

APRIL 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.”



³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' – **John 13:34-35**



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The above reading from John's gospel is one of our favorites this time of year. Each Maundy Thursday, Jesus reminds us of our call to discipleship, not only to love one another but to serve. Jesus washing his disciples' feet is also a key text of inspiration for the Christian song "They'll Know We Are Christians (By Our Love)." So often it seems we are being tested by the world in this regard. Does service of our fellow brother or sister mean we forgo our safety or health? Does how we respond to what happens halfway around the world reflect our sense of "neighbor" or Christian love? The lingering challenges of Covid-19 and global effects of the Russian-Ukraine war overseas place continued stress on the world and the body of Christ. We need grace, peace, leadership and prayer today more than ever.

Yet bright spots are emerging. This past weekend, a partner church in the area called upon Bethlehem Saturday night to help our local Ukrainian neighbors gather donations to send back help "back home." Bethlehem responded quickly by purchasing food prepared by our neighbors on Sunday, March 20th – adding to their efforts to send thousands of dollars quickly and efficiently. As worshippers return to Bethlehem, health professionals are now giving us helpful suggestions for our sanctuary to stave off a virus that is not done with us yet. Though masking and other requirements have been relaxed (e.g. masks required now only for vaccinated persons), we are looking into low-cost (or possibly no-cost) ways of improving air flow and filtration that may go into effect as early as Holy Week. We give thanks for the ways God shows us how to serve, using the minds and hearts God gave us.

Approaching Holy Week later this month, we continue our journey of "The Message and the Messenger." We examine how Christ was, is and always will be the one (divine) human to perfectly speak the Gospel and embody it. In so doing, we too seek to use our hands, feet and voices to "be" the gospel in smaller ways in His name. Using Eugene Peterson's often colloquial and casual-sounding *The Message* translation of the bible each Sunday and Wednesday in Lent, we explore how the spoken word "puts flesh on" God's love. And there is no more exciting time to do all this than when we prepare new students to partake in their 1st Communion, also in full swing this season. On April 14th (Maundy Thursday) we welcome five students (Aleah, Brady, Lincoln, Kate and Megan) to the altar for the first time to celebrate this body of Christ together!

So please join us in honoring the remainder of our Lenten Wednesday nights (April 6th) along with the Holy Week that begins on Palm Sunday and ends with the resurrection on Easter, listed below:

Palm Sunday: April 10th – 10am worship

Maundy Thursday: April 14th – 7pm worship

Good Friday: April 15th – 7pm worship

Easter Sunday: April 17th – 8am worship (in-person) and 10am worship (in-person and livestream), with a continental breakfast at 9am.

We look forward to this special journey, as always. Much peace to you!

-Pr. Paul

A word from the President...

Did you know that the Easter bunny was actually a Lutheran? Also, the bunny used to be known as the Easter hare. In the 1700's German Lutherans immigrated to Pennsylvania. This is where the first indications of an Easter bunny tradition came from. Over time this group of Lutherans became the ULCA then the LCA and now the current ELCA. There's still a lot of Lutherans in Pennsylvania. Though I think Minnesota has more now!

That's not all. At one time Germany was the world's largest producer of chocolate. See where I am going here! Yes, the chocolate Easter bunny must be Lutheran too. The chocolate bunnies were all solid at the start. The hollow ones were first made due the rationing during World War Two. Now they must do that to keep cost (and calories) down.

So, when we celebrate Easter later this month think of our Lutheran heritage and our contributions that not just Lutherans use to celebrate. When you take a bite off the ear of the chocolate bunny give the world a smile. We all can use one now.

Mark McPherson

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Upcoming Worship Services:

April 10th, 10:00am -	Palm Sunday Service
April 14th, 7:00pm -	Maundy Thursday Service
April 15th, 7:00pm -	Good Friday Service
April 17th, 8:00am -	Easter Sunday Service
April 17th, 9:00am -	Easter Continental Breakfast
April 17th, 10:00am -	Easter Sunday Service

New Church Keys

The church council has authorized the rekeying of all locks in the church building. To receive a new key, everyone must complete a signature form, even if you have completed one before. Forms are available weekday at regular office hours. On Sundays, see Leonard Graf. The change over date has not been determined. More information will follow.

Children's Message Corner

During the shutdown, Annie began meeting with the youth biweekly to do a virtual children's message. Now that we are back in the building we are taking that idea and doing something new! The brand new Children's Message Corner will take place every other Sunday on Zoom at 2:45PM and all are invited. We will have a few minutes of Fellowship before going over the Children's Message and have a more in depth discussion of the gospel lesson and message. To be put on the email list to receive the Zoom link please see Annie after worship or contact her at annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City Michigan

"We journey with God to serve with love"

MINUTES TO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: February 15, 2022

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

OPENING PRAYER: Laura Hahn read from Isaiah 43:1-4, "The Bible, a Love Story"

QUORUM CALL: Gail Goldsmith, Secretary; Maureen Bauer, Denise 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: Phil Anderson reported on the Finance Committee wanting to be able to transfer money from the checking account at Huntington Bank to the sequestered account at the Mission Investment Bank to draw higher interest.

Karen Feahr reported on the BLC Legacy Giving Community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cindy Monroe made a motion to approve the agenda, Denise Bossardet seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: Maureen Bauer made a motion to approve the January 18, 2022 minutes, Scott Farley seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mark McPherson reports the Church Youth Gathering has been canceled this year. This is sad as they only offer it every 3 years so there will be kids not eligible to go during their high school years. Mark was planning on going so he is disappointed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Paul Busekist reports 1.) The "rental solution" for the sound system has been installed, he can move forward with the Lenten preparation. The theme is "the Message and the Messenger. 2.) He is planning on making many "let's get reconnected "phone calls" with parishioner and leaders as possible 3.) He is working with the Sabbatical team to get as much solid grant writing as we can under our belts before Lent. 4. Having initial discussions before Transfiguration Sunday (where he likes to do a "Vision check in") to see how we are doing with both the prospective "Refresh Initiative" and a sense of starting a formal visioning process, hopefully no later than early fall.

Pastor Paul will be gone the weekend of March 27 to celebrate Paul and Sally Ton's 50th wedding anniversary. Pastor Ruth Overdier will preach and preside that weekend.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Leonard Graf reports January expenses were over income by \$5430. Income was down by \$4825. There was no electric bill to pay in January.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jim Monroe reports the same with expenses exceeding income, which January tends to trend that way. There was also some equipment purchased, the stove and sound system which came from other income, donations for the stove and sound system. Also there is Deferred General Revenue of \$16,000 in Advanced Payment as the New Comers have paid up for 10 months.

COVID-19 Update: Jim Monroe reports the numbers are coming down to 17% for the rolling 14 day average in Grand Traverse County so discussion was; we will go back to the masks mandatory for unvaccinated people and masks optional for the vaccinated people in the church.

CONSENT CALENDAR: COMMITTEE REPORTS: The committee reports are; Treasurer's report; Financial Secretary's report; Financial and Executive Committee report; Christian Care; Fellowship; Membership and Evangelism; Personnel; Property; Stewardship; Worship and Music; Youth/Y2A; Endowment Fund (quarterly); and Sustaining Endowment Memorial Fund (quarterly). All reports are submitted and on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Music Position:** Tony Bero is on staff and is rehearsing on Thursday evenings as planned.
- B. Sunday School/Services Ad Hoc Committee Update:** Sunday school is going well with about 6 children, some in elementary and 2 in older classes. Maybe in the future look at having the older children provide Accolade services for the church. This may be in the visioning process.
- C. Refresh Committee Update:** The sound system is a part of that update and that is being worked on with a local vender. There will be fund raising efforts in the future.
- D. Sabbatical Committee Update:** Gail Goldsmith reports the application process is going well. We will be holding an Informational Forum on March 20th for the congregation. That will be in place of the Sermon and there will be a question and answer time after church.
- E. Sound System Update:** The rental sound board is in place and hopefully we will receive the new one before July. All is going well with the new microphones that were purchased. The Vender is good to work with.
- F. Building Locks Update:** Carl Lehto and Rebecca have gone over the different types of locks that are needed and creating a spreadsheet with the information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Fund transfer:** Leonard Graf made the motion to have the Finance Committee make transaction to transfer funds from the checking account at Huntington Bank to the sequestered account at Mission Investment Bank: Maureen Bauer seconded the motion, the motion carried. Discussion: The Finance Committee reports all transactions monthly. There is money available in the Huntington account to more than cover monthly expenses and if the money is in the Mission Investment Bank it will draw greater interest. There are no penalties as Huntington is a checking account and money can be transferred at any time between the 2 accounts.
- B. BLC Legacy Giving Community:** Denice Bossardet made the motion to establish a BLC Legacy Giving Community, Cindy Monroe seconded the motion, the motion carried. Discussion: Karen Feahr will put something in the Star Newsletter periodically and will put together a video to be shown on Sundays. If there are any questions, people can talk to Karen.
- C. Congregational Meeting:** Leonard Graf made the motion to hold the Congregational Meeting on June 12, 2022, Cindy Monroe seconded the motion, the motion carried. Discussion: Executive Committee will set up the nominating committee and it should be done soon.

VISITOR OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENTS: See above

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

LORD'S PRAYER: said by all

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Goldsmith,

Council Secretary

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD STEWARD

- ~A good steward is trustworthy. 1 Corinthians 4:2, 2 Kings 12:15
- ~A good steward is faithful regardless of the size of the job he's been given
- ~A faithful steward remembers that ultimately we work for God and everything belongs to him. Colossians 3:23, Psalm 24:1

After God created man, he planted a garden and put Adam there to tend and keep it. He made Adam a steward.

We are all stewards of BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  And as such we need to keep you updated to how the funds and resources needed to run our church are doing.

January income was \$24,206 compared to a budgeted income of \$29,894 or a shortfall of \$5,683. Expenses were \$35,181 compared to a budget of \$29,383 resulting in spending \$5,798 more than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses exceeded income by \$10,975.

Year to date income was \$49,504 compared to budgeted income of \$60,017 for a shortfall for \$10,513. Expenses were \$65,909 compared to the budget of \$60,718 resulting in spending \$5,191 more than budgeted. On a cash basis, expenses exceeded income by \$16,405.

As you can see above from the finance committee we are behind in income because the donations have been down so far in 2022. We appreciate everyone and every donation received but we kindly ask if you are able to contribute to our wonderful church it would be especially appreciated in these tough financial times we are currently experiencing.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Scott Farley
Stewardship Chairman

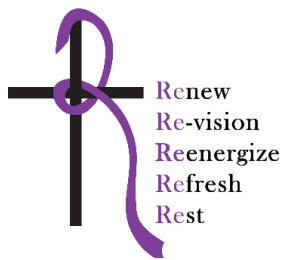
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Dollars and Sense

Bethlehem Lutheran Church has greatly expanded our outreach into the community and the world with our live streaming programing. We feel blessed to be able to do this and all of our ministries here at Bethlehem. We need your support to continue this work.

Through mid-March our contributions are running behind where we should be by \$13,585.00. That is a significant shortfall that we as a congregation need to address. We encourage you to stay current with your pledge. Together we can do more and accomplish our vision for the future. Thank you for your support.

Jim Monroe, Your Financial Secretary



SHEPHERDING A SABBATICAL - Part 3

On March 20th, congregation members participated in a special forum during the sermon time. Tom Rockne reviewed the purpose of a sabbatical and explained the detailed process required to obtain a funding grant from Lilly Endowment. The sabbatical team is using BLC and Synod policies, plus the Lilly instructions, which provide the process for submitting the application. The team then solicited “brain-storming” ideas from the congregation. Further discussion continued at the conclusion of the worship service.

Earlier editions of the BLC *Star* explained components of the sabbatical leave process including the purpose, costs, timeline, benefits, activities for pastor, and proposed activities or ministries for the congregation, while Pastor Paul is away.

A *selected list* of concerns, questions and ideas by members at the forum are listed below.

- How will additional administrative and staff needs be taken care of for pastoral functions, supply preachers, hospital visits, funerals, building use, and other needs? Answer - Prior to the sabbatical leave, substitute people will be in place to serve in their assigned tasks.
- Formation of a *volunteer “needs team”* was suggested. The team would have a designated key leader, who would refer tasks, questions, pastoral care, etc., to willing lay persons in the congregation who agreed to be part of the “needs team.” This support team would have access to the names and contact information of appropriate resource people.
- While the pastor is away, Lilly Endowment requires development of programs or activities that will serve to renew the congregation as a whole. Ideas mentioned: creation care focus, Sundays with sundaes, death and dying class, and expanding the food pantry.

Several suggestions were made concerning programs after the sabbatical leave concludes. That list isn’t included here, but as plans develop in more detail, those ideas and questions will be addressed in future editions of the *BLC Star*.

Lilly Endowment expects the congregation and pastor to implement programs or activities when both are back together again. There was discussion about what that might include; however, nothing specific was determined.

For questions or further information contact a member of the Sabbatical Team. Gail Goldsmith, Cindy Monroe, Maureen Bauer, Barbara Wright, Carolyn Mann, or Mark McPherson; ex-officio.

The choir hopes to continue singing one time per month on weekends when the majority of singers are in town. If you are interested please contact Tony Bero at 231 942-1162 or bero.tony@gmail.com

LAUNDRY BASKET PROJECT

FOR 2022: We are collecting cleaning items to be given out during the Baby Pantry here at Bethlehem. There is an example basket in the Narthex along with a list of items needed. You may fill an entire basket OR bring single items if you prefer. We would like to have baskets available beginning in March. Thank you for your participation!



Lent Update: As Covid numbers seem now to be heading in an encouraging direction, we hope to ease back into Fellowship supper gatherings this Lenten season. For April 6th, we are planning to have a "simple soup and bread*" dinner in the Fellowship Hall, followed by worship at 6:30. Our 1st Communion students will have class before dinner. Here's our schedule for each night:

5:30pm - 1st Communion Class in the Youth Room along with crafts for the younger youth at the same time in the last Sunday School room at the end of the hall (others welcome to socialize in the Gathering Space)

6:00pm - "A Simple Soup* at Six"

6:30pm - Brief Worship (Holden Evening Prayer, Taize, or Scripture with Songs and short message for approximately 30 minutes)

***Our soup each night will be served also with bread, a veggie tray, dessert, coffee and punch.**

Our Lenten theme this year is "The Message and the Messenger" and will focus during the worship message on an eclectic mix of biblical and modern messengers of the gospel. We hope to see you then!

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

Friends, it's a good day. We're knee deep in the Lenten Season and getting ready for Holy Week! Plus, we've got a lot of stuff coming your way, so buckle up!

APRIL HAPPENINGS ...

Confirmation Classes resume on **Sunday, May 1st** here at Bethlehem and led by me. Our other classes in May will be **Sunday, May 15th** led by Pastor Carolyn and **Sunday, May 22nd** led by Pastor Paul.



Our **Youth Groups** for the month of April will be as follows:

The **Junior High Youth Group** will meet on **Wednesday, April 20th** for a game night.

The **High School Youth Group** will meet on **Saturday, April 23rd** to give curling a try! Please reach out to me for further details.

The **BLUES Group** will meet on **Friday, April 29th** for a movie night.

For all three youth groups, we will be doing a devotion that we typically do every other month! All are welcome! Especially friends!

We have a few fun things for summer in the works right now that hopefully I will be able to write about next month, but until then, here is what we have planned so far!

Stony Lake Camp Registration is open and free to all young campers interested! We have good news! The deadline has been extended and there is still room! Please register online as soon as possible and let me know! **The week we will have Bethlehem Adult Leaders is Week 1 (June 19 – 24) so make sure you register for that week!** Reach out to me with any questions.

I'm so excited to announce our **Vacation Bible School** theme for this year is: **Jerusalem Marketplace** and we are planning on having it the **week of July 25th!** More details will be coming to you as soon as Easter is over but we are going to start with looking for volunteers. Let me know if you have an interest.

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

Cheerfully in Christ,

Annie Slabaugh

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

This year's North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly will be held virtually on Saturday, May 14th. We are looking for two individuals or a couple from the congregation to accompany Pastor Paul for Bethlehem's participation. For more information, see the synod's website at the link below. The deadline for registration is April 20th. Please let the office or Pr. Paul know if you are interested:
<https://www.mittensynod.org/events/assembly/>



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.

Due Dates for STAR/Bulletin/Screen Announcements:

STAR: The third Friday of the month sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Please note STAR in subject line)

Bulletin/Verbal Announcements: Wednesday of the week sent to admin@bethlehemtc.org (Bulletin/Worship Folder is printed on Thursday morning.) (Please note Bulletin or Announcement in subject line)

Screen Announcements/Weekly BLC Emails: Tuesday of the week sent to annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org (Annie works Sunday – Wednesday)

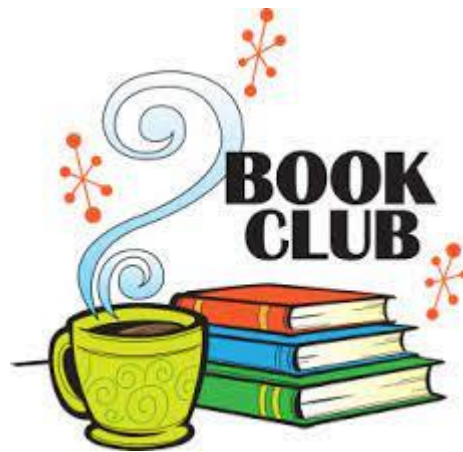
FOOD PANTRY SET TO REOPEN:

BLC is aiming to reopen its Food Pantry on April 3 if it appears that the temperature should be staying above freezing. Watch for the weekly email blast that week to know for sure. Be watching for special deals on staples in the coming weeks so we can refill that cabinet. Food can always be placed in the plastic bin below the tables by the mailboxes.



Book Club:

For April the BLC book club will be reading "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom. It is a very appropriate and thought provoking book to be reading during Lent. THIS BOOK IS NOT AVAILABLE IN A LIBRARY BOOK BAG SO YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE OR BORROW YOURSELF FROM THE LIBRARY. Plan to join us on ZOOM on Tues, Apr 26 at 5:30. If you are not already on the list send your email to cmonroe@chartermi.net.



There are two Bible studies on Wednesdays –

9:00am-11:00am in BLC Youth Room – studying the Gospel of Matthew – Barbara Graf is the leader

1:30pm-3:00pm by Zoom – studying "Home by Another Way" by Barbara Brown Taylor. . It contains sermons that walk us through the church year. The book can be ordered through Amazon - if necessary, Barbara Oster can help with ordering. Please contact Pr. Paul if you are interested in joining. FYI – the group will not meet on April 13 or April 20.

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A big thank you to all who turned in Olesons receipts. We have received \$276.88 from Olesons so far this year. Please continue to drop your Olesons receipts off at church..

Christian Education News April 2022



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!!!

The Christian Education Committee
is beginning to plan
for VBS this summer!

Watch upcoming STAR issues
for more details on how you can be involved!



The Christian Education Committee
mailed care packages
to our "big kids" last month
(those at college studying far from home)!

The boxes included
an assortment of treats, tracts, and treasures
to let them know we're thinking about them
and that we love and miss them!

Recipients were very grateful
and sent notes of thanks
to express their appreciation!



Happy Easter!



-Christian Education Committee

Global Links - Companion Synod - Honduras



Recently, the **North/West Lower Michigan Synod** Honduras Team hosted a different kind of workshop for our friends in the **Lutheran Church of Honduras (ICLH)**. Since we have not been able to send a team to Honduras we had to find a new way of accompanying our dear friends. Working with the leadership of our project in Honduras, **Salud Para la Vida** or **Health for Life**, we decided to offer a workshop over Zoom. The requested topic was COVID. We reached out to our beautiful Honduran friends with *Living with COVID: a Mind, Body, and Spirit Perspective*.

Twenty-seven Honduran volunteers, some individually and some in groups, joined the Zoom workshop, and the questions and discussion that ensued indicated how desperately information was needed. Nidia, coordinator of the project, said that everyone she invited participated and stayed with the group even though it lasted much longer than anticipated.

The Synod Honduras Team is fortunate to have a native Spanish speaker involved with our work. Max Quero of Caledonia was kept busy during the entire workshop translating for the group both English to Spanish and Spanish to English. . . .

Our relationship with ICLH is one of accompaniment. ***All of our support is driven by needs that are acknowledged by the workers in Honduras.*** The coordinator of the program in Honduras sent a list of misinformation about COVID that is common in their communities. These concerns were the basis of material presented. Now these 27 volunteers will use the information presented and go out into their communities and educate and assist their neighbors on issues related to COVID.



WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM - APRIL 2022



WELCOME TO EASTER!

Welcome to sunshine, warm on our faces; Welcome to spring rain, falling like graces;
Welcome to birds coming home in swift flight; Welcome to new life, sprung up overnight!
Welcome to sunlight replacing earth's gloom! Welcome to life that lays empty the tomb;
Welcome the true hope that God can restore; Welcome to Easter and Life evermore!



LAUNDRY BASKET PROJECT FOR 2022: Thank You! Thank You! to those who have provided baskets. We received the following thank you note from Sally Hanley of the Baby Pantry: *"Dear Friends of the ELCA: On behalf of the GT Baby Pantry, I'd like to thank you for the 5 baskets of cleaning supplies. We offered them to our families at the pantry today and we distributed them all! They were most appreciative! We feel so fortunate to have the support of your faith community as we work to provide the young families with what they need."* There are many more baskets in the Gathering Space waiting to be delivered. Such a great outpouring of care! Blessings to you all!



GATHER BIBLE STUDY FOR APRIL: We will be having session four of our study on the kingdom of God. This session is titled: *"The Kingdom of God; Looking to the future; Living Forever With God. What do we know about Paradise?"* by Mark Allan Powell. If you would like to join us for this study, please contact Nancy Ammann 946-8433.



An Easter blessing:

May your Easter be happy,
May your day be bright,
May you enjoy the treats
And sweet delights.
But remember the meaning,
Remember God's gift,
Remember the resurrection,
May your soul uplift.

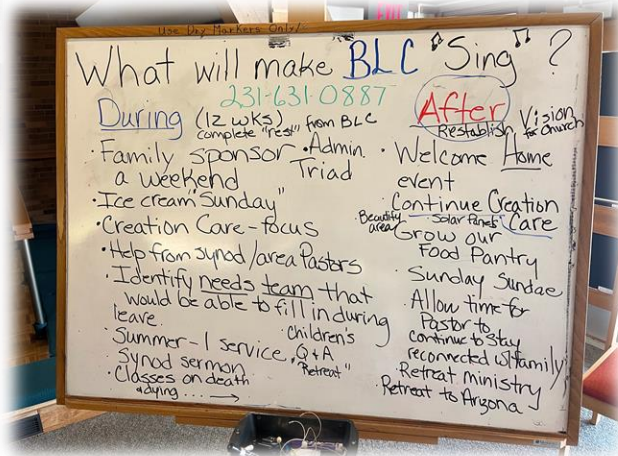
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Bethlehem Skiing at Crystal Mountain



Sabbatical Forum



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 Henschell,
Sharon Vanmeter, Margaret Hutchinson,
Carol Collins, Patience Lambert,
Denoyer Family, Amy Stagg*

Traverse Manor: Margie Whitney

Boardman Lake Glens: Inge Thomas, Bill & Dee Springer

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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10am - Worship Service(S) 11am - Parking Lot 11:15am - WELCA Board 11:15am - Worship and	4pm - Drive My Way 6pm - Drive My Way (LL)	9am - LWR Quilters(FH) 9am - Property Work Group 10am - Staff Meeting(CR) 4pm - Drive My Way 6pm - Bell Choir 6pm - Drive My Way (LL) 7pm - Choir Rehearsal	Bulletin articles due today 9am - Bible Study(YR) 1:30pm - ZOOM Bible Study 4pm - Drive My Way 5:30pm - 1st Communion 6pm - A Simple Soup 6pm - Drive My Way (LL) 6:30pm - Lenten service	11:30am - Music Rehearsal 4pm - Drive My Way 5:30pm - ACOA	2:30pm - Music Rehearsal 5pm - Drive My Way (FH)	
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Easter Sunday 8am - Easter Service 9am - Easter Continental 10am - Easter Service(S) 11am - Parking Lot	4pm - Drive My Way	9am - LWR Quilters(FH) 9am - Property Work Group 10am - Staff Meeting(CR) 4pm - Drive My Way 6pm - Council Meeting 7pm - Lautner SG @ the	Bulletin articles due today 9am - Bible Study(YR) 11:30am - Music Rehearsal 4pm - Drive My Way 5pm - Junior High Night	4pm - Drive My Way 5:30pm - ACOA	5pm - High School Night	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10am - Worship Service(S) 11am - Parking Lot		9am - LWR Quilters(FH) 9am - Property Work Group 10am - Staff Meeting(CR) 5:30pm - Book/Supper Club 6:30pm - Newcomers	Bulletin articles due today 9am - Bible Study(YR) 11:30am - Music Rehearsal 1pm - Johnson SG (Offsite) 1:30pm - ZOOM Bible Study	5:30pm - ACOA	5pm - BLUES Night 5pm - Drive My Way (FH)	9am - All-Star DE

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you may join us!!😊

40 ways to love God and neighbor

APOLOGIZE.	PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND BREATHE.	TURN OFF THE TV.	ASK A STRANGER A QUESTION.	GIVE SOMEONE THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.
LET GO.	GIVE GENEROUSLY.	BE PATIENT.	DON'T TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT.	RESERVE JUDGMENT.
GIVE YOUR BEST.	FORGIVE SOMEONE.	FORGIVE YOURSELF.	MAKE PEACE.	REST.
PAY ATTENTION.	SAY "YES" TO SOMETHING NEW.	TAKE THE DAY OFF.	TAKE A WALK.	BE THANKFUL.
ACT JUSTLY.	SAY "NO" WHEN YOU NEED TO.	GO OUTSIDE AND COUNT THE STARS.	SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET.	GRIEVE.
FACE A FEAR.	HELP SOMEONE.	LISTEN.	KEEP YOUR WORD.	SLOW DOWN.
BE THANKFUL.	CARE FOR THE PLANET.	THINK GRACIOUS THOUGHTS.	SING.	CELEBRATE.
LEARN.	CONSIDER SOMEONE ELSE'S PERSPECTIVE.	STOP LOOKING AT YOUR PHONE.	HAVE FAITH.	CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WISELY.



Shalom, and do not be afraid.