for this crucial ministry.

For more information or to set the Prayer Chain in motion, call Jan Stretlien @ 947-3265 or email jstretlien@gmail.com

*If you would like your name, or the name of a loved one, to appear on this list which appears here and in the weekly bulletin, please call the church office at 947-9880.

Are you checking for the latest BLC updates at: www.bethlehemtc.org?

You saw Norm and others take the photos...be sure you see them at www.bethlehemtc.org!

Good News...and great news...at www.bethlehemtc.org...

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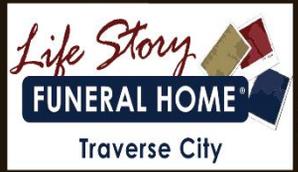
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WELCOME BACK to all
who feel comfortable!!! 😊

Shalom, and do not be afraid.



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