

# NOVEMBER 2021



**Bethlehem**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Building Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9am to 2:30pm

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9am to 2:30pm

Worship Times:

Sunday: 10 am Modern Worship including  
Communion with service Livestreamed on  
Facebook and YouTube

Sunday School during worship service

Nursery open during worship service

Parking Lot Communion: 11:00 am

## 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.”*



***“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth...I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”***  
- Isaiah 43:19a,c



Friends in Christ at Bethlehem... What's “new”?

November is a season of reflection in the church and a time when we prepare for something new. Perhaps we don't think of it as a moment for “rivers in the desert” as Isaiah says above, but it is a little like that. Having officially passed the year-and-a-half-point of living into and through the “desert wilderness” of Covid, now it's fair to say we're all looking for God “to do a new thing.” Thanksgiving and the journey beyond November are the perfect times for us to start something fresh in the next liturgical cycle (Year C, Luke's gospel) as we embrace the season of Advent, which literally translates into “the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.” For Christians, that “arrival” is in the person, event and “new thing” of Jesus Christ, who is indeed coming soon!

Perhaps here are a couple ways to enter into this Advent and the coming year together:

- **“REDiGo!”** – As mentioned in a stewardship campaign temple talk, Bethlehem wraps up our previous 10-year vision from 2012 next year. A new 3-5 year vision next year would keep us on track for moving forward. But before that, I invite you all to think of a **new pre-visioning acronym: REDiGo.** **“R”** is for Reflection, and there's no better time than Advent to reflect.; perhaps our Advent conversations will help us begin those thoughts together. Next comes **“E”** for Exploration: trying out small pivots and improvements like our new BLC Food Pantry kiosk and a wonderful “refresh” initiative coming from a group of conscientious members after the first of the year (details forthcoming.) The **“Di”** is for Discernment as we start to put pen to paper toward our new vision together. And finally **“Go!”** is just that: Go charging into our next vision together, possibly as soon as the latter half of 2022. Are we ready, friends? Will we be “REDiGo” next year?
- **Advent 2021 and Theme: “Something Old, Something New, Something Blessed, and Something Blue.”** While the theme itself may be a bit ‘borrowed,’ the emphasis for this year's Advent will be on hearing your stories... We look backward at the past year, and forward to a new beginning, with a casual video interview format. (Hint: We have two volunteers already and could use another!) What are the things you treasure from the past? What are the events, people and things you hope for in the future? And how has God has blessed you through it all? Each Wednesday in Advent we focus on those themes, with special emphasis December 22<sup>nd</sup> on “Something Blue.” Then we celebrate the “Longest Night” as winter officially begins and daylight is most sparse. December 22<sup>nd</sup> will be our annual Blue Christmas worship. **Each Advent night this year will begin with worship at 6:30pm (note: not a meal beforehand this year) and will conclude with a dessert and fellowship following (Dec. 1, 8 & 15) at 7pm or a few minutes afterward. Look for Connie's famous pies and perhaps a few other treats...** ‘Dessert’ goodness awaits. ☺

Looking forward to the upcoming season of Thanksgiving and Advent together with you. In peace...

- Pastor Paul

## A thought from the President...

Twenty years ago Kathy and I went into New York City for the Thanksgiving Day parade. We were living in Connecticut at the time and had always thought about going. 9/11 happened ten weeks earlier. My father just passed away. It was a week after the funeral. He was a New Yorker so it was fitting to go and remember. There was thought that the parade would be canceled. The city decided that they needed to have the parade to be thankful to all who came to its need after the attack. They wondered if anyone would show. Maybe too scared after what just happened.

We took the train into the city. The closer we got more people got on. Grand Central Station was busy. Others there making there was to the Subway for the trip to the west side of Manhattan next to Central Park. Walking the rest of the way we found a spot by the beginning of the parade and waited for the start. Both sides of the avenue were filling up. Eight, nine, ten deep. There were many families. People were talking to each other and asking where they were from. Kids were playing football with the police officers in the street. Cheers and claps for anyone in a uniform. Being thankful was in the heart of the city on that day.

Even with what we have been through most of these last two years let us give pause and be thankful. Be thankful for our families, our friends, our community, our first responders, our front line workers, our church, our council, our Pastor, our staff, our faith, any one else important to us and ourselves.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mark McPherson

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**2021/2022 BLC Council: Scott Farley, Laura Hahn, Denice Bossardet, Jim Monroe, Cindy Monroe, Mark McPherson, Gail Goldsmith, Pr Paul Busekist, Maureen Bauer, Paul Wiemerslage, Leonard Graf, Jim Hinds**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City Michigan**

*"We journey with God to serve with love"*

**MINUTES TO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** September 21, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mark McPherson, President 6:00 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Maureen Bauer

**ROLL CALL:** Gail Goldsmith, Secretary; Maureen Bauer, Denice Bossardet, Pastor Paul Busekist, Scott Farley, Gail Goldsmith, Leonard Graf, Laura Hahn, Jim Hinds, Mark McPherson, Cindy Monroe, Jim Monroe, Paul Wiemerslage.

**VISITOR/S OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENT:** There were no visitors present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mark McPherson made the motion to approve the agenda with additions, Maureen Bauer seconded the motion, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 17, 2021:** Leonard Graf made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, Cindy Monroe seconded the motion, the motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mark McPherson reports; "Less is More", look at the Sacred Garden and the Food Kiosk, as it is filled. Small gestures can lead to Large Impacts.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** 1.) Pastor Paul reports his Discernment Class is helpful. His 10 year mark as Pastor of Bethlehem is a continuation of the renewal, discernment, Journey of the Spirit. He is looking at how to best vision 2022. He is looking back to 2019 before Covid. There is pausing and planning before we move to reflection. It is tough to get back on track after Covid.

2.) He discussed the food Kiosk and how to stock it, the closet at the end of the hallway is to be used for storage for the kiosk. How do we get the word out about the Kiosk, maybe talk with Father Fred staff, have it on the Website.

3.) The Baby Pantry will be using the classroom on the right for extra storage with 3 more shelves and putting sheets over their items.

4.) The need to move forward with Stewardship Campaign. There will be Temple Talks, maybe some videos and the need to stay positive.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The committee reports are;

**Treasurer's report;** Leonard Graf reports, the expenses for August were normal and income is over expenses. For the year the budget is about \$7000 in the red, but the PPP loan is not in the budget yet. Next year we will not have the PPP loan. This year the expenses have been down due to the Music Director position and the custodial services have been less. Remember to have budget sheets in by 10-1-21.

**Financial Secretary's report;** The PPP loan forgiveness checks are running about 90 days a little later than planned to get to the bank, it will probably be here in October.

The contributions are up \$1990 over the amount needed to meet the monthly budget. The Year to Date contributions through August are under budget \$19,736. August had 5 Sundays which contributed to

the additional funds. The expenses are down, so the budget is close. Line Item 41001 is \$22,000 short which the PPP Loan Forgiveness check will cover the shortfall. Line Item 42001 is \$9700 which is way down. The pledged amount is at 98%, the deficit is from the non-pledged amount. The Giving Statements will be sent out next month. The church has about 300 member, but there may be less.

Covid report; the numbers of Covid are going up in the county, 68% of eligible people are vaccinate. The vaccine is not 100% effective. Wearing masks is still needed for protection especially for the younger people.

#### **Financial and Executive Committee report;**

##### **Christian Care;**

**Fellowship;** Laura Hahn stated the Ice Cream Social was a success. She was disappointed people from the community did not attend.

##### **Membership and Evangelism;**

##### **Personnel;**

**Property;** will be looking into getting the carpet cleaned in the Fellowship Hall and spot cleaned in other areas, checking with Sally from the Baby Pantry about pitching in on the cost. Leonard will talk to the custodian about going back to twice a week cleaning. Rebecca Eaton is to tighten up where all of the keys to the building are, and request for building keys go to the Property Committee.

**Stewardship Committee;** meeting was held and discussed doing Temple Talks, mailing out Giving Statements, looking at digital platforms for Live Streaming services discussing automatic giving. They will be looking at a giving mission and look at what the church wants to do. The theme to the Stewardship Campaign is: "Take My Life That I May Be". 2.) Revenue needed from advertisement in the Star Newsletter, renting classrooms and conference rooms and place a message in the Star to encourage giving.

##### **Worship and Music;**

##### **Youth/Y2A;**

**Endowment Fund (quarterly);** this fund is for outside of the church.

**Sustaining Endowment Memorial Fund (quarterly);** this fund is for what is needed inside of the church.

All reports are submitted and on file.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Sunday School/Services Ad Hoc Committee: has met and have planned for the time of Sunday School and looking at materials in case there are virtual classes and face to face Sunday School. There was one child last week, but more plan on attending.
- B. Tech Position agreement approval/Cassidy White: Leonard Graf made the motion for the Church Council to hire Cassidy White as Media and Production Specialist for 5 hours per week at \$16.00 per hour. Maureen Bauer, Personnel Committee will monitor her services with the job description and employment agreement. Cindy Monroe seconded the motion and the motion carried. Discussion, Pastor Paul reported Cassidy has completed orientation with him and has helped work out some kinks already. Cassidy needs a master key for the building, Staff are to

contact Cassidy first if there are any problems. Her phone is 972-971-4880 and email is [cassidyrenee1@yahoo.com](mailto:cassidyrenee1@yahoo.com).

- C. Music position update: There has been a name for a possible applicant. There is a need to decide on the resource for paying for the position. An applicant will want to know the salary. The volunteers have done a wonderful job, but if there is a time the church goes to 2 services they will not be able to sustain their involvement.
- D. Refresh Committee plan: Chuck Ardingo presented to the Executive Committee last week a plan for refreshing the church. There are many items in and outside of the church that need updated, such as the Gathering Space, usable space, update function and attraction of the church and reenergize the building. Everything is up for review. Beauty is Therapy. There will be more to come after the first of the year to look at fundraising in order to get started on some of the projects.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Church website updating-pictures: Tom Rockne is updating the staff website to add pictures and to take some people off of the website.
- B. Baby Pantry Start up: Leonard Graf made the motion to allow the Baby Pantry to start up on October 14, 2021 one time per month. Cindy Monroe Seconded the motion, the motion carried. Discussion: the team will begin putting items out at 9:00, families will come in for in person shopping from 10:00 until 4:00 and approximately an hour to clean up.
- C. Denice Bossardet made the motion to invoke Chapter 15 of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Constitution, Scott Farley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### **VISITOR OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENTS:** no comments

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

**LORD'S PRAYER:** Lead by Pastor Paul, said by all

**ADJOURNMENT:** Cindy Monroe made the motion to adjourn, Denice Bossardet seconded the motion, adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Goldsmith,

Council Secretary

## FINANCIAL NEWS

September income was \$28,214 compared to budgeted income of \$31,313 for a shortfall of \$3,098. Expenses were \$28,479 compared to budget of \$31,296 which resulted in spending \$2,818 less than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses exceeded income by \$264.

Year to date income was \$260,221 compared to budgeted income of \$285,098 for a shortage of \$24,877. Expenses were \$267,407 compared to budget of \$285,831 which resulted in spending \$18,424 less than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses have exceeded income by \$7,166. Therefore over the nine months of this year, BLC fell short of covering expenses by \$7,166.

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## GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

Your individual giving statements are will be available in your mailbox in the Narthex beginning October 7, 2021. The statement covers giving from January through September 2021. Please pick them up at your convenience. To save on postage, I will mail out the ones not picked up by the end of October. Thank you for your generous support for the programs and ministries of your church even during these uncertain times.

Your Bookkeeper

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## Help your church AND perhaps save a tree!!!

Your council made the decision to send the STAR to members during this time of separation to help all stay connected. However, with the cost of paper and postage this does become a large expense using money that may be better spent on some other worthy cause. We are committed to keeping you informed but we are hoping that more of you will make a commitment to either reading the STAR on-line or agreeing to have the STAR placed in your church mailbox or stopping at church anytime and grabbing one from the STAR box in front of church. All of your council members have agreed to this.



Copies of the STAR will still be given out the first weekend of the month. But, if you cannot be there and you are willing to do any of the above please leave a message in the office at 947-9880 indicating your preference or catch Cindy Monroe on Sunday mornings so we can make that change for you. And please be patient...we volunteers sometimes make a mistake regarding preferences. Just gently remind us and eventually we will get it right.

## ABRIDGED WITH ANNIE: A SUMMARY OF YOUTH EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER...

Bethlehem! How is it going?! It seemed like October just flew by and now we're already in November...which means its Turkey Season and lots going on with the Youth!

### NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS ...

**Confirmation Classes** this month will be on **Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** (at Feast of Victory) and **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** (at Bethlehem) respectively. Please reach out to Pastor Paul or myself if you need any more information!



**The Junior High Youth Group** will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** for a **Movie Night at Bethlehem!** We'll gather together for fellowship, movies, pizza and popcorn!

**The BLUES Youth Group** will be meeting a week earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. This will be on **Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** and we will meet at **Lucky Jack's for a fun filled bowling night!**

**The High School Youth Group** will be meeting on **Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** for a **Movie Night at Bethlehem** like the Junior High Group! We'll gather together for fellowship, movies, pizza and popcorn!

We're starting to get ready for 2022 and registrations are open for both the **National Youth Gathering** as well as **CHARGE!** Let me know if you need more information.

CHARGE will be March 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the Great Wolf Lodge and for grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

National Youth Gathering will be July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 in Minneapolis, MN for grades 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

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

As we begin November I ask that you keep Bethlehem's youth and their families in your prayers as they continue their school years and potentially travel during turkey time—that they have fun with family but arrive and come home safely.

Cheerfully in Christ,

## Annie Slabaugh

Director of Youth and Outreach  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Traverse City

## Choir news:

The choir hopes to continue singing one time per month on weekends when the majority of singers are in town. If you are interested and have not already been contacted by Cindy Monroe, please leave her a voice or text message at 231 631-0887 or send an email [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net)



**The BLC community pantry has been the wish of a BLC member who chooses to remain anonymous.** Through his gentle coaxing your current council decided that the time was right for BLC to have its own pantry due to its unique location. A sturdy cupboard has been purchased, assembled and placed outside the kitchen door thru a grant from the Trapp family. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so generously. Please keep the pantry in mind whenever you are shopping special deals at your favorite store. If you can get 2 for the price of one, and really don't need an extra, please bring it to church. There will always be a blue container under the giving table by the mailboxes where you can place your extra items. **We appreciated your donations, but please check expiration dates if you are selecting items from your personal cupboard. We do not want to donate "bad" food to "good" people.**



On September 26<sup>th</sup> we welcomed:

**Clark Rasmussen** sponsored by Jim Hinds

**Jason Nellist** sponsored by Shelly Nellist

On October 31<sup>st</sup> we welcomed:

**Marilyn and John Halstead** sponsored by Ron and Marilyn Dork

**Pecans have been ordered based on the pre-orders we received.** We will have a few left of the cases that we ordered for the Dark Chocolate Pecans, Caramel Clusters and the Plain Pecans. The Cinnamon Glazed pecans are sold out. If you are interested in any of the remaining pecans, please contact Barbara Oster at 231-668-7038 or [beo6475@yahoo.com](mailto:beo6475@yahoo.com). The bags are \$12 each and are perfect for holiday gifts, hostess gifts or just plain munching. Delivery should be in mid to late November.

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## Installation of BLC Council Sunday Communion



## STAR and Bulletin Deadlines

To be sure that your article or announcement is in STAR or Bulletin issue that you want, please note the following deadlines:

**STAR:** by the third Wednesday of the month  
**Bulletin:** by the Wednesday before each weekend

Submission by email is preferred ([admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org)) with either the word STAR or Bulletin in the subject line. Please write exactly what you want in the article or announcement. Be sure to include all pertinent information about your event, i.e. dates, time, location, etc. You can put it in the body of the email or as an attachment as a Word doc or .pdf. Also, please include the month(s) for the STAR issue or the date(s) for the Bulletin issue that you need your article or announcement included. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Oster when she works in the office on Mondays.

Also note that if you want an announcement on the weekly PowerPoint, please send to [annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org).

**Book club:** The book selection for November is *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie. We decided to celebrate this prolific author by selecting one of her books since she wrote her first book 101 years ago! What better book is there than this as we get ready to hunker down for winter snows. If you don't want to read it, you can always watch the movie! We will meet by ZOOM at 5:30 on Tuesday November 23. If you are not already on the list for the Zoom meeting you can send your email to [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).



A big thank you to all who turned in their Olesons' receipts to Bethlehem. We just received a check from them for \$179.90. So far this year, we have received \$435.52 total from Olesons' receipts. Please continue to turn in your Olesons' receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks again.

**There are two Bible studies on Wednesdays** – both are studying the Gospel of Matthew. One is from 9:00am-11:00am in the Youth Room here at BLC. Barbara Graf is the leader. The second one is from 1:30pm—3:00pm and is held through Zoom. For information on how to access that study, please contact Pr Paul.

# Christian Education News

## November 2021



Infant to 6<sup>th</sup>-grade – ALL are welcome!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY ARE BACK!!!

Sunday School students are dismissed just before the Gospel and return to celebrate Communion with their families.

Nursery has reopened, and is offered for the entire 10am service!



Please join us ☺

Sunday School has resumed classes for our children during the worship service, but we need help to continue this important ministry for our littlest members! Lessons are easy to implement with very simple scripts, and the time commitment can be as little as just once a month! Do you hear the voice of Jesus calling you to serve? Please prayerfully consider this opportunity, and contact the Christian Education Committee for more information.



ENTER HIS GATES  
WITH *Thanksgiving*  
AND HIS COURTS  
WITH PRAISE;  
GIVE *Thanks*  
TO HIM  
AND PRAISE  
HIS NAME  
Psalm 100:4



### Happy Thanksgiving!



-Christian Education Committee

# WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

NOVEMBER 2021



**Fall is upon us. It is a specatular season given to us by God to enjoy.  
Hopefully you will spend time in this beauty of creation.**

WINTER IS AN ETCHING; SPRING IS A WATERCOLOR;  
SUMMER IS AN OIL PAINTING; AND AUTUMN IS A MOSAIC OF THEM ALL.

BY STANLEY HOROWITZ

## **THANKOFFERING SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 14, 2021**

**This is a special service of thanksgiving where women will fill all positions of the service. A special offering will be taken that day with money being used to support WELCA ministries that reach thousands of communities - locally, nationally and internationally. Envelopes will be provided if you did not fill a thankoffering jar during the year. If you prefer to give your gift by check, please make it out to WELCA. Come join us!**

I LOVE AUTUMN, THE SEASON OF THE YEAR THAT GOD SEEMED TO HAVE  
PUT THERE JUST FOR THE BEAUTY OF IT.

BY LEE MAYNARD

**CHRISTMAS TEA:** There are no plans for the tea this year.  
But keep an eye out for other smaller events in the coming months.

AUTUMN SHOWS US HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS TO LET THINGS GO. (unknown)

## **BIBLE STUDIES:**

**REBECCA/ANNA & SARAH CIRCLES:** Study from Gather Magazine:

**"The gift of the Spirit: A divine wild goose chase"**

**RUTH CIRCLE:** Study of the Bible: Exodus

**Call Nancy Ammann if interested 946-8433**





## **ELCA Sends Mission Personnel to Slovakia**

Since 1994, the **Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia** and the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** have cooperated to welcome volunteer teachers to Central Europe. The program welcomes 12-20 new and returning volunteer teachers to serve in Lutheran schools in several towns and cities. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on borders and travel, the ELCA was unable to send any new volunteer teachers in the 2020-2021 academic year.

This August we were able to welcome new volunteer teachers, who joined those about to return. At the end of their in-country orientation in Bratislava, Slovakia, the teachers were blessed for their year of ministry by the Rev. Kyle Svennungsen, pastor of Bratislava International Church. Your Mission Support money helps fund this joint ministry.



## **Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS), Lutheran Disaster Response, and Samaritas – Welcome Afghan Evacuees**

As Afghan evacuees arrive in the United States, **LIRS** is resettling Afghan families. In addition to supplementing the work of LIRS, **Lutheran Disaster Response** is reaching out to synods, congregations and affiliates that are welcoming Afghan refugees. In Afghanistan, the increase in conflict is forcing people to flee their homes. Community World Service Asia (CWSA) is assisting internally displaced Afghan families through food security and cash assistance. Lutheran Disaster Response contributed to ACT Alliance's Rapid Response Fund, which is funding CWSA's work in Afghanistan.

**In Michigan, more information at: [www.samaritas.org](http://www.samaritas.org)** – (formerly Lutheran Social Services)



Parking  
Lot  
Communion



## Sacred Grounds Dedication



## Health Concerns\*



# The Power of Prayer

*Richard Fernholz, Nancy Smith, Tom & Lee Miller,  
Margie Whitney, Ellie Tacke, Rose Taylor,  
Priscilla Thompson, Julie LaPeer, Dirk,  
Alvin Kober, Lynn Hoyt, Logan Goodson,  
Jan Waisanen, Molly Eastman, John Stretlien,  
George Ammann, Russ Luttinen, Sherry,  
Roy & Marilyn Dumond, Shawn Rivard, Brenda Denoyer,  
Betty Evans, Patti McCracken, Jeffrey Hentschel,  
Sharon Vanmeter, Margaret Hutchinson,  
Diane Hoffman, Carol Collins*

**Traverse Manor:** Margie Whitney

**Boardman Lake Glens:** Inge Thomas, Bill & Dee Springer

**Samaritas (Acme):** Priscilla Thompson

**Orchard Creek:** Margaret Hutchinson

**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.

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**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](mailto:jstretlien@gmail.com)**

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**\*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](http://www.bethlehemtc.org)?**

**You saw Norm and others take the photos...be sure you see them at [www.bethlehemtc.org](http://www.bethlehemtc.org)!**

**Good News...and great news...at [www.bethlehemtc.org](http://www.bethlehemtc.org)...**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	4pm - Drive My Way	9am - LWR Quilters 9am - Property Work Group 10am - Staff Meeting 4pm - Drive My Way 6:30pm - Christian Ed Mtg.	<b>Bulletin articles due today</b> 9am - Bible Study Group 1:30pm - ZOOM Bible Study 4pm - Drive My Way 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	Craft Show set-up 4pm - Drive My Way 5:30pm - ACOA		9am - Craft Show
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am - Worship Service 11am - Parking Lot 1pm - Confirmation Class	4pm - Drive My Way 5pm - Finance Cmte.	9am - LWR Quilters 9am - Property Work Group 10am - Staff Meeting 1pm - Ruth Circle 4pm - Drive My Way 4:30pm - Executive 6pm - Y2A Meeting	<b>Bulletin articles due today</b> 9am - Bible Study Group 1:30pm - ZOOM Bible Study 4pm - Drive My Way 5pm - Junior High Night 6:30pm - Bell Rehearsal 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	9am - Baby Pantry 1pm - Rebecca Anna Circle 4pm - Drive My Way 5:30pm - ACOA		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am - Thankoffering 10am - Worship Service 11am - Parking Lot	4pm - Drive My Way	9am - LWR Quilters 9am - Property Work Group 10am - Staff Meeting 4pm - Drive My Way 6pm - Council Meeting 6pm - Newcomers Meeting 7pm - Lautner SG @ at the	<b>Bulletin articles due today</b> 9am - Bible Study Group 1:30pm - ZOOM Bible Study 4pm - Drive My Way 6:30pm - Bell Rehearsal 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	4pm - Drive My Way 5:30pm - ACOA	10am - Sew Pieceful 5pm - BLUES Night	5pm - High School Night
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am - Worship Service 11am - Bell Rehearsal 11am - Parking Lot 1pm - Confirmation Class		9am - LWR Quilters 9am - Property Work Group 10am - Staff Meeting 5:30pm - Book/Supper Club	<b>Bulletin articles due today</b> <b>STAR articles due today</b> 9am - Bible Study Group 1pm - Johnson SG (Offsite) 1:30pm - ZOOM Bible Study 6:30pm - Bell Rehearsal	5:30pm - ACOA		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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