

February 2022



Bethlehem
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Traverse City, MI 49686
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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.”



*“When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from.** It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.”*

– The Message Translation of Acts 2:1-4



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

These days, I've been reflecting a lot about sound. So I spent some time thinking about places (and “Acts”!) in the bible where sound took a prominent role. God the Creator spoke matter into existence in Genesis (*“Let there be...!”*) Jesus repeatedly uttered words of healing to those in need around him (*As he healed them, “Your faith has made you well...”*) And prophets like Elijah tried unsuccessfully to hear God's Spirited voice atop the mountain where he was called – through winds, fires and earthquakes –because Elijah needed to quiet himself in order to hear the “still, small voice of the Lord” at the quiet entrance of a cave (*“What are you doing here, Elijah?”*)

The sounds of God's calling arrive to our ears and hearts in many and varied ways. There are even occasions when we might realize how much we may take for granted the regular, clear sounds of voices and music, in worship for example. On the night of December 23rd, just moments before our 8th annual “Blue Christmas” worship service, our media tech Cassidy and I realized something was wrong with our sound system. To use a sound operator word, people's voices were “clipping” and fading in and out. Speakers were making crackling noises. And though the livestream system itself was working, the audio being fed to it by our main system was so hard to understand that we decided it would frustrate online viewers more to use it than not. So for Christmas Eve and the six weekends that followed, we did what we could by placing our “outside” sound system inside for in-person services and pre-recording a version of worship each week to stay connected with the more than 50% of our worshipers who are still participating online as Covid remains a factor.

In the meantime, we met with three different sound system vendors in January to assess our audio needs – with an emphasis on fixing and getting our main audio back up and running affordably, and an eye also on improving the very complicated and outdated system we had. We were blessed with three very strong bids (two locally and one from a highly recommended vendor downstate.) Council voted swiftly to move forward. Additionally, more than half of the funding for this project was donated by a combined effort between a grant from the Sustaining Endowment Memorial Fund (\$3,000), a donation from the Worship & Music Committee Special Fund (\$1,000) and the generosity of two or three parishioners (somewhere around \$2,500 or \$3,000 total.) The remainder of the funding will likely be drawn largely from our church's Asset Replacement Fund.

So here we are: hopefully able to get back on track the first week of February with some audio rental components as we await our new parts to arrive (due to supply chain issues.) We ask for your patience and understanding as we train and work with the new portions of our sound system being installed by our local vendor...And, most importantly, we give thanks always for the grace of God and the “sounds” of God's voice that echoes in our midst – from Safe Harbor volunteers (this coming week) to all the discipleship we share in Jesus' name.

*In peace,
Pr. Paul*

A word from the President...

We are in the middle of a Northern Michigan Winter but thoughts of Spring are on the horizon. Some people look at Groundhog Day for an indicator of Spring. I look at when Ash Wednesday falls. This year it is not until March. That means a later Easter. Does that indicate a longer Winter? Maybe!

I know one thing to look forward to as we move ahead, an updated sound system. Our old system has been crashing. You may have noticed this. It also impacted Livestreaming of the worship service. We had three different companies come in and look at our system. They met with Pastor Paul and the Church Council reviewed the results. Authorization was made to move ahead with this upgrade. As this is done, we will “hear” the difference. I want to especially want to thank Pastor Paul for his extra work on this.

Be safe with the ever-changing COVID-19 situation.

Mark McPherson

Council President

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## **FINANCIAL NEWS**

December income was \$31,648 compared to budgeted income of \$32,203 for or a shortfall of \$555. Expenses were \$42,218 compared to budget of \$34,502 resulted in spending \$7,716 more than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses exceeded income by \$10,570.

For 2021 income was \$357,661 compared to budgeted income of \$379,883 for a shortfall of \$22,222. Expenses were \$365,001 compared to budget of \$384,269 resulted in spending \$19,268 less than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses exceeded income by \$7,390.

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Sustaining Endowment Memorial Fund

The SEMF funded two projects in 2021. The first was in support of BLC Livestreaming and involved a new laptop, soundboard, camera and supporting equipment. Total funds provided on this project was \$900. The second was to acquire a TV in the conference room in support of video conferencing which has become a key method of holding virtual meetings (e.g., Zoom) during the pandemic. Total funds provided on this project was \$3,000. Currently the SEMF has funds available for distribution in support of projects that fit our criteria of sustaining the ministry, vision and structural needs of BLC. No portion of the SEMF can be used for expenses covered in the annual operating budget of the congregation. Requests for funding are encouraged and reviewed during the quarterly SEMF meetings.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City, Michigan

"We journey with God to Serve with Love"

MINUTES TO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: December 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Mark McPherson at 6:01 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Denice Bossardet read and commented on John 3:16.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS: No visitors were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cindy Monroe moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded. The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cindy Monroe moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

REPORTS:

PASTOR'S REPORT: A special recognition to Cindy Monroe and Kate Holtfreter for all of their extra work in keeping the music program going.

TREASURE'S REPORT: Council to receive a summary income/expense monthly report rather than a detailed report.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Noted that all of the PPP loan was used wages and utilities as required in the PPP application.

CONSENT CALENDAR: COMMITTEE REPORTS: The committee reports are: Treasurer; Financial Secretary; Christian Care; Christian Education; Membership and Evangelism; Personnel; Property; Stewardship; Worship and Music; Y2A; and Fellowship. All reports are submitted and on file.

ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: A new leave policy for non-rostered employees has been implemented.

Y2A: Y2A and Christian Education Committees will, on a trial basis, hold joint meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Music position update: May have someone interested.
- B. Sabbatical Committee update: Beginning process.
- C. Covid-19 guidelines: No change. The ropes at the end of the pews will be removed.
- D. Building locks update: Property and Administrative Assistant to review the locking needs for each lock.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Cindy Monroe that Bill and Sue Allen be accepted as members. Motion was seconded and passed.
- B. Motion by Paul Wiemerslage to allow Y2A to have a pancake breakfast fund raiser for a ski trip on the morning of Sunday January 23. Motion was seconded and passed.
- C. Motion by Paul Wiemerslage to purchase: a new computer, new laptop, a boom mic, a noise-canceling set of headphones, and a permanent version of Microsoft Office. The cost of which shall not exceed \$2,200. Motion was seconded and passed.

Council Members Made final comments.

The LORD'S PRAYER was said.

MOTION by Scott Farley to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Acting Secretary, Leonard Graf

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## Giving Statements Available

Your individual giving statements are will be available in your mailbox in the Narthex beginning Sunday January 30, 2022. The statement covers giving from January through December 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 March 2022. Thank you for your generous support for the programs and ministries of your church especially during these uncertain times.

Your Bookkeeper

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**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!** Would YOU be available to make a Call, send a Card, or thoughtful Flowers to another member of our Congregation? Please look at Corinthians 13: 4-8 and listen to what it says to YOU! Our Christian Care Giving is always open for more help with our team. Call Kathi Ivany at (231)- 929-4911 OR James Hinds at (231) 947-8545





## **SHEPHERDING A SABBATICAL**

### **What is a Sabbatical?**

It is a noun meaning a break or change from a normal routine (Merriam Webster) or a period of paid leave granted to a worker for study or travel, traditionally every seven years worked.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Sabbatical Leave Policy** adopted at the April 17, 2018 Church Council meeting, the Policy is needed as part of our future growth. This Policy will be a Church Policy, but not part of the By-Laws or Constitution. It was noted that there must be a plan for the Sabbatical submitted by Pastor, reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved by Council. A motion to adopt the Policy was made by Chuck Ardingo and seconded by Jan Stretlien. Motion carried. After the motion carried there was some discussion on the policy, mainly grammar changes noted by Council members as submitted by Tim Fox, Council Secretary.

**Sabbatical Leave Policy from Bethlehem Lutheran Church Introduction** states the concept of sabbatical is rooted in the biblical concept of "Sabbath," which God modeled (Genesis 2:1-4a) and commanded (Exodus 20:8-11.) In Leviticus 25:1-7, the Lord says that after the sixth year the people were not supposed to sow the fields or harvest a crop. The land was allowed to rest, and therefore so were the people.

The **purpose** of the sabbatical is for the pursuit of activities approved by the Church Council. The **intent** of sabbatical is to:

- further the ministry objectives of BLC,
- enhance the personal ministry of the pastor,
- provide for physical, spiritual and relational renewal and refreshment.

BLC policy states the sabbatical is for the ordained pastor after completion of the first 7 years and every seven years thereafter.

**North/West Lower Michigan Synod Policy** (in its Compensation Guidelines for Clergy) states sabbatical leave offers an extended block of time for study, personal growth, and reflection apart from usual congregational responsibilities. A sabbatical is encouraged for full-time pastors who have been in their present setting five years or more. It is up to the Congregation Council to set the schedule for sabbatical leaves across their organization, includes determining if staffing adjustments are needed to cover the absence to ensure the needs of the organization are met.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council** voted on January 18, 2022 to approve a 12 week sabbatical for Pastor Paul Busekist for the year 2023. There is a committee meeting monthly to help Pastor Paul to plan the activities for his sabbatical. The Council also approved to apply for a grant through the Lilly Endowment for the purpose of funding Pastor Paul's activities as well as to meet the needs of the church while he is away. These needs can be for supply pastors or activities for the congregation. We should know by the end of August if the application was approved.

**Updates will be placed in the "Bethlehem Star"** newsletter monthly to keep the congregation updated on the plans for Pastor Paul, the congregation and the application process. The committee will also be looking at a plan if the grant is not accepted, as there is only a 50/50 chance that it will go through.

The committee members are Gail Goldsmith, Carolyn Mann, Cindy Monroe, Maureen Bauer, Barbara Wright and Mark McPherson; ex-officio. Contact any of us if you have any questions, concerns or input.

## **NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR:**

You have all heard of churches sharing a pastor...well BLC is about to embark on a similar kind of new adventure. We will be sharing a choir director with Immanuel in Suttons Bay!! This may sound impossible but your church council believes that we have found a way that this will work. Tony Bero has been approved as the new director. He attends Immanuel every Sunday because he is also their accompanist. Tony will be at all rehearsals and will prepare a choir member to direct the choir as necessary on Sundays. We are hoping that there may be times when we video a song in advance so all of you can also "see" Tony. Perhaps we can even join together with his other choir to make an even more powerful and joyful sound. Tony will be selecting weekly music in combination with volunteer Cindy Monroe's selection of the contemporary music, and Kate Holtfreter will continue her volunteer position of organizing all of the music. Some of you may have heard Tony's voice when he previously worked at IPR. In addition to his other church position he has multiple piano students like our own David Husser. Please enjoy reading Tony's background below:

My name is Tony Bero. I grew up in Spring Lake, MI and graduated from Spring Lake High School in 1994. I went on to graduate from Caldwell University in Caldwell, NJ with a B.A. in Music in 2000. I majored in piano with a secondary focus in vocal music. Later that year, I began my career in northern Michigan as an employee and eventual manager of Kurtz Music. For four and a half seasons, I was the producer for IPR's Kids Commute, a music appreciation show for young people. That show won the Bronze Award from the New York Festivals Radio Awards in 2018 and 2019. My wife, Lesley Tye, is an instructor at Interlochen Arts Academy, and I have an eighteen year old son named Noah. I currently teach twenty eight piano students in addition to being the choir director at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Suttons Bay.

As I begin working at Bethlehem, I'm most excited about meeting new people and gaining new insights on how to be a good music director for a church. I'm hoping there will be a cross-pollination of good ideas that flow between our two churches, while maintaining the individuality of both congregations. There is no 'one size fits all,' style of worship. I was raised Catholic, and a certain amount of tradition lies at the heart of my approach to selecting church music. I also place a high value on variety. You can expect me to prepare music that will mirror the tones of the different seasons of the liturgical year and will range from cool choral arrangements of traditional hymns to gospel anthems. Of course, the hardest part is simply getting started. I look forward to working with the choir at Bethlehem. If you've been thinking about possibly joining the choir, I encourage you to give it a try. Meeting the 'new guy' is a perfect reason to try something new!

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

Happy February Bethlehem!

### **FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS ...**

**Confirmation** this month will be **Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>** both at Bethlehem!

After two years of cancellations due to COVID-19, Living Water Ministries has decided to make camp a gift freely given for all campers of **Stony Lake** this year! Please see me for more details but myself and Pastor Paul are planning on attending Week 1 (June 19-24) as long as there are youth interested. Please let me know no later than **Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** if you have a youth interested.

**The Annual Youth Ski Trip is back on!** You are invited to join us at Crystal Mountain on **Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9AM! Currently the plan is to ski until about 4 and then meet up for dinner together. Please let me know if you are interested so I can relay the information to you as needed!

#### **For Youth Groups this month...**

The **Junior High Youth Group** will be meeting on **Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** here at Bethlehem to do crafts for Shut-Ins.

The **High School Youth Group** will be meeting on **Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** here at Bethlehem for a Bible Study (I will also be bringing pizza!)

The **BLUES Youth Group** will be meeting on **Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** here at Bethlehem for a game night!

Also please note that Y2A & The Christian Ed Committee are starting to think about **VBS** for this upcoming summer (crazy right?!) but keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information in regards to that so!!!

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

As we begin January I ask that you keep Bethlehem's youth and their families in your prayers as they kick off the new year with new goals, milestones and resolutions!

Cheerfully in Christ,

Annie Slabaugh

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





## **Monthly STAR**

Thanks to all of you who have said that you will read the STAR on line or pick it up at church. Those of you who come to church, be thinking if there is any member close in your neighborhood that you could deliver their copy to them. If you have recently decided to read on line or pick-up at church please call the office and let them know.

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### **STAR and Bulletin Submissions**

**Beginning with the March issue, the Star will be published on the last Sunday of the previous month.** For example, the March issue will be published on February 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have an article to submit, the due date will be the third Friday of the previous month. Also, please note that the due date for bulletin inserts is Wednesday of each week as the bulletin is printed on Thursday morning. The due dates are noted on the church calendar. Also, requests for Screenannouncements should be emailed to Annie Slabaugh no later than Wednesday of the week as she works Sunday – Wednesday. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Oster in the church office..

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**Sunday flowers:** Those of you who donate for the weekly flowers: you are welcome to wait a few minutes after the service in the kitchen to pick-up a bouquet for yourself or someone else. The flower brigade is so thankful for your donation they want to thank you also.

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**Food Pantry News:** The outdoor food pantry is closed until spring to make sure that none of the food is damaged by the cold. You can still bring in your staples at any time and place it in the teal bin under the table by the mailboxes. One BLC member knew of an apartment complex for low income residents with food needs and delivered 12 overflowing bags of what had been outside to the very grateful recipients. Please keep the residents of the 72 unit Brookside Commons Apartments in your prayers. Watch for the pantry to jump back into full swing in the spring.

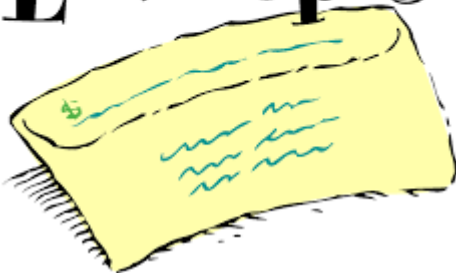
### Book Club:

The book for the Feb. 22 book club meeting at 5:30 on ZOOM is *Finding Dorothy*. Books from the library are in the plastic bin outside of church. Be sure to sign your name on the sheet next to the number that matches the number on your bag. This book is fiction based on fact told from the point of view of the wife of L Frank Baum, the author of The Wizard of Oz. It describes the actions of Baum's wife Maud as she tries to make certain that the movie stays true to Baum's original story. If you are not already on the email list and would like to join the discussion please send your email to Cindy Monroe at [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).

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## Offering Envelopes

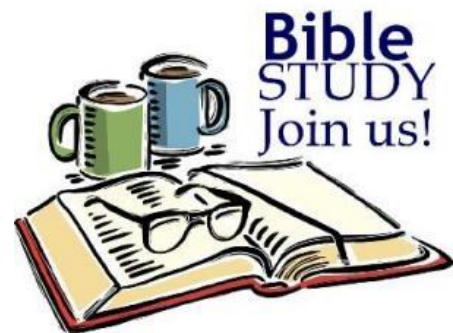


The 2022 Giving envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please pick up at earliest convenience so that we do not have to mail them to you.

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### **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.



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**Please continue to turn in your Olesons' receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks for your support.**

# Christian Education News

## February 2022



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.



For God  
SO LOVED THE WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE HIS  
ONLY  
BEGOTTEN  
SON SO  
THAT WHOEVER  
BELIEVES  
IN HIM SHALL  
HAVE EVERLASTING  
Life

### Happy Valentine's Day!



-Christian Education Committee





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

# ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.

Lutheran churches around the world are continually striving to help refugees who are struggling to survive in places where they have fled for asylum. One example is cited below; however, there are many other situations where help is desperately needed.

## **Situation Report: Belarus Refugee Crisis**

Since the beginning of November, refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria have been stuck at the Belarus-Poland border. To retaliate against European Union sanctions, Belarus is granting refugees seven-day visas, then forcing the refugees into other countries, such as Poland. Polish soldiers aren't letting the migrants into the country, leaving them in limbo at the border. They are experiencing a lack of food, medical supplies and shelter and are facing winter weather with no place to go.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belarus is providing assistance to refugees by distributing warm clothes, food and other essential items. There are also volunteers who speak Arabic and other languages to help communicate with the refugees. Further support from Lutheran Disaster Response will allow the church to provide mattresses, bedding, clothes, food and hygiene items to over 1,000 migrants.



*Photo: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belarus*

# WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM



**FEBRUARY, 2022**

LOVE AND KINDNESS ARE NEVER WASTED. THEY ALWAYS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.  
THEY BLESS THE ONE WHO RECEIVES THEM, AND THEY BLESS YOU - THE GIVER.  
WE WISH YOU LOVE, HAPPINESS AND JOY. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

**PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR WELCA BIBLE STUDY:** February's lesson: "The kingdom of God: Mysteries of the kingdom" by Mark Allan Powell. It talks about parables, banquets and children: How is the kingdom of God like a net? A treasure? A pearl? A banquet? Who are we to regard as the greatest in the kingdom? Sarah Circle meets at noon on February 8th. Rebecca/Anna Circle meets at 1PM on February 10th. Come and See!

NOT ALL OF US CAN DO GREAT THINGS.  
BUT WE CAN DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE.

**ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM!**  
**LADIES' AFTERNOON OF FUN!**  
**GAMES, PRIZES, GAMES!**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2022 FROM 2-4PM**  
**POTLUCK FINGER SNACKS!**

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE THE PEOPLE WE LOVE,  
THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN,  
AND THE MEMORIES WE'VE MADE ALONG THE WAY.

**PROJECT FOR 2022:** We will be filling laundry baskets to be made available to people visiting the Baby Pantry. A list of items needed will be provided in the gathering space beginning in February.



## Confirmation of Hunter Antol Parents: Shawn and Jackie Antol



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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.



## 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, Tom Woodworth,  
Jan Waisanen, Molly Eastman, John Stretlien,  
Russ Luttinen, Sherry, Leroy Schlagel,  
Roy & Marilyn Dumond, Sean Rivard, Brenda Denoyer,  
Patti McCracken, Jeffrey Hentschel,  
Sharon Vanmeter, Margaret Hutchinson,  
Diane Hoffman, Carol Collins, Patience Lambert*

**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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### Church Council

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